

THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE NEWS

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ABSENTEE SHAWNEE ELECTION COMMISSION
UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS
RUN OFF ELECTION JUNE 20, 2015

This is to announce the *UNOFFICIAL* results of the June 20, 2015 Run Off Election for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. This election was held on the above date pursuant on the Tribal Constitution and the Election Ordinance. All votes were counted at the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

GOVERNOR (2 Year Term)

Jeff Gibson	<u>241</u> Votes
Edwina Butler-Wolfe	<u>281</u> Votes

SECRETARY (2 Year Term)

John Raymond Johnson	<u>261</u> Votes
Twila Parker	<u>256</u> Votes

ELECTION COMMISSION

Deputy Commissioner (3 Year Term)

Augustine Johnson (unopposed)	<u>1</u> Votes
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Commission Member #1 (3 Year Term)

No One Filed

REFERENDUM QUESTIONS

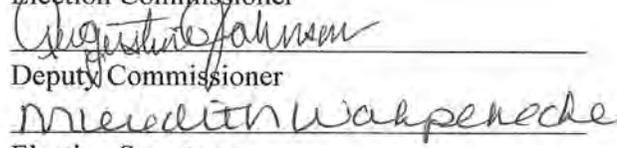
Question #1 Election Commission Budget	<u>307</u> YES	<u>199</u> NO
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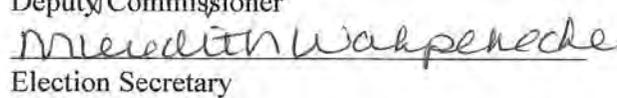
Question #2 Additional Requirements for Elective Office

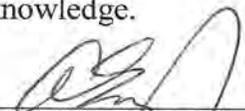
Valid Oklahoma Driver's License	<u>441</u> YES	<u>73</u> NO
Negative Drug & Alcohol Test	<u>445</u> YES	<u>68</u> NO
High School Diploma/GED	<u>437</u> YES	<u>78</u> NO

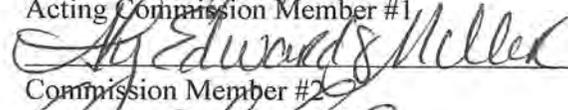
We, the Officials are responsible for declaring the above election results, do hereby claim the above statements are true and correct to the best of our knowledge.

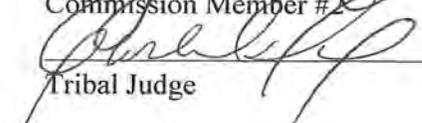

Election Commissioner


Deputy Commissioner


Election Secretary


Acting Commission Member #1


Commission Member #2


Tribal Judge

Date: June 20, 2015

"Among The Shawnee"

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Edwina Butler-Wolfe
Governor



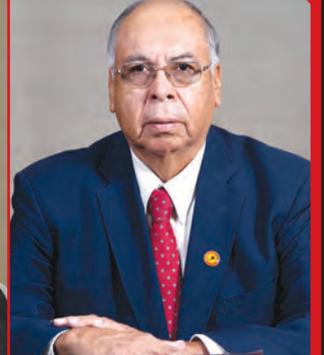
Issac Gibson
Lt. Governor



Vera M. Dawsey
Secretary



Leah Bates
Treasurer



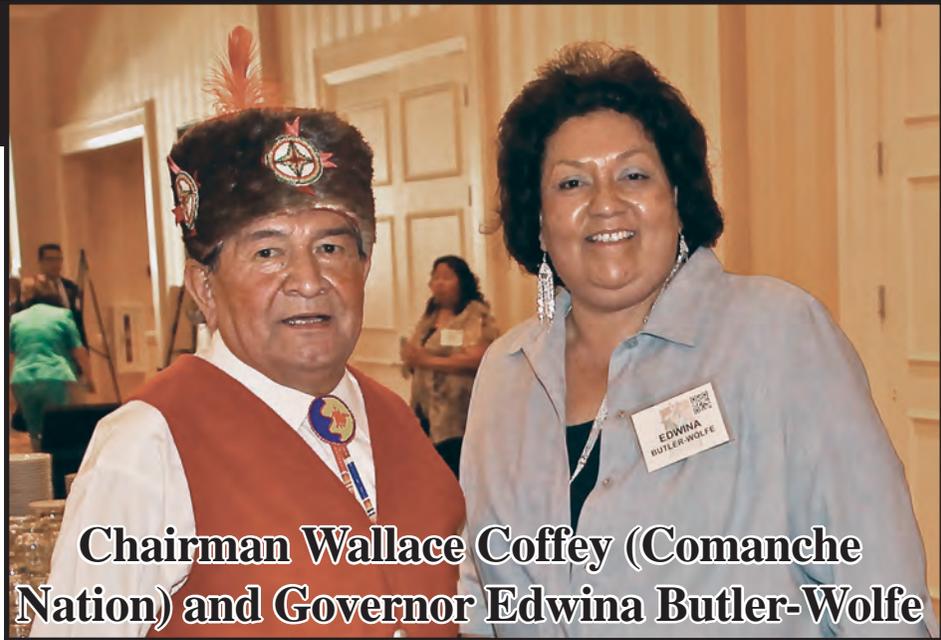
Kenneth Blanchard
Representative

Monthly Executive Committee meetings can be watched online at astribe.com

Governor's Report



Governor
Butler-Wolfe
Wishes
Jennie Snake
A
**Happy
Birthday!**



Chairman Wallace Coffey (Comanche Nation) and Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe



Walter Larney & David Little

Hello my Absentee Shawnee people!

It has been a month full of cool, wet weather here in the Shawnee area. I hope that this newsletter finds our Oklahoma tribal members have survived this unusual and unpredictable amount of rain. And for those tribal members who live outside of the state, those of us living here in Oklahoma have been facing flooding with several local tribal members having their home driveways washed out and a few residents in our Burning Wood tribal housing addition have faced flooding in their homes. The tribe is not without incident either as during a recent 'farewell' lunch to long time employee, Jerry Knox, two tribal members, Jeff Gibson and Andy Warrior received multiple burns due to

improper usage of a butane lit grill during the cookout. It is my understanding that Andy Warrior was taken by ambulance due to second or third degree burns to his arm but appears to be faring better now.

The work here at the tribal complex continues on. This month I attended the following meetings:

May 27th – Students from Riverside meet with U.S. Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewell, U.S. Senator James Lankford and U.S. Representative, Tom Cole, and the Director of the Bureau of Indian Education, Dr. Charles “Monty” Roessel, at the Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, OK. Students were able to meet and discuss concerns in relation to educational facilities and President O’Bama’s 2015 initiative, Generation Indigenous (Gen I), a program to remove barriers that stand between native youth and opportunities to succeed. This program is also to build upon the White House Rural Council’s effort to reduce child poverty. I was fortunate to have an opportunity to visit with U.S. Senator James Lankford along with the Southern Plains Tribes.

May 30th – A meeting was held by the Shareholder Representatives of the Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority. The focus items of this meeting were ‘Benefits of a tribal “Section 17” Charter’; 2015 strategic plan; and capitalization plan and new business opportunities. This was held at the Resource Center in Little Axe, OK.

On June 3-4, I attended the Sovereignty Symposium in Oklahoma City. This symposium grows larger each year and is well attended by many tribal leaders, their attorneys, and key staff. There was also speakers from as far away as Canada, Nicaragua, and England. One of our Gaming Commissioners and our Gaming Commission Director attended this meeting and went to the Oklahoma Tribal Gaming Compact piece of the symposium. My focus was on the Juvenile Justice issues and Sovereignty and Education. While I was there I met with the Principal Chief of the Sac and Fox Nation, George Thurman, and we visited about the possibility of having an Charter school for native children in the Shawnee area. We plan to meet again on July 2nd and invite Shawnee area tribes to the table to discuss the need and sustainability of such a school in the Shawnee area.

On June 5th I was provided a vehicle by Joe Cooper Ford of Shawnee to take part in the Red Earth parade. It was a good day and I appreciate Joe Cooper Ford for providing a way for the tribe to be represented well.

June 8th – I met with Chief George Thurman, Sac and Fox Nation, on the continued need for the Central Tribes of the Shawnee Area (CTSA) program in Shawnee. We will be scheduling a second meeting that will include the Kickapoo Tribe on June 29th. This two star early childhood center is located in Shawnee and has a maximum capacity of 100 children with the program accepting children ages: 0 - 11 Months, 12 - 23 Months, 2 Years, 3 Years, 4 Years, 5 Years. The provider is permitted to participate in this subsidized child care program.

Also on June 8th I attended a United Indian Nations of Oklahoma and Kansas (UINOK) meeting held at the Riverwind Casino in Ada, OK.

June the 8th, I also received a call from Assistant Secretary, Kevin Washburn, who advised me on the good news that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe (thanks to our Attorney General’s efforts) have been approved for the HEARTH ACT.

My resolve is strong on addressing the issues within the educational system. Our children and youth daily face challenges that in my early days were considered remote possibilities. I believe we need to make a way for our children and their children if the tribe is to have a sustainable future. I try in small ways to assist our youth by listening and learning of their concerns and the issues being faced in classrooms; I also speak with our native staff in school systems and see the challenges and opportunities daily faced by our native educators which is cultural norms and the biases in school systems or misunderstanding of offensive holidays like the Land Run; limited classroom materials; poor pay to educators with many having to go on food stamps or take a second job just to maintain an above poverty limit lifestyle; limited support by administrators; I continue to attend meetings and represent these concerns at the local, state and national levels and work with tribal leaders so that we can begin to resolve them.

One of the ways here in Shawnee that I find personally rewarding and that I, as a citizen of Shawnee, like to contribute to is sponsorship of a youth in the Oklahoma Baptist University’s (OBU) Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) summer institute camp. It offers students opportunities to be introduced to computer science and electrical engineering, web design and robotics with concepts in math and physics investigated and this is done by some wonderful and devoted OBU faculty. If each individual would take the time and effort to sponsor and/or contribute to the future of a single child we could make a difference. I challenge you to that commitment and if you do take it on - let me know.

Conclusion

I have learned much over the 24 months I have been in Office and I thank you, my people, for voting me in and giving me that opportunity. I was truly humbled and honored to have served you. There are those who say that I am not a traditionalist but who can really determine that? When my mother passed I buried her in the time honored fashion of our long traditions here of the Absentee Shawnee. That was her wishes. My vision for our people is to assist in retaining our culture and the traditions that go with it. I follow through on my word once I have committed to something. I did my mother’s wishes and have worked diligently to do the same for our people.

Help me to make a difference – stand beside me and Let us Build for the Future (BFF) - united and together!

Thank you for your support.



ELDERS MEETING

JULY 18TH AT THE RESOURCE CENTER

AT 10:00 A.M.

HAVING A BOX SUPPER AND CAKE WALK.

TRIBAL MEMBERS 55 AN OVER ARE WELCOME

Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority



Programs Available

- Low Rent Housing
- Lease to Own Housing
- Down Payment & Closing Assistance
- Storm Shelter Assistance
- College Housing Assistance
- Emergency Home Repair
- Over Income AST Member Down Payment Assistance

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SERVICES

PLEASE CALL (405) 273-1050 OR COME BY OUR OFFICE

LOCATED AT 107 NORTH KIMBERLY IN SHAWNEE, OK.

WEBSITE: WWW.ASHOUSINGAUTHORITY.COM

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEPARTMENT

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocacy

The AST Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Programs are on-call 24 hours per day to provide emotional support, advocacy and crisis counseling to survivors at hospitals, police stations and throughout the legal system. The programs also serve as a resource center to the community by offering educational information and referrals.

Transitional Housing

The AST DV Transitional Housing Program serves victims of Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault. Participants have up to six months to obtain education and job skills needed to begin a new life.

Court Advocacy

Assists survivors with domestic violence court related costs (when funding is available) and appearances as well as filing for emergency protective orders (EPO) or restraining orders.

Shelter Placement Assistance

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Domestic Violence Program works with other shelters within Oklahoma in order to help victims obtain safe housing. Emergency transportation for the victim and children may also be available.

Housing and Utility Assistance

Assists victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or dating violence in emergency situations. This assistance may allow for a victim to either receive housing or utility assistance.

Referral Assistance

Assists with providing community resources to those who are in need of additional services outside the scope of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Domestic Violence Program.

Community Outreach

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Domestic Violence Program offers educational trainings, informational displays, and community events in order to provide more awareness to both Tribal and Non-Tribal communities.

For any questions regarding any of the above services please contact the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Domestic Violence staff at (405) 273-2888.

We Listen Ne-Hi-Ki-Wa-Sa-Pa

The AST Health System values ALL feedback.

We will listen....

***Patient Advocate Jim Robertson**

405-447-0300

***Customer Service Line**

405-701-7623

***Patient Questionnaire located in each of
our clinics or on our website**

WWW.ASTHEALTH.ORG

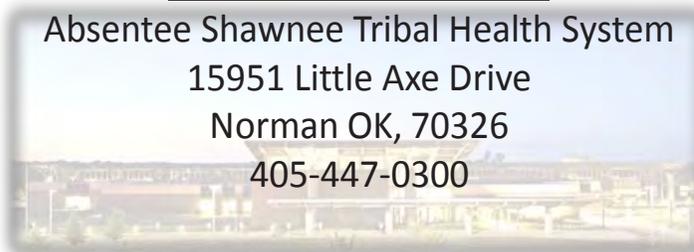
Little Axe Health Center

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System

15951 Little Axe Drive

Norman OK, 70326

405-447-0300



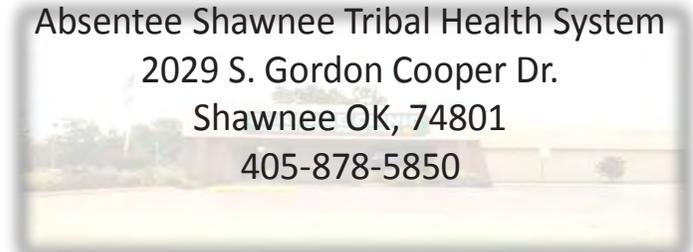
Shawnee Clinic

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System

2029 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.

Shawnee OK, 74801

405-878-5850



The following is a selection from the book Old Chillicothe by William Albert Galloway. According to online sources (i.e. OU libraries & WorldCat), the classic book was originally published in 1934 by the Buckeye Press in Xenia, Ohio.

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ledge of these people—will search to find their natural tongue. Anyway, the Shawnee language is full of majesty and sweetness, and I have done all that I could to preserve it in its purity and beauty.

DESCENDANTS OF TECUMTHA (or Tecumseh)

(Prepared in 1930)

TECUMTHA and his wife, Monetohse, left two sons: Nay- thah-way-nah who died in 1840, and McLaughlin or Mah- yaw-we-kaw-pa-we, who died in 1868.

Nay-thah-way-nah married So-com-se, who died in 1867 in Oklahoma. To them were born six children, two boys and four girls, one of the latter (a twin-sister of number 3 below) was killed in infancy by the kick of a horse during the year of 1827. The remaining five grew up to manhood and womanhood. Their names follow:

1. Naw-swaw-pa-ma, who died in 1856, and her husband, Nocks-kaw-way, who died in 1860.
2. Pa-se-quaw-mea-se, who died in 1857, and her husband, Kyan-thaw-tah, who died in 1850.
3. Way-lah-skse (a twin), who died in the summer of 1869 near what is now the city of Shawnee, Oklahoma. She was the wife of George Wildcat Alford, Sr., or Gay-tah-ke-pea- se-ka, who died Sept. 25, 1877, near the same city at the age of 52 years.
4. Jim Fry, or Wal-kos-ka-ka, who died in 1872 in the same state, at the age of 41 years, and his wife, Jay-ney-quay, who died in 1876 in the same state, at the age of 39 years.
5. Big Jim, or Waw-paw-meap-to, who died in Mexico, Sept. 30, 1900, at the age of 66 years, and his wife, Metho-tay- se, who died in 1876 in the state of Oklahoma.

McLaughlin, or Mah-yaw-we-kaw-pa-we (the other son

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of Tecumtha), married Mrs McLaughlin, or Taw-pa-ma, who died in 1873. To them was born the following named daughter:

6. Mrs. Washington, or Pea-taw-pea-se, who died March 5, 1912, near Skiatook, Oklahoma, at the age of 99 years; and her husband, Thomas Washington, Sr., or Way-nay-peas-ka- ka, who died in 1884 near the same place.

Now the descendants of these six GRANDCHILDREN of Tecumtha, mentioned above, in order of their names, follow:

1. To Naw-swaw-pa-ma and her husband was born Nay- cah-twah, who died March 4, 1892, in Oklahoma, at the age of 47 years. She married four times and left three children now living, whose names are Webster Tyner, age 57 years; Lucy Williams, nee Ellis, or May-lo-now-o-se, age 51 years, and William Ellis, or We-se-kih-se-mo, age 48 years. Also several of her grandchildren are now living.
2. To Pa-se-quaw-mea-se and her husband was born Thomas Washington, Jr., better known as “Long Tom”, or Wayl-way-way-se-ka, who died June 22, 1906, eight miles north-east of Shawnee, Okla., at the age of 59 years, and left six children, two boys and four girls, who are still living: Mrs. Fannie Tarhorty, or So-we-pea-se, age 58 years; Mrs. Hattie Dirt, or Hol-o-tah-we-pea-se, age 50 years; Ella Washington, or Mkahtay-wah-com-se, age 47 years; Mrs. Rose McClellan, or Ne-thaw-pea-se, age 44 years; Walter Washington, age 37 years, and Willie Washington, age 35 years. Also several of his grandchildren are now living.
3. To Way-lah-skse and her husband were born four children, two boys and two girls: Mrs. Nancy Hood, or Ah-lay- maw-pa-ma, now living, age 72 years, who has four children and several of her

grandchildren now living; Thomas Wildcat Alford, or Gan-waw-pea-se-ka, now living, age 70 years, who has eleven children and several grandchildren now living; David W. Alford, or Bay-metaw-pea-se-ka, who died near Tecumseh, Okla., Sept. 28, 1900, at the age of 37 years and left his son, Webster Alford, now living, age 37 years, who has three children living; Mrs. Nellie

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Hood, or Nah-wah-taw-pea-se, now living, age 59 years, who has no children.

4. To Jim Fry, or Wal-kos-ka-ka, and his wife was born Joe Longhorn, or Taw-peas-ka-ka, who died Nov. 2, 1896, at the age of 38 years and left three children now living: Allen Longhorn, or Nah-haw-peas-ka-ka, age 43 years, who has two children living; Mrs. Ferdie Forman, or Mo-sah-tah-waw- pes-se, age 39 years, who has two children living; Mrs. Lydia Warrior, or Ke-way-pea-se, age 36 years, who has four children living.
5. To Big Jim, or Waw-paw-meap-to, and his wife were born two children: Little Jim, or To-tom-mo, now living, age 58 years, who has three children and several grandchildren also living; and Lah-lah-waw-pea-se, or Lo-pah, who died Feb. 20, 1909, at the age of 33 years, and left her daughter, Mrs. Sallie Gibson, or Pay-maw-com-se, now living, age 29 years, who has two children living.
6. To Mrs. Washington, or Pea-taw-pea-se, and her husband were born two children: William Washington, or Way-the-path-ka-ka, who died near Skiatook, Okla., in Jan. 1923, at the age of 63 years and left one daughter, Mrs. Rosa Gibson, or Ke-kaw-com-se, now living, age 47 years, who has three children living; and Mrs. Fannie White, or We-se-kaw- com-se, who died in 1886 and left one son, Thomas White, or Quay-tah-waw-com-se-ka, now living, age 46 years, who has two children also living.

State of Oklahoma Pottawatomie County

AFFIDAVIT

} SS:

We, the undersigned, members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians and members of the Business Committee for said Tribe, do hereby certify, on honor, that most of the facts stated above . . . were given us from mouth to ear by our parents, grandparents and elders before their death; some were from our own people living to-day; some were

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obtained by our own personal efforts for many years from other sources within our reach; and from our own knowledge and belief; all these have been recorded and kept in the *Shawnee Family Register* of our Tribe by our custodian, Thomas Wildcat Alford, where all these facts can be found to-day; and

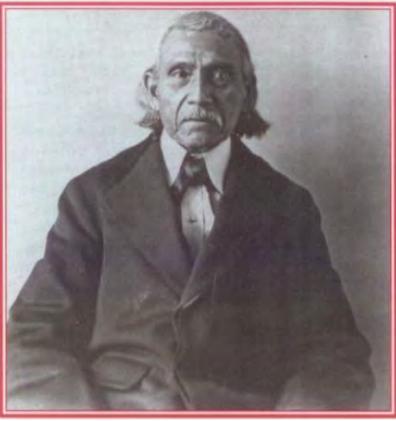
We further certify, on honor, that a copy of said *Register*, only, however, that portion of which mentions the names of the allottees of land and their parents, was obtained by the U.S. Government through the Indian Office in 1903 for the use of the Shawnee Indian Agency at Shawnee, Oklahoma, where it now remains, and that these facts stated above regarding our great Warrior Chief Tecumtha and his descendants are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Witnessed our hands this the 13th day of August, A.D. 1931

GAN-WAW-PEA-SE-KA or THOMAS W. ALFORD
 NANA-QUAW-COM-SE-KA or THOS. B. HOOD
 NAH-KE-PEAS-KA-KA QUAY-LAY-PATH-KA-KA or JACOB BUCKHEART or
 JOHN E. SNAKE

Committeemen

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Big Jim Youth Awards

Academic Achievement, \$1000.00 Scholarship

Blake Keith
 Fairborn, Ohio
 Parent: Joni Keith
 Brother: Brandon Keith
 Attending: University of Cincinnati's College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning (DAAP) Fall 2015
 Major: Fine Arts
 Accomplishments:
 2014 Yeck Scholarship recipient, Dayton Art Institute
 One of the 12 best student artists in the Miami Valley region of Ohio
 AP Honor Student
 Designs Fairborn High School's Hall of Honor program



Essay: "I decided that art was what I wanted to do with my life. I knew that if I wanted to be a successful artist I would have to work harder on both my artwork and my school work...I began trying my best in school and studied art in my free time...I was soon enrolled in Honor and AP classes and kept my grades high enough to earn honor roll...By working hard at honing my skills, people that I had never met before knew me as 'the artist'...This led to a scholarship program offered by my local art museum...Now that I have worked hard at both my artwork and academics, I have recently been accepted to the University of Cincinnati's DAAP program which is one of the top schools for art in both Ohio and the nation."

Academic Achievement, \$1000.00 Scholarship

Lindsey Dennison
 Sapulpa, Oklahoma
 Parents: Daniele and David Dennison Jr.
 Attending: Tulsa Community College, Fall 2015
 Major: Business Management
 Accomplishments: National Honor Society, Vice-President (2015)
 Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society 2015
 Most Valuable Guard Award (Troopers Drum and Bugle Corps)



Essay: "Throughout high school, I have always set goals for myself...In order to reach the success that people wish to get, they have to set goals and be able to work for them...I have taken Advanced Placement courses that have taught me to stay on track with having multiple responsibilities...With being [school yearbook] editor, it comes with a lot of responsibilities that have helped me to prepare for living on my own...Yearbook has opened up the view point of how a business office works, and what actions...need to be taken care of in order to keep it running...This [NHS Vice-President] office has taught me how to work as a team with my fellow officers..."

JULY 2015 BIRTHDAYS

Alaee, Brandon Keith
 Alberty, Langston Deshun
 Alford, Bruce Douglas
 Alford, Louella Ann
 Alford, Zachary Reid
 Allen, Cheryl Renee
 Almanga, Marcel Andres
 Armstrong, Robert Brent
 Aschtgen, Ginna Lyn
 Bailey, Brooke Lynn
 Barber, Kristin Lynn
 Barbosa, Talia Jade
 Barriga, Elias Micah
 Bateman, Willow Shoshana Rain
 Bayliss, Billy Ray
 Bayliss, Katherine Anne
 Bear, Bonnie Jean
 Beaver, Rodney Gene
 Bender, Judith Ann
 Berry, Ryan Jennings
 Birdtail, Mary Evelyn
 Bittle, Lillian Kay
 Blackbear, Tegan Quinn
 Blanchard, Brian Keith
 Blanchard, Clayton Lee
 Blanchard, Eric Leon
 Blanchard, Henry R.
 Blanchard, Jamin Dalton
 Blanchard, Kason Ryan
 Blanchard, Kyerra MaKyla Raye
 Blanchard, Nicholas Adam
 Blanchard, Virginia Adele
 Bogue, Aimee Rochelle
 Bonham, Virginia Doreen
 Booth, Randall David
 Botone, Lisa Lucille
 Bowens, Aarion Tremain
 Bradley, Edward H.
 Brady, Sharon Kay
 Breeding, Hollis Joshua
 Brinson, Nicholas Henry
 Brocksmith, Ethan James
 Brown, Elijah Christopher
 Brown, Samuel David
 Brown, Tristan John
 Bryce, Anita Jean
 Bryce, Jacob Desmond
 Buckley, Brandon Michael
 Buckley, Christopher Maurice
 Burkhart Sr, Arthur Elliott
 Butler, Donna Ellen
 Byers, Marilyn
 Byers, Shannon Leon
 Byers, Shawn Deeon
 Byington, Michelle Hope
 Canales, Alexis Marie
 Carlson, Tyellissa Lynn
 Case, Melissa Susan
 Chapline, Isabella Roseanne
 Citty, Keith Leon
 Citty, Steven Keith
 Ciulla, Tina Faye
 Cochran Jr., Guy Stanley
 Coddington, Corey William
 Collett, Savanna Len
 Colungo, Darrell Dean
 Combs, Robert Paul Dwight
 Conner, Daniel Paul
 Coody, Erin Melody
 Cook, Joshua Caleb
 Cottrell, Mckinze Faye
 Cox, Jennifer Renee
 Craig, Kayla Shawnee
 Cruz, Mr. Cameron Jacob
 Cummings, Juleah Leslie
 Davis Jr., Anthony Louis
 Davis Jr., Edward Leroy
 Davis, Adley Reese
 Davis, Bryar Nicholas
 Davis, Jocelyn Paige

Davis, Zachary Blake
 Day, Jennifer Ann
 Day, Virginia Rae
 Deer, Derrick Wesley
 Deer, Elnora Laverne Kaseca
 Deer, Ethan Mack
 Deer, Jaden Brandon
 Deer, Kensington Jaide
 Deer, Marissa Caitlin
 Deere, Angelina Renee
 Delodge, Ezra Manuel
 Dennison, Daniele
 DeOliveira, Shelly Marie
 Detert, Heather Jo
 Dixon, Abryana Elizabeth-Marie
 Donnell, Patricia Kay
 Doussett, Calvin Cecil
 Dry, Shavonne Lynn
 Ellingsen, Shirley Mae
 Ellis, Andee Nicole
 Ellis, Charlotte Lynn
 Ellis, Chet Herbert
 Ellis, Christian Nathaniel
 Engler, Emily Laiken
 Farmer, Christine Bobbie
 Felton, Zachary Douglas
 Foley, Clayton Shane
 Foreman, Amber Lynn
 Foreman, Amper Len
 Fowler, Cheyenne Deneau
 Freeman, Eugene Bryce
 French-Hawk, Tracie Lynn
 Fritsch, Jerod Wayne
 Frye, Williams Scott Thomas
 Garretson, Donna Kay
 Gatzman, Darla Juayne
 Gibson, Alan Gerard
 Gibson, Donald James
 Gibson, Eluis Glenn
 Gibson, Gary Lloyd
 Gibson, Ryan Edmond
 Gibson, Tyler Glen
 Gilcrease, Maedia Jean
 Gilmore, Linkin Thomas
 Gonzales, Gabriella Noel
 Goss, Angel Marcus
 Goss, Veronica Mae
 Graham, Jackie
 Granstrom, Karsen Renee
 Grass, Cree Breeann
 Greeley, Sarah Fawn
 Gurrola, Daniel Alberto
 Gutierrez, Devin Anthony
 Harjo, Jeanette Marie
 Harjo, Michael Ray
 Harjo, Sharon Melody
 Harjoe, Sonja Denise
 Haskins Rich, Donna Paule
 Haumpy, Ma-Yia Rahjanae
 Hawk, Connor Evan
 Haymond, Trisha Lynn
 Helvy, Alta Jean
 Henshaw, Allen Shawn
 Hernandez Thorpe, Genesis Kay
 Hernandez, Daegi Viay
 Herndon, Martin Clyde
 Herrera, John Anthony
 Herrera, Michael Lee
 Herrod, Jordan Leann
 Hibdon, Konner Brian
 Hicks, Anna Marie
 Hicks, Braylon Angus
 Hill, Chealsie Lynn
 Hood, Dallas James
 Hood, Elaina Rae
 Hood, Matthew Dean
 Hood, Piri Reis
 Howe, Reign Phil
 Hutchinson, Velma Jo
 Hyde, Lester Clark

Ibarra, Lya Lynette
 Irvin, Benjamin Raymond
 Johnson, Amanda Shaye
 Johnson, Amber Dawn
 Johnson, Ashley Briann
 Johnson, Austin Lee
 Johnson, Debra Jean
 Johnson, George Lewis
 Johnson, Grant Scott
 Johnson, Jeremiah Justin
 Johnson, Jessie Colt
 Johnson, Kyle Dylan
 Johnson, Nikki Renee
 Johnson, Noreen Dottie
 Johnson, Rita Jo
 Johnson, Stacey Lynn
 Johnson, Steven Boyd
 Johnson, Tillman Earl
 Jones, Donna Kay (Ellis)
 Jones, Teresa Ann Wilson
 Judkins, Dyllon Garrett
 Kaniatobe, Karen Faith
 Kaseca, April Eve
 Kaseca, Kanyynn Leian
 Kaseca, Kevin Lynn
 Kaseca, Russell Franklin
 Keith, Andrew Richard
 Keith, Brandon Dowe
 Key, Braisley Saranda
 Kickapoo, Christopher Kerry
 Kirby, Lindsay Diane
 Kirby, Steven Wayne
 Kirby, William Michael
 Kitchen, Isaiah John Lucas
 Krauss, Chante'l Emily
 Kupczynski, Cora Ashley
 La Plant, Gemma Nikole
 Larney, Kathryn Jon-Nicole
 Larney, Nathaniel Roy
 Larney, Noah Cruz
 Larson, Sekoenatha Keegan
 Lewis, Cierra Dawn
 Little Axe Jr., Danny
 Little Axe, Charlie Pratt
 Little Axe, Graci Raquel
 Little Axe, Jerry James
 Little, Edwin Thomas
 Little, Tony Wayne
 Little, Zoretta Denise
 Littlebear, Nelson Wayne
 Littlecreek, Ephraim Jhames
 Littlecreek, Josephine Taylor
 Littlecreek, Mychal Shawn
 Littlejim, Lindsey Marie
 Long, Jordan Lee
 Longhorn, Bradley Brian
 Longhorn, Ewell Gary
 Longhorn, Lee Allen
 Longman, Annabelle Marie
 Longman, Ashley Nicole
 Longman, Clayton Dean
 Longman, Christopher Morgan
 Longman, William Ashton
 Lovins, Wesley Jacob
 Lowe, Wyatt James
 Lowrance, Rusty Haze
 Mack, Felix Wayne
 Mack, Malayah Jean
 Mackey, Monica Sue
 Marquez, Quentin Miles
 Marshall, Kalanii Marie
 Martin, Robyn Alexa
 Martinez Jr., Chad Mikel
 Martinez, Alyson Jo
 Martinez, Jalon Maverick
 Martinez, Jasmine Nicole
 Martinez, Stephanie Diane
 Masquat, Ricky Lee
 Masquat, Milania Che'Lee
 Maxfield, Lisa Clorean

Maxwell, Alex Ryan
 Mayo, Lindsay Destiny
 McBride, Wyatt Dean
 McCoy, Violet Christine Harry
 McCulloch, Erin Corrine
 McGee, Michael Shannon
 McMahan, Jayden Thomas
 McPherson, Erica Nicole
 Merrell, Sean Allen
 Michaelson, John Edward
 Miller, Tina Mae
 Mitchell, Chloe Ann Sarae
 Mohawk, McKenzi Jeanne
 Mohawk, Travis Gene
 Morton, Colette Ellen
 Morton, Darrell Jackson
 Morton, David Arthur
 Morton, Sara Brianne
 Nail, Cullen Chase
 Nanaeto, Debra Jaclyn
 Neuens, Kathy Marie
 Neugent, Louise L. C.
 Nguyen-Rojas, Tyler Van
 O'Dell, Cody Dewayne
 Ongahwah, Alecia Joann
 Pack, Camryn Lorraine
 Pack, Kristyn Bailey
 Patton, Qwentis Adarryl
 Patty, Twana Marie Spybuck
 Pederson, Rena Kaye Little Axe
 Peebloom, Joshua Lawrence
 Peetoom, William Ryan
 Pena, Eric
 Perez-Vargas Jr., Juan Manuel
 Phillips, Kristian Parker
 Pickens, Teddy Ray
 Pine, Jaime` Ann
 Pine, James Francis
 Pine, Kaseon James
 Pitner, Sylvia Sue
 Ponce, Autumn Dawn
 Ponkilla, Carol Ann
 Ponkilla, Martin Ned
 Pugh, Tiffany Ranae
 Ramirez, Antonio Omar
 Ramirez, Ashton Kobe
 Reid, Rebecca Claire
 Ricketts II, Jarrod Keith
 Roach, Drew Wilson
 Robertson, Leland Scott
 Robison, Christopher Charles
 Rodas Lopez, Monica Leree
 Rolette, David Grayson
 Rolette, Makaila Lynn
 Rolette, Sharon Sue
 Rolland, Vannessa Kay
 Ross, Gary Willis
 Rudloff, Dylan Cole
 Runsabove, Wade Mitchell
 Sampson, Brayden Louis
 Schulenberg, Esteline Sloan
 Schwarz, Loretta Jean
 Serena, Lisa Lynn
 Shane, Vivian Louella
 Shawnee, Coltin Dale
 Shawnee, Derrick Joel
 Shelton, Anthony Pharrell
 Shirk, Deborah Ann
 Simpson, Shirley Florence
 Sims, Vikki Ann
 Sloat, John Levi
 Smith, Caden Robert
 Smith, Caylea Anna
 Smith, Curtis Alan
 Smith, Katherine Danene
 Smith, Kenneth Lee
 Smith, Lauren Ashlee
 Smith, Leslie Anne
 Smith, Lori Beth
 Smith, Luke Alan

Snake, Brandon Matthew
 Snake, Gerald Kendall
 Snake, Jennie Lucy Mohawk
 Soap, Austin Jay
 Soap, Crystal Diane Moonlight
 Soap, Devin Elijah
 Solis, Allan Jesus
 Spoon, Ramona Gaye
 Spriggs, Chanoa Irene
 Spybuck Jr, James Cody
 Spybuck, Morganne Faith
 Stanley Jr., Denny Atine
 Starr, David Martin
 Starr, Sheila Renee
 Stephens, AnnaMarie Gene
 Stewart, Robert Sterling
 Sulton, Sierra Dawn
 Switch Sr., Douglas Vaughn
 Switch, Kathern Suzzete
 Switch, Samuel Tiger
 Switch, Voguel Carroll
 Talton, Daveon Lee
 Tapia, Shawnee Antonio
 Taylor, Lena Elaine
 Taylor, Nina Gail
 Tharp, Deborah Lynne
 Thomasee, Lawrence Cy
 Thompson, Cheyenne Jada
 Thornhill, Taryn MacKenzie
 Thorpe, Cyrus James
 Thorpe, Jarrett Scott
 Thorpe, Sandra Lorene
 Tiger Sr., Leonard Gene
 Tiger, Ann
 Tiger, Annette Renee
 Tiger, Francis Allen
 Tiger, Hermione Essence
 Tiger, Sherman Lee
 Tiger, Sonya Marie
 Tiger, Stephanie Nicole
 Tiger, Susan Rochelle
 Tiger, Toni Dion
 Tsoodle, Arminda Lee
 Uchida, Micheal Gene
 Vasquez, Rebecca Faye
 Wakolee Jr., Brandon David
 Wakolee, Bernard Wilson
 Wallace, Cierra Shawnae
 Wallace, Timothy Scott
 Ware, Jenny Ann
 Warrior, Daniel Adam
 Warrior, Donna Carol (Gibson)
 Warrior, Samuel Norbbie
 Washington, Walter
 Watson, Brian Keith
 Watson, Jamie Ann
 White Jr., Charles Daniel
 White, Amber Mary
 White, Logan Riley
 White, Thomas Wayne
 Whitebird, Shelby Gail
 Wilkerson, Skylor Georgeann
 Williams, David Arlen
 Williams, Jalyn Anissa
 Williams, Melanie Marie
 Williams, Orin Ray
 Williams, Samuel Lee
 Willingham, Deidra Marie
 Wilson, Justin Dean
 Wilson, Marcus Allen
 Wilson, Penny Arlene
 Wolf Jr., Aaron Paul
 Wolf, Nevaeh Annalise
 Wolfe, Beverly Edwina (Butler)
 Worley, Tehia Jane
 Yates, Katie Ann

happy
1st
birthday!



Baby Girl!
Mommy & Daddy Love You!!



Happy Birthday

To My Beautiful Daughter
NIKKI



Daughter-In-Law
LEILA

Happy BIRTHDAY

& Handsome Son
KEVIN

We wish you all a wonderful birthday!!

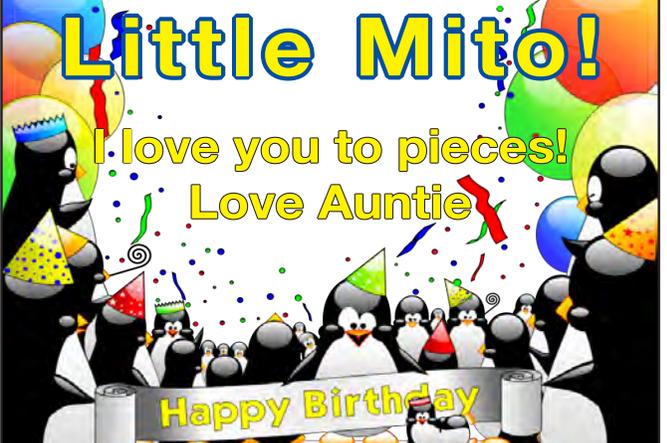
Love you bunches, Mom & Dad



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY TO ALL!
HAVE A HEALTHY AND SAFE HOLIDAY.
THE KASECA'S

Little Mito!

I love you to pieces!
Love Auntie



Happy Birthday

William Ashton
July 25th Your Day!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

All Day!

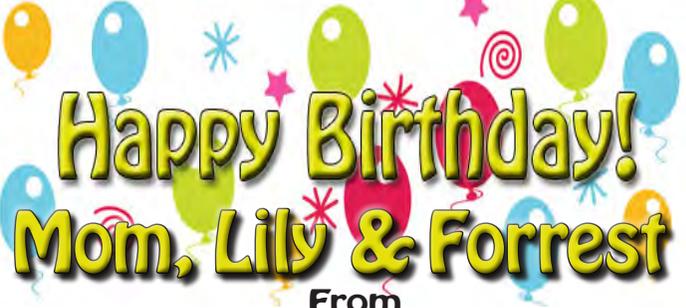
My Baby, I Love You Mom

ASHTON

WE LOVE YOU!!



From your girls
Cherokee, WOO-WOO and Annabelle



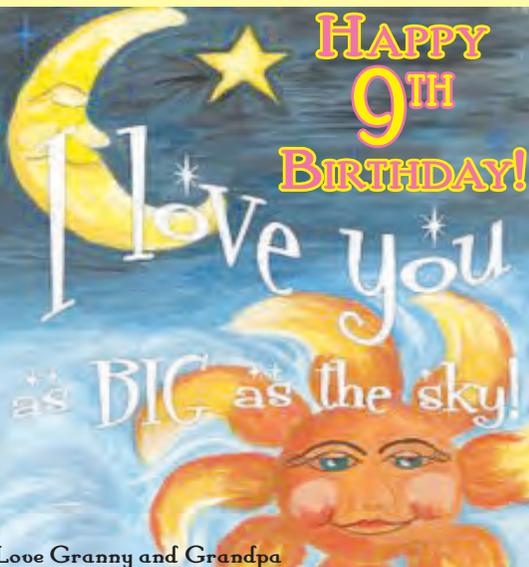
Happy Birthday!
Mom, Lily & Forrest

From
Bo & Henry

To My Beautiful Sugar Baby
KANYNN KASECA

HAPPY 9TH BIRTHDAY!

I love you
as BIG as the sky!



Love Granny and Grandpa

Happy Sweet



Sixteen
Willow Bateman

Love, Mom & Step-Dad

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

KRISTOPHER MORGAN

WE LOVE YA!!

Grandma, Ashton, Cherokee,
Tony, Kirstain and Annabelle

Congratulations On Getting Married
Rebecca Little Charley & Darrol Davis
June 13th, 2015



We wish you a very long and happy life together
Best wishes, The Kaseca's

Annabelle Marie

Happy 1st birthday

WE LOVE YOU!!!

Mommy, Daddy, Auntie, Grandpa,
Ashton and G.G. Patty



The Absentee Shawnee



Diabetes and Wellness Program

1ST - 5TH GRADE JUNIOR OLYMPICS



YOUTH EVENTS

INCLUDE:

50 YARD DASH

BROAD JUMP

LONG JUMP

SOFTBALL THROW

FREE THROW SHOOTING

PARENTS 1-MILE RUN/WALK

Saturday

July 11th, 2015

Little Axe Resource

Center

8:00 A.M.

*Limited to the
first 50 youth!*

PRE-REGISTER TODAY!

Guardian Name: _____ Youth Athlete (name): _____

City, State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

DOB (Athlete): _____ Age: _____ Male: ___ Female: ___ **__ PARENT/GUARDIAN 1-Mile Walk/Run**

Waiver: In consideration of the acceptance of this entry I waive all claims for myself and my heirs against the sponsors, cooperating and coordinating groups and any individuals associated with this event and will hold them harmless for any and all injuries which may result from my participation. I hereby give my permission to the media to use my name and photograph in the AST newsletter without limitation or obligation. I certify that I am physically fit for this event and understand the risks involved by participating in this event.

Signature

Date

RESOLUTIONS

**EXECUTIVE
RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2015-23
ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

June 1, 2015

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE FOR AN INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT, PART II EFFECTIVE STRATEGY PROJECT, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 AND CONTINUING UNTIL THE YEAR 2020 AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE SUBMISSION OF SAID APPLICATION, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights for the immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by The Department of the Interior, last amended in May, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and **WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to hold its fiduciary responsibility to the tribe and its membership as the highest priority, and

WHEREAS, a need has been identified within the jurisdiction of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to enhance and expand Injury Prevention.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorize the submission of a competitive application to the Indian Health Service for an Injury Prevention Program (IPP) through a Cooperative Agreement as described under 93.284 in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA), and further authorizes the Governor to sign all documents necessary for the submission of said application effective immediately.

CERTIFICATION

We, Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Governor and Vera M. Dawsey, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify this Resolution No-E-AS-2015-23 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on June 1, 2015, there being a quorum present, by vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Gibson: Absent, Secretary Dawsey: Yes, Treasurer Bates: Yes, Representative Blanchard: Yes, Governor Butler-Wolfe's vote, if required, NA.

EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE, Governor
VERA M. DAWSEY, Secretary

**EXECUTIVE
RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2015-24
ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

June 1, 2015

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA APPROVING AND ACCEPTING ZECHARIAH CYREKE-DEAN MONTGOMERY, ASHER JAMES OWENS, RHETT PATRICK OWENS, KAMRYN AURORA HOBIA, TSEGAN ARAUJO JONES, NALIYHA TEWA MARTINEZ, MICHAEL DAKOTA HASTINGS, XAVIER RACE SHELTON, DAKOTA GORDON LEE DEERE, MONTANA CHRISTIAN ALEX DEERE, SKY NICHOLE CHRISTINE DEERE, LYRIC DANYL TIGER, MALIYAH KINSLEY HARJO AND SHANNON CHRISTINE COYLE AS ENROLLED MEMBERS OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA.

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of the Interior, last amended in May 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and

WHEREAS, the following individuals have applied for membership in the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and

<u>NAME OF ENROLLEE</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>
Zechariah Cyreke-Dean Montgomery	11/27/1997	11/64
Asher James Owens	11/22/2014	3/16
Rhett Patrick Owens	11/22/2014	3/16
Kamryn Aurora Hobia	09/18/2014	7/16
Tseگان Araujo Jones	09/06/2009	1/8
Maliyha Tewa Martinez	01/09/2015	7/32
Michael Dakota Hastings	08/06/1994	1/8

Xavier Race Shelton	01/02/2002	1/8
Dakota Gordon Lee Deere	06/12/1993	1/8
Montana Christian Alex Deere	08/23/1994	1/8
Sky Nichole Christine Deere	05/06/1997	1/8
Lyric Danyl Tiger	12/26/2014	5/32
Maliyah Kinsley Harjo	11/08/2012	3/16
Shannon Christine Coyle	03/04/1988	1/8

WHEREAS, the above-named individuals have satisfactorily met the Constitutional enrollment requirements of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that, research has been conducted, and to the best of our knowledge, these individuals are not enrolled with another tribe; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate documentation required for this action is on file in the Enrollment section of the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Secretary's office.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma hereby approves and accepts, Zechariah Cyreke-Dean Montgomery, Asher James Owens, Rhett Patrick Owens, Kamryn Aurora Hobia, Tseگان Araujo Jones, Maliyha Tewa Martinez, Michael Dakota Hastings, Xavier Race Shelton, Dakota Gordon Lee Deere, Montana Christian Alex Deere, Sky Nichole Christine Deere, Lyric Danyl Tiger, and Maliyah Kinsley Harjo and Shannon Christine Coyle as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

We, Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Governor and Vera M. Dawsey, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify this Resolution No-E-AS-2015-24 to be true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on June 1, 2015, there being a quorum present, by vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Gibson: Absent, Secretary Dawsey: Yes, Treasurer Bates: Yes, Representative Blanchard: Yes, Governor Butler-Wolfe's vote, if required, NA.

EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE, Governor
VERA M. DAWSEY, Secretary

**EXECUTIVE
RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2015-25
ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

June 01, 2015

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA GRANTING CONDITIONAL RELINQUISHMENT OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO SOLOMON WAYNE GRASS

WHEREAS, the absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of the Interior, last amended in August 1988; and

WHEREAS, THE Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and

WHEREAS, provisions exist in the Enrollment Ordinance for conditional relinquishment of membership with the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma in order to accept enrollment into another Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2015 the above named individual submitted to the enrollment department a notarized conditional relinquishment request in writing; and

<u>NAME OF ENROLLEE</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>TO</u>
BE ENROLLED IN		
Solomon Wayne Grass	04/10/1978	Sac & Fox Nation of Oklahoma

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby grants conditional relinquishment of membership of the Absentee Shawnee tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to Solomon Wayne Grass provided that he is accepted into the Sac & Fox Nation of Oklahoma

CERTIFICATION

We, Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Governor and Vera M. Dawsey, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify this Resolution No-E-AS-2015-25 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on June 1, 2015, there being quorum present, by Vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Gibson: Absent, Secretary Dawsey: Yes, Treasurer Bates: Yes, Representative Blanchard: Yes, Governor Butler-Wolfe's vote, if required, NA.

EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE, Governor
VERA M. DAWSEY, Secretary

**EXECUTIVE
RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2015-26
ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

June 01, 2015

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA RE-APPOINTING JANIE FLOYD AS A MEMBER OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TAX BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A TWO YEAR TERM, EFFECTIVE APRIL 14, 2015 AND EXPIRING APRIL 14, 2017.

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of the Interior, last amended in May 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by the Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Floyd has served the Tribe well in the capacity of Tax Commissioner and is knowledgeable of what is required of the Tax commission; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Floyd has indicated that she is interested in serving the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma's Tax Commission for another term.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby authorized and re-appoints Janie Floyd as a member of the Absentee Shawnee Tax Board of Commissioners for a two (2) year term, effective April 14, 2015 and expiring April 14, 2017.

CERTIFICATION

We, Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Governor and Vera M. Dawsey, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify this Resolution No-E-AS-2015-26 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on June 1, 2015, there being quorum present, by vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Gibson: Absent, Secretary Dawsey: Yes, Treasurer Bates: Yes, Representative Blanchard: Yes, Governor Butler-Wolfe's vote, if required, NA.

EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE, Governor
VERA M. DAWSEY, Secretary

**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
TAX COMMISSION
2025 SOUTH GORDON COOPER DRIVE
SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA 74801**

April 6, 2015

RE: Reappointment for Janie Floyd to the Absentee Shawnee Tax Board of Commissioners

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves to recommend Ms. Janie Floyd for reappointment to the Absentee Shawnee Tax Board of Commissioner. Ms. Floyd is an invaluable asset to the Absentee Shawnee Tax Board of Commissioners. Sincerely,

Alicia Engler

AST Tax Administrator

PHONE (405) 275-4030 1-800-256-3341 FAX (405) 214-4225

April 3, 2015

Secretary Vera Dawsey
Absentee Shawnee Tribe
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801

RE: Tax Commission Reappointment

In compliance with Chapter VIII, Appointment Procedures, please accept this letter as my official request to serve another term on the AST Tax Commission. My term expires April 14, 2015.

Let me know if you need further information.

Sincerely,

Donna Jones

927 N. Market Avenue

Shawnee, OK 74801

**EXECUTIVE
RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2015-27
ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

June 01, 2015

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA APPROVING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF DONNA JONES TO THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA'S TAX COMMISSION FOR A TWO YEAR TERM, EFFECTIVE APRIL 14, 2015 AND EXPIRING APRIL 14, 2017.

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time

immemorial; and
WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of the Interior, last amended in May 2011; and
WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and
WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and
WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and
WHEREAS, Ms. Jones has served the Tribe well in the capacity of Tax Commissioner and is knowledgeable of what is required of the Tax Commission; and
WHEREAS, Ms. Jones has indicated that she is interested in serving the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma's Tax Commission for another term.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby authorizes and re-appoints Donna Jones to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma's Tax Commission for a two (2) year term, effective April 14, 2015 and expiring April 14, 2017.

CERTIFICATION

We, Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Governor and Vera M. Dawsey, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify this Resolution No-E-AS-2015-27 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on June 1, 2015, there being quorum present, by vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Gibson: Absent, Secretary Dawsey: Yes, Treasurer Bates: Yes, Representative Blanchard: Yes, Governor Butler-Wolfe's vote, if required, NA.

EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE, Governor
VERA M. DAWSEY, Secretary

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA TAX COMMISSION 2025 SOUTH GORDON COOPER DRIVE SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA 74801

April 6, 2015

RE: Reappointment for Donna Jones to the Absentee Shawnee Tax Board of Commissioners To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves to recommend Ms. Donna Jones for reappointment to the Absentee Shawnee Tax Board of Commissioner. Ms. Jones is an invaluable asset to the Absentee Shawnee Tax Board of Commissioners and has led the Board with authority.

Sincerely,
Alicia Engler
AST Tax Administrator
HOME (405) 275-4030 1-800-256-3341 FAX (405) 214-4225

April 3, 2015

Secretary Vera Dawsey
Absentee Shawnee Tribe
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801

RE: Tax Commission Reappointment

In compliance with Chapter VIII, Appointment Procedures, please accept this letter as my official request to serve another term on the AST Tax Commission. My term expires April 14, 2015.

Let me know if you need further information.

Sincerely,
Janie Floyd
1511 Hardwood Grove St.
Tecumseh, OK 74873

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2015-28

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

June 1, 2015

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING THE TRIBE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SMITHSONIAN'S NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN (AS ATTACHED) TO SPONSOR THE NMAI 2015 SHAWNEE DAYS FESTIVAL AND DESIGNATING GOVERNOR BUTLER-WOLFE TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TRIBE, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of the Interior, last amended in May 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body; and
WHEREAS, the Executive Committee believes it in the best interest

of the Tribe to enter into an agreement with the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian to sponsor the NMAI 2015 Shawnee Days Festival.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorizes the Tribe to enter into an agreement with the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian ("NMAI") to sponsor the NMAI 2015 Shawnee Days Festival (as attached) and designates Governor Butler-Wolfe to sign the agreement on behalf of the Tribe, effective immediately.

CERTIFICATION

We, Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Governor and Vera M. Dawsey, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify this Resolution No-E-AS-2015-28 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on June 1, 2015, there being quorum present, by vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Gibson: Absent, Secretary Dawsey: Yes, Treasurer Bates: Yes, Representative Blanchard: Yes, Governor Butler-Wolfe's vote, if required, NA.

EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE, Governor
VERA M. DAWSEY, Secretary

Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian

Office of the Director

May 5, 2015

The Honorable Edwina Butler-Wolfe

Governor

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive

Shawnee, OK 74801

Dear Governor Butler-Wolfe:

On behalf of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian ("NMAI" or "Museum"), we want to thank you and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma for sponsoring the NMAI 2015 Shawnee Days festival ("Festival") celebrating the history and culture of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma on June 12-13, 2015 at the Museum in Washington, DC.

Through your support of this Festival, you are helping the Museum provide educational opportunities for our visitors and fulfilling the NMAI's mission to advance knowledge and understanding of the Native cultures of the Western Hemisphere. We are very grateful to you, as this is a project that the Museum could not possibly accomplish on its own. We look forward to using the NMAI's national platform to share firsthand knowledge of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and to examine together with our audiences the role that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma plays within the Museum and the relevance and importance of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma heritage to all Americans' lives today.

The Festival will be held in the Museum's program and performance venues. The Museum will provide the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma with an overview of, and format for, the Festival, and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma will consult with Museum staff as they develop details of the Festival, including but not limited to selection of participants, performers, speakers, artists ("Participants"), activities, printed materials and other programming. Final details for the Festival will be subject to mutual approval.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma shall be responsible for directly contracting with the Participants in these events and activities and for making all necessary arrangements directly with Participants, in conformance with any applicable Museum policies, copies of which will be provided by the Museum to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma agrees to provide personnel and specialized equipment necessary to set up, deliver, and strike program and activities, in accordance with all instructions from Museum staff pertaining to safety and security while the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and its contractors, including Participants, are on the premises. NMAI program and support staff will be responsible for the efficient execution of the Festival, and the Museum will provide basic (front-of-house) audiovisual equipment, security and facilities services. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma agrees that if it requests and receives audiovisual equipment, security and facilities services beyond the basic services offered by the Museum, then the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma must reimburse the Museum for the actual cost of any such services. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has sole responsibility for, and agrees to hold the Museum harmless from, all injury or damage caused by the acts and omissions of the

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma or the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma's officials, employees, representatives, contractors and Participants in connection with Festival, other than as the result of the negligence of the NMAI or Smithsonian, and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma agrees to comply with all instructions from NMAI staff pertaining to safety and security while on NMAI premises. Museum staff will also facilitate the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma's contact with Smithsonian Enterprises and Restaurant Associates.

The NMAI will issue a press release, reviewed by all parties, announcing the Festival featuring the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and your sponsorship. In connection with Festival-related activities, promotion and outreach to media outlets, the NMAI will provide the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma with pre-approved, required language about the Museum and the Festival, high resolution images, and Smithsonian NMAI logo files that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma agrees to use strictly in conformance with Smithsonian's logo usage policy, a copy of which will be provided by the Museum to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. If the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma wishes to engage in additional publicity or produce additional marketing materials related to the Festival, all such newly created materials must be approved in advance by the NMAI and the Absentee

Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma may not be used for any promotional, marketing, advertising, fundraising or other commercial purpose without prior written permission of such party. The Museum's Public Affairs Officer Leonda Levchuk will provide the necessary approvals on behalf of NMAI and the Smithsonian, and we will work with Joseph Blanchard, Cultural Preservation Director, to obtain the approvals on behalf of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

At the conclusion of the Festival, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma may choose to provide a description of applicable expenses paid directly by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma or an over-all valuation of support and to have these payments recorded as a gift-in-kind to the Museum. After this description or valuation is provided, the NMAI and the Smithsonian will formally recognize the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma as a gift-in-kind donor for this valuable Festival sponsorship and include the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma in the annual NMAI American Indian magazine donor listing and in the SI Annual Report. Otherwise, the Smithsonian and NMAI take no position regarding the donor's valuation of goods and services provided.

Finally, as a result of this Agreement, the Smithsonian and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma each agree to indemnify and hold the other party and such other party's officials, employees and representatives harmless from and against all claims, expenses, losses, damages and liabilities of any nature whatsoever, including but not limited to reasonable outside attorneys' fees and litigation costs, which may arise in connection with or result from any breach of this Agreement by the party or any negligent or willful act or omission of the party or the party's officials, employees, representatives or contractors in connection with the Festival. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma understands that the NMAI's indemnification obligations are subject to the Anti-Deficiency Act, which limits the use of appropriated funds for purposes of fulfilling indemnification obligations.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma understands and agrees that neither the Smithsonian nor the NMAI is responsible for any damages, theft or loss of personal property or equipment sustained by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and its Participants in connection with the Festival events.

We appreciate your understanding that your sponsorship of the Festival does not limit NMAI's discretion to determine the contents of its programs and exhibitions or to interpret its mission. The Smithsonian, as a public institution, may disclose the terms of this sponsorship in accordance with applicable law and its records disclosure policy upon request by an interested party.

This letter constitutes our entire understanding concerning your sponsorship of the Festival. By countersigning this letter below, you and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma indicate that these understandings and commitments are accepted by both NMAI and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

The Museum is honored to continue our collaboration with the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma for this Festival. Again, we are so grateful to you and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma for your vital support and your goodwill.

Sincerely,
Kevin Gover, Director
National Museum of the American Indian Smithsonian Institution and
Virginia B. Clark, Director
Office of Advancement and Philanthropic Giving Smithsonian Institution

SIGNED BY THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Governor Date

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

EXECUTIVE

RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2015-29

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

JUNE 17, 2015

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT'S DONATION OF A 2011 CHEVY CAPRICE (VIN: 6G1MK5124BL544858) TO THE POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, A 2009 FORD CROWN VICTORIA (VIN: 2FAHP71V59X12170) TO THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL INDIAN CHILD WELFARE OFFICE, A 2008 FORD CROWN VICTORIA (VIN: 2FAFP71V08X150248) TO THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL INDIAN TITLE VI OFFICE, AND A 2007 FORD CROWN VICTORIA (VIN: 2FAFP71W77X126780) TO THE EARLSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE DONATION, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of the Interior, last amended in May 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to set policies for the day-to-day operations of the Tribal Government; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Police Department has an excess surplus of vehicles and desires to donate one vehicle each to the following: the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Department, the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Indian Child Welfare Office, the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Indian Title VI Office, and the Earlsboro Police Department;

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee supports and endorses the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Police Department's desire to donate one vehicle each to the following: the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Department, the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Indian Child Welfare Office, the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Indian Title VI Office, and the Earlsboro Police Department;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby authorizes and approves the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Police Department's donation of a 2011 Chevy Caprice (VIN: 6G1MK5T24BL544858) to the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Department, a 2009 Ford Crown Victoria (VIN: 2FAHP71V59X12170) to the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Indian Child Welfare Office, a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria (VIN: 2FAFP71V08X150248) to the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Indian Title VI Office, and a 2007 Ford Crown Victoria (VIN: 2FAFP71W77X126780) to the Earlsboro Police Department and further authorizing the Governor to execute any and all documents related to the donation, effective immediately.

CERTIFICATION

We, Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Governor and Vera Dawsey, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify this Resolution No. E-AS-2015-29 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on June 17, 2015, there being a quorum present, by vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Gibson: Absent; Secretary Dawsey: Yes; Treasurer Bates: Yes; Representative Blanchard: Yes; Governor Butler-Wolfe's vote, if required, NA

Edwina Butler-Wolfe
EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE, Governor

Vera Dawsey
VERA DAWSEY, Secretary



EXECUTIVE

RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2015-30

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

June 17, 2015

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE FOR A NEW PATHWAYS FOR FATHERS AND FAMILIES COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 AND CONTINUING UNTIL THE YEAR 2020 AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION.

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of the Interior, last amended in May, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless amended, repealed, superseded, rescinded or nullified by separate action of this body; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to hold its fiduciary responsibility to the tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and

WHEREAS, a need has been identified within the jurisdiction of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to enhance and expand the Indian Child Welfare Department; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee believes it in the best interest of the Tribe to apply to the US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Family Assistance, for a New Pathways for Fathers and Families Cooperative Agreement for the fiscal year 2015 through 2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma authorizes, adopts and approves the submission of the application to the US Department of Human Services, Office of Family Assistance for New Pathways for Fathers and Families Cooperative Agreement for the fiscal year 2015 and continuing until the year 2020, and further authorizes the Governor, or designee, to execute any and all documents related to the application.

CERTIFICATION

We, Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Governor and Vera M. Dawsey, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, do hereby certify this Resolution No. E-AS-2015-30 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on June 17, 2015, there being a quorum present, by vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Gibson: Absent; Secretary Dawsey: Yes; Treasurer Bates: Yes; Representative Blanchard: Yes; Governor Butler-Wolfe's vote if required, NA.

Edwina Butler-Wolfe
Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Governor

Vera M. Dawsey
Vera M. Dawsey, Secretary



EXECUTIVE

RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2015-31

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

JUNE 17, 2015

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA SUPPORTING THE EMPLOYEE COMMITTEE BY WAIVING ALL TAXES, PERMITS AND ANY OTHER PROVISIONS REQUIRING A RETURN TO THE TRIBE UNDER THE TAX CODE THAT MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE AGREEMENT (AS ATTACHED) FIRECRACKER JOE'S AND THE EMPLOYEE COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF SITE LOCATION SPACE, ELECTRICAL OUTLETS AND ELECTRICITY, IF AVAILABLE DURING THE DATES STIPULATED IN THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of the Interior, last amended in May 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has recognized the Absentee Shawnee Employee Committee as a benefit to the tribal employees; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Employee Committee shall be fully supported by the Absentee Shawnee Employee Committee own fund raising means and activities during the year 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Employee Committee has an agreement with Firecracker Joe's Wholesale Fireworks Distributors from June 17th, 2015 to July 8th, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Employee Committee is seeking support from the Executive Committee members to allow the waiver of all taxes, permits and other provisions requiring a return to the tribe under the Tax Code and associated with this agreement between owner, Joe Snodgrass and the AST Employee Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee authorized use of electricity if available during the time the fireworks stand is in operation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma supports the Employee Committee by waiving all taxes, permits and any other provisions requiring a return to the Tribe under the Tax and associated with this agreement with Firecracker Joe's by the Employee Committee and authorizes the use of the site location space, electrical outlets and electricity, if available per the dates stipulated by the attached agreement.

CERTIFICATION

We, Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Governor and Vera Dawsey, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify this Resolution No. E-AS-2015-31 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on June 17, 2015, there being a quorum present, by vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Gibson: Absent; Secretary Dawsey: Yes; Treasurer Bates: Yes; Representative Blanchard: Yes; Governor Butler-Wolfe's vote, if required, NA.

Edwina Butler-Wolfe
EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE, Governor

Vera Dawsey
VERA DAWSEY, Secretary



AST EMPLOYEE COMMITTEE

And

JOE SNODGRASS, FIRECRACKER JOE'S
WHOLESALE FIREWORKS DISTRIBUTORS

THIS AGREEMENT is between the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma (AST) Employee Committee, 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, OK 74801 and Joe Snodgrass, Firecracker Joe's Wholesale Distributors, 1922 E. Walnut St. Shawnee, OK 74801. Mr. Snodgrass, Firecracker Joe's, agrees to be responsible for all aspects involved in set-up, Operations, and clean-up of 4 (four) fireworks stands, to be located on AST property as follows:

- AST Complex, 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, OK 74801
- 40206 Benson Park Road Shawnee, OK 74801
- AST Tribal Store, 15700 E. State Highway 9 Norman, OK 73026
- Brendle Corner, 19200 E. Robinson Norman, OK 73026

On or between the dates of June 17, 2015 through July 08, 2015, and will provide for the firework stand's Comprehensive Liability Insurance Coverage. Firecracker Joe's agrees to pay fifteen percent (15%) of the firework stands net sales to the AST Employee Committee, due by July 15th 2015.

AST Employee Committee agrees to provide site locations as described above. AST Employee Committee agrees to provide electricity and AST Employee Committee exemption (per attached Resolution) of Tribal licensing fees, deposit, and taxes, and accept fifteen percent (15%) of net sales in lieu of said fees, deposit, and taxes.

Date Signed: 06/17/2015

Date Signed: 06-17-15

Diane Ponkilla

Joe Snodgrass

Diane Ponkilla - Chairman
Annette Wilson - Treasurer
Absentee Shawnee Tribe Employee Committee
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801

Joe Snodgrass, Owner
Firecracker Joe's Wholesale Firecracker Dist.
1922 E. Walnut Street
Shawnee, OK 74801

FY-2015
YTD TAX COLLECTIONS
(thru 5/31/15)

RUN DATE:
06/15/15

TAX CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	% OF TAXES COLLECTED
Sales (6%)	\$1,309.86	\$98.49	\$32,618.91	\$119.48	\$12,469.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$46,615.93	3.90%
Gaming % of free cash	\$164,284.00	\$150,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$265,798.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,030,082.00	86.22%
Employee (1%)	\$41.05	\$0.00	\$11,691.21	\$0.00	\$11,597.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,329.32	1.95%
Severance (8%)	\$7,199.15	\$756.29	\$5,251.65	\$4,449.01	\$5,411.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,067.95	1.93%
Motor Vehicle	\$11,660.98	\$16,042.65	\$16,645.60	\$16,196.66	\$10,223.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$70,769.68	5.92%
Tobacco Refund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL TAXES	\$184,495.04	\$166,897.43	\$316,207.37	\$286,563.15	\$239,701.89	\$0.00	\$1,193,864.88	\$1,193,864.88						
Miscellaneous	\$305.00	\$125.00	\$120.00	\$182.50	\$92.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$825.00	0.07%
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$184,800.04	\$167,022.43	\$316,327.37	\$286,745.65	\$239,794.39	\$0.00	\$1,194,689.88	100% \$1,194,689.88						

FREE PUBLIC EVENT



First 20 families while supplies last
Get a \$10  **Gift Card**
When You Sign Up For



WHAT YOU NEED TO APPLY:

Income Information: Employment & other income resources for all household members (pay stubs, tax returns, unemployment income, social security income etc.)

Current health insurance information for insured household members

Social Security numbers & birthdates for all household members

Name of absent parent not living in household for any child applying

Disclaimer

New & renewal applications accepted

Renewal applications must be within 30 days

Must complete online application and receive eligibility determination to receive gift card.

Approval for benefits must meet federal/state income guidelines

All personal information is protected by federal HIPAA privacy laws

Must be an Oklahoma resident

Native and non-native community members welcome to apply

Friday, July 31 - 10am -3pm
Little Axe Health Center

Contact: Connie Bottaro, Patient Benefit Advocate - 405.447.0300

www.asthealth.org

Where: Little Axe AST Clinic

cooking from the

FARMER'S

market

When: Saturday, 8am-12pm

August 1st with Vendor Participation

AST Tribal Members & Elders Highly Encouraged for Vendor Participation

FREE to Sell,
Trade, or Give-
Away *Local*
Produce

VENDORS NEEDED! The Absentee Shawnee Little Axe Health Clinic will be hosting a community Farmers Market. Local produce vendors are needed—location only is being provided, must bring own set-up & products to either sell, trade or give-away at one's own discretion.

For more information &/or to sign up as a vendor please contact Shea Warden at 701-7977.

Registration is required—no fees.

**ALL PRODUCE MUST BE
LOCALLY GROWN & MADE,
NO EXCEPTIONS**





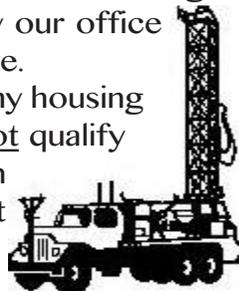
THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & ENGINEERING (OEH&E)

The principal role of OEH&E is to raise the health status of our tribal members to the highest possible level by providing services in the area of water and wastewater. To qualify for a water well and/or septic system, the applicant must be an enrolled Absentee Shawnee Tribal member and reside within one of these six counties; Pottawatomie, Cleveland, Oklahoma, Payne, Lincoln, or Logan, provide land ownership by verification such as a Warranty Deed or Notarized Lease Agreement through the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Realty Department. Proof of income is not required.

The services we provide are: new water wells, renovation of a water wells, new city or rural water connections, replacement of city or rural water service lines, new wastewater septic systems, renovation of septic systems, new city sewer lines/renovation of city sewer lines and water treatment systems as needed. We are not funded to perform annual pumping of septic tanks. That service is considered part of home maintenance.

If you are having water or wastewater issues or building a new home and need services please come by our office and fill out an OEH&E application for assistance.

If your home is under the management of any housing authority and has not been paid off, you do not qualify for assistance. Applications for this program are available online at www.astribe.com and at the OEH&E building.



Office of Environmental Health & Engineering

- Tribal Housing Improvements Application

The Tribal Housing Improvement Program's goal is providing sanitary, safe, and decent housing for its members by utilizing the following criteria to select the most "in need" tribal members with homes that are in disrepair but are still suitable for rehabilitation. All applicants must meet the eligibility requirements and criteria which is approved by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

THIP list all applicants by a priority list:

- a. Handicapped/Disabled and Elderly
- b. Income
- c. Family Size/Overcrowded Living Conditions
- d. Condition of Home

Other Programs available:

- Sanitation Facilities Assistance Program

Applications need to be completed and all necessary documents attached before the application will be processed.

Applications are available online on the website: www.astribe.com.

Submit completed application to:

Office of Environmental Health & Engineering
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Complex
Office of Environmental Health & Engineering, Building 13
If you have any questions, you can reach us by phone at (405) 214-4235

Personal Banking:



AllNations Bank offers a wide range of products and services to meet today's consumer demand including our AllNations Bank Free Checking Account; Savings Account; Certificate of Deposit Accounts; Individual Retirement Accounts; Money Market; Now Accounts & Consumer Loans including Auto, Boat and more. AllNations Offers Free ATM/Debit Card with each personal account that can be used at our Shawnee OK Drive Up ATM. In addition, we offer a wide selection of Safe Deposit Boxes for rent at competitive prices.

Contact Us for Details As Follows:

**Calumet Office - Gene Davis or Dixie Smith 405-893-2240;
114 E Main, Calumet, OK**

**Shawnee Office - Gene Davis or Eugene Stidham 405-273-0202;
2023 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK**

Business Banking:

In addition to our Commercial Checking account, AllNations Bank offers a wide range of products and services to meet today's business needs including all types of Commercial and Small Business Loans; Merchant Services; Night Depository Drop & More.

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2023 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK**

Banking Hours:

2023 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK 74801

Lobby Hours 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Monday - Friday

Drive In Hours 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Monday - Friday

Saturday: 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon

ISSUES, CONCERNS, SUGGESTIONS

General Council Meeting - April 4, 2015

MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA TO HEAR ONLY CASINO, ASED A INC AND ASED A ENTERPRISES REPORTS, AND CDFI.

1. Progress report on cows? Profit or Loss, we have them about 5 years now, should have a massive herd. No accountability since last October meeting. *LT*
2. Progress on enforcing the ethics and salary ordinances. Only seen one EC repay on the salary. Do you others not owe anything? *A*
3. Tobacco Compact what is the status? *GOV*
4. Cobell land Buy-back program what is status? Do we have a cooperative agreement? *LT/REP*
5. Tecumseh Square, Hwy 177 bldg, other bldgs in Harrah (2) are they being leased? *LT*
6. EC sit down and set a strategic 2-5 year plan for the TRIBE. *A*
7. EC show more accountability through website or monthly newsletter. *ALL*
8. EC are expected to report in monthly newsletter and general council book. *ALL*
9. Limit Trips to 1 a quarter or 4 times a year. If you need to attend more take out your budget or salary. *ALL*
10. Increase tribal taxes such as employees, businesses, enterprises, loans, etc. *ALL*
11. Annually plan events for children-Christmas, Easter, Halloween, graduation etc. General Council meetings. *ALL*
12. Reduce amount of holidays/administrative leave for employees during year. *ALL*
13. EC monthly, community, general council meetings expect all five EC present unless dire emergency. *ALL*
14. Hiring personnel that have no valid driver's licenses, criminal activity, etc. *HR*
15. Drug screening need to be done at least twice a year. *HR*
16. Deadline for news articles, website, 5th of Month and the general council book should be due month before general council meeting so we have time to read and be ready to discuss. *ALL*
17. Forget your differences and work together that is why we elected you to progress this tribe and if you keep on fighting among yourselves, we are not going anywhere! It is going umpteen years since we have had any economic development –Shawnee Casino, ASED A Fleet, cattle, FEDEX, leasing the old building blocks daycare building..... *ALL*
18. Tribal Complex dire need to be torn down and rebuild or moved to another trust land area. It is falling apart and how soon will be before our neighboring tribe will be charging us with water and sewer if they haven't already. *LT*
19. Inventory of vehicles, equipment Office and maintenance, supplies, etc. *T*
20. What is status on putting land into trust, clinic, resource center, Brendle corner, etc. *LT/REP*
21. Brendle Corner buildings are an eye sore, need painting or siding, just do something to make it look presentable inside and out. *LT*
22. Make sure Grant deadlines are meet 2-3 months ahead. *T*
23. Have EC and GC meetings webcast so that tribal members out of areas can listen and ask questions if they want to do so. *MIS*
24. All Nations Bank support by \$\$ to invest: capital investment to All Nations Bank. *T*
25. Desk audit of Positions – (*HR*) *T/HR*

ASEDA, INC.

ANSWERS TRIBAL MEMBER QUESTIONS & DESCRIBES THREE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

The ASEDA Board held a public meeting on May 30, 2015, which was very productive – sharing insight about prospective projects and capitalization opportunities, answering audience questions, and discussing what can and should be done in the future. Around 45 people, including the Governor, Representative, and Treasurer attended.

There were presentations from: 1) Raymond Campbell, Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker, LLP, Attorney General office on ASEDA as a federally chartered organization; 2) Heather Thompson, GreenbergTraurig, LLP, attorney working with ASEDA on a self-capitalization plan; 3) Brent McFarland, CEO, Lac du Flambeau Development Corporation on the importance of having business enterprises separate from Tribal politics; 4) Devon Cohen, Triax Management on ASEDA Self-Capitalization Plan: E-Commerce/On-Line Lending; 5) Gabe Downey, Executive Director, Tribal Infrastructure Development Cooperative on Tribal Propane Cooperative.

The audience members asked a lot of questions about ASEDA's history, relationship to the Executive Committee (EC) and plan to become profitable. We summarize that discussion here but encourage you to contact a Board Member if you want more details.

ASEDA INC, History

ASEDA Board Members presented the findings from a 2014 Cost Effectiveness Analysis. The three main findings were that ASEDA cannot develop new businesses since there is no dedicated investment fund for the Board to use. The politics surrounding the EC have prevented new business proposal funding. Existing businesses have been removed from ASEDA, or have never been in ASEDA, and are not being professionally managed.

The Attorney General outlined the reasons why a federally chartered organization, such as ASEDA, is important for keeping business activities separate from tribal governance. This is important to prospective business partners.

The audience asked questions about the status of ASEDA Enterprises and why business activities were not part of ASEDA. ASEDA Enterprises was created as a separate organization with only one shareholder by an EC resolution. ASEDA Enterprises does not have a federal charter and is part of the Tribe's structure. Bad business practices in ASEDA Enterprises can result in direct costs to the Tribe – like being sued. The businesses for ASEDA Enterprises are the restaurant, convenience store and smoke shop. The single shareholder for ASEDA Enterprises is no longer in an elected position and the businesses are either not profitable or not showing strong profits.

One suggestion from the audience was to move all the Tribe's business enterprises to ASEDA. A first step would be to move the businesses out of ASEDA Enterprises. As explained by the Attorney General, there are two ways to do this. The Executive Committee could rescind the resolution that formed ASEDA Enterprises, or the Executive Committee could appoint board members to ASEDA Enterprises, who would then dissolve the organization. These two options are possibilities for reorganization of the Tribe's businesses, but the issue is currently being reviewed to determine the best course of action.

The 2015 Strategic Plan, used to support the budget request, was presented by ASEDA Vice-President Adam Proctor. In the current year, ASEDA has a budget of \$43,000. This money can be used only for the annual audit, legal fees, and operations expenses. There are no funds that ASEDA can use to have an office, or even an employee who answers the phone and communicates with potential business partners. There are also no funds to create a business or to buy a share in an existing business. The lack of an investment fund limits the kinds of business that ASEDA can recommend to the EC.

Relationship to the Executive Committee

One conclusion of the strategic planning process was that the ASEDA Board structure could be changed. The Board is allowed to have up to five persons. Since 2010, there have been only three members. The first recommendation of the ASEDA Board is to add two more members.

The ASEDA Board Members also recommend adding a member of the Executive Committee to the Board in ex-officio (non-voting) status to improve the relationship with the Executive Committee. Additionally, the ASEDA Board Members recommend that a representative from each of the Tribe's businesses become ex-officio Board Members.

By having these new Board Members attend the ASEDA monthly Board meetings, intratribal relationships and coordination can be improved. One audience member asked about conflict of interest for the EC member. As long as the EC member is ex-officio non-voting member, there is no conflict of interest.

The Governor noted that the Secretary is responsible for publishing open board positions and the EC has to approve the nominations for new board members. ASEDA has asked the Secretary to post ASEDA Board Member openings. If you have business experience or education in business management and no criminal record, please consider joining our board.

Plan to Become Profitable

The second presentation was by Heather Thompson, a Native attorney from South Dakota who ASEDA board members met at the RES 2015 conference. She is working with ASEDA to develop a self-capitalization plan. Self-capitalization means that ASEDA will find business partners that do not require any money to work with ASEDA. Initially, the business partners will keep a higher percentage of the profits because they are providing the start up money. However, what profits ASEDA does get from new businesses will be kept in an investment fund for the development of new businesses.

Using this strategy, the Lac Du Flambeau Economic Development Corporation was able to self-capitalize. Even though the profits were small at the beginning, they keep growing and more and different businesses have been created to employ tribe members. The corporation stockpiles cash to make investments elsewhere. There was no cash back to the Tribe's general fund for its first 3 years. After that, the corporation gave back 20% of profits; now it is 40%.

The first potential business partner suggested an ASEDA call center that would process loan applications. The Lac Du Flambeau Economic Development Corporation did this. They now have seven call centers and will have 15 by the end of the year. They started with one employee and now have 22 people and a Chief Executive Officer. Right now they are looking for a Chief Finance Officer and will have up to 60 employees in the next few months in a community that has 70% unemployment.

The second potential business partner is a cooperative that sells propane. There would be no cost to ASEDA or to the Tribe to join. The cooperative purchases the propane and transports it to Tribal tanks. ASEDA would not pay for the propane until it is sold.

An intern is currently working for ASEDA to do market research on potential customers and the CEO of the propane partnership is preparing the business competitor analysis. The business could be operational within six months after a decision to move forward. This is an interesting opportunity since there are 22 tribes in a small geographical area in Oklahoma and there is not a lot of capital needed – just start up money for some storage tanks and delivery trucks.

Moving Forward

The first step to ASEDA starting profitable businesses is to consider governance authority and relationships. Businesses need to be in ASEDA, the Tribe's business organization. Policy decisions for the future of the Tribe and its members need to be made by the Executive Committee.

Ms. Thompson has worked extensively with the Rosebud tribe and can use their experience to write the codes necessary for ASEDA to self-capitalize. The second step is to create an oversight commission that will complete the due diligence investigation and analysis on proposed businesses and monitor the businesses to make sure rules get followed and all businesses are professionally managed and show a profit.

The ASEDA Board Members were pleased by the meeting turnout and audience participation. We are using this positive energy to finish the self-capitalization plan and get it approved. When this is completed, we can develop these new business partnerships that will generate profits for us to start future businesses. Profitable businesses and an investment fund will lead to ASEDA making contributions to the Tribe's general fund in the future.

ASEDA INC. Board Members

Mr. Dan Little Axe, President, (405) 432-7952

Mr. Adam Proctor, Vice-President, (918) 409-7252

Mr. Eddie Brokeshoulder, Secretary, (405) 765-8558

You can review the agenda for the meeting with the presenter information, the powerpoint slides and the 2014 Cost Effectiveness Analysis and the 2015 Strategic Plan are being posted to the ASEDA website: <http://www.astribe.com/astribe/?reload>

Shawnee's Make Trek to Washington D.C.

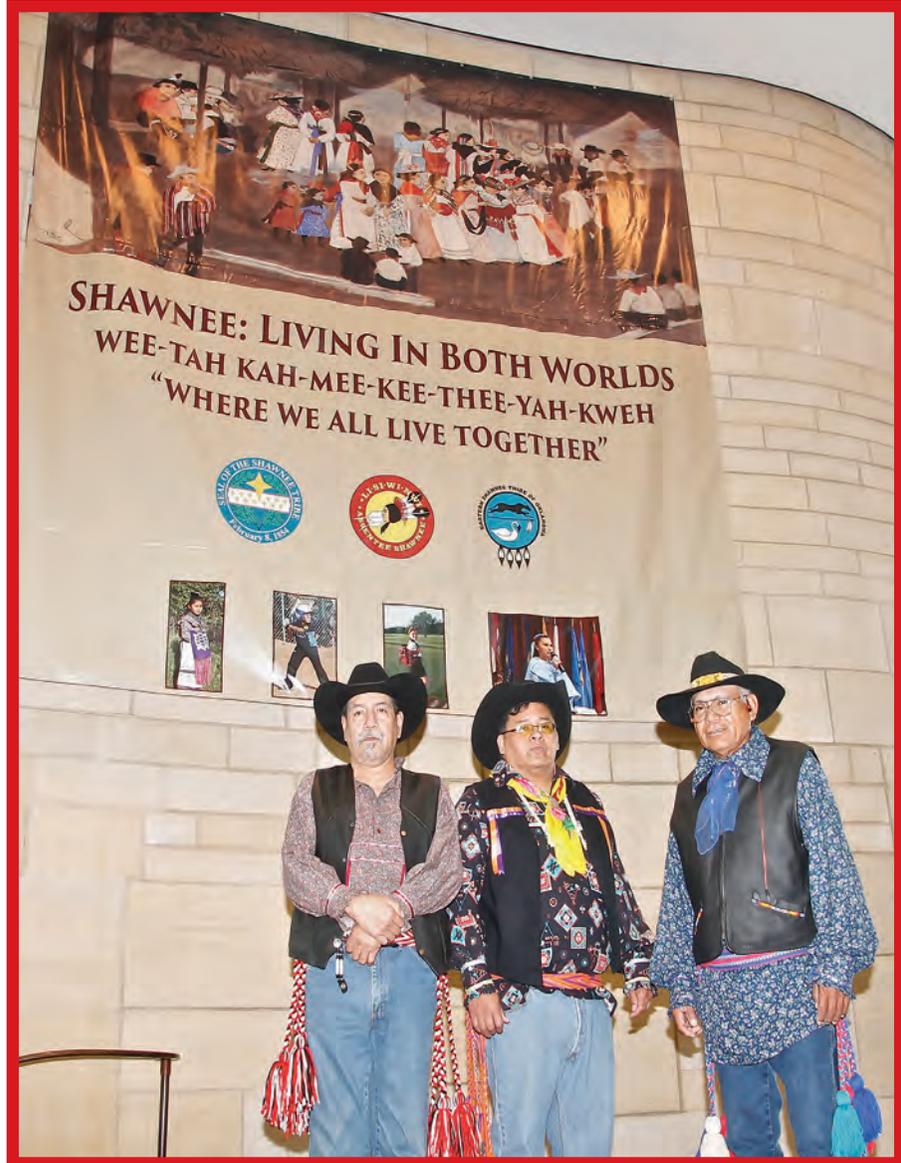


**Shawnee Festival 2015
Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian
Washington D.C.**









DISABILITY BENEFITS FOR WOUNDED WARRIORS

Military service members can get their disability claims processed quickly by Social Security.

Benefits available through **Social Security** are different than those from the **Department of Veterans Affairs** and require a separate application.

The expedited process is used for military service members who become disabled while on active military service on or after **October 1, 2001**, regardless of where the disability occurs.



www.socialsecurity.gov

or call toll-free, **1-800-772-1213**

(for the deaf or hard of hearing, call our TTY number, **1-800-325-0778**)

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Give us a call at (405) 598-1279 or (405) 481-0558 or send us an e-mail to stiger@astribe.com

ALL ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE ARE DUE BY THE 15th OF THE CURRENT MONTH

UNFORTUNATELY, WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT ONE PICTURE PER BIRTHDAY PERSON, NOT PER BIRTHDAY WISH.

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Injury Prevention Program

The Mayo Clinic and the Center for Disease Control & Prevention say that if you're physically active it may help prevent you from falling. The following activities: Walking, chair exercises and Tai Chi, can improve your leg strength, balance, coordination and flexibility. Remember to check with your doctor before starting any of these activities!

Here are some tips on how to stay safe while getting back into the spring of things.

- Be sure to warm-up and cool down when appropriate.
- Wear protective gear - i.e. bike helmets, wrist & elbow guards, pads, etc.
- Rest, especially when your muscles are tired
- Prevent "overuse" injuries (i.e. stress fractures, tendonitis, or inflamed joints) by not overdoing exercise.
- Condition your body before jumping into new activities at full force.

For more information contact: Rosie Tall Bear at 405-701-7601
Little Axe Health Center



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL
POLICE DEPARTMENT



SORNA

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION ACT
EMAIL: SORNA@ASTRIBE.COM
TIPLINE 405-273-1249

Education Department

The following are current programs administered by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Education Department:

These are brief descriptions of current programs. Program guidelines are available in hard copy at the Education Department office or for download at www.astribe.com.

- **Academic (K-12) Program:** assists with academic related expenses, and a portion of funds can be used for school-related athletic program expenses. Program has a maximum funding limit for the academic year.
- **Zahn Program:** established from a trust fund, program can help with some graduation expenses, and awards two (2) incentives: one for GED recipients and one for High School graduates. Program has a maximum amount of funding for graduation expenses.
- **Job Training Adult Education Program:** funds for vocational training at accredited vocational institutions. Program has a maximum funding limit for the calendar year or per program.
- **Higher Education: Education Incentive Award Program:** funds for undergraduate degrees, one associate or bachelor degree, at any accredited college or university. Funding levels are determined based upon grade point average and full-time or part-time status.
- **Graduate Scholarship Program:** funds for one master's degree or one doctoral degree, and can fund one graduate admissions test. This program has funding levels based upon full-time and part-time status.
- **Big Jim Youth Award Program:** annual incentive for High School Seniors for Academic Achievement and Athlete of the Year. Deadline for application submission is March 31st of each year.

All funding is based upon the availability of funds at the time of application.

All applications and guidelines are available at www.astribe.com. Click on Services and select Education.

For more information, please call Tresha Spoon at (405) 275- 4030, Ext. 6242 or 1-800-256-3341 or email to tresham@astribe.com.

AST HEALTH SYSTEM - JULY 2015

The AST Health System is having our annual health fair on 31 July this year and it will be an exciting event again this year. We have several wonderful healthcare vendors and other industry vendors from around the area including other guests returning to help us again at this year's event. Some main attractions returning are the OHP Helicopter; Veteran's Administration, and the Oklahoma Health Department. We will also have several (free) raffle prizes for drawing and other countless gifts to all attendees! There will be plenty to do and tons of information provided to all regarding health, wellness, fitness, and access to care for you and your family.

The health system continues to expand services and programs to our Native American population. Recently, we have stood up contract health offices in Shawnee for our Shawnee area patients; added physical therapy on-site at the Shawnee Clinic, as well as completing the final stages of our same day clinic staff there as well. Behavioral health continues to expand their outreach and servicing of our patients in the Shawnee area to increase access and care for those in need of their services. Our PlusCare Clinic continues to see more patients every week, and we are thankful again to our employees and staff for standing up the clinic as well as the support of the EC and the Health Board in adding these expanded after hour services.

We are very proud of our outstanding star performers this month and thank them all for their contributions to our patients, their fellow employees, and the tribe! Employee of the month for health was Ms. Chelle Foreman, Business Office; the team of the month was the Public Health Staff. The special leadership recognition award was presented to Mrs. Toni Donahoo, Physical Therapy Staff. As always, outstanding employees make the health system work for our tribal members!

A few other key bits of information for this month:

- **AST/Service Health System Native American Veterans:** If you are currently receiving services with the area VA Medical Center, please contact us today to set up an appointment to have your services established with the AST Health System.

- **If you need CPR training,** please contact the AST Health System's Public Health Office at (405) 447-0300 for scheduling and training opportunities.

- **Contract Health Services (CHS) interactive phone menu** helps patients access the most appropriate service provider by calling (405) 701-7951. This feature will speed up access to the patients seeking services and follow-up to their care. We also have Contract Health representative available at our Shawnee location. Tribal members are able to call Ms. Flo Mann, LPN at (405)878-4702.

- **The AST Health System continues to improve its Customer Service.** The Customer Service Line is (405) 701-7623. Please direct all complaints or compliments to this line for appropriate attention and/or response. Please be assured that this is the best way to have each situation addressed, with consistent updates from our Health Staff. After the investigations of all issues are complete, our Health Director or a Clinic Administrator will personally contact you with updates, decisions, or question pertaining to your case.

- **The AST Anti-Bullying Prevention "HOTLINE"** is (405) 701-7987 during work hours 8-5, M-F, and for added confidentiality or after hours you may contact Mrs. Dara Thorpe at either (405) 701-7992 or via cell (405) 481-0815 to start intervention assistance for tribal youth. If it is an emergency or someone is at risk of harming themselves or others, please contact 911.

- **The Affordable Care Act Decision Tool** continues to be a valuable tool with helping you decide what you need to do for compliance with the act. Please see the ACA tab at the ASTHA Health Program's Website: <http://www.asthealth.org/aca> (Please visit our site today to find out what you need to do to protect yourself and your family)!

- **Emergency After hours Pharmacy Access:** If you experience an emergent issue after hours and receive a prescription that needs to be filled that same evening, AST Health has provided access for Tribal members at three (3) approved Wal-green locations in Shawnee and Norman. You will need to submit your prescription and it is mandatory to identify yourself with your AST CDIB card and other appropriate ID. Then they shall fill your prescription. You will have a 5-day limited fill on your prescription. Upon the first work/business day, you can have the remaining balance of your prescription(s) transferred to your AST pharmacy in either Shawnee or Little Axe, and they will fill your remaining balance. The three (3) AST Health approved Walgreen service locations are: 1427 North Harrison Street or at 600 Shawnee Mall Drive, Shawnee, Oklahoma or 100 12th Avenue NE, Norman, Oklahoma.

- **Social Media:** You can follow the AST Health System on Facebook and receive the most current messages and announcements regarding your tribal health care.

GET INTO THE ACT.

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH
MAY 2015



Caregiver Grant & Injury Prevention Challenge you to Take Charge of your Health! We encourage our Native American Elders to a Healthy Lifestyle. This event was held on Friday May 29, 2015 at the Little Axe Resource Center. Activities included: Balance Assessments performed by our Licensed Physical Therapist and an indoor Senior Olympics. Physical Activities included: Walk, Free Throw Shooting, Bean Bag Target, Cup Stacking Game and Potato Race. The top 3 participants in each event received awards.

I know they had fun because they asked when's the next one!



**Run to Live...
Live to Run**
**LIFE is Beautiful
Living Meth Free**

Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-TALK (8255)



**Absentee Shawnee
Health Systems
Shawnee
& Little Axe**

FYI: Contract Health Service News

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health

*The AST Contract Health Services Team are here to assist you
... follow the CHS Guidelines!*

Get a copy of the CHS Guidelines and update your information

Emergency and Urgent Care Services

CHS for a currently enrolled AST member who resides in the defined catchment area who needs emergent or urgent care:

1. Call the On-Call nurse at (405) 447-0300 option 9 for "triage".
2. Notify CHS on the next business day or within 72 hours after the ER visit. Notification does not assure authorization of payment. However if you do not notify CHS within 72 hours, your bills will not be paid.
3. For AST members with no insurance evidence must exist that the visit was medically necessary. Medical priorities have been established for determining which referrals can be authorized for payment.
4. For AST members *with* insurance, evidence must exist that a third party resource has made determination such services were "emergency care" or "urgent care" (such evidence may include payment from private insurance).
5. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to CHS. *You may leave bills at the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic.*

Contract Health Services for AST members *with* Insurance

CHS for a currently enrolled AST member who resides in the defined catchment area who has insurance such as Medicare or Private Insurance:

1. Complete CHS Patient Update form and update all information every 6 months.
2. Notify CHS at least 48 hours prior to appointment date for a (COB) Coordination of Benefits to be sent to provider
3. Inform Provider/HealthFacility that AST CHS is secondary payer/payer of last resort.
4. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to CHS. *You may leave bills at the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic.*



Contract Health Services for AST members *without* Insurance

CHS for a currently enrolled AST member who resides in the defined catchment area who does not have insurance:

1. You must apply for all resources available to you such as: Medicaid, Medicare, Worker's Compensation, Vocational Rehabilitation, Auto Insurance and other personal injury or liability coverage. PRC staff and/or Benefit Coordinators can assist with the application process for alternate resources. Failure to exhaust available or potentially available alternate resources may result in denial of payment.
2. Complete CHS Patient Update form and update all information every 6 months
3. You must utilize the services provided within the AST health clinics prior to being referred out.
4. Referrals for outside services must be sent to CHS. Services must be medically approved by an AST Health provider.
5. An appointment will be scheduled and a COB will be sent to the outside provider.
6. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to CHS. *You may leave bills at the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic.*

Contract Health Services is conveniently located at Shawnee Clinic-Building 16 and Little Axe Health Center



Flo Mann



Laurie Webber

**Shawnee Clinic
(405) 878-4702**

**Little Axe Health Center
(405) 447-0300**



Debi Sloat



Glendine Blanchard



Sharon Ponkilla



Darla Gatzman



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Absentee Shawnee
Tribal Health System
Behavioral Health Services



Office Hours

Monday-thru-Friday

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Little Axe Clinic

Shawnee Clinic

15951 Little Axe Drive

2029 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.

Norman, OK 73025

Shawnee, OK 74801

Ph. 405-701-7987

Ph. 405-878-4716

Services are offered through:

Little Axe Clinic & Shawnee Clinic for all Federally Recognized Tribes.

AST BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

For counseling information, contact:

Shawnee BH: Roberta Cooper (405) 878-4716

Little Axe BH: Howard Brown (405) 701-7987



Women's Health



Little Axe Health Center

Women's Health Services
Located in the Primary Health Care

Providing & Promoting Preventative Health
for All Women

Services include:

- Adult immunizations
- Breast & Pelvic Exams
- Mammogram Referral
- Bone Density Studies

Information about:

- Health Promotion
- Quitting Smoking
- Misuse of Alcohol and Drugs
- Nutrition
- Physical Fitness and Exercise
- Controlling Stress and Violence
- Prevention of Pregnancy
- AIDS and other Sexually Transmitted Diseases



Women's Health Services
Little Axe Health Center
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www.asthealth.org



Register Now!!!

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New Patient Portal

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System

Little Axe Health Center

Shawnee Clinic

FollowMyHealth™ 
Universal Health Record

- Improved access to your health information
- Communicate directly with your clinic
- Request an appointment
- ...and more!

Visit your app store and install
the Follow My Health app

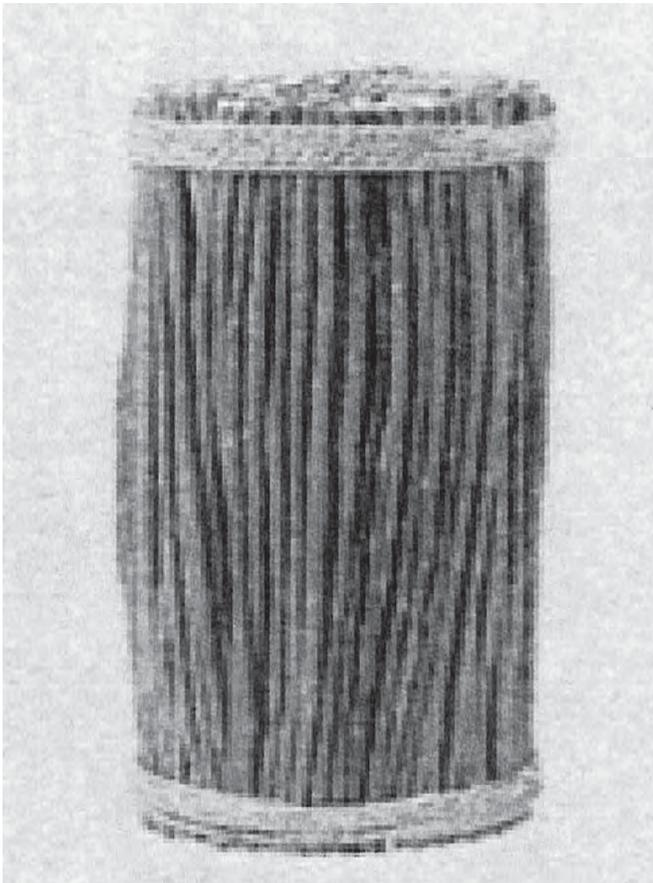


for real-time access to your
health information

For more information on how you can register for the new AST "Follow My Health" Patient Portal, contact Patient Registration at Little Axe Health Center - 405.447.0300 or Shawnee Clinic - 405.878.4702

Mission Statement

To promote the wellbeing of the “whole person” within the context of their culture.



**A Single twig breaks but a
Bundle of twigs is strong**

Services

Supporting changes in the journey of life's transitions. The following services are offered:

- Resource/referral information
- Crisis intervention
- Child, adult, family and couple/marital counseling
- Therapy and Support groups (TBA)
- Drug and alcohol assessments
- Anger management
- Depression screenings
- Sweatlodge

AST Health System Announces *PlusCare* Regular Hours of Operation

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System announces the regular hours of operation for the *PlusCare* Clinic.

- Monday through Friday 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- Saturday & Sunday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

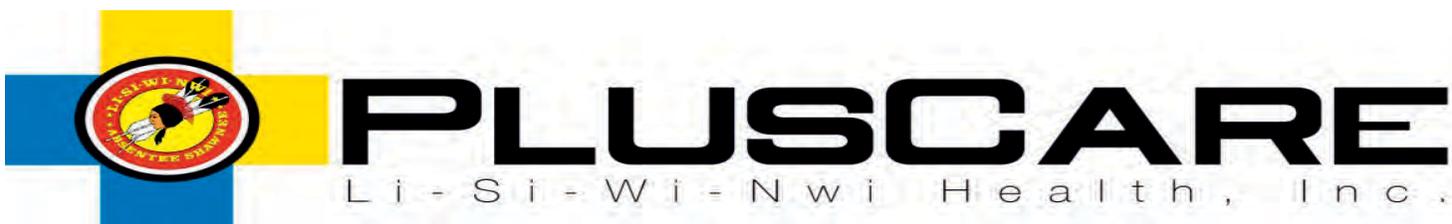
For holiday hours, please visit our website at asthealth.org or visit us on Facebook at Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health.

The clinic is located at 15702 East State Highway 9 (the former Little Axe Clinic site), Norman, Oklahoma, and began seeing patients on Monday, March 30, 2015. The *PlusCare* Clinic is an acute care facility that will have the ability to treat non-life threatening illnesses and injuries on a walk-in basis (no appointment needed). The *PlusCare* Clinic main number is (405) 447-0477.

This service is extended to existing AST tribal members and other IHS eligible Native Americans who are the ages of 2 years and up. However, if you are a new (AI/AN) patient to our health system and are in need of our *PlusCare* services, please bring with you:

1. Your Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB); and
2. A second form of Identification (i.e. Driver's License or State ID); and
3. If available, health insurance card(s).

After your initial visit, you will be obligated to complete a follow-up visit with either the Little Axe Clinic or Shawnee Clinic to become an established patient.



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe Child Protective Services accepts, investigates, and records all reports of alleged abuse and neglect of Absentee Shawnee children and provides protection to Indian children on Trust land. Child Protective Services also works with the Department of Human Services to investigate the abuse or mistreatment of Absentee Shawnee children residing outside Trust land. The primary responsibility of Child Protective Services is to assess the safety of the child and take the appropriate action to protect and promote the best interest of the child.

COURT ADVOCACY

The Absentee Shawnee Indian Child Welfare Department provides court advocacy in the Tribal and State systems for children and families. This advocacy is to help ensure AST children and families get the protections offered under the Federal Indian Child Welfare Act as well as any protections offered by the various state Indian Child Welfare Acts. ICW workers attend court hearings in person or by teleconference to be a voice for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe in the protection of AST children. ICW workers also provide the planning and linkage to services necessary for families who are working to correct the problems causing the initial removal of their child. This service is offered for Absentee Shawnee children nation-wide, whether or not they reside in the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's jurisdiction.

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS OPEN TO ANY ABSENTEE SHAWNEE MEMBER WHO IS IN NEED OF OUR SERVICES. THE AST INDIAN CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S GOAL IS KEEP TRIBAL CHILDREN WITH THEIR TRIBAL FAMILY WHENEVER POSSIBLE. IF ICW HAS TO REMOVE A CHILD FROM THEIR HOME TO ENSURE THEIR SAFETY, WE LOOK FOR TRIBAL FOSTER CARE HOMES. WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO ARE WILLING TO OPEN THEIR HOME TO NEGLECTED OR ABUSED AST CHILDREN. IF YOU ARE TRIBAL MEMBER AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME AN ABSENTEE SHAWNEE FOSTER HOME PLEASE CONTACT:

JULIE WILSON/FOSTER CARE 405-878-4702



Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect.

- Chief Seattle



DID YOU KNOW?

"Over 57% Pott. Co. residents reported not storing their Meds in a locked, secure cabinet or box"

Do's and Don'ts of safe storage and disposal

DO Properly discard medications that are no longer Needed or that have expired.

DO Keep track of how many pills you have during the course of treatment.

DO Lock up medications that are at risk for being abused- ask your pharmacist or other healthcare professional if the prescription medication prescribed to you or a Household member has abuse potential.

DON'T Throw medication in the trash or flush down toilet.

DON'T Leave medications that are at risk for being abused in plain sight or in places that aren't secure.

DON'T Repackage medication in unmarked containers.

Message provided by the Strategic Prevention Framework Tribal Incentive Grant (SPF-TIG) from ODMHSAS.

Need a place to dispose your unwanted/unused medications?

You can drop off your unwanted/unused prescriptions anytime at these locations:

Tecumseh Police Department
109 West Washington
Tecumseh, Ok 74873

Shawnee Police Department
16 West 9th Street
Shawnee, Ok 74804

Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Department
325 North Broadway Ave
Shawnee, Ok 74801

Cleveland County Sheriff's Office
128 South Peters
Norman, OK 73069

Oklahoma University Police Department
2775 Monitor Ave
Norman, OK 73072

Norman Police Department
201 B West Gray
Norman, OK 73069

Moore Police Department
117 East Main Street
Moore, OK 73160



Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

AST PHARMACY

When requesting refills, please provide 24 hour notice until pick-up. The most efficient method is to have your refill numbers ready when you call the Pharmacy, and use our automated system.

Deliveries of controlled medications are not allowed.

If you would like to receive a text message to your cell phone when your medications are ready for pick-up, please alert the pharmacy staff and provide us with your current cell phone number.

Please inform us of changes in address, phone number, insurance and other contact information (changes at registration do not flow to pharmacy).

If you have any questions at any time, feel free to call either Pharmacy or stop by and speak with one of our Pharmacy staff. We are happy to assist you with your pharmaceutical needs!

Hours of Operation:

Little Axe: Monday-Friday 8am-5pm
(7:30am-5:30pm Drive-Thru)

Phone-(405)292-9530

Shawnee: Monday-Friday 7am-5pm

Phone-(405)878-5859

We are open through the lunch hour!!

****BOTH PHARMACY DEPARTMENTS ARE CLOSED WITH THE CLINICS THE FIRST WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON OF EVERY MONTH TO COMPLETE ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES. ****

Thank You,
AST Pharmacy Staff

The Absentee Shawnee Diabetes & Wellness Fitness Center's Fitness Schedule



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE FITNESS



FITNESS CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Classes	Classes	Classes	Classes	Classes
<u>Circuit Training</u> 6:10 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Zumba!</u> 6:10 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Circuit Training</u> 6:10 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Cardio Kickboxing</u> 6:10 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Circuit Training</u> 6:10 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center
<u>Low Impact Chair Exercise</u> 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Buster Bread Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Tai Chi</u> 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Low Impact Chair Exercise</u> 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Buster Bread Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Tai Chi</u> 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	
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Chrissy Wiens
Diabetes and Wellness
Physical Activities Specialist



Buster Bread
Diabetes and Wellness
Fitness Manager



Location: 1970 I56th Ave. N.E. Norman, O.K. 73071
(405) 364-7298

For more information please visit our website at:
<http://www.asthealth.org/tags/fitness>

Fitness Hours:

Monday 6:00 a.m.— 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 6:00 a.m.— 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.
Thursday 6:00 a.m.— 7:00 p.m.
Friday 6:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.
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Next Generation of Young Tribal Leaders: SAIGE Training Program

Vincent Schilling
6/15/15

Each year, The Society of American Indian Government Employees or SAIGE - the first national non-profit organization representing American Indian and Alaska Native Federal, Tribal, State, and local government employees – brings together young tribal members to teach them leadership and offers seminars to encourage them to reach out and bring their strengths to their communities.

This year's Annual SAIGE Conference, taking place June 15-18 2015 in Welch, Minnesota themed: "Growing Native Leaders: Enhancing Our Seven Generations" is geared specifically for youth, veterans and any other American Indian employees that will be navigating the waters of federal trust responsibility.

JoAnn Brant, who has served at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the Office of Human Resources under the Human Capital Planning Division in recruitment and outreach, has been the Presidential Management Fellows Coordinator and director of the SAIGE program for the past 11 years. "The students are able to build relationships with each other that are lasting and a benefit to build each other up and provide support," she says. "Each year we work on the agenda with our student partner American Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) to provide what students have requested, which are interactive workshops where they are not just listening to a speaker but actually participating through small groups and hands on presentations."

According to Brant, several young leaders have benefitted from the training program and brought what they learned into their own communities. Three young people who served as an example by bringing positive changes forward were Taylor Morris and Wesley Wilson (Cherokee Nation) and Dallas Peterman, (Navajo.)

Brant mentioned how Taylor Morris, who had at first come to SAIGE very young, shy and had never been on a plane before – now was finishing pharmacy school and decided to work in his Native community, 'where he can make a difference,' Brant says.

Brant also lauds young Dine' man Dallas Peterman, who excelled after gaining insights at a SAIGE training program.

Dallas Peterman told ICTMN he was not only inspired by the SAIGE program, "During one seminar they asked all of us to write down the issues we experienced on our reservations. We exchanged the paper, and when we did we discovered the issues were all exactly the same. There were Blackfeet, Alaskan Natives and we all talked about the same issues as each other. I am from the Navajo reservation. All I know is Navajo, Apache and Hopi it was very interesting to see the same issues on other reservations."

Feeling inspired with a sense of the ability to accomplish any task, Peterman used his inspiration gained from the conference to make a decision one day while hitchhiking. He decided to pick up trash on a 97-mile stretch on his reservation.

After making the decision, he sought help from the community. Though things went slow at first, he eventually made the front page of the local newspaper – after nearly two weeks, Peterman had traveled the 97 miles and collected more than 500 bags of trash.

"Wes Wilson is another one of our leaders. He came to SAIGE at a young age as well and has just blossomed. Wes is now working at Oklahoma Indian Health and making a difference in his community by outreach activities," Brant says.

According to Wilson, SAIGE was a way to connect to the outside world.

Since July of 2011, Wilson has been with the Central Oklahoma American Indian Health Council, today he says he shares what he has learned from SAIGE to benefit others in his own community.

"From SAIGE I have learned how strong the Native community is, nation-wide. Native professionals across the United States work tirelessly to make this great event happen. It has encouraged me, and others, to give in our respected communities. Here in Oklahoma City, we have started a mentoring program to guide our Native youth in a positive direction. When working with youth, I use SAIGE as an example to see and experience other aspects of Native culture our youth wouldn't have otherwise."

Taylor Morris has found similar inspiration to Peterman. Currently a fourth year pharmacy student at the University of Oklahoma, Morris has found he is not alone in wanting to help his own community with his skillset.

"The support system I have witnessed is huge. I feel this is the main reason positive things come from SAIGE. Another thing I have gained from SAIGE is that I am not alone! There are others from around the country looking to do well and help our own communities. As I was growing up, I didn't get to see that very much. After SAIGE it empowers you knowing that you are not alone in wanting better for your community. It helps knowing that others are with you and together you can make things happen."

"Looking back I kind of kept to myself, was very quiet when around people, and was not outgoing at all. This was exactly who I was on day one of the conference, but at the end, I was the complete opposite. This conference was life changing for me," Morris said.

Read more at <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2015/06/15/next-generation-young-tribal-leaders-saige-training-program-160687>



Introducing Tribal member, Wes Wilson

Wes, is the son of proud parents Nesha and Alvin Wilson. He is a graduate of Little Axe High School and also a graduate of University of Oklahoma. Wes has been featured on Indian Country Today Media Network.com as a Next Generation of Young Tribal Leaders under the Society of American Indian Government Employees or SAIGE Training program. Mr. Wilson has also been interviewed by PBS, which will air at a later date. We will keep you posted on a time and date. We wish Wes all the best in his future and all his endeavors. (In the Article Wes is list as Cherokee, Which is not the case, He is Absentee Shawnee Tribal member)



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June 2015 News...

Our 'Donuts with Dad' event was a great success!! All of the children enjoyed eating breakfast with their dads. Thank you to all of the fathers who were able to participate. We hope that ALL of you had a wonderful Father's Day with your families!!

Our summer activities for the children are well underway! We have opened up our splash pad for the kiddos. They love playing in the water with their friends. We have also been taking lots of fieldtrips. The school-age children have gone to the Tiger Safari, Oklahoma City Zoo, the movies, and an Oklahoma City Red Hawks game. There are many more exciting adventures planned!!

We had our periodic visit from DHS on June 1, 2015. We had one (1) non-compliance involving the lack of a health inspection within the last year. However, Paige Dickson, our DHS licensing worker noted in the discussion portion of our visit that "Program is not responsible for the delay of the health inspection as a non-compliance." This is because it is the responsibility of the DHS licensing worker to request the health inspection. The Health Department inspector completed our health inspection on June 3, 2015, which we passed.

Additionally, we had our STARS review completed on June 5, 2015. We had everything in order and Paige had many wonderful things to say about Building Blocks. In order to complete the last requirement for our STARS, we conducted parent/teacher conferences the week of June 22, 2015.

I want to announce that I have resigned my position as the Building Blocks Director. I have accepted a position with the Little Axe Health Center as an Outpatient Counselor. I have enjoyed my time at Building Blocks and have learned so much more than I expected. I appreciate the support that our program always receives from Governor Butler-Wolfe. She and I have similar visions for the care of children and the quality of services that families should receive. I am very happy to have had her as my supervisor.

Building Blocks is currently accepting applications for the position of Director at the Little Axe and Shawnee locations. Applicants must have a current Director's Credential. Please visit www.astribe.com for a complete list of openings, as well as the required qualifications.



Dates to Remember:

Friday, July 3rd: Closed for Independence Day.

Have a safe and fun holiday!

Thank you,
Billie Thompson
Director

To Native American Farmers or Ranchers or the heir of one who was denied a USDA farm loan or loan servicing between 1981 and late 1999

Some funds paid in settlement of *Keepseagle v. Vilsack* remain unclaimed and will be distributed in accordance with a process established by the Court. The case claimed that USDA discriminated against Native Americans who applied for or tried to apply for farm loans or loan servicing. The Court seeks input from class members about how the remaining funds should be distributed. Of the \$680 million paid to settle the case, approximately \$380 million remains. The Settlement Agreement approved by the Court directs that unclaimed funds be given to non-profit organizations to serve Native American farmers and ranchers.

The deadline to file a claim has passed. **There is no new claims process.**

Who is included?

The Class *includes* all Native American farmers and ranchers who:

- Farmed or ranched or attempted to do so between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999;
- Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the USDA during that period; and
- Complained about discrimination to the USDA either on their own or through a representative during the time period.

The class *does not include* individuals who:

- Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23 1997; or
- Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.

Proposed use of the Funds

There are several competing options for how to distribute the funds.

First, Plaintiffs propose to modify the Settlement Agreement, subject to Court approval, to distribute the funds as follows:

- \$342 million distributed by a Trust, overseen by Native American leaders, to non-profit groups to

serve Native farmers & ranchers over a 20 year period.

- \$38 million be distributed quickly to non-profit organizations serving Native farmers & ranchers, identified by Class Counsel and approved by the Court.

The Trust would make grants to organizations providing business assistance, agricultural education, technical support, or advocacy services to Native American farmers and ranchers, including those seeking to become farmers or ranchers, to support and promote their continued engagement in agriculture. The USDA has agreed with this proposal.

Second, Marilyn Keepseagle proposes to distribute all remaining funds as additional damages paid to successful Track A claimants alone. The USDA opposes this proposal.

Third, other class members have asked to use the funds to pay claims that were initially denied or to permit new claims to be filed.

Fourth, the Choctaw Nation has argued that no changes should be made.

How can I share my views?

If you want to tell the Court of your support of or opposition to any proposal for use of the remaining funds, you may submit written comments, postmarked no later than **June 15, 2015**, to:

Chambers of the Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
333 Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

The Court will hold a hearing on **June 29, 2015 at 9:00 AM EDT** in Courtroom 24A at the address above. If you want to speak to the Court in person, you may attend the hearing. Your written comments will be considered by the Court even if you do not attend the hearing.

**For more detailed information call 1-888-233-5506 or see
www.IndianFarmClass.com**

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PARADE PHOTOS





FOSTER CARE

WHAT IS A FOSTER CARE WORKER?

Foster care caseworker training involves completing a bachelor's degree program in social work through a college or university. Students take courses in psychology, abnormal psychology, sociology, economics, ethics, child welfare policies and complete a supervised internship.

The child's Foster Care Worker needs to be a partner with the foster parents to ensure that each child receives the full spectrum of services provided and/or arranged by the Department.

Some aspects of this relationship include the following:

- Sharing information on an ongoing basis regarding the child's individual needs, family situation and adjustment to the foster home
- Encouraging the foster parents to participate in the total service planning process
- Providing the foster parents the opportunity to discuss the child's progress and any unmet needs which they assess
- Providing the foster parent with information, support, guidance and referrals to other professionals on the child's behalf
- Helping the foster family, when necessary, to identify and obtain services for the foster child; e.g., medical, educational
- Ensuring that the foster family, on the child's behalf, has access to all financial resources available to the child while in foster care.

A Foster Care Worker works in conjunction with Tribal Courts, Tribal Law Enforcement, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and other county services. Indian Child Welfare's goal is to ensure the safety of our tribal children when they placed in foster care. The homes that our tribal children are placed in must complete Child Welfare Background Check, OSBI Background Check, Income Verification, Home Study, and a Physical. Our AST foster homes are licensed by our Foster Care Committee.

Foster Care Payments are as follows:

0-5 age \$14.73 day \$441.97 month

6-12 age \$17.12 day \$513.57 month

12 and over \$19.30 day \$579.13 month

IN ORDER TO RECEIVE PAYMENT, ALL THE ABOVE MUST BE MET AND TURNED INTO THE STATE. ONCE PROCESSED STATE PAYMENT WILL BE ISSUED.

This is just a little information on what type of work a foster care worker performs on a daily basis. If you are interested in becoming a foster home, please call 405-878-4030 ext. 133.

Hello Everyone;

I hope that everyone is in good health, with all of the allergies and various respiratory problems that have going on. I know I am looking forward to the Spring weather that has come.

I have not gone on any travels here lately, due to the various problems that have been created by various Executive Committee members. I have been working on research looking in to the practices of the Department of Human Services and the methods that they have been using to place our children. I am also attempting to get an appointment with the Director of DHS and the Governor of the state of Oklahoma. Last year at the ICWA conference in Ft. Lauderdale, I attended the Attorney General's Advisory Committee on American Indian/Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence meeting where I gave testimony. This Committee held meetings in various states getting testimonies from various agencies, Law Enforcement, Tribal Leaders, ICW, and Educators concerning concerning our Native Children. My point to this is that the Attorney General and the Bureau of Indian Affairs have re-written the Guidelines concerning ICWA and from speaking with ICW workers here the State of Oklahoma, Department of Human Services have not looked at the new Guidelines and are continuing to make their own decisions with out including the families or the tribes. If anyone would like a copy of the new guidelines they may come by my office and we will provide a copy.

I have also have concerns about the Tribal Housing Authority, so that is more research , which may or may not be a good thing. There have been numerous complaints from tribal members and I would like to know if the guidelines are being followed. After I finish researching then I will speak with the Housing Board and start asking questions.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Easter. If anyone has any questions or would like to just come by to visit, or call, please do.

Home Number is 307-0954, 275-4030, ex. 6289
Thank you, and Be Blessed.

FOSTER CARE

Racial disproportionality is defined as the over-or under-representation of certain groups (e.g. racial/ethnic, gender, age) relative to the group's proportion in the general population. Reports conducted in 2008 showed that, compared to other groups, Native American children were:

- 3 times more likely to be referred to CPS
- 1.6 times more likely to be removed from their biological homes
- Twice as likely to remain in foster care for over two years
- Less likely to be adopted and more likely to be in guardianships
- Less likely to be reunited with their biological parents

The sad reality is that there are not enough culturally appropriate homes for these children, resulting in the placement of Native American children in homes that do not share their cultural heritage or traditions. We want to place "our tribal" children in our own homes, to do this we need tribal members to open their homes and their hearts. Are you willing to open your heart? Are you willing to open your home?

If so, please contact Julie Wilson ICW/FC/CPS 878-4702 (ext. 133).



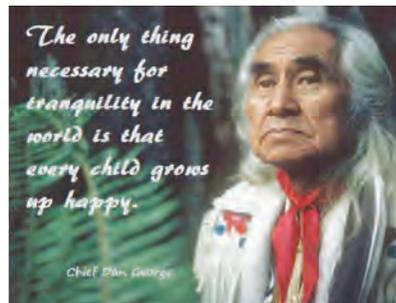
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FOSTER A CHILD

Native American youth have two distinct influences, that of their family of origin and that of their caregivers. Absentee Shawnee Tribal Foster Care is in need of homes for children that are in our child welfare system. Your participation in being a foster parent helps to ensure that these children have positive connections to their culture. This interaction helps these children nurture a positive sense of identification as a Native American. By being willing to do this, you can be a valuable part of the healing journey that will help strengthen this next generation of Absentee Shawnee children; in turn, helping those children become the parents that their children will need them to be. Our children are our future, what will we have our future be?

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE CHILD WELFARE
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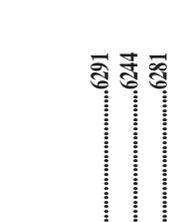
The only thing necessary for tranquility in the world is that every child grows up happy.
CHIEF Dan George

Native American youth are facing a crisis. These children are being removed from their homes and placed into the child welfare system at rates much higher than any other population. Native American children are often placed in homes outside of their families, tribes, and Native American culture and all this contributes to significant social problems. The story of Native American people is a complicated one marked by significant trauma and atrocities. Often times this trauma consisted of the removal of abuse which happened to these young and vulnerable children in many of these schools resulted in overwhelming intergenerational trauma and unresolved grief. This trauma which interrupted the ability to parent has led directly to the most current social problems that plague Native American communities today including alcohol/drug abuse, domestic violence, child abuse, sexual abuse and parenting deficiencies. All of these problems have contributed to the break-down of the family unit, leading to the removal of large numbers of Native American youth from their families. The journey of healing and breaking the cycles which have been put in place by the historical trauma experienced by generations of Native Americans requires that the cultural identity for so long denied to these children be returned. Native American youth have two distinct influences, that of their family of origin and that of their caregivers. Absentee Shawnee Tribal Foster Care is in need of homes for children that are in our child welfare system. Your participation in being a foster parent helps to ensure that these children have positive connections to their culture which in helps nurture a positive sense of identification as a Native American. By being willing to do this, you can be a valuable part of the healing journey that will help strengthen this next generation of Absentee Shawnee children; in turn, helping those children become the parents that their children will need them to be. Our children are our future, what will we have our future be? Will you, as Absentee Shawnee member, do your part if you are able? If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, please contact Juliann Wilson ICW/CPS/FOSTER CARE at 275-4030, ext. 133.

"I don't **want**
a family.
I **need** one."
- Current Waiting Child

<<<NOTICE>>>

Currently there are three (3) openings on the Foster Care Board. If you are interested in serving on the board, send your letter of interest to Secretary Dawsey at the Tribal Complex, 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 73801.



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