



The Absentee News

69th Semi Annual General Council, Little Axe Health Center
April 21, 2012

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Jackie Edge and Melinda Ferrell



Enjoying the Health Fair



Arlene Herrera and Mary Birdtail



Randy Edge and Bridgette Wilson



Preparing for the 1 Mile Walk/Run



Raising the flags

We would like to give thanks to the Elders Committee for the wonderful lunch enjoyed by all at the General Council.



The ladies of Contract Health



Election Committee

Executive Committee



GEORGE BLANCHARD
GOVERNOR



ISSAC GIBSON
LT. GOVERNOR



TERI REED
SECRETARY



KATHY DEERE
TREASURER



JEFFREY GIBSON
REPRESENTATIVE

Governors Corner

Hello fellow tribal members:

I know it will come as a pleasant surprise to you all that we finally received notice that there are more FEMA surplus mobile homes available. FEMA did not notify us of how many are available, but we sent an application for 25 mobile homes on 4-24-2012. Eligible tribes will receive these homes one at a time on a rotating basis until all are distributed. As we receive notice of available homes we will contact tribal members who have registered with O.E.H. for these surplus mobile homes.

As you all know we had our semi-annual General Council in April at the new clinic in Little Axe. The General Council went well and all departments came forth with some very good reports that were both informative and thorough in an effort to keep all tribal members informed on our tribal programs. Thanks to all department heads for your hard work.

As most of you may be aware, Gary Wabaunsee, Director of our Health Authority retired in April. By the time this news letter comes out, we should be in the process of seeking a replacement for Gary. Beverly Felton has been acting as interim Director during the hunt for a replacement.

By the time this reaches you, we

will have had our spring Bread Dances and I hope all went well for everyone.

I want to thank everyone for attending General Council, all committees who gave reports, and especially the Elders Council for providing excellent food and refreshments.

As always, feel free to contact me with any concerns you may have.

George Blanchard, Governor

Lt Governors Report

Greetings Tribal

I hope everyone has enjoyed the good weather and this article finds you in good health and happy. We here at the complex have enjoyed it and we've also used it to our advantage.

While the weather has been nice we have been making improvements on properties owned by the Tribe. Andy Warrior worked diligently on these projects.

As many of you are aware, we have purchased Black Angus Cattle. The Tribe now owns one (1) bull and thirty (30) cows. Since the initial purchase we have fourteen (14)

calves. I have heard good comments and I've been told there are some tribal members that are worried or concerned about this venture. If you have use of the internet you can find many reasons why this is a good sound business decision. From Red Rock to Coalgate, Oklahoma, the prices in Black Angus varies no more than \$200.00 per head, ranging anywhere from \$1,350.00 to \$1,150.00. As stated earlier, we already have fourteen (14) calves and they didn't cost the tribe anything. When they become a year old they will be worth \$1,000.00 or more. The most expensive thing about raising cattle is the land. They are low maintenance, and require limited attention and expense. I can't guarantee that one won't break a leg or get sick.

There are no guarantees in any business venture but I'm certain we can use our own lands and make a profit. As I was saying, if you have the opportunity to research it, you will be amazed. The Tribe already owns everything we need to get started. This can be a self sustained operation with limited outsourcing. If you have questions I will be glad to sit down and visit with you or feel free to call.

The cattle venture was one of the reasons for the land improvement improvements however; there are many options the Tribe has for utilizing our lands. The Tribe is going to have to diversify to become financially stable and prosperous.

I know most all of you know Clarice Murdock; she was in a vehicle accident the first part of January. She is back at work full time. We are glad she's well and back at work and she is glad to be back.

We met with Commissioner Dennis, Pottawatomie County on Monday, February 27th @ 10:00 a.m. to go over the preliminary plans for Kings Road. This project has been a long time coming, but we are almost there.

Commissioner Dennis is going to install a T-128 siren warning system at Horseshoe Bend in the event of a disaster. We should have the Kings Road Project started by the 1st of July.

Spring's around the corner and the tribe is making preparations to assist tribal members with their gardens this year. If you are interested in planting a garden, please contact Andy Warrior, Project Coordinator for the Gardening Program. He will be taking names and contact information right away. Please contact Andy at 405-275-4030 ext 189.

If you have any ideas or would like to discuss any issues, please feel free to call my office. Have a great month!

/s/
Isaac Gibson Jr.
Lieutenant Governor

Greeting Tribal Members:

I want thank those of you who took the time to come to the 69th AST General Council meeting on Saturday, April 21st. It was an historic event as it also served as our tribal grand opening for the new health clinic in Little Axe. For those of you who were unable to attend and want to tour the new clinic, the public grand opening is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16th from 1:30 to 3:30.

Below is the attendance report for the last three general council meetings.

APRIL 2011

TRIBAL MEMBERS	95
GUESTS	15
TOTAL	110

OCTOBER 2011

TRIBAL MEMBERS	119
GUESTS	9
TOTAL	128

APRIL 2012

TRIBAL MEMBERS	126
GUESTS	12
TOTAL	138

The health department conducted a health fair that was well received by the attendees and they provided breakfast to those who came early to tour the building. The elders committee was awarded the contract from the tribe to provide the noon meal and they did an excellent job with the menu selection. I would like to thank the employees who helped in the preparation work for the meeting and for the booths that were set up to provide information on tribal services.

The meeting was informative and mostly positive. In addition to our normal reporting of the Executive Committee, Casino, and ASEDA, we had reports from the Constitution Revision Committee and the Salary Committee. Both of these committees are seeking input from tribal members on their projects and I encourage you to give them your input. You can learn more by reading their articles in this newsletter.

The general council meeting was a great way to get information about the various programs and to hear about the progress of the tribe in a condensed format. For those of you who were unable to attend, the same information has been presented in our monthly newsletters. If you would like to catch up on issues that you missed in the past, please visit our website at www.astribe.com.

We have a few more copies of the General Council booklet in my office at the Shawnee Complex if you would like to come by and pick up a copy.

BIG JIM YOUTH AWARDS

I mentioned in last month's newsletter that we would be announcing the winners of the youth awards in this edition of the newsletter. Unfortunately, the Oklahoma Secondary School Athletic Association (OSSAA) requires that we wait until most of the school activities for the year are complete. This has delayed our announcement and we are sorry to keep everyone waiting for this news. We will make the announcement soon and plan to have the winners featured in the newsletter next month.

The selection committee for these awards consisted of five individuals who are either educators or coaches. None of the members of the selection committee were Absentee Shawnee Tribal members. This was incorporated into the program to maintain fairness to all of the applicants. We are excited about awarding these scholarships to our tribal members and hope that they will serve as an incentive to our youth to strive for excellence in their high school years as they prepare for higher levels of education.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION PROJECT

We are in the beginning stages of developing a new summer program to document the lives and stories of tribal members. We want to preserve our history by documenting these stories for future generations. More information will be presented to you as we get further along with the development of this program. I will be partnering with the Cultural Preservation Department

to help lead this project. We are looking for college interns who have journalism or history majors to be involved in this project, but we will consider others who have writing or journalism experience. Please contact me by phone or email if you would like to be involved in this temporary project and I will add you to the list.

If you would like to volunteer to be one of the featured tribal members, please let me or one of the other Executive Committee members know. Or, you may contact the cultural preservation department.

In closing, I would like to congratulate all of our high school and college seniors as they graduate this month. May you be blessed in the next phase of your life and soar to higher levels of happiness and success.

Ne Yi Wa,

Teri Reed – Secretary
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405-275-4030 Ext 104

Absentee Shawnee Tribe

Hello I hope everyone is in good health and enjoying this wonderful spring weather, it is always a good time of the year to watch everything blossom and bloom.

I would like to thank everyone who attended the General Council in our beautiful new Little Axe Health Center. We had a very good turnout. Thank you to the Health Department for breakfast and the Elders Committee for lunch.

I would Like to wish everyone that has a Birthday in May to enjoy your special day and say Happy Birthday to you! Also, to all the ladies, Happy Mother's Day!

As always if you need to talk to me about the Programs I see over feel free to call me or stop by my office and I will visit with you or I will return your call..."It feels good everyday to say I am an Absentee Shawnee"

Representative Gibson

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

We expect to complete the 2011 audit June 7, 2012; we had targeted May 15, 2012, so we are not too far off schedule. All the Tribe's entities will be audited first and those will roll into the Tribe's Government wide financials; (ASEDA; ASEDA Fleet, AST Counseling Services, Store, Harrah Smoke Shop; Restaurant: AllNations Bank; and Thunderbird Casino Locations 1 & 2). The Audit will include the MD&A (Management Discussion and Analysis); which is a brief review and explanation of the Audit. The 2010 Audit was an "unqualified" audit; which when compared to an educational grading scale is an A; and it is my goal that the 2011 will be unqualified as well.

The Indirect Cost Proposal for 2012 has been assigned to an auditor at the National Business Center (NBC) for approval. We expect to negotiate this rate by the end of next week (April 26th or 27th). NBC is six months behind whereas they had been only three months behind last year because they experienced budget cuts thus staff cuts. Our rate is up from 17.74% for 2010 to 21.98% for 2011 and we expect our rate to increase for 2012 however that is just an estimate. This estimated increased is based on the influx of activity deriving from the new clinic opening in April 2012. I will write the Indirect Cost Proposal for 2013 once the audit is complete.

The finance department continues

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to complete accounting by the seventh day of the month and have been since August 2010; for financial reporting for the Health Authority and Li Si Wi Nwi, Health Inc. boards for Absentee Health Systems, Shawnee and Little Axe (LSWN) which is possible since the accounting is completed on schedule every month. The Finance staff will begin April reconciliations for financial reporting on the first of May. It is imperative the accounting staff continue to stay ahead of all of the accounting so that audits go smoothly so that Indirect Cost rates will stay up to date as well. Indirect cost proposals cannot be submitted without completed audits as the audit is used to calculate the proposal. There are many processes in place in your Tribe's accounting department that ensure we keep accurate records of transactions. The Tribe's accounting processes must be in compliance with GAAP; (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) and GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board).

The Tribe currently has compact funds of BIA and I H S, 51 Grants, and the new Clinic business. In addition, the Tribe operates on a General Fund and an Indirect Cost Fund.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Finance Department has very hard working group of people and it is an honor to work with them, the Treasurer's office and at the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. The Finance Department employs 11: with 7 (64%) being AST Tribal Members and 4 (36%) being non-natives. This department, as always, would like to extend a special thanks and note of appreciation to the Executive Committee for providing the tools, resources and support to enable the finance staff to reach its accomplished goals and to continue with this effort. A special thanks and note of appreciation to Program Managers and Employees of the Tribe for their assistance and dedication in our group effort toward accomplishing our goal.

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

Respectfully, Belinda Collins, Controller

FINANCIAL CONSULTANT

Hello Tribal Members,

The 69th Semi-Annual General Council has come and gone. The office of Treasurer would like to thank each one of you for participating and picking up financial information. Financial information is like a storm tracker keeping you updated and informed.

The following activities I have been involved and participated:

Financial Reports: Reviewed and analyzed monthly General Fund, Indirect Cost and Elder Council encumbrance monthly budget reports.

Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority, Inc. (ASEDA): Attended monthly ASEDA board meeting to discuss current business operations and participate in future business development opportunities.

Redstone Investment: Attended monthly investment meeting with our investment representative to discuss status report of current investments and future investment opportunities.

American Indian Chamber of Commerce (AICCOK – OKC Chapter): On April 12th, Treasurer Deere, Randy Edge and I attended a luncheon featured guest speaker U.S. House of Representatives Tom Cole. Representative Cole said, namely that tribes are like huge corporations and they **aren't going anywhere**, like Phil-

lips 66 moving its headquarters to Dallas, tribes won't be outsourcing to China or India, and that we're here to stay as the state's 3rd largest employer. In attendance to hear Representative Tom Cole were various businesses, Bank 2, Mid-America Government Industry Contractors, KGOU NPR SOURCE, and Tribal economic development programs.

AST Constitution Revision Committee: As point of contact or coordinator for the Constitution Revision Committee we continue to have meetings to discuss revising the constitution.

At the time of this writing, we met April 24th at 6 p.m., at the Resource Center to discuss the feedback from Tribal members on Legislative Structure Question / Length of Tenure Questionnaire. As Tribal members your input is very important and vital to improving our Tribal Government for our next generation.

In closing, thank you for your participation in the 69th Semi-General Council meeting. The office of Treasurer looks forward to your questions and concerns. I can be reached at 405-275-4030 ext 148, or email eddieb@astribe.com

Respectfully,

Eddie Brokeshoulder
Financial Consultant

ALLNATIONS BANK

Good day to our friends,

It is rare to get a windfall these days. That may be one reason so many people have so much more than necessary withheld from their paycheck for taxes. The average refund has been around \$3,000 for the past two years. Most people receive their refund within three weeks after filing their returns. It is not a good idea to give Uncle Sam an interest-free loan; but if

you have a refund check coming your way, consider using it to bolster your personal balance sheet as follows:

- You could use the extra cash to make a dent in your debt by reducing the balances on your high interest credit card debt or pay down the principal on your mortgage.
- You could also beef up your savings by adding to retirement savings in an IRA, or by helping your kids or grandkids save for college in a 529 account.
- You could rebuild your emergency fund or start saving for a down payment on your next home. Set aside some money for a vacation ahead of time. That will ensure you pay off your credit card balance after you return and don't accrue interest charges.
- Stash your refund in a separate account then add money automatically every week. You could set up for other expenses such as a new car or holiday gifts.
- Invest in your home. Your refund may not be enough to redo your kitchen or bathroom, but it can pay for some smaller home improvements.
- Use the extra cash to add a backsplash, paint a room or cabinets, replace a bathroom sink, swap out your faucets, organize a closet, buy some shrubs or install a programmable thermostat.

If your refund this year was substantial, consider giving yourself an immediate raise by adjusting your tax withholding to increase your take-home pay. Ask your employer to give you a new Form W-4 to fill out.

I do have one word of caution about taxes. The amount of your refund may not be as much next year as it was this year if the tax cuts are not extended. Being an election year, it is anticipated that the cuts will be extended but one can never tell about taxes.

Gene Davis,
President

Treasurers Report

Greetings Tribal Members,

We were so glad to see you at the 69th Annual General Council Meeting, Little Axe Clinic and enjoyed visiting all the different health fair tables, goodies, and breakfast. I'm so proud of myself and Amy Hilderbrand, who walked the Fun Run/Walk for a mile, Yahoo!, and all the other participants, who ran, and mothers with strollers, etc. Hope everyone enjoyed having the General Council meeting there in a different place, were pleased with the new health facility, took a tour of the various departments, and enjoyed the lunch that the AST Elders' Council put together for everyone!

We are continuing progressing in the areas of economic development, educating our tribal members, and services for the tribal members. Below is the list of activities for the month:

- ASEDA Board Monthly meeting, as Ad Hoc non-voting member.
- Executive Committee had a regular scheduled meeting. See Resolutions Page.
- Congratulations to Executive Committee's Employee of Month April Winner, Marla Throckmorton.
- Absentee Shawnee Health Systems and LSWNE meeting, as Ad Hoc non-voting member and Soft Opening, April 30, 2012, and Grand Opening, May 16, 2012. Hope everyone plans to attend.
- Toured the new Little Axe Clinic with Congressman Tom Cole, and his entourage, IHS Max Tahsuda, and others were given by the Interim Executive Director, Ms. Beverly Felton. All felt that this health facility was beautiful, the architectural design, interior, etc., and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe should be so very proud.



- Monthly Redstone Investment meeting. We have an excellent investor advisor, who continually keeps the committee updated on the tribe's investments. The Tribes' Year to date portfolio has been 3.96% as of March 31, 2012, which represents a 15.84% annualized return. Since we have been with Redstone Investments, we have achieved attractive returns for the Tribe's investment portfolio for over ten (10 years).
- Attended Constitution Revision Committee meeting. Meetings were held April 10, and 24th, 2012. On the website, newsletter, and presentation at the April 21st General Council meeting. They have considered revising the legislative branch of the AST government with Proposed Constitutional Change. Four options are being considered. As you will see on another page the proposed four (4) options. Please fill out the Survey and either mail, give or fax to a Constitution Revisions Committee Member or Eddie Brokeshoulder, Coordinator, Office of Treasurer, 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Bldg 2, Shawnee, OK 74801 or by fax 405-395-9780.
- Attended the AICCO (American Indian Chamber of Commerce) meeting at the Twin Hills Golf Park in Oklahoma City with special guest speaker, Rep. Tom Cole. He shared his perspective on several issues including his Indian Healthcare legislation, Sovereignty, Tribal services and economic impact on the state and federal budgets. A Q&A session followed. AICCO has monthly meetings this is a great opportunity for native businesses to network with each other. Randy Edge, TERO, Eddie Brokeshoulder, and I attend these monthly meetings to network Tribes' businesses and gather information about other tribal nations.



- Attended the Cultural Preservation Language classes held at Brendle Corner. This is a great opportunity to learn our language. We have great teachers and they are anxious to teach any tribal member young or old. So consider attending the class. They are held every Sunday afternoon either at Governor's Conference room or Brendle Corner. Call cultural preservation to know when and where the next class will be, 275-4030 X190.
- Monthly Elders' Mtg at Title VI Bldg. If you are 55 years and older, consider coming to the AST Elders Council Meetings every third Saturday of the month either at AST Resource center or TITLE VI bldg, 10am. They have a great time in fellowship, fundraising activities, and eating lunch together.
- Tribal Member, Ashley Brokeshoulder, daughter of Eddie Brokeshoulder, pitcher for Texas Tec Red Raiders played against OU Sooners Thursday-Sunday, April 5-7 in Norman, OK. We managed to see two games played. It was awesome and we are so proud of her and how she represents our Absentee Shawnee Tribal youth going to college and playing on a NCAA Division 1, Big 12 Conference team.



- Auditors are on site for the 2011 audit. We expect to complete the audit end May 2012. All the Tribe's entities will be audited first and those will roll up into the Tribe's Government wide financials; (ASEDA; ASEDA Fleet, AST Counseling Services,

Store, Harrah Smoke Shop; and Restaurant: AllNations Bank; and Thunderbird Casino's Locations 1 & 2). The Audit will include the MD&A (Management Discussion and Analysis). The MD&A report is an informative report within the 2011 Audit; which is a brief review and explanation of the Audit. We expect to get another good "Audit for 2012".

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

Also, would like to extend my appreciation to the Financial Consultant, Eddie Brokeshoulder, who continues to assist me with numerous projects, attend meetings where I cannot attend, and consulting decisions in the office of Treasurer!

Elections will be June 16, 2012, remember to get your absentee ballot request into the Election Commission. The ballot request form was listed in the April issue and this May issue. Lt. Governor, Treasurer, Representative, Deputy Election Commissioner and Election Commissioner #1 Positions will be on the ballot. Deadline is May 27th, to get ballot request into Election Commission. Hope you all feel your elected officials are doing a good job and please exercise your right to vote!

We appreciate all your phone calls, emails, and visits. May God continue to bless you and yours! Please also see articles from All-Nations Bank, Financial Consultant, Eddie Brokeshoulder; and Finance Department.

Respectfully yours,
Kathy Deere, Treasurer

"Lead the life that will make you kindly and 'friendly' to everyone about you, and you will be surprised what a happy life will lead.
Charles M. Schwab

THE ANNUAL TIGER FAMILY REUNION 2012

HAS BEEN SET FOR MAY 26, 2012,
WHICH WILL BE LOCATED AT THUNDERBIRD LAKE AT THE POST OAK SHELTER
OFF OF BLANCHARD HILL ROAD.

TIME: 10AM TO 10PM, WE EAT AT 1PM!!

PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH, DRINKS, ICE, LAWN CHAIRS AND GAMES.
ALSO, IF YOU CAN, PLEASE BRING YOUR BABY PICTURES TO BE POSTED AND
EVERYONE CAN TRY TO IDENTIFY WHO IS WHO!!
ANY FAMILY/FRIENDS OF THE LATE JIM TIGER AND ANNIE MANN TIGER ARE
INVITED....

IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL INFO PLEASE CALL: 405-514-5520.

SEE YOU THERE!!!

Dear Tribal Members and Ownership,

The Realty Department would like to make the following announcements.

As Spring has arrived, the Realty Specialist will continue to inspect allotments, especially those with leases, for compliance. One major concern which has been expressed is the use of deer stands and feeders. It is hard for us or the AST Police Department to determine if these are cases of trespass or poaching. In order to avoid confiscation, please notify our personnel of the location and properly identify these materials with a name and contact number.

Recently, this department sent out "90 Day Notice" letters. This is our way of notifying the interest holders that the named property is being considered for a Farming and/or Grazing lease. As the letter states, this time frame gives the current lessee an opportunity to re-negotiate a current lease, before the property is sent to an advertised sale. You are not required to do anything until a "consent form" has been delivered. We are not trying to sell your land or interest but merely attempting to develop income or continue to receive revenue.

Finally, we would like to express our appreciation to Lt. Governor Isaac Gibson, Jr. and his Maintenance department. They were very helpful as they provided their machinery, manpower and expertise in assisting our department to clear fence lines from a few sites, as a result of the May 10, 2010 tornado. His "Fence Crew" consisted of: Henry Blanchard, Devin Leitka, Devin Mack, and Thomas Mack, Jr.; operating machinery was Johnny Mann and the L.T., himself.

If you have any questions, please contact our department at either of the following extensions: Realty Director – ext. 125; Probates – ext. 126; Realty Specialist – ext. 127.

Resolutions

The following are Resolutions passed through April 18, 2012

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS:

E-AS-12-24 04-18-12

Approves and accepts **Zachariah Matthew Ayers, Rosalynn Macie Herrera, Kiley Madison Michael Bread, Eli Emery Michael Bread, Ava Quinn DeLodge, Genesis Octavia DeLodge, Brianna Margaret-Faye Snow, Wilson Lee Soap, Roger Eugene Soap Jr., Sally Clarice Soap, Austin Jay Soap, Quentin Miles Marquez II, Allison Rachelle Hood, Ethan James Kennedy, Bryson Dale Blanchard**, as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution. **Vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions**

E-AS-12-25 04-18-12

Rejects the application of **Matthew Dylan Soap** for membership in the Absentee Shawnee Tribe due to Insufficient Blood Degree. **Vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions**

E-AS-12-26 04-18-12

Authorizing and approving the attached agreement with Holleyman Associates Architects, PLLC; approving and authorizing Secretary Teri Reed to sign the contract; and delegating authority to Secretary Teri Reed to authorize, approve and sign all documents and construction contracts, on behalf of the Tribe, related to the rebuilding of the Harrah Smokeshop, effective immediately. *(Attachment)* **Vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions**

E-AS-12-27 04-18-12

Authorizes and approves the submission of an application for the Tribal Transit Program planning grant to the Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program; Tribal Transit Program and approves and authorizes Governor George Blanchard to sign the application for the grant and any resulting negotiations related to the grant. **Vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions**

E-AS-12-28 04-18-12

Authorizes, approves and supports the submission of a grant application by the Tribal Police Department for FY 2013 BIA Indian Highway Safety Program, effective immediately. **Vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions**

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS: None

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



MS. MARLA THROCKMORTON APRIL 2012

Marla Throckmorton has served as the Clinic Administrator for the Shawnee Clinic. She has transformed the Clinic into an outstanding model of how health care services can be delivered into an effective, caring and compassionate manner. The number of patient visits have increased 100% over this time last year. She has been a leader in implementing the "Improving Patient Care (IPC)" model of care and as a result on February 14th, 2012, the AST Health System had been selected by the Indian Health Service to participate in this Program. One of the very few tribal programs, nationwide, who have been selected. She also serves as co-chairman of the "Customer Service Taskforce" and has been instrumental in the implementation of the Electronic Health Record (EHR) system for the AST Health System. Marla displays outstanding leadership skills and is important part of our AST Health System management team.

FREE Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors still Available!!

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

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

Please contact OEH at 214-4235 for more information.

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FY-2012 YTD TAX COLLECTIONS MARCH

Run Date:
04/24/12

TAX CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTAL	TAX COLLECTEI
Sales (6%)	\$1,303.68	\$5,764.96	\$9,556.88										\$16,625.52	\$16,625.52
Gaming	\$109,331.00	\$105,500.00	\$84,000.00										\$298,831.00	\$298,831.00
Employee (1%)	\$1,771.92	\$6,921.68	\$19,027.03										\$27,720.63	\$27,720.63
Severance (8%)	\$1,033.85	\$19,231.62	\$16,244.27										\$36,509.74	\$36,509.74
M Vehicle	\$11,657.32	\$14,984.82	\$14,227.79										\$40,869.93	\$40,869.93
Tobacco Refund	\$9,662.76	\$11,107.79	\$9,231.53										\$30,002.08	\$30,002.08
TOTALS	\$134,760.53	\$163,510.87	\$152,287.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450,558.90	\$450,558.90
Miscellaneous	\$1,290.00	\$330.00	\$160.00										\$1,780.00	\$1,780.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$136,050.53	\$163,840.87	\$152,447.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$452,338.90	\$452,338.90

NOTES:

Campaign Letters...



My name is Augustine Johnson and I'm the daughter of Woodrow and Minnie Spybuck.

I'm running for re-election as Deputy Commissioner for the Election Commission.

I've devoted over thirty years serving the tribe. Fifteen years being on the Election Commission, in different positions.

I have:

- Served on the first Task Force that was formed
- Served two (2) terms as Treasurer of the Business Committee, now called Executive Committee
- Served on the Cultural Preservation Committee
- Served as Board Member of the Absentee Shawnee and SAc & Fox Foster Care Licensing Committee
- Served on the Absentee Shawnee Foster Care Licensing Committee
- Serve on the Constitution Revision Committee
- Serve on the Customer Service Committee
- Served as Project Coordinator for the YES (Youth Entrepreneurial Systems) Program, which was a two year ANA Grant, in conjunction with the tribe to work with high school students to keep them in school by having a small business.

I began serving on the Election Commission as an alternate, and then running for and holding different positions through the years.

The Election Commission has put into place checks and balances as a means of running fair and honest elections.

We have worked hard, with many countless hours, and draft after draft of rewrites, which have given the Election Commission the tool(s) to run as professional as possible. Our documents are in place, and we continue to update as the need arises.

The Election Commission has come a long way from the earlier years as I remember. It was run by volunteers, and who ever happen to be in charge, carried everything (records) in a file box. Well at least we now have an office and a desk.

I want to continue to make the Election Commission the best it can be, and with your help I can.

I'm asking for your Vote on June 16, 2012.

Greetings from your Tribal Representative,

I hope this article finds you and yours in good physical and mental health. I am happy to report that progress has been made in many of our programs recently. Staying focused on providing a better future for our tribe has proved to be a valuable stepping stone. As your Tribal Representative I feel it is my duty to strive for a better economic future for our tribe. Every tribal member is important from the youngest to the oldest. As you are well aware, I am running for a second term on June 16th, so please come out and show your support. Together we can give our youngest tribal members to the oldest the greatest gift of all, better opportunity, hope, and a brighter future that they might not otherwise have. Thank you for all your support.

Jeff Gibson
Tribal Representative

As of March 26, 2012 I, Diane Ponkilla, officially became a candidate for Tribal Representative for the June 16, 2012 Absentee Shawnee Tribal Elections.

I was born April 18, 1964. The fifth child of 10 children to the late Tony Wilson Ponkilla Jr. and Francis Louise Logan Ponkilla Valdez. I have lived in the Shawnee and the McCloud area in Pottawatomie County all my life. I have five biological, two adopted, and four grandchildren.

I had the opportunity to be employed with the Absentee Shawnee Tribe for almost 14 years.

- 1986-1990: Thunderbird Casino - Floor Worker and Bingo Caller
- September 09, 1994: Absentee Shawnee Tribe - Receptionist
- May 28, 1995: Lt. Governor, Kenneth Blanchard - Receptionist/Switchboard
- March 28, 1997: Resigned
- September 14, 1998: Community Development, Kenny Jones - Receptionist
- January 25, 1999: Representative, Sabrina Little Axe - Clerk Typist
- August 27, 1999: Position abolished
- April 6, 2001: (WIA) Lt. Governor, Kenneth Blanchard - Clerical
- November 15, 2001: Lt. Governor, Kenneth Blanchard - Administrative Assistant
- December 17, 2003: Governor, Kenneth Blanchard - Administrative Assistant
- August 2, 2005: Tribal Police Department Chief, Dewayne Wilson - Operation Specialist
- May 4, 2006: Resigned
- June 28, 2006-2009: Deputy Commissioner/Acting Commissioner for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Election Commission

During my employment with the Absentee Shawnee Tribe I worked within the following departments: BIA, Roads, AST Tribal Police, Social Service, Title VI, OEH, Education, Maintenance and Delivered rations to the Dance Grounds.

I was employed at the Firelake Grand Casino as Security for 7 months before being hired as Armed Security at my present employer of five years the Kickapoo Casino.

KATHY DEERE FOR TREASURER

“Your most precious possession is not your ‘financial’ assets. Your most precious possession is the people you have working there, and what they carry around in their heads, and their ability to work together.”

Robert Reich

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as Tribal Treasurer for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. I have served as a treasurer for two years for the Tribe, 15 years at Cornerstone IBC, two years for the Tinker Inter-Tribal Council, and two years for AST Tribal Elders Council. I have an Associate’s Degree in Applied Science in Secretarial Administration and over 80+ hours of college credits. I have attended Rose State, Oklahoma Baptist University, St. Gregory’s University, classes at University of Oklahoma, and classes at Tinker Air Force Base. Experience working with community organizations, city& civic governments, and other Tribes.

As Treasurer it has been my goal to continue to strive to be financially stable. Rising costs in fuel, groceries, utility, etc and getting less for what we pay for is hurting everyone. Will continually strive to find solutions/ways to reduce waste and improve business development and investments.

As Treasurer, I will strive to see our Tribe become independent, self-reliant, self sustaining, and self-sufficient in the financial process.

I will continue to strive for excellence in financial reporting, budgeting, and financial management of Tribes resources.

PLEASE fill out EACH BLANK completely and return by the Deadline

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

I, _____, hereby certify that I am or will be an Eligible Voter of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe on or before June 16, 2012. I cannot physically be present to cast my Vote at the **June 16, 2012 Run Off Election**, therefore, I am requesting an Absentee Ballot be mailed to me at the following address.

Name (please print): _____
(first) (middle) (maiden) (last)
Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____
CDIB#: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

ALL REQUESTS must be returned to the Election Commission by the deadline of **May 27, 2012**

Mail to:
Absentee Shawnee Election Commission
P.O. Box 741
Tecumseh, OK 74873

Fax to:
Fax # (405) 273-1337 (Do not fax to any other fax #)
Phone: (405) 275-4030 ext. 150
Toll free number 1-800-256-3341 ext. 150

Deliver in Person to:
Election Commission Office
located in the Tribal Court Building

All eligible voters are entitled to vote either at the Polls or by Absentee Ballot.
For your convenience - This request may be duplicated

ELECTION COMMISSION USE ONLY

Received: _____ Approved: _____ Disapproved: _____

If Disapproved (reason): _____

Denial Letter Mailed: _____ Ballot Mailed: _____

_____ Election Commission/Representative

Camp Nikoti

Leadership Olympiad 2012

Come Join us Summer 2012

Location: Brendle Corner Community Building

Little Axe, OK

Duration/Date/Time: June 12th- July 13th

Tues- Thurs: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm:

The last week of camp, we will go through Friday.

Ages: 11-14 (Must be 11 by June 12th or will not be eligible.)

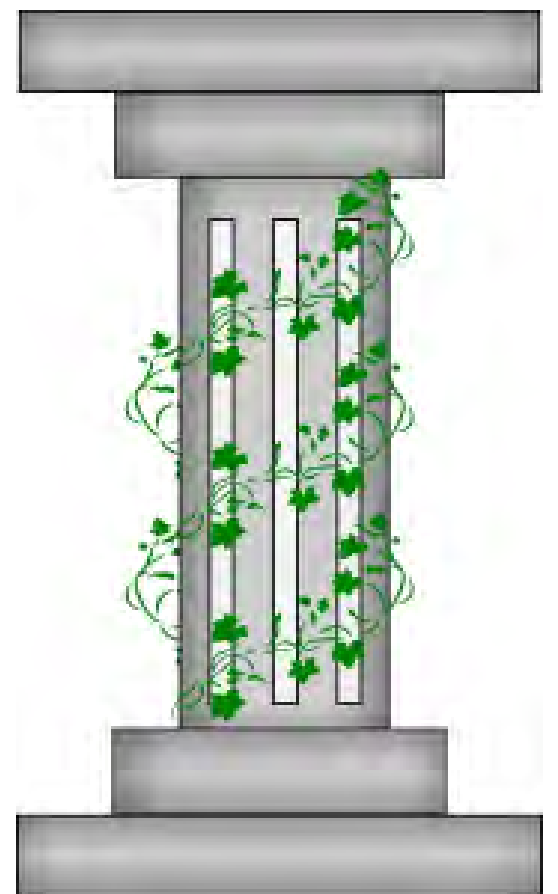
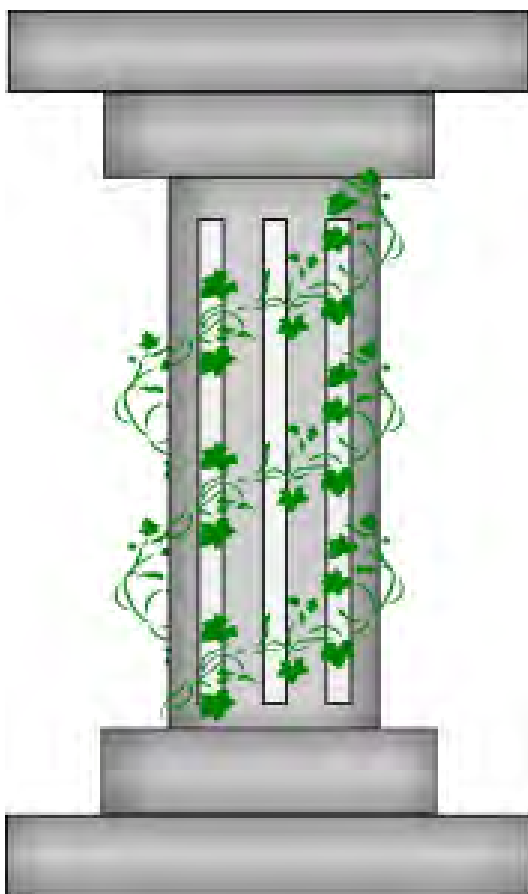
Limit: 25 participants (Space is Limited)

Transportation: Tecumseh/Shawnee area youth will be picked up at the AST complex

@ 8:30 am SHARP.

We will be returning at 4:30 pm.

Space is limited.



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 form at the Education Department office or for download at www.astribe.com

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

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

Attention:

Applications for fall 2012 must be received or postmarked by June 15, 2012.

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

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

FREE music lessons



The MSPI Creative Arts Program offers free music lessons all year round for Native American children from 6 years to 19 years old. Adults are also encouraged to participate. Come join the fun and learn to play the guitar, bass guitar, piano, or vocals.

Contact Phil Bradley, Music Instructor (405) 275-4030 Ext: 117
or Cell (405) 370-5576



At the Shawnee Campus from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Classes are made possible through AST Behavioral Health's Meth/Suicide Prevention Initiative Grant (MSPI)

"Following in Our Footsteps"

Come enjoy music and have some fun too!

AST Youth Council

Middle School and High School Students:

WE NEED YOU!

Come and join the Absentee Shawnee Youth Council...

All middle school and high school youth are welcome!

We will be meeting once every month to cover topics that interest our youth.

We are involved with our communities through hands-on activities and projects.

Our May meeting is the last meeting for the school year.

Please note the change in meeting location...

Our 10th Meeting for the 2011-2012 school year will be Saturday, May 12th at 10:00 am in Building #1, upstairs in the conference room.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the AST Youth Council, please contact....
Tresha Spoon (405) 275-4030
ext. 121 or 193



Happy Birthday!

May Birthdays

Ahtone, Catlin Ray
Alford Sr., Elroy R.
Alford, Amy Dianne
Alford, Christian Shawnee
Alford, Magdalena Spaneta
Allen, Lucinda Nicole
Allen, Patricia Ann
Atchico, John Edward
Atwell, David Eugene
Atwood, Reagan Nicole
Bailey, Brittany Ciara
Barton, Trae Lee
Bateman, Alberta Denise
Bates, Akiane Karee
Battise, Wannetta Jean
Baughman, Brenda Jane
Belvin, Justin Ray
Bender, Leal Desma
Bentley, Curtis Lee
Bettelyoun, Lula Mae
Bigpond, Roy
Black, Cassandra Renea
Black, Timothy Wayne
Blackburn, Gayle Ann
Blanchard, Joey Edward
Blanchard, Caelynn Blu
Blanchard, Dakota Joshua
Blanchard, Glendine
Blanchard, Joseph Henry
Box, Dorothy Lorene
Bradley, Jerry Dean
Bradley, Terry Don
Brady, Lynn Marie
Breeding, Sean K. C.
Brinson, Ariana Isabel
Brister, April Angela
Brocksmith, Chole Elizabeth
Bryant III, Chester A.
Buckley, Gerald Wayne
Buckner, June
Bullard, Adam Drew
Bustamante, Andrea Nadine
Byers, Christian Daniel
Byers, Eric Nelson
Byers, Melissa Sue
Cagle, Alacia Nicole
Campbell, Charles Elbert
Charley, Arron Michael
Charley, Melloney Ann
Citty, Lindsey Nicole
Clinesmith, Blake Weston
Coddington Jr., Kevin Dwayne
Collett, Bonnie Sue
Colungo, Steven Lee
Combs, Michelle Lynn

Conover, Gloria Jean
Coon, Justin Kyler
Creamer, Cora Mae Starr
Cripps, Anita Louise
Cuellar, Orietta Faith
Dankenbring, Bryce Thomas
Davis, Dale Allen
Deere, Shawneen Estelline
Denny, Jacqueline
Dibler Jr., George
Dospapas, Verna May
Elephant Jr., Edward Elmer
Ellis, Gregory Scott
Ellis, Heather Ann
Ellis, Holly Diana
Ellis, Michael Frank
Evans, Lisa Michelle
Factor, Jaremyah Jamez
Feeling, Lavonna Jean
Ferrell, Alyssa Kay
Fife, Gabriel Douglas
Fife, Teresa Laura Irene
Footracer, Lee Anna Gail Stubb
Foreman Jr., Leonard Dewayne
Fritsch, Joley Marie
Galloway, Zachary Adam
Gaut, Crystal Lynne
Gibson Sr., Roy Gene
Gibson, David Michael
Gibson, Jeffrey Wayne
Godwin, Lucy G.
Gouge, Kara Joe
Granstrom, Cody James
Graves Pynch, Karen Sue
Graves, Sharol Annette
Gray, Branden Tyler
Gray, Dakota Christian
Greeley, Carsyn Ryan
Griffin, Diane Sue Berry
Hale, Kathy Sue
Hall, Emily Katherine
Harris, Konner Lee Little
Charley
Haumpy, Taj-ah Billy
Hendrick, Luke Michael
Henry, Eddie Allen
Hernandez, Jennifer Lois
Hill, Yvette Carmel
Hood Jr., Warren Weslyon
Hood, Elena Ann
Hood, Lisa
Hood, Thomas Edgar
Humphrey, Carol Lee
Hunt, Dominique Annastasia
Marie

Hutchinson, Velma Rae
Irvin, Steven Benjamin
Jackson III, Mark Sweeney
Johnson Harjo, Curtis Ray
Johnson Jr., Richard Taft
Johnson, Coree Lee
Johnson, Gabriella Kayann
Johnson, Michael Scott Isaiah
Johnson, Nicholas James
Johnson, Priscilla Grace
Johnson, Walter Kirby
Johnson, Whittney Brooke
Kaseca, Barry Alvin
Kaseca, Kantynn James
Kaseca, Roy James
Keith, Marshall Collins
Kirby-Gibson, Ian Jacob
Kmatz, Mindy Lynnette
Kobs, Jennifer Ann
Kowitz, Michael Raymond
Leedom, Courtney Dawn
Little Axe, Sabrina
Little Charley, Cheryl Jean
Little Charley, Terry Lee
Little Creek, Vernon Dale
Little, Jadyn Alise
Little, Madison Diane
Littlecreek, Anderson Doreece
Littlecreek, Dakota Dwight
Littlecreek, Tiffany Nicole
Littlecreek, Tristyn Denae
Longhorn, Sean Ray
Longhorn, Weda Louise
Lopez Jr, Rolando
Lovins, Audrey Ann
Lovins, Earl Dean
MacGill, Georgia Sue
MacK, Rylan Emory
Mann, Sally Arlene
Masquat Jr., George
Masquat, Chelcy Nicole
Mathany, Susanne Christine
Matthews, Mary Caroline
McGowan, Patricia Lynn
Megehee, Douglas Dewayne
Megehee, Tonia Lynn
Mendoza, Amanda Ranees
Meyer, Doreen
Miller, Casey Ryan
Miner, Heather Rochelle
Minesinger, Scott Brooker
Mitchell, Desiree Rose
Montgomery, Matthew Schyler
Daugherty
Moore, Emily Renee

Morgan, Polly A Littlebear
Morton, Jeremiah James
Munroe, Douglas
Neese, Lisa Marie
Neugent, Alena Dee
Neugent, Alisa Marie
New Moon, Jake Lee
New Moon, Jennifer Brooke
Noyes, Paula Jo
Oldham, George Lynn
Onzahwah, Deborah Kay
Ott-Proctor, Lylli Lee Ann
Panther, Jeffery Wayne
Parker, Shawn Ian
Pawpa, Donald Wayne
Pearl, Melvin Joe
Pitner, Kamryn Nicole
Powell, Fawn Laverene
Powell, Kendall Lynn
Pyrch, Lauren Karly
Raisbeck, David Nathaniel
Ramirez Jr., Florentino
Ramirez, Elicia Marie-Alka
Reavis, Ricci Donnice
Roach, Dakota Eugene
Robertson, Rita Jean York
Robison, Morgan Tell
Robison, Thomas Aaron
Rock, Micheal Eugene
Rolette, Domini Antoinette
Rolette, Gilbert Earl
Rolette, Joshua David Michael
Rudloff, Lacey Rei
Ryan, Royce Liam
Salazar, Terry Lee
Sanders, Patty Ruth
Schulenberg, Donald Derek
Shawnee, Jarrett Lloyd
Shular, Monte Lee
Smith, Jeremiah Robert
Smith, Richard Alexander
Smith, Teresa Renee
Smith, Valerie Ann
Smith, Vanessa Rae
Snake, Norma Louise
Soap Jr, John Lee
Soap, Roger Eugene
Spicer, Amber Jo
Spoon Jr., Robert Ray
Spoon, Joplin Dupre
Spoon, Landon Joe
Spriggs, Warren Paul
Springer, Delores Ann
Spybuck, Easton Cade
Squire, Nathan Gene

Starr III, Henry James
Starr, Anthony Craig
Stevens, Laurence Paul
Stewart, Gracie Nicole
Strain, Cynthia Ann
Sultuska, Ella L.
Sultuska, Jerry Wayne
Sultuska, Rodney Steven
Summers, Dorothy Jean Dirt
Surface Jr., Robert Monroe
Szoke, Debra Jean
Talbert, Elania Michelle
Tallchief IV, Eves
Tallchief, John G.
Taylor, Darwin Jacob
Thornhill, Noah Hunter
Thorpe, Burke James
Tiger, Jennifer Diane
Tiger, Roland
Uchida Jr., Stephen Robert
Valdivia, Jenika Nicole
Wakolee, Carmen Jean
Walker, Jo Ann Louise
Wallace, Brenda Gayle
Warrior, Johnnie Andrew
Warrior, Kenneth James
Washington, Lucille Axe
Watkins, Jamie Lynn
Watson, Brittany L. P. D.
Watson, Janelle Ilise
Watson, Thomas Aaron
Wesley, Ula Mae Welch
White IV, Charles Daniel
White, Brooklyn Dee
White, Caitlyn Rose
White, Clayton Randall
Wilkerson, Barbara Lee
Wilkerson, Katie Evalyn
Williams, Colton Alexander
Williams, Glenn Aaron
Williams, Ruth Helen
Wilson, Carla Marie
Wilson, Cecil Alan
Wilson, Christopher Blaine
Wilson, Diana Lynn
Wilson, Francis Lynn
Wilson, Helen June
Wilson, Lana Louise
Wilson-Laxton, Chelsea
Nicole
Witt, Ambra Denise
Wolfe Sr., Houston Hugh
Wood, Lillian Kay
Wucinski, Gary Ray
Young, Lynda Renee



Laurel & Doyle

You 2 have finally made it!!!
We're so proud of yall.
Love yall very much!!!
Your cousins
Brandy, Micah & Dakia

Congrats on your Graduation
Love you
Big Cousin, Megan
Logan & Korban

So very proud of you both!
Great things lie ahead
Congrats 2012 will never be
the same.
Love you Both very much
Mom & Auntie

You done it 2012 Graduates.
So very Proud of you both.
Rodney & Vikki

Happy 18th Birthday Kara
WE love you!
Love Mom, Pinka, Marissa
and Jada-Bug



Happy 11th Birthday
May 24th

Shawneen Estelline Deere!
We Love and Miss You,
Your Mother, Maxine Little Axe
and your Choctaw Family,
your Father Raymond Thompson,
Aunt Mary Ann, Cousins Crystal,
Cheyenne, and Aiana Holman.

My carebear Britt,
I thank God each day for you and
all your accomplishments, you
made All Conference and went to
Nationals last year. Hopefully
you will be there again this
year. Congratulations on your
college graduation and upcoming
birthday. I pray you continue in
your successful endeavors.

I love you, Grami!!!

Jay,
Happy 15th Birthday! Your
are one of my favorite lil men.
God Bless you on your day
with lots of love!!!
I love you forever, Grami!!!

Britt,
Happy 20th Birthday!
Congratulations on your
upcoming college graduation!
Love you lots, Mom

Jay,
Happy belated 15th
Birthday!
Love you lots, Mom

Brittany,
Congratulations on your upcoming
college graduation, another
great accomplishment and
chapter of your life.
We are very proud of you!
Happy 20th Birthday!
We love you!
Love, Uncle Trever, Aunt Alicia
and Lil Cousin Emmie

Jayden,
Happy 15th Birthday! Oh no you will
be driving soon. We hope you enjoy
your day! We love you!
Love, Uncle Trever, Aunt Alicia
and Lil Cousin Emmie



Happy Birthday
Jules
From Papa



Happy 77th Birthday!!!
Johnnie Mae
From
Title VI Staff

Happy Birthday Sis!
Love
Georgie

Happy Birthday Aunt Johnnie!
Love
Lisa and Larry

Happy Birthday
Boogie
Love
Granny

Happy Birthday
To my ELDER Brother!
ROY GENE GIBSON
Luv ya,
Marvin & Sherry

Happy 10th Birthday
Christian Daniel Byers



We love you very much!
Auntie Sherry & Uncle Marvin

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!
To the most loving MOM,
Velma Blanchard
We love you very much
Marvin & Sherry

Happy Birthday John
From
Sherry



Caelynn Blu Blanchard
May 20th

Happy Birthday Boogie!!!
You are our crazy lil monkey and we
love you so much!
You bring laughter into our lives and
love into our hearts!
Love

Daddy, Mama, Cayanna, Caileah,
Camenah and Catrina.

Happy Birthday Boogie Woogie!
Love
Grandma & Papa

Happy Birthday Big Little Bro!
Love
Chris & Faustina

Happy Birthday Son
Love
Mom & Dad

Happy Birthday
Uncle Joey!
We love and miss you!
Love
The Fab Five Blanchard
Girls!

Happy Birthday
CHUBS FOREMAN



From
Sherry & Marvin



Afraid Of The Dentist?

Tia Danker RDH
Li-Si-Wi-Nwi Dental Clinic

Be careful not to avoid the dentist too much because, in my opinion, there is nothing worse than a toothache. The pain is so intense and nothing seems to make it go away. Some people have said "I would rather be in labor than have a severe toothache."

Fortunately, most toothaches can be prevented by visiting your dentist for regular check-ups. Unfortunately, many people wait until they have a severe toothache before going to the dentist.

In my dental career, I have noticed that the two major reasons that most people avoid the dentist are finances and dental fears and phobias.

Dental Fears and Phobias

For a lot of people, the fear of going to the dentist is so intense that they won't even make an appointment. The end result of this is usually severe dental problems.

Dental problems do not get better and they do not go away. It usually takes a severe toothache to get this type of person into a dental office and by this time, the tooth that is aching so badly will probably need a root canal and crown to save the tooth.

I am embarrassed to admit this, but I also have a huge fear of the dentist. Lucky for me, I have discovered the secret of limiting my visits to the dentist. I will share the 3 steps of this secret with you:

1. Brush twice a day
2. Floss Daily
3. See your dentist for regular check-ups.

When you consider the alternatives, these 3 steps are simple.

Dental Check Ups Could Save Your Life

Dental check-ups and cleaning are a whole lot easier than root canals and crowns and a lot less expensive. Regular check-ups could also save your life by detecting any early signs of oral cancer.

Bottom Line

Don't think of your dentist as an "emergency room" where you will only go if you have an excruciating toothache.



PHARMACY NEWS



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL PHARMACY

OUR NEW LITTLE AXE LOCATION WILL SOON BE OPEN!! THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING DURING THIS EXCITING RELOCATION!

• As of January 1, 2012, Oklahoma State Law mandates a current photo ID is required for EVERY time ANY controlled medication being picked up.

• Both Shawnee and Little Axe pharmacy locations both fill prescriptions for members of all tribes, but outside prescription orders are restricted to Absentee Shawnee Tribal citizens with established charts.

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

The following are a few tips to help us be more efficient in our delivery of pharmacy services to you:

- ✓ Present insurance cards each time you pick up or drop off a prescription
- ✓ Keep us informed of changes in address, phone number and other contact information.
- ✓ Let the Pharmacy staff know if the prescription is going to be picked up or needs to be delivered.
- ✓ When requesting refills, please provide 24 hours notice and either the refill number, which is located above your name on the prescription label, or the names of your medication.

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

New Hours of Operation for the Pharmacy:

Shawnee: 7am-6pm Monday-Friday

Little Axe: 7am-5:30pm Monday-Friday

We are open through the lunch hour!!

****Both pharmacy departments are closed the first Wednesday of each month to complete administrative duties****



The AST Fitness staff would like to congratulate all AST employees currently participating in the AST Fitness Competition! We would also like to congratulate the winners of the AST Employee Fitness Competition for the 1st quarter of 2012!



The winners are:



1ST PLACE:

Team "Car Ramrod" (Tad Johnson and Brad Jackson) with a combined of 7.1 percent body fat



2ND PLACE:

Team "Diva Devils" (Tanya Dohransky and Rebecca Dalrymple) with a combined percent of 6.9 percent body fat



3RD PLACE:

Team "Team Harjo" (Brandon Harjo and Bridgette Wilson) with a combine percent of 6.5 percent body fat

The AST Fitness Program would like to applaud your efforts in staying active. Your habits of exercise and physical activity will go a long way in promoting a healthy body. The AST Fitness program would like to encourage all AST employees to continue with their physical activities!

The 2nd quarter of the AST Fitness Competition will begin in April. This is a fresh start for the Fitness Competition among the Absentee Shawnee employees. Whether it's at a gym, at home, or at work, let's get out and get moving.

AST CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE

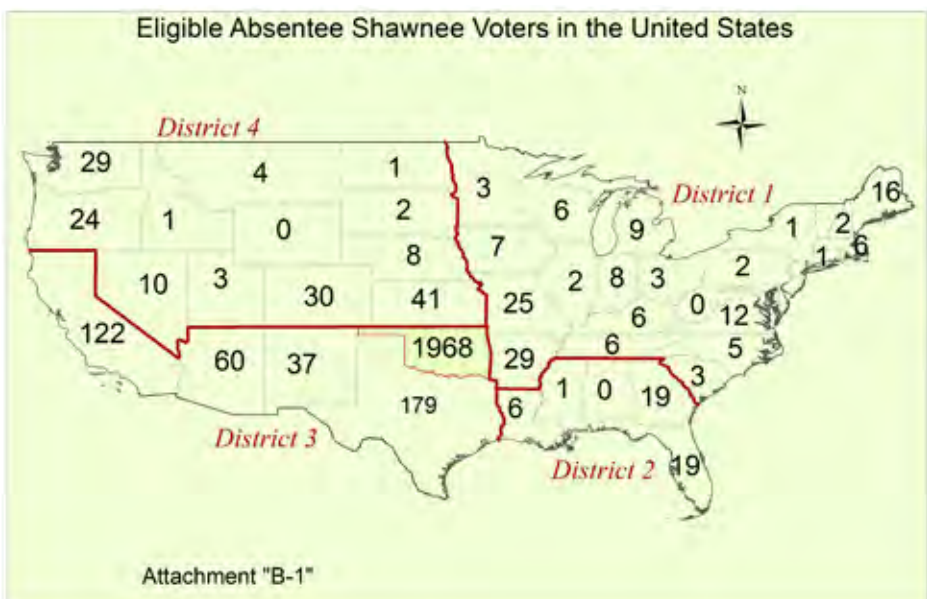
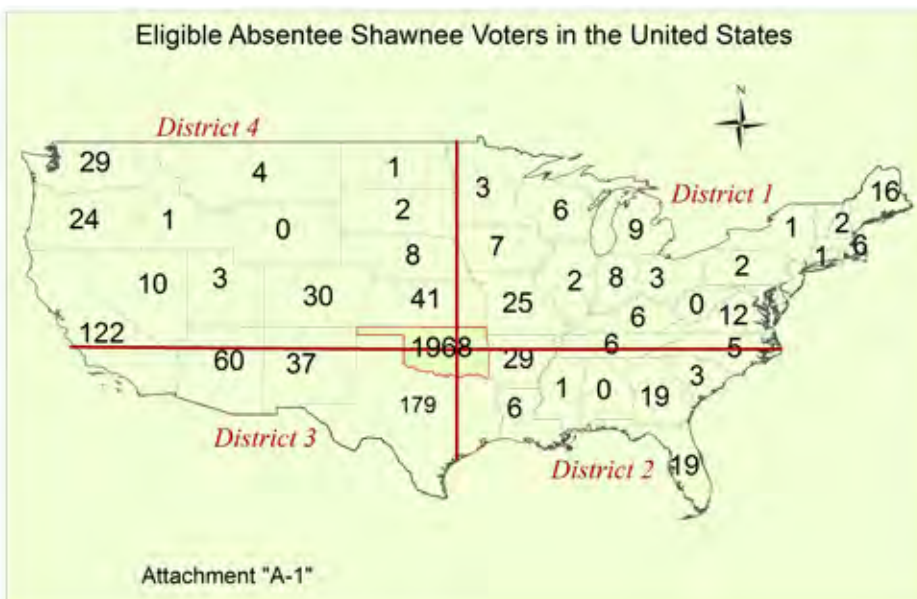
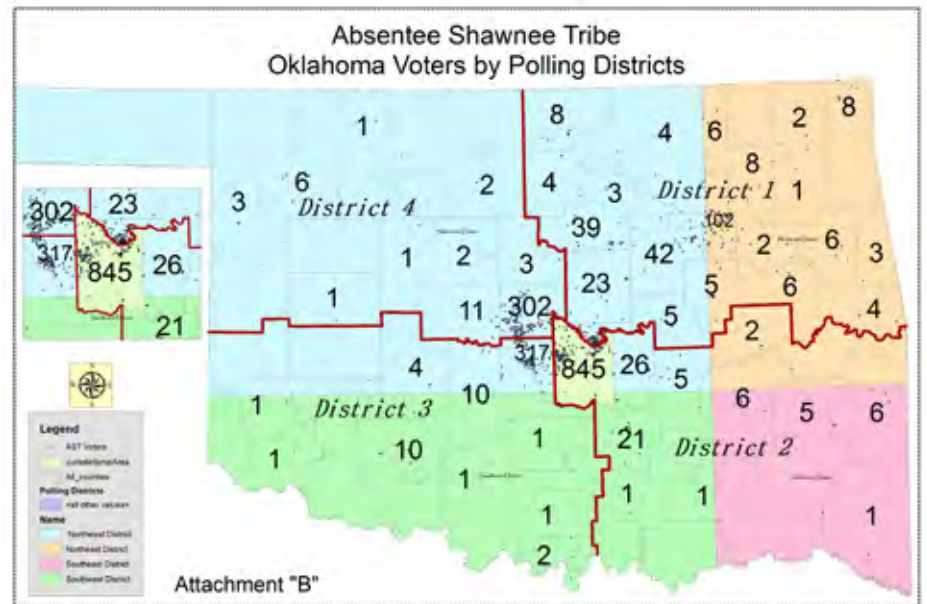
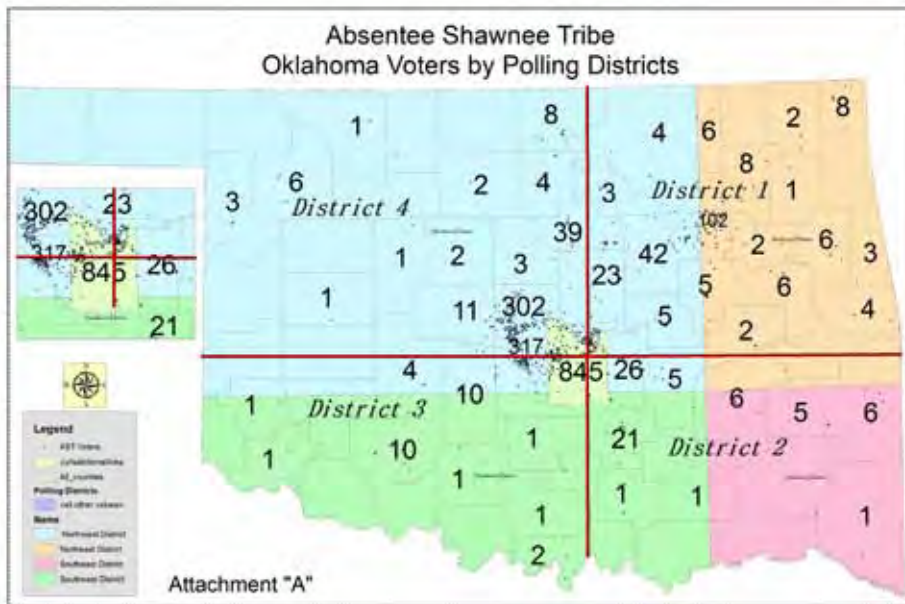
LEGISLATIVE STRUCTURE / LENGTH OF TENURE QUESTIONNAIRE

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

1) LEGISLATIVE STRUCTURE QUESTION

The Constitution Revision Committee is considering revising the legislative branch of the AST government. Below are the four options that are currently being considered, circle or mark which option you feel would best represent the Absentee Shawnee Tribe:

- A. Districts based on two geographical lines that would intersect the entire U.S. represented here based on Highway 9 and Highway 18 through Shawnee, OK. This option would have four districts with equal representation based on the number of voters in each as stated above. (See Attached "A" Map)
- B. Districts based on separating the counties of Oklahoma into four districts and separating the states to coincide with these districts as well so that the Districts are easier to distinguish. District 1 is the northeast portion of Oklahoma and the US, District 2 is the southeast portion of Oklahoma and the US. District 3 is the southwest portion of Oklahoma and the US. District 4 is the northwest portion of Oklahoma and the US. District 2 and District 3 with the most eligible voters will have two legislators each and District 1 and District 4 will have one legislator each for a total of 6 legislators. (See Attached "B" Map)
- C. Districts based on the two historical bands of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe: the White Turkey and the Big Jim Bands. Each eligible voter will have to choose a historical band to be a registered voter based on their family association with the band. Those who can claim both must choose which they wish to be affiliated. Each band will have 3 legislators each.
- D. The final option is to not have a separate legislative branch and leave the legislative powers with the Executive Committee as it is now.



AST CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE **LEGISLATIVE STRUCTURE / LENGTH OF TENURE QUESTIONNAIRE**

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

cont.

2) TENURE OF OFFICE QUESTION

Please circle which amount of tenure you think would work best for the Absentee Shawnee Tribal government:

2 years (Current)

3 years

4 years

5 years

6 years

If you would like to give your comments or would like someone to contact you, please use the box below for comments or contact information.

Eddie Brokeshoulder
Financial Consultant
Absentee Shawnee Tribe
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801
eddieb@astribe.com
Telephone 405-275-4030 ext 148
Fax 405-395-9580

**Questionnaire can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to
Eddie Brokeshoulder by 5 p.m. May 25th.**

FROM THE MEDIA DEPARTMENT . . .

Hello Tribal Members,

I, Sherman Tiger - AST Media Director, would like to address some concerns that were brought to our attention at the General Council Meeting on April 21, 2012. This matter being that the newsletter is being recieved late by tribal members. We strive to get the newsletter in the mail by the first of each month. The post office tells us that the newsletter should be received within 7-10 days from the time that we drop it off at the post office. The only way of delivering sooner would be to up mailing cost to first class which would also raise our price by \$300-\$400 a month which over the course of the year would cost \$3,600-\$4800 to the tribe. If you are not getting it by the 15th of each month you need to call your post masters and talk it over with them. I know for a FACT that there are tribal members that get the newsletter within 2-3 days of us mailing it! Also this past month's newsletter there was a tribal member that recieved their newsletter on the 17th that lived in the state of Washington.

I would like to add that as soon as we get the newsletter printed, usually on the first or before, we deposit copies at the Clinic in Little Axe, the Resource Center, Tribal Store in Little Axe, Shawnee Clinic, the Main Building on campus, Cultural Office, and Title VI building. Also the newsletter is ready to view online at the first of every month for those that have internet access. If you don't have internet access at home, you can go to your local library to use their internet and access the newsletter at www.astribe.com. At this time I would like to encourage the tribal members to keep us and the post office updated with their addresses when you move or go on vacation, as there is additional cost involved with return mail.

Thank you,
Sherman Tiger
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AST Easter Egg Hunt

April 7, 2012



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE VETERAN OFFICERS SWORN INTO AMERICAN LEGION



John Vanderburg and
Esteline Schulenberg



Esteline Schulenberg and
David Voyles



Esteline Schulenberg and
Walter Larney



Esteline Schulenberg and
David Little



Being Sworn In

Having a Swearing In Ceremony at Golden Corral in Shawnee on April 14, 2012 at 10:00 am of the Absentee Shawnee Officers to American Legion Officers to initiate the establishing an American Legion Post. Absentee Shawnee Veterans Officers are as follows; Walter Larney, Commander, David Voyles, Executive Officer, John Vanderburg, Administrative Officer, Esteline Schulenberg, Operations Officer, David Little, Sergeant At Arms, Don Schulenberg, Chaplain.

Don Schulenberg Commander of Post 88 in Norman and Esteline Schulenberg was past District Commander of Western Oklahoma. Both are American Legion members and will be conducting the Swearing in Ceremonies of the Absentee Shawnee Veterans Officers to American Legion.

HORSE SHOE BEND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM:

The After School Program received a \$10,000.00 dollar donation from the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma on April 20, 2012. I am very excited about the donation as this will help out with much need to replenish existing supplies and will be able to buy some laptops for students to use for school projects. Software and reading books also will be purchased. I am very grateful to the Sac and Fox Nation for their donation. Education for our young students is vital to our tribes.

Donation comes at a perfect time as the summer is approaching and we are planning summer activities for students.

There had been some discussions with the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma to consider an agreement with Absentee Shawnee Tribe to provide an afterschool program to students that are part of our joint service area.

This program offers tutorial services and a highly structured program for children ages K through eighth grade. Students are delivered here by the parent or a guardian or come by bus, Monday through Thursday from the hours of 2 to 6 p.m. Focus is to assist these youth in getting extra help in their basic school studies.

Horse Shoe Bend After School Program is located at 46309 Garretts Lake Road, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801.



L to R: Orvena (Twiggy) Gregory, Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Jackie Williams, and Stella Naneto

STUDENT OF THE MONTH ALIJAH MASQUAS



Alijah is in the Second Grade at North Rock Creek School, she has been coming to the center beginning of the second semester and has shown a big improvement in her studies. She demonstrates good study skills and is very cooperative in everything we do at the center. We are glad to have Alijah attending the after school program. She is the daughter of Phillip Masquas and she has a brother name Kaleb who attends the center also.

Alijah will receive a \$25.00 dollar Wal-Mart Gift Card. Donated by the White Turkey Band.

RUBEN WILSON CITIZENSHIP OF THE MONTH OF APRIL

Ruben received the citizenship award in his Third Grade Class. The award is given to a student for their mannerism and being helpful in and out of the classroom. Ruben is the son to Calvin and Annie Wilson, one sister Katie and a brother Michael.



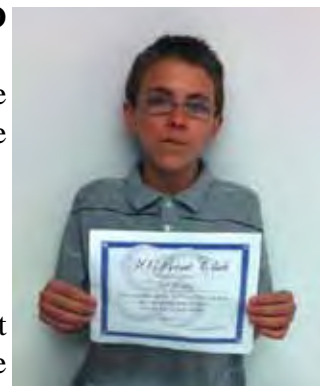
WAYNE SKINNER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR MONTH OF APRIL



Wayne was awarded the achiever award in this Third Grade Class. He has been working very hard with his studies of Math, English, and Writing. Wayne is the son to William and Regina McAfee, he has two brothers David and Jimmy.

JEFF WORTHLEY ACCELERATED READING AWARD

Jeff had met his accelerated reading goal and was awarded a certificate. Jeff is in the seventh grade at North Rock Creek School. He is a very hard working student and we enjoy Jeff coming to the after school program. He is the son to Jeffery Worthley.



JEREMY ELLIS



Jeremy is a Fifth Grader at North Rock Creek School he was awarded a \$10.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card from North Rock Creek for his reading goal. Jeremy is a member of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. He is the son to Eric and Rhonda Ellis. Jeremy has two sisters Jessica and Brandi Ellis.

Tutors and I are very proud of our students with their achievements they have received.

On April 4, 29, 2012 the students in the after school program colored Easter Eggs and we had an Easter Egg Hunt on April 5, 2012. I would like to thank the White Turkey Band Committee for sponsoring these events that took place on the two days. The Easter Egg Hunt was in three categories:

- Pre- K and Kindergarten
- First and Second Grade
- Third through Eighth Grade



Kimberly Bynum

Prizes for prize egg and most eggs were handed to each category.

Results:

Pre-K & Kindergarten: Most Eggs-Katie Wilson and Prize Egg-Jayden Robinson
First Grade & Second Grade: Most Eggs-James Stephens and Prize Egg-Jimmy Rumsey

Third Grade - Eighth Grade: Most Eggs-Polly Anderson Edwards and Prize Egg-Wayne Skinner

Cupcakes and a bag of treats were handed out to each student after the Egg Hunt.

Thanks to: Gwen Switch, Janet Jeske, Twila Parker, June Buckner for the supplies and time you spent for this event and to the parents Tammy Winter, Jennifer and Victor Castaneda, Annie Wilson. Thanks to Faustina Blanchard, Media Department and Representative Jeff Gibson for attending the egg hunt.



Leila Herrod



Brendan Winter

SUMMER TUTORING PROGRAM:

At Horse Shoe Bend I have outline some activities through the summer starting June 4 through July 26, 2012 for summer tutoring. Will be implementing Reading, Math, Science, History (Oklahoma)

Summer Schedule: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Students will be provided a snack.

June 4, 2012 - June 14, 2012 Reading 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Patricia Brown?

June 18, 2012 - June 28, 2012 Math 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Edwina Butler-Wolfe

July 2, 2012 - July 12, 2012 Science 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Randall Watson

July 16, 2012 - July 26, 2012 History 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Stuart Rolette (Oklahoma)

If you have any questions or concerns please call, my cell number 405 481-0397.

Thank you

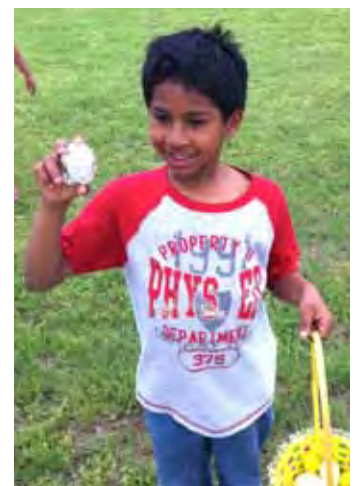
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Daniel Castaneda



Daniel Castaneda



Jayden Robinson



Wayne Skinner & Polly Anderson Edwards



James Stephens & Jimmy Rumseh



Katie Wilson & Jayden Robinson

SALARY COMMITTEE FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SALARY PROPOSAL

This option is based on a full time position with the salary based on a tiered scale with increases in salary based on the level of education and business experience of each individual. These requirements would establish specific qualifications that would be required if this option were passed by referendum. If these requirements are passed by referendum, then these qualifications would be allowable under the Constitution to be in addition to the Constitutional requirements to run for office.

For the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Secretary, there are five tiers. The **First Tier** requires that the Executive Committee member elected to these offices have at least a high school diploma or GED and if they do not have business experience, they will earn the base salary amount as provided in the chart. In the **Second Tier**, the Executive Committee member elected to these offices must have a high school diploma or GED plus one year of college and/or one year of business experience to earn the salary as provided in the chart. The **Third Tier** requires that the Executive Committee member elected to these offices have a high school diploma or GED plus two years of college and/or 2 years of business experience to earn the salary amount as provided in the chart. In the **Fourth Tier**, the Executive Committee member elected to these offices must have a high school diploma or GED plus three years of college and/or three years of business experience to earn the salary as provided in the chart. In the **Fifth Tier**, the Executive Committee member elected to these offices must have a high school diploma or GED plus a Bachelors Degree and four years of business experience to earn the salary as provided in the chart.

For the office of the Representative, there are five tiers. The **First Tier** requires that the Executive Committee member elected to this office have at least a high school diploma or GED and if they do not have business experience, they will earn the base salary amount as provided in the chart. In the **Second Tier**, the Executive Committee member elected to this office must have a high school diploma or GED plus one year of college and/or one year of business experience to earn the salary as provided in the chart. The **Third Tier** requires that the Executive Committee member elected to this office have a high school diploma or GED plus two years of college and/or 2 years of business experience to earn the salary amount as provided in the chart. In the **Fourth Tier**, the Executive Committee member elected to this office must have a high school diploma or GED plus three years of college and/or three years of public relations experience to earn the salary as provided in the chart. In the **Fifth Tier**, the Executive Committee member elected to this office must have a high school diploma or GED plus a Bachelors Degree and four years of public relations experience and four years of business experience to earn the salary as provided in the chart.

For the office of the Treasurer, there are six tiers. The **First Tier** requires that the Executive Committee member elected to this office have at least a high school diploma or GED and if they do not have business experience, they will earn the base salary amount as provided in the chart. In the **Second Tier**, the Executive Committee member elected to this office must have a high school diploma or GED plus one year of college and/or one year of business experience or accounting experience to earn the salary as provided in the chart. The **Third Tier** requires that the Executive Committee member elected to this office have a high school diploma or GED plus two years of college and/or two years of business experience/accounting to earn the salary amount as provided in the chart. In the **Fourth Tier**, the Executive Committee member elected to this office must have a high school diploma or GED plus three years of college and/or three years of business experience and/or accounting experience to earn the salary as provided in the chart. In the **Fifth Tier**, the Executive Committee member elected to this office must have a high school diploma or GED plus a Bachelors Degree and four years of business experience or accounting experience to earn the salary as provided in the chart. In the **Sixth Tier**, the Executive Committee member elected to this office must have a high school diploma or GED plus a Bachelors Degree and four years of business experience or accounting experience plus be a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in good standing to earn the salary as provided in the chart.

The salary amounts earned in the chart will be the base salary amounts paid to the Executive Committee members regardless of the source of the funds. In addition, the Executive Committee members will be entitled to all allowable fringe benefits offered to all full time employees of the Tribe. It is the intent of the Tribal members that the Executive Committee will not be allowed to supplement their salary amount in any way other than the method approved and passed by Tribal referendum.

Elected Official	High School Diploma or GED no business exp	High School Diploma or GED, 1 yr college and/or 1 yr business	High School Diploma or GED, 2 yr college and/or 2 yr business	High School Diploma or GED, 3 yr college and/or 3 business	High School Diploma or GED, Bachelors and 4 yr business	
Governor	35,000.00	40,000.00	50,000.00	65,000.00	85,000.00	
Lt Governor	33,000.00	38,000.00	45,000.00	60,000.00	75,000.00	
Secretary	30,000.00	35,000.00	42,000.00	55,000.00	65,000.00	
Elected Official	High School Diploma or GED, no business exp	High School Diploma or GED, 1 yr college and/or 1 yr business	High School Diploma or GED, 2 yr college and/or 2 yr business	High School Diploma or GED, 3 yr college and/or 3 yr public relations experience	High School Diploma or GED, Bachelors and 4 yr public relations and business experience	
Representative	28,000.00	30,000.00	33,000.00	45,000.00	55,000.00	
Elected Official	High School Diploma or GED, no business exp	High School Diploma or GED, 1 yr college and/or 1 yr business/accounting	High School Diploma or GED, 2 yr college and/or 2 yr business/accounting	High School Diploma or GED, 3 yr college and/or 3 business/accounting	High School Diploma or GED, Bachelors and 4 yr business/accounting	High School Diploma or GED, Bachelors and 4 yr business/accounting CPA
Treasurer	30,000.00	37,000.00	42,000.00	55,000.00	65,000.00	80,000.00

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<p>6 Soft Taco Lett, Tom, Onion Chips/Salsa Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>7 Polish Sausage Red Pot Broccoli Bread/Pears</p>	<p>8 Chef Salad Peaches Cottage Chez Crackers</p>	<p>9 Tamales Refried Beans Mexi-corn Ice Cream</p>	<p>10 Breakfast N Bingo 9:00 am to 11 am</p>	<p>11</p>	
<p>13 Happy Mothers Day!</p>	<p>14 Chicken Patty Sandwich Lett, Tom, Onion Mac. Salad Fruit Cocktail</p>	<p>15 Corn Beef Cabbage Cornbread Cake</p>	<p>16 Hamburger Lett, Tom, Onion Pot. Salad Fruit</p>	<p>17 Cereal Sausage Patty Fruit Toast</p>	<p>18</p>	
<p>20 Egg Rolls Stir Fry Veggies Fried Rice Banana w/ Glaze</p>	<p>21 Chicken Strips Mashed Pot/Gravy Brussels Sprouts Roll/Pudding</p>	<p>22 Spaghetti w/ meatballs Green beans Tossed Salad* Breadsticks</p>	<p>23 Meatgravy Noodles Veggies Bread/Crisp</p>	<p>24 Scrambled Eggs Bacon Biscuit Fruit</p>	<p>25</p>	
<p>27 AST CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>28 BBQ Sandwich Pickles/Onion Baked Beans Salad Bar*</p>	<p>29 Salmon Patty Mac n Chez Peas n Carrots Apricots</p>	<p>30 Taco Casserole Ranch Beans Cinnamon Roll Salsa</p>	<p>31 LUNCH SERVED MONDAY-THURSDAY 11AM TO 1PM BREAKFAST ON FRIDAYS 9AM TO 11AM</p>	<p>26</p>	



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THIP list all applicants by a priority list:

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

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Submit completed application to:

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Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
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Absentee Shawnee Tribe Complex
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This past month has been very busy within TERO. We attended General Council on April 21, 2012 and passed out 29 TERO applications and 18 Thunderbird Casino applications. TERO currently has 451 applicants and have referred 49 applicants to positions such as clerical, maintenance, TEC, security guards, janitorial, housekeeping, cashiers, administrative assistants, child care, and openings within the professional areas of the health field. TERO has received 126 phone calls, 21 new applicants, and 44 walk ins. TERO applicants we ask that you come in and update your application regularly, such as new credentials you may have as well as an updated resume. We require that an applicant has 3 forms of identification on file (CDIB, Social Security Card, and Photo ID), updated phone numbers and addresses. If you are looking for employment within the tribe as well as surrounding areas then TERO is the place for you, We encourage native americans to come in to the TERO office and fill out an application. We also have Thunderbird Casino applications and list of employment opportunities on file for applicants that may be interested in the casino. You will need 3 forms of identification and bring in any license, certificates, or credentials. Letters of recommendation and/or resume. We are located in Building 1, 2nd floor to the right. We will be here to assist you with any questions you may have, you can also contact us by email or phone.

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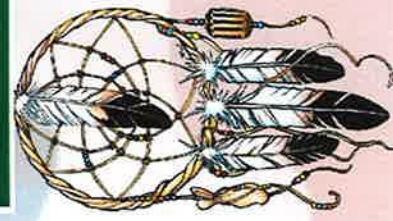
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