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MARCH

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



GEORGE BLANCHARD
GOVERNOR



ISAAC GIBSON
LT. GOVERNOR



MICHELLE LOPEZ
SECRETARY



KATHY DEERE
TREASURER



JEFFREY GIBSON
REPRESENTATIVE

LT. GOVERNOR'S REPORT

During the month of February, we had very cold weather and I hope that everyone stayed safe and warm. I would like to thank the maintenance crew for the hard work they put in the week of February 3rd. While the complex was closed, most of the Maintenance Crew worked in Shawnee and Little Axe to keep the driving areas clear so staff could return to work when it was allowed by Mother Nature. They also cleared and cleaned CTSA, Inc's property; the Resource Center; the Little Axe Clinic, and the Tribal Store. Their work allowed all entering and leaving the complexes in both Shawnee and Little Axe to be much easier and safer. We appreciate their time and labor.

On January 6th an informal meeting was held to discuss the possibilities in renovating Tecumseh Square. A satellite office for college classes is still a possibility the Tribe would like to pursue. With affordable classes offered to our tribal members, in the future we could expand by adding a variety of businesses to accommodate the students, such as eatery's and book stores for example. This was a productive meeting and we will continue to inform everyone on these developments. Those who attended this informal meeting were Secretary Lopez,

Ken Jones, Clarice Murdock, Representative Gibson and myself. Ken Jones with OEH will be taking the lead on this project.

Clarice Murdock, Shawnee Larney and I meet with Pottawatomie County Commissioner Melissa Dennis. Mrs. Dennis was sworn into office on January 10th. The majority of the Tribe's IRR Routes in Pottawatomie County are in Mrs. Dennis's district and since we are trying to work on Kings Road. We are discussing a chip and seal to be paid from the remaining stimulus funding, with the County providing the engineering. We will keep you updated as this project moves forward.

I would also like to welcome Allie Vargas as the newest member of the Lieutenant Governor's staff. Allie compiles and designs the tribal newsletter and also assists Clarice, Representative Gibson, Andy Warrior, and myself in other duties. Since the tribe is outsourcing the printing, we must meet the deadline of the printer. The 5th day of each month is Allie's deadline to allow sufficient time for all involved to complete their duties successfully and have the newsletter delivered to our tribal members by the beginning days of the following month. To ensure that your article is submitted on time please mark this deadline on your calendar, or any other reminder system you use to

prevent any articles from being left out of the paper. Allowing any article extensions due to procrastination will be difficult and inconsiderate as we now are networking with another company for our printing.

Our progress toward completion of the Horseshoe Bend Community Center has been delayed due to unforeseen obstacles. As we began the inside renovation of the center, we discovered some structural deficiencies that had to be addressed to insure the stability of the entire structure. For example, several welds on the metal rafters had broke apart over the years while holding up the metal roof against the Oklahoma weather. As well as the drywall being hung, painting completed, cabinets installed, tile laid, appliances moved in, drop ceiling installed with new tiles, new windows. Working through these and several other obstacles, the renovations are nearly completed. We have a couple of other things to complete on the outside, such as building a new cook shack and hanging the awning across the front of the entire building. After the installation of a stainless steel roll-up window and a partition wall is completed, the White Turkey Band Committee will host the grand opening. A date we are all anticipating and looking forward to.


We are continuing to work very closely

with William R. Perry, the Tribe's attorney in the probate issue that we are currently involved in with the Citizen Potawatomi and the Office of Hearing and Appeals. As this case continues in litigation, I am not at liberty to reveal much information, however I will express my thanks to the hard working staff, Mr. Perry's familiarity with the Tribe, and the history among the Shawnee and CPN. I feel very hopeful of the outcome. Mr. Perry had filing on the 17th of February, with the last filing on March 16th. I encourage you to think positive along with us, as a tribe.

Sincerely,

Isaac Gibson
Lieutenant Governor

TREASURER'S REPORT

Hello Tribal Members, Already March! Can you believe it? The blizzard of 2011 was a very, very cold one! I can hardly remember the weather being single digit temperatures! The snow was beautiful; but, that cold temperature was a little too much for me! Oklahoma weather is so versatile, one day 76 degrees and then another -4 degrees! But this is my home and I love Oklahoma weather! Hope and prayed you and your family kept warm and toasty during those cold days!

Primary Election is Saturday, 19 March 2011. Governor and Secretary will be on the ballot this time around. Please cast your VOTE, this is your opportunity to show your part in tribal government. Hope you will read and listen to all what the candidates have to say.

I apologize for not putting the word in the tribal newsletter about the annual OILS TAX FREE Clinic. Which was held five (5) Fridays, Jan 28, Feb 4 (cancelled due to snow), 11, 18, & 25th. But you can call and schedule an appointment with

Norma, through their offices, 405/943-OILS and the hours they are open to get an appointment are 8-12 and 1-3pm. Attended the following Monthly Meetings: Program Directors; ASED Board; Absentee Shawnee Health Authority and Li-Si-Wi-Nwi Boards; numerous informal EC mtgs; held two Special RECM mtgs dealing with new enrollees and urgent tribal business; numerous tribal members calls and visits; monthly Finance department; Office of Special Trustee with Donnie Smith, Eddie Brokesoulder and I traveled to ALLNations Bank in Calumet to meet with the Board.

Monthly investments are well positioned for the time being to take advantage of improving equity markets. All accounts have performed well this month. If you watch the stock market, you all realize that stock prices are subject to change at any time. So we are blessed to work with a great company, Redstone Investments. Overall tribal financials are in good shape and the finance department continues to make sure all the day to day activities are flowing efficiently and effectively. I would like to applaud the Finance department and their dedication and commitment to making sure the financial, payroll, etc., processes continue to flow; even through the inclement weather, we have experience this past month. Thank you Finance staff!!!

Reports from ALLNATIONS BANK, FINANCE DEPARTMENT and FINANCIAL CONSULTANT are below.

Have a wonderful St. Patrick's Day! As always, please call, email, or visit me. May the Lord continue to Bless you and yours.

Respectively,
Treasurer Deere

FINANCIAL CONSULTANT DEPARTMENT

This report is a summary of the past six weeks (6) as Financial Consultant. I have found the position

of working for the office of Treasurer very rewarding and informative. I hope to provide informative information to you as Tribal members that focus on improving the quality of life within our community. The improvement can be accomplished and realized in the short run through program, and service delivery improvements and business development. The long term challenge is to effect change, impact the organizational systems without losing the uniqueness and feeling of community, while building financial transparency through the office of Treasurer.

AllNations Bank:

Attended meeting with board members and management of AllNations Bank in attendance were Gene Davis, Chairman/CEO, Robert P. Billy, President, Jim Thompson, Member, Anita Chisholm, Member, Kathy Deere, Treasurer, and Eddie Brokesoulder, Financial Consultant. The meeting with board members and management was held in Calumet, Oklahoma, location of main commercial banking services. AllNations Bank established in 1901, provides the Absentee Shawnee Tribe by virtue of being 100% owned, a unique competitive advantage that can be built into long term partnership that provide financial benefits for the bank and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

Language Grant:

The Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has provided an **opportunity for the Absentee Shawnee and Shawnee Tribe in Miami, Oklahoma to collaborate in partnerships to resubmit an Administration for Native Americans (ANA) federal funding application for Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance grant, due March 08, 2011. The Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma will be the prime sponsor of this language**

grant. The collaboration of having (3) three tribes provides a greater chance of the grant being funded. More information will be forth coming on what role the Absentee Shawnee Tribe has in the grant.

The office of Native American Management Services, Inc, technical assistance providers for the Administration for Native Americans (ANA), provided a free Nuts & Bolts workshop in Tulsa, Oklahoma on how to submit and write the Language Preservation and Maintenance grant. The office of Administration for Native Americans (ANA) released due dates for future language grants which are: FY 2012: due 01/31/2012 and FY 2013: due 01/31/2013.

Energy Audits – Conservation for

Buildings & Facilities:

Analyzing and researching commercial building OG&E utility payments on the tribal complex as an energy audit of years 2009 through 2010 and developing an energy use baseline.

If you have any questions, please call 405-275-4030 ext 148.

Respectfully,

Eddie Brokeshoulder

Financial Consultant

ALLNATIONS BANK

Great Day to Our Absentee Shawnee Friends!

VICTORY IS AT HAND!

We are planning to have a “soft opening” of our Shawnee Branch on March 1st. The final testing our data lines and equipment is scheduled for the week before the 1st and if all goes well we will open for business on Tuesday March 1st. We plan to have a formal opening about 60 days from the “soft opening”. We are excited about the branch and our entry into the Shawnee market.

We are working with Treasure Deere and her staff and are formalizing plans to have seminars on the basics of banking and small business lending. By working together, we want to provide the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Members a new resource of learning and cooperation to build strength in the area of personal and business finance.

Gene Davis, our Chairman and CEO will be at the branch and is the primary contact for lending and business development. Helping Gene will be Eugene Stidham, Vice President and Branch Manager, Heather Hill and Janice Boettner. Drop in and say hello to your new banking partners.

I promised to give you some additional information about the “Y” Generation. If you recall these are the members of our society that our children of the “Baby Boomers”. They love electronics. They are well schooled and traveled. They are culturally aware and they are use to working in groups. As I said earlier, they bring to the job a technological savvy that simply can’t be beat. But 20-somethings can be clueless about traditional workplace etiquette. They sometimes lack conventional communication skills, (texting?). Millennials also have very different expectations about their jobs and careers than the earlier generations. One of the primary job focuses of the “Y” generation is to work in a fun and meaningful environment. They are not in it just for a paycheck. They will change jobs to find a fun place to work. This group is more inclined to have the entrepreneurial spirit than their predecessors. Personal relationships are paramount and they value time more than money. Well, you may be wondering why the “Banker” is so interested in the “Y” Generation. Simple, they are the customers of the future and AllNations Bank is the “Bank for ALL”. Once again, we are excited about our financial relationship with Treasure Deere and her staff. We are looking forward to

servicing all of the members of The Absentee Shawnee Tribe and Shawnee. Make plans to drop in and have a cup of coffee or soda (“Y” Generation) and meet our Shawnee staff.

Have A Great Day

Bob, Gene and Staff

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance office continues our efforts in keeping the day to day activities flowing efficiently and effectively through communication between the Finance office and Programs. In working together, we have found the most time effective and cost effective processes for transacting business.

Our 2010 Audit is scheduled for mid February and will include the MD&A (Management Discussion and Analysis). The MD&A report is an informative report within the 2010 Audit; which is a brief review and explanation of the Audit. I am working on the fourth quarter financials to be submitted to the Department of Interior. We are preparing for Audit; pulling records and making final year end entries; accruals, inventory counts and adjustments, and final analysis of all Trial Balance Sheet accounts to ensure accuracy for a smooth audit process.

The Indirect Cost Proposal for 2011 final document has been signed by the Governor and mailed. Our rate is up from 17.74% for 2010 to 21.98% for 2011 and we should get our final letter signed by the National Business Center any day.

The finance department continues to complete accounting by the seventh day of the month and have been since August 2010; so that financial reports can be created for the Health Authority and Li Si Wi Nwi, Health Inc. boards for health programs both Shawnee and Little Axe.

It is imperative the accounting / bookkeeping continue to stay ahead of all of the accounting so that audits go smoothly so that Indirect Cost rates will stay up to date

as well. Indirect cost proposals cannot be submitted without completed audits as the audits are used to calculate the proposal.

There are many processes in place in your Tribe's accounting department that ensure we keep accurate records of transactions. The Tribe's accounting processes must be in compliance with GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) and GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board).

The Tribe currently has compact funds of BIA and IHS, 51 Grants, and the new Clinic business.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Finance Department has very hard working group of people and it is an honor to work with them, the Treasurer's office and at the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

This department, as always, would like to extend a special thanks and note of appreciation to the Executive Committee for providing the tools, resources and support to enable the finance staff to reach its accomplished goals and to continue with this effort. A special thanks and note of appreciation to Program Managers and Employees of the Tribe for their assistance and dedication in our group effort toward accomplishing our goal. Now that we are caught up, we are dedicated to continue our efforts in this direction.

If you have any questions or needs, please call 405-275-4030 ext 162 and I will be glad to assist you in any way I can.

Thank you,
Belinda Collins, Controller

REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Good day to all, hope everyone has lots of warmth as our temperatures have set records throughout the state! My concerns are for our tribal people to have comfort in your homes and our children to have safe journey as they achieve their education and well being. I know there are times when day to day challenges look unbearable and I want you to know that your tribe is in support of your needs. If there is something we can do to help you in a crisis situation, please let us know. We encourage other members of our tribal people to support one another and give what we can to help one another. This past month in the 2011 year we have set goals through our Education, Family Services and TERO to really reach out and support our people in their needs. I promise you if there is anything I can do, will be done in my best efforts to support the interest of each and every one of you. May all be blessed and continue to succeed in a safe prosperous journey!
Nee-Yaw-Weh!



TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT
RIGHTS OFFICE

TERO department is still receiving applications for the Little Axe Construction sight. Chris Goldsby, Executive Vice President from Nabholz, has recently expressed an interest from a contractor to hire potential electricians who will be trained on the job and kept afterwards. Chris Goldsby response on 1/27/2011 letter to the TERO department is " Also, we continue to approach our subcontractors about utilizing any qualified tribal members on this project. They have all been receptive. I found out this morning that the electrical contractor is wanting to take it to the next

level, which is great. He would like to find some hard working individuals within the tribe, that he could utilize on this project. His goal would be to start training on this job and continue to keep them employed after this project is over, and eventually they would become licensed electricians. I think his requirements would be relatively easy to achieve, such as transportation, valid driver license, high school diploma, passing of drug/back ground checks." So the TERO department would like to take advantage of this opportunity and have potential electricians apply in the TERO office immediately. If you feel qualified or have a great interest in the field of an electrician, please come and see the TERO Department!

Currently we have 76 applications with 24 being Absentee Shawnee Tribal members. We currently have 4 applications for the electricians and would like to have more interests for all projects to come. We are proud to have our applicants hired through this department and referrals who have recently joined our tribal services.

The AST TERO is currently working with Chris Goldsby to have a job fair with all of the contractors and subcontractors working with Nabholz. This job fair could happen in the end of February or in early March. AST TERO will put the word out as the job fair develops in the next few days. In December 2010 AST TERO gave a TERO power point presentation to some contractors and subcontractors at the Little Axe resource center. AST TERO needs you to help us build our job skills bank classification for all job positions within the tribe. We need you to come and fill out a application, bring your picture photo ID, social security card, CDIB and all licenses, certifications with you. If you need help with your job resume, stop by our office and we can help you develop your job resume.

All applicants are encouraged to check with the TERO department if you have not been recently contacted. Please keep your application contacts updated and check to see if any information has

changed. Thank you to all applicants and contractors who are making the opportunities happen for all our Absentee Tribal Members!

Resolutions

The following are Resolutions passed during the month of January 2011

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS:

E-AS-11-01 01/19/11

Re-appoints Roy Larney to the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for a term of (2) two years effective January 19, 2011 and expiring January 18, 2013.

E-AS-11-02 01//19/11

Appoints Cynthia Carpenter to the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for a term of (2) two years effective January 19, 2011 and expiring January 18, 2013.

E-AS-11-03 01/19/11

Appoints Edwina Butler-Wolfe for a two (two) year term, effective January 19, 2011 and expiring January 18, 2013.

E-AS-11-04 01//19/11

Appoints Jim Johnson for a two (two) year term, effective January 19, 2011 and expiring January 18, 2013.

E-AS-11-05 01/19/11

Approved the appointments to the Absentee-Shawnee Cultural Advisory Council of Connie England and Billie James (3) three year terms effective January 19, 2011 and expiring January 18, 2014.

E-AS-11-06 01//19/11

Approves the user agreement between the Tribe and the Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR), and authoriz-

ing the Governor or his designee to sign the user agreement, effective immediately. (Attachment)

E-AS-11-07 01/19/11

Authorizes the transfer of the Tribal First workers compensation sub-account from the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to the Absentee-Shawnee Economic Development Authority, Inc., effective immediately.

E-AS-11-08 01//19/11

Approves the certification of the Membership Roll of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as being accurate and correct at 3,084 members as of December 31, 2010.

E-AS-11-09 01/19/11

Authorizes the corrected blood degree change for Andrea Layne Harrison, and hereby makes it known that this individual is an enrolled Tribal Member and is now and forever 7/32 degree Absentee Shawnee Indian blood as corrected and shown above.

E-AS-11-10 01//19/11

Authorizes the corrected blood degree change for Lewis Allen Johnson, and hereby makes it known that this individual is an enrolled Tribal Member and is now and forever 3/4 degree Absentee Shawnee Indian blood as corrected and shown above.

E-AS-11-11 01/19/11

Rejects the application of Tristian Cruz Harrison for membership in the Absentee Shawnee Tribe due to Insufficient Blood Degree.

E-AS-11-12 01//19/11

Rejects the application of Bobbi Elsie Botone for membership in the Absentee Shawnee Tribe due to Article III Section 3 - "Membership", of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Constitution.

E-AS-11-13 01/19/11

Approves and accepts Kaiya Damon

Jones, Favian Dae Almanza, Justin Lee Wade, Tristin Eason Green, Shai Leigh Green, Logan Riley White, Anthony Edward Scott Matthews, Kylee Alea Lynn Carnes, Haley Ann Marie Carnes, Quinton DeWayne Lewis, Mariah Nicole Lewis, Genesis Kay Hernandez Thorpe, Tara Christine Battise, Mackenzie Danielle Lester, Bradley Shane Lester, Bryon Andrew Digilio, Brandin Anthony Digilio, Layton Douglas Gillihan, Deziree Kristyne Gillihan, Richard Bryant Ellis, Qiana Skye Mitchell, Gage Jaydn Mitchell, Alicia Kaye Deer, Ryan Zachary Lockner, Kaylyn Krin Lockner and Isaac Joseph Leigh Lockner as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

E-AS-11-14 01//24/11

Appoints Holly Ellis to the Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board SPF SIG Grant Advisory Board, effective immediately.

E-AS-11-15 01/24/11

Approving and accepting Chevis She-nold Sharp jr., J-Lynn Lanea Haymond, Parker Gabriel Reid, Rebecca Claire Reid, McKinzy Diane Livesey, Luke Alan Smith, Annabelle Rene' Chapline, Isabella Roseanne Chapline, Tracie Lynn French, Jeffrey John French, Lachrista Kay Kelough, Faith Anna Marie Wilson, Manuel LeeWayne Kelough, Noah Hunter Thornhill, Nathaniel Weston Thornhill, Gracie Nicole Stewart, Taylor Jordan Kinley, and Ricci Donnice Reavis as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

E-AS-11-16 01//24/11

Identifies the following individuals as GEORGE BLANCHARD GOVERNOR, KATHY DEERE TREASURER, BELINDA COLLINS CONTROLLER, GENEVIEVE FOSTER ASSISTANT CONTROL have the authority to conduct business with the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians on behalf of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

**THE ELECTION COMMISSION
ACCEPTED THE FILING PACKETS
OF THE FOLLOWING TRIBAL
MEMBERS.**

GOVERNOR:

KENNETH BLANCHARD

GEORGE BLANCHARD

EWELL LONGHORN

TRIBAL SECRETARY:

LEONARD LONGHORN

MICHELLE ARMSTRONG-LOPEZ

LEWIS “JIM” JOHNSON

JOHN AL LITTLE AXE

TERI REED (TERESA WHITE)

PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE LETTERS

EWELL LONGHORN FOR GOVERNOR

Tribal members these are exciting and confusing times. The excitement may be better described as many Tribal members are disturbed and confused by our Tribal government. There seems to be a real disconnect between General Council and the Executive Committee. A few examples of why the confusion exists are as follow:

NEW HEALTH CENTER - In May 2008 General Council by referendum election voted against the Executive Committee mortgaging tribal land in borrowing \$26 million for the new Health Center. In 2011 we are NOW **\$26,000,000** in debt. After the election then Governor Miller and the Tribal attorney mapped out a strategy to bypass the referendum vote with the Tribe guarantying the debt. This is like when one of your children needs to buy a new car for say \$26,000 but can't qualify for the car loan unless you as a parent agree to co-sign on the note. Your child gets the loan and the new car and everything is great unless the child loses their job and can't make the payments. Then the bank calls you demanding payments as a co-signer. This is similar to what the Executive Committee has allowed with the Health Center debt with the Tribe co-signing for **1,000 car loans (1,000 X \$26,000 = \$26 million)** for a new company and paying on the loan for **25 years!**

HEALTH CENTER DEBT CAUSING REDUCTION IN HEALTH CARE SERVICES - Former Governor Miller and contractor Chris Walker did their sales pitch to General Council before the referendum vote on the loan noted above, but General Council still voted it down. The Miller/Walker plan is based on a large number of patients living in OKC and Norman traveling 20+ miles to Little Axe, USA for health care thereby generating enough 3rd Party Billing revenues from Medicare, Medicaid, and insurance companies to repay the huge debt. This is a huge risk of Tribal assets. They also told of the great health care Tribal members will receive in the future. Unfortunately those of us who are really sick or injured right now can't wait until 2012, the projected opening date for the new Health Center. Right now while we wait for 2012 our Health Care services and care are being effectively cut because 3rd Party Billing funds now being collected by our Health Program are not being put back into health care services like contract health services but instead these revenues are already being put toward payments on the \$26 million loan! Loan payments are now running approximately **\$147,000** monthly and estimated to go up to \$250,000 to \$300,000 monthly next year!

GENERAL COUNCIL CALLS FOR DISBANDING TEC BOARD -During the April 2010 General Council meeting a motion was made and passed by majority vote to disband the Thunder-

bird Entertainment Center, Inc. (TEC) board. Again former Governor Miller along with the attorney did a song and dance in front of General Council against disbanding the TEC board, and again despite the fast talking, General Council voted to disband the TEC board. Now in 2011 Secretary Lopez, who sits on the TEC board, is telling Tribal members that TEC is getting ready to build and open a new Thunderbird Casino Shawnee on the Tribal Complex. And former Governor Miller is signing off on a Notice of Intent to File an Application for a state liquor license advertised recently in local papers. There's a pattern forming here. Council votes to go one direction with the Committee going another!

TEC BOARD MOVING TOWARD MORE DEBT WITH CASINO ON TRIBAL COMPLEX - To add insult to the injury of bypassing General Council's wishes to disband TEC, the Executive Committee in concert with the TEC board is working on constructing a new casino with funding to be provided by undisclosed INVESTORS. However, since gaming regulations allow only the Tribe to have an ownership interest in any Tribal gaming operations on our lands the Investor funds will have to come with an obligation to repay the funds or **MORE DEBT (estimated at \$2-4 million)!** So instead of disbanding TEC the Executive Committee is working with the TEC board, Thunderbird Casino management and the Tribal attorney on a fast-track casino project. The Thunderbird Casino

PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE LETTERS

Shawnee will result in more debt for the Tribe and can only be described as a hastily planned business. This happened before with a casino planned so hastily a couple years ago on the same new Casino site. Probably only TEC board members Miller and Secretary Lopez know how much the resulting dirt pile on the Casino site cost the Tribe. The Executive Committee isn't providing adequate details on the project to Tribal members or an opportunity for consultation or input from General Council. A casino is to be constructed on the front step of our Tribal Complex without consulting with its owners (our Tribal members).

Good Sound Management & Leadership Requires Thorough Planning

Tribal members I have a plan and am prepared to work with General Council and the Executive Committee in making sound decisions on short and long-term goals and issues that benefit and protect our Tribe. This is especially important as the Tribe experiences rapid growth with the recent reduction in the blood quantum requirement. As Governor, I will not hesitate to bring matters to General Council at regular or special meetings to begin the referendum or resolution processes to resolve disputes (and confusion such as those noted above) and to set a clear course for the Executive Committee and our Tribe.

If elected my top priority will be the health and welfare of our elders. Our Tribal youth is also a high priority as

the future of our Tribe, while our elders represent our culture and the living history of our Tribe. This is fast being lost with the loss of each elder. I propose the following to address some of our Tribal elder needs:

1. A directive will be sought by Executive Committee vote that **no** cuts to elder health care and health care related services will be made but as a last resort. Elder health care costs, will have a higher priority than non-health care service costs of the \$26 million Health Center and the health program administration costs (these don't include health care service and care related personnel).
2. Goals will be established for the Thunderbird Casino to generate sufficient income by the end of 2011 for the Tribe to reinstate the quarterly elder per capita payments that stopped in 2007. I do not believe this is an unreasonable goal given that the combined salaries for only two management positions at the Thunderbird alone now exceed the funds required to pay the elder per capita payments for an entire year! (based on the per cap amounts and number of elders in 2007)³. However, I will not seek to reinstate the weekly \$1 breakfast special that was available to Tribal elders at the Casino. But, I will seek to establish a weekly elder breakfast special for 50¢! Things seem out of whack when a

business that generates many millions of dollars of revenues every year can't provide an inexpensive breakfast to its most senior owners (Tribal members own the Casino).

4. I will also seek to work with the Election Commission in formulating an amendment to the Election Ordinance and the Constitution if necessary, waiving the filing fees for Executive Committee positions for elders 60 years old or older and also for veterans who have served in foreign wars or combat. Some of our members deserve a break on the \$500 filing fee in order to serve the Tribe.

Other Goals and Vision for the Tribe include the following:

Within 60 days of taking office evaluate the new Health Center business plan and financing agreements and loan terms for the \$26 million 25 year loan. Determine whether the loan in any way required General Council approval and also determine if there are options in renegotiating the Tribe's guaranty of the debt and the waiver of our sovereign immunity granted by the Executive Committee to the bank. During my seven years in banking I reviewed many multi-million dollar loans and related contracts and can give an informed assessment to General Council on this within 60 days of taking office..

Within 6 months of taking office set plan to reduce costs of Tribal gov-

ernment through reorganization and streamlining of Tribal administration, departments and programs with the goal of achieving a 10% reduction of total costs. Half of the savings will be planned to supplement costs of programs/services for Tribal members and the other half of the savings to shore up the Tribe's financial picture. The separation of various programs and departments within the Tribal government amongst Executive Committee members causes confusion and inefficiencies with Resolutions being passed again and again by the Executive Committee realigning programs and departments between Committee members.

Within 6 months establish profit goals for all tribal enterprises and insure proper planning, prompt review and evaluation of enterprise management are in place and also appropriate actions to reward success and initiate changes in management are being taken. I will work to provide General Council with clear objective financial reports on how each business is doing and how management is performing in managing each business to maximize business profits for Tribal members as the owners of the enterprises.

During the two year term I will look to the future for economic development.

1. Productivity of Tribal owned and Tribal member lands: An Agriculture Program should be developed and funded to help put our tribal lands into production for farming and other purposes. Crops and other agricultural uses of the lands will generate revenues for Tribal government and income for tribal

landowners on a long-term basis. This could also help reduce the fractionation and possible loss of our valuable trust lands.

- 2. Clean Energy:** Supply limitations and increasing prices for oil and gasoline make certain that clean and renewable energy is here to stay and the clean energy industry will continue to grow. Many federal programs, funding and technical assistance sources for developing tribal clean energy businesses are available. The programs and businesses can provide training and job opportunities for tribal members and income for our tribe.
- 3. Reinitiate the Tribe's 8(a) certification** and participation in the Small Business Administration's Small Disadvantaged Business 8(a) Program immediately. This could be very beneficial to Tribal Clean Energy enterprise activities including installation and maintenance of clean energy systems in federal buildings, a priority with the Obama administration.

During the two year term Informal Community Meetings will be held in between General Council meetings for Tribal members to address the Committee.

Within the two year Term I will seek to establish an Ethics Board to review the activities of the Tribe's elected and appointed officials to ensure the officials are conducting their duties in a fair and ethical manner. Ethics Board Procedures and ethics standards for Tribal officials will be drafted and prepared for General Council referendum approval and/or inclusion in the Constitution.

Qualifications for Office

I am a veteran of four years military service (USAF 75-79) with a bachelor degree in business administration (class of 82 - graduated with distinction magna cum laude 3.77 grade point average). I have seven years experience in banking (5 years as a federal bank examiner & 2 years as vice president for a large bank). I have worked in tribal business and government for almost 20 years now and most recently served the Tribe as Treasurer (7-06/7-08). Below is a list of major accomplishments as Tribal Treasurer:

When first in office I initiated and led Executive Committee actions to stop the sale of AllNations Bank and to avoid the Tribe's loss of \$1.6 million on the sale.

Requested a dividend from AllNations Bank be declared by the Bank's directors; this was then used to pay the last Elders per cap made in 2007.

Found a \$1.2 million error in the Tribe's 2006 General Fund budget which didn't provide General Fund monies for the Tribe's share of its Indirect Cost Pool budget. The Indirect Cost Pool budget is partially funded by federal compact or grant funds and partially by the Tribe's General Fund.

Initiated efforts to turn back 2 grants which required cash only matches from the Tribe totaling \$1.4 million. The Tribe couldn't afford the cash match.

Spearheaded the efforts of the Finance Department catching up on the Annual Indirect Cost agreements with the BIA. We were over 2 years behind. Federal agencies were threatening to

stop funding our grants and contracts until we had a current Indirect Cost agreement in place.

Directed the Finance Department's efforts to catch up on the Tribe's annual audits and in putting the audit out for bid resulting in a large savings in the audit cost.

Directed the Finance Department in preparing for the annual audits and stopping the use of an accounting firm for assisting the Finance Department with annual audit preparations saving \$50,000+ in audit prep cost.

Recognized the threat of economic downturn and initiated the sale of stocks in the Tribe's investment portfolio avoiding substantial investment losses that began in late 2007 and continued as the economic recession deepened into 2008 and 2009.

VOTE LONGHORN FOR GOVERNOR MARCH 19TH! Contact me with questions or suggestions: (405) 273-4137 or email: ewell.longhorn@gmail.com

KENNETH BLANCHARD FOR GOVERNOR

I have filed for the office of Governor of The Absentee Shawnee Tribe. My 30 years of experience and knowledge in all branches of government and economic development can provide the leadership in that office.

As we all remember, the last successful administration was two thousand and five (2005). When I serve as the governor my pledge to you is to work to gain that status again.

Some have told me of false promises made to them. I am confident that we can find funds to provide services we are no longer providing.

If you decide to vote by Absentee Ballot your request must be in 20 days before election day.

Let's Rally - I'm asking for your vote on March 19, 2011.



TERI REED (TERESA WHITE) FOR SECRETARY



Fellow Tribal Members:

My name is Teri Reed (Teresa White). I hope that you will allow me to serve you as your next tribal Secretary. I feel I am qualified for this position and promise to serve with honesty and integrity.

BACKGROUND

My father was Leroy White who passed in 2002. The matriarch of our family for me and my brothers and sister, is my mother, Dee White. I was brought up in the Little Axe area and attended Noble High School. With the help of my ex-husband, David Johnson, I raised four children that I am very proud of. They have all served the tribe in various ways. I have been blessed with nine wonderful grandchildren. I have a strong extended family who are supportive and active in their communities and in our tribe's culture. In my free time, I play an occasional round of golf and enjoy participating in community and cultural events. I am a sports enthusiast and enjoy watching softball and basketball. I have served as an athletic funding director for several youth sports organizations

and assisted them in coordinating fund raising events and organizing softball camps. I am a past president of the Noble Chamber of Commerce and the current Vice President of the Little Axe Chamber of Commerce.

GOALS

As an elected official of our tribe, I want to serve you and focus on:

- Improving the financial health and future well being of our tribe so that all tribal members benefit, regardless of where they reside
- Strengthen and improve our services to the elders
- Seek out and provide work opportunities for those who can/want to work
- Provide more educational incentives for our youth, our future leaders
- Seek out and utilize the opinions of our tribal members and be more aggressive in utilizing their talents, knowledge, and skills for the tribe

My goal as your elected Secretary is to effectively and efficiently manage and grow revenue opportunities for the AST and the casino operations, while taking advantage of as many grant opportunities as possible. I feel my business and statistical analysis background will be an asset in helping to guide tribal endeavors. My past work history provides a strong foundation of business experience that can be used to benefit the tribe.

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

I have a successful record of accomplishments during my 35+ years in business. I retired as an executive with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company after 27 years of service. I was certified to train employees on statistical data analysis, team building, leadership skills and problem solving. I managed a workforce of over 90 employees. One of my last positions at this company was to manage process improvement teams all over the country who were working on multi-million dollar work projects. In 2003, I started my own company as an independent real estate broker and investment company serving under the Dillard Group firm out of Norman, Oklahoma. I have assisted the tribe in the past as a real estate consultant and worked with members of the Executive Committee in 2008 as the ASEDA Chairman of the Board.

From my work experiences, I've learned that people are always your most valuable asset. I've learned that a diverse group of people working together can bring far greater rewards than anything one person can accomplish alone. I've learned to find my voice and be assertive enough to stand up for the things that I believe in.

If you haven't voted in a tribal election in awhile, I urge you to get out and vote. Your vote can make a difference in your future. I know all of the other candidates running for the secretary

position. They may be your cousin, brother or sister, or friend and I know they are good people too. When it comes down to the time to vote, I hope you will place your mark next to the candidate's name who you feel can make the greatest impact on tribal affairs. I hope you feel that person is me.

Respectfully,

Teri Reed – Candidate for Secretary

Please share your comments or suggestions with me at: email@terireed.net, Facebook, (405) 417-1849

LEONARD LONGHORN FOR SECRETARY

My name is Leonard Longhorn; candidate for Secretary. If I am elected, I will do everything in my power to attack the number one issue facing our Tribe: its economy. Lack of sufficient revenue generated by our business enterprises has resulted in limited or no services to the membership. We must be smart, and re-create a government that is in step with the 21st century and responsive to the voices of the people.

JOHN AL LITTLE AXE FOR SECRETARY

Hello, My Name is John Al Little Axe, and I am interested in working as the Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. I am the son of the late John Little Axe and Pauline Little Charley. I have many siblings, but we were raised to be independent and strong willed. We were taught old fashion values and to help those less fortunate than us. Our home was open to whomever needed a place to sleep, eat, or just visit. I grew up with a stubborn father who instilled a good work ethic in me. That included to earn things by the sweat of my brow, and to be fair. My mother was the nurturer, who insisted that we get an education. There never was a time we did not hear from her, "After you graduate College you can do whatever you want in life." It was important to her that we were college educated because she and my father did not go beyond elementary school.

I attended Little Axe School until the 9th grade then transferred to Bethel High School, back then Little Axe went to the 9th grade. I participated in sports such as football, basketball, baseball, and wrestling throughout my life; learning teamwork, fair play, and sportsmanship. I have experienced both the spoils of victory, and the agony of defeat. I earned a wrestling

Scholarship, after a successful High School campaign. I went on to earn my Associates, Bachelors, Masters Degrees, but felt the need to become a Licensed Practical Nurse.

I have worn many hats in the work arena, as a teen I bucked hay, felled trees, recycled metals. As a young man, I have done grounds maintenance, automotive repair, and sales. During my thirties, I have experienced, security, emergency management, Long Term Care, Assisted Living as Director of Nursing then Executive Director, Home Health Care as field nurse, eventually Assistant Administrator. I was given four branch offices to oversee, and was successful in the healthcare field. I experienced supervision of over 100 employees as Executive Director, and again 25 + employees as Assistant Administrator. I have had the experience of making tough decisions, which does not please everyone, and the unpleasant experience of streamlining the business and reorganizing that eliminates jobs. My community interest have been coaching little league wrestling and football, and now have become a booster of Little Axe Wrestling. I have experienced divorce, single parenthood, and the birth of five children four girls and one boy. I have also experienced the unpleasant side of the law as well.

Today, I can be seen running a successful logging operation, with contracts outside of Oklahoma, that purchase wood year round, you may have seen me in Little Axe walking around, smelling of a mixture of bar oil, gasoline and wood. However, do not let that fool you I am well educated and again I am



not afraid of hard work, I will do what is needed to get the job done right. I have a playful nature, but lately my serious side has been dominate as operating a business takes time, and energy. I do what I can physically, but I am not the man I was twenty years ago. A company needs time to grow. We are in the infantile stage, and growing. We donate firewood to those in need and you may apply to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe or Isaac Gibson to determine if you meet their requirements. We have sent firewood to elders through the Absentee Shawnee Tribe during this last winter. This is a win-win situation for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, the members in need, the Little Axe Community members who have suffered the destructive force of Mother Nature May 2010 and my infantile logging operation with debris clean up.

I would like to extend a welcoming hand to you to visit. My per-

sona may not be what you expect, but please keep in mind that I usually have a lot on my mind, but will listen to what you have to say, and I may not comment or give you the right answer immediately, but I will make every effort to do so, and get back to you. I do not know everything, but have the faculty to find the answer, or right direction that will be in the best interest of everyone involved. If you see me out there in the community don't be afraid to say "hello" I am a large guy and wear a stoic Indian face, but there is life and intelligence behind it. I appreciate visiting with fellow tribal members and the community at large. My apologies for not remembering your name, or not knowing that you are a fellow tribal member. I do not know everyone yet, but I have never met a stranger.

I do keep up with Tribal issues, and I vote my wisdom, and it may not be your choice but that is what makes this Great Country, the Liberty to vote your appeal. I extend a warm thank you to all our veterans who protected that right for me to do so.

With this brief synopsis of my life, I have given you the information needed to make an intelligent and wise decision. I believe I have the experience, education, work ethic, and leadership qualities needed to fulfill the office of Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. I humbly ask you to allow me to serve you as the Secretary, and I am asking you for your vote.

John Little Axe-MBA, LPN
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Oklahoma Mission of Mercy (OkMOM)

The dental team from the AST Little Axe Dental Clinic volunteered at the second Oklahoma Mission of Mercy (OkMOM) held on February 4 and 5, 2011 at the Cox Convention Center. OkMOM is a non-profit organization that is made up of volunteering dentists, hygienists, dental assistants and volunteers. This two-day clinic was designed to meet the critical needs of dental patients of all ages by providing free dental care to as many adults and children as possible. OkMOM was able to treat 2,201 patients throughout the two-day clinic, performing more than 9,000 procedures. These patients are some of the more than 50 percent of Oklahomans who do not have insurance or access to dental care. The dental staff was gracious to be able to participate in such a great program and help many people who are unable to afford dental care.

The volunteered staff included :
(top row) Dr. Chris Corbin, Dr. Chase Youngblood, Hygienist Shannon Benton
(bottom row) Dental Assistant Stephanie Depriest and Dental Assistant Jacqueline Edge.



Absentee Shawnee REACH US Smoking Cessation Class

Classes will be held at the
AST Health Clinic in Shawnee
at 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm for all
classes.

Dates:

March 1, 2011
March 8, 2011
March 15, 2011
March 22, 2011
March 29, 2011

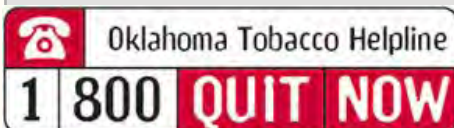
For successful results all 5 classes
require attendance.

Classes will be held at Behavioral
Health Conference Room

*Oklahoma Quitline: FREE nicotine
replacement possibilities and
FREE support (almost 24/7)*

For information please contact: Patricia Yarholar, MPH, CHES at 878.4702 or contact Lois Swift at Little Axe at 360.0698 for Smoking Cessation information

Supported by the Cooperative Agreement Number 5U58/DP001094-04 from CDC.



Injury Prevention during Winter Weather

During the winter months, it is the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Injury Prevention's focus to make those in our community aware of the dangers in your home as well as outside of your home. If you choose to stay indoors out of the cold, it is important to always make sure to test your smoke detectors regularly. Another important thing to remember is if your heat is running on a generator; make sure it is operating outside away from windows and doors to prevent carbon monoxide fumes from leaking into your home. Also, please ensure that your wood burning stoves or fire places have proper ventilation which leads to the exterior of the home. If you are a tribal member who resides in Pottawatomie, Cleveland, or Oklahoma County, FREE smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are available to you through the Absentee Shawnee OEH office. Please feel free to contact Kenny or Dennis at 405-241-4235.

For those who choose to travel or have loved ones who continue to travel during the winter weather, please keep the following facts in mind. Unintentional falls are the second leading cause of unintentional deaths for Native American ages 55 and older, according to the Center for Disease Control. Furthermore, the CDC reports the death rates for Native American's in the US have increased from 69.87% in 2000 to 76.48% in 2005. Unintentional falls accounted for 81% of deaths of persons ages 65 and older. For those who are fortunate enough not to suffer a fatal injury during a fall, are likely to become less mobile, unable to live independently, and may suffer an early death. Elders are central to the well-being and cultural strength of our Native communities. They define our identity and continue to give us

cultural wisdom. It is the duty of the Native American community to protect these vital individuals. Shoveling snow and salting sidewalks for our elders are just some of the ways we can achieve this. If you know they need to travel in this weather, assist them in their trip, check-up regularly on your elders. All year long, the Injury Prevention Program would like to focus unintentional falls for elders because there are dangers inside the home that are contributed by winter weather. Please take the time to read over the following Home Safety Check List to ensure those in your community are safe all year around.

For more information regarding Injury Prevention please feel free to contact Sacha Almanza, AST Injury Prevention Coordinator at 405-878-4702 ext. 175.

Home Safety Checklist:

Floors

- ⊙ Clear all pathways of furniture, shoes, wires, etc. to prevent tripping hazards
- ⊙ Remove bulky rugs or properly secure them with double sided tape or line with grip liner

Kitchen

- ⊙ Most used items should be accessible to individuals in the home. Ex: waist level or within a safe reach
- ⊙ If stepping stools are to be used, they should be equipped with handles

Bathroom

- ⊙ Tubs and Shower floors should have non slip mats or adhesive strips for traction
- ⊙ If need be, install more grab bars in the shower and near the toilet
- ⊙ Use thin bathroom mats on the floor at the base of the tub to prevent wet feet from slipping

Stairs & Steps

- ⊙ Check to make sure there is good lighting near all steps
- ⊙ Repair any broken hand rails or loose, broken steps
- ⊙ Fix loose or worn carpet on steps or remove the carpet

Overall

- ⊙ Always wear shoes for traction
- ⊙ Always have plenty of light
- ⊙ Take appropriate weather precautions; salt sidewalks, salt stairs, and shovel snow

MARCH IS NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH!!!!
PAINT YOUR PLATE WITH COLOR

March is National Nutrition month and the theme this year is to paint your plate with color. Consider some of these colors of food when selecting foods for your meals.

Green- fruit, avocado, apples, grapes, honey dew, kiwi and lime. Green vegetables include artichokes, asparagus, broccoli, green beans, green peppers and leafy greens. These have lutein and antioxidants that may promote healthy vision and reduce cancer risks. **Orange and deep yellow-** fruit, apricot, cantaloupe, grapefruit, mango, orange,, papaya, peach and pineapple. Vegetables include carrots, yellow peppers, yellow corn, sweet potatoes. These foods contain carotenoids, bioflavins and the antioxidant vitamin C which promotes a healthy heart, vision, immunity and reduced risk for some cancers. The deeper the orange yellow color the more carotenoids they have. **Purple and blue-** fruits include blueberries, blackberries, plums and raisins. Vegetables include eggplant, purple cabbage, and

purple-fleshed potatoes. These have anthocyanins and phenolics which may help with aging, memory, urinary tract health and reduced cancer risks. **Red-** fruits include apples, strawberries, cranberries, pomegranate, red and pink grapefruits, red grapes and watermelons. Vegetables include red onions, red peppers, red potatoes, rhubarb and tomatoes. These foods contain lycopene which helps maintain a healthy heart, visions, immunity and may help reduce cancer risks. **White, tan and brown-** fruits include pears, banana, dates, and white peaches. Vegetables in this group are cauliflower, jama, mushrooms, onions, parsnips, turnips. White flesh potatoes and white corn. These foods contain alicin which helps promote heart health and reduce cancer risk.

Remember when planning meals using a variety food colorful foods will help with weight loss, heart health, less fat and more fiber. New dietary guidelines recommended reducing sodium in diets. Fresh and frozen vegetables have less sodium than canned vegetables. For more information regarding a healthy diet contact the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Diabetes Wellness Program at 878-4702/360-0698.

Coming in March 2011 grocery store tour at Country Boy in Little Axe. Please call Diabetes & Wellness Program for date @ 405-878-4702/360-0698.

Thunderbird Casino



Thunderbird Entertainment Center, Inc (TEC, Inc) is pleased to announce that construction of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's new gaming facility in Shawnee is underway. This new revenue source for the Tribe has been a goal of both the Executive Committee and TEC, Inc. and many tribal members for quite some time. We would like to thank the Executive Committee whose full support was necessary to make this goal a reality. In this article, we would like to address some critical points and hopefully answer many questions regarding the new gaming facility. We shall address why we have not developed a casino in Shawnee sooner, why is the casino being developed by TEC, Inc. and finally, provide some facts about the new casino.

Many of you know Thunderbird Casino experienced some financial difficulties following the development of both Riverwind Casino and Firelake Grand Casino in late 2006. These financial difficulties resulted in the financial statement auditors identifying the casino as a "going concern" following the 2007 fiscal year. In the auditors' opinion, there was a significant chance that Thunderbird Casino would not survive 2008. A "going concern" opinion from the independent auditors makes it extremely difficult to obtain financing from traditional lending

sources. Since that time, the state of the economy furthered the difficulties of obtaining financing from any source. However, no effort was spared and by the end of September 2010, we were able to secure financing with an Oklahoma City development company and make the dream of the Tribe's new gaming facility a reality.

At the last several General Council meetings and in the newsletter TEC, Inc. has been a very popular subject. TEC, Inc. is 100% owned by the Tribe, formed under the Corporation Code of the Tribe, and was originally formed in June of 2000 for the purpose of obtaining the Casino's liquor licenses. In March 2008, TEC, Inc.'s role was expanded to protect the Tribe from liability and to protect the Tribe's non-gaming assets by delegating TEC, Inc. the management duties over the Tribe's gaming operations. TEC, Inc. is overseen by a Board of Directors that is elected by the Executive Committee sitting as Shareholders' Representative. With the development of the Health Clinic, the Tribe is currently restricted from incurring debt in excess of \$1 million and any debt that is incurred by the Tribe enacts debt covenants. In order to develop a new casino, TEC, Inc. entered into the loan agreement so the Tribe's health clinic funding would not be impacted. Additionally, by TEC, Inc.

entering into the loan agreement, TEC, Inc. was able to ensure that the loan was not secured by any of the Tribe's non-gaming assets.

In September 2010, TEC, Inc. entered into a loan and development agreement with Mass Development, LLC to finance and build the new 14,000 square foot facility designed by RBA Architects out of Oklahoma City. The new casino is scheduled to open in summer of 2011. The casino will have over 250 gaming machines and add additional gaming and tax revenue to the Tribe as well as another 50+ jobs to the Tribe's jurisdiction. We look forward to seeing you all at the grand opening and as always, we welcome each Tribal member's questions regarding your Casino. You can reach us with the contact information below.



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405-360-9270

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Fax (405) 917-7060
email: stoliby@oilsonline.org



Happy Belated Birthday Robert!
Love always,
your Auntie



Happy Belated Birthday Robert!
Love always,
your Mom & Dad



Happy Belated Birthday Rudy, !
Love always,
Frankie, Arlene, & Bob

Happy 11th Birthday Kylie Ann Yates
From
Uncle Nine Toes & Mama Seal

Happy Birthday to
Regina Wakolee on March 30th!
We love you,
Mom, Tessa, Tara,
& Ray

Happy birthday chelle foreman
(march 6th)
love all your family



Happy 5th birthday to Tessa Baker on March 9th
We love you very very much!
Love you,
Mom, Nana, Uncle Ray, Aunt Gina, and Papa

Martha Watson happy birthday you old lady !! stay healthy and safe love ya
Rhonda and Chelle

Happy Birthday Boob!!!
"Congratulations"
on reaching
another milestone!
Love, Dad, Mom, and Bud

Happy Birthday Everett Tahah
FROM
Uncle Marv & Auntie Sherry

Rheanna Casteel
we wish you a great birthday
Love the foremans
and kasecas

Happy Birthday Chelle Foreman
From
Sherry & Marv

Happy birthday grandma chelle
love your grandsons ryan and jellybean
we love you bunches



Mom - behind those shades, you've always seen the beauty in everyone! Happy 40th birthday!
We love you!
Love,
Jiliyan, Joplin, and Justin



Sister, the time has arrived oh no!!
It's your turn for the big 4-0!
Love your sister,
BJ

Happy birthday soloman Blanchard
have a great day
love the kasecas and foremans



To my sweet baby daughter Sherrie Dawn Happy 40th Birthday!
I love you
Love mom

Alexander, Jason Thomas
Alford, Michael Jason
Alford, Terry Wayne
Allen, Vanessa Olivia
Anderson, Steven Brian
Annis, Loraine Pearl
Applegate, Richard Allen
Arms, Bruce Edwin
Armstrong, Taylor Cheyenne
Barnes, Bralynn Kierra
Barnhill, Rachel Renee
Bayliss, Robin Renee
Beaver Jr., Rodney Gene
Bernard, Carol Jean (Mohawk)

Bettelyoun, Isaac Phillip
Bittle, Mona Jene
Blanchard II, Larry Dean
Blanchard, Brayden Nicole
Blanchard, Izabel Marie
Blanchard, Joe Henry
Blanchard, Russell Duane
Blanchard, Solomon Grant
Bowden, Rosada Lynn
Brady, Dallas Dustin
Brokesoulder, Ashley M.
Brown, Charley
Bryce, Jerry Dale
Buckheart, Elysa Victoria
Buckheart, Phillip Cruz
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Cahwee, Yvonne Katherine
Carter, Taylor Wade
Casteel, Rhaeanna Corinne
Caudillo, James Adam
Charley, Amy Louise
Christopher, Juanita Marie
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Coon, Justin Bo
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Cuellar Jr., Leno
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Deer, Christopher Jerome

Deer, Makiyah Kaylind
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Ellis, Leann Dee
Ellis, Mark Russell
England, Adam Joe
Fife, Zachariah Everett
Foreman, Henry Jake
Foreman, La Donna Rochelle
Foreman, Merrilee
Frazier, Andee Danielle
Freeman, Retha Ann
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Garretson, Tanisha Marie
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Gibson, Dylan Scott
Gibson, Jaylan Chaunce
Gibson, Johnathan Caine
Gibson, Joshua Lee
Gibson, Phillip Craig
Gibson, Toney Ellise
Grass, Ayson
Grass, Gavin John
Graves, Casey James
Grover, Michelle Renee
Hall, Kayla Collette
Harjo, Jacob Lee
Harjo, Jimmie Dean
Harjo, Sammy
Harjo, Shirley Ann
Harp, Emily Sue
Haskins, Michael Truett
Herrera Jr., Rudy
Herrera, Aileen Louise
Herrera, Richard John
Holderness, Carol Dawn
Hood, Richard Foster
Hood, Ross Damon
Hooper, Michael Shayne
Hubble-Kirschner, Skylur Nacole
Hunt, Lyndon Brandon
Irvin, Catherine Ann
Isaac-Robbins, Shirley Jean
Isaacs, Leann Vachon
Jim, Tia Marissa
Johnson Jr, Hubert Dana

Johnson Jr., Walter Mack
Johnson Sr., Walter Mack
Johnson, John Daniel
Johnson, John Pershing
Johnson, Lafonda Raye
Johnson, Leam Edwin
Johnson, Pamela
Johnson, Shirley Renee
Jones, Dennis Roy
Judkins, Charles Gary
Kaniatobe, Tiffany Paige
Ketakea, Georgia Kay
Ketakea, Kayla Marie
Kickapoo, Collins Kristopher
Kirschner, Tony William
Leach, Melissa Louise
Ledezma II, Roberto Bernal
Lee, Catherine Stacey
Lemon, Toni Marie
Leroy, Mary Denise
Lewis, Quinton DeWayne
Lindsay, Lila
Little Axe, Dennis Robert
Little Axe, Skye
Little Charley, Estelena
Little Charley, Gary Dean
Little Creek, Levi Kelly
Little Jim Jr, Webster
Little, Benjamin Ray
Little, Keith David
Littlebear, Trinedad Adam
Littlecreek, Jeremiah James
Littlecreek, Sadie Rachelle
Logan, Priscilla Ann
Longhorn, Tommy Dale
Longhorn, Vaun Marie
Longhorn, Wayne Allen
Longman Jr., Clyde Bennie
Longman, Michael Ray
Mack Jr., Thomas James
Mack, Ryan Dale
Mahtapene, Charlie Renee
Martinez, Alexee June
Mayo, Leslie Carol Garret-
son
Mayo, Michelle Marie
McBride, Taylor Iralee
McBroom, Michelle Leigh
McDoulett, Karen Susan
McGonigal, Peter Roygan

Hodge
McKinney, Mahnee Zuri
Merrell, Jason Andre
Miller, Patrick Michael
Miller, Redena Kay (Blanchard)
Miner, Matthew Carl
Molina, Terry Randall
Montgomery Jr., Wendall Len
Moore, Patricia Naomi
Morgan, Katie Lynne
Morton, Hannah Raine
Nakamoto, Lisa Marie
Nelson, Linda June
Nuckolls, Larry Wayne
Ongaco, Ariana D. Wilson
Onzahwah, Leroy Galin
Panther IV, William
Patten, Sherri Louise
Pickering, Gertrude B Spybuck
Price, Judith Ann
Puckitt, Steven Ray
Queen, Shannon Ilene
Rainey, Katherine Lydia
Warrior
Respicio, Lucas Antonio
Richey, Gunner Wayne
Rigney, Sean Librado
Roach, Dylan Lane
Robison, Jack Alan
Rolette Jr., Larry James
Rolette, Seth Allan James
Ruimveld, Vickey Lynn
Runsabove, Bryant Kent
Sanchez, James Andrew
Schaal, Winnie Virginia
Scott, Denise Renee
Self, April Jennell
Self, Sheila Ann
Sevier, Jennifer Michelle
Sinks, Raymond Leonard
Sloan, James B.
Sloat, Athenia Kayra
Sloat, Christina Sue
Sloat, Jeremy Clay
Smith, Daleana Lee
Snake, Anna Grace
Snake, Steven Ray

Spoon, Courtni Renee
Spoon, Elijah Gage
Spoon, Isabella Lorraine
Spoon, John Allen
Spoon, Robby Wayne
Spoon, Sherrie Dawn
Squire, Jerry Wayne
Starr, Jesse Lloyd
Starr, Lawrence Mitchell
Steves, Adam James
Stewart, Stanley Allen
Stinger, Heather Ann
Straight, Lela Gale
Stryker, Vikki Dawn
Sutton, Virginia Lee
Switch, Faye Romona
Switch, Redonna Lynn
Tahah, Everett Wade
Tapia, Dakotah Cruz
Taryole, Newman Ryan
Taryole, Sydney Alixandra
Tascier, Matthew Isaiah
Thompson, Billie Gean
Thompson, Brandee Ian
Thornhill, Nathaniel Weston
Thorpe, Kimberly Clarice
Thorpe, Mary Elizabeth
Tiger, Anthony Michael Gene
Tiger, Donna Jean
Tiger, James Scott
Tiger, Kelly Amanda
Tiger, Raymond Gary
Turner, Terry Michael
Villalobos, Lena Lou
Wakolee, Regina Gayle
Walker, Vera N
Walley, Brian Jeffery
Warrior, Shawna Kogee
Watkins, Melysha Raven
Watson Jr., Theodore
Randall
Watson, Bryeanna Renee
Louise
Watson, Martha Ruth (Tiger)
Wenholm, Jody Dawn
Wesley Jr., Daniel Kenneth
White Thunder, Shelsie Mae
White, Calvin Lee
Williams, Bryce Cameron

Williams, Cody Grant
Williams, Johni Kaleen
Williams, Kayce Brylin
Williams, Mark Henry
Williams, Taree Renea
Willis, Suzzy Jean
Wilson, Annette Ponkilla
Winter, Warren Patrick
Witt, Adam Wayne
Wolf, Bryne Andrew
Wolfe, Leonard Wayne
Woods, Kathy Lynn
Wyatt, William David
Yandell, Steven Joseph
Yates, Kylie Ann
Yeahpau, Roman Mausanap

AST Gift Shop

"Eggcellent Savings Event"



****NEW LOCATION****

West of the Governor's building

April 18-21, 2011

**Come by and save 10% off your
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Consignment & Pendleton items.**



semi-formal
dress

Daddy Daughter Dance

APRIL 9th



Sessions:

- I 12-2 p.m.
- II 3-5 p.m.
- III 6-8 p.m.

Mommy & Son Dance



APRIL 10th

\$5 per person

**Purchase tickets at:
Thunderbird Casino
15700 E. State HWY 9
Norman, OK 73026**

LOCATION:

Little Axe Resource Center: 1970 156th Ave N.E. Norman, OK 73026

CONTACT:

Randy (405) 275-4030 ext. 135 OR Andy (405) 275-4030 ext. 189

Parenting Tips

March is Poison Prevention Awareness Month and Promoting Safe and Stable Families would like to provide you with a list from the Parenting Quick Tips: Is Your Home Kidsafe?

Don't keep guns at home. If you absolutely **MUST** have weapons in the home, keep them unloaded and locked away. Never let your children know where you keep the key.

Keep all medications where children cannot reach them. Even over-the-counter medicines can kill.

Dispose of all dangerous substances inside and outside your home.

Be aware of paint thinner, glue, hairspray, etc. Five and six year olds may be inhaling these products.

Lower the water heater temperature to no more than 125 degrees.

Keep all flammable (matches, lighters) where children can't get to them.

Never leave water standing (tubs, buckets, wading pools). A small child can drown in just inches of water.

Don't leave young children alone or in the care of other children.

Make sure all appliances, electrical outlets and cords are safe.

Teach your children how to get help using 911. School aged children should be able to provide address and phone number.

Keep choking hazards (coins, small toys, pop lids) off the floor or within reach of infants and toddlers.

Keep all cleaners up on top shelf and in their original containers

Post Poison Control number on fridge: 1-800-222-1222

Sena Yesslith
PSSF Worker

Following in Our Footsteps

It's a brand new year and We want to invite all of you who would like to learn to play and instruments to call us and set up a day and time for you to start the new year right! We offer piano, acoustic guitar and bass guitar, as well as drums and vocals, even if you want to sing Karaoke better give us a call and have some fun this year, so many of our kid's tell us that they have enjoyed the music lessons so much and all of the other fun things We do all year round, Please call us or come by the little house on campus and check us out and take a listen to the music the kids have been making, see some of the photos from past events we have on the walls, there's no charge at all. The entire lessons are "FREE" Hey thanks so very much for all your talents of you and your children And by the way all the kid's are just great children. You can be proud of them all.

Phil Bradley
405-878-4716 ext 117 office
405-370-5576 my cell

Second Annual Following in our Footsteps Spring Break

Spring Break will start March 14th through March 18th 2011. We will be having many things for all the music students and their parents, We hope everyone gets to come and enjoy the music the kids, the music and all the fun We'll be having for all age's. there will also be live music by Jeff Gibson he will be performing new songs from his first cd project recorded in Nashville, I think you will love this spring break special Remember March 14 and the day for the live music will be Friday March 18th 2011 Thanks so very much all of you parents and grandparents for trusting us with your most special gift the children, I hope to see everyone there. Thanks GOD bless MSPI The Following In Our Footsteps Program of Behavioral Health Dept

**Please contact
Jenifer Sloan
to sign up!
Please hurry we are
limited to 30 children.
405-878-5850.**

Education Department

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

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

Attention:

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

Anyone interested in taking vocational/adult education courses need to contact the Education Department as soon as possible to ensure funding is available.

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

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TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT
RIGHTS OFFICE

RANDY EDGE
TERO DIRECTOR

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

Phone 405.275.4030 ext.135
Cell 405.432.9859

Are you out of work? Do you need a job? Come see AST TERO Randy Edge TERO Director for potential jobs in connection with the new AST casino being built in front of the tribal headquarters. Need folks for housekeeping, maintenance, security, player's club, gaming techs, and servers. Come by TERO and fill out a TERO application, please bring picture photo ID, social security card, CDIB, and resume. We can help you prepare for that next job.

JOB FAIR

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2011

LITTLE AXE RESOURCE CENTER

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

sponsored by the AST TERO Program, AST Tribe, Nabholz construction, and the Little Axe Health Center.

Come out and meet contractors for upcoming job positions. Bring your resume, licenses, and certifications. Refreshments will be provided.



SPRING BREAK!

Location: Brendle Corner
Community Building
Little Axe, OK

Date/Time: March 14-18, 2011
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Ages: 6th grade to 12th grade

Limit: 25 participants

Transportation: Tecumseh/Shawnee area youth will be picked up at the AST complex @ 8:30 am SHARP. We will be returning at 4:30 pm. **Space is limited.**

Camp to include: Youth Prevention Activities
Cultural Activities
Healthy Lifestyles Activities

Registration: Registration until March 9,
2011, 5 pm.
Contact Margaret Ellis at 275-4030 ext. 193,
Tresha Spoon ext. 121, or
Jared Duroy at
481-6050

Note: All registrants must come downstairs of building 3 on the AST complex to fill out registration, liability, and release forms. (Registration packet may be filled out until March 9th at 5 pm.)





2011 MISS, JR. MISS & LITTLE MISS INDIAN OKLAHOMA CITY



WWW.MISSINDIANOKC.ORG

COMPETITION & PERFORMANCE
SPONSORED BY CHANGING WINDS CULTURAL SOCIETY
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2010 Royalty

Miss Indian OKC
SONIA HOFFMAN

Jr. Miss Indian OKC
DALECIA
SATEPAUHOODLE

Little Miss Indian
OKC
SIERRA PRICE

WINNERS RECEIVE

- * SILVER CROWN
- * BEADED CROWN
- * SILVER EARRINGS
- * SILVER HAIR CLIPS
- WHITE BANNER
- BLUE BANNER
- * SILVER BANNER CLIP
- MONOGRAMMED SHAWL
- * CEDAR BOX
- SAVINGS BOND
- MONOGRAMMED JACKET
- ALL CANDIDATES RECEIVE TROPHY

**Some items are the property of the organization & will be returned at the end of the princess' reign*

Back to School & Christmas Parties are held for the princesses.

FRIDAY
MARCH 18, 2011
6:30 P.M.

DESTINY CHRISTIAN CENTER

3801 SE 29th St. - DEL CITY, OK.

Reception Sponsored by
OKLAHOMA CITY INDIAN CLINIC
WWW.OKCIC.COM

ENTRY DEADLINE

POSTMARKED OR
HAND DELIVERED
BY
MARCH 6th 2011

MISS

- * 16 - 21 Years Old
- * Proof of Indian Descent
- * Tribal Regalia
- * Description of Tribal Dress
- * Tribal Greeting
- * High School Diploma or Letter of Recommendation from Teacher
- * Traditional Talent
- * Interviews
- * 5x7 Photo in Tribal Regalia

JR. MISS

- * 11 - 15 Years Old
- * Proof of Indian Descent
- * Tribal Regalia
- * Description of Tribal Dress
- * Short Tribal Greeting
- * Letter of Recommendation from Teacher
- * Traditional Talent
- * Interviews
- * 5x7 Photo in Tribal Regalia

LITTLE MISS

- * 8 - 10 Years Old
- * Proof of Indian Descent
- * Tribal Regalia
- * Description of Tribal Dress
- * Greeting
- * Letter of Recommendation from Teacher
- * 5x7 Photo in Tribal Regalia

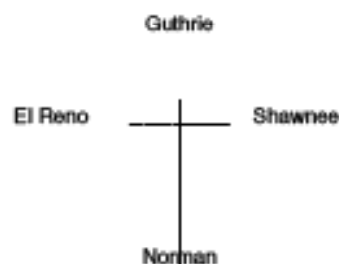
For More Information Contact CWCS Director
Shirley Wapskineh 405-632-5227
swapskineh@sbcglobal.net

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COMPETITION OPEN TO ALL
APPLICANTS IN THE
OKLAHOMA CITY
METRO AREA.



2010 OKC Princess Honor Dance



Miss Indian Oklahoma City

Sonia Hoffman

Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma City

Dalecia Satepauhoodle

Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City

Sierra Price

Saturday March 12, 2011

Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center

1700 W. Independence, Shawnee, OK

Gourd Dancing - 1:30 PM / Supper - 5:00 PM / Gourd Dancing - 6:00 PM / Grand Entry - 7:00 PM

VENDORS WELCOME

Vendors please contact – Neil Colbert 405-664-5202 or Chickasawdnc@gmail.com

For all other information contact – Shirley Wapskineh 405-632-5227 or swapskineh@sbcglobal.net

Sponsored By: Changing Winds Cultural Society

www.missindianokc.org

M.C.Sammy "Tonkei" White

Head Lady Dancer.....Courtney Reeder

Head Singer.....Cheevers Toppah

Arena Director.....Randy Frazier

Head Man Dancer.....Sly Isaac

Host Gourd Clan.....Comanche Little Ponies

Host Northern Drum.....Young Buffalo Horse

Contests & Sponsors

- **Tiny Tots** 6 and Under - By Bronwyn Gordon- 2007 Miss OKC, '99 Little Miss
- **Men & Women's GOLDEN AGE** \$100-\$75-\$50-By Neil Colbert In Loving Memory of his father Dale Colbert
- **Men's Fancy WINNER TAKE ALL** \$250 - \$50 consolation – By Sly Isaac
In honor of Dalecia Satepauhoodle 2010 Jr. Miss OKC
- **Men's Straight** 1st-\$300/Pendleton Jacket - 2nd-\$200/Blanket – 3rd-\$100/Blanket – [3 consolation]
- By Renda Walters 2003 Miss OKC In Loving Memory of her father Dave Walters
- **Men's Fancy** \$200-\$100-\$75 By Erin Chibitty-Yarholar -1999 Miss OKC, '97 Jr. Miss
- **Men's Traditional** \$200-\$100-\$75 By Coby & Jonita Neal-Lehman 1997 Miss OKC
- **Women's Cloth** by Corene Scott In honor of Kaylon Wood 2007 Little Miss OK
- **Women's Jingle** \$200-\$100-\$75 In honor of Sonia Hoffman 2010 Miss OKC
- **Women's Eastern Cloth** Ages 18+ \$300 Winner Take All [2 consolation] By Laquita Harjo 2001 Miss OKC
In honor of her Aunt and Grandmother
- **Teen Girls Cloth** Age 13-18 \$100-\$75-\$50 In honor of Sierra Price 2010 Little Miss OKC
- **Teen Girls Jingle** Age 13-18 \$100-\$75-\$50 In honor of Andi Parnacher 2008 Little Miss OKC
- **Teen Girls Fancy Shawl** Age 13-18 by Pat Nimsey - In honor of Kalonie Hulbutta 1995 Miss OKC, '95 Jr. Miss
- **Jr. Girls Cloth** Age 7-12 \$100-\$50-\$25 In honor of Dalecia Satepauhoodle 2010 Jr. Miss OKC
- **Jr. Girls Jingle** Age 7-12 \$150/\$100/\$75 - In honor of Susie Factor 2006 Jr. Miss OKC, '05 Little Miss
& Holly Factor 2007 Jr. Miss OKC
- **Jr. Girls Fancy Shawl** Age 7-12 \$100/\$50/\$25 In honor of Gabrielle Padilla 2009 Little Miss OKC
- **Jr. Boys Straight** Age 7-12 \$100-\$50-\$25 by Michael Moore In honor of Dalecia Satepauhoodle 2010 Jr. Miss OKC

The "2011" Miss, Jr. Miss & Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City Competition & Performance

Sponsored by "Changing Winds Cultural Society" & Destiny Christian Center

2010 Royalty

Miss Indian OKC
Sonia Hoffman
Cheyenne

Jr. Miss Indian OKC
Dalecia
Satepauhoodle
Pawnee/Kiowa

Little Miss Indian OKC
Sierra Price
Seminole



Friday
March 18th
2011
6:30 PM

Destiny
Christian
Center

3801 SE 29th St.
Del City, OK

Free Admission
Public Invited



Master of Ceremonies
Sammy "Tonkei" White



Entertainment: The Master's Touch



Special Guest:
Miss Indian Lawton 2010
Kimberlv DeJesus

**Special awards will be presented at the competition for the following:*

Oklahoma Native American Man and Woman of the Year Oklahoma Native American Senior High School Male and Female Students of the Year

Reception Sponsored By: *Oklahoma City Indian Clinic* www.okcic.com

CAROL JARRETT	525-2041
MARTHA PRIMEAUX	677-4952
KALONIE HULBUTTA	943-3953
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For Additional Information

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CORENE CHAKENATHO	273-8055
NEIL COLBERT	664-5202



menu subject to change

March 2011

2% milk served daily

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>LUNCH SERVED MON - THUR. 11AM TO 1PM BREAKFAST SERVED FRIDAY 9AM TO 11AM Salad Bar Served at Congregate Meal Sites only</p>						
	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Hamburgers Left, Tom, Onion Tater Tots Ice Cream	Chicken Cacciatore Garlic Bread Tossed Salad*	Chili Dogs Chips Pork n Beans Cookie	Baked Potato Ham Chez Broc & Chez Vanilla Pudding	Cereal Biscuit Gravy Fruit	Cereal Biscuit Gravy Fruit
	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Grilled Chez Sandwich Veggie Soup Pears	Turkey Dressing/Gravy Cranberry Sauce Roll/Cobbler	Tamales Spanish Rice Refried Beans Apricots	Oven Fried Chicken Mashed Pot/Gravy Brussel Sprouts Roll/Applesauce	English Muffin Sausage Patty Fruit
	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Cold Cut Sandwich Let. Tom Pot. Salad Fruit Cocktail	Beans w/ Ham Cornbread Beets Choc. Cake	Kraut & Weiners Mac & Chez Veggies Bread Mandarin Oranges	Spaghetti w/meatsauce Greenbeans Breadstick Salad Bar*	Scrambled Eggs Bacon Banana Nut Muffin
	27	28	29	30	31	
		Goulash Squash Bread Peach Crisp	Chicken Breast Wild Rice Carrots Roll Fresh Fruit	Pork Chop Scalloped Pot. Spinach Bread Pineapples	Fish Coleslaw Husuppies Plums	<p>NOT GOING TO BE HOME CALL & LET US KNOW 405-275-4030 EXT. 169 OR NOTIFY YOUR DRIVER</p>

NOTICE

Please call for updated information for 24 HOUR DUI SCHOOL
Call Linda or Glenna at (405) 275-3432
Everyone welcome

FREE Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors still Available!!

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

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

Please contact OEH at 214-4235 for more information.

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE

Enrollment office Address Change Request

Date: _____ CDIB# _____ Birth Date: _____

Full Name: _____

New Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code: _____

County: _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Cell Phone (____) _____

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

Tribal Member Signature

Date

Foster Parents Needed!!!

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

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

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

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

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



Open 7 Days A Week!
366-7220

AST COUNTRY KITCHEN
Sunday - 7am to 2pm
Monday - 8am to 5pm
Tuesday - 8am to 5pm
Wednesday - 8am to 5pm
Thursday - 8am to 5pm
Friday - 8am to 10pm
Saturday - 7am to 10pm

Early Bird Breakfast
\$3.99 - 7 Days a Week
2 Eggs/Bacon or Sausage/Hash Browns
Biscuits & Gravy or Toast
(Whichever the substitution)

**Check Out Our Wednesday
Homemade Meatloaf Special**
Meatloaf, Mashed potatoes, vegetable side,
salad, roll
\$6.99

*Check out our daily homemade lunch
specials! Something different every day!*

(In Front of Thunderbird Entertainment Center
Next to AST Smoke Shop)





**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE
TRIBAL MEMBERS**
WE HAVE A PROMOTION JUST FOR YOU



**EVERY WEEK RECEIVE
\$10 FREE SLOT PLAY**

Just show your
Absentee Shawnee
Tribal CDIB Card,
to take advantage
of the offer.

See Player's Club Desk
for complete details

Management reserves the right to change or alter any promotion.

PHARMACY NEWS

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL PHARMACY SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

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

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

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

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

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

Office of Environmental Health & Engineering

• Tribal Housing Improvements Application

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

THIP list all applicants by a priority list:

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

Other Programs available:

• Sanitation Facilities Assistance Program

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

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

Submit completed application to:

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

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

**If you'd like to submit an ad
or article give us a call at
(405) 275-4030 ext. 146 or
send us an e-mail at
mediadept@astribe.com**

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



Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

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

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

Clinic Operating Hours

Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Weekends/Federal Holidays Closed

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



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

PRSR
STANDARD MAIL
U.S. Postage Paid
Permit No. 434
Shawnee, OK 74801

RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED

ABSSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

2011
TRIBAL PHONE NUMBERS

Tribal Complex	(405) 275-4030
or	1-800 256-3341
Building Blocks	(405) 878-0633
Health Programs	(405) 878-4702
or	1-877-878-4702
Little Axe Clinic	(405) 447-0300
Little Axe Dental	(405) 307-9704
Shawnee Clinic	(405) 878-5850
Shawnee Pharmacy	(405) 878-5859
Behavioral Health	(405) 878-4716
LA Resource Center	(405) 364-7298
or	(405) 364-7569
LA Cultural Center	(405) 447-3372
AST Police	(405) 275-3200
or	(405) 275-3432
OEH/OEP	(405) 214-4235
AS Housing Authority	(405) 273-1050
Thunderbird Casino	(405) 360-9270
Or	1-800-259-LUCK
AST Media Dept	(405) 275-4030
AST Media Dept Fax	(405) 395-9776
AST Tribal Grocery & SmokeShop Little Axe	(405) 364-0668
AST Country Kitchen	(405) 366-7220
AST Smokeshop in Harrah	(405) 454-0055