

# THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE NEWS

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The Relief Center at Brendle Corner located at Hwy 9 and Harrah-Newalla Road is open to all the people who are in need of assistance. At the current time, they are in need of monetary, food, and volunteer donations. Please contact the Tribal office at (405) 275-4030 and ask for Governor Blanchard's office. The Governor wishes to say THANK YOU!! To all those that have already donated their time and money for this cause.



Police Chief Brad Jackson, Two Volunteers and Governor George Blanchard



## REMEMBER TO VOTE!!!

FROM THE ELECTION COMMISSION:

Tribal members don't forget to vote in the Run Off election to be held on Saturday, June 15, 2013. The poll locations will be at the Police Department on the Tribal Complex in Shawnee and at the Little Axe Resource Center on Peebly Rd. in Little Axe.

THE POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.



# Executive Committee



**GEORGE BLANCHARD**  
GOVERNOR



**ISSAC GIBSON**  
LT. GOVERNOR



**TERI REED**  
SECRETARY



**KATHY DEERE**  
TREASURER



**JEFFREY GIBSON**  
REPRESENTATIVE

## GOVERNOR'S

*Report*

Greetings Friends and Relatives:

The Memorial Day Holiday is come and gone. Here's hoping that all my friends and relatives got to spend some quiet time together, enjoying each other's company and celebrating with some outdoor activity such as a cookout. Our family did just that and all had an enjoyable time.

Let me say that our Tribal elections are just around the corner. It is another time to get out and vote. This is your time to voice your opinion as an investment in our future by voting for a candidate of your choice. Don't let your people down by not voting. It is your right to vote so please participate in this important event.

I'd like to take a moment to thank the many people who assisted in the cleanup of the Little Axe Community. The outpouring of support in manpower and donations is something of a marvel to witness. Tribal members were very much involved and we should be thankful to those who contributed in all manner possible.

The Executive Committee put forth efforts in many useful ways and I thank them heartily for a job well done, as with the others.

You are welcome to visit me when your busy schedules allow you too.

Respectfully,

George Blanchard, Governor

26th ANNIVERSARY

## THUNDERBIRD CASINO POW WOW JULY 4-5-6, 2013 • Little Axe, OK

MC: SAMMY "TONE-KEP" WHITE

HEAD MAN DANCER: WOLFY LEITKA

HEAD LADY DANCER: LESLIE REALRIDER

HEAD SINGER: FOREST WALKER

HEAD GOURD DANCER: ADAM PROCTOR

ARENA DIRECTOR: SAM HOWELL

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE COLOR GUARD

SUPPER EVERY EVENING @ 5PM



ARTS AND CRAFT VENDORS WELCOME

CALL: LEONARD LONGHORN 405-481-0674 or

SUE BLANCHARD 405-312-4621

*All contestants must be in full regalia and number in full display during Grand Entry each night and dance July 4th during inter-tribal dancing.*

*All decisions made by the powwow committee are final.*

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS, INJURIES AND LOSSES • DRUGS, ALCOHOL ARE PROHIBITED

## KEVIN WASHINGTON AND DARREN SHIELDS WINS THE MENS DOUBLES BOWLING EVENT



Absentee Shawnee Tribal members, Kevin Washington and Darren Shields won the Mens Doubles Bowling event at the 49th Albuquerque Annual Native American Bowling Tournament held on April 26 - 28, 2013. Kevin is the son of the late Herman & Deloris Washington. Darren is the son of tribal member, Jenifer Sloan of Tecumseh, OK.



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## LT. GOVERNOR'S

*Report*

The month flew by! We have been busy!

We started the month off meeting with the newest Pottawatomie County Commissioner; Randy Thomas, District Two; it was a pleasure meeting Mr. Thomas. We discussed areas in which the Tribe might be able to work with the County, regarding issues that could benefit both Indians and non-Indian citizens. The Tribal Transportation Program was discussed along with other programs that the Tribe thought the County might be interested in. Commissioner Thomas was very forth coming in his ideas, we enjoyed the visit and we look forward to working with him, as we have with previous Commissioner Richards and seated Commissioners, Dennis and Stackhouse. We wish Commissioner Richards well in his retirement.

Which reminds me; we got word that George Skinner, long time County Commissioner in Cleveland County, has passed. Mr. Skinner was the Commissioner for the Little Axe area for a lot of years, I am sure many of you knew him. He was definitely a friend to the Shawnee, and an advocate to the Little Axe area, he will be greatly missed.

I know there have been some vague articles in the Shawnee News Star, maybe other newspapers, regarding the Mission Hill property. The Tribe is concerned; a letter has been submitted to Kevin K. Washburn, Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, requesting to be included in all previous and future correspondence between the Department of Interior and the Citizen Pottawatomie regarding that property. The correspondence was recently submitted and we are waiting for a response. You will be updated as we learn more. There still has not been a decision on the Tribe with jurisdiction issue. Hopefully that will come soon.

After a year, we finally have a meeting with the engineering firm to pick up the plans for the design of the parking lot for the tribal police substation. Hopefully construction will start soon.

As budgets are tight, we are trying to limit travel and training to locally hosted, free trainings. Realty staff attended a rights-of-way training in Anadarko, sponsored by the Southern Plains Regional Office, on May 15<sup>th</sup>. We have staff planning to attend training in Stillwater on the new Tribal Transportation Program legislation (MAPS21), on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Memorial Day. Sorry, happy belated Mother's Day!

Respectfully,  
Isaac Gibson  
Lt. Governor

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## SECRETARY'S

*Report*

Greeting Tribal Members:

This time of year is an exciting time as many of you are busy with summer plans, cultural participation in dances and football, gardening, graduations, and summer activities. This time of year brings a great sense of renewal for me and makes me proud to be Absentee Shawnee.

We appreciate those of you who attended the General Council meeting in April. One of the purposes of the General Council meeting is to provide you with information about tribal services. We provided information through our General Council book, oral and written reports, and through informational booths set up by the

Health Clinic and some of our departments. I hope you found the information helpful. Several people indicated they would like to have more notice on when the General Council meetings will take place. The Executive Committee discussed this issue and will work towards providing you more notice in the future. We set the next General Council meeting for Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Event Center/Warrior Room at Thunderbird Casino in Little Axe. We are also considering extending the meeting into the afternoon for those of you who would like more time to ask questions.

I had mentioned in previous newsletters that I was interested in providing a buyers program for tribal members, where our Procurement Department would seek out discounts for goods and services that could be utilized by the tribe and individual tribal members. During my oral report at the General Council meeting, I reported that our initial efforts on this project indicated that we could procure a 10%-15% discounts at some home improvement companies, appliance, and electronics stores, etc. An informal poll at the General Council meeting indicated that very few tribal members (about 20%) were interested in utilizing a program such as this. Therefore, we will continue our efforts to find discounts for the tribe for goods and services we normally buy, but will not expand this particular program further. We will continue to seek out other ways that we may be able to bring new services to tribal members.

### YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Part of the reason that I love this time of year so much is because all of the accomplishments of our native youths. They are finishing up the school year and making plans for the coming years. We have so many talented young people in our tribe and I would like to take this opportunity to mention a few of them who have been brought to my attention.

Congratulations to our Big Jim Youth Award winners. They were selected from a panel of 5 non-AST judges. All of the judges are involved in either education or coaching within the state of Oklahoma. These awards are open to High School Seniors nationwide who submitted an application by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations to our Academic winners Randall Watson from Shawnee High School and Jalyn Williams from Tecumseh High School.

Congratulations to our Athletes Of The Year winners Solomon Blanchard from the Jim Thorpe Academy in Shawnee and Andee Frazier from Little Axe High School.

In May, I got to watch Brandon Johnson and his Norman North baseball team reach the State Finals Baseball game where they were defeated by Owasso. Brandon is a Junior at Norman North. I also got to watch Little Axe Senior Kayla Ciulla win the State Tennis Championship in an unbelievable match where she came from behind and dominated 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. Trevor Yates fished his way to take the Junior State Fishing

Championship at Lake Eufaula. Congratulations on these great accomplishments.

I was invited to attend many school award ceremonies and graduations. I attended as many as I could. I'm so proud of our young people, including graduating seniors: Kaitlin Yates, Liahna Bender, Tre Miller, Shoshanna Johnson, Alecia Neash, Darian Shields, Kara Gouge, Ashlynn Gouge, and Jessica New Moon. These are the students that were brought to my attention. I am sorry if I missed

anyone. We are proud of all our graduating Seniors! Lastly, I know we have a number of young people at various Colleges and Universities in Oklahoma and beyond. We are proud that you are continuing your education and encourage you to keep us posted of your accomplishments. We love to hear about your accomplishments! I know that tribal member John Johnson and his wife Janet have a son, John D. Johnson, who graduated from college this month and is the first Doctor in the family. Dr. Johnson is headed to Hawaii for 5 years to complete his residency work. Dr. Johnson is the grandson of tribal members Bill Johnson and the late Dee Johnson. This is a wonderful accomplishment and we wish him well in Hawaii.

### TOBACCO COMPACT

I have attended numerous State and Tribal Leader's meetings on the ensuing termination date of our Tobacco Compact in June. Most of the tribes in Oklahoma have Tobacco Compacts that are expiring in June and many of them have been amiable to the idea of joining forces in our negotiations. We wrote to Governor Fallin and formally requested a 4 year extension of our current Tobacco Compact. We also hired the law firm of Hobbs and Straus out of Oklahoma City to handle our negotiations for us. Hobbs and Straus handled our negotiations for our last Tobacco Compact and they did a great job. Tribal leaders have a face-to-face meeting with Governor Fallin in mid-June in Tulsa to discuss concerns the tribes have with the negotiations. In previous compacts, each tribe had what is called a "favored nations" clause that allowed tribes to adopt portions of other tribes' compacts if the terms were more favorable than the ones in their compact. This was good for the tribes. The State has indicated they are against adding a favored nation's clause in compacts signed this year. In my opinion, this is the State's way of dividing the tribes and lessening our strength as Native People. I am hopeful that we will be able to obtain the extension we requested, as we currently have a strong compact that provides needed revenue for our programs.

### BUSINESS ENTERPRISE UPDATE

If you have kept up with the newsletter over the past few years, you know that the Secretary's office was given oversight of the Tribal Enterprises (Smoke Shops and Restaurant) back in 2010, which was well before I took office. It has been reported by others that I took the tribal enterprises away from ASED Inc. This was not the case. This was done by a resolution with a unanimous vote by the Executive Committee (Resolution # EAS-2010-104) in December 2010. I assumed the oversight role from the previous Secretary, and the following is a report on our tribal enterprises. As with all of the duties/program I assumed when I took office, I have worked hard to make improvements and to manage the entities responsibly.

This is the time of year when our annual audit is conducted. I thought it might be interesting for you to know some of the checks and balances we have for the enterprises. We have a full time accountant who handles our finances. All paid expenses go through her and any checks that are written require two signatures in order to be paid. The procedures for paying expenses are documented and followed by employees. Financial information is made available on a regular basis to the Executive Committee. We report directly to the Executive Committee and we are required to report annually, however, we provide reports to them more frequently. We are audited annually



by an outside firm that verifies our procedures as well as our financial reporting. Recommendations and results are reported to us and to the tribe. We had a good audit last year and expect another good report this year. Our accountant is an ex-auditor and is very familiar with accounting practices and auditing requirements.

Our General Manager previously worked as a Chief Financial Officer for two different tribes and is experienced at financial analysis and business practices. Net profits and expenses are compared to industry averages for our area to make sure we are within defined limits. Our managers are experienced and work together to solve problems. We have an in-house inventory control system that tracks our inventory, but we also hire an outside company to conduct an independent inventory at least annually.

Our Tribal Tax Commission tracks all cigarettes bought and sold on a monthly basis and verifies the count directly with our cigarette suppliers.

Most of the money that is made by the Smoke Shops is from Tobacco Compact and fuel credit money (\$400,000-\$500,000 annually). This money goes directly to either the Tribal Tax Commission or the Tribe's Finance Department and does not go through the stores at all. Neither myself or the General Manager receive any money or stipend for providing oversight to the enterprises. We do not have a charge account, we do not get an employee discount, and we pay for every cup of coffee from our own pockets. We have documentation on all our procedures in our Employee Manual. We have a disciplinary process for employees who do not follow the rules. We conduct drug tests for employment new hires, and employees know that they may be asked to take a drug test at any time.

We have 36 cameras that record everything that goes on at the Smoke Shops and Restaurant 24 hours per day. The cameras are available for review by management, the Tribal Complex, and the Tribal Police Department. I am confident that we have the experience and knowledge necessary to manage the enterprises. I will be happy to answer any questions you might have about the tribal enterprises.

#### OTHER CHALLENGES

It is with a heavy heart that I try to make sense of many of the recent tragedies. I feel for the families who have lost loved ones. Some of the accidents, injuries, and sickness within our tribe are difficult to understand.

The recent tornados in our area have been devastating. I'm writing this report on the evening of the deadly tornado that hit Moore, Oklahoma. The television is reporting on the many lives that were lost and the chaos ahead of us. The only thing that I am sure of, is that our people are resilient, strong, and pull together during difficult times. I have seen it time and again, and I'm sure we will pull together as a family to help each other through these challenging times. That is the blessing of being Absentee Shawnee and an Oklahoman. I am proud of the way the Tribal Police Department and the Tribe responded in helping in any way that we can. If you are facing challenges and need help, please let us know. We may have programs or services that can help you through these difficult times.

#### GENERAL ELECTION

The next general election will be on Saturday, June 15th, 2013. I encourage you to get out and exercise your right to vote.

If you have any issues or concerns that you would

like addressed in the newsletter, please let me know.

Teri Reed

Tribal Secretary

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## TREASURER'S

*Report*

Greetings TRIBAL MEMBERS,

Election time again! This time around it is for the Governor and Secretary positions. Voting is an opportunity and privilege, so make your voice heard! Congratulations to all the students who have graduated and received honors, certificates, and achieved their goals they have set for themselves! My sincere and deeply felt sorrow for those tribal members who have lost loved ones. My prayers and thoughts go out to the families.

· AICCO (American Indian Chamber of Commerce of OK, OKC Chapter) Mtg., with Guest speakers, Native American Liaison to Gov. Fallin, Jacque Secondine Hensley (Kaw Nation) and Diedre Myers, Deputy Director, Office of Economic & Workforce Policy, OK Department of Commerce. Ms. Hensley, goal is to enhance the state's relationships with the Oklahoma Tribes. Her duties range from tribal outreach, issues concerning Indian Child Welfare, and to working on state compacts with the tribes concerning gaming, tobacco, etc. Ms. Myers, gave an overview of Oklahoma's focus of workforce and business. On the Dept. of Commerce website, year 2011, OK experienced 2.7% employment growth ranking the state 3rd among all U.S. states. According to Economic Modeling Specialist International (EMSI) data, top five (5) economic systems (industries) consists of Aerospace & defense, energy, agriculture & bioscience, information & financial services, and transportation & distribution.

· HIV in Indian Country, Community Training, AST Resource Center, sponsored by the AST Behavioral Health Services. Presenter was Michaela Grey, MPH, National Native American AIDS Prevention Center, Denver, CO. She is a Capacity Building Assistance Specialist with tremendous experience in Clinical Trial Research. Her skills from the University research setting and personal motivation goals are to increase community awareness of HIV/AIDS and the potential for a cure. Also, a video was shown: "Story of an Indian Woman and AIDS, The Loretta Gibson Story" was very moving, dramatic realization, motivation, and educational for everyone there to get the word out there about the dangers of HIV/AIDS.

· Sovereignty Symposium XXVI, Skirvin Hilton Hotel, OKC. Opening Ceremony and Keynote address speaker:

Sandra Day O'Connor, Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, Retired, and Tom Cole, (Chickasaw) Congressman, United States House of Representatives, OK District Four. Honor Guards: AST Veterans Association and Kiowa Black Leggings Society. Topics included: Initiatives for Economic Development, Issues Facing Military Members Past and Present, A Fair, Impartial, and Independent Judiciary (Historical Analysis), Tribal and Local Government Cooperation, Essentials of tribal Self-Government and Sovereignty, Judicial Nominating Commission and Judicial Retention, Compact Negotiations and Oklahoma Issues Update, Tribal/State of OK Relationship-Fees and Taxes, Procedures, Impact or Gaming Development, Criminal Law/Cross Deputization, Tribal Language Preservation

in the Twenty-First Century, Status of Trust Issues in the Wake of Judicial decisions, Sovereignty Issues and Internet Gaming Jurisdiction, Off Reservation, Economic Analysis, Social gaming, Strategies, Land into Trust and other regulatory issues Carcieri, roles of NIGC and BIA, competing interests, taxation issues, NIGC Update, ICWA and other Children's Issues, Tribal Law and Order Act-The Hopi Perspective, and Department of the Interior Secretarial Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform.

· 2013 Red Earth Parade, OKC. AST was well represented with our Honor Guard, Elders, Executive Committee Members, and other entities of the Tribe.

· 2012 Annual Audit is in process for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. Plans are to be concluded by the end of this month. Appreciate all departments and employees who have worked hard in making sure this audit is successful and completed on time.

· Financials for Health Monthly Mtg., Each month the tribal finance department, health finance, executive director, clinical administrators, business office meet to review the health monthly financials and collections.

· Health Board Authority and LSWN Board Meeting, held every third Tuesday, Little Axe Health Facility, Little Axe, OK. Serves as Ad Hoc non-voting member. Monthly reports of Executive Director, Clinic Administrators, Department/Program Directors, financial, and activities of health facility are presented. We would like to extend to the Health Board members appreciation and thank you for serving on the Health Board. The Board consists of Troy Little Axe, Chairman, Greg Terrell, Secretary, Lisa Johnson-Billy, Nathan Boren, Surya Pierce, Sandra Vaughn, and Lancer Stephens.

Monthly Program/Departmental Directors meeting. Each director comes every third Monday and gives a monthly update on their program/department. We, as the Executive Committee, appreciate these departments who take the time to come and give us an update every month and prepare monthly written reports. We understand they may have circumstances occur that prevent them from coming to the monthly meetings.

THANK YOU!

· Elders' Monthly meeting are held every third Saturday, either at AST Resource Center or Title VI Bldgs, 10 am. If you are 55 years and older, please come join us for fellowship, food, and fun times together. Fund raisers, outings, and cultural activities are planned monthly. Participated in the annual audit for the Elders' Council along with Meredith Wahpeche, and Stella Little.

· Thunderbird Casino Monthly financial meeting with General Manager, Dillon Byrd, Controller, myself, and/or other Executive Committee Member, who are available, to go over the monthly financials.

· CDFI (Community Development Financial Institution) Grant-Action Planning Meeting of Steering Committee. Grant was submitted February 28, 2013 and should know in August if awarded. Discussion on creating initial infrastructure, market analysis, legal infrastructure, and organizational structure. Next planning meeting, TBD. If any tribal member is interested in being on this committee, please contact Eddie Brokeshoulder, 275-4030, Ext. 148.

· WHITE TURKEY BAND POW WOW: HONORING STUDENTS AND GRADUATES, Held at Horse Shoe Bend Community Building, Shawnee, OK. A good crowd came out to honor students and graduates. The committee did a wonderful job for the



students and it was an honor and privilege to see them recognized for their scholastic achievements.

#### NEWS FLASH

· Cobell Update (<http://www.indiantrust.com>): Deadlines for claimants who submitted claims in connection with the Trust Administration Class: 5/1/2013-Claims Administrator will mail letters detailing the initial determination of eligibility to all persons who filed a timely claim; 7/1/13- Written requests for reconsideration must be postmarked and sent with all supporting documentation to the Claims Administrator. It is important that all documentation supporting your claim as a member of the trust Administration Class be provided to the Claims Administrator when you are asking for reconsideration; 8/1/13-The Claims Administrator must respond to any requests for reconsideration with a second determination of eligibility; 9/4/13-Written requests to appeal the second determination to class eligibility must be postmarked and sent to the Claims administrator; APPEALS will be reviewed by the Special Master, the Honorable Richard Levie (Ret.), who was appointed by the Court on December 19, 2012. Have questions call the Info Center: 1-800-961-6109 Site of Infamous Wounded Knee Massacre, went for sale, with an asking price of \$4.9 million. In a resale interview the site's owner, James Czywczynski, revealed his bitterness over his personal history with the property and rejected the notion that he should gift it to the Oglala Sioux. "What makes them think that I should give it to them?" he asked, "Everything is given to the Indians anyway." See article, <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com>.

· New Miss Indian World, Kansas Begaye (Dine') was crowned at the Gathering of Nations, 30th annual, Albuquerque, New Mexico. She is 24-years old from Rio Rancho, New Mexico, graduated from University of New Mexico in 2011.

· OKC THUNDERS-RUSSELL WESTBROOK; A surprise and a plus for me. Met and got to shake his hand at the OKC Zoo.

The Finance Department employees and Controller, Belinda Collins, are deserving recognition as they daily continue the never ending processes for the financial side of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. Without their tireless dedication and commitment we could not keep the financial transactions processes flowing!

My appreciation to the Financial Consultant, Eddie Brokeshoulder, who continues to assist me with numerous projects, attend meetings where I cannot attend, and consulting decisions in the office of Treasurer! Also, sincere appreciation and thanks to Arlene Herrera who serves as Administrative Assistant to me and Enrollment. We appreciate all your phone calls, emails, and visits. May God continue to bless you and yours! See below articles from AllNations Bank, Finance Department, and Financial Consultant, Eddie Brokeshoulder.

Respectfully yours,

Kathy Deere, Tribal Treasurer

"The ultimate leader is one who is willing to develop people to the point that they eventually surpass him or her in knowledge and ability."

Fred A. Manske, Jr.

#### REPRESENTATIVE'S

Greetings Tribal Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying this warm, cold, and wet weather we have been experiencing.

Summer is approaching and all the vacations and outdoor activities that come along with it I hope everyone has safe travel with their family. Be sure to spend as much time as possible with your loved ones, every moment with them is precious. My thoughts and prayers go out to all the tribal members' friends and families that have been caught in the devastation from the tornado. We as a tribe have been recruiting volunteers to do as much as possible to help assist those in their times of needs. If you need any assistance give any executive committee member a call and we will do our best to assist you in any way we can. I would like to thank each individual volunteer that has been helping with the clean up and helping those in need, your help and effort makes a big difference. I would also like to thank Edwina Butler Wolfe, the workers and all the participants as well for the Horseshoe Bend Powwow.

It turned out to be quite a success. I look forward to the Jim Thorpe games coming up and I hope to see many Tribal Members participation during those events. I hope everyone has a blessed month. If you need anything my door is always open and I can also be reached by cell.

Thank you,

Representative Jeff Gibson

#### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

June 2013

The Finance office continues our efforts in keeping the day to day activities flowing effectively and efficiently 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.

Tribal Members and Native Employees allowing clinic and pharmacy visits to be claimed on their medical insurance coverage from private insurance or other coverage is very beneficial to the Tribe's health systems.

Any cost not paid by your insurance company will be paid by Tribal health system funds. You will not be asked to pay a deductible or any charges not covered by your insurance. Using your coverage allows the health systems to charge your insurance for the service rather than it being paid in full from the health system funds.

This in turns enhances the entire program and allows more services to Tribal members. In addition, any funds paid by the Tribe on claims filed with your insurance helps to meet your deductibles.

The Tribe's 2010 and 2011 Audits are "unqualified"; which when compared to an educational grading scale is an A. We are prepared for the 2012 audit coordinating business entities that will roll up into the tribe's audit.

Auditors are currently. The 2013 Indirect Cost Proposal was submitted to the National Business Center (NBC) on September 4, 2012. Our rate is up from 17.74% for 2010 to 21.98% for 2011 to 22.35% for 2012, and 27.39% for 2013. As soon as I have a draft of the 2012 Audit, I will begin writing the 2014 IDC proposal.

The finance department for 2013 is completing accounting by the 10th day of the month which has been extended from the 7th allowing the health finance to provide reports necessary for adjusting inventory and accounts receivable. Financial reporting for the Health Authority and Li Si Wi Nwi, Health Inc. boards for Absentee Health Systems, Shawnee and Little Axe (LSWN) continues. The Finance staff has completed the

April reconciliations for financial reporting. It is imperative the accounting staff continue to stay ahead of all of the accounting so that audits go smoothly, so that Indirect Cost rates will stay up to date as well. Indirect cost proposals cannot be submitted without completed audits as the audit is used to calculate the proposal. There are many processes in place in your Tribe's accounting department that ensure we keep accurate records of transactions. The Tribe's accounting processes must be in compliance with GAAP; (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) and GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board) and these rules are updated sometimes annually.

The Tribe currently has compact funds of BIA and I H S, 51 Grants. In addition, the Tribe operates on a General Fund and an Indirect Cost Fund. The new clinic building payments are current and have been and projections are that they will continue to be current going forward.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Finance Department has very hard working group of people and it is an honor to work with them, the Treasurer's office and at the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. The Finance Department employs 14: with 7 (50%) being AST Tribal Members, 2 non-AST tribal members, and 5 (36%) being non-natives. This department as always would like 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 reach its accomplished goals and to continue with this effort. A special thanks and note of appreciation to Program Managers and Employees of the Tribe for their assistance and dedication in our continued group effort toward accomplishing our goal. If you have any questions or needs, please call 405-275-4030 ext 162 and I will be glad to assist you.

Respectfully,

Belinda Collins,  
Controller

#### FINANCIAL CONSULTANT

Report

Hello Tribal Members,

The office of Treasurer continues to manage and provide sound financial reporting and in keeping with fiduciary responsibilities of improving the financial status of the Tribe.

I have been involved in review and participated in the following financial related activities:

**Financial Reporting:** Reviewed and analyzed office of Treasurer monthly General Fund and Indirect Cost encumbrance budget reports.

**Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority, Inc. (ASEDA):** Attend monthly ASEDA board meeting to discuss future business opportunities such as the feasibility development of a Rural Water District, with dependable water facilities, rural communities can attract families and businesses that will invest in the community and improve the quality of life for all residents. ASEDA, Inc. is currently being audited by Bledsoe & Associates, PLLC certified public accountants for calendar year 2012. ASEDA board meetings are held monthly, 2nd Thursday, at 10:00 a.m., our meetings are open to community tribal members.

#### Community Development

Absentee Shawnee Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI): The Absentee Shawnee Tribe continues to wait for notification from U.S. Department of Treasury on recent CDFI application. AST CDFI seeks to foster economic



and financial independence for Native people by assisting in the development of personal assets through financial and entrepreneurial education. Currently our steering committee was directed to develop an action plan for starting a CDFI: Create Initial Infrastructure, Market Analysis, and Legal Infrastructure, with our next meeting planned May 23rd, meetings are open to community tribal members. For more information please contact Eddie Brokeshoulder, at 405-275-4030 x 148 or eddieb@astribe.com.

**American Indian Chamber of Commerce Oklahoma (AICCO):** Recently Treasurer Deere and I attended AICCO luncheon in Oklahoma City, guest speakers Jacque Secondine Hensley, Native American Liaison to office of Governor Fallin and Deidre D. Meyers, Deputy Director of office of Economic and Workforce Policy, Oklahoma Department of Commerce. Ms. Hensley gave an overview of her role and responsibilities as Native American Liaison. Ms. Meyers spoke about the state of Oklahoma focus of workforce and business development.

**8th Annual TGI Enterprises Inc., Promo Dos (Cinco) De Mayo:** Treasurer Deere, Arlene Herrera and I recently attended the 8th Annual TGI Enterprises Inc., Cherokee Female Native American owned business in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This event was a customer appreciation event, facility tour, promotional product showcase of screen printing and embroidery. We enjoyed food, presentations and each received a colorful t-shirt.

**Creating Sustainable Programs Webinar:** Participated in a free webinar sponsored by First Nations Development Institute, our discussion's included the creation of sustainable programs aimed at educating Native community members in working to strengthen local food systems while increasing economic opportunities and organizational capacity.

**Absentee Shawnee Community Development Financial Institution Not-For-Profit 501 (c) 3:** Reviewed resolution prepared by tribal consultant Rick Short, requesting the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorizing and adopting and approving the submission of an application to the Internal Revenue Service for the creation of a 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation.

In closing, I would like to let you know our offices are always open, to answer questions you might have relating to financial management. I can be reached at 405-275-4030 x 148 or eddieb@astribe.com

Respectfully Submitted,  
Eddie Brokeshoulder  
Financial Consultant

**AST CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE  
SEEKING VOLUNTEER TRIBAL MEMBERS**

*Are you interested in participating and being a part of a better tomorrow?*

*Are you an Elder or Youth willing to better the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, if so please contact: Eddie Brokeshoulder at 405-275-4030 x 148 or eddieb@astribe.com*

# RESOLUTIONS

The following are Resolutions passed through May 15, 2013

## EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS

### E-AS-13-35 04/24/13

Relating to a Loan Agreement and Loan Documents among the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Thunderbird Entertainment Center, Inc. and Firststar Bank, National Association.

### E-AS-13-36 04/24/13

Authorizes and approves the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to apply for the Family Violence Prevention and Services Grant for Domestic Violence Shelters/Grants to Native American Tribes (including Alaska Native Villages) and Tribal Organizations.

### E-AS-13-37 05/15/13

Approves and accepts Fredrick Cecil Combs III, Kayla Nicole Vasquez, Jonathon Louis Vasquez, Jackie Dean Johnson, Soaryn Edward Matthew Tiger, Jaime Lee Keith, Devin Anthony Gutierrez, Christian Jacob Simpson, Julian Elliot Simpson, Caden Marshall Simpson, Jiya Marie Woods, Kayelah Janeablaire Davis, Mary-Ann Jackson, Cheyenne Marie Jackson, Lindsey Nicholle James, Isabel Fe Reyes, Aireanna Belle Longhorn Dees.

Kristian Parker Phillips, Mason Jaxon Phillips and Cora Irene Masquas as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

### E-AS-13-38 05/15/13

Approves Governor Blanchard signing a contract with Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP for a \$5000.00 retainer and an hourly rate of \$195.00 for the negotiation of the Tobacco Compact with the State of Oklahoma.

## Probates

We would like to thank everyone who called in with helpful information regarding the next of kin of deceased Tribal Members. We still have two cases pending that we need to locate their net of kin in order to obtain the necessary information and documents to submit the cases for probate. If anyone knows the names or whereabouts of any family member of the decedents listed below, please contact Johnnie Hagan at (405) 275-4030 ext. 126 or at 1-800-256-3341 ext 126:

Robert Jefferson Wimbish  
Michael Edward Powell, Sr.

If you'd like to submit an ad or article give us a call at  
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(405) 481-0558  
or send us an e-mail at  
stiger@astribe.com

**ALL ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE ARE DUE BY THE 20TH OF THE CURRENT MONTH**

Unfortunately, we can only accept one picture per birthday person, not per birthday wish.



## Music

Hello to everyone and I hope you're enjoying the nice warm weather that we've been having. Well school will soon be out and the kids will be home for a while, and the FREE music lessons are still being offered each week day and on Saturdays. We have had some gifted children and adults as well I hope to see more tribal members take advantage of the free music classes. We will soon be holding an award party for all the music students that will be going on to a higher level of musical skills, We have two young ladies that are between 6 and seven years old that are just awesome players for their age group. I'm so very proud of them and all of the students that have come to the music classes and set goals for themselves and have accomplished their goals. In music, we will be handing out awards for achievements in music growth and playing skill. There will be two elders on the list too receive awards and pictures as well. Everyone is welcome to come join in the music and learn to play the piano, acoustic guitar, bass guitar and/or drums if you like, all the classes are FREE all you need to do is bring yourself and you're desire to play to each class and you could be playing in no time. Please feel free to give us a call or email us at pbradley@astribe.com or call my cell at 405-370-5576. We offer classes on Tuesdays in the Little Axe Resource Center from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and in Shawnee Wednesday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the music house right next door to the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Police station, just give me a call and let's get you set up with a day and time to start your music lessons. You can always reach me on my cell so please don't hold back the music that's in you and call me today and thanks too all the music students that are in classes right now. Have a good day and may The LORD send you a blessing your way.  
Phil Bradley Instructor  
Music





# TORNADO HITS



# LITTLE AXE







L to R: "Spud" Blanchard, L.T. Gov. Gibson, "Moose" Blanchard, Andy Warrior, Mike Wood



***OKLAHOMA CITY – STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS ANNOUNCE NEW HOURS TO VISIT THE DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER AT LITTLE AXE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN NORMAN: 9 A.M. TO 7 P.M. DAILY. THE CENTER IS A ONE-STOP SHOP WHERE OKLAHOMANS WHO WERE AFFECTED BY THE RECENT TORNADOES MAY GO FOR INFORMATION ABOUT STATE, FEDERAL OR OTHER DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR HOMEOWNERS, RENTERS AND BUSINESS OWNERS.***



# HORSE SHOE BEND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: June 2013 News



The last day of the Horse Shoe Bend After School Program was May 9, 2013, students were treated to a pizza party and a movie at the center. As the school year is coming to the end, we are making final preparation for summer activities. May was a very busy month with the students and tutors, as our tutors are college students and have to prepare for their finals. All students at the after school program made some remarkable achievements in their school. I enjoyed having: Daniel, Brendan, Kaleb, Kenyan, Ahlijah, Student, Jaydan, Jayleen, Christian, Katie, Zachariah, Alijah, Olivia, Eben, Jordan, Camryn, Caitlyn N., Katlyn M, Blake, Shayla, Desiree, Ruben, Eryn, Gabriel, Austin, Alesia, Damon, Wayne, Elizabeth, Mia, Dahlia, David, Kaelan, Andrew (AJ), Jeff. As there were a lot of days that everyone showed up all 34 students and I just like to say that everyone had the desire to succeed in their school work. I could not have asked for a better group of students. The tutors worked hard in making sure students completed their homework assignments. Tutors were: Lauren, Caitlyn, Chris, Meagan, Heather, Macy, Nicole, Joanna, Haley, Dakota, Captain, Stuart, Randall, Elaine.

I could not have done this program without our hard working tutors. All tutors are inquiring of coming back next school term to tutor at the Horse Shoe Bend After School Program and I have already received calls of new tutors wanting to tutor. As this program is moving on to the next level I am working with Representative Gibson of implementing a tutor program in the Shawnee Middle and High School. Plans have already been discussed with Dr. Marc Moore, Superintendent of Shawnee School System and Indian Education Director Graham Primeaux.

On April 22, 2013 students celebrated Earth Day by planting a Redbud Tree donated by the MSPI Program, Jenifer Sloan, Director. Students were very excited of planting a tree at Horse Shoe Bend and named the tree "Thunder Tree". Each student participated in planting the tree by throwing a shovel of dirt around the tree. After completing planting the tree students then went inside and made bird feeders sponsored by Evelyn Pablito, Water Quality Specialist, OEH Department of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. Each student received a pine cone and spread peanut butter around the cone and then placed the cone in a baggie full of bird seed. As the bird seed stuck to the peanut butter, students then hung bird feeders in the trees around the Horse Shoe Bend Center. Some bird feeders were placed in trees in the open field just West of center, while placing the feeders in the trees Ruben and Katie Wilson's horse seemed to like that as "Trotter" enjoyed the peanut butter. Students finished the day by picking trash up on the premises.

The North Rock Creek Awards Assembly was May 6, 2013, at 8:00 am. The following students received awards were:

## ALESIA THOMPSON



Alesia received the Achievement Award in her Fourth Grade Class. We enjoy Alesia at the After School Program. She brings such joy. She excels in about everything that she does in academics and sports. Alesia is the daughter of Joe and Sandy Masquas, and she is a Sac and Fox Tribal Member.

## ALIJAH MASQUAS



Alijah won for the second time this year the Scholar Award in her Second Grade Class. Alijah is a very responsible student and she shows her abilities in school work. She likes to play kickball at the center. Alijah is the daughter of Phillip Masquas and she is an Absentee Tribal Member.

## JAYDAN ROBINSON



Jaydan participated in the Shawnee Little Olympic Games, he was one of the few that won a spot on the team from South Rock Creek as a First Grade Student. We are very proud of Jaydan for his first place run at the Little Olympic on May 6, 2013. He is the grandson of Leon and Pat Bell, and Jaydan is a Seminole Tribal Member of Oklahoma.

On June 9, thru June 15, 2013 the Horse Shoe Bend Students will be competing in the Jim Thorpe Games, Stuart Rolette and Randall Watson will be coaching the 12 under boy's basketball team. I will be coaching the girls 12 under team. They also will be competing in the Field and Track Events located at the Bishop McGinnis High School Track Field on June 11, 2013. Randall and Stuart and Dakota Hummingbird and I will be coaching our participants in the events. There will be 18 students from the Horse Shoe Bend After School Program representing the Absentee Shawnee Tribe at the Jim Thorpe Games. If you have any questions please call 405 481-0397.

Thank you,  
Edwina Butler-Wolfe,  
Director Horse Shoe Bend After School Program



Horse Shoe Bend students and tutors



## AST Public Health Nursing Department Programs; Caregiver Program & Injury Prevention Program Host Elders in Two Educational Events

AST Public Health grant programs hosted an elder outreach event Friday, November 30 at the AST Little Axe Resource Center. The "Brown Bag Special" elder event focused on medication safety and management, as well as the risk of elder fall injuries that can contribute to taking medications. A "brown bag" lunch was provided to participants during the speaker presentations. AST Health's Director of Pharmacy, Nancy Phelps spoke on medication management and safety. Elders had the opportunity for an extended question and answer session regarding medications, use of AST pharmacy services and obtaining refills. The Caregiver program provided each participant with a personal wallet record to log their medication, allergies, doctor and pharmacy information to have available when they seek medical care. Each participant was given weekly medication planner boxes that Public Health Nursing provided instructions on and demonstrated use. Additional presentations on available program services and contact information were given by Behavioral Health Director, Dara Thorpe and Injury Prevention Program Coordinator, Sacha Almanza. Elder games and physical fitness activities, such as Tai Chi which promotes balance and mobility, were provided by the Resource Centers physical fitness staff.

The last AST Public Health grant programs elder event was held Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at the Little Axe Resource Center. This "Winter Wellness Land" event included door prizes, fitness games and highlighted fire safety as weather conditions turn cold. AST physical fitness staff provided games and chair and strength band exercise demonstration to participating elders. Special guests included recently retired Shawnee Fire Department Captain of 24 years, Billy Mitchell, AST OEH Director Kenny Jones, and OEH Project Coordinator Dennis Burks. Mr. Mitchell's presentation included a fire extinguishing safety education video and a offered a question and answer session concluding the presentation. AST tribal members are eligible for free Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Detectors, including installation, through a program offered by the AST OEH staff. Many participants signed up for these OEH Services.



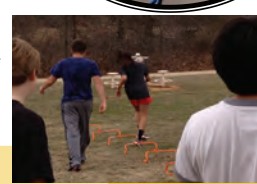
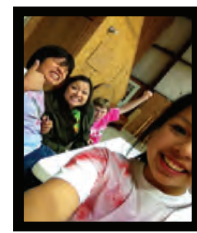
For more information on  
AST OEH Services contact 405.214.4235  
or  
AST Public Health Nursing Programs



Camp Nikoti Tribal Youth Program presents...

## Melokami Youth Camp 2013

THANK YOU to all tribal program staff who helped make this year's camp a success and full of fun for the youth!





TAX CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	% OF TAXES COLLECTED
Sales (6%)	\$5,320.89	\$5,961.53	\$10,318.20	\$5,250.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,850.97	1.79%
Gaming % of free cash	\$414,328.00	\$408,888.00	\$225,370.00	\$224,409.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,272,995.00	84.92%
Employee (1%)	\$29,238.39	\$4,799.87	\$4,314.16	\$20,146.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$58,498.84	3.90%
Severance (8%)	\$15,812.22	\$5,128.09	\$0.00	\$21,426.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42,366.90	2.83%
Motor Vehicle	\$14,481.54	\$13,521.61	\$15,001.64	\$13,851.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$56,856.07	3.79%
Tobacco Refund	\$10,087.72	\$12,244.26	\$8,474.55	\$9,091.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,898.10	2.66%
<b>TOTAL TAXES</b>	<b>\$489,268.76</b>	<b>\$450,543.36</b>	<b>\$263,478.55</b>	<b>\$294,175.21</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,497,465.88</b>	
Miscellaneous	\$970.00	\$250.00	\$106.75	\$230.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,556.75	0.10%
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$490,238.76</b>	<b>\$450,793.36</b>	<b>\$263,585.30</b>	<b>\$294,405.21</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,499,022.63</b>	<b>100%</b>

# DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!

## JUNE 15, 2013

### BALLOT

**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA  
RUN OFF ELECTION  
SATURDAY JUNE 15, 2013**

**VOTING INSTRUCTIONS:** Cast your vote by placing a [X] or [✓] mark in the box next to the candidate of your choice.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

##### GOVERNOR:

George Blanchard.....[ ]

Edwina Butler-Wolfe.....[ ]

##### SECRETARY:

Vera Gibson Dawsey.....[ ]

Teri Reed.....[ ]

#### ELECTION COMMISSION

##### ELECTION COMMISSIONER

No One filed

##### ELECTION SECRETARY

Meredith Wahpekeche.....[ ]

#### Absentee Shawnee Tribe Transit System (2013)

This questionnaire is to gather information to determine the need for transportation services within the tribe's jurisdictional boundaries.

Services: Monday thru Friday 8:00 – 5:00, special exceptions for weekends.

We will provide transportation to and from the following in (VANS OR BUSES):

Clinic (Little Axe)

Clinic (Shawnee)

Wal-Mart

Grocery Stores

Tribal Complex

What other needs do you think you would have from the transit system?

1.

2.

3.

Tribal member signature:

Name:

Address:

Contact #:

FHA Transit Coordinator questions call Mike Wood at 275-4030 Ext.112 or cell (405) 432-9652.





## AAA Oklahoma News Release

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### Kids, Pets and Hot Cars Left Alone = A Deadly Combination

**AAA Oklahoma, May 13** - The consequences of leaving kids or pets in hot cars, even for a minute, can be deadly. Each year, AAA along with Safe Kids works to prevent children and pets being left in hot cars by educating the public of the dangers.

According to data collected by Dr. Jan Null of San Francisco State University, 32 children died last year after being left in a car. 52 percent of those who died were left not on purpose, but by mistake.

"Many times we think we can run into a store and be out in 10 minutes with no problem, but in 10 minutes in the heat of the summer, your car's interior temperature can rise 19 degrees above that of the outside air," said Danial Karnes, AAA Oklahoma spokesman.

AAA urges parents and caregivers to put these simple tips to use to make sure no child is left in a vehicle this summer.

- Never leave a child unattended in a car, even for a minute, even if the windows are tinted or down. The same recommendation applies to pets and the elderly.
- Don't allow children to play in an unlocked, parked vehicle and never leave car keys where children have access to them.
- Keep doors locked and windows closed at all times, even when the vehicle is in the garage or on a driveway.
- Make sure all children leave the vehicle when you reach your destination. Be certain no one is inadvertently left behind.
- When you first place a child in a car seat in the back seat of the car, also open the glove compartment door, flip down the passenger side visor or put a purse in the back seat. These actions can serve as visual reminders that a child is in the back seat. Even better, place your cell phone on the back seat, too.
- If you see a child alone in a locked, parked car, immediately call 9-1-1 for emergency assistance.

A not-for-profit organization, AAA Oklahoma serves its 365,000 members across Oklahoma with emergency help on the road, auto travel assistance and a wide range of personal insurance, travel, financial and automotive services through its 45 retail branches, regional operations center and the Internet at [www.AAA.com](http://www.AAA.com).



Are you at risk for diabetes, have diabetes or know someone who does? Type 2 diabetes is the most common type of diabetes and affects millions of Native Americans. Many people are unaware that they have diabetes or pre-diabetes. Native Americans are twice as likely to develop Type 2 diabetes than others. Some common signs and symptoms include:

- Frequent infections
- Blurred vision
- Cuts/bruises that are slow to heal
- Tingling/numbness in the hands/feet
- Recurring skin, gum, or bladder infections

Often people with type 2 diabetes have no symptoms.

Some ways to prevent and manage diabetes is through healthy lifestyle behaviors. One question that many people with diabetes or pre-diabetes often ask is "What can I eat?". The American Diabetes Association states that you do not have to be deprived or restricted. The key factors are learning what are the "superfoods", how much of it you can have and how often. Getting into the habit of eating a healthy diet helps you manage diabetes and prevent complications caused by diabetes.

The following foods are listed on the American Diabetes Association web site as "superfoods". Try to incorporate as many of these foods into your daily meal plan to enhance the nutrient content of your meals.

The foods listed have a low glycemic index (causes slower rise in blood glucose after eating) and provide key nutrients that are lacking in the typical western diet such as:

- calcium
- potassium
- fiber
- magnesium
- vitamins A, C, and E.

Beans, dark green leafy vegetables, citrus fruit, sweet potatoes, berries, tomatoes, fish high in Omega-3 fatty acids, whole grains, nuts, fat-free milk and yogurt. To learn more about eating these superfoods and recipes visit [diabetes.org](http://diabetes.org) and sign up for Wellness and Healthy Eating classes at the Little Axe Clinic. Call Sidna McKane to sign up at 405 701-7977.

Source: American Diabetes Association at [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org)



## AST PHARMACY NEWS



- Visit our new, convenient drive-thru at the Little Axe location for refill drop off or pick up!!
- As of January 1, 2012, Oklahoma State Law mandates that a current, state issued photo ID be on file for both the patient and the representative picking up for EVERY fill of ANY controlled medication.
- Deliveries of controlled medications will no longer be allowed.
- Both Shawnee and Little Axe pharmacy locations fill prescriptions for members of all tribes, but outside prescription orders are restricted to Absentee Shawnee Tribal citizens with established charts.
- 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 a current cell phone number.
- The following are a few tips to help us be more efficient in our delivery of pharmacy services to you:
  - ✓ Present insurance cards each time you pick up or drop off a prescription
  - ✓ Keep us informed of 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.
  - ✓ When requesting refills, please provide 24 hours' notice and either the refill number, which is located above your name on the prescription label, or the names of your medication.

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: 7am-5:30pm Monday-Friday**  
**Shawnee: 7am-6pm Monday-Friday**

**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\*\***



## AST COUNTRY KITCHEN

*Sunday - 7am to 7pm*  
*Monday - 7am to 3pm*  
*Tuesday - 7am to 3pm*  
*Wednesday - 7am to 8pm*  
*Thursday - 7am to 8pm*  
*Friday - 7am to 9pm*  
*Saturday - 7am to 9pm*

### Early Bird Breakfast

**\$4.99**

**2 Eggs/Bacon or Sausage/Hash Browns**

**Biscuits & Gravy or Toast & Coffee**

*(Not valid on Saturday or Sunday. 1 coupon per customer. With coupon.*

*No substitutions*



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**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**



# **SORNA**

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**TIPLINE 405-273-1249**



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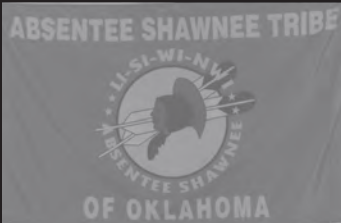
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# Congratulations! Graduate!

Tecumseh High School

*Darian Shields*

*Jalyn Williams*

Seminole Jr. College

*Desirae Shields*

## Great Job!

A special recognition for Jalyn in her Academic Excellence

*Go Sooner!*

Love,  
Grandma Jenifer



To Roy Gene, Gary, Everett, Corey,  
Lyndell, Todd, Leonard, Sid, Chubs,  
Clay, Eli, Kevin, Rudy, Bob, & Mike  
We love you guys!!

Marvin & Sherry



## JOB OPENINGS

- Executive Director of Gaming
- Internal Auditor
- Surveillance Operator
- Teacher – Building Blocks Child Care
- Floater – Building Blocks Child Care
- Physician – Shawnee Clinic
- Dental Hygienist – Little Axe Clinic
- Pharmacy Tech
- Radiology Tech- Little Axe Clinic



Absentee Shawnee Tribe  
Human Resource Department

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



# June

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 ARMS, EVA NIKKOLE  
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 ATABAIGI, VICTOR ARMAN  
 ARCHICO, KEVIN TODD  
 ATWOOD, DALANA ANN  
 BATES, DARWIN LEE  
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 BATES, HORACE RAY  
 BATES, LEAH DAPHNE ANN  
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 BLANCHARD, RYAN LEE  
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 BOWMAN, LOURIE ANN  
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 JACKSON, TENAIN A-TYE  
 JACKSON, TYSON JOEL SWEENEY

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 JOHNSON, TROY  
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 KOONTZ, SUSAN KAY  
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 LAPLANT, CAMERON SCOTT  
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 LITTLE AXE, ARIANNA DANIELLE  
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 LITTLE AXE, LISA ANNETTE  
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 PEARL, DAYLEN JOSEPH  
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 PETTY, JOHN ERIC MATTHEW  
 PINE, RITA ANN  
 PITCHFORD, LYRIA M. D.  
 PLUNKETT, TOBIE JOHN  
 PRESLEY, BAILEY PAIGE  
 PROCTOR, SONIA DANIELLE  
 RAISBECK JR., CHRISTOPHER GENE  
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 RAMIREZ, VIRGINIA  
 RAMIREZ, TIFFANY ANN  
 READING, GREGORY TYLER  
 RESPICIO, NICHOLAS LEE  
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 ROBBINS, ARIEL NICOLE  
 ROBERTSON, JIMMY  
 ROBERTSON, MARION JAMES  
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 RYDER, HOLLAND THOMAS  
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 SCOTT, COLTON JAMES  
 SEBER, JAMES EDDIE  
 SERENA, NICOLE INEZ RAE LYNN  
 SHAWNEE, LINDSAY GAEL  
 SHIELDS, DARREN  
 SHRESTHA, ABHI CHASE  
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 SMITH, CHANDRIA JEAN  
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 SPYBUCK, JASON EVAN  
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 TEMPLE, GINGER LEE  
 THORPE, TYRONE GUTHRIE  
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 WALLEY, LOWANA GALE  
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 WARRIOR, LUANA CHRISTIE  
 WARRIOR, LYDIA ROSE  
 WASHINGTON SR., ALGENE  
 WASHINGTON, KAREN ROSE  
 WASHINGTON, MATTHEW GEORGE  
 WASHINGTON, TATUM STONEY  
 WATKINS, FAWN LIL' GRASS  
 WATKINS, FREDDIE LEE  
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 WHITE, XANDER RALPH  
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 WOLFE, RICHARD RAY  
 WRIGHT, SHANE ALLEN  
 YEAPPAU, EDEN DIONE







Happy Birthday!!

LINDSEY  
&  
NOLAN

LOVE,  
MARVIN & SHERRY



Happy  
Birthday

Arlene Herrera  
Love, Bridge!



Mom

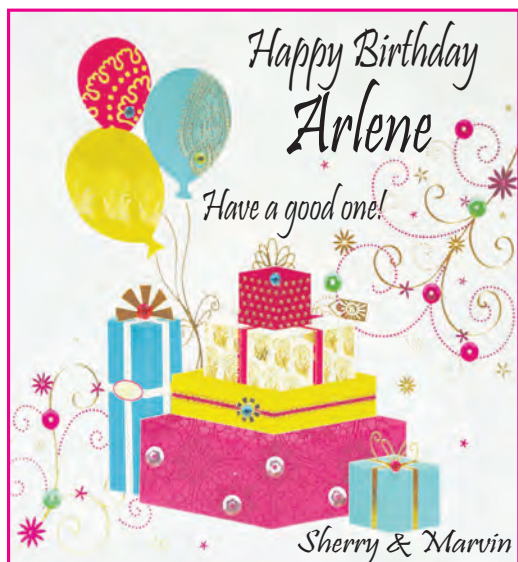
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!  
We wish you the happiest, craziest  
one yet! For you are one of the  
fiestiest elderly lady we know!!  
BUT WOULDN'T HAVE YOU  
ANY OTHER WAY!!

LOVE SHERRIE & BJ

Granny Low,

You are the best granny we have  
and love you so very much! Hope  
your 70th birthday is a blast!

Love,  
Joplin, Jilryan, Justin



Happy Birthday  
Arlene

Have a good one!

Sherry & Marvin

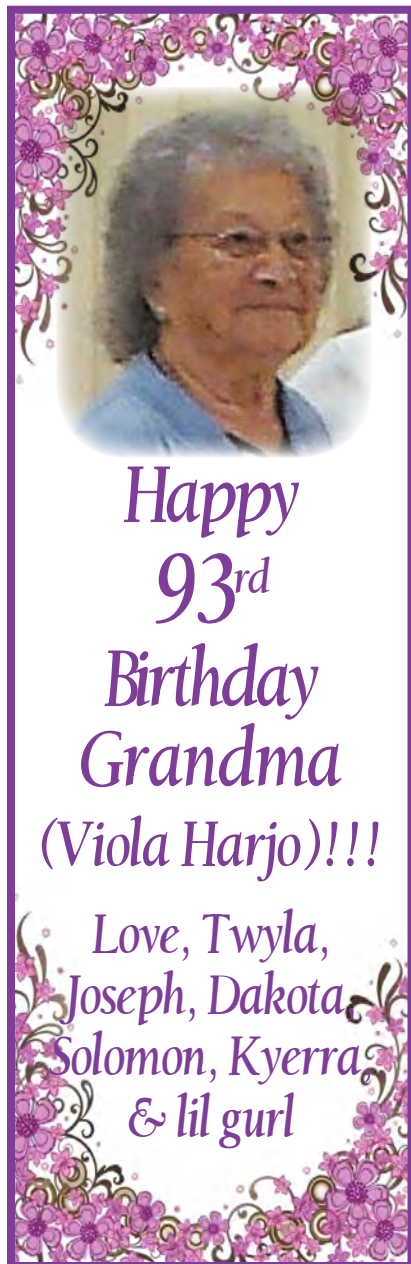
SAMUEL EZRA BYERS



AND COMPLETING YOUR  
2ND YEAR OF COLLEGE!

We are extremely proud and love  
you very much!  
Keep up the hard work.

-Aunt Sherry, Uncle Shawn & families



Happy  
93rd  
Birthday  
Grandma  
(Viola Harjo)!!!

Love, Twyla,  
Joseph, Dakota,  
Solomon, Kyerra  
& lil gurl

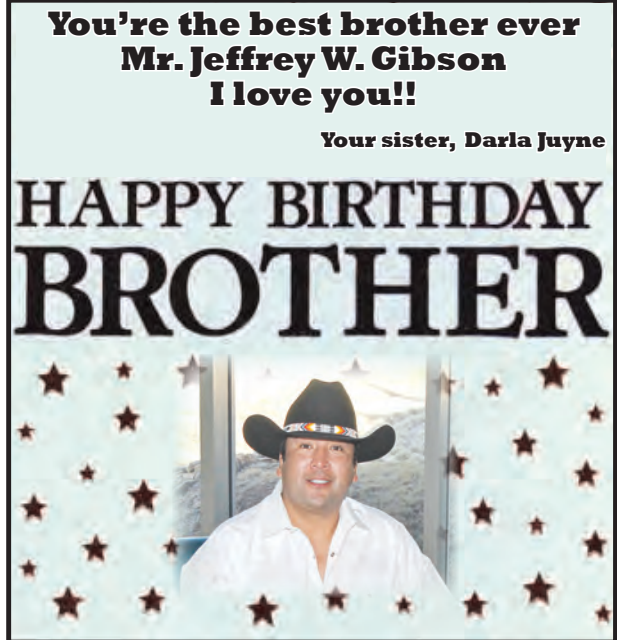


Eugene



Brother!

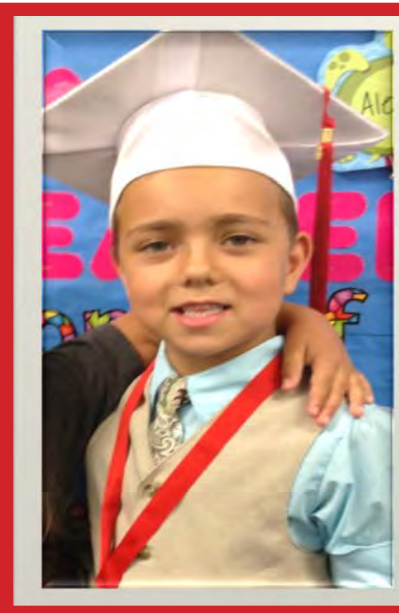
Love,  
BC & Family



You're the best brother ever  
Mr. Jeffrey W. Gibson  
I love you!!

Your sister, Darla Juyne

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
BROTHER



CONGRATULATIONS  
BRAYDON WAYNE  
AND  
CANAAN LEE  
ON GRADUATING KINDERGARTEN!

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!  
WE LOVE YOU!





# KAYLA CIULLA STATE CHAMPION



Kayla Ciulla, a Senior at Little Axe, with a record of 23-1 has become a State Champion in #2 Singles in tennis on May 6, 2013 after defeating an Elk City girl who knocked her out of the title last year! She battled during the 2nd set after being beat the 1st set 3-6 to come from behind 1-4 and win the 2nd set 6-4. It was a tight game during the 3rd set to decide the championship but she came out the winner 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 to take the championship title.

Congratulations Kayla for representing your Little Axe High School and the tribe so well! She will be competing in the Jim Thorpe games this June 14th in tennis representing one of our tribal athletes for the games.



Come out to OKC Tennis Center to see her play with Jessica New Moon, another tribal member who also played in the state championships in doubles. They will be playing doubles together and will be playing singles.





# From the Elders Corner

by Cynthia Longhorn, Secretary

The Elders Council of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe met in their regular monthly meeting Saturday, May 18, 2013, at the Resource Center in Little Axe. Officers present were: Dan Little Axe, Sr., President, Mary Birdtail, Vice President, and Cynthia Longhorn, Secretary. Treasurer Betty Watson was not present due to out of town business. A quorum was with twenty-five (25) tribal members present and thirteen (13) non-tribal members (visitors/guests). The invocation was given by Don Schulenberg. Celebrating birthdays this month was Richard Birdtail and Georgia Little Axe.



The minutes from the April 20, 2013 meeting were available for discussion and review. A motion to approve was made by Sue Blanchard and seconded by Elizabeth Parker. The minutes were approved. The treasurer's report for the month of April was not available and a motion to table until next month's meeting was made by Sue Blanchard and seconded by Sadie Low; the motion carried. The item of 2012 and 2011 Audit was brought up this time and following a lengthy discussion, a motion to table until next month's meeting was made by DK Johnson and seconded by Sue Blanchard; the motion carried.

New business provided a pleasant acknowledgement wherein Viola Harjo was recognized as the Eldest AST female tribal member during this month of May when that special day for our Mothers is observed. Viola and members of her family including great-great grand children were present to watch the acknowledgement and presentation of a gift card from the Elders Council to celebrate her 92 years young age. Viola graciously accepted the card and announced that next month she celebrates her 93rd birthday!

Other business and announcements included the following: Red Earth parade is being coordinated by Randy Edge of the Tero program and anyone interested in being a part of the parade in OKC on opening day should contact him (405) 275-4030 ext 135. The AST Veterans Honor Guard will be participating.

Lawrence Wilkerson, son of Barbara Wilkerson, had been involved in a motorcycle accident and is currently at OU Medical Center. A motion was made by DK Johnson to take up a collection for gas money for the family and was seconded by Wanda Tiger; the motion carried. Also, Darrell Wilson had suffered a stroke and is now in a rehab facility in Shawnee. It was learned that Richard Birdtail had recently suffered a stroke, but was in attendance today.

Another subject of interest was the second payment due under the Corbell vs Salazar settlement. The Realty Department is supposedly under a gag order in dispensing more information on this matter and Sue Blanchard is providing help to tribal members in filling out claim forms next week at the tribal office in Shawnee.

The subject of a proposed trip to Grand Prairie, Texas was brought up and discussed, more information on this trip as well as other locations is expected next month.

There was a discussion on the subject of non-tribal members attending the Elders meeting as a guest after their spousal tribal member is deceased. It was the general consensus that attendance would be allowed. The door prize drawing was won by Dan Little Axe. Last year's fund raiser event of a golf tournament, sponsored by the Little Axe family, was brought up and after discussion, a motion carried. Today's collection for the Elders fund account was \$52.05.

The next meeting is set for Saturday, June 22, 2013 at the Title VI Building in Shawnee. A taco sale will be held at that time. All business addressed, a motion to adjourn was made by Sue Blanchard and seconded by DK Johnson. The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

For information on anything herein, contact Council Secretary, Cynthia Longhorn at (405) 273-4137.

Thank You.

Absentee Shawnee Tribe  
Elders Council

## Indian Taco Sale

Saturday June 22, 2013

Title VI Building, Shawnee

12:00-3:00 P.M.



**RANDY EDGE**  
TERO DIRECTOR

2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive  
Shawnee, OK 74801  
redge@astribe.com



Phone 405.275.4030 ext. 135 Fax 405.395.9888 Cell 405.432.9859

## T.E.R.O. Department June Newsletter Article

The Tribal Employment Rights Office also known as TERO is a department that protects tribal employees' rights and supports tribal career development. Within this past month, the TERO department has experienced a steady flow of business. We have added 9 new applicants to our database which now brings our total number of applicants to 568. Of those 9 new applicants, 7 are Absentee Shawnee Tribal members. We have also helped 49 applicants/guests who have walked in, called/received 178 phone calls, and referred 5 applicants to various departments within the tribe, 2 applicants to Thunderbird Entertainment Center, and 4 applicants to outside sources.

Besides taking care of daily business, TERO has also been in attendance to numerous meetings since the last newsletter. On **April 24th** in Norman, Oklahoma, TERO attended the 1st official planning session for the Indian Education Summit which will be held in Norman, Oklahoma in October, 2013. The nature of this session was organizational. Subcommittees were organized and planned to meet further. Then in **May**, on the **2nd**, TERO in conjunction with AST Procurement attended the annual TGI promo in Tulsa, Oklahoma. At this promo, TGI enterprise which is a Cherokee Female Native American owned business promoted their products/services and venue in hopes of gaining new clients. Then on **May 6th**, TERO attended the AICCO's annual officers meeting in Oklahoma City. The following day, **May 7th**, TERO along with Mr. Rick Short met with Mr. Johnny Seay. At this meeting, the Greenovation Grant which is a subsidized employment grant was discussed. That afternoon, TERO met with Siona Raimi an auditor with Bledsoe & Assoc., PLLC. On **May 8th**, TERO meet with the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority. Later that day, TERO attended an American Indian Chamber of Commerce - OKC Chapter meeting. At this meeting, Jacque Secondine Hensley, Native American Liaison to Gov. Fallin was the guest speaker. The following day, **May 9th**, TERO met the TEC General Manager Dillon Byrd. Then on **May 16th**, TERO attended the May Luncheon of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma – Tulsa Chapter. At this meeting AST-TERO served as one of the guest speakers on the four panel board. During this meeting, TERO and the preferred vendor programs were discussed. Finally, on **May 18th**, TERO attended the 25th Annual AGC Safety Awards Program at Frontier City in Oklahoma City and was awarded 2013 Safety Excellence.

In the final weeks of May, TERO will be attending several more meetings. On **May 21**, TERO will be in attendance to the 3rd planning meeting for the National TERO Convention at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Then, on **May 22**, TERO will be attending an EEOC Training again at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Within the next month of June, TERO will also be continuing to take applications for the construction project of the new Building Blocks Daycare that will be located in Little Axe. Also, there will be an opportunity to fill out an application for the National Indian Council on Aging. To fill out an application, you have to be 55 years

of age or older. If you have any other questions concerning either of these opportunities, please contact our TERO offices to update your application or put in an application if you are interested.

The TERO department helps Native Americans with job placement and employment referrals, and we strongly encourage any tribal member or Native American who may need employment to come to the Absentee Shawnee TERO department and apply. To become an applicant, the process is simple. **First**, you will need to come to the department to pick-up and fill out an application. We are located in building #1 on the second floor. **Second**, you will need to provide the TERO department your CDIB or a document to prove your tribal Affiliation (YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBE TO BECOME AN APPLICANT), your social security card, and your Driver's License or state ID. **Third**, you will need to provide the department with any licenses, credentials, or any other certifications/degrees you have acquired.

In addition to keeping your application on file, we also provide some other services. **TERO holds the responsibility of insuring our applicants have equal opportunity for employment and receive call backs or letters on all positions that are applied for.** The TERO department also provides/helps our applicants with job search, referrals, resume assistance, interview tips, and application status. Further for your convenience, the TERO department also posts all tribal positions, some local positions, and some positions for the Oklahoma City, Norman, and Moore areas outside of our offices on bulletin boards and in binders. Currently, we have close to 100 job openings posted outside of our offices. However, keep in mind, these job postings are constantly changing and being updated weekly as positions are filled. So, a job that may be listed below may already have been filled. However, still stop by and fill out an application, if you haven't already done so, and look at the current job openings. If you have any further questions about the TERO program or just have a request, you can contact our office anytime Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm (closed 12 pm to 1 pm for lunch), and we will be happy to assist you.

Randy Edge (Director) 405-275-4030 ext. 135

Carol Butler (Office Assistant) 405-275-4030 ext. 163

**The following is a list of job openings for some off campus positions posted at the TERO department:**

**Sales Associate  
Executive Assistant  
Distribution Clerk  
Bus Person  
Host/Hostess  
Waitstaff/Server  
Stocker  
Cashier  
Delivery Driver  
Surveillance Operator  
Assistant Manager  
Supervisors  
Bus Drivers  
Mechanic Helper  
Mixer Driver  
Warehouse Worker  
Housekeeping  
Maintenance Worker**



## Foster & Adoptive Parents Needed!!!

Can you open your home and heart for a foster child? Foster parents provide a temporary, safe home for children in crisis. Foster parents are partners with child welfare workers, lawyers and judges. It is not for everyone but if you have it in your heart - we need you.

- 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?

FOSTER PARENTS PROVIDE A TEMPORARY, SAFE HOME FOR CHILDREN IN CRISIS. THEY ARE PARTNERS WITH WORKERS, LAWYERS, AND JUDGES. IT IS NOT FOR EVERYONE! CAN YOU OPEN YOUR HOME AND HEART FOR A FOSTER CHILD?

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 Amanda Lenora, CPS/Foster Care Worker - 405-878-4702

## **ASTribe Indian Child Welfare Department FOSTER CARE**

This article appears in the Daily Times in Farmington, New Mexico. And even though this talks about the foster care program and tribal children in foster care, this article can speak on behalf of what the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Foster Care and other tribes are going thru. Finding foster homes is a necessary to not only protect AST children but to also maintain their cultural identity, heritage and traditions. The Absentee is a small tribe and we should be able to work as ONE TRIBE to care for the AST children. If you have any questions, contact the ICW department at (405)275-4030.

*"Only two foster homes in San Juan County belong to American Indian families, but more than half of the 85 children in foster care now are American Indian. That means about 40 American Indian youths in the local foster system are living with non-native families. The Children, Youth and Families Department, charged with placing children in alternate homes if their own families are deemed unsafe for reasons of abuse or neglect, is having a hard time finding enough native families for the number of native children in the system.*

*The department does everything it can to match a child with a family of a similar background. That doesn't work when fewer homes than children are in the system, which means native children more often than not end up in non-native families. This is contrary to federal policy, which directs the department to make every effort to place children of American Indian descent in homes that nourish their cultural identity. But without more native families stepping up to offer a home for children, there is little the department can do to remedy this situation.*

*The Indian Child Welfare Act provides four placement options, which the department must pursue in descending order every time it places a native child. The first option is to place American Indian children with a relative who can provide a safe environment and who eventually attains a foster care license. The second option is for a child to be placed in a family from the same American Indian tribe. The third is for the child to be placed with a American Indian family not of the same tribe. The final option, and the one the CYFD most often uses, is matching native children with non-native families that simply have a foster care license.*

*This is a loss for children and for potential foster families. It's also a loss when it comes to efforts to revitalize native traditions and teach them to the children. We encourage all native families with the resources that can allow children a home to contact the Children, Youth and Families Department. Fostering a child is one of the most rewarding things a family can do."*

In the state of Oklahoma alone, there are almost 3000 Native American children in the foster care program with a majority of these children placed in non-native placements. Now imagine if your son, daughter, grand children were placed in another home that didn't teach or understand the Absentee Shawnee traditions. What would happen to their identity, their sense of being a AST, their sense of belonging and being proud of being a Absentee Shawnee?

The AST ICW dept are in need to foster homes. Emergency homes, temporary homes, it doesn't matter. We have made it a goal to get certify at least 5 homes to be foster homes for the AST. With obtaining more every year from this point on. It takes ONE TRIBE to care for ONE CHILD. As the great Tecumseh said, "A SINGLE TWIG BREAKS BUT A BUNDLE OF TWIGS IS STRONG."

For more information about being a foster home, please contact: Indian Child Welfare Department (405)878-4702

## **AST MAINTENANCE DEPT. NOW TAKING GRASS MOWING APPLICATIONS**

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma  
Maintenance Department  
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive  
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801  
(405) 275-4030

### **GRASS MOWING APPLICATION**

The following are the requirements for this program:

1. Must be an Absentee Shawnee Tribal Member
2. Must be 65 years or older
3. Handicap/Disabled (Please have letter from doctor if under age 65)
4. Must provide proof of residency
5. All trash, branches, debris must be cleaned out of yard

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe Maintenance Department will **ONLY** mow and weedeat applicants' lawn. Maintenance will mow every two (2) weeks. Also, the maintenance workers will not trim trees, shrubs, etc. **NO RENTAL PROPERTY** will be mowed.

If you have any questions, please contact Rita Harjo at (405) 275-4030 ext. 128.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

CDIB#: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

MESS PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Finding directions to home:**

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Promoting Safe & Stable Families would like to share some WATER SAFETY TIPS to keep you and your children safe during the summer months.

1. Stay away from open water in your neighborhood, including ditches, lakes, and drains. These areas can be enticing to small children as well as teens, especially during the rainy season when the water is flowing.
2. NEVER swim alone. If you get in trouble there is no one to help you out. Always swim with a friend, around other swimmers and if possible in front of a manned lifeguard stand. NEVER leave a child alone in water, whether it be a kiddie pool or the bathtub. IT ONLY TAKES A TEASPOON OF WATER TO CAUSE A DROWNING!
3. Take a break when you feel tired. Continuing to swim for lengthy amount of time can be tiresome on your body. Don't panic if you become exhausted. Call for help while waving your arms. Then turn on your back and float until you are rescued or have the energy to swim to the edge of the water.
4. DO NOT roughhouse, run or push around in a pool or lake. NEVER show-off by diving or jumping head first into unknown water, it may not be deep enough. This is the leading cause of head and neck injuries when swimming...ALWAYS THINK BEFORE YOU JUMP!
5. NEVER enter a backyard pool or hot tub without an adult's permission. ALWAYS make sure gates or other security devices are closed properly so there is no easy access to a pool or hot tub.
6. Wear a life jacket whenever you are swimming in open water or riding a boat. ALWAYS SUPERVISE YOUR YOUNG CHILDREN WHEN WEARING A LIFE JACKET, IT IS NOT A BABYSITTER.
7. If you or your child can't swim or is a very poor swimmer, do not venture out beyond where you are still able to easily stand up. Be aware in clouded water there may be holes or dips that you can slip off into, allowing the water to be over your head.
8. Be aware of the weather. If you feel a storm coming and or see lightening, exit the water immediately.
9. ALWAYS follow the lifeguards direction and be aware of any warning signs/rules posted. There are rules and warnings for a reason, they are posted to keep you safe and not for ruining your fun.
10. FINALLY, TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT WATER SAFETY AND THE RULES OF WATER. HAVE THEM AWARE OF THE RISKS AND DANGERS WATER POSES TO US ALL.

**REMEMBER, RULES AND SAFETY STARTS IN THE HOME FOR ANY SITUATION.**

## 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](http://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

#### ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

#### RECYCLING MATERIAL THAT WE ACCEPT.

ALL WHITE PAPER, ENVELOPES, COLORED PAPER, JUNK MAIL, FAX PAPER, MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPER, CARDBOARD, AND ALUMINUM CANS.

#### MATERIAL WE DO NOT ACCEPT.

TONER, CARBON PAPER, FOOD WASTE, AND PLASTIC.

#### REMEMBER, WHEN IN DOUBT THROW IT OUT.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS.

2025 S. GORDON COOPER DR. SHAWNEE, OK 74801

PHONE: (405) 214-4235

FAX: (405) 878-4701

## Absentee Shawnee Tribe Recycling Program

“To Establish a recycling program for municipal waste planning, reduction, and Recycling”

The Office of Environmental Health and Environmental Program is proud to announce the start of a new recycling program for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. The recycling center is located in the yellow metal building adjacent to the OEH Department. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe (AST) Recycling Program Program declares that waste reduction and recycling are the preferable to the

or processing of municipal waste, and that removing certain materials



from the municipal waste stream will decrease the flow of solid waste to municipal landfills. AST Recycling Program used the knowl-

edge and information about recycling markets and market demand as well as information obtained from various publications and the internet to comprise an analysis of material the recycling program will address at the start of the program. AST Recycling Program Plan establishes a goal that, by year's end 2013, at least 25 % of the recyclable material produced by the Tribe will be recycled.

## Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle

The AST recycling Program will initially focus on the following waste stream material; High-Grade shredded paper, Assorted office paper,

Phone books, Magazines, Cardboard, Newspaper, and Aluminum cans. As the program and market develops, other recyclables will be sought.

There is a cost associated with recycling, However, economic, social, and environmental benefits exceed these cost.



# BIG JIM YOUTH AWARDS



Tribal Leader—Big Jim

On May 1, 2013, the Big Jim Youth Award Committee notified the tribal youth who were to receive these prestigious awards for their High School Academic or Athletic performance. As mentioned in previous newsletters, the selection committee for these awards consisted of five individuals who are either educators or coaches within the state of Oklahoma. None of the members of the selection committee were Absentee Shawnee Tribal members. This was incorporated into the program to maintain fairness to all of the applicants.

The Big Jim Youth Award Program was open to all Absentee Shawnee High School Seniors within the 50 United States. "The purpose of these awards is to recognize the outstanding contributions of our tribal youth and to promote excellence in academics and athletics in high school and beyond" said Tresha Spoon, Educational Director of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

## Academic Achievement, \$1000.00 Scholarship

Randall Watson  
Shawnee, Oklahoma  
Parents: Brent and Lisa Watson  
Attending Rose State College, Fall 2013  
Major: Nuclear Medicine, Radiology  
Accomplishments: Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT)  
2M2L (Too Much to Lose) Prevention of Underage Drinking  
Shawnee Native American Class President (2012-13)  
Horse Shoe Bend After-school Tutor



Essay: "...I would like to return to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, upon completion of my college degree in Radiology, to serve my family and tribe. With the knowledge I possess now and will gain in the future, with my experiences and education in the health sciences, I hope to share and give back to my community someday. With my training in working with diverse people, leadership training, public speaking, cultural awareness opportunities, and religious background I can be the voice of the 'unheard.'"

## Academic Achievement, \$1000.00 Scholarship

Jalyn Williams  
Earlsboro, Oklahoma  
Parent: Letitia Morgan  
Attending the University of Oklahoma, Fall 2013  
Major: Pediatric Medicine  
Accomplishments: Oklahoma Honor Society (4 years)  
Presidential Award for Educational Excellence (4 years)  
Recipient of an Academic Jacket (2013)



Essay: "...I needed to take classes in high school that would challenge my academic levels and push me to take the first steps toward my dreams. Taking these classes not only helped me to create a path towards my goals but it also came with achievements and awards that would stand out to help me get into college...These accomplishments that I have acquired over the years will be a key factor in becoming a successful pediatrician. I believe my future is bright if I keep the same mind set and continue on the path I've made for myself."

## Athlete of the Year, \$1000.00 Scholarship

Solomon Blanchard  
Shawnee, California  
Parents: Joseph and Twyla Blanchard  
Attending Seminole State College, Fall 2013  
Major: Secondary Education, History  
Accomplishments: High School Football (4 Years)  
High School Baseball (2 years) plus American Legion Baseball  
High School Soccer (2 years)



Essay: "...I have the ability and skills to play any position; the one exception is first base. Although I prefer second base or shortstop, I can also switch to the outfield. Teamwork and camaraderie are other things I've learned while playing sports. I enjoy hearing the sounds of the fans as they cheer on our team. But it's the friendships I've developed over the years that I'll remember and cherish the most...As for my future, all these people and events have made me who I am. My intent is to give back to my people, just as my parents have."

## Athlete of the Year, \$1000.00 Scholarship

Andee Frazier  
Little Axe, Oklahoma  
Parents: Rick and Lisa Frazier  
Attending the University of Missouri-Kansas City, Fall 2013  
Major: Psychology  
Accomplishments: Oklahoman Player of the Year  
Ferguson Jenkins Award Winner  
3 time State Champion



Essay: "...It is more than a one person show. Teamwork requires communication and trust. One learns how to communicate to a variety of people, the shy ones, the loud ones, and even the crazy ones. I always had to trust my team mates. I had to be able to trust that when I threw the ball, the girl receiving it would catch it. I had to be able to have faith that when a batter made a solid contact, my team would be behind me, and they always were."



# ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE

## Promoting Safe and Stable Families

### Parenting Classes

PSSF Program provides parenting classes to promote positive parenting, help with the understanding of child development and communication skills to strengthen the entire family. This session, the classes will meet every Monday evening for ten weeks at **6 pm, starting June 3rd and ending August 5th, 2013.**

New participants will be accepted until **June 10th**, after this date you will have to wait until the next session to enroll.

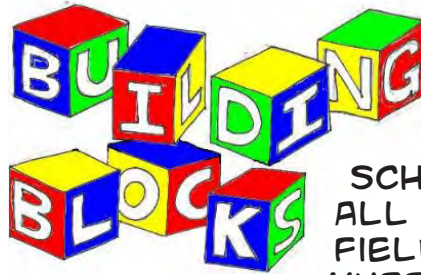
Every class must be attended by the participant to receive a Certificate of Completion.

A dinner will be provided at every class as well as a babysitter on site if needed.

Classes are also available for non-tribal members at a small fee of \$50.

For more information or to sign up, call 405-878-4702.

Sena Yesslith, PSSF Worker



IT'S GETTING WARM OUTSIDE, SUMMER IS ON ITS WAY!!!

THE KIDS ARE OUT OF SCHOOL AND READY FOR ALL THE FUN ACTIVITIES AND FIELD TRIPS PLANNED.

MUFFINS FOR MOMS ON

MOTHER'S DAY WAS A GREAT TURN OUT AND ON FRIDAY, JUNE 14TH, WE WILL HAVE DONUTS FOR DADS.

ON JUNE 20TH AND 21ST WE WILL BE HAVING SUMMER PICTURES FOR THE KIDS. WE HAVE OPENED OUR SPLASH PAD AND LOOK FORWARD TO ALL THE WATER FUN THIS SUMMER. WE HAVE QUITE A FEW NEW CHILDREN JOINING US HERE AT BUILDING BLOCKS, ALONG WITH A FEW NEW EMPLOYEES. OUR TODDLER ENROLLMENT WILL BE INCREASING SOON, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING MANY NEW CHILDREN.

IN JUNE WE WILL BE CLOSED FOR ANOTHER CLEANING DAY WITH THE DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED. OUR STAFF HAVE BEEN TAKING EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED WITH CHILD CARE TRAININGS, WHICH ARE REQUIRED WHEN WORKING IN A CHILD CARE FACILITY. WE HOPE EVERY ONE'S SUMMER STARTS OUT GREAT.

LAUREN MAY

BUILDING BLOCKS CDC INTERIM DIRECTOR  
2025 S. GORDON COOPER DR.

SHAWNEE, OK 74801  
PHONE 405-878-0633  
FAX 405-878-0156



# NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS STAND DOWN

Event for Veterans that are Homeless or in Overcrowded Situations

Thursday, June 27 8:00am - 4:00pm

Breakfast starts at 6:30 a.m. and lunch starts at 11:30 am

Gordon Cooper Technology Center, One John C. Bruton Blvd. Shawnee, OK

## PARTICIPATING TRIBES



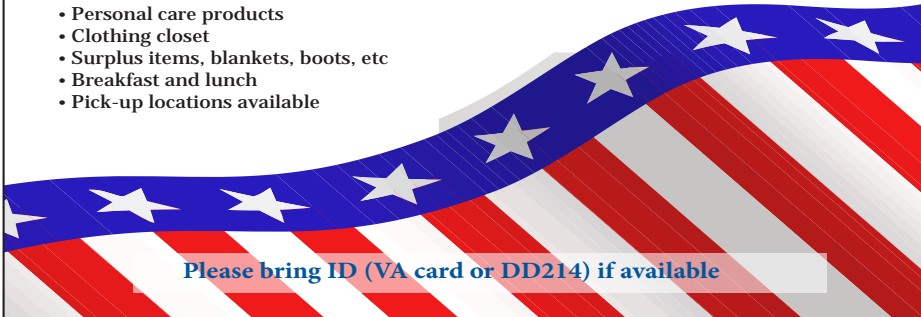
## SERVICES:

- Help with accessing VA benefits & services
- Housing assistance for homeless or overcrowded Veterans
- Counseling & substance abuse referrals
- Emergency shelter & other social services
- Legal services
- Health screening
- Employment services
- Haircuts

## GIVEAWAY ITEMS:



- Personal care products
- Clothing closet
- Surplus items, blankets, boots, etc
- Breakfast and lunch
- Pick-up locations available



Please bring ID (VA card or DD214) if available

For a ride to the Native American Veterans Stand Down we will pick up at the following locations:

**American Legion Post #88**  
710 East Main Street  
Norman, OK

**Pick up Time: 6:45 a.m.**

**Thunderbird Casino**  
15700 East State Hwy 9  
Norman, OK

**Pick up Time: 7:00 a.m.**

For more information call (405) 481-3506 or (405) 777-6076

## NATIVE YOUTH PREVENTING DIABETES

# NYPD 2013

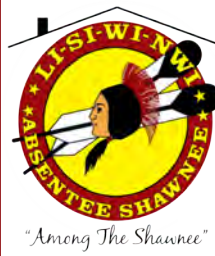
June 10 – 14, 2013



5 days and 4 nights of outdoor activities, Native American cultural activities, and healthy FUN!

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 10, 2013!!!**

Please contact Diabetes and Wellness Dept. at  
(405)701-7979 or (405)701-7978 for more information



# Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority

107 N. Kimberly, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74804

Phone: (405) 273-1050

Come in and visit with us about:

- ❖ Lease with Option to Purchase
- ❖ Rental for Over Income
- ❖ Rental
- ❖ Budget Counseling



## 2013 AGC of Oklahoma Education Foundation Scholarships



University of Oklahoma  
Construction Science  
Scholarship Interviews  
03/29/2013

**Andy Rine**  
Flintco  
**Randy Edge**  
A.S.T. TERO  
**Ken Robson**  
OU Construction Science  
Division, Director  
**Doug Tapp**  
AGC Executive Director of  
Oklahoma Building Chapter





# MURROW INDIAN CHILDREN'S HOME BENEFIT POW WOW

Sponsored by Murrow Indian Children's Home  
Hosted by The Center for American Indians

Free Admission &  
Public Invited

Saturday, June 29, 2013

Bacone College

Palmer Center

2299 Old Bacone Rd

Muskogee, OK

## Contests:

Men's Combined  
Women's Combined  
Tiny Tots

\*\*All Contestants Must be in Grand Entry\*\*

\*\*50/50\*\* Raffles \*\* Cake Walk\*\* Silent Auctions \*\*

## Pow Wow Information:

Betty R Martin  
(918)682-2586  
murrowhomedirector@gmail.com  
[www.murrowchildrenshome.org](http://www.murrowchildrenshome.org)

## Arts & Crafts Vendor Information:

Stella Pepiakitah  
(918)316-9091

All Drums, Royalties, and Dancers Invited  
NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS, INJURIES OR THEFT

Mission: The Mission of Murrow Indian Children's Home is to provide a safe, nurturing environment, spiritual foundation, and cultural experience to Native American Children in crisis. 501 C-3 NON PROFIT

## Head Staff:

Head Singer:  
Tim Washee  
Head Gourd Dancer:  
Eli Crowels  
Head Lady:  
Savannah Waters  
Head Man:  
Thorpe Sine  
Master of Ceremonies:  
Choogie Kingfisher  
Arena Director:  
Robbie Anquoe  
Color Guard:  
Cherokee Color Guard

## Schedule:



2:00PM	Gourd Dance
5:00PM	Supper Break
6:00PM	Gourd Dance
7:00PM	Grand Entry
11:00PM	Closing Song

Bring Your Own lawn Chairs

# 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](http://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**)

# AST Injury Prevention

June 2013

## Don't Lose Sight of Fall Prevention

According to Healthy People 2010, the second leading cause of death among Native Americans are caused by unintentional falls. Annual eye exams are an essential aspect of elder fall prevention. Poor vision contributes and increases your chance of falling.

### Poor vision includes :

- Old vision prescriptions
- Improper fitting eye glasses
- Medical conditions such as cataracts, glaucoma and retinal detachment.

### Symptoms of poor vision

- Blurred, cloudy or double vision
- Blank spots in vision field
- Floating or dark spots
- Pain or pressure in the eyes
- Little or no peripheral vision



### Annual dilated eye exam

This exam allows your optometrist to look at the structures within the eye. Drops are used to dilate the pupils opening them up for better visualization. Signs of cataracts, glaucoma, and retinal detachment are identified by this exam. Finding and treating eye problems early can prevent serious problems from developing. It's important to have this exam done yearly even if your vision is normal.

Little Axe Health Center Optometry

Dr. Fred Lee 405-447-0300

Located in Public Health

Little Axe Health Center

15951 Little Axe Drive

Norman, OK

P: 405-701-7601

F: 405-701-7605

E: sponkilla@astribc.com







## AST Youth Fitness

The Absentee Shawnee Fitness Program has been working with the AST Tribal Youth Program in promoting physical activity to help prevent diabetes among tribal youth. AST Tribal Youth Program participants have really enjoyed the games that the Fitness program has provided. The goal of the Absentee Shawnee Fitness Program is to provide an outlet for exercise and physical activity through fun games and activities. The youth are learning about healthy ways to prevent diabetes through healthy physical activity. The Absentee Shawnee Fitness Program would like to thank the AST Tribal Youth Program for allowing the Fitness staff to educate and provide activities for the youth to prevent diabetes.



## Absentee Shawnee Fitness Program

### Stronger Seniors Chair Exercise

Chair Exercise are exercises or workouts done while seated in a chair, or sometimes standing next to the chair for stability. Chair exercises are suitable for older adults due to the solid base of support preventing falls, and less strain on the joints.

They are also suitable for beginning exercisers who need to start with easier exercises to gain functional strength for the tasks of daily living. Other groups that would benefit include those with chronic conditions such as Cardiovascular Disease, Diabetes, Obesity, Arthritis and Osteoporosis. Other people who could improve their quality of life are the partially mobile, people in wheelchairs, the frail and the elderly.



### Tai-Chi

Tai chi is a self-healing system of slow, graceful exercises that combine movement, meditation and rhythmic breathing to improve the flow of chi which is thought to prevent illness and improve well-being. Preliminary research suggests that tai chi may reduce stress, lower blood pressure and help older adults by improving posture, balance, muscle tone, flexibility and strength.



Strength

Flexibility



EVERY TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY!

AST RESOURCE CENTER

TUESDAY (Chair Exercise/or Tai-Chi)  
10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

THURSDAY (Chair Exercise/or Tai Chi)  
10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

FRIDAY (Chair Exercise/or Tai Chi)  
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Stress relief

Balance



The AST Fitness Program would like to extend an invite to all tribal members looking to increase their levels of physical activity and learn more about fitness and exercise. The AST Fitness Facility at the Resource Center is fully equipped with state of the art treadmills, elliptical machines, stationary cycles, dumbbells, isolation strength machines, and a cable machine. Our facility is also equipped with freestanding striking bags, medicine balls, exercise balls, fitness mats, resistance bands, BOSU balls, and other various exercise apparatus for your preferred workout. The AST Fitness Program currently provides free fitness classes to all tribal members. Classes include: Kickboxing, Circuit Training, Chair Exercise, Tai Chi, Boot camp, and Aerobic Fitness. The AST Fitness Program is here to help you get started on increasing your levels of physical activity and exercise. We invite you to come visit our fitness facility and see what our fitness program can provide for you.



### AST Fitness Facility Hours

Monday through Thursday

6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday

6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday

CLOSED

405-364-7298





# Health System Update

First of all, I pray that all our tribal members who were affected by the recent tornados here in Oklahoma are well. Please let us know in the health programs if you have a need and we will try to do our best to help you with those needs. If you were affected with a loss of property or even suffered an injury and need to talk to one of our Behavioral Health counselors, please call and make an appointment. This is something that you should not have to try to deal with on your own. We are here to help. It has been a very rough month for a lot of people, especially those who had damages to their homes, yet even worse for those who lost everything. Please help out those in need and make a visit to those just to let them know you care and to see if they need anything. A lot of families have many trees down around their properties and could use the help to clear off their land and many also need to have repairs to their homes. If you have a desire to help and can spare the time, please offer your help to those who can't do it on their own. There also other people in the communities affected that could also use some help making repairs or clearing debris. Go to those people and offer your services to help with the clean-up efforts. You will be truly blessed when you go out to help those families who have been hit by these recent tornados.

During the recent storms, many of the maintenance staff who work in health have been used to help with debris clean-up and other things in the community. They have all been great to work with and do all they can to make sure the tribal members and the rest of the community have a safe place to go back to by cleaning up any hazards around their homes that could cause harm such as falling tree branches or sharp objects such as glass or nails. If you have been doing clean up on your own and have cut yourself or stepped on a nail, please contact the clinic for a tetanus shot if you think you may need one. The nurses are her to help with these types of problems and can assist you in making an appointment for the injection.

As a reminder, the changes to the pharmacy formulary will go into effect July 1, 2013. This change is due in part to the recent Health Board decision to either eliminate or limit certain prescriptions. Much of this is due to the high number of prescription drugs being abused and to help to eliminate drug deaths due to overdose. By now, some of you may have already received a letter or a call or a note on your prescription regarding the changes to your medications. The pharmacy staff is working to ensure all our patients whose medication may be on the list for elimination are being contacted. If you have any concerns or questions about these medications, please contact the pharmacy staff and they will answer your questions.

With the summer months coming up very soon, it is important that you prepare for the warmer weather. As always, check with your primary care provider if you are on certain medications that may make you more susceptible to sun burns when outside. You may need to wear a sunscreen to protect you from burning. Also remember to drink a lot of water when working out in the hot sun and the warm weather. If you feel like you are getting too hot or have been in the sun too long, stop and take a break from whatever you are doing. Sit under a shade and try to drink plenty of water to rehydrate yourself. Try to cool yourself off with water and rest until you start to feel better. If you don't think you are getting better or begin to feel sick to your stomach and are unable to concentrate, call emergency personnel and get to an emergency room. You may be experiencing heat exhaustion or even heat stroke. Always be careful when out in the hot weather.

This is especially important for those younger children or the elderly. They need to be checked on frequently and make sure they are also drinking plenty of water.

We continue to have a very successful revenue collection from our third party resources. As you know, all the revenue collected from the insurance companies, Medicare, and Medicaid, to do pay the loan payment for the Little Axe Clinic. We continue to go above and beyond collections each month. When we are able to meet the monthly payment requirement, any revenue collected over that amount is put into a reserve account. If we should not meet the monthly payment, any amount we are short is pulled from the reserve account to make up the difference for that month.

The only times this has happened were in February and April, 2012. The amount we were short was taken from the reserve account and used to make the monthly payments. As up May, 2012, we have not missed a payment. It is only possibly with the help and hard work of all the employees. The providers see the patients, registration schedule patients, and billing makes sure all the information is billed appropriately. Thank you to everyone who works hard to take care of all our patients.

Lastly, I'd like to thank every one of the staff of the health programs. You are all absolutely great to work with and I'm so happy to have a lot of caring people with the health program. Without your support, this past month would have been very difficult to handle. I had a horrible feeling, thinking that my house may be gone and all the memories of my family just scattered all over the countryside. I am so blessed to have so many people who care. Thank you all for your offer to help clean my yard, trim trees, or just sit and listen. Often, when people go through something like this, they start thinking of what they should have done differently. They wonder if they should have grabbed a certain picture or other piece of memento before leaving their house and running toward a cellar. But we did not have that time or luxury to decide what to take. My family took just the things that matter most, themselves, to a shelter. The material things are just that, material and can be replaced but a life can't. Please take time to ponder the future and give your family an extra long hug today. One day they may not be there and you will be lost. Keep happy thoughts and enjoy your summer months.

Thank you,  
Beverly Felton, MSN, RN  
Executive Director of Health

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“Someday, my children will not feel the pain that I feel. That pain will be replaced with dignity-dignity restored to my people by Creator Himself. Dignity as we walk in the fullness of who God made us to be. Yesterday I forgot who I was. Today I grasp onto who I am: I am Indian, I am whole.”

-Personal Testimony from [The Red Road to Wellbriety](#).

The Absentee Shawnee Behavioral Health program seeks to promote the wellbeing of the “whole person” within the context of their culture. Last month, nearly 19 individuals attended the program, sharing their own thoughts, feelings, and experiences in search of greater peace and understanding.

Absentee Shawnee Tribal members, individuals from all federally recognized tribes, and sooner care participants are invited to visit the Shawnee office or call for a meeting. People attend often share concerns about drug and alcohol use and uncomfortable feelings such as anger, fear, sadness, and doubt. They express goals they have for themselves and work together with a counselor and group members (if they choose to do so) to make their vision a reality. The Absentee Shawnee Behavioral Health program is ready to help its people grasp onto who they really are.

For additional information or to schedule an appointment:

Alicja “Al” Carter,  
LADC Absentee Shawnee Behavioral Health  
405-878-4716



## SAFETY TIPS FROM...



- ✓ Never leave children alone in or around cars; not even for a minute.
- ✓ Put something you'll need like your cell phone, handbag, employee ID or brief case, etc., on the floor board in the back seat.
- ✓ Get in the habit of always opening the back door of your vehicle every time you reach your destination to make sure no child has been left behind. This will soon become a habit. We call this the "Look Before You Lock" campaign.
- ✓ Keep a large stuffed animal in the child's car seat when it's not occupied. When the child is placed in the seat, put the stuffed animal in the front passenger seat. It's a visual reminder that anytime the stuffed animal is up front you know the child is in the back seat in a child safety seat.
- ✓ Make arrangements with your child's day care center or babysitter that you will always call if your child will not be there on a particular day as scheduled.
- ✓ Keep vehicles locked at all times; even in the garage or driveway and always set your parking brake.
- ✓ Keys and/or remote openers should never be left within reach of children.
- ✓ Make sure all child passengers have left the vehicle after it is parked.
- ✓ When a child is missing, check vehicles and car trunks immediately.
- ✓ If you see a child alone in a vehicle, get involved. If they are hot or seem sick, get them out as quickly as possible. Call 911 or your local emergency number immediately.
- ✓ Be especially careful about keeping children safe in and around cars during busy times, schedule changes and periods of crisis or holidays.
- ✓ Use drive-thru services when available. (restaurants, banks, pharmacies, dry cleaners, etc.)
- ✓ Use your debit or credit card to pay for gas at the pump.

For additional information about ways to keep children safe in and around vehicles, visit our website at [www.KidsAndCars.org](http://www.KidsAndCars.org).

# 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 for at the Education Department office or for download at [www.astribe.com](http://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 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 :

If you are considering taking courses for the spring 2012 semester, please contact the Education Department as soon as possible.

All applications and guidelines are available at [www.astribe.com](http://www.astribe.com). Click on Services and select Education.

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

### AST Education Department; Big Jim Youth Award applications

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Education Department will begin accepting applications for the following awards:

- Big Jim Academic Achievement Award (Male and Female)
- Big Jim Athlete of the Year (Male and Female)

High school **Seniors** of both genders within the 50 United States are eligible to apply for these awards for the 2012/2013 school year. Applications will be accepted from January 1 to March 1, 2013 by US mail or email, official transcripts must be mailed. The official application form will be available at [www.astribe.com](http://www.astribe.com) under the Education Department. The \$1000.00 award is in the form of a scholarship to the college or university where the award recipient will attend for the fall 2013 semester.

Individuals are encouraged to nominate deserving high school Seniors. You may nominate yourself. Please refer to the application for required documents. Eligible nominations will be judged by a panel of (non-AST) experts assembled specifically for this purpose. The intent is to bring together an unbiased group of experts to evaluate the applicants in an impartial and unbiased environment. Their decisions are final with respect to all matters concerning these awards. **Awards will be announced in May 2013.**

Award recipients will be recognized as the 2012/2013 Big Jim Academic Achievement Award winner or the Big Jim Athlete of the Year. In addition to this recognition the award recipients will receive a **\$1000.00** scholarship to be used towards their education and the advancement of their career.

Questions on these awards program should be addressed to:

Absentee Shawnee Tribe  
Education Department  
c/o Tresha Spoon  
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Shawnee, OK 74801  
405.275.4030 Ext 121  
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## Vera (Gibson) Dawsey 2013 AST Secretary Candidate

Hello All!

Many issues have come to my attention as well as reinforce other situations I have been speaking about all along. These issues are regarding the current Executive Committee members' handling of nepotism in the work place, low employment rate for AST members, as well as the handling of programs that were created to benefit tribal members but don't operate to their fullest capacity.

As many of you know General Council was recently held at the Little Axe Clinic on April 6<sup>th</sup>. This is supposed to give tribal members an opportunity to ask our elected officials questions and voice our concerns. However, not one direct answer

was given to those asking the questions. For those who weren't present at General Council, I would like to fill you in. One tribal member who used to work for the AST Health system asked Governor Blanchard how he could be fair and objective with his daughter Beverly Felton is Executive Director over the AST Health System. If she wasn't working in the best interest of employees and the tribal members, how could we as tribal members expect him to be fair and assist in fixing the problem? His reply was that he didn't want her to accept the job as Executive Director. That wasn't the question the tribal member asked, so the tribal member gave an example by stating Health Executive Director Beverly Felton solely hired and supervises her daughter-in-law who also lives with Director Felton and that was an unethical hiring practice. (I would like to add after this announcement at General Council, Director Felton moved her daughter-in-law under the supervision of her friend/ clinic administrator, maybe in the hopes that no one would notice.) Governor Blanchard was asked, "Who was going to hold Ms. Felton responsible?" Furthermore, the tribal member questioned how is it other Executive Committee Members haven't bothered to investigate the high turnover rate for employees and medical providers who are quitting as quickly as they start working for our health programs? A suggestion was conducting an employee satisfaction survey to evaluate Director Felton's performance as an Executive Director. Governor Blanchard's response was he wasn't over Director Felton but the Health Board governed her. However, concerned employees have said Ms. Felton has used scare tactics with employees stating in a clinic meeting announcing that she has the EC's (including her dad's) full support to fire anyone she feels needs to. How is this type of intimidation in the work place ethical and not a conflict of interest? As for the employee satisfaction survey, Governor Blanchard said it should be up to the employees to do a survey like that. I'd like to see how far Ms. Felton would allow that to go. My question is who will listen to the results and make the necessary changes? The truth of the matter is that the EC are the people who appoint the Health Board. If the Health Board isn't doing their jobs to make sure that unethical business practices aren't taking place or aren't questioning the extremely high turnover rate for employees, (including medical providers) then WHO ELSE WILL STEP UP TO MAKE NECESSARY CHANGES? FACT: The EC has the power to do all of that! Obviously Secretary Reed isn't going to stand up and propose change! For those who know anything about facebook, Secretary Reed as well as members of our AST Health Board are "friends" on Director Felton's internet facebook page and are able to read what Ms. Felton feels she needs to put on the internet for the world to see. Ms. Felton has put on the internet that she was going on a "firing spree (at the clinic)," also that she put on the internet that she knows people who are more scared of catching the flu than of catching an STD's, as well as tell the world personal family business in an attempt to slander other tribal members, while at the same time advertising for our AST Health Systems. Director Felton also went so far as to request help in taking a business class to "help out in [her] job." Shouldn't she already have that education and ethics since she is heading up such a big business venture? How does the behavior of Governor's daughter reflect our tribe? It's an embarrassment to say the least and these are questions that our current administration should be asking. Instead, Governor Blanchard stated at General Council, "I don't have a problem with her [Beverly, Health Director/ Daughter]." The current EC should know that I have had several people tell me that when they were seeking medical care outside of our health programs, where our former medical staff work, they have been told they quit and could no longer work under Ms. Felton because she was unethical and "doesn't know what she is doing." I have heard allegations that Ms. Felton brushed an incident under the rug involving a friend/non-tribal employee taking it upon himself to change a patient's prescription without the knowledge of the Dr. and hand delivering it to pharmacy. This person is still working for our Health Programs and I shouldn't have to tell Ms. Felton **THAT'S A FELONY!** Tribal members have been fired for much less under Ms. Beverly Felton. It's not just about how much money is in the bank, it's also about good consistent care to our community instead of our community members going in to find out another medical provider has been run off. Why can't she keep these professional employees happy? When is someone impartial going to act in the best interest of the tribe as a whole and NOT the best interest of a friend or their own child? I challenge Secretary Reed and the rest of the Executive Committee to explain those things to me. They have apparently given the approval to Ms. Felton to fire people, but the EC doesn't have the authority to improve ourselves as an employer and improve our services to

our own people? I question that!

Secretary Teri Reed hardly even spoke when she was spoken to at General Council. Isn't that our time to get answers out of the elected officials representing us? Silence seems to be the theme of Secretary Reed. Last year a tribal member went to Secretary Reed for assistance involving the tribe's Building Blocks Daycare. Representative Gibson kicked an AST child out of the daycare because of a history of seizures and said she was a liability to the tribe. This is fact, let them tell you what they want; I have heard the tape recordings and seen the documentation. If you need more, I would be happy to get you in touch with this mother. The AST mother felt her child's civil rights were being violated according to the American's with Disabilities Act. After Representative Gibson told the tribal member she was "going against the tribe" by standing up for her child, she turned to Secretary Reed. Ms. Reed said to this tribal member "you are going to have a long hard road ahead of you..." and she didn't want to "step on anyone's [other EC members'] toes" by getting too involved. This is just one example of Secretary Reed not advocating for a tribal member due to Ms. Reed's best interest rather than standing up for what is right. In the April 2013 Newsletter Ms. Reed stated in her campaign letter, "I have the courage to stand up for my beliefs even when it might be easier to just go along with the majority. When I see unjustness, I work to make it right." Where were your beliefs and efforts when you didn't want to step on anyone's toes and declined to stand up for the AST child's legal rights protected by the ADA? We have had the mentality that we can do what we want because we are a tribe, but this is exactly the type of passive and self-serving leadership that holds us back as a government and betrays tribal members trust in OUR own tribe. How do we expect Ms. Reed to serve us in office when she refuses to advocate for someone even as small as a baby and fails to answer questions for the very people who elected her? It can be appreciated that Ms. Reed chooses to represent us with so much integrity, but let's make this clear; silence and avoiding conflict with the "majority" is NOT integrity.

When many EC members campaign, they will tell you they intend to listen to you and stand up for what is right. Have you seen that with those who have promised you things? I can honestly tell you that I was in great support of Secretary Reed when she first ran. I thought she was going to stand up against "unjustness" and work for us as tribal members; I have yet to see that. She has a low employment rate for AST members at both smoke shops and the restaurant. When is Secretary Reed giving our members the opportunity to support their families and give back to our tribe? Secretary Reed if I am wrong, I encourage you to provide current numbers of how many AST you employ and how many non-AST in the June newsletter. I have heard several complaints from our people searching for work, who can't get a job with our own tribe. Ms. Reed has been passive and silent about her dealings around ASED Inc. (Economic Development Board) by creating ASED Enterprises. She is the only stakeholder in the whole organization. Where are her systems of checks and balances, which will make sure that she doesn't have her hands in all of the cookie jars? Why isn't ASED Inc. allowed to work at the capacity they were formed to, in order to better the tribe economically? It may be possible that ASED Inc. could expand our businesses and create more jobs for our people. They have the education and know how to, but Ms. Reed cut them off at their knees and has handicapped them. If you don't believe me, I encourage you to contact Dan Little Axe and ask him about his presentation at General Council that supports that statement. Edwina Butler-Wolfe said it best when she said our current EC has no transparency, meaning we as tribal members aren't allowed to know what dealings our EC members are taking part in and how we as a business are really doing.

Also, I would like to see the Resolution on the (TRAP) Tribal Revenue Allocation Plan, which is part of the agreement with the BIA, and NIGC, for the monies that come out of the CASINO. I have asked about but no one seems to have it or knows where it is. I would also like to see the letter from the BIA, stating that the Resolution has been ratified by the BIA. Through this agreement, every program in our tribe is supposed to get a percentage of the monies from the casino. These programs include Social Services, Education, Police Department, and more. It is my understanding that all of the programs, with the exception of the Tribal Police, have been funded a smaller portion of monies than in the initial agreement. The Police Department hasn't received these monies for years. Without ratification from the BIA, no funding changes can be made. If I am not mistaken the Casino could be in jeopardy if there is no ratification. Also, by failing to allocate the agreed funds for our programs, services are being limited to tribal members. Have you ever been told that certain tribal programs are low in funding and can't help? This may be part of the reason.

It's obvious that there are more questions than there are answers and no one is talking. I challenge any one of our elected officials to answer them, not just because they want back in office but because we deserve that. Currently, there is too much support for nepotism in the work place, low employment rate for AST members, as well as the ignoring the purpose our tribal programs were actually formed for. Let's change that! Even if you don't vote for whatever reason, please start in June. If I am elected as your Tribal Secretary this June, my priorities will include advocating or standing up for tribal members, standing up for employees in our tribal businesses and striving for our tribal businesses to engage in ethical business/hiring practices that don't promote nepotism. I would also like to see the tribal government be more self-sufficient to support our programs such as Social Services, Education, and P.D. Please don't misunderstand, I don't have any personal problems with anyone named, instead I have loyalty to the tribe as a whole. If I overlook these issues that hold us back simply because I know the people involved, I would be no better than those holding up real progress. I come with no personal agenda, just the frustration that many of you tribal members feel each time your choice elected official lets you down, betrays your trust, and breaks promises.

Please feel free to contact me, my phone number is 405-307-0954 and email address is [dawvera@outlook.com](mailto:dawvera@outlook.com)

Everyone be blessed and thank you,  
Vera (Gibson) Dawsey, your 2013 AST Secretary Candidate





## TERI REED FOR TRIBAL SECRETARY

### Fellow Tribal Members:

For the past few months, I have submitted a candidacy letter for the newsletter that focused on providing you with some background information on my business experience. Since you are now familiar with my background, this letter will focus more on my reason for wanting to run for Tribal Secretary again. I will also focus on what I am “for” and what I am “against” in the area of professionalism on the job. This will be by far my most candid letter.

I have been lucky enough to have many jobs that were valuable in helping me understand how to manage businesses. I always thought that someday I would give back to my tribe in the way of service in some capacity. I was busy raising a family, traveling for work, pursuing hobbies, and the normal stuff we all do to live a productive life. Years passed and I began to wonder if I would ever reach a point in my life that I could fulfill my personal commitment to give back to my tribe. Finally, I reached a point where I thought I could devote some time to working for the tribe, so I ran for Secretary and won the election in 2011.

I knew what was involved when I signed up. I didn’t do it because I like to work long hours or need more stress in my life. I didn’t do it for the money. I did it because I felt like I had something to contribute and that I might be able to bring a new prospective to the job. I feel that I’ve been able to do this, and I feel pretty good about what I have been able to accomplish. After two years in office, I still feel like I have more to offer. I have learned a lot about our immediate and long term needs of our tribe, and I feel like I am in a better position right now to move us forward in some areas that are important. I believe that I have gained some credibility in the job with tribal members and other tribal leaders.

I think it is important for you to know that I don’t consider myself a long-term political candidate. At this point, I don’t see myself running for office again.

Devoting myself “full-time” for two or four years is sufficient for me. I have other things in life that I want to accomplish. I’m sure I will always have time to help the tribe in some way because I love our tribe and all the people in it. These past two years have reinforced the love I have for the tribe and all that we stand for. I have a great sense of pride for the Absentee Shawnee people, our culture, and our future.

### WHAT I AM FOR

I am for the advancement of our people. I am for developing and encouraging our young talent so they are ready to assume a leadership role in the near future. I am for improving our infrastructure so we are more self-sufficient and less dependent on others. I am for making fact-based decisions that provide long term benefits for the future of the tribe. I am for finding new and innovative ways to provide new or existing services to tribal members at less cost.

### WHAT I AM AGAINST

I am against irrational decision making. I am against publically slandering tribal members by name in newsletters or in any other publication that is available to the world over the internet. In fact, I am against publically slandering any tribal member by name for any reason. We are a family of members that will be tied together as a tribe forever. This type of irrational decision making reflects badly on our tribe. I am against disrespecting our tribe by campaigning at tribal ceremonies. I am against preparing a “hit” list of tribal members that I want fired when I get in office, before I even know their job history or have reviewed their job performance with their managers.

The future of the tribe is in your hands, and the final decision for the secretary position on June 15th is yours to make. I look forward to whatever the future holds.

Ni Yi Way

Teri Reed – Candidate for Tribal Secretary  
405-275-4030 Ext 104

## EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE FOR GOVERNOR

### Vote for Me and help me to Build For the Future (BFF)

Friends, neighbors and my fellow Tribal citizens, I want to thank each of you for giving me the opportunity to discuss with you over the past few months those concerns expressed to me about our Tribe. It has been quite a while since information like this has been made so readily available to you and I hope that you have seen that I have a firm grasp of the issues. I also hope that you see I am willing to work with you and for you. These concerns are very real and are getting bigger by the day. The problems that I’ve been discussing with you are:

#### ✓ Economic Development

- ASEDA – it’s Board(s) and who has been making the main decisions for that Board.
- Projects under the ASEDA program is losing funds for the Tribe and constructive changes must be considered and occur.

#### ✓ Health Department

- Staffing issues – we now have no medical or dental directors – retention of staff continues to be a major issue. *Why are the Providers unhappy?*
- Budget problems – we are getting a lot of money from Indian Health Service yet we have limited programming and staffing retention issues; Little Axe clinic’s loan and interest payments must be made timely – a major concern is the limited amount of third party revenue being generated and how it’s being used. *Are other departments having problems paying bills and have we adequately planned for the impact the sequester will have on programs?*
  - The document posted by the Health Administrator and/or Finance describes only interest payments as being made. *Why no payments on the principal?*
- Program administration – personalities of key staff within the health administration is a concern; large salaries are being paid to the Health Administrator and key staff who are trying to manage programs they have limited experience in working with or have no experience in managing. *Is Human Resources being used appropriately?*
- Health clinic accreditation – the clinics should get accredited to ensure our Tribal citizens receive quality services and that we get the most return from our billing process. *Where are we on health clinic accreditation?*
- Programming – Medicaid patients should be seen but not given priority in the mornings and/or seen only in mornings. Hours of operation need to be re-considered with thought going into having an after- hours and/or urgent care clinic. Open slots for patients to be seen should be kept open so that both appointment and walk-in patients may be seen daily. *Is placement of an urgent care clinic a consideration? Are all walk-ins being seen?*
- Health Board – This Board should be an autonomous functioning committee. We need information from it and that report can be placed into the AST newsletter

advising on the major actions taken by it. We also need to look at how representatives are selected and/or appointed. *Is Board information available?*

#### ✓ Education

- The program is underfunded and needs more staffing to assist with processing and monitoring the distribution and use of funds. *How is funding levels being determined and how many staff can we use to make this process work smoothly?*
- The eligibility criteria needs to be reviewed and prioritized – incentivize education for students to return and work for the Tribe. *What options have we considered?*
- Look at new funding sources – Foundation funds; fundraising projects; linking into distance learning and online school programs. *Have we looked at other resources and sources?*

#### ✓ Other Issues

- Long term care and ancillary levels of care – This level of care needs to be considered for our Baby boomer populations so that may take care of our elders in a respectful and cultural distinctive way as befits our Absentee Shawnee traditions. *Have we looked at doing a feasibility study and then applied for grant funding?*
- Representation – we need to be the forerunners in legislation and keep up with both the national and local levels of expressed concerns. By taking part in forums on levels of need, regulatory issues, policy concerns and budgetary problems we can help in making a local, state and federal impact. *What part are we taking on national issues? Are we considered a knowledgeable partner by Tribes and legislators?*
- Lawsuit – we need our land base placed into trust. *Where is this action going and where is it now? I’m very concerned over the limited information that has been given to us as Tribal citizens and if put into office I will ensure you are kept informed on this and all other issues. I know there has been expressed concern over the Mission Hill hospital and we can look at that issue and see what is happening with that. Did you know our campus sits on leased land from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation? It’s a hundred year lease. What happens after the 100 years or if the Citizen Potawatomi’s change their mind about leasing it to us?*

I’m concerned for my son, my grandchild and all the children of our Tribe. I want them to have a debt free, land base with quality health care and an array of educational opportunities open to them. In order to do this I need you to vote. We need to re-vitalize our Tribe through new measures. We need a strategic plan that establishes timelines and an action plan on how we can meet those timeline steps. I can and will do this with and for our Tribe if placed into office. *I extend my hand in gratitude to have been given the opportunity to be considered for the Governor role. I hope you will get out and vote on June 15<sup>th</sup> and make a difference. Let’s Build For the Future (BFF)!*



The month of April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Promoting Safe and Stable Families would like to provide some information about child abuse, warning signs and tips on how you can help to prevent the abuse of a child from [www.preventchildabuse.org](http://www.preventchildabuse.org).



## FACTS ABOUT CHILD ABUSE

### What is Child Abuse and Neglect?

- Physical abuse – an injury to a child that is not an accident, may include: hitting, punching, beating, burning, biting, kicking, cutting, shaking, or any action that physically harms a child.
- Emotional abuse – maltreatment of a child that may involve criticizing, insulting, yelling, swearing, manipulating, rejecting or withholding love.
- Sexual abuse – any sexual activity with a child, including exhibitionism, photographs or videos, pornography, prostitution, fondling, or rape.
- Neglect – failure to provide for a child's basic physical, emotional, medical or educational needs.

### Who Abuses Children?

Most often the abuser is someone the child knows, such as a parent, relative, neighbor or friend of the family.

### Where Does Child Abuse Happen?

Wherever children are, where they live, sleep, learn or play.

### How Often Does Child Abuse Occur?

Each year, close to 3 million reports of suspected abuse is filed in the United States. Many more cases never get reported. One victim of child abuse is one too many!

## WARNING SIGNS OF ABUSE

Children who are abused may show physical and behavioral signs. You may be a child's only lifeline to safety. Please pay attention to the treatment of children around you. Child abuse is everyone's business. If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected in Oklahoma, call 1-800-522-3511.

### Children who have been abused or neglected may be:

- Nervous around adults or afraid of certain adults
- Reluctant to go home
- Very passive and withdrawn—or aggressive and disruptive
- Often tired or complaining of nightmares, or not sleeping well
- Fearful and anxious
- Showing sudden changes in behavior or school performance

### Possible signs of physical abuse:

- Unexplained burns, bruises, black eyes or other injuries
- Apparent fear of a parent or caretaker
- Faded bruises or healing injuries
- Injuries that do not match the explanation

### Possible signs of sexual abuse:

- Difficulty walking or sitting, or other indications of injury to the genital area
- Sexual knowledge or behavior beyond what is normal for the child's age
- Running away from home

### Possible signs of neglect:

- Frequently missing school
- Begging for or stealing money or food
- Lacking needed medical or dental care
- Being frequently dirty
- Using alcohol or other drugs
- Saying there is no one at home to take care of him or her

### Possible signs of emotional abuse:

- Acting overly mature or immature for the child's age
- Extreme changes in behavior
- Delays in physical or emotional development
- Attempted suicide
- Lack of emotional attachment to the parent.

Many of these signs may also be present in children exposed to violence in their homes and communities, like domestic violence and gang violence. These signs don't prove that a child is being abused. But they could be a signal that the child and his or her family may need help. If you know of and or suspect a child is being abuse, call the hotline at 1-800-522-3511 or the ICW department at 405-878-4702.

## TEN WAYS TO HELP PREVENT CHILD ABUSE

Be a nurturing parent.

- Children need to know that they are special, loved and capable of following their dreams. Help a friend, neighbor or relative.
- Being a parent isn't easy. Offer a helping hand take care of the children, so the parent(s) can rest or spend time together.
- Help yourself.
- When the big and little problems of your everyday life pile up to the point you feel overwhelmed and out of control – take time out. Don't take it out on your kid.
- If your baby cries...
  - It can be frustrating to hear your baby cry. Learn what to do if your baby won't stop crying. Never shake a baby – shaking a child may result in severe injury or death.
- Get involved.
- Ask your community leaders, clergy, library and schools to develop services to meet the needs of healthy children and families.
- Help to develop parenting resources at your local library.
- Promote programs in school.
- Teaching children, parents and teachers prevention strategies can help to keep children safe.
- Monitor your child's television and video viewing.
- Watching violent films and TV programs can harm young children.
- Volunteer at a local child abuse prevention program.
- For information about volunteer opportunities, call 1.800.CHILDREN.
- Report suspected abuse or neglect.
- If you have reason to believe a child has been or may be harmed, call your local department of children and family services or your local police department.

## ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEPARTMENT



### Victim Advocacy

Assist victims by offering educational classes that focus on the dynamics of domestic violence and sexual assault, stalking and dating/violence. Each victim is helped with emotional support and resources both from Tribal programs and local community programs.

### Court Advocacy

Assists survivors with domestic violence court related appearances as well as filing for emergency protective orders (EPO) or restraining orders.

### 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.

### Transitional Housing

The AST DV Transitional Housing Program serves victims of Domestic Violence. Participants have up to two years to obtain education and job skills needed to begin a new life. Services include case management, counseling, and transportation. There are four homes all equipped with furniture and basic household items.

### 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.

### Sexual Assault Advocacy

The AST DV Sexual Assault Program is on-call 24 hours per day to provide emotional support, advocacy and crisis counseling to sexual assault survivors at hospitals, police stations and throughout the legal system. The Program also serves as a resource center to the community by offering educational information and referrals.

### 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.

### 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) 275-4030.**





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12. MOON..... TA PA KE KE SI FA WI

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