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Official Newsletter of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

HAPPY
4TH
OF JULY



Alan P. ...

Executive Committee



*George Blanchard
Governor*

*Dan Little Axe Sr.
Lt. Governor*

*Michelle Lopez
Secretary*

*Anita Chisholm
Treasurer*

*Stecia Onzahwah
Representative*

GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Governor Blanchard and Lt. Governor Little Axe went to Washington DC on May 25th to meet with Assistant Secretary, Echo Hawk and his high level staff in the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This meeting was arranged by the Assistant Secretary as a result of our tribes concerns and issues resulting from the Federal Court decision in Citizen Pottawatomie vs Bureau of Indian Affairs (Collier Case). The meeting began at 10:00 a, on May 26th, 2010 with introduction of everyone in the room as well as other officials on telephone conference call arrangement.

The Assistant Secretary began the meeting by stating that he is very appreciative of the Governor and Lt. Governor coming to Washington for this meeting. He said this indicates the seriousness of the concerns the tribe have with the "Collier" court decision. He then requested us to update him and others regarding the tribe's issues.

Lt. Governor Little Axe presented the concerns and issues the Absentee Shawnee have with the Collier Decision. He stated this decision infringes on the rights of Absentee Shawnee to

survive as Tribal Government. Such infringements include the following:

A. Of major concern is related to 10 Probates where the Master Decision Maker is recommending that any undivided interests of 5% or less of the deceased tribal member's allotment be given to the Citizen Pottawatomie. The Absentee Shawnee charge this as an absolute infringement of its rights to the 5% interest on its tribal member allotments.

B. Another major concern relates to the effect the Collier decision possibly has on the Funding Allocation for the Tribal Roads Program. If AST lacks jurisdiction in the Former Reservation roads, its funding will be based only on roads within tribal and allotted trust land.

C. "Collier" also infringes directly with AST's organic documents, its Constitution and Federal Charter, which defines the tribe's jurisdiction as the Former Reservation. What is the status of the organic documents?

D. Law Enforcement, "Collier" also infringes of our rights to enforce tribal law in accordance with our tribe's Law and Order Codes in the Former Reservation.

E. Services to Tribal Members. According to "Collier", our tribe have no jurisdictional authority to serve tribal members in the Former Reservation

except, those living on trust allotments. **F.** Service Population. Many times, grant funding allocation are based on service population within a tribes jurisdiction. This is yet to affect our tribe however, when it does it will drastically cut our tribe's funding if we can count only those members living on AST allotments.

Other issues and concerns were presented by the Governor and Lt. Governor that directly affects our tribe in its ability to grow financially and economically. Concluding Mr. Little Axe's presentation, he read a letter from the BIA Regional Director which states that the "Collier" decision only relates to "Land to Trust" issues.

After conferring with his staff, Assistant Secretary Echo Hawk stated that the BIA is in full support of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. When the Administrative Law Judge makes its decision on the Probates, the BIA will pursue the issue in support of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. Much of the other issues will relate directly to the final decision in the probate cases. In relation to the other land acquisition questions and desires of the tribe, he requested us to submit a letter outlining what the tribe needs and want. He said the Bureau is very concerned with "Collier" and he again wanted to stress his support for the Absentee Shawnee. He concluded

by telling the Governor, he appreciates very much, our coming to Washington DC to bring the Bureau of Indian Affairs up to date on this issue.

The Governor and Lt. are satisfied with the response they received from the Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and his Staff. We intend to keep tribal members aware of these issues in communications.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hello Tribal members, I would like to start by saying it has been my pleasure working with Treasurer Chisholm and Representative Onzahwah, and would like to wish them all the success in every aspect of their lives from here on out.

I know it has been a battle field for most of the two years but you both accomplished a lot for our tribe and I for one really appreciate it. Thank you for your service to our tribe.

Now for the news on tribal issues, we are currently looking at construction starting on the new Clinic and hope to have it open in late 2011 I believe. We the EC members attended a meeting for the final signing of the closing documents of the Joint Venture on May 27, 2010 in Oklahoma City and it was a very exciting time for us. We are well on our way to bringing the best quality health care to our tribal members. If you haven't seen the renderings of the new clinic there are some in both clinics and I encourage you to go look at them and be proud of them as this is your clinic in the future.

As for the new Casino project we are now moving forward on this since the closing of the Joint Venture documents have been signed. We will continue to keep you informed of the progress. As we all know on May 10th and May 13th there

was several tornados touched down in several different areas and one of these tornados just missed Thunderbird Casino. If this would have struck the casino we as tribal members would have lost our biggest revenue generator for this tribe, and that's why we are trying to get more casino's and more smoke shops open for us to rely on if there was ever a disaster to hit Thunderbird. This is very important to get moving on new Economic development in our tribe.

We currently have bonds that need to be sold for the Tecumseh Square project and will be looking at selling these to move forward on this project as well. Kenny Jones has been heading up this project and hope to have an update real soon.

I hope you and your families have a safe Fourth of July holiday.

I hope everyone is doing okay after the storms and getting back to their routines and if there is anything that I can do or the tribe can do please call or come by my office and I will try in every way to help if possible.

Thank you,
Secretary Lopez.

Following is some of the FEMA numbers that may help :

Don't delay in applying for Assistance the deadline is July 23,2010.

1-800-621-3362

1-800-462-7585 (TTY)

www.DisasterAssistance.gov

TREASURER'S REPORT

Well here it is two years later and I am leaving the office of the Treasurer. I can't tell you how much I've enjoyed my tenure here at the tribe. I have really loved working with all the EC members and all the AST employees. We have had our good times and our bad times but I always feel I have learned something new about other people and certainly myself. Learning is a life long process. We should always keep our mind, heart and spirit open to new things and to new people. We all have a lot of work to do in this world and we can do this by helping others to become better people by helping each reach their goal/s in life. It is never about "winning" but it is always about "helping". I think we had many good examples of this when the tornado hit our area.

I believe I accomplished my goal of helping the Finance Department and the Human Resource Department to become the finest departments every. We have outstanding people in each department all who are well qualified for their positions. Although I didn't have the opportunity to work directly with other departments I do know we have many departments throughout the tribal complex who are better than they were two years ago. I think this happened because of better communication among employees. I do hope that the current employee committee continues to grow, mature and become a real advocate for all employees at the AST complex. I challenge each to know your rights and to stand strong with each other. Thank you all AST employees. Good job! Wonderful job!

I hope the next EC committee will continue to learn from one another, respect each other and show professionalism in all their dealings with employees and other EC members. I also hope the new EC committee will learn more about the AST Constitution and their duties. I hope each develops their own leadership skills of communication both written and verbally. It is also important that each know the "basic of communication" like how to run a meeting properly, how to follow through on certain items of business, how to strategize and brain storm on issues at hand, how to pull a team of workers together for a common cause, how to plan ahead and how to follow the proper policies and procedures. If these basic items are know by all the EC members all activities of the EC committee will run more smoothly and the tribe will be better organized in all their endeavors. It takes strong leaders to accomplish this and I pray we will have strong, committed and respectful leaders.

In every way when a person ends a tour of duty we always look back and wish we could have done better. This is certainly how I feel. I think I did my best but I feel I could have done better. The best thing I can do now is pray for our tribe and our leaders. It is most difficult to be a leader in a tribe. It is probably the most difficult job around. We see many types of tribal leadership around this state as well as nation wide and in Canada. Those tribes that are most successful according to financial/ business, cultural and language standards have leaders who understand these three areas and their importance. They commitment themselves to retaining, building and growing each area. These tribes elect smart committed men and women. I hope our tribal people will do this as well. Give attention to our younger Absentee

Shawnee Tribal men and women of our tribe. We have many outstanding smart college educated young women and men right here amongst our tribe. We also have many outstanding smart educated young women and men who do not have a formal education but still are well educated in all aspects of life. Give them serious consideration when they run for office in the future. We have what it take to be a great Shawnee Indian Nation. We have those leaders in place right now. We as Absentee Shawnee people deserve the very best leaders possible. We have them out there right now. Let's start looking for them and ask them to run for office in the very near future. Each of us should settle for only the best leaders possible. May the Creator richly bless you and your family

FINANCE DEPARTMENT JULY 2010

The Finance office continues in keeping the day to day activities flowing efficiently and effectively through communication between the Finance office and Programs. In working together, we have found the most time effective and cost effective processes for transacting business. Thanks to the Executive Committee and all the programs for their support and understanding in the Finance Department's continued efforts to stay caught up. Our 2009 Audit is in the final stages of completion with only the MD&A (Management Discussion and Analysis) to prepare. The expected completion date was April 30, 2010 and there were a few unexpected hurdles that had to be addressed causing a delay in the completion. The MD&A report is an informative report within the 2009 Audit; which is a brief review of the Audit and explanation of the audit. Accounting continues to stay caught up and Financials are being completed Quarterly

and being reported to the Department of Interior – March 31, 2010 1st Quarter 2010 reports were submitted on May 2, 2010.

The Indirect Cost Proposal for 2011 is underway. It is imperative the accounting / bookkeeping be caught up and continues to stay caught up so that audits go smoothly so that Indirect Cost rates will stay up to date as well. Audits affect the ability to submit indirect cost proposals which affects grants. We expect the audit to be completed by the June. The Indirect Cost proposal is due June 30, 2010 and we are working hard to target that date. The Bond Financing closed May 27, 2010 so the funding for the new health clinic is complete. With this completion there is a need for the accounting for the Li Si Wi Nwi, Health Clinic (formerly the Little Axe Clinic) to have its own financial reports. The Finance department is working diligently to make that necessary change.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Finance Department has a very hard working group of people and it is an honor to work with them and at the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. This department would like, as always, to extend a special thanks and note of appreciation to the Executive Committee for providing the tools, resources and support to enable the finance staff to accomplish what has been accomplished. A special thanks and note of appreciation to Program Managers and Employees of the Tribe for their assistance and dedication in our group effort toward accomplishing our goal. Now that we are caught up, we are dedicated to continue our efforts in this direction. If you have any questions or needs, please call 405-275-4030 ext 162 and I will be glad to assist you in any way I can.

Thank you,
Belinda Collins, Controller

**FY-2010
YTD TAX COLLECTIONS
(thru 5/31/2010)**

TAX CATEGORY	YEAR-TO-DATE					% OF COLLECTIONS	
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY		
Sales (6%)	\$6,427.61	\$6,733.05	\$7,875.54	\$8,710.79	\$105.09	\$29,852.08	3.06%
Gaming % of free cash	\$51,581.00	\$144,551.00	\$266,645.00	\$205,410.00	\$100,000.00	\$768,187.00	78.83%
Employee (1%)	\$10,591.43	\$8,094.39	\$7,956.42	\$13,023.30	\$4,585.09	\$44,250.63	4.54%
Severance (8%)	\$1,337.71	\$1,422.00	\$3,983.15	\$3,993.27	\$686.39	\$11,422.52	1.17%
Motor Vehicle	\$7,677.61	\$13,795.32	\$13,902.50	\$12,220.72	\$8,255.01	\$55,851.16	5.73%
Tobacco Refund	\$0.00	\$15,292.49	\$10,187.03	\$19,193.77	\$18,623.92	\$63,297.21	6.50%
TOTAL TAXES	\$77,615.36	\$189,888.25	\$310,549.64	\$262,551.85	\$132,255.50	\$972,860.60	
Miscellaneous	\$795.00	\$282.50	\$217.50	\$135.00	\$230.00	\$1,660.00	0.17%

REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Greetings everyone,

This letter serves as my final submission as my term as your Tribal Representative comes to a close. I want to thank those who have supported me during my term. It has been an honor. The phone calls that I received expressing support meant the world to me. They seemed to come just when it was needed. My gratitude extends to those who didn't support me as well, for you inspired me to try even harder.

A special thank you to my children and my mother who made just as many sacrifices as I did. Thank you for being patient with me and for the understanding you have given me when I may have missed special moments while fulfilling my obligations while in this role. Treasurer Chisholm, you are an extraordinary woman – the epitome of a leader and it has truly been a pleasure serving by your side.

In 2008 I decided to give up my job and run for office, in hopes of bringing more stability to our tribe by TERO (Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance/Office) for the purpose of enforcing Indian Preference in hiring and a TERO fee for contractors on tribal construction projects. As stated before, we are getting \$440,000 back from the contractor of the Joint Venture Clinic as a result of TERO.

It was also my desire to bring our tribe the Tribal Workplace Protection Act which is a set of laws equivalent to federal employment law. By the time you get this letter, I will have met my personal goals. Though it has been stated that my accomplishments were not accomplishments at all, I walk away knowing differently.

This tribe is now the first tribe in Oklahoma and possibly the 2nd in the entire nation to adopt the Tribal Workplace Protection Act which is a set of laws that are intended to protect our employees from discrimination based on race, gender, political affiliation and retaliation, to name a few key protections. Our tribal members who also work for the tribe will no longer have to be in fear of expressing their opinions at General Council or at any other meeting for fear of retaliation or political affiliation. Those who violate these protections will be held accountable by the TERO Board of Commissioners and our Tribal Court system. Before TERO/Tribal Workplace Protection, there were no protections at all.

I cannot stress enough how important this set of laws is to our tribe as a whole. I urge each of you to strongly support it and even protect it. Be leery of any future leadership who may wish to do away with it. It is meant to protect our employees and hold us, as employers, accountable to those we employ. We have some good people here and they deserve to work in a non-hostile environment. They should be able to work in peace without fear of being fired without cause

every election season or because they spoke to another Executive Committee member. This also shows the federal government that we are fair employers and it reflects a sense of stability to those who wish to do business with us. Remember this.

Tribal Elders, I also leave with you the Elders Protection Code. Know that you have this code on your side to help protect you from abuse or harm. I should also state that this new law is now being used as the basis for the submittal of various grants that are meant to assist our tribal elders. I am sure you will hear more about those grants in the months to come provided that they are awarded to us.

I now want to take this moment to share with you some concerns that I have with the election process of this tribe. I feel that the concerns are of such significance that I have to share them with you before I leave.

Here is my experience with the election process: Upon filing for office of Lt. Governor, I was told that it would also be necessary that I submit my fingerprints as a part of the background check. I did as directed submitting my fingerprints to the Election Commission. I received a letter dated in May, 2010 from the Election Commission **after** the primary election. I had already lost the Primary and yet the letter stated that it would be necessary for me to resubmit my fingerprints due to the fact that my fingerprints came back inconclusive. I have never been declared an official candidate for our recent election.

Because I never received a letter declaring me as an official candidate for the office of Lt. Governor, I held back in campaigning placing very few signs up though I had purchased several, made very little contact with constituents, etc. In the meantime, the primary election came and went and I was still not declared a candidate.

The body responsible for the declaration of candidates should not wait until **after** a primary election to request another fingerprint submission. I would think that after a few weeks of not receiving satisfactory results of my fingerprint submission, someone

should have followed up with the entity that conducts the fingerprint checks to find out what the hold up may have been and then contacted me sooner so that I could have resubmitted my prints. Had I been declared a candidate in a timely manner, I would have campaigned as I would have liked to have had the opportunity to.

I hope that in the future, this doesn't continue to be a detriment to other people paying the filing fee to run for office. With some of the issues that have occurred recently and in a previous election in which candidates names were wrongly removed from the ballots, I **sincerely hope that our tribe begins to consider seeking a third party to conduct our elections.** It is concerning when these types of situations occur and when a tribal member, who is also an Election Commissioner, publicly makes a statement to the Executive Committee in a Regular Executive Committee meeting that "I hope none of you are running for office again".

My second concern is this:

During the Primary Election, I attended the counting of the absentee ballots on the morning of the election. In observing the counting, there was a ballot that came in from another state which was notarized; however, it did not have a notary commission number provided. Instead, the person notarizing that affidavit wrote in a note stating that their state did not require commission numbers. When this issue came up, Election Commissioner Meredith Wahpekeche indicated that she was familiar that that state didn't require commission numbers because they had that issue come up **last year**. The Election Commission chose to accept that ballot as a good ballot. A little later, another ballot came up from the very same state, again it was properly notarized; however, because the notary did not write a note stating that it was not required in that state, the Board, with the exception of one board member, voted to mark the ballot as spoiled.

The issue that I have is that the Election Ordinance states that the affidavit for absentee ballots must be notarized, not "notarized with a note from the notary". The aforementioned

ballots were from the very same state and yet got treated differently because of a little note. Where is the logic in that? I am concerned that it was not expressed to you, the voter, that if you are using an absentee ballot, not only must you have it notarized but you must also have your notary write a note if that state does not require commission numbers. I am concerned that there may be those voters who take their time and their money to pay for their notary fee and postage, and who think that their vote counts, when, it may not. And not only may it not be counted but no one may have bothered to tell you that it didn't count and why.

If the Election Commission, or at least one of them, knew about this issue a year ago why wasn't something done to resolve this matter? Why didn't anyone take it upon themselves to compile a listing of all states and each states notary requirements after the issue came up last year? Some states require notary commission numbers, some do not. Some states use stamp-type notary seals, some use embossed (raised). It is my understanding that in previous elections, some ballots may have been categorized as spoiled because the notary was the ink stamped type rather than embossed. Again, the Election Ordinance does not clearly state that it must be a certain type of notary. If you have votes coming in from several other states, why not find out what those states require rather than only going by Oklahoma law and then categorize an incoming vote as spoiled because they do not coincide with Oklahoma notary requirements? And how long has this been occurring?

I will say that I brought my concern about the notaries without commission numbers up to a few of the Election Commissioners who were in attendance of a Regular Executive Committee meeting recently. Later when I attended the counting of the absentee ballots for the run-off Election on June 19th, 2010, a statement was made by an Election Commissioner indicating that they were aware that there was a concern with the absentee ballots and that they had compiled a list of state requirements of those states from which requests for absentee ballots had come from. It was also stated that

when there is an issue they work to correct it – acknowledging that there was something incorrect that occurred in the absentee ballot counting in the Primary Election.

It's unfortunate that this wasn't corrected before this entire election even began. Why wait until a year later in a new election, in between a primary and a run-off election to address the matter? It would have made more sense for the Election Commission to have addressed this matter immediately after the situation came up a year ago (as indicated by one Commissioner). Why did it take me making an issue of this before anything was done to address this? I am also in awe that a tribal judge was present for the absentee ballot counting for both the Primary and Run-Off Election this year and didn't seem to express any concern with the Election Commissions delay in an attempt to resolve this situation.

Another concern is that the Election Ordinance does not address campaign contributions. It would be prudent for our Election Ordinance to outline some sort of rules in terms of campaign contributions such as limits and submittal of receipts. I was surprised to find that there are no rules about this and it seemed no intention to update any rules related to this subject.

That is all I have to say about that. Again, I feel that these concerns were of such significance that I felt it impossible to not speak up about it.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to have served you. I wish each of you health and prosperity.

Respectfully,

Alecia Onzawah

The following are Resolutions passed thru June 16, 2010

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS:

E-AS-10-44 06/02/10

Authorizes and approves the Fire Protection System Inspection Proposal between the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma and Firetrol Protection Systems (attached); and designates Governor George Blanchard as the Tribal official with the signature authority to execute the contract on behalf of the Tribe, effective immediately.

E-AS-10-45 06/02/10

Employs Rick Short, 4105 Quail Dr., Norman, OK 74801, as the Child Care Development Fund Contractor for the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma; authorizes and approves the contract (attached); and designates Governor George Blanchard as the Tribal official with the signature authority to execute the contract on behalf of the Tribe, effective immediately.

E-AS-10-46 06/02/10

Supports the AST Veterans Association by waiving all taxes, permits and any other provisions requiring a return to the Tribe under the Tax Code and associated with the agreement with Firecracker Joe's by the AST Veterans Association.

E-AS-10-47 06/16/10

Approves, authorizes and supports the submission of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Grant Application for funding under the COPS office entitled, "COPS FY2010 Tribal Methamphetamine Initiative" and approving and authorizing the Memorandum of Understanding for the grant application.

E-AS-10-48 06/16/10

Approves and accepts **NATHAN WAYNE TAYLOR** as an enrolled member of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of

Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

E-AS-10-49 06/16/10

Authorizes and approves the amended Management Agreement between the Tribe and Thunderbird Entertainment Center, Inc., and authorizing the Governor or his designee to sign the attached Management Agreement, **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**

E-AS-10-50 06/16/10

Amends the and enacts the attached Chapter VII, Personnel Management, Section Y. Health and Safety, Subsection 2 Health Policy of the Administrative Systems Manual, **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**

E-AS-10-51 06/16/10

Reclassifies James L. Edwards Lane as a school zone; and authorizes the Chief of the Absentee Shawnee Police Department to post and enforce a speed limit of 20 mph on James L. Edwards Lane, as well as the entire Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex, per Section 622 of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Criminal Offenses Code, **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS: None

UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE ELECTION COMMISSION UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS RUN OFF ELECTION - JUNE 19, 2010

This is to announce the Unofficial results of the June 19, 2010 Run Off Election for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. This election was held on the above date pursuant to the Tribal Constitution and the Election Ordinance. All votes were counted at the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Lt. Governor: (2 Year Term)

Isaac Gibson, Jr.	<u>205</u>	Votes
Dan Little Axe, Sr.	<u>182</u>	Votes

Treasurer: (2 Year Term)

Scott Miller	<u>166</u>	Votes
Kathy Deere	<u>219</u>	Votes

Representative: (2 Year Term)

Jeff Gibson	<u>232</u>	Votes
Betty Watson	<u>155</u>	Votes

June 11, 2010
Joint Field Office: Oklahoma City, OK
DR-1917-OK NR-013
FEMA News Desk: 405-917-3250
OEM PIO: 405-521-2481 (ofc)
405-205-1879 (cell)

Recovery News

APPEALING AN INELIGIBILITY LETTER MAY TURN ‘NO’ TO ‘YES’

OKLAHOMA CITY – Oklahomans who have received notice from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that they are ineligible for disaster assistance following the May 10-13 tornadoes and storms may be able to use additional documentation to turn that “no” into a “yes.”

“Every applicant has the right to appeal a decision,” said Federal Coordinating Officer Gregory W. Eaton. “In fact, applicants can appeal any FEMA decision. When you do so, you are asking us to review your case again, and we will gladly do that.”

Applicants who received a letter stating they are “ineligible” should read that document carefully. It will list some reasons the aid was denied and provide instructions on filing an appeal.

Some common reasons an applicant may be determined ineligible include:

- Insufficient storm-related damage.
- Adequate insurance coverage.
- Additional personal or insurance information needed to complete the assistance evaluation process.
- Confusion about Social Security numbers, addresses or phone numbers. **If FEMA can’t contact you, your application may be denied.**

Applicants may appeal the decision if they find circumstances have changed from the time they registered. They may have discovered additional damage to their property, or that they need housing help after all. Renters may find upon returning that their residences are unlivable.

“The Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management and FEMA understand that circumstances after a disaster can be fluid and changeable,” said State Coor-

inating Officer Fred W. Liebe. “Oklahomans have the chance to report those changes — changes that could make the difference in becoming eligible for disaster assistance.”

Effective appeal letters should follow these procedures:

- In the first paragraph, list the applicant’s full legal name used on the aid application, along with Social Security number and the FEMA case number. Include a personal phone number as well as a back-up phone number where the applicant also can be reached, in addition to a correct mailing address.
- Write an explanation of events that provides evidence to support the appeal. Summarize changes in circumstances or needs, additional damages to property discovered after the registration was filed or higher-than-planned costs for repairs, for example.
- Include photocopies of receipts for materials and labor as well as up to three written bids for repair work if those costs exceed the award amount. Submitting repair estimates, receipts, statements or invoices helps applicants lodge effective appeals.

Also keep in mind:

- The appeal letter must be submitted within 60 days of the date on the denial letter — by mail, or by fax at **1-800-827-8112**, or in person at a state/federal Disaster Recovery Center. Keep a copy of the appeal letter and supporting documentation as a record.
- Information on how and where to file an appeal is included with denial letters and in the “Help After a Disaster” booklet that is included with registration packets.

One of the best sources of help with an appeal is the network of Disaster Recovery Centers. Applicants can get guidance on the appeal process at any of the three centers currently open in Oklahoma to support those affected by the spring storms. Another option is FEMA’s Helpline at **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**, TTY **1-800-462-7585** for the hearing and speech impaired.

For more information on Oklahoma disaster recovery, browse the features on this FEMA website at www.fema.gov/Oklahoma or visit the OEM site at www.oem.ok.gov or follow OEM on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/okem>. Users of smart phones and other mobile devices can visit m.fema.gov.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-7585.

The Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management (OEM) prepares for, responds to, recovers from and mitigates against emergencies and disasters. The department delivers service to Oklahoma cities, towns and counties through a network of more than 350 local emergency managers.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

AST REALTY DEPARTMENT

Cobell Settlement Information

In regards to the many questions regarding the long-running class action lawsuit, Cobell vs. Salazar involving the mismanagement of Indian trust accounts and the recent court decision to reach a settlement, the Department of Interior-Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians has directed that if any individual that may have questions regarding the Cobell settlement should call the toll free hotline number at **1-800-961-6109**. You can also visit a website that was setup to provide answers to Frequently Asked Questions

at www.cobellsettlement.com

How will I know if I'm included in the settlement? You will be included in the settlement if you had an IIM account open at anytime between approximately 1985 and September 30, 2009, or you had an individual interest in land held in trust or restricted status by the U.S. government as of September 30, 2009. Certain heirs to deceased class members may be included, as well. I recognize that many individuals have particular circumstances that might make it unclear whether they are included. A process for individuals to self-identify and apply for inclusion in the class will be developed if the settlement is approved. At this stage, the most important thing you can do is to register to ensure that we have a valid address to send you important information. If you are not receiving a quarterly IIM statement, then there is a chance that the government does not have a current address for you and you should register.

How do I register to receive settlement communications?

You can register over the phone or Internet.

Internet: <https://cert.tgcginc.com/iim/register.php>

Telephone: 1-800-961-6109

THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER

Shawnee Words for body parts:

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| 1. head | ho we se |
| 2. ears | ho ti ki wi le |
| 3. eyes | ho se ke sa |
| ko | |
| 4. mouth | ho to ne |
| 5. teeth | ho we pe ti |
| le we | |
| 6. hand | ho la ge |
| 7. hands | ho la gi le |
| 8. foot | ho fa ge |
| 9. toe | ho fa ta he |
| 10. hair | ho we la fi |
| 11. leg | ho ki ge |
| 12. legs | ho ki ti le |
| 13. heart | ho ta he |

STATEMENT:

"The Elders said to learn the Shawnee Language, teach your children be proud to be an Indian and take care of your people."

"pi pe ya ge ka si wi ne wi to wa ke ti we ko pa, ka ki ka ya ke mi ke ke ne ge yi ni ke ka me se la la ti ya se si wi ne wa we yi ne ka ha wa se ke ge ti wa la mi ke ke ta la ni wa mi ke."

A NEW NAME

The Little Axe Clinic has begun to use a new name. It is "Li-Si-Wi-Nwi," which means Among the Shawnee. The employees have quickly learned how to pronounce the new name for the clinic. In the event callers ask what the name means, the employees are ready to explain. Other internal forms, documents, such as stationary will reflect the new name.

Attention Women:

Have you had your women's wellness screening? The Absentee Shawnee Tribe is partnering with Affordable Quality Care in Norman and the Take Charge Program of Central Oklahoma to ensure that ALL women who qualify get their breast and cervical screenings done. For more information, please contact Sharon Ponkilla, Women's Wellness Advocate for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe @ 405-878-4702 or email sponkilla@astribe.com

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe Caregiver Support Program will have a meeting Thursday July 22, 2010 at 10:00 AM in the Community Health office of building 17. This meeting will be held for current caregivers and those who are interested in learning more about the program. If you should have any questions please contact Nancy Ward, Caregiver Coordinator at 878-5850.

AST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM



Jackie Denny attended the first State-wide Oklahoma Victim's Assistance Academy held in Ada, Oklahoma, June 6 through June 11, 2010. The Academy provided state-specific training in victim assistance issues and is modeled after the National Victim Assistance Academy. This Academy was open to victim advocates and other service providers who provide intervention and services to victims and survivors of crime. Jackie received over 60 hours of training during this Academy.

**Absentee Shawnee Tribe
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program**

Sexual Violence is Not Ok.

**For reporting crimes of sexual assault
and victims assistance contact,**

Linda Gouge
Sexual Assault Advocate
lgouge@astribe.com
405-275-4030 ext 206

All calls will remain completely confidential!!



Last Will & Testament

Please bring the following:

A drivers license or state ID

A tribal ID card with enrollment number

Ownership information or quarterly statement from OST

Legal descriptions for each of your real property holdings

If you wish to specifically bequest personal property, please bring a good description of that personal property (Jewelry, furniture, etc)

Bring your existing will, if you have one or wish to revise your existing will

Date of birth of your children or devisees



Friday, September 10, 2010
9:00am - 3:00pm
AST Complex-Building 1
Realty Department

In a joint venture Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS) and the Realty Department will conduct a free will clinic at the Absentee Shawnee Complex Building in Shawnee, OK. OILS will be available on-site to assist with questions and the preparations of a Last Will and Testament for Tribal members **ONLY**.

Appointments will be in 45 minute increments, sign in 15 minutes before scheduled time. Please call Norma Barnes at 943-6457, to schedule your appointment

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE
TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

1025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801

Phone: 405-275-4030
Fax: 405-878-4700

E-mail:
jgpp@astribe.com

WORLD WATER MONITORING DAY

World Water Monitoring Day is celebrated every year in September. This year World Water Monitoring Day will be celebrated on September 18th. The day is meant to be an international education and outreach program. It was created to increase public awareness and involvement in protecting the world's water resources. Last year 120,000 people participated and water resources in 81 countries were monitored.

The World Water Monitoring Day activities include site registration and monitoring of four basic water parameters. The parameters are temperature, pH, turbidity, and dissolved oxygen. These parameters give a brief "snapshot" of the health of the water body. Temperature affects plant and animal life in the water body. pH also dictates plant and animal life by limiting mating and reproduction activity as well as metabolism. Turbidity measures the clarity of the water. The clearer the water the faster it warms in the summer and allows more algae growth. Turbidity is also used as a drinking water parameter because it can help hide organisms in water. Dissolved oxygen is the amount of oxygen in the water. Fish and plants used dissolved oxygen to breathe and basic life support. The deeper the water, there is less dissolved oxygen in the water. These parameters are essential to monitoring water resources.

This year the Office of Environmental Health and Engineering is sponsoring a group to monitor water resources within the tribal service area. The site once chosen may be monitored anytime between March 22, 2010 and December 18, 2010. The results must be submitted by December 31, 2010. The site will be determined once participants have been organized and kits have been obtained. If you would like to learn more about the World Water Monitoring Day you may go to the following website <http://www.worldwater-monitoringday.org/>. If you would like to participate please email or call Shaun at the Office of Environmental Health and Engineering at (405) 214-4235 or swiegmann@astribe.com. You will be contacted and dates, times and locations will be set up once participants are identified. So if you or someone you know would like to participate please help make this an annual tradition and help learn more about our water resources.

ELDER'S BINGO



SHANE JETT

CANDIDATE FOR UNITED STATES CONGRESS



Shane Jett is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation. As a state representative, he co-founded the Native American Caucus of the Oklahoma House of Representatives. The purpose of the caucus is to educate the House membership about Native American issues and develop closer relationships with the other 39 tribes. That same year, Rep. Jett became one of the founding members of the National Caucus of Native American State Legislators.

Rep. Jett commissioned the state map that shows tribal territory with State House Districts to use as a tool to facilitate and encourage communication, cooperation and collaboration between tribal leaders and the Oklahoma State Legislature.

Rep. Jett understands the positive economic impact that the tribes bring to the State of Oklahoma. He has given numerous speeches, talks and seminars on how to empower tribal members and their tribes to effectively influence state government.

Shane Jett is running for United States Congress to replace Mary Fallin, who is running for Governor. Jett is the only tribal member running for the 5th Congressional District seat.



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE VETERANS ASSOCIATION

To find out more about the AST Veterans Association, schedule the Color Guard or request a Military Funeral Honor call:

David (405) 245-4802

Walter (405) 683-1247

John (405) 481-3822

astveterans@gmail.com

Address: Absentee Shawnee Tribe
Veterans Association
P.O. Box 247
Tecumseh, OK 74873



The next membership meeting will be Wednesday, July 14th at Thunderbird Casino. The meeting will begin at 7pm. A pot-luck dinner will follow the meeting.

Alexander, Ann Marjory
Alford, Bruce Douglas
Alford, Louella Ann
Allen, Cheryl Renee
Barber, Kristin Lynn
Bateman, Willow Shoshana
Rain
Bayliss, Angel Ann
Bayliss, Billy Ray
Bayliss, Katherine Anne
Bear, Bonnie Jean
Beaver, Rodney Gene
Bender, Judith Ann
Bigpond, Wiley Lee
Birdtail, Mary Evelyn
Blackburn, Virginia Rae
Blanchard, Brian Keith
Blanchard, Clayton Lee
Blanchard, Eric Leon
Blanchard, Henry R.
Blanchard, Jamin Dalton
Blanchard, Mekathiwa Sky
Blanchard, Nicholas Adam
Blanchard, Virginia Adele
Bonham, Virginia Doreen
Booth, Randall David
Botone, Lisa Lucille
Bradley, Edward H.
Brady, Sharon Kay
Brinson, Nicholas Henry
Bryce, Anita Jean
Buckley, Brandon Michael
Buckley, Christopher Maurice
Burkhart Sr, Arthur Elliott
Butler, Donna Ellen
Byers, Marilyn
Byers, Shannon Leon
Byers, Shawn Deon
Byington, Michelle Hope
Carlson, Tyellissa Lynn
Citty, Keith Leon
Citty, Steven Keith
Ciulla, Tina Faye
Cochrane Jr., Guy Stanley
Colungo, Darrell Dean
Combs, Robert Paul Dwight
Coody, Erin Melody
Cottrell, Mckinzey Faye
Cox, Jennifer Renee

Davis Jr., Anthony Louis
Davis Jr., Edward Leroy
Davis, Amber Lynn
Davis, Bryar Nicholas
Davis, Jocelyn Paige
Day, Jennifer Ann
Deer, Derrick Wesley
Deer, Elnora Laverne Kaseca
Deer, Ethan Mack
Deer, Jaden Brandon
Deer, Kensington Jaide
Deer, Marissa Caitlin
Deere, Angelina Renee
Deitz, Aimee Rochelle
Delodge, Ezra Manuel
Dennison, Daniele
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 Len
Fowler, Cheyenne Deneau
Freeman, Eugene Bryce
Frye, Williams Scott Thomas
Garretson, Donna Kay
Gatzman, Darla Juyne
Gibson, Alan Gerard
Gibson, Donald James
Gibson, Elvis Glenn
Gibson, Gary Lloyd
Gibson, Ryan Edmond
Gibson, Tyler Glen
Gilcrease, Maedia Jean
Grass, Cree Breean
Gurrola, Daniel Alberto
Harjo, Jeanette Marie
Harjo, Michael Ray
Harjo, Sharon Melody
Haskins, Donna Paula
Haymond, Trisha Lynn
Helvy, Alta Jean
Henshaw, Allen Shawn

Hernandez, Daezi Viay
Herndon, Martin Clyde
Herrera, Michael Lee
Hood, Dallas James
Hood, Elaina Rae
Hood, Matthew Dean
Hood, Piri Reis
Howe, Reign Phil
Hutchinson, Velma Jo
Hyde, Lester Clark
Johnson, Amber Dawn
Johnson, Austin Lee
Johnson, Debra Jean
Johnson, George Lewis
Johnson, Grant Scott
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, Kanynn Leiann
Kaseca, Kevin Lynn
Kaseca, Russell Franklin
Kickapoo, Christopher Kerry
Kihega, Michaela Ellen
Kirby, Steven Wayne
Kirby, William Michael
Kupczynski, Cora Ashley
Larney, Nathaniel Roy
Little Axe Jr., Danny
Little Axe, Charlie Pratt
Little Axe, Graci Raquel
Little Axe, Jerry James
Little Charley, Jackie
Little Jim, Lindsey Marie
Little, Edwin Thomas
Little, Tony Wayne
Littlebear, Nelson Wayne
Littlecreek, Josephine Taylor
Littlecreek, Mychal Shawn
Long, Jordan Lee
Longhorn, Ewell Gary

Longhorn, Lee Allen
Longman, Ashley Nicole
Longman, Clayton Dean
Longman, Kristopher Morgan
Longman, William Ashton
Lovins, Wesley Jacob
Ludlow, Zoretta Denise
Mack, Felix Wayne
Marquez, Quentin Miles
Martin, Robyn Alexa
Martinez, Jalon Maverick
Martinez, Jasmine Nicole
Martinez, Stephanie Diane
Masquat, Ricky Lee
Maxfield, Lisa Clorean
McBride, Wyatt Dean
McCoy, Violet Christine
Harry
McCulloch, Erin Corrine
McGee, Michael Shannon
McMahan, Jayden Thomas
Merrell, Sean Allen
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Pack, Camryn Lorraine
Pack, Kristyn Bailey
Patton, Qwentis Adarryl
Patty, Twana Marie Spybuck
Pederson, Rena Kaye Little
Axe
Pena, Eric
Pickens, Teddy Ray
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Pine, James Francis
Pitner, Sylvia Sue
Ponce, Autumn Dawn
Ponkilla, Debra Jaclyn
Ponkilla, Martin Ned
Roach, Drew Wilson
Robertson, Leland Scott
Robison, Christopher
Charles

Rodas Lopez, Monica Leree
 Rolette, Makaila Lynn
 Rolette, Sharon Sue
 Rolland, Vannessa Kay
 Ross, Gary Willis
 Rudloff, Dylan Cole
 Runsabove, Wade Mitchell
 Schulenberg, Esteline Sloan
 Schwarz, Loretta Jean
 Serena, Lisa Lynn
 Shane, Vivian Louella
 Shawnee, Coltin Dale
 Shawnee, Derrick Joel
 Shirk, Deborah Ann
 Simpson, Shirley Florence
 Sims, Vikki Ann
 Sloat, John Levi
 Smith, Curtis Alan
 Smith, Katherine Danene
 Smith, Kenneth Lee
 Smith, Lauren Ashlee
 Smith, Leslie Anne
 Smith, Lori Beth
 Smith, Tina Mae

Snake, Brandon Matthew
 Snake, Gerald Kendall
 Snake, Jennie Lucy Mohawk
 Soap, Crystal Diane Moon-
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 Soap, Devin Elijah
 Solis, Allan Jesus
 Spoon, Jordan Leann
 Spoon, Ramona Gaye
 Spybuck Jr, James Cody
 Spybuck, Morganne Faith
 Squire, Thomas
 Stanley Jr., Denny Atine
 Starr, David Martin
 Starr, Sheila Renee
 Stewart, Robert Sterling
 Switch Sr., Douglas Vaughn
 Switch, Kathern Suzzete
 Switch, Voguel Carroll
 Talton, Daveon Lee
 Tapia, Shawnee Antonio
 Taylor, Lena Elaine
 Taylor, Nina Gail
 Tharp, Deborah Lynne

Thomasee, Lawrence Cy
 Thompson, Cheyenne Jada
 Thorpe, Jarrett Scott
 Thorpe, Sandra Lorene
 Tiger Sr., Leonard Gene
 Tiger, Ann
 Tiger, Annette Renee
 Tiger, Francis Allen
 Tiger, Sarah Fawn
 Tiger, Sherman Lee
 Tiger, Sonya Marie
 Tiger, Susan Rochelle
 Tiger, Toni Dion
 Torres, Carol Ann
 Tsoodle, Arminda Lee
 Uchida, Micheal Gene
 Vasquez, Rebecca Faye
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 Warrior, Donna Carol
 (Gibson)
 Warrior, Samuel Norbbie

Washington, Walter
 Watson, Brian Keith
 Watson, Jamie Ann
 White Jr., Charles Daniel
 White, Amber Mary
 White, Thomas Wayne
 Whitebird, Shelby Gail
 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
 Winter, Pilarr Ann
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 (Butler)
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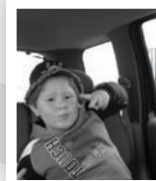
Edwin T. Little
 Happy Birthday to the best dad in the world.
 Love, Chris, Clarissa, Eric, Monica and
 Robin
 We all love you so much!

Happy 12th Birthday Christian Ellis
 Love Gma & Gpa Ellis, Mom & Dad, Ariel, Andee Girl, & Austin

Happy 11th Birthday Andee Girl Ellis
 Love Gma & Gpa Ellis, Mom & Dad, Ariel, Christian, & Austin

July 17th, HAPPY 15TH BIRTHDAY
 Jalyn Williams
 Love your G-MA & G-PA

July 31st, HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 Esteline Schulenberg
 Love your sisters and brother



Happy 6th Birthday Tomas
 Love Mom,Dad,Lacy, Diana, and Lily We love you.

Happy Birthday To:
 Marilyn Byers
 Gary Gibson
 Shawn Byers
 Leila Kaseca
 Kevin Kaseca
 Amberlicious
 Katie Yates
 Coltin Shawnee
 Shannon Byers
 Nikki Johnson
 Wishing y'all a very
 Special Day!
 We Love you,
 Marvin & Sherry

*Happy Birthday Hon
 I love you!
 From Suger*

Happy Birthday!

CULLEN CHASE NAIL
 GRANDMA'S (BIG) BOY
 HAPPY 13TH BIRTHDAY
 LOVE
 GRANDMA PATTY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 MARY E.
 HOW OLD ARE YOU???????

TO ALL MY WONDERFUL FAMILY MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS IN JULY
 DAD AND I WISH ALL A HAPPY AND SAFE DAY WE LOVE YOU ALL
 NIKKI JOHNSON ,KEVIN AND LEILA KASECA , LOVE MOM AND DAD KASECA

HAPPY 4TH BIRTHDAY JULY 10 TO MY BEAUTIFUL
 SUGARBABY KANYANN LEIANN KASECA
 LOVE GRANNY AND PAPA KASECA AND BUBBA KANTYNN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: NORA DEER AND RUSSELL KASECA,
 STEPHANIE FIXICO, JOCELYN DAVIS
 WE WISH YOU ALL A GREAT DAY
 LOVE ROY AND RHONDA KASECA



Robyn Alexa Martin
 July 22nd
 Happy 12th Birthday Robyn!! We love you!!
 Mom and Daddy Lance

Happy Birthday Robyn!
 Love your sisters and brothers,
 Skyla, L Iiyah, M ikaylah, Shawn, J oaquin,
 and Silas

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations Lindsey James
 on your high school graduation
 and enlistment into the USS
 Navy.

Lindsey graduated from Shaw-
 nee High School in May 2010
 where she was active in softball
 and basketball.

Lindsey will leave for basic training at the Naval Station
 Great Lakes Training Center in Chicago Illinois in early
 July.

Lindsey is the daughter of Absentee
 Shawnee Tribal member Bessie Lee
 Creek and Chris Vasques. Grandparents
 are Josephine (Littlehead) Creek and the
 late Eli Creek and Hope & Jim Armstrong.
 Great-Grandparents are the lat William
 and Nora (Squire) Littlehead and Albert
 Creek and the late Orphie Mae Creek.

We are very proud of you Lindsey and
 wish you the very best as you pursue
 your dreams. We will miss you very much!

Love, Your Family

Building Blocks is open for business.

We had our grand opening on May 27, 2010 at 6:30pm. It was a great accomplishment for the tribe and for our tribal members. Refreshments were served and it was enjoyed by all enrolled kids and their families. All staff was on hand to meet and most of the EC were on hand for this long awaited occasion. We had the ribbon cutting performed by Scott Miller, Secretary Lopez, and Mr. Rick Short. This has been a special project for a few years now that they had all worked on together and a special thanks goes out to Representative Onzawah for finishing the project. If it wasn't for these hard working people we would have never finished this project. Special Thanks to Mr. Rick Short for writing this grant for the tribe and getting the funding for a new state of the Art Daycare. There were so many who had started and worked hard on this project and would like to give thanks to Scott Miller, Secretary Lopez, Rick Short, Tresha Spoon, Kenny Jones, Clarice Murdock, Rita Pine, and many more. Please drop by and check the new day care out. You will be amazed at the new technology that has been installed for the children and the safe room that has been built for the children's safety. We all know how important that is after the May storms. It simply is a unique place for your child to learn and be well cared for. We have a wonderful and very knowledgeable staff. Stop by and see for yourself. If you should have any questions about the daycare please don't hesitate to call Sherry Reynolds at 878-0633.





Preventing accidental injury.

Over the past few months, **nine children have died** while alone in a vehicle, and summer hasn't even officially begun. Did you know that a child's body heats up 3 to 5 times faster than an adult's? It only takes a few short minutes before a child can become dangerously overheated.

Every year, more than 30 children die because they are alone in a car. In just 10 minutes a car's temperature can increase by 19 degrees – and it continues to rise. There is no evidence that cracking the windows helps prevent the temperature in vehicle interiors from reaching dangerous levels. In fact, sunlight coming through car windows makes the car work like an oven.



Follow these tips to help prevent child injuries:

- Dial 911 immediately if you see an unattended child in a car. EMS professionals are trained to determine if a child is in trouble.
- Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle, even with the window slightly open.
- Place a cell phone, PDA, purse, briefcase, gym bag or whatever is to be carried from the car on the floor in front of a child in a backseat. This triggers adults to see children when they open the rear door and reach for their belongings.
- Set your cell phone or Blackberry reminder to be sure you dropped your child off at day care.
- Set your computer calendar program, such as Outlook, to ask, "Did you drop off at daycare today?"
- Have a plan that if your child is late for daycare that you will be called within a few minutes. Be especially careful if you change your routine for dropping off little kids at day care.
- Teach children not to play in any vehicle.
- Lock all vehicle doors and trunk after everyone has exited the vehicle – especially at home. Keep keys out of children's reach. Cars are not playgrounds or babysitters.
- Check vehicles and trunks **FIRST** if a child goes missing.

**PLEDGE: I pledge to never leave my child in the car alone, even for a minute.
If I see a child left alone in a car, I will call 911 immediately.**

Education Department

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

- **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 associates or bachelors 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 for one graduate admissions test. This program has funding levels based upon full-time and part-time status.

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

Attention:

All applications and guidelines are available at www.astribe.com.

There are no deadlines for the Job Training Adult Education Program, but you must submit your application documents at least three weeks prior to the beginning of the course to ensure funding is available and can be disbursed to the institution.

Applications for the Education Incentive Award Program are due July 31, 2010.

For more information, please call Tresha Spoon at (405) 275-4030 ext. 121 or 1-800-256-3341 or email to tresham@astribe.com.

In Our footsteps

In Our Footsteps arts program of the AST tribe of Oklahoma is offering free music lesson all year round for All Native American's from the ages of 8 years on up to adults.

We teach guitar, drums, bass guitar, piano, vocals and recording of audio. All summer you can join in and have some fun while you learn. Just call Phil Bradley at 405-370-5576 or Kristy at 405-878-4716. You could be playing soon come on in or call.

We'd love to see you in class. And we offer to all who learn guitar a free new ac guitar at the end of your completed classes for the ac guitar. Thank you so much and have a great summer.

Phil Bradley
Creative Arts Instructor
405-370-5576

Project S.C.H.O.O.L. Presents:

Fun In The Sun *Back-to-School Bash*

**Friday, July 30th
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

Location: Shawnee Clinic (AST Complex)



Games, Prizes,
Inflatables
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For more information: (405) 878-5850
2029 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee

“Here we are; Where are we going?”

Fact: Pottawatomie County has the 3rd highest suicide rate in Oklahoma
Question: Why hasn't this rate decreased?

Fact: There has been 53 meth deaths in Oklahoma Jan-Mar. 2010
Question: Is there a correlation between suicide and drug use?

Where: Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech Skylab 1; Hwy 18 & Interstate
I-40, Shawnee, OK 74804

When: Tuesday, July 13th, 2010

- 8:00 –8:30 - Registration
- 8:30-9:30 - Bullying and the effects through perilous times
- 9:30-10:30- Suicide and the effects on our community
- 10:30-10:45- Break
- 10:45-11:45- C.A.R.D.S/ Youth on probation (alternative ways to help our youth)
- 11:45-12:30- Lunch provided
- 12:30-1:30- Meth Inside out video
- 1:30-2:30- State Representative (tentative)
- 2:30-2:45- Break
- 2:45-3:45- Depression and Suicide among youth
- 3:45 –5:00- Focus Group Work—Programming and linking with the community

Registration is required

Fax registration form to: Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
405-878-4708. Questions? Call 405-878-4716 ask for Kristy Morrell

Presented by The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Methamphetamine/Suicide Prevention Initiative and Behavioral Health Services.



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- Can you love and care for a child who comes from a difficult background?
- Can you help a child develop a sense of belonging?
- Are you secure in yourself & your parenting Skills?
- Can you maintain a positive attitude toward a child's parents?
- Can you love with all your heart & then let go?

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Many children need a loving home and a family to help them through a very tough time. Please think about it and talk with your family before you become a foster home. They all need safe, supportive environments!

If you find yourself and your family interested in Foster Care, please contact Melissa Lopez
405-275-4030 ext. 166.

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Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority

1117 N. Kimberly, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74804

Phone: (405) 273-1050

Native American Programs Available:

- ❖ Lease with Option to Purchase
- ❖ Rental
- ❖ Over-Income Down Payment Assistance and Maintenance Assistance for Enrolled AST Members
- ❖ Maintenance Assistance
- ❖ Down Payment Assistance



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for complete details

PHARMACY NEWS

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL PHARMACY SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Pharmacy (Shawnee Location) can fill prescriptions for enrolled tribal citizens only.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Clinic Pharmacy in Little Axe can fill prescriptions for tribal citizens written by Physicians not located a Tribal Clinic under the following circumstances:

1. The prescription is for an Absentee Shawnee Tribal citizen who has an established chart at the Little Axe Clinic.
2. The prescription is on the formulary of approved medications and stocked in the pharmacy.

The following are a few tips to help us deliver pharmacy services to you more efficiently;

- ✓ Present insurance cards each time you pick up or drop off a prescription.
- ✓ Keep us informed of all changes in address, phone number and other contact information.
- ✓ Let the Pharmacy staff know if the prescription is going to be picked up or needs to be delivered.
- ✓ If you have any questions concerning your prescription please feel free to call and talk to our Pharmacist. They are here to assist you with your pharmaceutical needs.

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

**If you'd like to submit an ad
or article give us a call at
(405) 598-1279 or send us an
e-mail at
mediadept@astribe.com**

**ALL ARTICLES WILL BE
SUBMITTED AS
RECEIVED.**



Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Little Axe Clinic • Little Axe Dental Clinic
15702 E. Hwy 9
Norman, Oklahoma 73026

Phone: (405) 447-0300 Fax: (405) 447-2250

Clinic Operating Hours

Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00
p.m.

Weekends/Federal Holidays

Closed

* Clinic and Pharmacy will be closed the
3rd Wednesday of each month
from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m

FOLLOWING THE TRAIL

October 9, 2010

Native American Men
and Boys Conference

www.forministry.com/usoksobcoonamc



Clint Sinclair
Evangelist
Okemah, OK



Eddie Lindsey
BGCO
Oklahoma City, OK



Dean Blevins
KWTV, Sports Director
Oklahoma City, OK

Conference Location:

**Cornerstone
Indian
Baptist
Church**
Little Axe, Oklahoma

Registration Costs:

Before August 6, 2010
Men: \$15.00
Boys (12-18): \$10.00

After August 6, 2010
Men: \$20.00
Boys (12-18): \$15.00

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menu subject to change

July 2010

2% milk served daily

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOT GOING TO BE HOME CALL & LET US KNOW AT 275-4030 EXT 169 OR NOTIFY YOUR DRIVER		Lunch hours Monday - Thursday 11am to 1pm Friday is Breakfast 9am to 11am		1 Chicken Broccoli Casserole Beets Roll/Plums	2 Ham/Egg Breakfast Casserole Biscuit Fruit	3
4 	5 AST Closed Observing Independence Day	6 Meatloaf Scalloped Pot. Okra/Tom. Salad Bar	7 Pork Chop Stuffing Turnip Greens Cinn. Apples Bread	8 Cheesy Ham Tater Casserole Mixed Veggies Roll/ Fruit Salad	9 French Toast Sausage Cereal Fruit Milk	10
11	12 Hamburger w/chez Lett/Tom./Onion Pickles Bean Salad Fruit Cocktail	13 Baked Ham Sweet Pot. Brussel Sprouts Bread Fruit Jell-O	14 Hawaiin Chicken Wild Rice Glazed Carrots Roll/Pineapples	15 Taco Salad Lett./Tomato Onions/Chez Salsa/Pears	16 Biscuit Sausage Gravy Cereal Fruit Milk	17
18	19 Tuscan Noodle Bake Greenbeans Roll/Peaches	20 Mexican Casserole w/corn tortillas Ranch style beans Spanish Rice Salad Bar/Salsa	21 Bake Potato Bar Ham/chez Broccoli & chez Banana Pudding vanill wafers Fresh Fruit	22 Chicken Salad Sand. Pot. Salad Choc. Pudding	23 Breakfast Burrito Sausage/egg/chez Tortilla Salsa	24
25	26 Chicken Fry Steak Mashed. Pot Zucchinni & Tom. Roll/Apricots	27 Beef Tips/ noodles Okra Bread Stick Peach Cobbler	28 Cheesy Chicken Spinach Casserole Veggie Medley Cucmbr/Onion Salad/Bread	29 Navy Beans/ham Potato Squares Corn Bread Sliced tom./Onion Fruit	30 Cinnamon Roll Ham Scrambled Eggs Cereal	31

July 2010

The Title VI Staff hopes everyone is having a great summer.

As the weather will be getting hotter, The Title VI Staff wants everyone to enjoy their meal especially the homebound. We know some days you will not be home and you will leave an ice chest out but we need for the homebound to put some ice packs in them so the heat will not start to spoil the meal and milk.

Example: Butter container, or pop bottles, or the blue freezer pack, depending on the size of your ice chest, something that will freeze good.

Please keep hydrated, drink plenty of water.

If you have any questions you can call us at 275-4030 ext. 169

FREE Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors still Available!!

OEH personnel will provide and install smoke alarms and/or carbon monoxide detectors for enrolled Absentee Shawnee tribal members living in Pottawatomie, Cleveland, or Oklahoma County.

Please complete an application/short survey form and schedule a time and date for installation. Application/survey forms are available at the OEH office and at www.astribe.com.

Please contact OEH at 214-4235 for more information.

Absentee Shawnee Tribe

Enrollment office Address Change Request

Date: _____ CDIB# _____ Birth Date: _____

Full Name: _____

New Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code: _____

County: _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Cell Phone (____) _____

Tribal Member Signature

Date

**Please Mail to:
Absentee Shawnee Tribe
Enrollment Office
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK. 74801**



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE
OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
2025 S. GORDON COOPER DR.
SHAWNEE, OK 74801

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STANDARD MAIL
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Shawnee, OK 74801

RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED



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GRAPHICS & PRINTING

Some services that are offered include:

Business Cards

Invitations

Announcements

Calendars

Banners

Logo Designs

Graphics

Brochures

Envelope Designs

Copies

2010 TRIBAL PHONE NUMBERS

Tribal Complex	(405) 275-4030
or	1-800 256-3341
OEP	(405) 273-9966
Building Blocks	(405) 878-0633
Health Programs	(405) 878-4702
or	1-877-878-4702
Little Axe Clinic	(405) 447-0300
Shawnee Clinic	(405) 878-5850
Shawnee Pharmacy	(405) 878-5859
Behavioral Health	(405) 878-4716
LA Resource Center	(405) 364-7298
or	(405) 364-7569
LA Cultural Center	(405) 447-3372
AST Police	(405) 275-3200
or	(405) 275-3432
OEH	(405) 214-4235
AS Housing Authority	(405) 273-1050
Thunderbird Casino	(405) 360-9270
Or	1-800-259-LUCK
AST Media Dept	(405) 598-1279
AST Media Dept	Fax (405) 598-1294