



# The Absentee Shawnee News



"Among The Shawnee"

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American Red Cross



Photo: Caitlin Baker (Red Cross), Linda Day (EM), Wanda Shoppeese (Tribal Member), Edwina Butler-Wolfe (AST Governor)

On February 26th, 2015, the Tribe's Emergency Management along with the Red Cross held an event to give away Weather Radios. This was done to help ensure families get important information before, during, and after weather events. There will be another event if you did not receive one, please watch for postings at Tribal Complex.

**GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**APRIL 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**10:00 AM**  
**AST CASINO IN LITTLE AXE**

REMEMBER TO VOTE!!! MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



**Edwina Butler-Wolfe**

Governor



**Issac Gibson**

Lt. Governor



**Vera M. Dawsey**

Secretary



**Leah Bates**

Treasurer



**Kenneth Blanchard**

Representative

**GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING · APRIL 4TH, 2015 · 10:00 AM · AST CASINO IN LITTLE AXE**

**MONTHLY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS CAN BE WATCHED ONLINE AT [ASTRIBE.COM](http://ASTRIBE.COM)**



## Governor's Report

Hello my friends, neighbors and fellow Tribal members!

This month has been a busy one. I continue to attend local and statewide education meetings that focus on educational reform and state budgetary constraints. The state faces many challenges in addressing the needs of our Native American students and to retain qualified Native American teachers. Prior to coming into the role of Governor I served as an educator for over 15 years and during that time saw the many need(s) within the Oklahoma public school system. I became concerned about our Native American students within our public school systems based on the alarming nationwide statistical data I have seen. It shows victimization, bullying, cyber-bullying, racial tensions, substance abuse use, gang activities and the need for additional safety measures for both student and teacher. It is my hope that changes can and will be made through joint collaborative efforts between public school systems and tribes. In the state of Oklahoma we need to have a focus on: when and how testing is occurring within our school systems; are the teaching materials adequately representative of tribal historic/cultural relevant information and are school systems and their teaching staff aware of events that are culturally sensitive to us as a people. By ensuring that Native American teachers are hired within the state we can begin this sensitization. However, in order to do that we, as a state, need to look at what our teachers are being paid as it compares to the nation and give them fair market salaries. It is a major concern to me that our state is one who pays their teachers the least. Poor pay does not attract teachers to our state and to our public school systems. Nor does it keep or attract Native American teachers who go through four years of education, complete a pre-internship and internship program and then pass the standardized test in order to teach. We need to put legislation into place in our state that gives our future generations hope when considering a career in teaching and our students a 'right' to have relevant cultural history provided to them in a sustainable, learning environment. In order for this to happen it will require us as a tribal people to ask for that and to make the state aware we expect it. I and other tribal leaders across Oklahoma are working to advance this effort and we are seeing small successes. About three months ago the City of Oklahoma City took an unprecedented stand by removing the culturally offensive 'Oklahoma land run' event from their school structure and making their community aware of what it means to tribal youth; another school system removed a long running Native American mascot. These are steps. We need more. I have been taking part in these discussions and believe that as a people we are contributing to the learning curve being initiated by certain key individuals within the state system and if voted in I will continue. (I am attaching the Testimony I gave nationally so that you are aware of these issues.)

If you are wondering about our own tribal specific issues they are still present and unaccounted for. To resolve these it will take constitutional changes, Code of Conduct & Ethic implementation and ethical and honest leadership being put into Office that wants to advance the needs of the people. The Representative and I are but two people and it will take more than us.

This month there has been a noticeable improvement made around the Governor's building and for that I am most appreciative. It is my hope that the Maintenance department will extend their efforts throughout the campus and begin to take ownership of our grounds by making these landscaping changes a continuous process. The Maintenance department has over 35 staff, a large budget which includes \$15,000 for cell phones so communication should not be an issue. I also saw in the Maintenance budget that a few roofs on the campus were to be replaced. I look forward to the roof replacements as many of our buildings have long needed this.

Please do not forget to get out and vote during the March primaries! Your vote can make a difference within the tribe.

### Conclusion

I have 3 months 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's Build for the Future (BFF) - united and together!

Thank you for your support.

**Billie Thompson,  
AST Governor  
Edwina Butler-Wolfe,  
Brianna Ponkilla**





## Lt. Governor's Report

Greetings all, I hope you all have been well and are staying warm during this cold weather. I would like to thank those of you who were in attendance at the informal meeting on Friday, February 6th. The Secretary, Treasurer and I called for a Special Executive Committee meeting in accordance with Article XVI- Meetings, Section 4- Special Meetings of the Executive Committee, of our constitution:

*"Special Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the Governor as necessary with advance individual written notice. Any three (3) members of the Executive Committee may call a special meeting of that body by presenting a written notice to all members of the Committee. If the Governor fails to attend, the highest ranking of those who called the meeting shall be empowered to conduct the meeting, provided a quorum is present."*

The Governor filed a Temporary Restraining Order against us, to prevent the meeting from happening, citing various assumptions in her court filing unrelated to calling a Special Executive Committee meeting. The TRO was granted prior to the constitutionally called meeting and a court date has yet to be determined. So our constitutionally called meeting turned into an informal meeting. Ironically, our court system has heard a similar case in 2006, where one Executive Committee member sued the remaining Executive Committee, calling Special Meetings held in May of 2006 invalid and unconstitutional.

In Absentee Shawnee Supreme Court Case ASSC-06-04, the Absentee Shawnee Supreme Court ordered the injunctions against the resolutions passed in meetings held on May 3, 23, 25 of 2006 and any future meetings of the Executive Committee be vacated and set aside. The Supreme Court also ordered there is no minimum advanced notice requirement, just written notice, in accordance with Article XVI, Section 4 of our constitution; and reaffirming the Governor or any three members of the Executive Committee can call a special meeting upon written notice to all Executive Committee.

All-in-all, the Executive Committee has a right to call for Special Meetings, as provided in our constitution. Since the Governor has a temporary restraining order against the Executive Committee, she has violated our constitutional right to call Special Meetings and has violated the constitution by filing the temporary restraining order. Nowhere in our constitution does it state we are governed by a dictatorship, as it was clearly shown in the December 2014 Regular Executive Committee meeting.

The Executive Committee also has a right to amend meeting agendas to include items we feel deem important and need to be addressed. At the December 2014 meeting, a motion was made to amend the agenda to include the health budget, but was denied by the Governor for the only reason of "I am the Governor!" William Norman of Hobbs, Strauss, Dean and Walker advised the Governor that she does not have to accept the motion nor amend the agenda, even though a member of the governing body had made a motion. Again, a display of a non-democratic form of government we are currently operating under.

Lastly, I am writing this article in hopes it reaches you unedited and uncensored. Several months ago, the Governor, her Special Projects Coordinator, and the Media Director put together an "Editorial Board" to allegedly edit articles for grammar and spelling. It is odd how the Media Director never mentioned a need for this type of board, while Media was under my oversight. The "Editorial Board" was handpicked from employees working only under the Governor's oversight. The only exception is our Executive Director of Health was buffalooed into being part of the "Editorial Board". Executive Committee members were not asked for input about this board and it is not an Executive Committee approved board.

If you have noticed, the Governor's articles include denials on issues from assumptions she believes the other Executive Committee members raise beforehand. Meaning, she is provided with what other Executive Committee members are writing and she writes or has her article written to address topics within the others' articles. I was comfortable putting my article in the newsletter until I saw how our articles are being handled. As an elected leader, I believe our articles need no content editing and any changes to anyone's article is a form of censorship. We are trying to provide you with a picture of the activities happening within our tribe in our own voices. Sometimes that picture is distorted or embellish when only one is allowed to provide uncensored information and the others are not.

Respectfully,  
Isaac Gibson, Jr.  
Lieutenant Governor



## Secretary's Report

Hello Everyone;

I sincerely pray that everyone in the tribe is doing well; I know that these past few months have been very hard on everyone, because of the allergies, flu, and various other childhood diseases that we thought to be gone. I got very excited when the weather man on TV stated that we would have snow and sleet, I thought that it would help my allergies and kill off all bugs, fleas and ticks, if you live out in the country, you know what I mean.

I agree with the tribal members, when they say that nothing is getting accomplished talking about each other and having each other investigated, filing petitions, all I can say is "WHAT GOES AROUND, COMES AROUND".

I did not run for office so that I could fight and argue every day; I had one of those kinds of relationships and it is for the birds. My department have worked very to be of assistance to the people of the tribe and in some cases according to our grants, they have to serve non-natives also. The ICW department does what they can to help our tribal children as far as the law will allow, and the Domestic Violence department works well in the community in assisting the clients that come to them for help. The Social Services department works diligently to help our people with their energy bills, burial, clothing allowances for the children. All of the employees that works with myself in the various departments, and that work with me in my office do their very best that can do to serve our tribal members. My main goal was to help in any way I can to makes lives better for our people. I may not like what the governor, Sherman Tiger, Lesa Shaw and the Police chief say about me or any one in these departments, but these employees are my "Employees of the Month", every day of the year.

All of the mobile homes are set in place except two, one a loaner and one is waiting on a pad, which will be finished soon. I do not know if there are going to be anymore coming in but, my office is setting up a waiting list for future reference.

In the month of January the 26th through the 29th, I and two people from my office and the Self-Governance Coordinator, Scott Miller attended the Self-Governance Strategy Session in Washington D.C. I am adding some parts of the Strategic Plan and Priorities for 2014-2016. (See pages 11-12)

Thank you all for your input and support, God Bless.



## Representative's Report

Greetings Fellow Triba l Members

I am happy and proud to inform you, the tribal membership, that I have repaid to the tribal treasury the amount of funds due to overpayment.

The tribal court affirmed the overpayment to tribal officials above the recently enacted Salary Wage law by the general council on June 21,2015.

<b>RECEIPT</b>		DATE 2-11-15	No. 947275
RECEIVED FROM Kenneth Blanchard		\$449.28	
Four hundred forty nine & 28/100		DOLLARS	
FOR RENT Salary pay back			
ACCOUNT 449.28	<input checked="" type="radio"/> CASH	FROM TO	
PAYMENT	<input checked="" type="radio"/> CHECK	BY Courtney Green	
BAL. DUE	<input checked="" type="radio"/> MONEY ORDER		
	<input checked="" type="radio"/> CREDIT CARD		

Discussed progress with the architect of the youth park. Kenny Jones agreed that it should be attractive to the tribal members as well as the public. The next phase involves continuing the site work and core drilling.

To contact me at the Tribal Complex, please write to Representative Ken Blanchard, 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801, or by phone at 405/275-4030 ext. 6287.

Respectfully,  
Ken Blanchard

**No report submitted from Treasurer's Office**

## GOVERNOR'S SPOTLIGHT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

# Leslie Tanyan



Leslie Tanyan became the Executive Director of the AST Gaming Commission on January 5, 2015. Mrs. Tanyan brings with her extensive knowledge in the accounting and Indian gaming field and has strong organizational skills.

Mrs. Tanyan's educational background is as follows: Bachelors of Business Administration (BBA) with an emphasis in accounting; holds a Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) with an emphasis in accounting.

Mrs. Tanyan has been married for 20 years and has a girl and boy and she currently resides in Oklahoma City.

**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.

# AST ELDERS BINGO

## Saturday, March 14, 2015

**Brendle Corner - Located on  
Highway 9 & Harrah/Newalla Rd.**

**Starts at 1 p.m.**

# Everyone Welcome

## Come support the AST Elders

**REMINDER: ELDERS MEETING · MARCH 14TH · 10:00 A.M.**



# March

2015

2% milk served daily

Menu subject to change

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Chef Salad w/Chicken Eggs, Cheese Cottage Cheese Peaches	3 Pork Chop Mac & Tom Bread Mixed Fruit	4 Salmon Patty Coleslaw Veggies Plums	5 Baked Potato Chili, cheese, onions Veggies Pears	6 Biscuit Sausage Gravy Scrambled Eggs	7
8  SPRING AHEAD	9 Chicken Salad Lettuce, Tomato Grapes	10 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Salad Bar* Green Beans Garlic Bread	11 Sliced Ham Sweet Potato Veggies Bread/Fruit	12 Pork N Hominy Turnip Greens Crisp	13 Cereal Ham Muffin	14
15	16 Hamburgers Lett., Tom., Onions Potato Salad Mandarin Oranges	17 Wieners & Kraut Green Beans Bread Fruit	18 BLT (Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato) Pork n Beans Orange	19 Roast Red Potato Carrots Roll/Cake	20 Biscuit Sausage Gravy Scrambled Eggs	21
22	23 Soft Taco Lett., Tom., Cheese Refried Beans Chips/Salsa	24 Chicken Fry Steak Mashed Potato/Gravy Corn Niblets Roll	25 Shepherd's Pie Cobbler	26 Beans w/Ham Steak Fries Cornbread Pears	27 Waffles Bacon	28
29	30 Steak Fingers Mashed Potato/Gravy Brussel Sprouts Cookie	31 Hoagie Sandwich Mac Salad Fruit Cocktail				

NOT GOING TO BE HOME???  
CALL AND LET US KNOW AT (405) 275-4030  
EXT. 6227 or 6270  
OR NOTIFY YOUR DRIVER



LUNCH SERVED MONDAY-THURSDAY 11AM TO 1PM  
BREAKFAST SERVED FRIDAYS 9AM TO 11AM

March 8th, Set your clocks UP one hour!!!



March 17th,  St. Patrick's Day

March 20th,  SPRING BEGINS!!!

MARCH IS WHEN THE SCHOOL KIDS HAVE SPRING BREAK!!!  
SO LET'S BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU'RE OUT AND ABOUT!!!!



Basketball fans get ready for



We have new extension numbers which is on the menu also. If you have any questions or concerns, please call us at (405) 275-4030, Ext 6227 (office) or Ext. 6270 (dining room).

# FROM THE ELECTION COMMISSION:

Tribal Members:

The Primary Election will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2015. The voting polls will be at the Little Axe Resource Center located on Peebly Road and at the Police Department building on the Tribal Complex in Shawnee, Oklahoma. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at both locations.

A sample ballot is below.

## 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.

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 tribal property that contain poll sites.)

Tear Off ☞

## BALLOT

**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA  
PRIMARY ELECTION  
MARCH 21, 2015**

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

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**GOVERNOR**

Sabrina Little Axe -----[ ]

Jeff Gibson-----[ ]

Edwina Butler-Wolfe-----[ ]

Ricky Little Axe-----[ ]

Kathy Deere-----[ ]

**SECRETARY**

Sacha Almanza-----[ ]

Leonard Longhorn-----[ ]

John Raymond Johnson-----[ ]

Vera Dawsey-----[ ]

Twila Parker-----[ ]

Paulette Blanchard-----[ ]

FY-2014														RUN DATE:	
YTD TAX COLLECTIONS														02/17/15	
(thru 1/31/15)															
TAX CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	% OF TAXES COLLECTED	
Sales (6%)	\$1,309.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,309.86	0.71%	
Gaming % of free cash	\$164,284.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$164,284.00	88.90%	
Employee (1%)	\$41.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41.05	0.02%	
Severance (8%)	\$7,199.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,199.15	3.90%	
Motor Vehicle	\$11,660.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,660.98	6.31%	
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%	
<b>TOTAL TAXES</b>	<b>\$184,495.04</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$184,495.04</b>		<b>\$184,495.04</b>
Miscellaneous	\$305.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$305.00	0.17%	
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$184,800.04</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$184,800.04</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$184,800.04</b>



The Absentee Shawnee Diabetes and Wellness Program

# March Madness 5K RUN



REPRESENT YOUR FAVORITE BASKETBALL TEAM IN THE 2015 MARCH MADNESS 5K RUN. WEAR YOUR FAVORITE BASKETBALL APPAREL FROM ANY TEAM AND COME ENJOY A MORNING OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY! HATS, JERSEYS, T-SHIRTS, JACKETS, SOCKS, FOAM FINGERS ARE WELCOME. COME AND BE THE ULTIMATE FAN! BEST DRESSED FAN CONTEST WILL FOLLOW THE 2015 MARCH MADNESS RUN!



**SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH, 2015**



**8:00 A.M. START TIME  
1-MILE FUN WALK  
BEGINS AT 8:05 A.M.**



For more information or questions, please contact Buster Bread/Chrissy Wiens at 405-364-7298

# March Madness 5K RUN

## Parent/Guardian Consent Form and Liability Waiver

Participant name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Age on race day: \_\_\_ Male: \_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_ **5K RUN or \_\_\_1 Mile Fun Run**

I, , grant my child, , permission to participate in the Absentee Shawnee March Madness 5K. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry I waive all claims for myself, my child, and my heirs against the sponsors, co-operating 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 \_\_\_\_\_

BIB# \_\_\_\_\_



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL HEALTH SYSTEM IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE  
NATIVE AMERICAN U.S. DEPT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PARTNERSHIP



## NOW ACCEPTING VETERANS HEALTH BENEFITS! Schedule Your Appointment Today!

- » **Basic Medical Eligibility**
- » **Behavioral Health Services**
- » **\*Service-Connected Disabilities**
- » **\*Dental Services**
- » **\*Vision Services**

**CDIB required**

**\*Veteran must be VA Service-Connected**

**Annual Required VA Hospital Visit must be current!**

**VA disability assessment and annual VA hospital visit must be scheduled at a VA facility**



**LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER**  
Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System  
15951 Little Axe Drive  
Norman, OK 73026  
405.447.0300



Caring for AMERICA'S HEROES  
[www.oklahoma.va.gov](http://www.oklahoma.va.gov)

[www.asthealth.org](http://www.asthealth.org)  
[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)



**SHAWNEE CLINIC**  
Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System  
2029 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.  
Shawnee, OK 74801  
405.878.5850

# 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](http://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



# Absentee Shawnee Housing



## Introduction

The information being provided is to help families understand what programs are offered through the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority and how to apply. Our programs target low income Native American families who need housing assistance. The programs currently being provided are Rental, Lease to Own and Down Payment Assistance.

## Application Process

Our process begins with the completion of our housing application. When completing the application be sure and answer all the questions that pertain to you and sign all attached forms. If you should have any questions regarding the application; call or come by our office and ask our staff in the Programs & Admissions Department and they would be glad to assist you.

The application will also require documents to be attached in order to complete the process; which are:

- ✦ Photo I.D.
- ✦ CDIB Card
- ✦ Social Security Card
- ✦ Birth Certificate
- ✦ Marriage License/Divorce Decree/Custody Decree (if applicable)
- ✦ Declaration of Section 214 (form is included with application)

Each household member must provide a birth certificate, social security card and CDIB card (if enrolled in a federally recognized tribe). The Housing Authority will conduct a criminal background check and credit check on all adult household members over the age of 18. A home visit is the final step in completing your application.

## Waiting List

A letter will be mailed out once your application has been approved notifying you of the date your name was placed on the waiting list. It is very important to stay in contact and notify the Housing Authority anytime changes occur in income, household composition, or contact information. In the event that your name is next in being offered a home; you will be notified by letter or phone. Annual Updates required to remain on the waiting list.

## CONTACT INFORMATION:

**107 N. Kimberly  
Shawnee, OK 74801  
P.O. Box 425  
Shawnee, OK 74802-0425  
Phone: 405-273-1050  
Fax: 405-275-0678  
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.**

Eligibility for each program has income requirements; please be sure and review the current income limits on your application. We will not be able to process your application if you do not meet the income criteria.



## Low Rent Housing

Our low rent housing program is provided to families in need of housing in the Shawnee and Tecumseh area. Rental houses are furnished with kitchen appliances, central heat and air, and mini blinds all throughout.

In the Shawnee area, the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority has two elderly/handicap communities. These areas have fully and partial handicap accessible units. A laundry facility is located in the community for tenant use only.

Tenants in our rental program are provided services through our Maintenance Department; if any maintenance issues should arise you would contact the Housing Authority and a crew member will come and do the repair.



## Lease to Own Program

The Lease to Own Program is available for any Native American family who has met our requirements and would like to purchase a home through the Housing Authority. The homes offered are ones currently in inventory and owned by the Housing Authority.

This program is designated for income eligible families who have been renting but now feel they are ready for the opportunity to purchase their own home. The application is the same as the rental; accept the income requirements are different. Be sure and specify when completing your application, that you are applying for the Lease to Own Program. If you have substantial rental history and meet the income requirements, your name may be placed on the waiting list.

## Down Payment Assistance Program

This program offers a one-time grant of up to \$20,000 to assist with down payment and/or closing cost to purchase a home and is designed to make home mortgage payments more affordable

### Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must be eighteen (18) years of age
- Must be Native American enrolled in a Federally Recognized Tribe, with priority given to enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to apply
- Applicant must qualify as a low-income family, and must meet minimum income guidelines
- Applicant must be first-time homeowner
- Primary residences only
- Must be approved for home loan
- Dwelling Unit must pass environmental inspection

- All applicants are required to attend a counseling class conducted by our Resident Counselor before signing a lease.
- Annual Recertification are required for Rental/Lease to Own programs
- Inspections are performed on our homes annually

- MONTHLY RENT IS CALCULATED BY YOUR INCOME
- OUR LOW RENT UNITS HAVE 1, 2, 3, & 4 BEDROOMS
- LEASE TO OWN HOMES HAVE 3 & 4 BEDROOMS



## NEW RENTAL HOMES AVAILABLE!

Applications are now being accepted for families that are over the income limits for our IHBG funded programs. Please contact our Programs & Admissions Department for further details.  
*NOTE: There is limited homes available for this program.*



Among The Shawnee

**Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority**  
107 North Kimberly  
P.O. Box 425  
Shawnee, OK 74802-0425  
Phone (405)-273-1050  
Fax (405)275-0678

## Down Payment Assistance Program for Over Income AST Tribal Members

This program is to provide Over-Income enrolled Absentee Shawnee Tribal members only with affordable homeownership financing opportunities. The Over-Income Down Payment Assistance will include payment of reasonable closing cost associated with the first mortgage and the ASHA's second mortgage with the remainder of the money going toward the down payment. The maximum amount for each homeowner is \$5000.00.

### Eligibility

- Applicant must be eighteen (18) years of age
- Must be enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe with gross incomes over 100% of the median income adjusted for family size to apply
- Applicant must be first-time homeowner
- Primary residences only
- Property must be located within the state of Oklahoma
- Must be approved for home loan
- Dwelling Unit must pass all Housing Quality Standards inspection as well as Environmental Inspection

For more Program Information, please contact Kimberly Vermillion at Ext. 260.



## Fix-A-Leak Week

March 16-22, 2015



- During Fix A Leak Week, the EPA's WaterSense Partnership Program encourages Americans to take the initiative to fix all of their household leaks.
- As a promoter of the WaterSense Program, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Office of Environmental Health and Engineering would like to encourage you to take part in this program as well.
- Doing so, you can save clean drinking water and also save on your water bill.



# **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 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.*

**Contract Health  
Direct Phone Line  
405.701.7951**



Debi Sloat



Glendine Blanchard



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**National Tribal Self-Governance Strategic Plan & Priorities for 2014-2016  
HONORING THE TREATIES & TRUST: MOVING SELF-GOVERNANCE**

**FORWARD"**

**APPROVED: January 22, 2014**

**Our Vision**

**Preserve and Protect Tribal and Indigenous Sovereignty, Culture, History,  
Treaty and Self-Governing Rights.**

**Our Mission**

**Fully Implement and Advance Tribal Self-Governance Authorities.**

**Our Guiding Principles**

- Tribes are sovereign nations, and, as such, all relations between the United States and Tribes are of a formal government-to-government nature;
- As sovereign nations, Tribal governments have the inherent authority and control over their territories, Treaty rights, natural resources and the welfare of their citizens. Further, Tribal — governments have the authority to set internal priorities (without federal interference); and, under Self-Governance, may redesign programs and reassign federal funds to more efficiently meet their local needs;
- Tribal governments are accountable to their citizens and this is intrinsic in any accountability model on the utilization of federal funds;
- The devolution of federal funds and service delivery allows Tribal governments increased programmatic and administrative responsibility and minimizes federal reporting burdens, monitoring and oversight; and,
- Tribes have the right to choose the institutional arrangement by which they receive federally funded services. For Self-Governance Tribes, federal agencies become advisors and providers of technical assistance rather than day-to-day managers of service delivery. This principle is congruent with the current Administration's directive for transparency and accountability.

**Executive Summary**

- Self-Governance is a Tribally-driven, Congressional legislative option, whereby Tribal governments are authorized to negotiate annual appropriated funding and assume management and control of programs, services, functions and activities (or portions thereof) that were previously managed by the federal government. Self-Governance represents the expansion and growth of the historical legislation, P.L. 93-638, the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA), in that it allows Tribes, as sovereign nations, to exercise their right to be self-governing and to take program funds and manage them to best fit the needs of their citizens and Tribal communities.
- Since initiation of the first Self-Governance agreement more than two decades ago, the number of Tribes and the amount of programs and funding managed under this legislation has steadily increased. Today there are 254 Self-Governance Tribes within the Department of the Interior - Indian Affairs - Office of Self-Governance (DOI-IA-OSG). There are 106 Funding Agreements totaling approximately \$386 million. Within the Department of Health and Human Services - Indian Health Service - Office of Tribal Self-Governance (DHHS -IHS-OTSG), there are 84 Title V compacts, funded through 109 Funding Agreements, totaling approximately \$1.6 billion. These compacts represent 341 Tribes - more than half of all the federally-recognized Tribes.

**Development of the Strategic Plan**

- Each year, Self-Governance Tribes conduct their Strategic Planning Session to review and identify top priorities for the upcoming year. These priorities are further discussed and advanced in the quarterly meetings of the DOI Self-Governance Advisory Committee (SGAC) and the IHS Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC), the Annual Self-Governance Conference and other workgroup and committee meetings.
- The 2014-16 National Tribal Self-Governance Strategic Plan and Priorities for the 113th Congressional Session (hereafter referred to as the Strategic Plan) is intended to be fluid and the issues and strategies will be updated as needed by Tribal leadership. The Strategic Plan includes 3 main objectives:

**Objective #1:** Advance Self-Governance Policy, Budget & Legislative Priorities

**Objective #2:** Strengthen Self-Governance Advocacy Efforts

**Objective #3:** Implement and Track Goals/Actions in the Strategic Plan

**Top Priorities - (2014-2016)**

In October 2013, the Self-Governance Tribes held their annual Strategic Planning Session in conjunction with the SGAC and TSGAC quarterly meetings in Washington, DC. During the strategic plan, a series of White Papers provided an overview of the top issues and proposed actions for Tribal leaders' consideration. Based on these papers, group discussion and input, the following top Self-Governance issues were identified:

- Enact Title IV Self-Governance Amendments
- Expand Tribal Self-Governance to agencies within the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Interior

- Full Funding of Contract Support Costs (CSC) and Timely Settlement of Past Claims
- Halt Lowering of the Discretionary Budget Caps
- Exempt Tribal Programs from Sequestration
- Enact Advance Appropriations for Indian Health Service

**Enact Title IV Self-Governance Amendments**

- Amending Title IV of ISDEAA has been a top legislative priority for Self-Governance Tribes for more than a decade. Over the past thirty-five years, the ISDEAA has been one of the most successful mechanisms allowing Tribes to develop the capacity for government-building activities. However, Title IV of the ISDEAA, the Self-Governance program within DOI has serious gaps and problems. As such, Self-Governance Tribal leaders continue to advance the vision of the ISDEAA by working to amend Title IV of the ISDEAA to create consistency and administrative efficiency for Self-Governance Tribes between Title IV Self-Governance in the DOI and Title V Self-Governance in HHS.

**Expansion of Tribal Self-Governance within the Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Interior**

- The expansion of Self-Governance within Title VI of the ISDEAA would greatly aid Tribes in serving their citizens. In 2000, P.L. 106-260, Title VI of ISDEAA required HHS to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of a demonstration project extending Tribal Self-Governance to HHS agencies other than the Indian Health Service. The HHS study submitted to Congress in 2003 determined that a demonstration project was feasible. Expanding this Self-Governance tenet translates to greater flexibility for Tribes to redesign programs that provide critical social services within agencies such as the Administration on Aging, Administration on Children and Families, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, and Health Resources and Services Administration. In addition, Tribes could reallocate program funding with provisions of Title VI legislation to better meet the needs of their citizens.
- Expanding Self-Governance to programs outside of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) also would provide Tribes the opportunity to streamline community service programs and general governmental operations such as law enforcement, transportation, and community planning. Like expansion within HHS, demonstration projects could be developed within agencies where there is a high degree of Tribal interest and capacity for program administration.

**Full Funding of Contract Support Costs (CSC) and Timely Settlement of Past Claims**

- Obtaining full funding for CSC has long been a top priority of Self-Governance Tribes. The remaining challenges fall into three main categories: (1) obtain fair compensation for past CSC shortfalls; (2) ensure full CSC funding moving forward while opposing reactive measures by the Administration to cut off Tribal contract rights; and, (3) ensure an open and inclusive process for any changes to agency policies and practices.

**Halt Lowering of the Discretionary Budget CAPS**

- Federal funding for American Indian and Alaska Native programs is largely made up of discretionary, rather than mandatory funds, despite the legal and moral obligations to Indian Country. Tribes recognize that these programs remain a high priority for the Obama Administration, and were protected in the President's most recent Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Request to Congress. However, caps in discretionary budget authority arbitrarily limit the ability of Congress to identify priorities and protect underfunded AI/AN programs.

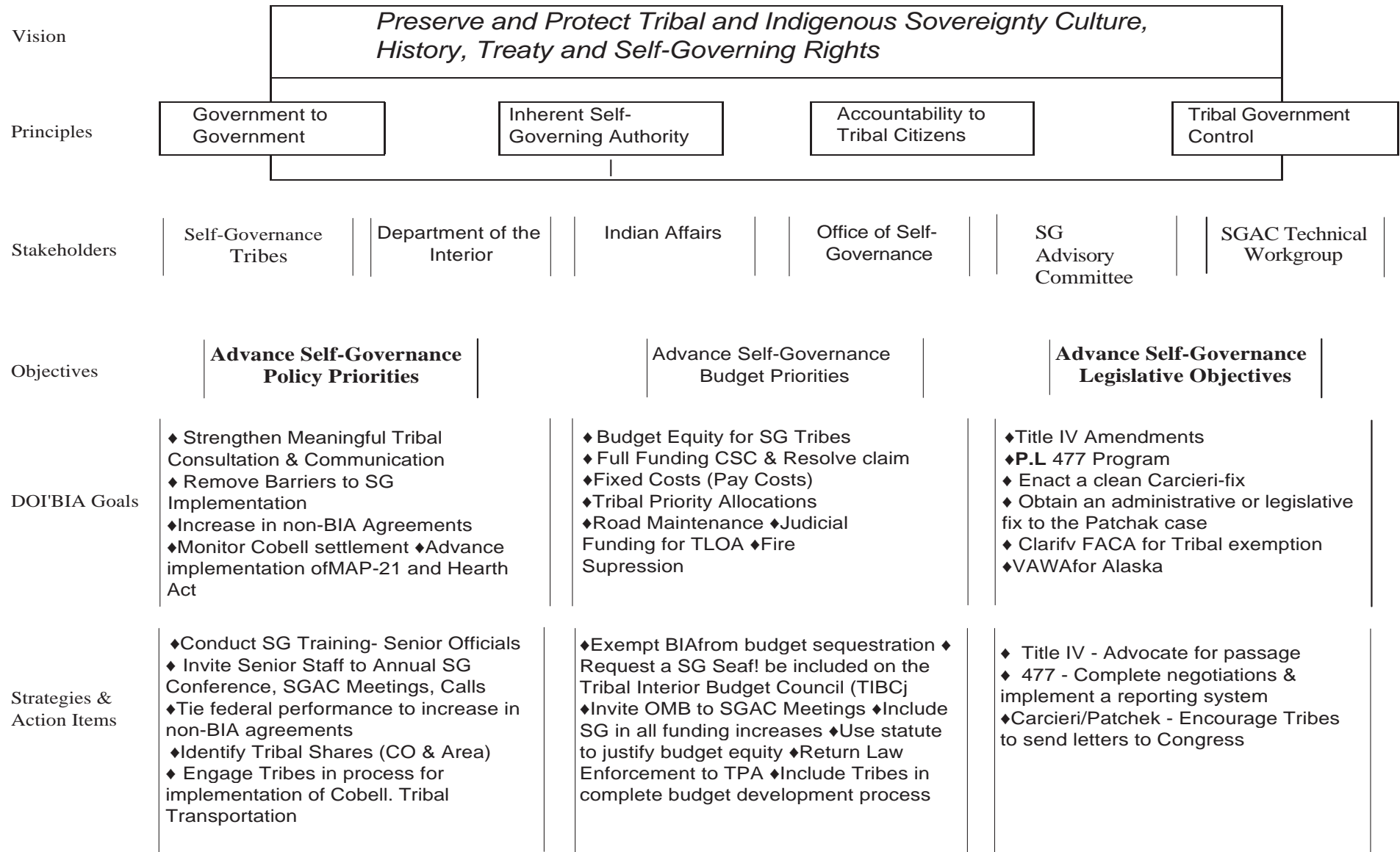
**Exempt Tribal Programs from Sequestration**

- Last year, Congress failed to enact legislation negating the implementation of a government-wide sequestration of FY 2013 appropriations. As a result, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Indian Health Service (IHS) FY 2013 budgets took an across-the-board cut of \$353 million dollars. Congress is now on a path to a similar result for FY 2014. The disparity in historical funding to Tribes continues to grow at an alarming rate. Funding increases for the BIA over the last 10 years have lagged far behind the other Interior Bureaus. An additional lack of budget equity occurred when Tribal budgets incurred a 16% General Reduction in 1996, when Across-The-Board Rescissions totaling another 8% were made from FY 2000-2013, and finally when Sequestration reductions of 5% were incurred in 2013. Today, BIA spending power is now \$.60 on the dollar.

In FY 2013, the Budget Control Act spelled out how sequestration would work and left open that even exempt accounts could be sequestered. What happens in the next several months will greatly affect the BIA/IHS and Self-Governance Tribes ability to provide quality services and health care to Alaska Native and American Indian people, and at this point the outcome is far from certain. Regardless of the path taken, the Federal trust obligation to Indian Tribes must be honored and vital Tribal programs sustained.

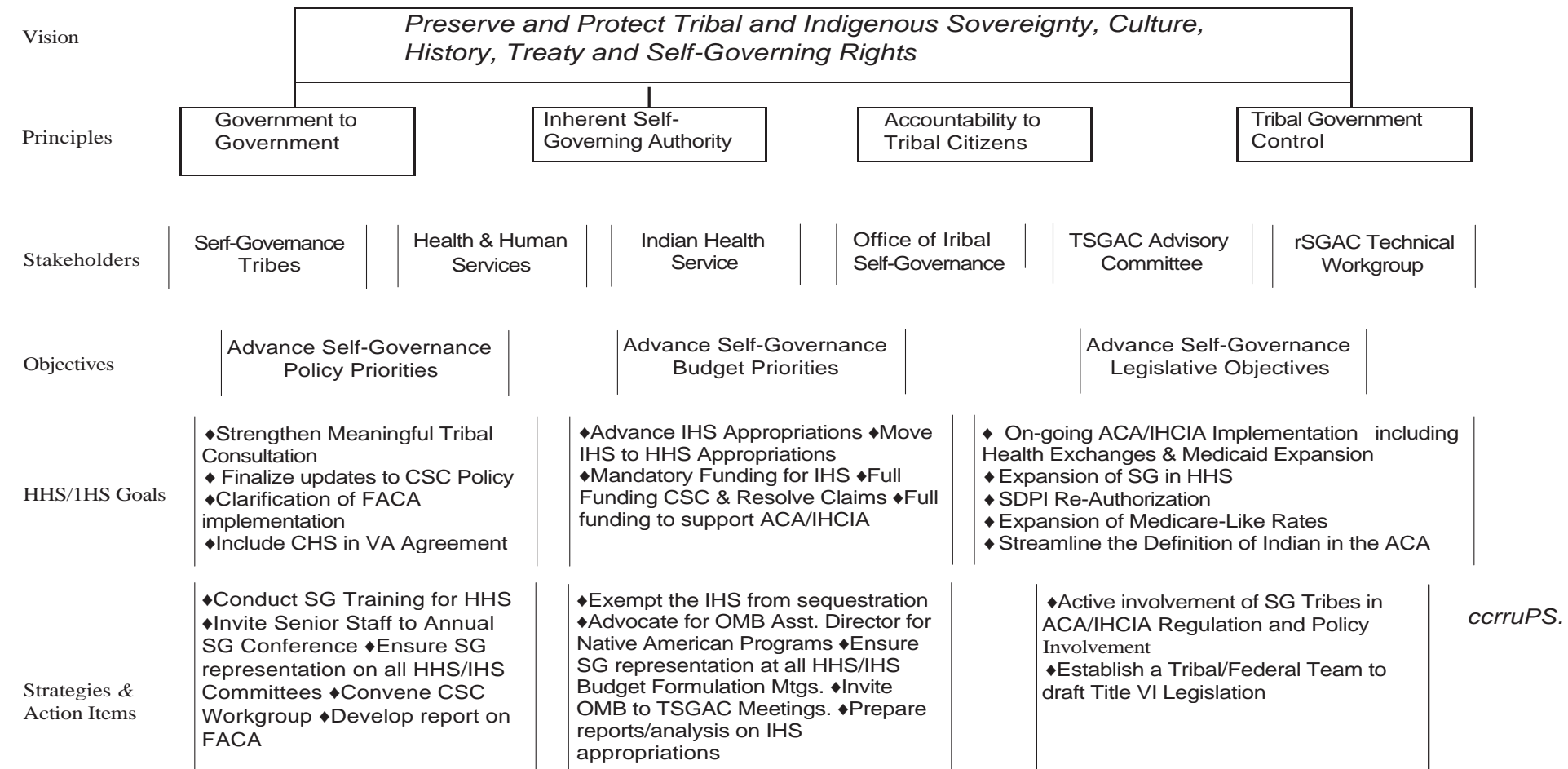
**Advance Appropriations for Indian Health Service**

- Considering that Congress has enacted appropriations by the beginning of the fiscal year once since 1998, funding IHS one fiscal year in advance, otherwise known as advance appropriations, would go a long way to allow the IHS and Tribal health providers adequate planning time to deliver health care to Tribal citizens. Legislation in support of this budget option has been introduced in both chambers (HR. 3229 and S. 1570). This strategy stabilizes



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## National Self-Governance Strategic Plan (2014-2016) Department of Health & Human Services/Indian Health Service



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# AST HEALTH SYSTEM UPDATE - MARCH 2015

The AST Tribal Health System welcomes Dr. Johnny Johnson, Internal Medicine, to our team of outstanding providers! We are excited to have Dr. Johnson on board to assist us with increasing and improving our access to care and services.

Also, we are having a "March Madness" 5K Fun Run on Saturday, March 28th, hosted by the AST Diabetes and Wellness Program. The race will begin at 8:00 A.M. and we are asking all participants to show up ready to run in their favorite basketball team apparel. There will be a best dressed contest at the conclusion of the race. Any basketball team (pro, college, high school) may be represented. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Buster Bread or Ms. Chrissy Wiens at (405) 364-7298.

The flu continues to hit Oklahoma hard, and we are seeing a lot of influenza strain A & B in both the Shawnee and Little Axe Clinics. Please continue to monitor your health, use good hygiene, as well as good sanitation, and hand washing procedures in your home and while at work. The best prevention begins with you!

We are very proud of our outstanding star performers this month and thank them all for their contributions to our patients, their fellow employees, and the Tribe! Employee of the month for health was Ms. Brandy Dougan, Operator; the team of the month was Health Procurement led by Ms. Sharon Shawnee and our Health Finance team led by Ms. Jennifer Harmon. The special leadership recognition award was presented to Ms. Nicole Zellner of health for her generous help in assisting with end of year close-out and procurement processes. Great going gang!

A few other key bits of information for this month:

- **AST/Serviced 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. We have been approved to begin our program for Native American Veterans. We have two upcoming Veterans enrollment events scheduled at the Little Axe Clinic on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and at the Shawnee Clinic on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. The events provide an opportunity for you to visit with VHA Health and VBA Benefit enrollment specialists. They will be able to see if you qualify for benefits or they can help you explore your current VA benefit offerings.
- **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.
- **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)!
- **IRS Releases Tax Form and Instructions for Tribal Exemption from Individual Shared Responsibility Payment:** Shortly after the New Year, the IRS finalized and released Health Coverage Exemptions 2014 Form 8965 and instructions for healthcare exemptions from the *Individual Shared Responsibility Payment*. Native Americans who only utilized Indian

healthcare services in 2014 and who do not have their Native American Exemption Number at time of tax filing may self-attest through their tax preparer; or if you prepare your own tax return, you may self-attest on Part III of Form 8965. Visit <http://www.asthealth.org> to access the form and instructions or contact a Patient Benefit Advocate at Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic for more information.

- **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 Walgreens 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) approved Walgreens service locations are: 1427 North Harrison Street or at 600 Shawnee Mall Drive, Shawnee, Oklahoma or at 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.

## 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](http://www.asthealth.org)



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



## ABSENTEE SHAWNEE FITNESS



### FITNESS CLASS SCHEDULE

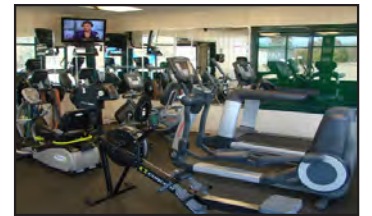
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Classes</b>	<b>Classes</b>	<b>Classes</b>	<b>Classes</b>	<b>Classes</b>
<u>Circuit Training</u> 6:10 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Zumba!</u> 6:10 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Circuit Training</u>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



**Buster Bread**  
Diabetes and Wellness  
Fitness Manager



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

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

#### Fitness Hours:

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

# The Absentee Shawnee Health System is pleased to announce that plans are being made to open an Extended Hours Health Clinic in 2015.

Coming soon!  
2015

**The Extended Hours Health Clinic will be located in the "old" Little Axe Clinic in the Casino Parking lot 15702 East HWY 9 Norman, OK 73026**

Coming soon!  
2015

The Extended Hours Health Clinic will be similar to an "AM/PM" clinic for acute illness or injury needs. The clinic will be staffed with a Physician, Physician Assistant, or a Nurse Practitioner. This acute needs clinic is designed to allow increased access to care for our patients after the regular Primary Care clinic is closed and on weekends. If you have an emergent condition such as chest pain or suspected stroke, please call 911 or go to the nearest ER. \*The Extended Hours Health Clinic will not be equipped for emergent care.



# Tribal Youth Council



**Location:** AST Complex Building 1  
**Date/Time:** First Meeting will be **March 7<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 am. Meetings vary in length, but usually last at least an hour.  
**Participants /Ages:** 6<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The Youth Council is open to all students in this grade range.  
**Transportation:** Parents will be responsible for bringing and picking up their child.



**What is it? :** The Youth Council is a way for students from the surrounding AST communities to work together and bring to light things they need help with in their school. It is also a way for students to work and learn how they can create a difference for the tribe and their own community. We explore different prevention topics, volunteer in the community, and also explore further educational options.



**Questions:** For Further questions please contact Tresha Spoon at 275-4030, Ext. 121, or Blake Goodman at 364-7569.



# After School Program 2014/2015

**Come join us at the AST Resource Center!!!**

- ✚ Free tutoring in all subjects!
- ✚ Games and activities!
- ✚ Delinquency prevention!
- ✚ Healthy lifestyles!

And much more!



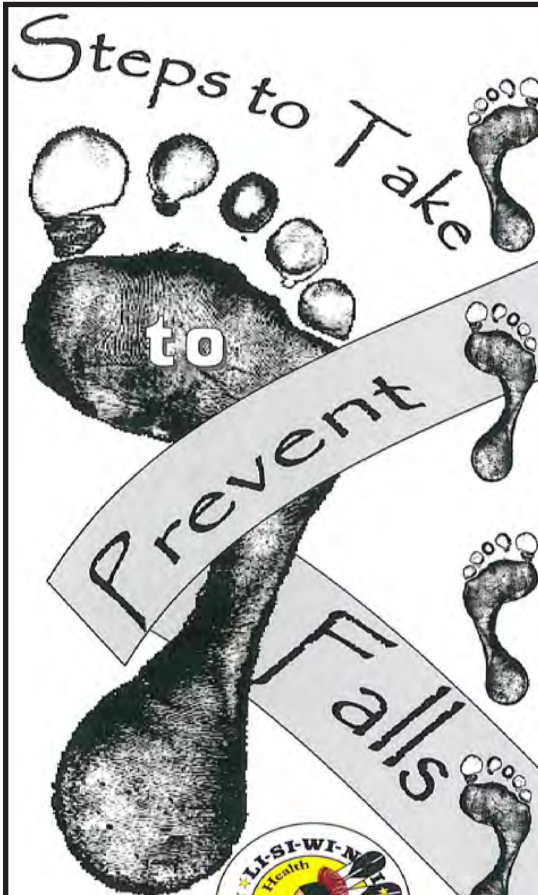
**OPEN TO ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Everything is offered at no charge....Little Axe School's bus will transport students to the AST Resource Center on Peebly Road and parents are responsible for picking students up by 6:00 pm.

**Duration:** Starts September 2nd and will run through the school year.

**Monday-Thursday, 2:45pm-6:00pm**

**For more information and to sign up please contact Blake Goodman at (405) 364-7569.**



**1st- Get Moving (Exercise!!)** By not exercising you weaken your muscles increasing the likelihood of a fall to occur. 30 minutes daily of a low impact exercise will help this.

**2nd- Medications (Check with your doctor!!)** Some medications or a combination of medications can cause dizziness increasing the chance of a fall.

**3rd- Vision (Keep your eyes healthy!!)** Poor vision makes it harder to get around safely. Keep your yearly vision checks and wear glasses or contacts to prevent falls.

**4th- Remove Home Hazards!!** Half of all falls happen at home. Remove clutter from walkways and identify other fall hazards like poor lighting to keep walking safely.

**5th- Have a home evaluation!!** Falling is not a normal part of aging! It is a combination of many factors, have your home professionally checked for potential problems.



**Rosie Tall Bear**  
Injury Prevention Coordinator

Contact me for more information or if you suspect you or a loved one is prone to falling.

rtallbear@astribe.com or 701-7601



**Register Now!!!**  
[www.asthealth.org/patient-portal](http://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

### Family of Alcoholics Support Group

Absentee Shawnee Behavioral Health Services

The Absentee Shawnee Behavioral Health Services is asking for participants to come to family of alcoholics support group start-up meetings. The goal of these meetings is to bring people together whose lives are affected by family members who are living with alcoholism and/or drug addiction. The goal of this group is to become an Al-Anon group.

By adhering to the traditions of Al-Anon, this group will have to become fully self-supporting and leaders (chairperson and secretary/treasurer) of the group will have to be identified and assigned to take care of the necessary business to maintain the group adhesiveness. To start up this group the AST Behavioral Health will support the group for the initial stages, but will have to let the group become fully self-supporting in keeping with the traditions of Al-Anon. The group will have to establish a group conscious which will be the group’s set of shared beliefs, ideas, moral attitudes, and mission.

Al-Anon was established on the 12 steps and 12 traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. Our proposal is for this family of alcoholics support group to evolve into Al-Anon first, to build a foundation to eventually have Alcoholics Anonymous and Ala-teen groups to coincide so we can reach more people who are affected by alcoholism and drug addiction. Please call **John Soap and/or Richard Bennett** at the Absentee Shawnee Behavioral Health at (405) 878-4716 to ask for more information. The initial meeting place will be in the employee committee/music room house (yellow with brown trim) at the Shawnee location at 2025 S. Gordon Cooper. The meeting times will be Thursday at 6:00 PM-7:00 PM. **Initial Meeting will be Thursday, March 12, 2015.**





**AST PHARMACY NEWS**



- Upcoming Pharmacy Department closures are as follows:
  - ✓ October 1, 2013 for inventory
  - ✓ November 11, 2013 to observe Veteran's Day
- Deliveries of controlled medications are not allowed.
- Both Shawnee and Little Axe pharmacy locations fill prescriptions for members of all tribes, but outside prescription orders are restricted to Absentee Shawnee Tribal citizens with established charts.
- If you would like to receive a text message to your cell phone when your medications are ready for pick-up, please alert the pharmacy staff and provide us with a current cell phone number.
- When requesting refills, please provide 24 hours' notice until pick-up. We will need your refill number, located above your name on the prescription label, or the names of your medication in order to fill.
- Present **insurance cards each time** you pick up or drop off a prescription.
- Keep us informed of changes in address, phone number, and other contact information (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: 8am-5pm (& 7:30a-5:30p Drive-Thru) Monday - Friday**

- Phone - (405) 292-9530

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

- 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,  
Pharmacy Staff**

**Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma**

# Injury Prevention Program

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

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

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

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



# The Family of Walt Seber

would like to thank everyone for their help in their time of need.

From the men in maintenance to the ladies who cooked and family and friends.  
Thank You/Nee yaw way!



**Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma**  
**Heritage Resource Technician Paraprofessional Training**  
**April 13 - 17, 2015**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is pleased to sponsor a 40-hour, one week course in Heritage Resource/Paraprofessional Archaeologist Training. The course will be conducted at Thunderbird Casino in Little Axe, Oklahoma, in the Warrior Room, beginning at 8:00 a.m. on April 13 and concluding the afternoon of April 17 with a banquet.

Training will be centered around one week of intensive classroom lecture and field exercises that will conclude with a test. Participants that complete the course satisfactorily will receive a certificate stating that they have trained in Phase 1 survey methodology and site documentation.

Upon request, a list of hotels will be provided for Norman & Shawnee OK. Participants will meet at 8 AM in the Warrior Room (south side) at Thunderbird Casino, Little Axe Oklahoma. During the week of training, lunch, drinks and snacks will be provided.

Participants must pay a \$350.00 registration fee prior to the start of the training (checks should be made payable to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma - Cultural Preservation Department). AST tribal members can call Ms. Tresha Spoon in the Education Department at (405) 275-4030 ext 6242 to see if they qualify for payment assistance or scholarship. The fee should be mailed to:

**Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma**  
**Cultural Preservation Department**  
**2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive**  
**Shawnee, OK 74801**

Or with prior approval can be paid at the door on the starting date of the training. Please email Cecil Wilson at [cecil.wilson@astribe.com](mailto:cecil.wilson@astribe.com) or Joseph Blanchard at [joseph.blanchard@astribe.com](mailto:joseph.blanchard@astribe.com) to notify that you plan on attending the training.

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that I am physically capable of walking short distances and working in an outdoors environment, and I am committed to attending all classes and completing the Paraprofessional Archaeological Training.

Business/Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, please contact Cecil Wilson at (405) 275-4030 ext. 6245 or Joseph Blanchard at (405) 275-4030 ext. 6310

# DISABILITY BENEFITS FOR WOUNDED WARRIORS

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

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

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



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

## 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:

- Handicapped/Disabled and Elderly
- Income
- Family Size/Overcrowded Living Conditions
- Condition of Home

Other Programs available:

- Sanitation Facilities Assistance Program

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

Applications are available online on the website: [www.astribe.com](http://www.astribe.com).

Submit completed application to:

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

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



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

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

Often people with type 2 diabetes have no symptoms.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL  
POLICE DEPARTMENT



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SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION ACT  
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TRIPLINE 405-273-1249

# AST Education Department: Big Jim Youth Awards

**Remember!**

We will begin taking applications for 2014-15 Big Jim Youth Awards on January 1, 2015. High school **seniors** of both genders within the 50 United States are eligible to apply for these awards for the 2014-2015 school year. Applications will be accepted from **January 1 to March 31, 2015** by US mail or email, official transcripts must be mailed. The official application form will be available in January

2015 at [www.astribe.com](http://www.astribe.com) under the Education Department. The \$1,000.00 award is in the form of a scholarship to the college or university where the award recipient will attend for the fall 2015 semester. The scholarship must be used for the fall 2015 semester.

We will begin accepting applications for the following awards:

**Big Jim Academic Achievement Award (Male and Female)**

**Big Jim Athlete of the Year (Male and Female)**

Applications accepted:  
Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>  
Finalists announced:  
May 2015

**Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma**

**Education Department**

2025 South Gordon Cooper Drive

(405) 275-4030 Toll free (800) 256-3341 Fax (405) 273-7938

[youthaward@astribe.com](mailto:youthaward@astribe.com)

Individuals are encouraged to nominate deserving high school seniors. You may nominate yourself. Please refer to the application for required documents. Eligible nominations will be judged by a panel of (non-AST) experts assembled specifically for this purpose. The intent is to bring together an unbiased group of experts to evaluate the applicants in an impartial and unbiased environment. Their decisions are final with respect to all matters concerning these awards. Awards will be announced in May 2015.

We encourage ALL Absentee Shawnee High School Seniors to apply.

Award recipients will be recognized as the 2014-2015 Big Jim Academic Achievement Award winner or the Big Jim Athlete of the Year. In addition to this recognition the award recipients will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship to be used towards their education and the advancement of their career.

Questions on these awards program should be addressed to:

- \$1,000 Scholarship Big Jim Academic Achievement Award (Male)
- \$1,000 Scholarship Big Jim Academic Achievement Award (Female)
- \$1,000 Scholarship Big Jim Athlete of the Year (Male)
- \$1,000 Scholarship Big Jim Athlete of the Year (Female)

### **STUDENT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(LAST) (FIRST) (MI)

Enrollment #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION**

High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Guidance Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Sport: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(FIRST) (LAST)

All Absentee Shawnee High School Seniors are eligible and encouraged to apply.

Documents to be included with application:

- Official High School Transcript
- Letter of Recommendation (Educator/Coach)
- Tribal Enrollment Card (copy)
- Resume of Accomplishments and Activities
- 500-word Essay: How do you feel your accomplishments (knowledge/training) will influence your future?
- Video (optional): no more than 10 minutes in length

**Absentee Shawnee Tribe  
Education Department  
c/o Tresha Spoon  
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive  
Shawnee, OK 74801  
405.275.4030 Ext 121  
[youthaward@astribe.com](mailto:youthaward@astribe.com)**

# MARCH 2013 BIRTHDAYS

Alexander, Jason Thomas  
 Alford, Michael Jason  
 Alford, Terry Wayne  
 Allen, Vanessa Olivia  
 Anania, Salvatore Westbrook  
 Anderson, Steven Brian  
 Annis, Loraine Pearl  
 Applegate, Richard Allen  
 Araujo, Bearen Demetrio  
 Arms, Bruce Edwin  
 Arms, Drake Jagger  
 Augustine, Dezmond Solomon  
 Barnes, Bralynn Kierra  
 Barnhill, Rachel Renee  
 Beaver Jr., Rodney Gene  
 Bender, Liyahna Kyne  
 Bernard, Carol Jean (Mohawk)  
 Bettelyoun, Isaac Phillip  
 Bettelyoun, Taylin Hope  
 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  
 Bradley, David John  
 Brady, Dallas Dustin  
 Brannon, Tkeyah Monique  
 Brinson, Alexander Armando  
 Brokeshoulder, Ashley M.  
 Brooks, Amy Louise  
 Brown, Charley  
 Brown, Monica Francesca  
 Brown, Railynn Taylor  
 Bryce, Jerry Dale  
 Buckheart, Elysa Victoria  
 Buckheart, Phillip Cruz  
 Burk, Harley Lynn  
 Cahwee, Yvonne Katherine  
 Carter, Taylor Wade  
 Casteel, Rhaeanna Corinne  
 Caudillo, Herman Russell James  
 Caudillo, James Adam  
 Clark, Carol Dawn  
 Coddington, Koryne Shazity  
 Coddington, Michele Cholena  
 Cole, Carolyn Mary  
 Cook, Jonathon David  
 Cook, Makylea Mae  
 Coon, Justin Bo  
 Coon, Waylon Henry-Goliath  
 Coriz, Clinton Eric  
 Cravens III, John Monroe  
 Creek, Felix Albert  
 Cruz, Gregorie Thomas  
 Cuellar Jr., Leno  
 Davis, Shawn E.  
 Day, Linda G.  
 Day, Rosanna Jolena  
 Deer, Alicia Kaye  
 Deer, Christopher Jerome  
 Deer, Makiyah Kaylind Anora  
 Denson, Hilda Mae  
 Eckiwardy, Alano Ezekiel  
 Edgin, Laura Marie  
 Ellis, Andrew  
 Ellis, Leann Dee  
 Ellis, Mark Russell  
 Ellis, Renee June  
 Elsluo, Kasia Lee  
 England, Adam Joe  
 Fenner, Alannah Benae  
 Ferree, Sierra N  
 Fife, Zachariah Everett  
 Fontenot, Teddy Lynn  
 Foreman, Henry Jake  
 Foreman, La Donna Rochelle  
 Foreman, Merrilee  
 Foster, Gabriel Lee  
 Frazier, Andee Danielle  
 Freeman, Retha Ann  
 French, Jeffrey Martin  
 Fuller, Rhealee Grace  
 Garretson, Stephanie Rae  
 Garretson, Tanisha Marie  
 Gibson, Charles Arthur  
 Gibson, Dylan Scott  
 Gibson, Isaac Dean  
 Gibson, Jaylan Chaunce  
 Gibson, Johnathan Caine  
 Gibson, Joshua Lee  
 Gibson, Phillip Craig  
 Gibson, Toney Ellise  
 Grass, Ayson  
 Grass, Gavin John  
 Gravel, Robin Renee  
 Graves, Casey James  
 Grover, Michelle Renee  
 Hall, Elizabeth Lynn  
 Hall, Kayla Collette  
 Harjo, Jacob Lee  
 Harjo, Jimmie Dean  
 Harjo, Sammy  
 Harjo, Shirley Ann  
 Harjo, Zerek Bishop  
 Harp, Emily Sue  
 Haskins, Michael Truett  
 Herrera Jr., Rudy  
 Herrera, Richard John  
 Hilderbrand, Derek Mitchell  
 Hood, Richard Foster  
 Hood, Ross Damon  
 Hooper, Michael Shayne  
 Hubble-Kirschner, Skylur Nacole  
 Hunt, Lyndon Brandon  
 Ibarra, Rosalee Brianna Lizzet  
 Irvin, Catherine Ann  
 Isaac-Robbins, Shirley Jean  
 Isaacs, Leann Vachon  
 Johndrow-Boston, Mark Joseph  
 Johnson Jr., Hubert Dana  
 Johnson Jr., Walter Mack  
 Johnson Sr., Walter Mack  
 Johnson, Alexis Lynn  
 Johnson, John Daniel  
 Johnson, John Pershing  
 Johnson, Leam Edwin  
 Johnson, Pamela  
 Johnson, Shirley Renee  
 Jones, Dennis Roy  
 Judkins, Charles Gary  
 Kaniatobe, Tiffany Paige  
 Ketakea, Georgia Kay  
 Ketakea, Kayla Marie  
 Khalil-Qureshi, Maryam Anisah  
 Khalil-Quraishi, Sumiyah  
 Khan, Keyania Shaneil  
 Kickapoo, Collins Kristopher  
 Kirschner, Tony William  
 Kisor, Alexzander Jordan  
 Landrum, Avery Lynn  
 Leach, Melissa Louise  
 Ledezma II, Roberto Bernal  
 Lee, Catherine Stacey  
 Lemon, Toni Marie  
 Leroy, Mary Denise  
 Lewis, Katlyn Hope Cooksey  
 Lewis, Quinton DeWayne  
 Lindsay, Lila  
 Little Axe, Dennis Robert  
 Little Axe, Skye Keenan Patrick  
 Little Charley, Estelena  
 Little Charley, Gary Dean  
 Little Creek, Levi Kelly  
 Little Jim Jr, Webster  
 Little, Benjamin Ray  
 Little, Keith David  
 Little, Marysa Fay  
 Little, Micco David  
 Littlebear, Trinidad Adam  
 Littlecreek, Jade Marie  
 Littlecreek, Jeremiah James  
 Littlecreek, Sadie Rachelle  
 Logan, Priscilla Ann  
 Longhorn, Bradley Lucky  
 Longhorn, Tommy Dale  
 Longhorn, Vaun Marie  
 Longman Jr., Clyde Bennie  
 Longman, Michael Ray  
 Lowe, Victor Shane  
 Mack Jr., Thomas James  
 Mack, Ryan Dale  
 Mahtapene, Charlie Renee  
 Martinez, Alexee June  
 Masquat, Cameron Isaiah  
 Masquat, Nathaniel Gage  
 Maxwell, Kimber Leigh  
 Mayo, Leslie Carol Garretson  
 Mayo, Michelle Marie  
 McBride, Taylor Iralee  
 McBroom, Ashley Denise  
 McBroom, Michelle Leigh  
 McCray, Ashley Nicole  
 McDoulett, Karen Susan  
 McGonigal, Peter Roygan Hodge  
 McGuire, Kasi Lynn  
 McKinney, Mahnee Zuri  
 McLovin, Alexander Charles  
 McMillen, Destenie DeAnne  
 Merrell, Jason Andre  
 Miller, Louis-Renee Sarah  
 Miller, Patrick Michael  
 Miller, Redena Kay (Blanchard)  
 Miner, Matthew Carl  
 Mohawk, Billye-Jo Ryleigh  
 Molina, Terry Randall  
 Montgomery Jr., Wendall Len  
 Moore, Patricia Naomi  
 Morgan, Katie Lynne  
 Morton Jr., Jeremiah James  
 Morton, Hannah Raine  
 Nakamoto, Lisa Marie  
 Nelson, Linda June  
 Nuckolls, Larry Wayne  
 Oney, Mattison Marie  
 Ongaco, Ariana D. Wilson  
 Onzawah, Leroy Galin  
 Ozeretny, Gary Lee  
 Panther IV, William  
 Panther, Ashlynn Nevaeh  
 Panther, Cyerra Lynn  
 Patten, Sherri Louise  
 Peetoom, Alexander R S  
 Pickering, Gertrude B Spybuck  
 Powell, Terry Shane  
 Price, Judith Ann  
 Puckitt, Steven Ray  
 Rainey, Katherine Lydia Warrior  
 Rakestraw, Colton James  
 Respicio, Lucas Antonio  
 Rex, Suzzy Jean  
 Reyes IV, Jose Ysmael  
 Richard, Eryxon Joe  
 Richey, Gunner Wayne  
 Rigney, Sean Librado  
 Roach, Dustin Michael  
 Roach, Dylan Lane  
 Robbins, Joshua Dale  
 Robison, Jack Alan  
 Rolette Jr., Larry James  
 Rolette, Seth Allan James  
 Ruimveld, Vickey Lynn  
 Runsabove, Bryant Kent  
 Ryan, Ryder Lazaro  
 Sanchez, James Andrew  
 Schaal, Winnie Virginia  
 Scott, Denise Renee  
 Self, April Jennell  
 Self, Sheila Ann  
 Sevier, Jennifer Michelle  
 Sloan, James B.  
 Sloat, Athenia Kayra  
 Sloat, Christina Sue  
 Sloat, Jeremy Clay  
 Smith, Daleana Lee  
 Snake, Anna Grace  
 Snake, Steven Ray  
 Soap Jr., Roger Eugene  
 Spoon, Alexander Jacob  
 Spoon, Courtni Renee  
 Spoon, Elijah Gage  
 Spoon, Gracelynn Faith  
 Spoon, Isabella Lorraine  
 Spoon, John Allen  
 Spoon, Robby Wayne  
 Spoon, Sherrie Dawn  
 Spriggs, Dakota Paul  
 Squire, Jerry Wayne  
 Starr, Jesse Lloyd  
 Starr, Lawrence Mitchell  
 Stephens, Aubriana Nichole  
 Steves, Adam James  
 Stewart, Stanley Allen  
 Stinger, Heather Ann  
 Stone, Taylor Cheyenne  
 Straight, Lela Gale  
 Stryker, Vikki Dawn  
 Stuckey, Zoe Ellori  
 Sutton, Mason Riley  
 Sutton, Virginia Lee  
 Switch, Faye Ramona  
 Switch, Redonna Lynn  
 Tahah, Everett Wade  
 Tapia, Dakotah Cruz  
 Taryole, Newman Ryan  
 Taryole, Sydney Alixandra  
 Tascier, Matthew Isaiah  
 Taylor, Lafonda Raye  
 Taylor, Scott Alan  
 Thapa, Sonya Shree  
 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  
 Tucker, Brian O'Neal  
 Tucker, Keely Marie  
 Turner, Terry Michael  
 Villalobos, Lena Lou  
 Walker, Morgan Baylee  
 Walker, Vera N  
 Wallace, Christopher James  
 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  
 Westberry, Casey LyDale  
 Westberry, Hayley Morgan  
 White Thunder, Shelsie Mae  
 White, Calvin Lee  
 White, Raelynn  
 Williams, Bryce Cameron  
 Williams, Cody Grant  
 Williams, Johni Kaleen  
 Williams, Kayce Brylin  
 Williams, Mark Henry  
 Williams, Matthew James  
 Williams, Taree Renea  
 Wilson, Annette Ponkilla  
 Wilson, Mitchell James Wayne  
 Winter, Warren Patrick  
 Witt, Adam Wayne  
 Wolf, Bryne Andrew  
 Wolfe, Leonard Wayne  
 Woods, Kathy Lynn  
 Wright, Tasha Laquinta Suzanna  
 Wyatt, William David  
 Yandell, Steven Joseph  
 Yates, Kylie Ann  
 Yeahpau, Roman Mausanap  
 Zinn, Jenifer Coleman

**Sherrie**

**Wishing you a very  
happy birthday to  
my dear lil sis.**

**May you enjoy many  
more with your  
beautiful children.**

**Love your  
darling sister,  
Creep (aka Babs Jo)**



**Happy Birthday Dear Sister**

**To My Handsome Grandson  
Michael Jason Alford**



**I am so proud of you & I love you bunches!  
Jay G-Low**

**Happy 44<sup>th</sup> Birthday Mom!!**

You deserve this to be  
the best day ever!!

You're the best at what  
you do - raising us!!

Love your  
kids,

Joplin,  
Jiliyan  
& Justin

We love  
you so very  
much!



**To my niece Vikki Dawn Striker**



**I love you!  
Your Auntie Sadie**

**Happy Happy Birthday to my beautiful daughter**

**Sherrie Dawn  
Spoon**

**I am so proud of you,  
you are an awesome  
loving mother to your  
children  
Hugs & Kisses  
and many many more  
birthdays.**

**I love you,  
Mom**



**Happy  
Birthday!**

**To my Granddaughter  
LeeAnn Huckaby**

**And to you and Mark...**

*Congratulations*



*on the arrival  
of your baby boy*

**I love you all,  
Granny Low**



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## Building Blocks News...

February was a busy month for Building Blocks. We were able to re-open with a significant decrease in illnesses in our staff members, though it can never be completely eliminated. We thank everyone who was understanding and patient with us while we worked through these issues and took time to sanitize the center.



The kiddos had such a great time celebrating the month of love! The



Valentine's gifts for their parents.

In March, we will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and welcome the beginning of spring. There is no doubt that our activities will center around these topics, as we prepare for spring break, which is March 16th - 20th. Teachers will be planning field trips during this time, depending on the age group.

April will bring Easter and our annual celebration at Building Blocks. Once again, each teacher will coordinate and

teachers and floaters did a wonderful job planning activities and parties for Valentine's Day. The children engaged in age-appropriate activities to teach them about friendship, sharing and feelings. They also made

plan Easter egg hunts for their class, as well as class parties.

Parents are always welcome to attend field trips, class parties, and other Building Blocks' events with their child(ren). It is not only a great help and support during these times, but it fosters a relationship between the teacher and families. This relationship is important to all of those involved and can help to improve communication, understanding and services. We thank all parents who are involved in our activities each month!

Dates to remember:

Monday, March 2nd: Dr. Seuss' birthday.

Thursday, April 2nd: Easter egg hunts 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.; Easter parties at 3:00 p.m.

Friday, April 3rd: Closed for Good Friday.

Thank you,  
 Billie Thompson  
 Director

## 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](http://www.astribe.com).

- **Academic (K-12) Program:** assists with academic related expenses, and a portion of funds can be used for school-related athletic program expenses. Program has a maximum funding limit for the academic year.
- **Zahn Program:** established from a trust fund, program can help with some graduation expenses, and awards two (2) incentives: one for GED recipients and one for High School graduates. Program has a maximum amount of funding for graduation expenses.
- **Job Training Adult Education Program:** funds for vocational training at accredited vocational institutions. Program has a maximum funding limit for the calendar year or per program.
- **Higher Education: Education Incentive Award Program:** funds for undergraduate degrees, one 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](http://www.astribe.com). Click on Services and select Education.**

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

**Central Tribes of the Shawnee Area, Inc.**  
**Head Start/Early Head Start Programs**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**12/1/13 THRU 11/30/14**

Prepared by: Tamika O'Neal – Head Start/Early Head Start Director

- CTSA Head Start/Early Head Start is operated solely on Public Federal funds in the amount of \$1,518,899 is the total amount of funds awarded after the 5.27% Sequestration budget cut was reinstated. CTSA does not receive any private funds.

- **Proposed Budget and Budgetary Expenditures**

The proposed budget is prepared as a part of the grant application package. It is prepared by carefully considering all resources necessary to serve the required number of children. We use the proposed budget as a guide for our budgetary expenditures. An explanation of the budgetary expenditures is as follows:

1. **Personnel Expenditures**

We strive to meet all guidelines that are set forth for us in staffing numbers and qualifications. Maintaining a well qualified staff is expensive and represents the majority of our grant money. Staffing costs include salaries, employer paid Social Security and Medicare taxes, Workers Compensation Insurance Premiums, Unemployment Insurance Premiums, Medical/Dental Insurance Premiums, and employer paid Retirement Benefits.

2. **Supplies Expenditures**

The first of these is office supplies for program administration. Also, there are program supplies and food service supplies. Program supplies include all necessary items for the classrooms and for the teachers to make and execute their lesson plans. Food service supplies are the items necessary to serve and feed the children such as dishes, glasses, and silverware. The actual expense for food is covered with money provided by the USDA.

3. **Audit Expenditures**

This is for all costs related to the required annual financial audit.

4. **Facilities Expenditures**

These include Rent Expense for our facility in Norman, Oklahoma, and Maintenance Expense which is for all costs necessary to maintain the facilities.

5. **Utilities Expenditures**

This includes all electric, gas, water, telephone, and trash service expenditures.

6. **Insurance Expenditures**

This includes facility insurance, liability insurance, and vehicle insurance.

7. **Travel Expenses**

This includes gasoline and maintenance for all company vehicles.

8. **Parent Expenditures**

This includes two line items. The first is Parent Services which is used to give temporary assistance to parents for living expenses. For Parent Services, we are always the payer of last resort. The other is Parent Activities. Parent Activities Funds are used to help with the cost of parent planned events.

9. **Staff Training Expenditures**

This line item is for sending staff to required trainings to ensure they have current knowledge in all areas. It is also used to help with the costs necessary to assist employees in meeting the minimum education requirements of their positions.

10. **Other Expenditures**

This covers the three remaining line items. The first of these is Printing/Advertising Expense which covers any forms we use that need to be prepared by a professional printer and any necessary advertising for employment vacancies, legal notices, enrolment, and retention. Next is Fees Expense. The majority of these funds are used for required pre-employment screenings. The last of these is Classroom Substitute Expense. Because we are required to maintain staffing requirements in each classroom we have to pay for substitutes when a regular teacher is absent.

- Total number of children and families served during the dates above would be approximately 146 Head Start/Early Head Start children and families and the average monthly enrollment was 99%. Since the beginning of the 2014-2015 school years CTSA has been consistently fully enrolled. All applying children are eligible for services; however, the children with the greatest needs are selected first using a criteria ranking sheet approved by Policy Council that follows federal guidelines.

- CTSA was federally reviewed in March of 2014 and received a 100% compliant review. The results of the FY2013 Audit: there were no findings and only managerial notes that were immediately addressed.

- Approximately 83 % of the enrolled children were reported on PIR as up-to-date on their EPSDT and 83% dental exams in Head Start, and 71% for both in Early Head Start on the programs Program Information Reporting (PIR).

- CTSA operates 3 centers: Cushing, Norman and Shawnee – We encourage all our families to be involved with our program. CTSA offers a variety of parent and family activities throughout the program year. These include activities like Thanksgiving Dinner, Christmas Parades, Children's Programs, Muffins with Mom, Dad's day, Trike- a-thons, as well as always welcoming parents and families to volunteer in the classroom. Additional ways parents get involved is through creating Child and Family goals, Home Visits, Parent/Teacher Conferences, Policy Council and Parent Committees.

- CTSA has School Readiness Goals which also include the Family Engagement aspect that are set to accommodate all ages including Infants and Toddlers, individual goals are set for each child, with the input of the parent, to meet their appropriate developmental needs at that time. Each of these goals aligns with the Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework as well as the State early learning guidelines. Children are assessed 3 times a school year to monitor progress and assist in creating new child goals. CTSA strives to ensure that all efforts are made to prepare children and parents for the Kindergarten experience, including transition activities/packets and/or field trips to the local public schools.

# Horse Shoe Bend After School Program

March 2015

The Horse Shoe Bend After School Program continues to grow and now has 24 students. Each day we typically serve between 10 and 15 students. On days with outside activities, we often have more than 15 students.

## THANKS TO THE OKLAHOMA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY TUTORS

The tutors from Oklahoma Baptist University are very popular. Our young students enjoy talking and interacting with the tutors. The tutors like these interactions too, since some tutors are far away from home and miss their own brothers and sisters.

Nine of the 12 first semester tutors returned for the second semester and we have added five new tutors since the Christmas break. These tutors will soon start working with our students at the After School Program at the Absentee Shawnee Complex. The tutors set their own schedules. Some are able to tutor all four days and some are only there for one or two days.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO KATIE WILSON!

Katie received the Citizenship Award in her Third Grade class at North Rock Creek School. Katie has been enrolled at the Horse Shoe Bend After School Program since starting kindergarten in the Fall of 2011. Katie gives a 100% effort to her studies and her efforts are paying off. Katie is the daughter of Calvin and Annette Wilson. She has two brothers Michael and Ruben.

## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

April 1, 2015 Coloring Easter eggs for all after school students  
Parents are asked to bring a dozen boiled eggs for the students to color

April 2, 2015 Easter egg hunt for all after school students  
Parents may send snacks for the party and are welcome to attend

April 5, 2015 is the EASTER holiday!

I am so pleased with the progress the Horse Shoe Bend After School Program has made this school year. Programs such as this are wonderful for our students and help our parents better manage their busy lives. If you have any suggestions for how to make this program even better, or if you have questions or concerns, please call me at (405) 481-0397.

Thank you,  
Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Governor

### ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

### RECYCLING MA- TERIAL THAT WE ACCEPT.

ALL WHITE PAPER, ENVELOPES, COL-  
ORED PAPER, JUNK  
MAIL, FAX PAPER,  
MAGAZINES,  
NEWSPAPER, CARD-  
BOARD, AND ALU-  
MINUM CANS.

### MATERIAL WE DO NOT AC- CEPT.

TONER, CARBON  
PAPER, FOOD  
WASTE, AND PLAS-  
TIC.

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

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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## Absentee Shawnee Tribe

## Recycling Program

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

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



or processing of municipal waste, and that removing certain materials from the municipal waste stream will decrease the flow of solid waste to municipal landfills. AST Recycling Program used the knowl-

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

## Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle

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

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

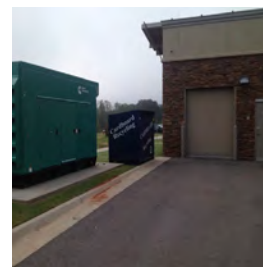
There is a cost associated with recycling, However, economic, social, and environmental benefits exceed these cost.

## Recycling Containers Now Available

OEH now has recycling containers set up for public use. These recycle containers, which are cardboard only containers, are located on the south side of the Title VI building at the main complex and the other container is located at the northeast corner of the Little Axe Clinic.



We also have our mobile recycle container available behind the clinic here at the main complex. We are currently only accepting cardboard in this container as well.



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

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or send us an e-mail to  
stiger@astribe.com

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

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





Absentee Shawnee  
Economic Development  
Authority  
2025 South Gordon Cooper  
Shawnee, OK 74801  
Phone: 405-432-7952

### ASEDA Leverages Strategic Partnerships

ASEDA identifies and investigates opportunities to develop tribally-owned commercial businesses that can provide job opportunities for our tribal members.

We are pleased to report an opportunity to acquire an established, successful business owned by a tribal member. The Board is exploring the business following ASED A's 2015 Due Diligence Review Checklist. In addition, ASED A will partner with the CPA to evaluate the financial condition of current and prospective businesses, including those operated through ASED A Enterprises (Convenience Store, Restaurant and Smoke Shop) as well as the financial condition of the business described above.

In February, the ASED A board members met with the CDFI Director and a Consultant to discuss a partnership to identify and apply for federal grants to initiate new economic development activities.

Recently ASED A was notified by the Oklahoma State Tax Commission of a demand for payment of unemployment insurance premiums from a previously owned business. After reviewing the Management Agreement governing the purchase and sale of this business, and consulting with the Attorney General, we have concluded that ASED A has no financial obligation in this matter.

In her February report, Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe reiterated one of her campaign promises, to "... advance our economic development..." (The Absentee Shawnee News, February 2015, 2). ASED A welcomes this partnership. We met with the Governor in the Fall and presented the results of the 2014 Cost Effectiveness Analysis and described our strategic planning efforts and the goals we would pursue in 2015.

When the ASED A Board members return from the "RES 2015 Conference" in March, we will invite the Governor and other Executive Committee members to attend a presentation on business networking activities identified during the conference.

We are pursuing all of these partnerships to provide positive economic development results for the Tribe.

Respectfully the ASED A Board Members:

- Mr. Dan Little Axe, President
- Mr. Adam Proctor, Vice-President
- Mr. Eddie Brokeshoulder, Secretary



### **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**

#### **Shawnee Office**

**Gene Davis or Amber Alexander 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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Saturday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon



My name is Anthony Porambo, a proud member of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe and an owner of a skateboarding company called, "Chief on a Board". My company is based out of Durango, Colorado and specializes in customized decks, graphics and accessories. My company features graphics with an influence of Native American designs with hidden symbolic messages that help unite us as one nation. As a Native American owned skate company, I wanted to inspire the youth to skate and have some fun. A chance to get out and enjoy some fresh air while bombing hills or carving the sidewalks with my collection of boards. The vision for the company is to be able to sponsor the first Native American pro skater in the X-games. I want to keep the dream alive that anything is possible with hard work and dedication. As the company plans to launch its first collection of longboards and skateboards, I hope to inspire a generation of youth to bust a move and enjoy the ride. Listed below are some links you can follow in some of the success I have had with the company. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube at Chief on a Board. I wish all tribes across our nation the best in fighting for our culture, traditions and rights for our people!

#### Tribal Storm Shelter Program

As of February 1, there have been 18 shelters completed for tribal members which began in December. Once the shelters have been completed, the homeowner will need to register their shelter with their local fire department. Notices will be sent to each homeowner as a reminder to take this important step. If you need help finding your local fire department contact the Emergency Manager at 405-740-1562.

We can take 4 more applications from tribal members and when we have those 4, the application portion will be complete. The priority is for those who were directly affected by the May 2012 tornado who live in Cleveland, Pottawatomie, and Oklahoma counties. If you need an application, there is one available on the tribal website, tribal complex administration office or one can be mailed upon request by email to lday@astribe.com or call Emergency Manager 405- 740-1562.

#### Red Cross, Partnership

Plans have been made for Red Cross volunteers to distribute free weather radios at the Little Axe Tribal Clinic on Thursday, February 26 from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. and lunch will be provided. I will be meeting with the Red Cross liaison to discuss our implementation plan for the MOU which will target activities and timelines for providing assistance to our tribal community to promote readiness and resilience.

#### Community Outreach

The January ITEM (Intertribal Emergency Managers Coalition) meeting was hosted by the Cherokee Tribe at Catoosa, OK to plan for the Annual Emergency Management Summit. FEMA personnel from Region VI made presentations to the group regarding upcoming training opportunities and to invite tribes to the Regional Interagency Steering Committee in Denton, TX February 24-25, 2015. Day One will have Governor Chavarria of Santa Clara Pueblo who will be speaking on their Presidential Disaster Declaration and share the Pueblo's experience of the process. This is of great importance as they are the first tribal nation to submit a request for a declaration to the President. The Agenda for day two will include presentations on COOP (Continuation of Operations Plan) and Devolution.

#### Training/Meetings

Intertribal Emergency Managers Coalition Monthly Meeting January 13, 2015, hosted by Cherokee Tribe in Catoosa, OK



## Home Composting

### A simple way to contribute to a healthy environment

- Have you ever been interested in creating a healthier environment, or just wanted to minimize the amount of trash that you produce at home? If so, then look no further than composting.
- Composting is basically the process of putting organic materials in a container and letting nature do the work. Organic materials would be any material from plants or animals, such as food, yard waste, and even products such as paper and cardboard.
- When you put these materials into a composting bin, they are broken down by bacteria, insects, and fungi. Once broken down, the waste from these organisms becomes nutrient-rich compost which can be used in your own yard for mulch, soil conditioner, and fertilizer.
- Another bright side to composting is the amount of waste that is being diverted from landfills. According to the EPA, 70% of the waste that is sent to landfills is organic matter. So when you compost, you're saving space at the landfill for all of the other waste that has nowhere else to go.
- If you're interested in learning more about composting, you can visit any of the following compost education websites.
- <http://www.mastercomposter.com/purpose/compost.html>
- <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/composting-soils/index.asp>
- <http://www.cityfarmer.org/homecompost4.html>
- <http://www.howtocompost.org/>

# 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**

First, let me apologize for not putting an article in this past month's newsletter. The submission date has now been changed to the 15th of the month. However, since one of my program's grant information was due, it was more important for me to complete that task to ensure future funding. Our department and programs have been extremely busy this past month. Each program completed and submitted an End of Year (EOY) report to provide details on the work that was completed in 2014. The information will be reviewed then processed into a format for the membership, to be included in the Semi-Annual General Council booklet come April.

Though there weren't any cultural events scheduled, we didn't miss anything with the extra Complex closings for weather and national holidays. I do have an announcement I'd like to make concerning our Cultural Advisory Committee. It has been brought to my attention we have available positions and I would like for those interested in participating to follow procedure and submit an application or resume to the Secretary's Office. These volunteer positions have a service time length of 2 years and provide advice and input on sensitive topics related to our Culture, Language, Traditions, and NAGPRA issues.

We have several activities scheduled during March. To begin, we will travel to the University of Oklahoma to participate in the Native Crossroads Film Festival and Symposium to watch the screen presentation of "Empire of Dirt" on Friday, March 6th. In addition, there will be a public information session presented by the HRT Coordinator, Cecil Wilson, on Paraprofessional Training, Wednesday, March 18th. As of today, we have set aside Saturday, March 28th as a cultural event though the presenter has not confirmed yet. Please call to reserve your seat, as space is limited. If you have questions about the skills classes or would like to lead a demonstration, please call Joseph at Ext. 6310, or send an email to joseph.blanchard@astribe.com

## **LANGUAGE**

I attended a meeting on Sunday, February 8th, to discuss our language program and to share ideas on how other tribes have implemented these with their membership. The discussion was very fruitful and provided useful information I will begin publishing over the next few months. As I provided an update to oversight, I mentioned the costs involved and the expectations needed from our Tribe. Because we possess the majority of 'Fluent' speakers amongst all three Shawnees, our task is simple. I have been asked to schedule appointments with our Elders who may want to help in completing review of the data and share their insight. A small stipend is being offered to

compensate for time and effort.

Previously, I mentioned there has been discussion about restarting the Language classes and I asked for those wanting to participate to submit an email with your level of interest. If you possess this capability, call our office to discuss how you can become involved. I am still looking for participants and those willing to lead the class presentations. This is an important facet of our Tribal heritage but I need all the assistance I can get. It is my intent to start Shawnee Language classes in the fall. The course will be taught in a classroom setting, with a complete curriculum of: lesson plans, activities, vocabulary, sentence structure, and assessments. I want to thank those who have already stepped forward to assist or provided words of encouragement. Only through collaboration and better communication can we expect to reach our goals.

## **LIBRARY**

We are planning an event during Spring Break, March 16-20, for those youth not going out of town. Unfortunately, our Library Tech resigned unexpectedly and I'm reviewing where she was at in the scheduling. So please check the tribal bulletin boards and other public areas for updated information regarding this activity. Likewise, I will be posting online for the job vacancy and hope to have a qualified person in place within a matter of weeks. We still have a variety of resources available for check-out or your reading leisure including magazines, newspapers, and journals. If you have any questions, please call Ashley at Ext. 6243.

## **GIFT SHOP**

The Gift Shop continues to make progress in sales and new inventory as we concluded our year with a bang. 2014 was our biggest year since I came on board in 2012. The winter orders have arrived and are doing well. For those who have asked, Ms. Esther has been preoccupied with her son's health and recovery. She is set to return later this month after he has been moved back to Shawnee.

Again, keep a look out on the bulletin boards and your email. We are planning an "Inventory Reduction Sale" this month to make room for the spring order. We will announce it once we're ready but some of the items include: Backpacks, wind breaker jackets, long sleeve T-shirts, sweatshirts, aluminum water bottles, and hats. These are limited to stock on hand and are "first come, first serve".

Please come in and check out our selection of CD's in the Native style of music you prefer. Don't forget we carry other tunes for NAC and stomp dance. If we don't have what you like, let us know. For inquiries, call Esther at ext. 6323 or by email at elowden@astribe.com

## **THPO**

Our THPO program continues to make great strides and advancements by responding to consultation requests from over 20 federal agencies, representing 20+ states. In anticipation of future agreements and more work, we are already coordinating with Forest service

personnel to conduct a spring HRT Training to be held April 13-17, 2015. Upon completion of the HRT certification course, individuals will become eligible for seasonal employment as a paraprofessional. For questions related to registration, please call Cecil Wilson at Ext. 6245 or by email at cecil.wilson@astribe.com. In addition, there should be a form included in the newsletter.

Recently, I attended a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) training in Memphis, TN. Upon completion, I received a certificate of completion for "Environmental Review and Compliance". The sessions were very informative as we now have two people on staff to assist and complete reviews for all FERC projects within our area of concern. The Tribe will be happy to know there wasn't a registration fee and the only costs we incurred were for hotel and gas.

Additionally, people may have noticed our parking lot has become fuller. There are two reasons for this increase:

1. The recent hire of additional staff, and
2. Recent vehicle purchase.

We completed the hiring process in February to bring on two new employees. The main intent is for these two ladies to assist in completing Section 106 Review, using the TCNS system provided to us by the FCC. In addition, they both possess specific skills related to future expansion of our THPO Program, more specifically: National Archives and Records Association (NARA) certification, Anthropology, GeoSpatial Systems and NAGPRA. Due to their recent hire, they haven't had time to create a biography and profile but it will be included in next month's issue.

Where the vehicles are concerned, as Director, I have done my best to secure needed assets necessary to complete our job tasks. By finding other additional revenue resources, this purchase didn't interfere or create a hindrance to existing Tribal funds. For those interested, you may review the information and attachments I presented in my recommendation to the Executive Committee in passing Resolution AST-2014-59. The basis of my argument is that these cars be used by the Cultural Preservation Department and to assist the HRT Program in completing their associated tasks.

Your concerns are important to us. We know everyone has important things on their agenda, which is why we try to schedule activities well in advance and publicize it to the membership in order for them to put it on their calendars. However, it is up to the individual to place a priority on what they value and learn about their heritage. We thank you for the continued support of our department as we continue to make changes to our programs, in order to provide the best service to our Tribal community. 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

# RESPONSE TO ACCUSATIONS MADE AGAINST GOVERNOR BUTLER-WOLFE

Recently, my qualifications as the Building Blocks Child Development Center Director have come under fire by some Executive Committee members. They have insinuated I am unqualified to hold my position. Therefore, I would like to share a little of my background, education, and qualifications with everyone.

I began working in childcare in 1996. I've worked as an assistant teacher in a childcare center and as a teacher in Head Start. In 1999, I opened my childcare home and operated it for 12 years. For most of those years, my childcare home was a 2 STAR facility. I've taken care of children from 6-weeks-old to 12-years-old during my 15 years of working as a childcare teacher, owner, and operator.

I am registered with the Center for Early Childhood Professional Development (CECPD) and have been certified as a Level 9 on the Oklahoma Professional Development Ladder, based on my experience and education. Level 10 is the highest level that can be obtained. Additionally, I have my Gold Director's Credential from the CECPD, which is the highest level that a childcare center director can achieve. This is also based on my experience and education. The CECPD is the only credentialing agency the Department of Human Services recognizes with regards to childcare employee requirements.

I am a member of the Southern Early Childhood Association (SECA), the Early Childhood Association of Oklahoma (ECAO), and the National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

In 1999, I obtained my Associates Degree in Psychology from Oklahoma City Community College. Within this degree, I have 24 college credit hours in Child Development or Child Development related courses, to include Early Child Center Financial Planning and Management. I graduated with a 3.76 GPA.

In 2005, I obtained my Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from the University of Phoenix (OKC). With a 3.97 GPA, I graduated with Honors.

From February 2011 – December 2011, I was a counseling intern at Crossroads Youth & Family in Norman. My counseling case load consisted of children, adolescents, and families. I also worked with the children at the Crossroads Youth & Family shelter. In 2012, I obtained my Masters Degree in Professional Counseling from Mid-America Christian University. I graduated with a 4.0 GPA.

From November 2012 – December 2014, I worked toward my Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) licensure by providing counseling services (under supervision) to children, adolescents, and families while also working a full-time job at times. In December 2014, I was approved for and received my LPC license through the Oklahoma State Board of Behavioral Health. I continue to provide counseling services on a part-time basis to this population.

It is unfortunate that those who have made accusations regarding my qualifications, and other topics, have failed to do their research prior to making false and slanderous statements. It is truly a waste of tribal members' time. I am not interested in the political or personal agendas that relentlessly pollute our tribal government. My job is to ensure Building Blocks provides a quality service to all of the children and families who enter our doors. I have made great improvements to our program since I began working as the Director in September 2013. I invite anyone who is interested in speaking to me regarding the Building Blocks program or my qualifications to contact me at (405) 878-0633 or by email at bthompson@astribe.com.

Respectfully,  
Billie Thompson

Tribal Member & Director of Building Blocks, C.D.C.

## ***OKLAHOMA INDIAN LEGAL SERVICES, INC. (OILS)***

Attorneys from Oklahoma Indian Legal Services will provide free Will preparation services for eligible tribal members who own interest in Indian Trust or Restricted Land.

### **WILL PREPARATION CLINIC**

**DATE: MARCH 24, 2015**  
**10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**

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**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE**  
**OF**  
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Please call Norma (M-F, 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.) to register at:  
1-800-658-1497

You must have an appointment to talk to an attorney.

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# 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.

## Why do we need Indian Child Welfare?

## Why do we need Tribal Foster Homes?

# Foster-Care System Stretched Too Far

Recent news reports reported on July 2 that Sally Schofield, the foster mother of Logan Marr, was found guilty June 25 of wrapping the 5-year-old's body with 42 feet of duct tape during a "timeout," causing the little girl to suffocate.

Schofield could face up to 40 years in prison for the child's death.

"The child-welfare system failed Logan Marr in every possible way," said Richard Wexler, the executive director of the National Coalition for Child Protection Reform. "They failed her ... by ... ignoring her cries of abuse and they failed her by letting her die in that foster home."

Six weeks before she was killed, Logan was on a visit to her birth mother when, in the presence of a child-welfare worker hired to supervise the visit, she complained that her foster mother was hurting her. "She did this to me and I cried 'cause it hurts me," the child is heard saying on a videotape, although she isn't seen.

The truth is that we must protect our tribal children; we must protect them from a system that is overworked and in desperate need of an overhaul. We must have a voice in the child welfare system for our tribal children. As tribal child welfare workers there is not a day that goes by where we are not fighting for the rights of one of our tribal children and working to make sure that employees of the State are following OICWA and ICWA. Silence will not ensure the rights of this generation, or the next generation of Absentee Shawnee Children. The Absentee Shawnee Foster Care Program is in need of tribal foster care homes for AST children. A strong tribe must have a system in place to protect the youngest of its members when they need protection. If we do not have tribal foster homes, our Absentee Shawnee children go into State homes. We have not control over these homes; therefore, the children placed in these homes are more vulnerable. Some will say that no one can love their child as much as a parent, but when parents are unable to care for their children properly, we as a tribe need to be there for the children....We must love that child as their parent.

We use a Native American tradition of the talking stick. You sit and pass it around and whoever has the stick has to talk. Some people just hold it. Others really share.

Let us be a tribe that protects the youngest of our tribal members, let us just not say the words, but open our homes to those children who need us to protect them and offer them safety. If you are interested in becoming a foster parent please notify:

Julie Wilson  
AST/CPS/FOSTER CARE

405-878-4702

# 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).



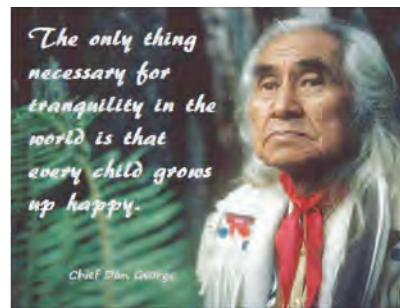
## GOT LOVE?



## 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)**



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.



# AST Tribal Members! Bring the Family!

"Dedicated to Progress"

Meet the Candidate for 2015 Tribal Secretary

Sacha Almanza



Join us for FREE food!

A Moon Bounce for the kids!



Where: AST Resource Center, Little Axe

Time: 11am-2pm

Date: Saturday, March 14th

For questions call:

405.642.3302



**"Let us form one body, one heart, and defend to the last warrior our country, our homes, our liberty, and the graves of our fathers." –Tecumseh**

Ho'! Nila, yokoma, nahawelamaki. Greetings relatives! We come from great leaders who were servants to the People. They sacrificed and gave of themselves unconditionally. Our ancestors paved a way for generations to come. Every action they made was for the betterment of our people. Our grandparents carried our Nation to this point in time. Today, the grandparents that we have left are very precious to us and are currently shedding tears because of the dysfunction within our Tribe.

As a mother of four beautiful children, my heart hurts because I wonder what will be left for them when it is their turn to lead our Tribe. For these reasons, I have dedicated my life to the betterment of our people. By working for our Tribe, I experienced firsthand many of the issues our people face. For the early part of my life I was raised around my Shawnee grandparents and was able to witness unconditional love expressed by my Gibson family. It was these values and way of life that guided me to stay close to our fireplace. I raise my children to be

kind and compassionate for others. Chief Tecumseh made many expressions of these kinds of teachings and dedicated his life to not only unify our Nation of Shawnees but all of our Native people in this land. He knew that as a unified body we can accomplish anything and would be able to prepare for future generations to come. Recently, there have been issues that are prevalent within our current leadership that prevents our people from addressing issues that are very important to the welfare of tribe as a whole.

My beliefs in our traditional way of life, education, work experience, and overall life experience has given me the confidence to stand up for what is right so that our children's children will have a future. My education and work experience has given me the insight to use all the opportunities to resources that exists in this modern society. At one time our Tribe was leading the way for all tribes and we had a strong working government that received national recognition for addressing many issues involving all native people. We should be self-sufficient as a people and utilize all resources available as a people. I firmly believe our elders are valuable assets and deserve the best.

I am dedicated to serving our people and will be very grateful for an opportunity to serve as your Tribal Secretary. I have wanted to serve our people for many years and made the conscious decision to complete my Master's degree so I would have something to offer our people. I made this promise to my late grandmother Cleona (Gibson) Mann that I would complete my higher education as this was something that she wanted for me. So with love and admiration for my grandmother, my four children, and our Tribe, I pushed through to achieve it. I've listened to our people talk about what they would like to see in our leadership and without a doubt I know this is what I was meant to do. Times change and the know how to achieve real progress is reliant on education. I also believe that with education comes a sense of ethics and professionalism that some of our past leaders greatly lack. Furthermore, during election time it is a common practice for promises to be made and never fulfilled. I will never make false promises but there are a few things I am certain I CAN promise you. I will strive to make my involvement in meetings including Executive Committee meetings a top priority (I WILL ATTEND); I will implement record keeping measures for all the dealings done in the Secretary's office including detailed record of contacts made with tribal members and what resolution was made if necessary in order to achieve a higher level of transparency, as well as increase your satisfaction in leadership.

In addition to that, I will work to be a mediator with other leaders rather than having public disputes. After 5 p.m., I will still be your Secretary, your leader, and represent you and vow to uphold the constitution and conduct myself accordingly. Throughout my educational journey I have learned how build a strong business foundation, along with the abilities to sustain a business and progressively flourish. I have many ideas for the programs that fall underneath the duties of Tribal Secretary. There are tremendous opportunities to revitalize our current businesses

and future businesses through assessment and proper strategic business planning. It is important that we seek out solutions where they may have seemed impossible and explore new opportunities for growth.

I am organizing a lunch and will provide an opportunity to meet me personally for any questions or comments on March 14th at 11 a.m. at the Little Axe Resource Center. I look forward to meeting you. I am also on FaceBook for those who wish to contact me on through social media ("Sacha Almanza for Absentee Shawnee Tribal Secretary 2015"). I am aware that tribal elders may not have access to fb, so for this reason I am offering elders an opportunity to contact me personally (405.642.3302). I am dedicated to serving you and thank you for this opportunity. Nya Weh Shalanokii, noki, kanola!



My name is John Raymond Johnson. I'm running for the secretary position for the tribe.

I'm asking for you to vote for me in the March 21st primary election. As a business man I have been in the optical business for 35 years in which I owned and operated my own optical dispensary for over 20 years. I recently sold my business and now have the opportunity to apply my business knowledge to work in the tribal government. I graduated from Norman High School and attended Murray State College. I'm a former member of the Norman rotary club and Norman Business Association.





# Paulette Blanchard

Candidate for  
Absentee Shawnee

Tribal Secretary

**VOTE!** March 21, 2015

- Educated and skilled in Indian and Indigenous issues locally, nationally and internationally
- Ethical
- Professional
- Experience in business and management
- Advocate for social and environmental justice
- Experience & Education in Federal Indian law and policy
- Educated in American Indian history
- Educated and skilled in environmental sustainability, climate impacts, community resilience and adaptation
- Network of professional contacts locally and nationally
- Clean background and no criminal record - bondable
- Passionate about Shawnee history and traditions



Greetings Absentee Shawnee citizens, relatives and friends,

As the primary election gets closer, I would like to share further information about myself for those that may not already know me. I was born in northern California and raised both there and in Shawnee. I moved back here permanently in 2000 to be close to and care for my grandmother, Cecilia. I lived with her in Shawnee for a few years and then she came to live with me on Garrett's Lake Road by Horseshoe Bend community. I now live in Little Axe.

I am a mother of two grown daughters. Chantel is married to Charles Bates and they live in Shawnee raising my grandson Dean. Alexa is a university sophomore in California studying communications. I am 44 and live with my best friend and fiancé Mark, who is enrolled Cherokee. I live on a small farm where I garden, care for my horses and other animals. I own a small construction company.

I researched the job description for the position of secretary and believe I would complement the tribe in the position. I have skills, education, experience and the ability to perform a job professionally without taking business personally. I have no bitterness or spite in my heart for anyone and work hard to find balance and compromise in what I do. I will not participate in nepotism or favoritism, as I will put the greater needs of the tribe ahead of my own.

I read the constitution closely and possess the experience and comprehension to adhere to its parameters. We have intelligent and educated people in our tribe that can interpret the constitution if there are questions, yet, they are often not asked. Knowing this, it is time to quit allowing outsiders to influence our decisions while charging us to do it.

It is obvious that our tribe is in need of leadership the community trusts. We need leaders that have the best interest of the entire tribe in what they do, and the decisions they make. We need unity to be successful and this takes involvement and support from our community. We have sovereignty to decide how to manage our tribe, and with good people in the right positions this is possible. If you want a quality secretary that will listen to everyone and hear his or her problems, ideas and successes, then I am that person.

If chosen to represent our community as Secretary I would work as a team with the EC towards: transparency, budget management, and completing the external audit in order to understand the tribe's fiscal situation-WITHOUT attorneys. I would create the agendas for the meetings early enough to post and share with the EC and community. I would also work to support the enrollment department to update its systems and record so the information is current and efficient. I would be available for the community needs.

I have some questions that I would seek to answer. Why do we subcontract out so much work instead of getting our own citizens trained in the skills to provide services in? Where does our money go and why do we not see progress? How much debt do we carry and what does the community want to do to change it? Where is our accountability and who is responsible? It is time to roll up our sleeves and get to work because there's a lot of work to be done.

As secretary I hope to push for more community meetings in order to provide a platform to better voice tribal concerns and work towards productive solutions. I want to cut the excess; if we cannot afford it, don't do it. If it doesn't work or costs more than it produces, get rid of it. If it hurts our community, stop it. Also, there are serious questions and concerns about grant monies and the overall sustainability of our tribe. As secretary I would work diligently with the rest of the EC and AST community to address and answer these concerns and questions as I am passionate about our tribe's survival, success, and sovereignty.

We need each other because our tribe is falling apart fast. The choices made have ripple effects. Now is the time to decide how we can repair our Absentee Shawnee government back into something we are proud of and this involves and includes each one of you. It is because of both my great respect for you, the citizens of the Absentee Shawnee and my own desire for a better-run government that I humbly ask for your vote in the upcoming election.

NiYaWay,  
Paulette Blanchard  
paulettelblanchard@gmail.com

Tribal Members,

Hello. My name is Jeff Gibson.

I am the son to the late John Gibson Jr. and Elsie Wynona Blanchard. Both of my parents are Traditional Absentee Shawnee members and belong to the Old Ground in Little Axe, Oklahoma. I am a firm believer of our tribal culture, heritage and religion of the Absentee Shawnee, as it gives us an identity unique to other tribes and people.



I have filed as a candidate for the position of AST Governor to be voted on in the primary election next month, March 21, 2015. It was a pleasure working for you as the Tribal Representative from June 2010 to June 2014. During that time I educated and familiarized myself with the different levels of issues that concern and affect our tribal government. It was also a gratifying experience in assisting tribal members, with any issues they had, when possible.

I have continued my education of our tribal government working as a Project Coordinator for the Secretary's office. During these past 8 months, I have assisted a couple of EC members in gathering information, interpreting data and working with them to make sound decisions, based upon our constitution, to benefit the tribe as a whole. By doing this, it has allowed me to have a working knowledge of the issues, problems, concerns and obstacles that are in place that challenge our tribal government.

The following are just a couple of points I'd like to elaborate on:

Culture, Heritage and Religion are identity traits that are high on my priority list. I am a firm believer in our tribal customs and believe they are what make us Absentee Shawnee people. I believe that our government and religion should not overlap nor overshadow the other. The Preamble of our Constitution contains the following: "...; to protect our culture, heritage

and religion;” Also, in the oath that the elected officials take upon entering office states:

“I, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma and their traditions and laws...” The leadership of this tribe should always take into consideration the fact that we are representing a group of people that possess unique culture and religion and that our decision making affects the tribe as a whole. Not specific people or portions of the tribe.

Leadership is a quality I would like to share and return to the entire Executive Committee in accordance to the Constitution. It takes all 5 members to provide a stable work environment so that we can assure that professional services are provided to our tribal members. We, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, have opportunities to take advantage of in order to build a future for us now, as well as our future generations. I look forward to making that happen as your elected Governor.

Economic Development is an issue that concerns us all. Each year, the dollars that we receive from the Federal Government are reduced, even though our tribal enrollment may increase or stay the same. Even the saturation of casino’s in the state of Oklahoma is a concern, as there are well over 100 casinos in the state. We all know that in the city of Shawnee there are 5

gaming facilities fighting for the same regional consumer dollars. I feel the need to start looking at different avenues to venture down in order to create a wide variety of revenue that the tribe could use to supplement the on-going cuts in federal and gaming dollars. The business ventures and revenue that we, as a tribe, could create would enable us to keep our money in our own hands and decide how it’s going to be spent in providing services that we see as needed.

Health Programs have been moving forward and the future looks great. I know we will always have some issues, but the Health Director and the Health Boards have been working to provide you with the best services possible. I am glad to say that this is an area this is progressing with good numbers and high potential. I am hoping I can assist in future developments to provide better services for the tribal people who live in the area. Also, I would like to work with the Director and Health Board on seeing what we could do for our people who live outside the DHS designated service area.

Collier Ruling. I have educated myself to some degree on this issue by actually reading the US Supreme Court Ruling, research, talking with BIA officials and Law Attorneys since June of 2010. As we all know, the world isn’t making any new land. I truly believe anytime the tribe has an opportunity to buy land in our service area, we should buy it at a reasonable

market value. Then we should test the Collier Ruling and see if the Citizen Pottawatomie’s will place the purchased land into Trust Status. The ruling has never restricted the Absentee’s from increasing our land base, just how we go about putting the land into trust. If the Pott’s deny us this service, then we would have an opportunity to approach the Secretary of Interior and Congress for assistance.

These are just a few points that I feel are necessary to address, as they are components of our tribal government and services that weigh heavily. But there are a lot more issues and concerns that we as a tribal government and elected officials will always need to address on a daily basis.

I would like to visit with whoever might have some questions about my views, outlook, personal concerns and the direction I would like to steer this tribe as the elected Governor of the AST. Please feel free to contact me after 5 pm in the evenings or on the weekends if you’d like to visit.

Please allow the 4 years as Tribal Representative and the last 8 months as a Project Coordinator to serve as the experience needed to be the candidate elected, with the knowledge of the issues, concerns and obstacles already in place, as the Governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

Ne Yi Wa!

## Kathy Deere--Candidate for Governor

LISTEN, LEARN & LEAD

Most of you know me. I served four (4) years as your elected treasurer. Maybe you didn't know that I am dedicated to high moral and ethical standards of conduct and I will conduct myself with honesty, integrity and a strong commitment to compliance with all applicable laws, especially tribal law and the Code of Conduct and Ethics established by General Council through referendum vote.

As elected officials, we need to be examples of the highest level of ethical conduct, honesty, reliability and trustworthy leaders to address local, state, and national issues and I feel I can be an asset for our Tribe. In the past, I attended a few conferences, symposiums, and workshops where I have been the only tribal leader there and sometimes the only tribe representing Oklahoma. I will provide our Tribe with a good reputation, reverence, and respect.

If elected your Governor, it is my commitment to do my best to meet all obligations to all who have a personal, professional, or financial stake in what the Absentee Shawnee Tribe does, including all committee boards, tribal membership, employees, suppliers and host communities, etc.

All the Tribes' Departments necessitate a successful, collectively environment with an open door policy for their employees. These departments have various functions that they need to perform their duties with no interference of politics, nepotism, or conflict of interest should be tolerated. It will be the sole responsibility of all departments to observe and comply with their department's policies and procedures. I do not want employees to feel coerced, vulnerable, intimidated, or feel insecure and not happy while employed with the tribe. If employees have problems, they need to know they can talk with someone. So I will try to find the right solution to help these employees.

I understand the will and interest of General Council on issues they put to referendum vote. I will not challenge them if passed; but try to work together to make sure there is no conflict to our constitution, tribal codes and laws, legality, agree to gather information needed, and implement action, as soon as possible.

As elected officials, we can come to agreements together through discussion on any problem and work things out. We can be a better people tomorrow if we all work together. We have to think about our future generations. We want to leave them with future legacies, not burdens. May God Bless and thank you!

If you have questions, Call, email, or text me at 405/816-7874, [shwneturtle@gmail.com](mailto:shwneturtle@gmail.com)

**"LEADERSHIP IS BASED ON INSPIRATION, NOT DOMINATION; ON COOPERATION, NOT INTIMIDATION."**  
William Arthur Wood

**VOTE KATHY DEERE—AST GOVERNOR**

### My Absentee Shawnee people, Who I am

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Twila Parker and I am running for the Office of Secretary. The Office of Secretary is one that is given great responsibility as it records and maintains the minutes of all our Executive Committee meetings and ensures that timely enrollment for the Tribe occurs.

I am a veteran and served in the Air Force receiving an honorable discharge in 1980. Shortly after that I began my professional career. I worked for Indian Health Service (IHS) here at the former IHS run Shawnee Service Unit, shifting to Tinker Air Force Base in Midwest City and retiring from the United States Postal Service after 30 years of civil service work.

In 1976, I began my educational efforts. I went through the Draughton School of Business in Oklahoma City, and then went on to receive an Associate's degree in Applied Science in Business Administration. I was steadfast in my resolve to learn and in 2003 I received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma in Administrative Leadership. I wanted to learn as much as I could and in 2005 received a Masters degree in Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma.

I have found education helps in adapting to and understanding the core functions of a government – collecting taxes, maintaining law and order, protecting the environment, solving the problems of the homeless, regulating the health and safety of a workforce, and planning for the future for both our children and elders. This takes strong fiscal management, sound budgeting, and planning. My goal, if elected, is to work towards common goals set by and with Absentee Shawnee people in conjunction with our elected leaders. What does that mean? I want to work with our elected leaders to make progress for the tribe. How will I do that? Well, let



me share my vision with you.

**Enrollment**

Times are changing and we need to be making advances in our Enrollment department. We need to add staff for faster application processing; give the department a copier/fax machine that can do volume; provide adequate computer software and hardware to do their work; ensure adequate work space is provided to retain all records, in a secure area; and last but not least – pay staff based on like services offered by other Tribes.

As for our minutes being recorded we need new and improved equipment; we should be able to make our Executive Committee meeting’s live so that members can view the meeting in real time; tribal members should be able to see the agenda’s prior to these meetings occurring; we should be able to see the minutes (that aren’t from special sessions) that were taken; tribal members should have access to tribal resolutions either online or prior to the meeting and employees, who work directly for the Tribe, should also have access to view approved resolutions; these documents should be electronically archived in a timely manner and these minutes should all be recorded by the Secretary’s Office. Further, I believe that all Executive

Committee meetings should be attended by elected officials and travel should be limited. We are here to do the work of the Tribe. How can we do the work of the Tribe if we aren’t at the meetings or in our Offices? How can we monitor programs which we have oversight over if we are out at conferences, trainings, and meetings? How can we serve on a committee or represent the Tribe at national meetings if we aren’t even familiar with what our own programs are doing? If elected, I would work towards ensuring appointments are done so the Tribe has adequate representation at national meetings and I would make certain those programs under my oversight are not neglected. I have served on a number of Boards/Committees and have learned the need to have an in-depth understanding of a Board’s and/or Committee’s rules of order; policies and procedures of that Board and/or Committee; its purpose and process, and their ethical requirements.

I know what commitments are, both, personally and professionally. I have been married for over 35 years to David Parker and have two children: Shawn and Queta. As previously stated I retired with over 30 years of civil service professional work experience so I have a strong work ethic. I have been watching and waiting for the opportunity to serve my people as I have my country and family. I hope you will give me that opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration. My name is Twila Parker and I commit to you I will be principled, informed, and educated (PIE) on those actions that come before the Tribe.

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**RE-ELECT ME FOR GOVERNOR AND LET’S BUILD FOR THE FUTURE (BFF)!**  
**EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE**

Hello my Absentee Shawnee people!

It is that time of year when those of us who are interested in running for Office pay our respective fees; mine was \$500, to begin the campaign process. The next step in this process is the Election Commission will determine who meets the eligibility criteria as cited within our Election Ordinance. This list is reviewed by our Enrollment department who research our information to determine if we are dually enrolled or are enrolled only with the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. Then after all eligibility factors are determined to have been met, by our hard working Election Commission, then the list is posted and we, your candidates, begin our campaign journey letting you have a better understanding about who we are, what we want to do if we get elected, and about how we might go about making those changes. Let me give you a brief bio on ‘Who’ I am:

I am a proud citizen of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe and was elected to serve as your Governor in July of 2013. My educational efforts began at Dale High School then I pursued course work at Seminole Jr. College, Rose State Jr. College, St. Gregory and Oklahoma Baptist Universities. Being one of seven sisters I knew being employed was not an option, but a way of life, and became employed in my early teens. I believe one’s work can illustrate both commitment and pride when a job is done to the best of one’s capability. My focal interest is on educational reform and curriculum advancement and I worked for over 15 years within local school systems. During my professional career I have created, implemented and managed programs, conducted event planning, and raised funds in addition to grant writing. For 26 years I have been fortunate to serve on multiple advisory, planning, and educational committees and boards. In the recreational area, I have actively participated in nationwide senior level basketball games and local softball tournaments. I take great pleasure in coaching youth basketball, softball, track and volleyball, and being a part of my grandchild’s adventures. My husband, Leonard Wolfe, an Absentee Shawnee tribal member, is a long time Manager at the Walmart in Shawnee. I have one adult son, Joshua, who is also an Absentee Shawnee Tribal member and one grandson, Nicholas.

When I came into Office it was with a clear minded focus to listen to you, my people, and to make a difference. I have tried to do both. In my last campaign, I concentrated on health, health board by-laws, staffing, and access to health care for you; review and assist in prioritizing ASEDA and economic development projects; work on increasing opportunities in Education for our students; review long term care and ancillary levels of care; representation – take part in legislative reform and policy development and consider our land based needs and the current lease the Tribe has. Since I came into Office, new health board by-laws have been put into place for the ASTHA, our non-profit, tribally owned corporation; health board appointments/re-appointments have been done and key personnel has changed. Yes, there is still much to do in our health department(s), ASEDA program, Education department, on our long term care needs and to constructively represent the Tribe and advance our legal efforts on correcting our land base. The table below illustrates my former and upcoming actions.

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Hello everyone,

My name is Rick Little Axe Sr., the eldest of Danny and Georgia Little Axe. I am running for the position as Governor for our tribe in this upcoming election. I graduated from Tecumseh High School and attended Haskell Indian Jr. College. I also served in the Armed Forces with the United States Army. After being Honorably Discharged, my life has been molded from serving this great nation, being part of a brotherhood of fellow soldiers, we live our lives with Honor, Respect, and Discipline.

Being the eldest of two brothers, Dan Jr., and Ronnie, and a sister, Diane, I worked to be an example for my siblings; at this point, I am still trying to fulfill that duty. As the Governor of our tribe, I would like to set the example as a leader, that you, our tribal members, would be proud of. My plan is to create revenue for the tribe other than the casino’s in Shawnee and Norman. By involving our tribe in other opportunities such as franchises and businesses we would be able to employ more of our tribal people.

While serving in the Armed Forces, we were trained in completing our missions by using team work and it has not let me down in life. Teamwork is what it is going to take to get our tribe to where it needs to be, so we could be one of the leading tribes in business and revenue. With the right business minded officials running our tribe we can strive for success by working as a team.

I will serve my tribe as I served in the Armed Forces with honor, respect, and discipline. With your vote, I would like to be part of this team to make a strong tribe, and knowing that our children and grandchildren will be taken care of in the future. Our elders were in our place at one time in their lives, and most of the ones I have met and talked with are not satisfied with the way our tribe has ran in past years. I feel that we can show them that it is not too late for them to know that our tribe will succeed.

We look at surrounding tribes who have built their hotels and casinos around our country, and OUR tribe should be more successful than all of them. I was told this from a few marketers a few years ago, then came back to see that all we have done is remodeled. I feel that with the right business minded officials, we should set a goal to be the largest, most profitable, and most successful tribe and work hard to reach this goal. It will take some time but with the right leaders, goals can be set and deadlines can be met. One day we will be the tribe others look at and say, ‘Why can’t we be like them.’

I am a tribal member who values tradition in my family and was raised that way my entire life. These traditions have helped keep our tribal ways alive. Today, we should not be satisfied with surviving, but to excel and work towards being a sovereign nation for many, many, years to come. Tradition is part of being native, and being an Absentee Shawnee makes me proud to be a member and hopefully a leader.

We need more tribal members to come out to the polls and vote, so go out and tell family members and friends to take a few moments to make your decision on your next Governor and Secretary that will make a difference. Ne-Yah-Way. Thank you, Rick Little Axe

**ELECT**

**LEONARD LONGHORN**

**SECRETARY**

**Absentee Shawnee Tribe**

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**REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT**

**ABSENTEE SHAWEE 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.

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**Monday-Thursday, 2:45pm-6:00pm**



**For more information and sign up please contact Blake Goodman at (405) 364-7569**



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# 2014 OKC Princess Honor Dance

Sponsored by the Families of the 2014 OKC Indian Princesses,  
Changing Winds Cultural Society and The Comanche Nation of Oklahoma

**2014**  
**Miss Indian OKC**  
**Liyahna Bender**  
Absentee Shawnee

**2014**  
**Jr. Miss Indian OKC**  
**Kyrah Holata**  
Seminole

**2014**  
**Little Miss Indian OKC**  
**Nivy Yarholar**  
Comanche/Seminole



## Saturday March 14, 2015

Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center -1700 W. Independence, Shawnee, OK

Gourd Dancing 1:00 PM | Supper 5:00 PM | Gourd Dancing 6:00 PM | Grand Entry 7:00 PM

### Head Staff:

MC-R.G. Harris	Head Man Dancer-Mark Bolin	Head Lady Dancer- Lindsey Harjo	
Head Singer-Al Santos		Host Southern Drum-Ottertrail	AD-Randy Frazier
Host Gourd Clan-Comanche Little Ponies	Absentee Shawnee Color Guard		

### Contests:

- Men's Traditional - \$300-\$200-\$100 By Jason Bender In Honor of Liyahna "Yahna" Bender.
- Men's Fancy - \$500-\$300-\$200 By Red Earth Inc., Comanche Nation, Susan Zotigh, Indian Art Oklahoma, & Oklahoma Native Art
- Men's Straight \$500 By Comanche Nation, \$300 By Robert Corey Deere, By \$200 By Thundercloud Hirajeta
- Women's Buckskin - \$300-\$200-\$100 By Marsha Chibitty In honor of Nivy Yarholar
- Women's Special "Northern Old Style Scrub Dance" - \$500 Winner Take All +Jacket By Elaine Bear In Honor of Kyrah Holata
- Special Contest "Young Seminole Ladies Cloth" - Ages 13-20 \$150-\$75-\$50 In honor of Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma Lindsey Harjo
- Special Contest "All Reining Princesses" - Prize Money TBA / Gift bags for all contestants By Sixtown Stickball Team Princess Families.  
Miss Sixtown Stevanna Meikle, Jr. Miss Sixtown Serena Horinek and Lil Miss Sixtown DezaRae Simmons
- Special Women's Buckskin by Penny Beaver in Honor of Kimberley DeJesus, 2015-16 Miss Indian OU Prizes TBA
- Women's Jingle - \$200-\$100-\$50 By Brittany Yarholar in Honor of Nivy Yarholar
- Teen Girls Jingle Ages - 13-17 -\$75-\$50-\$25 By Danita Holata & Tim Davis in Honor of Kyrah Holata
- Special Teen Girls Jingle - \$200 Winner Take All - In Honor of Skye Wapskineh,  
Resonative Youth Princess-OKC Schools
- Teen Girls Fancy Shawl -Ages 13-17 -\$75-\$50-\$25 By OK NDN BIKERS In Honor of 2014 Biker Princess Andi Parnacher
- Jr Boys Grass - Ages 6-12 \$100 \$75 \$50 By Keegan Larson In Honor of Liyahna "Yahna" Bender.
- Jr Girls Cloth - Ages 6-12 \$50-\$30-\$20 By Abby Weryackwe-Williams In Honor of Nivy Yarholar
- Jr Girls Jingle - Ages 6-12- \$50-\$30-\$20 By Abby Weryackwe-Williams In Honor of Nivy Yarholar
- Tiny Tots - By Lenny & Dana Medina

**No Specials or Dancer Registration after Grand Entry**

**CRAFT VENDORS WELCOME \* BUT PLEASE NO OUTSIDE FOOD SALES**

Vendors please contact Neil Colbert 405.664.5202

All other information contact Shirley Wapskineh 405.632.5227 or swapskineh@sbcglobal.net

# APPLICANT INFORMATION

# 2015

## Miss, Jr. Miss & Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City, Competition & Performance

Friday March 27, 2015  
 DESTINY CHRISTIAN CENTER, 3801 SE 29th St. Del City, OK  
**Free & Open To The Public**  
 SPONSORED BY: The Changing Winds Cultural Society & Destiny Christian Center  
 www.missindianokc.org

**ENTRY DEADLINE: POST MARKED OR HAND DELIVERED BY MARCH 17, 2015**

APPLICATIONS and more information may be obtained by contacting  
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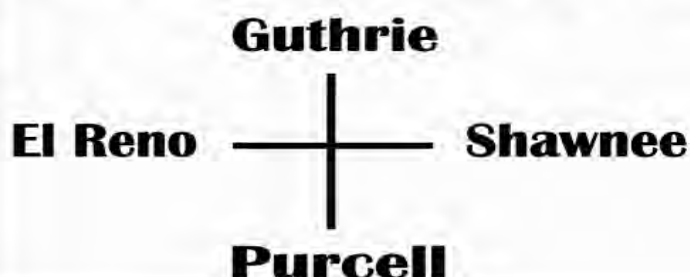
### Items below must be submitted with the Competition Application

Miss 16-21 Years Old		Jr. Miss 11-15 Years Old		Little Miss 6-10 Years Old	
1.	<i>Proof of Indian Descent</i>	1.	<i>Proof of Indian Descent</i>	1.	<i>Proof of Indian Descent</i>
2.	<i>High School Diploma or Letter of Recommendation from Teacher</i>	2.	<i>Letter of Recommendation from Teacher</i>	2.	<i>Letter of Recommendation from Teacher</i>
3.	<i>5X7 Photo in Tribal Regalia</i>	3.	<i>5X7 Photo in Tribal Regalia</i>	3.	<i>5X7 Photo in Tribal Regalia</i>

### Competition Requirements

Miss		Jr. Miss		Little Miss	
1.	<i>Interview with Judges</i>	1.	<i>Interview with Judges</i>	1.	<i>Introduction to Judges</i>
2.	<i>Tribal Greeting With Translation</i>	2.	<i>Tribal Greeting With Translation</i>	2.	<i>Short Tribal Greeting with Translation</i>
3.	<i>Describe &amp; Model Tribal Dress</i>	3.	<i>Describe &amp; Model Tribal Dress</i>	3.	<i>Describe &amp; Model Tribal Dress</i>
4.	<i>Perform Traditional Talent</i>	4.	<i>Perform Traditional Talent</i>		

**The competition is open to all applicants  
residing in the OKC metro area below**



*Winners Will Use	Winners Will Keep
Silver Crown Beaded Crown Silver Earrings Silver Hair Clips Silver Banner Clip Cedar Box	White Title Banner Blue Title Banner Monogrammed Shawl Monogrammed Jacket Winners Trophies
All Contestants Will Receive a Trophy	

\* These items are the property of Changing Winds Cultural Society

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Martha Primeaux 405.677.4952	Yonavea Hawkins 405.919.1572	Robert Deere 405.924.2532
Madonna Myers 405.833.9400	Lenny & Dana Medina	Vera Haynes 703.501.1335
Cheryl Anquoe 405.250.6931	Perrin Deal 405.574.9034	Jan Oxford-Colbert 405.474.7178
Serina Shemayme 405.632.5227		Yolonda White Anetelope 405.604.9800
Cindy Scott 405.912.0044		Susan Zotigh 405.606.2541

# 2015 Miss, Jr. Miss & Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City Competition and Performance

Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 6:30 pm

Destiny Christian Center, 3801 SE 29<sup>th</sup> St Del City, Oklahoma



**Miss Indian OKC**  
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**Master of  
Ceremonies:  
Mark Wilson**

**Reception Sponsored By  
Edmond Public Schools  
Indian Education  
Special Awards Presentation  
2015**

**“Oklahoma Native American  
Man and Woman of the Year”**



**Entertainment:  
“Chance Rush”**

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ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE  
OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA  
2925 S. GORDON COOPER DR.  
SHAWNEE, OK 74801

PRESORTED STANDARD  
US POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK  
PERMIT 2000

RETURN SERVICE  
REQUESTED

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

<b>Gov.</b>	Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe	6308	<b>FINANCE</b>	Genevieve Foster (Asst. Cont.)	6283	<b>PROCUREMENT</b>	Asyacia Clayton	6291
	Eddie Brokeshoulder	6307		Lesia Shaw	6269		Valentina Jimenez	6244
<b>Lt. Gov.</b>	Lt. Governor Isaac Gibson	6253		Amy Hilderbrand (Pay. Spec.)	6280	<b>REALTY</b>	Kayla Ketakea	6281
	Andy Warrior	6309		Jessica Gonzales	6300			
	Mary Billy	6267		Courtney Green	6250			
<b>Secretary</b>	Scott Miller (BIA Spec.)	6325		Jenny Ware (Acct. Pay.)	6279		Johannie Hagan (Probate)	6247
	Secretary Vera M. Dawsey	6289		Holly Davis (Acct. Pay. Spec.)	6265		Lea Tstotaddle	6248
	Jerry Ann Knox	6306			6295	<b>SOCIAL SERVICES</b>		
	Alvina Barnes	6275		David Deer	6320		Amie Wilson (Director)	6225
<b>Treas.</b>	Jeff Gibson	6256		Twylla Blanchard (Staff Acct. II)	6233	<b>TAX COMMISSION / TAG</b>		
	Treasurer Leah Bates	6239		Jennifer Hernandez (Budget Analyst)	6228		Alicia Engler	6257
	Donna Longhorn	6240		Glenna Jones (Grants Admin)	6338		Tara Battise	6237
<b>Rep.</b>	Representative Ken Blanchard	6287		Sandra Burnett (Grants)	1310		Yolanda Williams	6258
	Leonard Longhorn	6335				<b>Tax Commission / Tag</b>		
<b>RECEPTIONIST</b>	Lea Bettelyoun	4030						
<b>ATTORNEY</b>	Ray Campbell	6313	<b>ICW</b>	Ronelle Baker	8802	<b>TERO</b>	Elizabeth Clark	6252
				Julie Wilson	8803		Rachael Lankford	6296
<b>COURT</b>	Kathy Brock (Court Clerk)	6241		Debra Daugomah	8804		Sue Anna Roberts	6337
	Vanessa Ryder	6260	<b>LITTLE AXE RESOURCE CENTER</b>	Bucky LittleCharley	585-8310	<b>OTHER EXTENSIONS</b>	Thomasine (Doss) Owings (DIR)	6227
	Luis Almanza	6336		Duke Blanchard	585-3669		Johannie Mae Bettelyoun	6272
<b>CULT. PRES. / GIFT SHOP</b>	Receptionist	6243					Donna Butler	6270
	Joseph Blanchard (Director)	6310	<b>MAINTENANCE</b>	Cecil Walker	6316		Robert Schooffield	6270
	Carol Butler	6319		Reta Harjo	6249	<b>OTHER EXHIBITES &amp; TOLL FREE</b>	Ted Watson	6270
	Colleen Butler	6340		Stephen Fife	6234			
	Tracy Wind	6324		Donna Simon, Sherri Yeffter, Isaac Bettelyoun, John Mann, Kevin Kaseca	6316	<b>ALL NATIONS BANK</b>		
	Esther Lowden (Gift Shop Manager)	6323		Tom White, Donnie Marshall, Lance Nanaeto, Levi Littlecreek	6331			
	Gift Shop	6273	<b>MUSIC</b>					
<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTION</b>	Heather Napier	6264						
			<b>MIS</b>	Rico Coon	6328			
<b>DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/FAMILY SERVICES</b>	Kimberly Stephens	6277		Michael Berry	6303			
	Jackie Denny	6326		Josh Gibson	6329			
	Linda Gouge (Sexual Assault Adv)	6333		Nishant Shrestha	6327			
	Melissa Lopez	6315	<b>OEI</b>	Ken Jones	8845			
	DV Advocate	6224		Dennis Burks	8844			
	Cheri Hardenan	6298		Dakota Blanchard	8843			
<b>EDUCATION</b>	Admin Asst./Rec.	6255		Jarrod Lloyd	8848			
	Tresha Spoon	6242		Evelyn Pablito	8847	<b>LITTLE AXE CLINIC</b>		
<b>ELECTION COMMISSION</b>	Emily Longman	6271						
<b>ENROLLMENT</b>	Larry Buckley	6292						
	Sujata Sturm	6288						
<b>HORSE SHOE BEND</b>	Edwina Butler-Wolfe	6308						
	Stuart Rollette	585-1346						

# POWWOW 2015

SUNDAY APRIL 12

100 NORTH UNIVERSITY DRIVE, EDMOND, OK 73034

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES** CORTNEY YARHOLAR

**ARENA DIRECTOR** RANDY FRAZIER

**HEAD MAN** MICHAEL PLUMLEY

**HEAD LADY** COURTNEY PLUMLEY

**HEAD GOULD DANCER** BRUCE NECONIE

**DRUM GROUP** AL SANTOS

**COLOR GUARD** REX HAILEY

**MISS NATIVE AMERICAN UCO** JESSICA NEW MOON

## COMPETITION CATEGORIES

**WOMEN**  
FANCY SHAWL 150.00  
JINGLE DRESS 100.00  
BUCKSKIN 50.00  
CLOTH

**MEN**  
FANCY GRASS STRAIGHT TRADITIONAL

Tiny Tots will receive Gift Bag

POWWOW WILL BE HELD IN THE NIGHT UNIVERSITY CENTER BALLROOMS

**2 : 0 0 GOULD DANCE**  
**5 : 0 0 SUPPER**  
**7 : 0 0 GRAND ENTRY**

VISIT [UCO.EDU/POWWOW](http://UCO.EDU/POWWOW)  
OR CALL (405) 974-3588 FOR MORE INFORMATION

**No smoking, alcohol, drugs, or weapons on campus**  
(UCO is not responsible for accident or theft)

Vendor set up: \$15 plus raffle item donation  
Please email: [ucopowwow@gmail.com](mailto:ucopowwow@gmail.com) for more information

\*\*Due to UCO payment policy, we will not be able to pay winners the night of the powwow. Contest winners will receive a small gift that night as a token of appreciation and checks will be sent during the same week of Powwow. We apologize for any inconveniences this may cause.\*\*