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LITTLE AXE SENIOR TREVOR YATES IS A BASSMASTER HIGH SCHOOL ALL-AMERICAN

By Ed Godfrey



Little Axe senior Trevor Yates is a Bassmaster High School All-American.

Yates, 18, who is a five-time state high school bass fishing champion, was one of just 12 high school anglers chosen from around the country for the first high school All-American fishing team named by the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (B.A.S.S.)

The 12 anglers were selected not just for their bass tournament success but also academics, community service and their involvement in conservation efforts.

The dozen high school anglers have been invited to compete in the first-ever Bassmaster High School All American Bass Tournament to be held June 3-7 on Kentucky and Barkley Lakes in Tennessee.

The tournament is being held in conjunction with BASSfest, which combines an Elite Series pro tournament with a festival. Each high school angler will be paired with a Bassmaster Elite Series pro for the one-day tournament.

For Yates, it's just another accomplishment to add to an already impressive fishing resume.

His prep tournament victories include the Oklahoma B.A.S.S Nation High School state championship three times and The Bass Federation state high school title twice.

He also won The Bass Federation High School Fishing Southern Conference Championship in the fall of 2014 and the 2013 Junior Bassmaster World Championship.

Yates has been fishing since age 3 when his father would take him to farm ponds. Bass fishing, however, has dominated his life since age 11 when he first won a state championship in a Casting Kids competition. That led Yates to join a local bass club. Since then, Yates said his life has been consumed by breathing, eating and fishing.

"I knew when he turned 16 I would never see my boat again," said his father, Todd, the chief of the Newcastle Fire Department.

Yates credits a longtime Oklahoma tournament angler, John Soukup of Agra, for teaching him much about the game.

"He has taken me fishing all over," Yates said. "We have traveled to Texas, Arkansas and Missouri fishing tournaments. I have learned so much from him. I am still learning stuff."

Yates will graduate from Little Axe High School later this month with \$6,000 in college scholarships earned through bass fishing. He plans to attend East Central University in Ada, where he will begin to fish on the collegiate tournament trails.

He is going to study business and marketing because he plans to become a professional bass angler after college.

"I want to be able to market and sell myself to potential sponsors," Yates said.

Yates has been good enough that he already has received several sponsorships that help him defray the costs of traveling and fishing in bass tournaments.

"He puts in the time and effort to help him achieve in this sport," his father said. "He sure does love it. His dream is to be a professional angler someday. Everything that he is accomplishing at this young age is getting him closer to grasping that dream."

REMEMBER TO VOTE JUNE 20th!!

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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

Governor's Report

Hello my Absentee Shawnee people!

This month I was fortunate to travel to Reno, Nevada and take part in the Department of Interior (DOI) - Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Health & Human Services (HHS) - Indian Health Service (IHS) meeting. It astounds me how large this meeting has grown too and how many variations of core topics that existed many years ago are still present in some form on the agenda. I attended a number of sessions while I was there and learned much on 'hot button' topics. As a recap of these more critical issues we as tribal people need to be aware of:

- ☒ Self-Governance and the need for DOI to institute a policy on mandatory self-governance training for all new hires within the BIA system;
- ☒ ICW regulations – tribes are seeking that regulations be enforced within the law and that Indian children be placed within their tribe and/or with an Indian family and court system(s) adhere to these laws;
- ☒ Contract Support Costs – tribes recommended that funds be made mandatory versus discretionary in annual federal appropriations; it was stated that tribal distributions need to be consistent across the board for both self-governance and direct service tribes;
- ☒ Federal recognition process – Tribes supported DOI having the authority to give federal recognition, not another entity. This issue was presented in a recent federal Congressional hearing with Congress questioning this function being carried out by and within the DOI;
- ☒ Tribes advised that some grant agencies give IDC and others do not – it was recommended this process be made consistent with IDC given on all grants.

While in attendance at the IHS portion of the Self-Governance meeting I and several other staff of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe and the AST Health corporation(s) attended the IHS Listening Session which was held between Bob McSwain, Acting IHS Director, with seven (7) Oklahoma tribal leaders and staff from other tribes being present. During these discussions tribes were advised that ten (10) listening sessions on youth (based on the Obama administrations recent initiative on tribal youth) are to be held nationwide. Three (3) meetings had already been held. Mr. McSwain indicated that behavioral health, mental health, substance abuse now had 'new' initiatives in Indian country in relation to our Indian youth. Other discussion topics were: 1) the budget increase of \$25 million for the youth initiative; 2) exemption of IHS from sequestration; 3) the continuation of the Small Ambulatory Grant (SAG) program; 4) tribal participation and consultation on the Facilities Appropriation Advisory Board (FAAB) with tribes requesting IHS to address the facility backlog; 5) MSPI being made permanent; Medicare Like Rates – tribes indicated they needed options to recover

costs; 6) Status of the definition of Indian – still in process according to Mr. McSwain's staff; 7) OMB and their role in relation to the Contract Support Cost (CSC) claims – Tribes expressed the importance of funds being made mandatory rather than discretionary. Tribes indicated it was their intent to seek a legislative fix to continue it after that; 8) Federal Advisory Committee Act – this is the act attached to federal advisory and committee meetings – tribes advised that this law constrained communication in meetings.

During this trip I and the Attorney General and BIA Director had the opportunity to set one-on-one meetings with key individuals such as Dr. Ken Reinfield, Office of Self-Governance/Department of Interior and Mr. Lloyd Miller, partner, of Sonosky, Chamber, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP law firm.

This month may be my last month to serve as your Governor and I have continued to work towards resolving the issues that are a result of the former administration and of certain elected leaders in office. The issue of the Controller remains unresolved. I did comply by circulating a Memo to take action on this individual with three elected leaders agreeing to the action. I also went to the ASTHA and Li-Si-NWI Health Board meetings and advised Board members of the concerns expressed by you, my people, on retaining their current legal counsel. Our Treasurer and the Finance department at-large provided my Office and each of my program(s) monthly expense reports, however, based on the tribe's Constitution we need to have a complete financial report given to tribal leaders showing all tribal encumbrances, investments, income and indebtedness each month. I continue to ask and receive limited reports.

In Conclusion:

I have learned much over the 23 months I have been in Office and I extend my 'thanks' to those who voted for me in 2013, in the 2015 primaries and for those who vote for me during the June elections. I am honored to have served you as your Governor and will continue to take part at General Council and in monthly Executive Committee meetings as a citizen, if not re-elected, or if re-elected as your Governor.

I have less than a month to go. My door is always open (unless I am in a meeting or at a meeting) and I welcome your visits.

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

Thank you for your support.

No reports submitted by Lt. Governor, Secretary, Representative, and Treasurer

AST SPF-TIG NALOXONE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

Shawnee, OK--On April 24th, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Strategic Prevention Framework Tribal Incentive Grant (SPF-TIG), housed within the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System, hosted a Naloxone training for Pottawatomie County law enforcement including tribal police representatives from the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, the Kickapoo Tribe and the Citizen Pottawatomie Nation.

Naloxone is a special narcotic drug that reverses the effects of opioid overdose. According to public information website, takeasprescribed.org, prescription painkillers, or opioids, are now the most common class of drug involved in overdose deaths in Oklahoma, and are the cause of more overdose deaths in Oklahoma than all illegal drugs and alcohol combined.

Ms. Gail Box, mother of the OU football player who recently passed away from an opioid overdose, Austin Box, was in attendance and was able to share her story during the event.

Pottawatomie County's law enforcement is the fourth county in Oklahoma to receive this training.

The AST SPF-TIG works with community partners to promote the efforts for the prevention of underage drinking and prescription drug abuse/misuse within AST Native community.



GOVERNOR'S SPOTLIGHT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Eddie Brokeshoulder



Eddie Brokeshoulder was chosen June spotlight employee of the month for his contributions to the community and the tribe; leadership; performance work ethic and teamwork. Mr. Brokeshoulder was chosen because of what he has done to improve the lives of our members since he joined my staff in January. For example, he has set up free wills clinic with Native American attorneys from Oklahoma City law firm and Oklahoma City University.

Eddie has been involved in tribal government for over ten years, and brings to my office a wealth of knowledge and experience. In addition to his education in the field of business administration, Eddie shares knowledge of grants, contracts, budgeting and financial management learned by networking with tribes around the nation and working with tribes in Oklahoma, including five (5) years with our own tribe as financial consultant.

Mr. Brokeshoulder has made other suggestions for member services and we are working on plans to offer members. Come to our office and he can tell you more.

Let's Build For the Future (BFF)!

GOVERNORS SPOTLIGHT EMPLOYEE

Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe will be working with the six program department that she has oversight over and will monthly select an employee that is deemed to have contributed to their program and to the Absentee Shawnee tribe. The attributes to be considered are: Contributions to the community and the Tribe; leadership; performance and work ethic; teamwork. It is the intent of the Governor to recognize tribal employees who do a remarkable job and might not otherwise get recognized for their contributions. This special employee recognition program will be highlighted under my Office as the SPOTLIGHT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH program.

TAX CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	% OF TAXES COLLECTED
Sales (6%)	\$1,309.86	\$98.49	\$32,618.91	\$119.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,146.74	3.58%
Gaming % of free cash	\$164,284.00	\$150,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$265,798.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$830,082.00	86.93%
Employee (1%)	\$41.05	\$0.00	\$11,691.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,732.26	1.23%
Severance (8%)	\$7,199.15	\$756.29	\$5,251.65	\$4,449.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,656.10	1.85%
Motor Vehicle	\$11,660.98	\$16,042.65	\$16,645.60	\$16,196.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60,545.89	6.34%
Tobacco Refund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL TAXES	\$184,495.04	\$166,897.43	\$316,207.37	\$286,563.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$954,162.99	\$954,162.99
Miscellaneous	\$305.00	\$125.00	\$120.00	\$182.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$732.50	0.08%
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$184,800.04	\$167,022.43	\$316,327.37	\$286,745.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$954,895.49	100%

PRESIDENT DECLARES DISASTER FOR OKLAHOMA

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency announced that federal disaster aid has been made available to the state of Oklahoma and ordered federal aid to supplement state and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding during the period of May 5-10, 2015

The President's action makes federal funding available to affected individuals in Cleveland, Grady, and Oklahoma counties.

Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Federal funding is available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

Individuals and business owners who sustained losses in the designated area can begin applying for assistance tomorrow by registering online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or by web enabled mobile device at m.fema.gov. Disaster assistance applicants, who have a speech disability or hearing loss and use TTY, should call 1-800-462-7585 directly; for those who use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 1-800-621-3362. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (local time) seven days a week until further notice.

Follow FEMA online at www.fema.gov/blog, www.twitter.com/fema, www.facebook.com/fema, and www.youtube.com/fema. Also, follow Administrator Craig Fugate's activities at www.twitter.com/craigatfema.

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

ITEMS 4 SALE

CAST IRON SKILLET:

12" - \$25

10" - \$20

8" - \$10

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Sets or Individual

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Matched Sets, Odds'n Ends

WOOD STOVES:

Different Styles

CALL FOR INFO: 386-7851 OR 476-5603

TO AST CITIZENS, EC, AND LA CLINIC DIRECTORS...

Over the recent months I have participated in the wellness program to reduce my weight, cholesterol, and improve my strength and health over all. In this time there have been some ups and downs but because of the support and encouragement of the team I am still improving.

Chrissy Weins at the resource center is knowledgeable, supportive, and is never negative about any part of her job, even when during recent heavy storms that flooded the resource center in Little Axe several times. She and other employees, Buster and Bucky, stepped up to clean the damage up, protect tribal members and other clients of the resource center. They were quick to inform regular attendees of when the gym was closed and when it was reopened. They should be recognized and commended for their dedication, quick response, safety-first and positive attitudes during the time I have observed and interacted with them.

Another area I want to acknowledge is the communication and team works between the health and wellness program and the physical therapy department. Often times diabetes, weight and cholesterol are not the only ailments some people experience. I personally suffer extreme pain from a neck issue that had required pain management, physical therapy, and strength training. The communication and collaborative support Emily Keys, Chrissy Weins and Toni Donahoo share as they work together towards the holistic short and long-term health benefits of Tribal members, as well as other clients is commendable. They consider working from the inside out to helping patients be healthy and reduce pain patients suffer.

Through nutrition information, coaching, physical therapy and fitness training my pain levels have reduced, my strength improved, cholesterol is down, blood pressure in the healthy range and although my weight still fluctuates, I have shown signs of improvements.

As an AST citizen I am glad we have this team of hard working and dedicated people working for our tribe and ask that the community knows how hard these people work to improve our lives and personally I want to commend and thank them for all they do.

NeYiWa.
Paulette Blanchard

LETTER TO ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS...

3/13/2015

John Al Little Axe M.B.A. L.P.N

“Concept” Professional Organization/Council
29223 Sunshine Drive Tecumseh, OK 74873

Greetings Fellow Tribal Members

I am composing this letter to address issues that we the people need to change. First and foremost is the lack of continuity our tribal leadership have displayed. It is the inability of our leadership to separate personal issues, from professional ones. I call into question the behaviors, comments, responsibility, organization and communication, the lack there of. Self-evident at Executive and General Council Meetings.

The lack of respect for the hierarchy of our government tells us the dynamic make up of our leadership will not work together on a Professional level. We the people have the power to solve this problem.

I am asking for your support to “create” an organization that will serve as “consultants” or “liaison” to the tribe in general.

This organization will be made up of all tribal members who have earned a 4 year degree in their respective fields of study.

The purpose of this Organization will be to alleviate the tribe from having to hire outside professionals, who do not have a vested interest in our tribe. The Organization will have “expert” knowledge in the majority (if not all) of the issues that we will face now and in the future.

We will save the tribe large sums of money, by being able to solve our problems. The Organization can be funded by the money spent, on law firms, audit firms, and many other areas. A budget can be designed to fund the Organization from the money being wasted on outside contractors.

The Professional Organization will work together in unison for the betterment of our children, our people and our future.

Furthermore, the Organization will promote a positive image to the surrounding community, other Tribes, Local, State, and Federal Governments. The Organization will not be appointed by the Executive Committee, but will elect its own officers. If you're interested in pursuing this “idea” please contact me or encourage your degreed professional to contact me, it will take your interest and support to pursue a different avenue.

This is an “idea” and is not written in stone until “We” the people act upon it.

Thank You for your time.

John Al Little Axe M.B.A L.P.N.

AST Member/Organizer

“Concept” Professional Organization/Council “Concept”

IF YOU'D LIKE TO SUBMIT AN AD OR ARTICLE:

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

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

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Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority



Programs Available

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



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LOCATED AT 107 NORTH KIMBERLY IN SHAWNEE, OK.

WEBSITE: WWW.ASHOUSINGAUTHORITY.COM

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEPARTMENT

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocacy

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

Transitional Housing

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

Court Advocacy

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

Shelter Placement Assistance

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

Housing and Utility Assistance

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

Referral Assistance

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

Community Outreach

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

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

MUSIC & VARIETY SHOW SPONSORED BY AST ELDERS COUNCIL

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2015

**WHERE: LITTLE AXE RESOURCE CENTER
NORTH OF THUNDERBIRD CASINO**

TIME: 3 P.M. TO 5 P.M.

**ADMISSION: ADULTS \$5
CHILDREN \$3 (12 AND UNDER)**

FEATURING THE FUTURE STARS AND TALENT FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS FOR A FUN AND ENTERTAINING SUNDAY AFTERNOON EVENT

PICNIC LUNCH AND CONCESSION WILL BE AVAILABLE

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NO AGE LIMIT.

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MEREDITH WAHPEKECHE - (405) 760-2601 OR BETTY WATSON - (405) 761-6958

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

The AST Health System values ALL feedback.

We will listen....

*Patient Advocate Jim Robertson
405-447-0300

*Customer Service Line
405-701-7623

*Patient Questionnaire located in each of
our clinics or on our website
www.ASTHEALTH.ORG



Little Axe Health Center

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System
15951 Little Axe Drive
Norman OK, 70326
405-447-0300

Shawnee Clinic

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System
2029 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee OK, 74801
405-878-5850



**Hey Ya Hey Ya Hey YOU!, I would like to let
ya'll know that the Culture is Prevention
Drum Project will not continue at this time,
it may pick up in the Fall, we will let ya'll
know if and when it does! Aho! Ne yi wa!**

Any questions or concerns contact:

Little Axe BH/MSPI-

Jenifer Sloan- (405)701-7988
Clarice Williams- (405)701-7995

Shawnee Clinic Behavioral Health-

John Soap- (405)878-4716

Re-elect me for Governor and Let's Build For the Future (BFF)!

EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE



I hope that you and your families are all safe and well based on the number of storms that have come and gone in the Oklahoma area and in many locations nationwide over the past few weeks. I have become aware there are some problems with tribal people driveways being washed out. I hope that you have contacted the Lt. Governor with your needs.

As this may be my last campaign article, if not re-elected as your Governor, I would just like to say that I have enjoyed my time as your Governor and would like to

continue. In many ways the tribe has been neglected and it saddens me that leaders in the past couple of administrations have sought personal gain for themselves and for certain families instead of looking to the needs of all our people. I have always had an open mind and listened to you on the needs and concerns that you each have shared with me regardless of who you were related to or where you live.

Building Blocks

When I first came into Office there was no structure of daily operations and the people with oversight had limited experience and education in child care and/or learning skills for our young children. The oversight people were partying with staff members in the child care and demanding personal favors. As I came into office the first week it was an eye opener to me of what I was hearing and learning on what was going on, the staff would come to my office because the oversight person would not take care of the problems within the center. At that time my Office did not yet have oversight of the department of child care. That individual was Jeff Gibson, then Representative, and who is now running for Governor.

The formative changes I made was to seek a resolution to place the oversight of that department under my Office. Then I began constructive changes by reviewing and updating the job description for the director position. This allowed for Master degree level applicants to be considered and we were fortunate to select a qualified individual who has assisted in meeting or exceeding star and certification levels that are making our childcare facilities top notch. This is a combined effort between our CCDF consultant and our Building Blocks II Director. They are a energetic and formidable team.

Health

This was a very troubled area and it continues to expand and evolve. This area is moving forward and we are taking giant strides forward which some are problematic and somewhat troubling but many are not. As I have mentioned when you get qualified people to run a program it can make a difference. I see improvement and hope that you as tribal people see the same.

The changes I have made during my administration is the health board by-laws that needed updated and revised. I still aspire to our two boards being ran by one set of by-laws. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe Health Authority, which is under a tribal corporation and is a non-profit board (Shawnee Clinic) and the LSWN is under a state corporation (Little Axe Clinic) and is a for-profit facility.

Thunder Bird Entertainment Center

The Thunderbird Entertainment Center Gaming Board by-laws needed revising. When I came into office there was no communication as to what was going on with this board or with the casino. I was told that the ad hoc member for the Executive Committee was the former Representative, Jeff Gibson. I did not receive any reports from this board. Our casino was leaking money and I spoke to this concern in an earlier article about what our 2013 audit findings revealed. At that time we had only two board members on the TEC Board which consisted of the General Manger and

his Accounting employee and they made all the decisions for the casino.

CHANGES

We now have new by-laws in place; new board appointments have been made to our board with specific appointment periods set; and monthly meetings are happening with reports being received and reviewed. The new board members have a long road ahead of them as the business practices of the casino had been neglected. The operation today is somewhat better. It will take time for the casino to get back on track and in order to have a good business you have to have a strong foundation and build it up.

It is my opinion that we are headed in a good direction in respect to the programs I have talked about in this article.

Code of Conduct Ethics passed by the tribal people

State of Affairs

Why do we look at the issues of the tribe and turn away or turn a deaf ear? Is it easier that way? Is it because the issues are too close to home or too confrontational? I believe it's because we find it less controversial. If we look back at notable leaders like:

INDIAN CHIEFS, WARRIORS, LEADERS			
Geronimo Apache 1829-1909	Chief Joseph Nez Percé 1840-1904	Benito Juarez Zapoteca 1806-1872	Cinon Mataweer Kumeyaay 1800s
Tecumseh Shawnee 1768-1813	Adam Castillo Cahuilla 1885-1953	Chief Hatam Kumeyaay c. 1805-1874	Charles Curtis Kaw 1860-1936
Captain Jack Modoc 1837-1873	Crazy Horse Lakota c. 1845-1877	Russell Means Ogala Lakota 1939-2012	American Horse Sioux c. 1800-1876
Anna Prieto-Sandoval Kumeyaay 1934-2010	Chief Dan George Tsilil-Waututh 1899-1981	Richard Milanovich Cahuilla 1942-2012	Mangas Coloradas Apache c. 1793-1863
Black Hoof Shawnee c. 1740-1831	Cochise Apache 1812-1874	Red Jacket Seneca c. 1750-1830	Chief Seattle Duwamish c. 1780-1866
Shacknasty Jim Modoc c. 1851-1881	Red Cloud Lakota 1822-1909	Standing Bear Ponca c. 1834-1908	Sitting Bull Lakota c. 1831-1890
Chief Pontiac Ottawa 1720-1769	Osceola Seminole 1804-1838	Wilma Mankiller Cherokee 1945-2010	Chief Manuelito Navajo 1818-1893

These leaders stood firm on their beliefs and actions. The actions they took were to benefit and sustain their people. If I were to be included among these notable leaders I would include it as an honor and privilege. To make a difference and to move our tribe forward I will hold firm to my personal and professional convictions. We must adhere to our tribal codes and laws; we must hold those in leadership accountable and responsible for their actions; we must be honest and forthcoming and we must listen to our people.

Vote Edwina Butler-Wolfe, for Governor on June 20th!



TWILA O. LONGHORN PARKER FOR ABSENTEE SHAWNEE SECRETARY

If you are still unfamiliar with me and what I stand for, let me share some information about myself. Rusty and I will be married for 37 years on June 3, 2015; we have two adult children a son Shawn Parker and Queta Parker-McCuddy. I have shared with my kids what I was taught growing up by my parents, treat people as you would like to be treated. Also, if someone does you a misdeed then what is sown shall return home to roost. Sometimes through the years these words have been proven difficult to live by.

Some of the reasons that I decided to run for office was the lack of attendance of elected officials often no one knows where they are. One of the other things I have been reading in the past newsletters about time clocks for some employees. My opinion on that is if you are going to utilize a time clock then it should be used for everyone, mainly the person who suggested it. Since I have been going to the tribal office they are a lot of good employees who come to work on time and they actually work. But, some departments seem to roll in whenever and there doesn't seem to be any structure. Another thing there doesn't seem to be any direction in some departments. Or a sense of urgency by a lot of people, why because they don't seem to have assigned duties for the day that needs to be completed. To me our tribe is paying a lot of people to show up and if their specific official isn't present at work. I've heard these people

when asked for help with the recent rain at the Resource Center and the numerous leaks happened. Their reply was that is not my job. When I was employed at the U.S. Post Office everyone's job at the Distribution Center in Oklahoma City no matter what specific job you were assigned to Management added one line that said, "Other duties as assigned." Some people asked me when I first went out talking to people they said, "If you don't get elected will you just disappear from out to the tribe or doing anything with the committees?" I have answered I have been active in the tribe with the Absentee Shawnee Veterans Association, with the CDFI program as a board member, and on the Constitution Revision Committee. I don't plan to disappear as I feel for the Executive Committee to make progress as a tribal member if I have concerns then I shall go voice them to the appropriate people. One thing I will learn is what my specific elected Secretary's duties are and any job I have had in the past I work to improve. In Article XVI-Section 3-Executive Committee Meetings which are held at tribal headquarters located in the Shawnee Tribal Complex then that is where my work location and office will be. I shall work toward providing structure, policy, procedures, and to work to clarify the issues that need to be addressed first. Any of my previous jobs have all involved team-work and being accountable for assigned work to be completed. We need a more inclusive approach to solving some of our long-standing problems with a concerted effort for an overall evaluation of what is working and what is not. If we are not doing that then we are failing the whole tribe if we are bumbling along from this project to another new project! If we have not knowledge how to effectively administer the programs we do have. We need to work toward establishing standards of accountability, bench marks of real progress, and better methods of oversight. I will work toward those standards, abiding by the Code of Conduct, and the Code of Ethics. I fully understand the Code of Ethics as 40 years ago I was one of the original Task Force Members and worked for years supporting that effort. I would appreciate your vote on June 20, 2015

JEFF GIBSON FOR GOVERNOR



Absentee Shawnee Tribe

It is that time again and I'm asking for your VOTE on June 20, 2015, for Governor of this very unique tribe called Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. It is a road I will need you, Tribal members, to walk with me and share the goals that we need to reach and progress rather than walk BACKWARDS.

I have been watching and listening for almost a year now and realized I needed to do more rather than just voice my opinion, and that is why I have elected to run for Governor. So much has happened in the last 2 years, our leadership has forgotten how to progress toward in order to further our culture, people, and Tribe as a whole. Is it really alright to spend approximately \$1,000,000 on the Attorney General in a year when previous years Attorney General fees averaged around \$200,000? Furthermore, using the Attorney General on everyday business, not just Tribal, and one's own personal use only adds to the existing dollar amount; which eventually takes away future services for our Tribal members. I say "NO!!!!". There has been too much dictatorship and "I AM THE GOVERNOR" antics that have projected an unfavorable image that our opinions do not matter. Our elected officials work for us. I have fought many battles on State and National levels, and am humbled to say, I will make sure we are not forgotten at neither the city, State, or National level.

Growing up traditionally made me realize how important it is to fight for what is right within our own tribal government, as well as outside the lands we live on. So, ask yourself, "Can we survive"

1. Another 2 years with the same leadership that is accepts overspending within approved annual budgets including their own?
2. The micro management of the Tribe's business entities which may turn away additional business opportunities for the Tribe?
3. How vital programs are misused for one's personal use?
4. The hostile work environment and abuse of power?

The power of the Tribe, per the Constitution, is encompassed within ALL of the five (5) elected Officials not just by one; thus, it is time we, as Tribal members, take back and institute a respectable Government that works together on all issues for us today, tomorrow, and in the future. It is not about who you like or dislike... it is about our Tribe, as a whole, as stated in our Constitution, as well as upholding the Oath and protecting our culture, heritage, and religion.

In closing, I ask for your VOTE for Governor on June 20, 2015, from you the People of our great Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and say lets walk together down this road of Greatness and continue tomorrow making it even more prosperous than yesterday...NEYIWA I say that with honor...

VOTE Jeff Gibson Absentee Shawnee Governor 2015

LETTER TO THE EDITOR...

TO: ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL MEMBERS

FROM: Loreta J. Brokeshoulder Schwarz

In my March 2015 letter to the Editor and to all Absentee Shawnee Tribal Members, I wrote about my disappointments and concerns on the leadership of our Tribal Government. I stated that I would be coming to the Brokeshoulder Family Reunion in June 2015. As the oldest member of the Brokeshoulder Clan, I truly enjoy joining my family members for this gathering. Unfortunately, I experienced a health issue on May 1, and still need to figure out its cause before I can travel. It is also getting harder to travel with my 90 year-old husband Bob, a WWII Navy Veteran.

I was looking forward to my coming to Shawnee because I wanted to meet with the leadership of our Tribe and members who wanted to attend. The message I wanted to deliver was to share words from our tribe's great leader Chief Tecumseh. My Great Grandmother Solo Washington was married to John Washington Sr., son of Chief Tecumtha..

In the book *Old Chillicothe* by William Albert Galloway, it states that Pucksinwa was the father of Tecumtha. Pucksinwa was killed in the battle of Point Pleasant in 1774. In the book it outlines "Memorial to Tecumtha as "The Great Shawnee Leader, Chief, and Brigadier General in the British Army, by appointment of General Sir Isaac Brock in 1812. Tecumtha was born March 1768 at the great springs a few arrow fights southeast of Old Chillicothe. Tecumtha was killed October 5, 1813 while leading our warriors against the American Forces at the Battle of the Tames, Chatham, and Province of Ontario, Canada. This memorial record is from Shawnee History, faithfully preserved by the historians of the Shawnee Nation. After Tecumtha's death, his legacy was stated in many historical record books.

It has been noted by Indian, American and English colleagues, allies and enemies that Tecumseh (Tecumtha) was an inspiring orator, an Indian Statesman and he left these words to live by.

"Live your life so that the fear of death can never enter your heart; Love your life, perfect your life, and beautify all things in your life. Seek to make your life long and in the service of your people. Always give a word or a sign of salute when meeting or passing a friend, even a stranger, when in a lonely place. Show respect to all people and grovel to none. When you arise in the morning give thanks for the food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies only in yourself. When it comes your time to die, be not like those whose lives are filled with the fear of death, so that when time comes they weep and pray for a little more time to live their lives over again in a different way. Sing your death song and die like a hero going home."

I think the part of Tecumseh's "Live your life" inspiring speech speaks to leadership of our tribe that is "Seek to make your life long and in the service of your people." Tecumseh fought many battles so that we as Shawnee Indian People would remain. Therefore, may we elect leaders who will have unselfish motives for the benefit of all members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. Please let the spirits of Tecumseh and Solo Washington guide us in all that is good for the Tribe. Let us all unite together for the common good and continue to make contributions toward greater advancement of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma... Tecumseh did!

May God bless our Absentee Shawnee Tribal Government Leaders and its people.

Loreta Jean Brokeshoulder Schwarz, Proud Absentee Shawnee Tribal Member



**Governor
Edwina Butler-Wolfe**



**We need the right leaders
in Office to make these
advancements on behalf of
our people.**

**Let's Build for
a Better
Future (BFF)**



**Elect
TWILA O. LONGHORN PARKER FOR
ABSENTEE SHAWNEE SECRETARY**



*Paid for by friends of Edwina
Butler-Wolfe and Twila Parker*

TO: ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL MEMBERS...

Received the Absentee Shawnee News and was very upset on what I read.

On the article submitted by the candidate for Governor of the Tribe, Jeff Gibson.

He did not mention in his letter what he planned to do for the Tribe; nothing was said about his education or his qualifications.

All he did was blast the current Governor and accused her of doing wrong during her term in office. In my opinion, he has a lot of room to talk. During his four (4) years in office he and the other Executive Committee Members did NOTHING. Just there to draw a pay check. Never in office so that tribal members could talk with them.

Interpreting the Constitution to fit own needs. HE said a mouthful there. He and other Committee members don't seem to know that there is a Constitution for the Tribe. They did their own thing, forget the Constitution, and heck with other tribal members.

1. "Causing internal conflict". He needs to stop and look at himself and at what he and other Committee members did. They deliberately refused to go along with anything that was brought up to better the tribe.

2. "Attempting to divide the tribe". The Lt. Governor, Secretary, and Treasurer all refused to go along with any new ideas that the Governor was trying to develop for the tribe.

3. "Making false allegations to the Judicial System about the wrong doings of the Executive Committee". This is false. They and each of them know what they did and refused to go along with anything.

4. There are many issues facing the Tribe that are "self-created". Yes, caused by the three members of the Executive Committee. Three of them refused to work with the Governor. But yet they are putting all the blame on the Governor. The Tribe cannot move on with people like them on the Executive Committee. They are not interested in helping the Tribe or any of the tribal members. They are only interested in making fools of themselves to everyone. All three of the Executive Committee are only in this for themselves and not any one else.

One thing that Jeff Gibson failed to mention is the number of Driving While Intoxicated charges he received during his term in office. It is all PUBLIC RECORD in the office of the Court Clerks in Cleveland County and Oklahoma County.

Two cases filed in Cleveland County, Oklahoma are:

1. CM-2013-1698, he was charged with "Driving a Motor Vehicle While Under the Influence of Alcohol", in District Court of Cleveland County, Oklahoma, on September 3, 2013. His blood alcohol results tested out at 0.17, which is two times the legal limit. Jeffrey Gibson received a one (1) year suspended sentence
2. CM-2013-1094 – he was charged with DUI (alcohol) in District Court of Cleveland County, Oklahoma; case filed on June 10, 2013. Jeffrey Gibson received a one (1) year suspended sentence
3. CF-2014-1745, filed in the District Court of Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, on or about March 14, 2014, with two counts, (1) Count One, being Driving a Motor Vehicle While Under the Influence of Alcohol, which was feloniously committed in Oklahoma County; (2) Count 2, Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of Intoxicating Liquor was feloniously committed by Jeffrey Gibson in an accident causing personal injuries to twelve (12) people. On or about January 15, 2015, Jeffrey Gibson entered a plea to a plea to the charges which were reduced from a "Felony" to a "Misdemeanor". He was given a plea agreement sentence of two (2) year deferred sentence.

He is under the supervision of the District Attorney of Oklahoma County. He has to report to the District Attorney every month, plus he had community service. He also had several other rules and conditions that he has to follow for the next two years.

Makes people wonder if he didn't say to the District Attorney's Office

in Oklahoma County, "I am a Representative on the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe" and the arresting officers. It is not noted in the reports of the officers but they are known to leave out things. The report does say that Jeffrey Gibson could barely speak and only mumbled while they were attempting to interview him. He did make the statement that he was coming from a bar. He thought he was driving over some railroad tracks when the vehicles ahead of him were stopped at the stop sign. He struck two (2) vehicles which had several passengers in each car. All passengers received personal injuries.

The test results of his blood test are unknown and not in any of the paper work. He took a blood test rather than blowing in to the breathalyzer machine.

As a result of all of these DUI charges in both Cleveland County and Oklahoma County, Mr. Gibson does not have a drivers license. He cannot drive a vehicle on the highways.

In addition to the above charges, in checking the records, it is found that Jeffrey Gibson, had previous DUI charges and others in the past as follows:

- A. In 2007 he was charged with Actual Physical Control, Case No. CM-07-2372, Cleveland County, Oklahoma;
- B. In 2008 he was charged with DUI alcohol in Case No. CM-2008-432 in Cleveland County, Oklahoma;
- C. In 2009 he was charged with Driving Under Suspension in CM-09-49 in Cleveland County, Oklahoma.

Seems funny that he is always charged with Misdemeanors and not felony charges in most of the cases, with exception of the case in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, which was later reduced to a Misdemeanor. If it was any one else the second one would have been a felony and any later charges would also be a felony.

How does he expect to be able to drive to and from meetings all over if his driver's license is suspended for who knows how long.

Now, Tribal Members do you want someone with such a criminal records of various DUI's to represent you and the Tribe? It would not be good nor would it look good to have anyone with DUI records against them. The Tribe is already being laughed at by our Executive Committee's actions at various functions all over the Nation. Did any of you tribal members know that the Tribe is known as the Tribe that partes all the time. That is embarrassing. Lets vote for someone that will change the minds of everyone across the United States that the Tribe does have someone to represent them proudly and not party.

In closing on his letter Mr. Gibson states, "In order to Lead, one first, must learn how to Follow". One thing everyone knows is that he does not know how to "Lead" and he certainly does not know how to "Follow".

Also Jeffrey Gibson did not graduate from high school, he only completed eleventh grade of high school. He is wanting to be the Governor of the Tribe and does not have a high school diploma.

I don't know if anyone caught the error in John Johnson's letter, but he doesn't know how to keep his dates straight. He stated that he wanted everyone to vote for him in "March 21st primary election".

Don't think I would want to vote for someone who can't keep his dates straight or know what day it is.

To all tribal members, VOTE for Edwina Butler-Wolfe as Governor and Twila Parker as Secretary if you want the Tribe to go forward as they are the proper partes to vote for in the up coming election on June 20.

VOTE FOR EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE AS GOVERNOR AND TWILA PARKER AS SECRETARY AND GET THE TRIBE MOVING FORWARD.

Thanks,
A concerned Tribal Member

FROM THE ELECTION COMMISSION:

TRIBAL MEMBERS:

The Run Off Election will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2015.

The voting Polls will be located at the Little Axe Resources Center located on Peebly Rd. and in the Police Department building on the Tribal Complex in Shawnee, OK. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at both locations.

A sample ballot is published in this newsletter.

The AST Election Commission would like to make a clarification. The **Media Department** mailed out the *Absentee Ballot Request Form* in a separate mail out due to the **Media Department** not putting the *Absentee Ballot Request Form* in the May Newsletter. The Election Commission's policy is that we do not mail out the *Absentee Ballot Request Form* unless requested by an individual Tribal Member. Also by AST Election Commission policy, the forms are printed in the newsletter for Tribal Members convenience.

If you have any questions you may call the Election Commission at (405) 275-4030 ext. 6271. Thank you.

The AST Election Commission would like your support by voting in favor of the Election Commission's budget issue on the June ballot. The AST Election Commission is asking for Tribal Members to approve an annual budget of \$50,000 to be appropriated out of General Fund. The approval of this issue will mean that the Election Commission will have a consistent budget from year to year. In the past the Executive Committee has made the determination on how much the Election Commission is appropriated.

Per the AST Constitution, the Election Commission is an independent body of the AST government. We feel that taking the Election Commission budget out of the hands of the Executive Committee will help us achieve that independent status and absolve us of any undue political influence. This approved budget will also help us conduct the elections with the necessary resources. As it is currently, the previous year's budgets being the basis for current budgets do not take into consideration the inflation of costs associated with the elections. Elections are an important process in the AST government and should be treated as such.

So please vote in favor of the set budget for the Election Commission and help us to fulfill our responsibilities, as an independent body under the AST Constitution, to the Tribe and the Tribal Members.

If you have any questions you may call the Election Commission at (405) 275-4030 ext. 6271. Thank you.

APPROPRIATE POLL BEHAVIOR

According to the Election Ordinance Article VIII Section 1 - The official polling sites and adjoining Tribal Grounds are neutral grounds, therefore, there shall be no campaigning or loitering on Election Day by any person. It shall be the duty of the Election Commission to request that Tribal police be present at each polling place and be responsible for maintaining order, prevent campaigning, and loitering during the election process.

In order to comply we suggest that you do not campaign in any fashion.

For Examples:

- No: "vote for..." sticker on cars;
- campaign clothing;
- disbursement of campaign material;
- counseling as to who to vote for.

Do not loiter at poll site:

1. Arrive;
2. Register;
3. Vote;
4. Exit.

Unless there is a line, each voter should be at the poll no more than 10 minutes, outside of voter booth. Each voter may take all the time they need to read the ballot to vote in the private booth but should not "visit" with Commissioners or other voters at the poll site.

Any visiting of voters must occur outside of the Poll Site and adjoining Tribal grounds.

Voting Polls close at 6:00 p.m. Voter has to be in line in order to vote.

Policies and Procedures states:

There shall be no campaigning on property of polling site. This includes signs, person to person, clothing, etc. or within 200 ft. of the polling site. (On Election Day all signs must be over 200 ft. away from the edge of the tribal property that contain poll sites.)

BALLOT

 Please Remove

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA RUN OFF ELECTION JUNE 20, 2015

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

GOVERNOR:

Jeff Gibson-----[]

Edwina Butler-Wolfe-----[]

SECRETARY:

John Raymond Johnson-----[]

Twila Parker-----[]

ELECTION COMMISSION

Deputy Commissioner:

Augustine Johnson (unopposed)-----[]

Commission Member #1:

No One Filed.

REFERENDUM QUESTIONS

No. 1

This measure authorizes the Election Commission of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe to receive an annual budget of \$50,000 to be paid from the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's General Fund Account. A yes vote will approve this measure.

YES [] NO []

No. 2

This measure adds to the Election Ordinance the following Specific/Additional Qualifications for Candidates running for Elective Office. A yes vote will approve each qualification.

1. Must have a valid Oklahoma State Driver's License----- YES [] NO []
2. Must have negative result on a Drug & Alcohol test-----YES [] NO []
3. Must have a High School Diploma or GED----- YES [] NO []

AST Family of Alcoholics Support Group

Meeting times are every Thursday at
6pm-7pm at the Employee/Music
building on the AST complex. Call
Behavioral Health at (405) 878-4716

Millions of people are affected by the excessive drinking of someone close. The following questions are designed to help you decide whether or not you need Al-Anon:

- 1. Do you worry about how much someone drinks?
- 2. Do you have money problems because of someone else's drinking?
- 3. Do you tell lies to cover up for someone else's drinking?
- 4. Do you feel that if the drinker cared about you, he or she would stop drinking to please you?
- 5. Do you blame the drinker's behavior on his or her companions?
- 6. Are plans frequently upset or canceled or meals delayed because of the drinker?
- 7. Do you make threats, such as, "If you don't stop drinking, I'll leave you"?
- 8. Do you secretly try to smell the drinker's breath?
- 9. Are you afraid to upset someone for fear it will set off a drinking bout?
- 10. Have you been hurt or embarrassed by a drinker's behavior?
- 11. Are holidays and gatherings spoiled because of drinking?
- 12. Have you considered calling the police for help in fear of abuse?
- 13. Do you search for hidden alcohol?
- 14. Do you ever ride in a car with a driver who has been drinking?
- 15. Have you refused social invitations out of fear or anxiety?
- 16. Do you feel like a failure because you can't control the drinking?
- 17. Do you think that if the drinker stopped drinking, your other problems would be solved?
- 18. Do you ever threaten to hurt yourself to scare the drinker?
- 19. Do you feel angry, confused, or depressed most of the time?
- 20. Do you feel there is no one who understands your problems?

If you have checked any of these questions, Al-Anon or Alateen may be able to help.



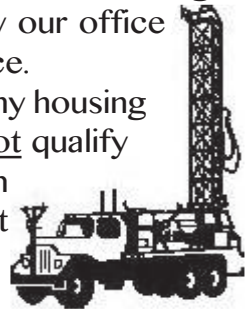
THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & ENGINEERING (OEH&E)

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

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

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

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



Office of Environmental Health & Engineering

- Tribal Housing Improvements Application

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

THIP list all applicants by a priority list:

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

Other Programs available:

- Sanitation Facilities Assistance Program

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

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

Submit completed application to:

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

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

SHAWNEES UNITE TO HALT LEGISLATION

Submitted by:
Andy Warrior and Scott Miller

Fake Shawnee Tribes have tried tirelessly to gain some sort of state or federal recognition for decades and have once again made an effort. On April 23, 2015, the Illinois State Legislature was presented with House Bill 3217, SHAWNEE INDIAN RECOGNITION ACT, by Representative Brandon Phelps of Harrisburg, Illinois. HB 3217 would provide State recognition for a group calling itself the "Vinyard Indian Settlement of Shawnee Indians". Language in the bill would have provided the so-called "tribe" and each of its member's eligibility for any service and benefits provided by the United States and State agencies to Indians that are otherwise available to State-recognized tribes.

The Illinois House of Representatives unanimously passed HB 3217 with a vote of 113 yeas and 0 nays on April 23, 2015. The next step for the bill was a hearing in the State Government and Veteran Affairs Committee in the Illinois State Senate. This committee hosted two hearings in which HB 3217 was on the agenda and testimony was heard from interested parties. The first hearing was May 7, 2015, where testimony was given by an individual by the name of Barney Bush, leader of the "Vinyard Indian Settlement", supporting the passage of HB 3217.

Fortunately, Mr. Ben Barnes, Second Chief of the Shawnee Nation, led and began an opposition movement to HB 3217. Second Chief Barnes, with the assistance of historians and other individuals, began to compile a portfolio of information on the group of wannabes. It is this information that exposed

the fake Shawnee group's effort in creating their own Native American history, lineage, culture, language and religion. The information also exposed Barney Bush and his attempt to make claims of having family lineage to the Absentee Shawnee.

On May 13, 2015, the delegation of Absentee Shawnee elected officials and members, Vera Dawsey, Secretary; Leah Bates, Treasurer; Andy Warrior, Special Projects Coordinator; Jeff Gibson, TERO Director; and Scott Miller, BIA Self-Governance Specialist, met Shawnee Nation Second Chief Barnes and Treasurer Roy Baldrige; along with a representative from the Eastern Shawnee at the State Capital in Springfield, Illinois. Upon arriving, we had the opportunity to meet with Vivian Anderson, Deputy Chief of Staff to former Illinois Governor Pat Quinn. Ms. Anderson, who is enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, was able to contact and set up a meeting with both State Senator Gary Forby and Rep. Brandon Phelps for a meeting with our delegation. Senator Forby was eager to meet and was humbled by the visit with the whole delegation while learning about the concerns of HB 3217 from all three Shawnee Tribes.

We expressed our concerns with the history, lineage, and customs the fake group claimed as being Shawnee descendants. As with other fake tribes, this group was going to use its State Recognition to become a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, allowing it to compete for some of the same grants we apply for and currently receive. The Shawnee delegation made it very clear any group claiming to be a Native American tribe should first

and foremost apply for Federal Recognition, if they are legitimate in seeking recognition and services from Federal Agencies. If a group was only seeking State Recognition, they should be thoroughly researched and questioned why they do not want Federal Recognition.

Senator Forby thanked the Shawnee delegation for enlightening him and briefly educating him on the issue of tribal recognition and what defines a Native American. The Senator informed the delegation that he was going to recommend to the State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee to send HB 3217 to a sub-committee for further research and testimony. Basically when a bill is sent to a sub-committee, it will stay there to be put to rest. At this time there is no scheduled date for the sub-committee hearing, we anticipate it will be scheduled for the fall of 2015. Senator Forby extended an invitation to the Shawnee delegation to come back before and during the sub-committee's hearing of the bill. The Senator also would like to work with the three Federally Recognized Shawnee Tribes in educating him and fellow members of the Illinois Legislature on the definition of a Native American, according to the Code of Federal Regulations (25 CFR Part 83). The Shawnee Tribes will possibly have an opportunity to consult with the Illinois Legislature in creating a formal process for legitimate State Recognition, which should be equal to the process defined in 25 CFR Part 83.

This small action is one of many that tribes face everyday throughout the United States. These hobbyist groups adopt a certain tribe's lifestyle, culture, and traditions to create their own lineage from historical documents. Then

they present themselves to various organizations, such as schools, universities, Historical Societies and even state legislatures, as true long lost Native Americans. In states that have no Federally Recognized Tribes, it is hard to dispute and not take these groups' word as being true. For Shawnees, there are numerous groups claiming to be long lost descendants of the tribe throughout the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and now Arkansas. They call themselves such names as "The Remnant Band of Shawnee", "East of the River Shawnee", "Vinyard Indian Settlement of Shawnee" and numerous other group names.

The Federally Recognized Absentee Shawnee need to be involved in this ongoing battle to combat these wannabe groups seeking a Native American identity. Had the State of Illinois passed HB 3217, the act would have given the "Vinyard" group State Recognition, possibly opening the flood gate for other groups seeking State Recognition throughout the other states. Ultimately this allows these groups to gain 501(c) (3) non-profit status and apply for Federal grants that Federally Recognized Tribes compete for. This dilutes the Federal funding pool for Federally Recognized Tribes to provide services to their tribal members.

We thank Senator Forby for his time and understanding, and look forward to working with him and his colleagues in building a relationship and understanding of the Federal Regulations that identity and protect all true Native Americans.

This is truly a win for the Shawnees.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT

The AST Cultural Preservation Department would like to pass along the following information concerning updates to each of our programs.

Cultural Preservation

In the latter part of March, we presented a Stomp Dance Demonstration at the Resource Center, led by Tribal member Joe Blanchard with assistance from Colleen Butler. We had a good gathering from the community, with simple discussion about the dynamics of both the men's and women's roles. The next Cultural event will be held the evening of Wednesday, May 27th. I am scheduling it later this month to avoid conflicting with local Graduations and other activities that occur this time of year.

As I've mentioned previously, we still have open positions on the **Cultural Advisory Committee**. These volunteer positions have a service time length of two (2) years, where folks provide advice and input on sensitive topics related to our Culture, Language, Traditions and NAGPRA issues. If you possess the time and capacity, please submit an application and/or resume to the Secretary's office to express your interest.

After visiting with representatives at the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) in Washington, D.C., we agreed on a tentative date for all Shawnee to discuss our tribal history and present dance demonstrations. After many phone calls, text messages and emails, the three (3) Tribes of the Shawnee Nation will collaborate on the program, "**Shawnee: Living in Both Worlds**", scheduled for **June 12-13**. Each group will comment on the differences and similarities of the respective divisions which comprise each Tribe. We

will sponsor several people to represent the Absentee at this Historic event, to show the World on a National Stage that we are not extinct; we are alive and well, prospering in our region of the U.S.

Recently, there was an Informational Meeting to discuss ideas of how to make the Agenda a success and educate Society of our existence. I provided details for those interested in making the trip to witness our final product and determine if there was enough interest (people willing to pay) to visit our Nation's Capitol.

As always, if you have questions about our skills/traditions classes or would like to lead a demonstration, please call Joseph at Ext. 6310, or send an email to joseph.blanchard@astribe.com.

Gift Shop

The Gift Shop continues to make progress in sales and new inventory. Recently, we advertised for a Gift Shop Manager and Tribal Member, Ashley Brokeshoulder was selected to fill the position. She has been with our Department the last two summers serving as an Intern. She graduated from Texas Tech University this past Fall and we are glad to welcome her to our Staff.

In addition, she has been busy with the Spring order and assisting with other requests for materials as many of our Tribal members prepare for Ceremonies and want to make new regalia. We will do our best to get orders in but there are some things beyond our control. If you haven't stopped by lately, come in and browse around. I think you'll be surprised at the new product and supplies we have in stock. We aim to please. If we don't have what you need, let us know and we may be able

to 'special order' your request. Also, I received a request to provide a Product List with associated price. If you would like a copy, call Ashley at Ext. 6343, or contact her by email at ashleyb@astribe.com.

Library

The Library Tech position is still vacant and hasn't been filled. I've had the job posted on our Website and ran it in the Shawnee News-Star. With any luck, I hope to have a qualified person assisting and scheduling activities before Summer begins. We have a wide variety of resources available for checkout or your reading leisure. Besides the available book "Checkout", we also have many magazines, newspapers and journals for your perusal. If you have any concerns about your informational needs or would like a membership application, please call Ashley at Ext. 6343, or by email at Ashleyb@astribe.com.

THPO

Our THPO program continues to make great strides and advancements. I hired two (2) additional people, Miranda Cobell and Sherry Tejada as THPO Specialists. I will have a small Biography and Picture in next month's newsletter for folks to learn about their Field of Study and other credentials.

At the end of March, all THPO Staff attended the "To Bridge A Gap" (TBAG) Conference, hosted by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe at the Indigo Sky Casino in Wyandotte, OK. While there, Cecil Wilson and I were on the Agenda and presented on the AST HRT Program. We received many compliments on our topic and the discussion from our PowerPoint presentation. During Executive Session, I was provided updates on all projects and other information to my recommendations and

suggestions given at last year's meetings.

This past month, we hosted the HRT Paraprofessional Training, in the Warrior Room at Thunderbird Casino, from April 13th-17th. Instruction was provided by several of our Archaeological colleagues from the Ouchita and Ozark-St. Francis National Forests, respectively, and our own AST THPO staff. At the conclusion, we presented certificates to 8 new people. Again, I want to publicly thank Casino Personnel for assisting and making our training the success it was. We couldn't have done it without you.

Finally, I have two (2) other announcements and opportunities for our students and young adults. In partnership with the Shawnee National Forest in southern Illinois, we will be visiting their site, in either June or July, for a week-long Exposure Camp and a separate Stewardship Program. The first is open to students interested in exploring Archaeology as a college major and potential career choice. The other is an opportunity to learn about Trail Making and Land Stewardship techniques. This will be a great chance for immediate employment in the near future at one of several National Forests.

Your concerns are important to us as we continue to provide the best service to our Tribal community. We appreciate and "Thank You" for the continued support of our Department and Programs. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call my office.

Thank you for your time.
Joseph H. Blanchard
Cultural Preservation Director/
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
joseph.blanchard@astribe.com
(405) 275-4030 ext. 6310

HORSE SHOE BEND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Horse Shoe Bend after school program will not have summer activities this summer. The tribe is making some changes to the building and the program will be implementing some new materials for the school year of 2015 – 2016. The after school program is projecting to open up in late August 2015. The students and tutors last day was May 7, 2015. As you may be aware from the Absentee Shawnee Newsletter our Oklahoma Baptist University tutors was highlighted in the Governors Spot Light for May. The tutors were awarded an Absentee Shawnee T-Shirt and dinner at Chili's. Our tutors indicated they were very honored and grateful for the recognition for the services they are committed to providing to and for our after school students.



Hillary Williams & Evan Blackburn



Rebecca Tyer

'THANK YOU' List:

We would like to extend our *'THANKS'* to the
ABSENTEE SHAWNEE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT
for keeping the grass mowed and for completing needed repairs to the after school building.

A special *'THANKS'* to:
**KEVIN KASECA, ISAAC BETTELYOUN, STEPHEN FIFE, LANCE
NANETO, JOHN MANN, GARY PONKILLA, TOM WHITE.**

Additionally, *'THANK YOU'* to the
WHITE TURKEY BAND COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS
for their support throughout the year for **VOLUNTEERING** their time at the center.

And last, but certainly not least, *'THANK YOU'*
PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS OF OUR STUDENTS
for allowing your children to attend the Horse Shoe Bend after school program.

We hope everyone will have a safe summer and we look forward to our students, tutors and staff returning in August!!!!!!

If you have any concerns or questions please call: Stuart Rolette at 405-585-1346.

Thank you,
Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe

JUNE 2015 BIRTHDAYS

Aguirre Perez Jr., Jose Ricardo
 Anderson, Jeffery Eugene
 Anderson, Micah RaShawn
 Arms, Eva Nikkole
 Armstrong, Bobby Joe
 Atabaigi, Victor Arman
 Atchico, Kevin Todd
 Atwood, Dalana Ann
 Bates, Darwin Lee
 Bates, Edwin Gale
 Bates, Horace Ray
 Bates, Leah Daphne Ann
 Beach, Madison Sue
 Bear, Wally Eugene
 Bell, Patsy Marie Rolette
 Bell, Sarah Elisabeth
 Bettelyoun, Lester John
 Bigpond, Michael Ray
 Blackburn, Brittney Renee
 Blackburn, Nicole Ann
 Blackburn, Reba Gayle
 Blanchard, Catrina Jay
 Blanchard, Frances May
 Blanchard, Joshua Darand
 Blanchard, Mark Leeroy
 Blanchard, Ryan Lee
 Blanchard, Trinity Morgan
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 Bowman, Lourie Ann
 Bradley, Megan Nicholle
 Breeding, Landry Parker
 Brewer, Zeldia Sue
 Brokeshoulder, Gerald C.
 Brown, David Anthony
 Brown, Jearldean Louise
 Brown, Shedrick Tremain
 Bryant, Christopher Michael
 Bui, Robert Dao
 Bullard, Carolyn Sue
 Burgess, Anthony Wayne
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 Byers, Samuel Ezra
 Carpenter, Kortlynn Marie
 Chapline, Annabelle Rene'
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 Ciulla, Casimer James
 Clark, Christian Eugene
 Clark, Mary Esther
 Clem, Sherry Michelle
 Cobell, Miranda Pauline
 Cochrane, Arthur Kent
 Coddington, Kevin Dwayne
 Coddington, Michael William
 Coddington, Nicole Chenoa
 Coffee, Bradlee Roy
 Corpus, Alyce Karen
 Cox, Elizabeth Diane
 Creek, Allison Jaine
 Creek, Shelia Maria
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 Cruz, Owen Patrick
 Cruz-Larney, Leonardo
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 Davis, Gary Brent
 Davis, Jeremy Ray
 Deer, Brayden Nathaniel
 Deer, Channa Racyne

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 Douglass, Catalyna Jade
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 Durmon, Raven Reese
 Eason, Gemini E` lane
 Edgmon, Andrew Shawn
 Edwards, Christopher John
 Ekk, Joyce Lynn Gant
 Ellis Jr., Paul Samuel
 Ellis, Craig Joseph
 Ellis, Steven Duane
 Felton, Beverly Ann
 Finley, Charles Christopher
 Fixico, Kyeanna Rochelle
 Flippen, Gale Sue
 Foreman, Jamie Marie
 Foreman, Lisa Ann
 Frazier, Lisa Dianne
 Fritsch, Cheryl D. Sloat
 Gant, Phillip Monroe
 Garcia, Jennifer Gail
 Garfield, Doreecsha La Shawn
 Garretson, Sandra Jean
 Gibson Sr., Isaac
 Gibson, Bryan Scott
 Gibson, Kyle Wayne
 Gibson, Whitlee Danell Nacole
 Gonzalez, Kacey Lynn
 Grass, Carmynn Layne
 Grass, Gregory Ryan
 Grass, Skylur Dain
 Guthrie, William Thomas
 Hanson, Daylen Joseph
 Harjo II, Zackery Colin Dell
 Harjo, Samantha MacHel
 Harjo, Viola Lucille
 Harjoe, Theodore Mose
 Harris, Rebecca Rose Lillie
 Harvey, Rowena Gail
 Haumpy, Tyuana Senoria
 Herrera, Arlene June
 Herrera, Jose Alfredo
 Hibdon, Kylee Brooke
 Hicks, Lenny Wayne
 Hill, Ryan Warren
 Hood, Flora Jean
 Hood, Leah
 Houchin, Cynthia Diane
 Ibarra Jr., Luis Ricardo
 Irvin, Darlene Gosney
 Jackson, Tenain A-Tye
 Jackson, Tyson Joel Sweeney
 Jacobs, Mistie Leann
 Johnson, Bryan Austin
 Johnson, Dane Echogee
 Johnson, Hilo Tsofigh
 Johnson, John Raymond
 Johnson, Joseph Tarron
 Johnson, Katie Jean
 Johnson, Megan Lucille
 Johnson, Nahtanha Kai
 Johnson, Tillman Aaron
 Johnson, Travis Eric
 Kastl, James Edward
 Kauley, Hollis Lucille

Kelough, LaChrista Kay
 Ketakea, Ashley Paige
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 Kilmer, Brandon Keith
 Kilmer, Michael Houston
 Kinley, Taylor Jordan
 Kmatz, Zachary Robert
 Koontz, Susan Kay
 Kowitz, Shelly Anne
 Kupeczynski, Mary Lee
 LaPlant, Bailey Paige
 LaPlant, Cameron Scott
 Larney, Harriet Lee
 Larney, Megan June
 Larney, Takota Sun
 Latzke, Kimberly Nicole
 Leitka, MacKlyn Chappell
 Lewis, Mariah Nicole
 Lewis, Mark Stephen
 Lewis, Skylar Dean Cooksey
 Lime, Andrew Barry
 Little Axe, Arianna Danielle
 Little Axe, Claude Tyner
 Little Axe, Lisa Annette
 Little Charley, Virgil Ray
 Little Creek, Calvin Dale
 Little, Anthony Ray
 Littlebear Sr., Michael
 Littlebear, Marquitta Annette
 Littlecreek, Arnold Kent
 Littlecreek, Christopher Dwight
 Littlecreek, Drew Michelle
 Longhorn, Darrell Eugene
 Longman, Andrea Kay
 Low, Sadie L. Spybuck
 Lowe, Braylon James
 Lowe, Megan Louise
 MacK, Justin Wayne
 Mack, Kevin Lee
 Mahardy, Bradley Gene
 Mahardy, Lacey Rochelle
 Mann, Jesse Dale
 Martinac, Susan Renee
 Masquas, Izaiah Zazueta
 Mayfield, Hayden Winona
 McCollom, Brandy Jo
 McGowan, Charles Lee
 McGuire, Kelsey Nicole
 McMahan, Camdyn Rae
 McMillen, Mitchell Thomas
 Melton, Kalen Mykel
 Mendoza, Elizabeth Ranae
 Michaelson, Carol Sue Morton
 Michaelson, James Ross
 Mickleburgh, Dorothy Jean
 Minesinger, Sara Danielle
 Mitchell, Trevor Micah David
 Mohawk, Galen Leroy
 Mohawk, William Douglas
 Molina, Manuela
 Montgomery, Richard Henry Aaron
 Moore, Jordan LaShell
 Morgan, Alissa Ann
 Morgan, Twila Marshella
 Morton, Madison Skye
 Morton, Misty Lynn
 Morton, Rachel Raynell
 Mullins, Mirissa Bethany
 Murdock, Wisper Dawn
 Murry Jr., Steven Ray

Nelson, Taylor Paige
 Newton, Christy Lynn
 Nice, Isac James
 Nicholson, Peggy Mayrie Welch
 O'Toole, Ryan Gregory
 Onzahwah, David Levi
 Owens, Jaelyn Nevaeh
 Ozeretny, Patricia R Musick
 Patton, Kimberly Marie
 Payne, Riley Erin
 Pearce, Eileen
 Pearson, Etta Axe Washington
 Perez, Brenda Irene
 Petty, John Eric Matthew
 Pine, Rita Ann
 Pitchford, Lyria MaKaila DeAnn
 Plunkett, Tobie John
 Preciado, Christina Gracella
 Presley, Bailey Paige
 Proctor, Sonia Danielle
 Puckitt, Alyssa Marie
 Quarterman, Abel Matthew Tiger
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 Ramirez, Virginia
 Ramirez, Tiffany Ann
 Reading, Gregory Tyler
 Respicio, Nicholas Lee
 Rides At The Door, Maleah Jane
 Riedel, Linda Mae Robinson
 Robbins, Ariel Nicole
 Robertson, Jimmy
 Robertson, Marion James
 Rolette, Tyler Austin
 Ryan, Moria Colleen
 Ryder, Holland Thomas
 Sanchez, Eder Pavel
 Sanchez, Josefa Yolanda
 Schmidt, Michelle Denise
 Scott, Colton James
 Seber, James Eddie
 Serena, Nicole Inez Raelynne
 Shawnee, Brooklyn Pearl
 Shawnee, Lindsay Gael
 Shelton, Jamie Cheryl
 Shields, Darren
 Shrestha, Abhi Chase
 Simpson, Flora Mae
 Simpson, Lisa Rudine
 Simpson, Raechel Rayann
 Sipple, Patrick Michael
 Skinner, Charitas Susanne
 Slayton, Sharon Virginia
 Sloat, Jerry Ray
 Sloat, Shirley Ann
 Sloat, Troy Lynn
 Sloat-O'Toole, Lezlie Marie
 Smith, Brian Keith
 Smith, Chandria Jean
 Smith, Christina Sue
 Smith, Scott Alan
 Smith, Shad Michael
 Snake Floyd, Janet Lynne
 Soap, Margaret Angela
 Spoon, Ashley Nicole
 Spoon, David Clayton
 Spriggs, Donald Ray
 Spybuck, Jason Evan
 Squire, Donald Ray
 Squire, Joseph Lynn

Squire, Leroy Ricky
 Stacey, Rosalyn
 Steinruck Jr., Harold Eugene
 Stephens, Rebecca Pauline
 Steves, Gary Wayne
 Stewart, Lonita Virginia Williams
 Street, Louise Axe Washington
 Stricklin, Eugene Stanley
 Switch, Isaiah Jacob
 Taff, Nancy Ann
 Tapia, Gianna Jade
 Tascier, Susan Wilkerson
 Tello-Faz, Maribella Elizabeth
 Temple, Ginger Lee
 Thorpe, Tyrone Guthrie
 Tiger, Emma Kay
 Tiger, Gerald
 Tiger, Kwinten Danyl
 Tiger, Marisela Rose
 Tiger, Nancy Rae
 Tiger, Riley Eugene
 Tiger-Onzahwah, Preston Zachary
 Tilley, Nolan Grant
 Tolbert, Janis Lavonne
 Turney, Stephen
 Uchida, Bryson Harvey
 Wahpepah, Brady Maverik
 Wahpepah, Pauline White
 Walley, Lowana Gale
 Warrior, Andrew Keith
 Warrior, Luana Christie
 Warrior, Lydia Rose
 Washington Sr., Algene
 Washington, Matthew George
 Washington, Tatum Stoney
 Watkins, Fawn Lil`grass
 Watkins, Freddie Lee
 Watkins, Jalyne Alexis
 Watson Jr., Gregory Doyle
 Watson, Cynthia Ruth
 Watson, Darrell Dean
 Webb, Raven James
 Wenholm, Lacey Alexandra
 White, Xander Ralph
 Whitethunder, Daelan Takye
 Whitney-Coon, Davin Zane
 Whitten, David J. J. Thomas
 Wietelman, Ebaney Bionca Lynn
 Williams, Braylie Audra
 Williams, Ethan Beau
 Williams, James Robert
 Williams, Kaenon Cole
 Williams, Kyree SaVaughn
 Wilson, Adilynn Magnolia
 Wilson, Hannah Mae
 Wilson, Kaden Joseph
 Wilson, Marvin Edward
 Wilson, Michele Renee
 Wilson, Shi Ann Delrae
 Wilson, Wesley Sheldon
 Winegar, Juanita Jean
 Winrow Jr., Rodrick Donnell
 Winter-Engrav, Katherine Dorene
 Witt, Jacob Matthew
 Wolfe, Richard Ray
 Wright, Shane Allen
 Yeahpau, Eden Dione

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
SISTER**



**FRANCES "BUG" BLANCHARD
FROM BIG CHIEF & FAMILY**

Happy Birthday



**BROTHER
EUGENE!
FROM BIG CHIEF
&
FAMILY**

**Happy Birthday
& Father's Day**

**To the best Dad, Uncle, and
Brother there could be!!!**



**Love you bunches!!
Love Always, Payden & The Whittens**

HAPPY 10TH BIRTHDAY SON!!!

BODACIOUS

COWABUNGA

TUBULAR



GNARLY

**TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA
TURTLES**

RADICAL

**WE LOVE YOU BUNCHES!!!
LOVE ALWAYS, MOM, DAD & KAYLA**

Happy Anniversary!!



From the kids



**Happy
Birthday**

**Rich and Mary
May 3 July 21
From the kids**

**HAPPY Father's Day!
Dad & Pappa!!**

**Love You Always!
Love, David, Tina, Kayla, & D'Jay**

FYI: Contract Health Service News

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health

The AST Contract Health Services Team are here to assist you

... follow the CHS Guidelines!

Get a copy of the CHS Guidelines and update your information

Contract Health Services for AST members *with* Insurance

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

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

**Contract Health
Direct Phone Line
405.701.7951**

Contract Health Services for AST members *without* Insurance

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

1. You must apply for any alternate resources for which you may be eligible - Medicare, Medicaid, SoonerCare, insurance, etc.
2. Complete CHS Patient Update form and update all information every 6 months
3. You must utilize the services provided within the AST health clinics prior to being referred out.
4. Referrals for outside services must be sent to CHS. Services must be medically approved by an AST Health provider.
5. An appointment will be scheduled and a COB will be sent to the outside provider.
6. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to CHS. *You may leave bills with Rhonda Kaseca at the Shawnee Clinic and Glendine Blanchard at the Little Axe Health Center.*

Emergency and Urgent Care Services

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

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



Debi Sloat



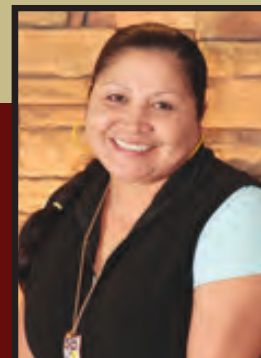
Glendine Blanchard



Flo Mann



Sharon Ponkilla



Darla Gatzman



Jayne Werst

HEALTH SYSTEM UPDATE - JUNE 2015

The AST Health System would like to welcome Dr. Walter Paschall, Ophthalmologist, to the Optometry Staff. This latest addition to the AST Health family of providers will be instrumental in opening up quicker access to eye appointments and reduced turnaround time in access to optometry care for eyewear. Dr. Paschall is a seasoned provider and has an impressive resume of patient care over his years of practice. Our annual health fair will be in July 31st this year and will be an exciting event. This year's theme is "Health Awareness For All Generations". We will have several vendors from around the area including the health department, Veteran's Administration, and other guests to help us again at this year's event. There will be plenty to do and tons of information provided to all regarding health, wellness, fitness, and access to care for you and your family.

The *PlusCare* Clinic continues to see more patients every week, and we are thankful to our employees and staff for standing up the clinic as well as the support of the EC in adding these expanded after hour services. While we still have processes and challenges we are working through, we are excited about where this effort is going with expanded access to care for our tribal members and other patients. A recent visit with the I.H.S. Area Office revealed several tribes are listening to their members with increasing calls for after hour care due to busy work schedules and weekend care access as opposed to an unnecessary, and costly, ER visits.

We are very proud of our outstanding star performers this month and thank them all for their contributions to our patients, their fellow employees, and the tribe! Employee of the month for health was Dr. Marty Lofgren, MD; the team of the month was the Housekeeping Staff. The special leadership recognition award was presented to Mrs. Marla Throckmorton. Great job gang, you make the health system work for our tribal members!

A few other key bits of information for this month:

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

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

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

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

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

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

you need to do to protect yourself and your family)!

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

- **Ebola Public Health Messages and Updates:** You can access this up to date information today on the AST Health System webpage: <http://www.asthealth.org>. Breaking news and information from the CDC and OSDH are located on our webpage along with other pertinent information for you to protect yourself and your loved ones.

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

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System

Behavioral Health Services



Office Hours

Monday-thru-Friday

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Little Axe Clinic
15951 Little Axe Drive
Norman, OK 73025
Ph. 405-701-7987

Shawnee Clinic
2029 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801
Ph. 405-878-4716

Services are offered through:

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

From the Doctor's Notebook

From time to time I, Dr. Stafford, will present some information that will benefit members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe who receive this publication. The information will not be meant to diagnose or treat any condition, but merely to inform. By providing this information this, members of the medical staff at the Little Axe Tribal Health Center mean to demonstrate, that we are closely in tune with the health and welfare of our served community. So, without any further a-do. . .

Let's Talk Thyroid

One of the best ways to assure patient compliance with medications or treatment is to educate. Contrary to some belief it is not the physician's job to just dish out medications for no reason. Nor do we expect patient's to understand the need for medication or treatment without some discussion. My purpose today is to explain what goes on with thyroid dysfunction, the symptoms and what we do about it.

The thyroid gland is found in the neck. This essential organ is responsible for producing thyroid hormone. This hormone is used throughout the body for regulation of the metabolic processes that take place; too much or too little can lead to serious medical problems.

Thyroid disease is probably underdiagnosed because symptoms can be mild or very subtle. The person who comes into the clinic with bulging eyes, a rapid heart rate and weight loss is pretty rare. On the other hand there are lots of folks who go through the day with their tails dragging and just can't wait to get home from work to lie down. The most common presentation of thyroid disease is excess fatigue. We have to be careful here because excess fatigue can be due to other reasons not related to the thyroid. When confronted by a patient who describes just being tired all the time one of the first thing that comes to my mind, especially in an adult is thyroid disease. Thyroid disease takes two forms, generally. Not enough thyroid hormone in circulation is known as "hypothyroidism." When there is too much circulating thyroid hormone we call that "hyperthyroidism." Both of these conditions may be transient, especially after some illness. In addition, it is not uncommon to see women who have given birth to experience the symptoms of hyperthyroidism only to have the thyroid function return to normal after a time. We consider thyroid disease to need treatment generally after several months of abnormal hormone levels and/or with significant symptoms. Be very aware that excess fatigue may also be a symptom of any of a number of other potentially serious medical problems, and can also be due to plain old depression.

Besides excess fatigue, some symptoms of an underactive thyroid are constipation, abnormal weight gain, mood swings, dry brittle nails and possible hair falling out. In women, abnormal menstrual cycles may be present. An inability to become pregnant may also occur.

When the thyroid is overactive we may see an appetite increase without a concomitant increase in weight. Heart palpitations (rapid intermittent heart beat) are not uncommon. Nervousness and jitteriness are possibly also present. As stated before, enlarged or bulging eyes are sometimes seen as well. Basically, an overactive thyroid causes the metabolism to be over stimulated. A good history and physical exam is always in order and if indicated some simple lab tests can lead to a diagnosis of thyroid disease. During a physical exam the physician may notice an enlargement of the thyroid gland itself. This is called a goiter and will result in, at the minimum a non-invasive test called and ultrasound of the neck. An enlarged thyroid or nodules are of special concern because in rare instances a thyroid cancer may be detected. The treatment of thyroid disorders varies with the specific diagnosis. Generally when the thyroid is underactive just due to physiologic loss of function the patient is placed on thyroid replacement using weight-based dosing. The patient will be asked to monitor their own symptoms but the initial testing cycle requires a simple blood test every 6-8 weeks to check the levels of thyroid hormone. This is done indirectly by checking a hormone called TSH. The level of TSH in the blood stream is an indication of function. As this level goes up or down the medication dose is adjusted until optimum control is reached. If the level of TSH is too high it indicates the dose needs to be raised. If it is too low it indicates the dose needs to be lowered. Too

much or too little medication can lead to its own set of problems and this is why the TSH needs to be checked periodically.

Treatment for an overactive thyroid may be simply to watch and wait as function can return to normal on its own. Sometimes an overactive thyroid may need medication and the need perform something called an ablation, which can be administration of radioactive iodine to kill of a portion of the thyroid, thus returning function to normal levels. On occasion the thyroid may need to be surgically removed, especially if cancerous or if grows to a size that causes other issues in the neck. After these treatments the thyroid function may become underactive and thyroid replacement needs to be given. At any rate, thyroid disease is generally highly treatable but like other disease processes early intervention is the key.

Let me digress to discuss the surreptitious administration of thyroid hormone simply for weight loss. In the past the use of thyroid hormone to "rev up" the metabolic process to aid in weight loss has been done by unscrupulous "diet doctors" and manufacturers of "diet pills." There is no question that that does work to an extent but is fraught with health consequences. Among these are serious heart rhythm disturbances, high blood pressure and bone loss. This is an issue that needs to discuss with your trusted primary care physician or endocrinologist. Bottom line, see your doc. We are here for you. Ne-Yi-Wa Si-Li-No-Ke

Bruce A. Stafford, DO
Diplomate, ABFM
Absentee Shawnee Tribal
Health System
Little Axe Health Center

News Release

For Immediate Release

Contact: Aly Miller (405)447-0300

AST CLINIC ADMINISTRATOR ACHIEVES BOARD CERTIFICATION IN MEDICAL PRACTICE MANAGEMENT



Norman, OK, May 07, 2015 — Ms. Marla Throckmorton, RN, MSN, CMPE, Clinic Administrator for the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System has earned the professional designation of Certified Medical Practice Executive (CMPE) by the American College of Medical Practice Executives, the certification entity of the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA)

The designation of CMPE demonstrates that Ms. Throckmorton has achieved board certification in medical practice management. Through industry-leading board certification and Fellowship programs, ACMPE

AST SPF-TIG

NALOXONE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

Shawnee, OK--On April 24th, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Strategic Prevention Framework Tribal Incentive Grant (SPF-TIG), housed within the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System, hosted a Naloxone training for Pottawatomie County law enforcement including tribal police representatives from the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, the Kickapoo Tribe and the Citizen Pottawatomie Nation.

Naloxone is a special narcotic drug that reverses the effects of opioid overdose. According to public information website, takeasprescribed.org, prescription painkillers, or opioids, are now the most common class of drug involved in overdose deaths in Oklahoma, and are the cause of more overdose deaths in Oklahoma than all illegal drugs and alcohol combined.

Ms. Gail Box, mother of the OU football player who recently passed away from an opioid overdose, Austin Box, was in attendance and was able to share her story during the event.

Pottawatomie County's law enforcement is the fourth county in Oklahoma to receive this training.

The AST SPF-TIG works with community partners to promote the efforts for the prevention of underage drinking and prescription drug abuse/misuse within AST Native community.

AST BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

For counseling information, contact:

Shawnee BH:	Roberta Cooper	(405) 878-4716
Little Axe BH:	Howard Brown	(405)701-7987



Mission Statement

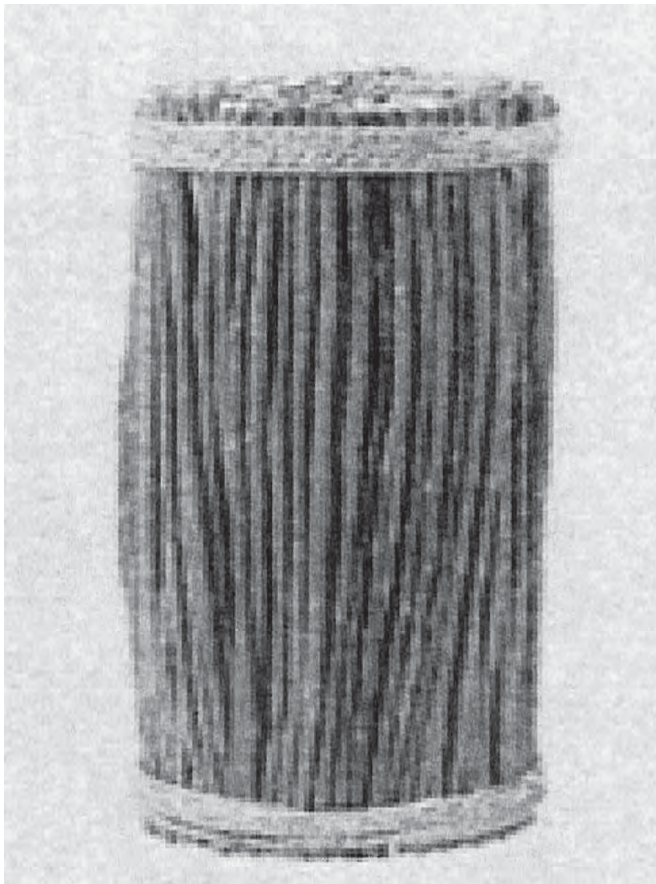
To promote the wellbeing of the "whole person" within the context of their culture.

A Single twig breaks but a Bundle of twigs is strong

Services

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

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





Register Now!!!
www.asthealth.org/patient-portal

New Patient Portal

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System

Little Axe Health Center
Shawnee Clinic



Visit your app store and install
the Follow My Health app

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



for real-time access to your
health information

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

AST Health System Announces *PlusCare* Regular Hours of Operation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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

COURT ADVOCACY

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

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

JULIE WILSON/FOSTER CARE 405-878-4702



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

- Chief Seattle

Women's Health

Services provided
at Shawnee Clinic
405.878.4702
Schedule an
appointment

Little Axe Health Center

Women's Health Services
Located in the Primary Health Care

Providing & Promoting Preventative Health for All Women

Services include:

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

Information about:

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



Women's Health Services
Little Axe Health Center
15951 Little Axe Drive • Norman, OK 73026
405.447.0300 • Fax 405.701.7605
www.asthealth.org



AST PHARMACY

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

Deliveries of controlled medications are not allowed.

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

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

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

Hours of Operation:

Little Axe: Monday-Friday 8am-5pm
(7:30am-5:30pm Drive-Thru)
Phone-(405)292-9530
Shawnee: Monday-Friday 7am-5pm
Phone-(405)878-5859

We are open through the lunch hour!!

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

Thank You,
AST Pharmacy Staff

FOSTER CARE

WHAT IS A FOSTER CARE WORKER?

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

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

Some aspects of this relationship include the following:

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

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

Foster Care Payments are as follows:

- 0-5 age \$14.73 day \$441.97 month
- 6-12 age \$17.12 day \$513.57 month
- 12 and over \$19.30 day \$579.13 month

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

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

Hello Everyone;

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

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

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

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

Home Number is 307-0954, 275-4030, ex. 6289

Thank you, and Be Blessed.

FOSTER CARE

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

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

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

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



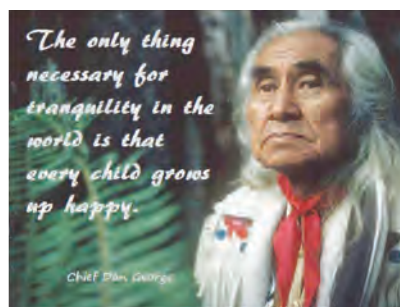
GOT LOVE?



FOSTER A CHILD

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

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE CHILD WELFARE
405-878-4702 (ext. 133)



The only thing necessary for tranquility in the world is that every child grows up happy.
 Chief Dan, George

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

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

<<<NOTICE>>>

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



Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Building Blocks C.D.C.
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801
(405)878-0633 FAX: (405)878-0156



May 2015 News...



Our 'Muffins for Moms' event was a huge success!! All of the children enjoyed eating breakfast with their mothers. Thank you to all the moms who were able to participate. We hope that ALL of the moms had a wonderful Mother's Day!

We will celebrate Father's Day in the month of June. We invite the fathers of our children to join us for breakfast in celebration of Father's Day on Friday, June 19th when we have 'Donuts with Dad!'

We conducted our monthly fire drills and quarterly tornado drill, as required by DHS. With all of the dangerous weather lately, it may be necessary to talk to your children about it to ease their worries. One way that may help soothe their anxiety is to have them you create an emergency preparedness kit. If

they understand what to do during sever weather and they know that there are emergency supplies on hand, it may make them feel at ease. We encourage parents to conduct fire and tornado drills at home as well. Though we all pray that these types of tragedies never hit our families, being prepared is a sure way to help keep your family safe should one of these events take place. Please visit <http://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit> to get more information on what to include in an emergency kit, how to maintain it, how to create an emergency plan, and so much more!!

Summer break is here and our school-age program is in full swing!! As usual, Ms. Liz will have field trips planned each week to keep all of the older kiddos busy. She will have a schedule out to those parents whose children are in her classroom.





Dates to Remember:

Friday, June 19th: "Donuts for Dads" at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 21st: Father's Day

Thank you,
Billie Thompson
Director



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Bean N Beef Burrito Spanish Rice Pudding	2 Spaghetti w meat sauce Green beans Bread Stick Salad Bar*	3 Ham Au Gratin Pot. Veggies Bread Pears	4 Baked Chicken Breast Wild Rice Beets Cookie	5 Grits Sausage Patty	6
7 	8 Chef Salad Chez, Eggs Cottage Chez Peaches	9 Wieners & Kraut Veggies Bread Mixed Fruit	10  Meatloaf Mashed Pot/Gravy Green beans Orange	11 BBQ Chicken Baked Beans Veggies Bread/Plums	12 Scrambled Eggs Sausage Gravy Biscuit	13
14  FLAG DAY	15 Beef Fingers Mashed Pot/Gravy Cauliflower Mandarin Oranges	16 Chicken Broc & Rice Casserole Tossed Salad* Pudding	17 Pork Chop Stuffing Veggies Applesauce	18  Manwich Tator Tots Pickles Grapes	19  Cereal Sausage Patty Toast Apple	20
21 	22 Chicken Patty Sandwich Lett, Tom Pot. Salad Pineapples	23 Beef Tips & Noodles Veggies Crisp	24 Beans Steak fries Cornbread Mixed Fruit	25 Taco Casserole Ranch Beans Tossed Salad* Cake	26 Scrambled Eggs Sausage Gravy Biscuit	27 
28	29 Hamburger Tom, Lett, Onions Pork n Beans Chips/Yogurt	30 Roast Red Pot Carrots Bread/Jell-O				

What is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day?

Each year, hundreds of thousands of older persons are abused, neglected, and exploited. In addition, elders throughout the United States lose an estimated \$2.6 billion or more annually due to elder financial abuse and exploitation, funds that could have been used to pay for basic needs such as housing, food, and medical care. Unfortunately, no one is immune to abuse, neglect, and exploitation. It occurs in every demographic, and can happen to anyone—a family member, a neighbor, even you. Yet it is estimated that only about one in five of those crimes are ever discovered.

We hope you are ready for summer!!!!

Love the rain but we need to dry out a bit not complaining because we will be wishing it would rain when hit that 100 degree weather!!!

Drink plenty of water and stay cool!!!

Any questions or concerns please call us at 405-275-4030 x 6227



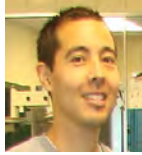
The Absentee Shawnee Diabetes & Wellness Fitness Center's Fitness Schedule

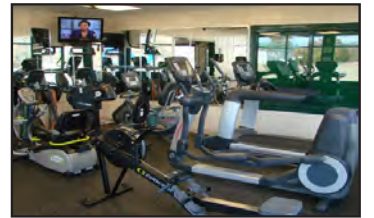
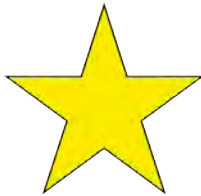


ABSENTEE SHAWNEE FITNESS



FITNESS CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Classes	Classes	Classes	Classes	Classes
<u>Circuit Training</u> 6:10 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Zumba!</u> 6:10 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Circuit Training</u> 6:10 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Cardio Kickboxing</u> 6:10 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Circuit Training</u> 6:10 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center
<u>Low Impact Chair Exercise</u> 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Buster Bread Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Tai Chi</u> 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Low Impact Chair Exercise</u> 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Buster Bread Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Tai Chi</u> 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	
<u>Circuit Training</u> 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Buster Bread Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Circuit Training</u> 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Buster Bread Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Circuit Training</u> 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Buster Bread Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Circuit Training</u> 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Buster Bread Little Axe Resource Center	
 Chrissy Wiens Diabetes and Wellness Physical Activities Specialist			 Buster Bread Diabetes and Wellness Fitness Manager	



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

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

Fitness Hours:

Monday 6:00 a.m.— 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 6:00 a.m.— 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.
Thursday 6:00 a.m.— 7:00 p.m.
Friday 6:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.
Saturday/Sunday CLOSED

DISASTER SURVIVOR APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Apply Online:

- Go to DisasterAssistance.gov on your computer or smartphone.
- You can quickly apply for many forms of assistance on one website.
- Update and check the status of your application online.

Apply by phone for FEMA assistance only:

- Call 1-800-621-FEMA (1-800-621-3362).
- People with speech and hearing disabilities can call 1-800-462-7585 (TTY).
- For those who use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 1-800-621-3362.

INFORMATION CHECKLIST

Before starting your application, you, your co-applicant or a minor in your home must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national or qualified alien. Please have a pen and paper and the following information ready:

Social Security Number

If you do not have a Social Security number, please [Apply for a Social Security number](#), then visit DisasterAssistance.gov or call FEMA at 1-800-621-3362 to complete your disaster application. Your household may still be able to receive assistance if there is a minor in the household who is a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national or qualified alien with a Social Security number.

Insurance Information

Describe the type(s) of insurance coverage you have, such as homeowners, flood, automobile, mobile home insurance, etc.

Damage Information

Describe your damages caused by the disaster, including the type of disaster (flood, hurricane, earthquake) and type of dwelling (mobile home, house) or vehicle (car, boat).

Financial Information

Provide your family's total annual household income, before taxes, at the time of the disaster.

Contact Information

Give FEMA the address and phone number where the damages happened and the address and phone number where you can be reached after the disaster.

Direct Deposit Information (optional)

If you are approved for assistance and want your funds deposited directly into your bank account, provide your banking information. This includes:

- Bank name
- Type of account (ex: checking, savings, etc.)
- Routing number
- Account number

Injury Prevention Program

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

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

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

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



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL
POLICE DEPARTMENT



SORNA

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

Legal Notice

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

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

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

Who is included?

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

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

The class *does not include* individuals who:

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

Proposed use of the Funds

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

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

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

serve Native farmers & ranchers over a 20 year period.

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

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

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

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

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

How can I share my views?

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

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

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

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

Education Department

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
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 weeds eat applicant's 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 Reta Harjo at (405) 275-4030 ext. 6249

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CDIB #: _____ DOB: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ MESS. PHONE: _____

Finding directions to home:

DISABILITY BENEFITS FOR WOUNDED WARRIORS

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

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

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

www.socialsecurity.gov
 or call toll-free, **1-800-772-1213**
 (for the deaf or hard of hearing, call our TTY number, **1-800-325-0778**)

Native American Veterans Enrollment Event Held at Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Little Axe Health Center & Shawnee Clinic



cooking from the

FARMER'S market

When: Saturdays, 8am-12pm
1st Saturday of every month
June 6th with Vendor Participation
AST Tribal Members & Elders Highly Encouraged for Vendor Participation

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

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

For more information &/or to sign up as a vendor please contact Shea Warden at 701-7977.
Registration is required—no fees.

ALL PRODUCE MUST BE LOCALLY GROWN & MADE, NO EXCEPTIONS





The Absentee Shawnee Diabetes and Wellness Program



1ST - 5TH GRADE JUNIOR OLYMPICS

Saturday July 11th, 2015

Little Axe Resource Center 8:00 A.M.

Limited to the
first 50 youth!

YOUTH EVENTS

INCLUDE:

50 YARD DASH

BROAD JUMP

LONG JUMP

SOFTBALL THROW

FREE THROW SHOOTING

PARENTS 1-MILE RUN/WALK

PRE-REGISTER TODAY!

Guardian Name: _____ Youth Athlete (name): _____

City, State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

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

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

Signature _____ Date _____

For more information, please contact Buster Bread at (405) 364-7298. Registration forms may be faxed to (405) 365-7945, or returned to 1970 156th Ave. NE Norman, OK.



Personal Banking:

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

Contact Us for Details As Follows:

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

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

Business Banking:

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

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Banking Hours:

2023 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK 74801

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

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

Saturday: 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon

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PREVENTION
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1-800-273-TALK (8255)
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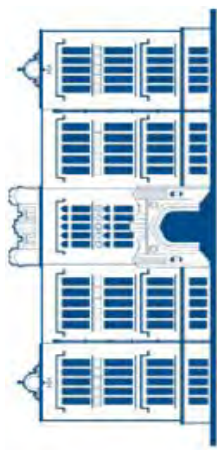
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SHAWNEE, OK 74801

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JODI MARQUETTE
AMERICAN INDIAN WILLS CLINIC

Information Session
and Wills Clinic

June 12, 2015

The American Indian Wills Clinic
will provide no-cost estate planning services to
Absentee Shawnee Tribal Members
who live in Oklahoma.

To learn more about options for making arrangements
for your Indian Land,
Attend our Information Session
at 10:00 a.m.

Wills and other estate planning documents will be
drafted by appointment only
From 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please Call (405) 208-5017 to make an appointment.

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ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE - SHAWNEE DEPARTMENT EXTENSIONS (405) 275-4030

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	Eddie Brokeshoulder.....	6307		Genevieve Foster(Asst. Cont.).....	6282		Valentina Jimenez.....	6244
	Lesa Shaw.....	6269		Amy Hilderbrand (Pay. Spec.).....	6280	REALTY	Kayla Ketakea.....	6281
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	Jerry Ann Knox.....	6306		Twyla Blanchard (Staff Acct. II).....	6233		Amnie Wilson (Director).....	6225
	Alvina Barnes.....	6275		Jennifer Hernandez(Budget Analyst).....	6228	TAX COMMISSION /TAG		
Treas	Treasurer Leah Bates.....	6239		Glenna Jones (Grants Admin).....	6338		Alicia Engler.....	6257
	Donna Longhorn.....	6240		Sandra Burnett(Grants).....	6385		Tara Battise.....	6237
Rep.	Representative Ken Blanchard.....	6287		HUMAN RESOURCES				6258
	Leonard Longhorn.....	6335		Cheri Hardeman.....	6252			
	Elizabeth Clark.....	6296	TERO	Rachael Lankford.....	6222			
RECEPTIONIST	Lea Bettelyoun.....	4030		Dayna Dick.....	6337			
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ATTORNEY	Ray Campbell.....	6313	ICW	Ronelle Baker.....	8802		Thomasine (Doss) Owings (DIR).....	6227
				Julie Wilson.....	8803		Johannie Mae Bettelyoun.....	6272
COURT	Kathy Brock (Court Clerk).....	6241		Debra Daugomah.....	8804		Donna Butler.....	6270
	Vanessa Ryder.....	6260		LITTLE AXE RESOURCE CENTER			Robert Schoolfield.....	6270
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				Duke Blanchard.....	585-3669			
CULT. PRES. /GIFT SHOP			MAINTENANCE					
	Receptionist.....	6243		Cecil Walker.....	6316			
	Joseph Blanchard(Director).....	6310		Reta Harjo.....	6249			
	Carol Butler.....	6319		Stephen Fife.....	6234			
	Colleen Butler.....	6340		Donna Simon, Sherri Yetter, Isaac Bettelyoun, John Mann, Kevin Kaseca		OTHER ENTITIES & TOLL FREE		
	Tracy Wind.....	6324		Esther Lowden (Gift Shop Manager).....	6323		All Nations Bank.....	273-0202
				Cecil Wilson.....	6245		ASEDA.....	878-6782
				Gift Shop.....	6273		Toll Free.....	1-800-256-3341
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							Building Blocks.....	878-0633
							(Billie Thompson, Briana Ponkilla)	
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/FAMILY SERVICES							Housing.....	273-1050
	Kimberly Stephens.....	6277					Human Resources.....	275-1468
	Jackie Denny.....	6326					Indian Child Welfare.....	878-4702
	Linda Gouge (Sexual Assault Adv).....	6333					Country Kitchen Restaurant.....	366-7220
	Melissa Lopez.....	6315					Media.....	598-1279
	DV Advocate.....	6224					(Sherman Tiger, Derek Hilderbrand)	
							OE/H/OEP.....	214-4235
							Police Dept.....	275-3200 / 275-3432
EDUCATION							Thunderbird Casino NRM.....	360-9270
	Admin Asst./Rec.....	6255					Shawnee Casino.....	273-2679
	Tresha Spoon.....	6242					Tribal Store (Little Axe).....	364-0668
ELECTION COMMISSION								
	Emily Longman.....	6271						
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	Sujata Sturm.....	6288						
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	(After School Program Director)							
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