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SA MI KI NI A SHAWNEE SOLDIER JOHN LEVI SLOAT

By Paulette Blanchard and Teri Reed

Born in a tent on Hog creek area of Little River July 11, 1931, John was raised in the close network of family and friends. He lived in an extended family with many other family members in the log cabin. They lived in a log cabin by his grandmother Mrs. Gibson, of whom he really only knew her Indian name. She never really spoke of his grandfather. On his father's side he was close to his grandfather Charley Sloat.

Summers were so hot, they slept outside "under the stars, unless it rained and they would grab their things and crowd inside." There was a place to eat and a place to sleep in the cabin. They used the creek for a water source. The creeks had a "good stream, wasn't polluted like it is today. It was a well guarded thing." He mentioned that it was a half mile walk to collect water and fill the water bucket and they "would store it in the cellar where it would stay cool."

John was 4 when he started at Red Hill School then transferred to Bethel School in Oklahoma where he graduated high school He scored high on his tests and enrolled at Oklahoma University, but half a semester later, he decided to enlist in the military.

John's father Henry Sloat served in World War I which influenced his interest

in joining the military. When his father came home he spent time teaching John to salute and it became John's way of greeting people. The Army recruiter asked about John's age and there were some discrepancies. John's mother Emma had to estimate his age around 17 for the recruiter to enlist him because his actual age was 14. John joined the army at age 14 in 1945.

He was a fluent first language Shawnee speaker. His grandfather taught him he would need to restore his language by speaking Shawnee to himself; so when he went to the service he would go away by himself and speak in Shawnee. He was also given tobacco to take with him into the military to wear for protection by a family member.

At Fort Chaffy, Arkansas, he befriended Supply Sergeant Lewis Warrior who taught him about military life and asked John about what branch of the military he wanted to serve, "I wanted to be a paratrooper."

He went into 16 weeks of hard basic training where water was scarce. They were rationed one quart a day but as an Absentee Shawnee he was used to getting by with very little as well as sharing what little they had. When fellow soldiers were out of water, John gave them some of his. The platoon did everything together which made his transition easier because he was used to being in an environment of



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**THE COMPLEX WILL BE
CLOSED NOV. 12**

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Executive Committee



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GOVERNOR



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LT. GOVERNOR



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TREASURER



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REPRESENTATIVE

Governor's Corner

Governor Newsletter report for November 2012 Newsletter report for November 2012

Greetings fellow Tribal members, Hope you are in good health and doing well.

As most of you know by now, the 70th semi-annual General Council meeting of the Tribal membership was postponed to a later date due a conflict with our ceremonials. We have an opportunity try to come up with a solution to avoid such conflicts of scheduling for the foreseeable future.

The language classes have not been abandoned. We are seeking a time that is more convenient for the students. Sunday afternoon attendance by students wanting to learn the Shawnee language has been low. Weekday evenings is being considered. We welcome input from all interested parties.

In regards to the FEMA mobile homes, the award process is delayed for now and is solely controlled by the number of units available to FEMA at any given time. We ask that everyone be patient

The Cobell settlement has been delayed by the filing of several appeals. This appeals process is being monitored by the Tribe. We will inform you as details become available. several appeals. This appeals process is being monitored by the Tribe. We will inform you as details become available.

In closing, If you have something you wish to discuss with me, please come to the complex for a visit.

Respectfully,
George Blanchard, Governor

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| 1. I walk: Nek to fa | #10- Ma ti fe we |
| 2. You walk: Kak to fa | #20- Nes wi pe ti ke |
| 3. He, she, it walks: K to fa | #30 N fo wi pe ti ke |
| 4. We walk: Nek to fa pa | #40 Ne ya wi pe ti ke |
| 5. You walk(pl): Kak to fa pe wi | #50- Ne yi lin wi pe ti ke |
| 6. They walk: Kek to fa ke | #60- Na ko te wi se |
| 7. I am going to walk: Ne si ki to fa | #70- Nes wi se |
| 8. I'm tired: Ne lo ki ta fe | #80- Nf wi se |
| 9. Are you tired?: Hi ke lo ki ta fe | #90- Ge yi ki |
| 10. We are tired: Ne lo ki ta fe pa | #100- Ta pa wi |

Lt. Governor's Report

I hope everyone is doing well!

Since the Absentee Shawnee News will be out before General Council. I would like to submit a short article to you this month. It is my plan to report on the activities of my office, to you, personally at the 70th General Council. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Currently the finance department and department people are preparing budgets for 2013. The budget process is a lengthy process. It usually takes about 30 days to get it completely finalized.

I would like to thank everyone that works so hard to provide a comfortable and informative General Council. The Department Heads work hard on their reports trying to provide you with information that can be helpful in the future and to also let you know what their departments have been doing for the past six (6) months. Maintenance not only provides the reports as the other departments do, they also get the room ready so everyone can be comfortable. The Media department continues to put the Tribal News Paper together, process and complete orders for printing and put the GC Packets together. The Secretary's Office works hard to ensure that you are provided a tasty meal. General Council is a joint effort by everyone at the complex. I hope everyone can come and see what's been going on with the

Tribe over the past six (6) months

and enjoy a meal with the Executive Committee, the staff, friends and family. Hope to be seeing you real soon.

Respectfully,
Isaac Gibson
Lieutenant Governor

Secretary's Report

Greeting Tribal Members:

Our fall ceremonial dances were held this past weekend and I feel a great sense of renewal for our people and our future. It was wonderful to see so many people participating and carrying on our native traditions. It makes you feel proud to be an Absentee Shawnee. It was nice to see so many visitors, and to have a chance to catch up with family and friends. For some, it is good to know that no matter how long you are away from your tribe, you are always welcome back into the fold of our tribal family.

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

The date for the 70th General Council Meeting was rescheduled to Saturday, November 10th at 10:00 a.m. at the Little Axe Health Clinic. The date was changed to accommodate the tribal members who were participating in our fall ceremonial dances on October 20th. If you are unable to attend the General Council meeting and would like a copy of the General Council book, please come by my office to pick up a copy. You will need to present your CDIB card to obtain a copy.

TRIBAL YOUTH – NEWS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Governor's office recently established Saturday, December 1st for the Children's Tribal Christmas party. It will be held in the Event Center at the Thunderbird Casino-Norman.

I would like to congratulate the Little Axe High School softball team and Coaches Mike and Dina Bread for winning their third Fast Pitch State Championship in a row at the Hall of Fame Stadium in Oklahoma City on October 6th. Some great softball has come out of this area of the state over the years and I'm glad to see that the high school team is continuing the tradition. The Native American community, including many AST members have contributed to the success and tradition of excellence in sports.

Also, on this same day, the High School Fishing Southern Conference Championship took place in Arkansas. Trevor Yates (AST from Little Axe High School) and his partner placed second with a catch of five bass for 13 pounds. Their dedication and accomplishments in angling is impressive.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION PROJECT

With Veteran's day right around the corner, it is most appropriate that we are featuring a story written by our summer intern, Paulette Blanchard, on tribal member John Sloat. The story is titled "A Shawnee Soldier" and outlines his career as a leader for both the tribe and the military. John has had a very distinguished military career and we are very proud of his accomplishments and service to our tribe and country. All of our stories will be maintained in our Cultural Preservation department for future generations to enjoy. I hope you enjoy this article, and my thanks goes out to John for sharing his story with us.

NATIVE INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION AND ELDERS COMMITTEE

Education has always been a

top priority with our tribe, and I was glad to see us participate in the NIEA conference this past month. In addition to supporting the advancement of native education, the NIEA also serves to support traditional native cultures and values. Our Elders Committee contributed to the conference by providing a presentation on Absentee Shawnee history and demonstrating the traditional stomp dance. Cynthia Longhorn and Joseph Blanchard were among those who spoke at the conference. They did a wonderful job along with our stomp dance leaders Joe Blanchard and Jim Gibson. Thanks to all of you had a part in representing our tribe at this conference.

CASINO UPDATE

September finished strong for Thunderbird Entertainment Centers with Free Cash Flow up 45% from the previous year. The Ford Mustang promotion for October has been extremely successful with Gaming Revenues trending to be up over \$100,000 and Free Cash flow up \$200,000 over the previous year.

November should be an exciting month with hourly \$500 Cash Hot Seat drawings in Shawnee on Friday and Saturday nights from 6:00 to 10:00. Friday nights at the Norman facility will offer hourly \$500 Cash Hot Seat drawings and a John Deere Utility Vehicles giveaway.

ENROLLMENT

The following is a list of our enrollment activity from our enrollment department through the month of September.

- 3,778 total enrolled tribal members
- 20 deceased in 2012 through the end of July 2012
- 4 enrollment rejections
- 2 voluntary relinquishment
- 2 blood quantum corrections

STATE COMPACT

I recently attended the State's Tribal Leaders round table discussions on State Compacting issues which was facilitated by Jacque Hensley. Governor Mary Fallin appointed Jacque Hensley (Kaw, Shawnee, Delaware) as

her Native American Liaison in July of this year. Steven Mullins, General Counsel for the office of the Governor, was in attendance to discuss compacting issues that affect Native American Tribes.

Our tobacco compact with the state of Oklahoma will expire next year and it is essential that our tribe maintains an advantage in selling tobacco products to the public. It tends to be more important for smaller tribes than it does to some of the larger tribes who have more financial resources to fund their programs. It is important that we learn about the State's position on these compacting issues so that we can begin to plan our strategy for the renegotiation of our compacts. I gained some valuable insight and was glad that I was able to discuss the issues with the State representatives and other tribal leaders.

TRIBAL COMPLEX REFURBISHMENT- BUILDING 1

A couple of months after I took office last year, I applied for an Indirect Cost (IDC) Budget for refurbishing Building 1 of the AST complex here in Shawnee. The flooring was more than 18 years old and the leaks in the roof had left stains over most of it. The basement and attic was full of old supplies, dust, and abandoned furniture. The basement was mostly unusable and a health hazard. When the IDC budget was approved this year, my staff and I went to work on



the refurbishing project. Since the Shawnee Health department closed the employee exercise room last year, we cleaned out the basement in Building 1 and reopened an exercise facility on the complex.

The carpet has been replaced and tile has been laid in the front and back entrance of the building. The attic and basement storage areas have been cleaned and organized. I believe these improvements have created a healthier and cleaner environment for employees, and will improve the professional image of our tribe to all who come to the complex to handle their business. Thanks to Jerry Knox and Paul McIntire for their assistance in helping me organize this project and to all of the employees in Building 1, including the Lt. Governor and Representative, who supported us and put up with the inconvenience and noise during the improvements.

HARRAH SMOKE SHOP

Harrah Smoke Shop Ground Breaking Executive Committee Front Row: Jeff Gibson, Teri Reed, Kathy Deere, Isaac Gibson, George Blanchard (Not Pictured) Back Row: Members of Abla Architect Firm and Silvercliffe Construction, Paul McIntire (AST Project Mgr-Second from left)



The Executive Committee recently participated in a ground breaking ceremony for the rebuilding of the Harrah Smoke Shop. The original building burned to the ground in March 2011 during a wild fire. Since that time, the business has been operating out of portable building on the property. Silvercliffe Construction had the winning bid to rebuild the Smoke Shop and was awarded the contract during the summer. Construction began in September and is scheduled to be completed in early February 2013. The new building will house the Smoke Shop with a drive through window and a lease space for another business.

If you have any issues or concerns that you would like addressed in the newsletter, please let me know. Teri Reed – Secretary
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Treasurer's Report

Hello fellow tribal members,

The 70th Semi-Annual General Council Meeting, Saturday, November 10, 2012, Little Axe Health Facility, Norman, OK, was held and I hope everyone got to attend. Appreciate all who stopped at the Office of Treasurer table, picked up the financial handouts available and completed financial services survey.

Your elected officials 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:

- AS Health Board Authority and LSWN Board Meeting, held every third Tuesday, Little Axe Health Facility, Little Axe, OK. Serves as Ad Hoc non-voting member. Monthly reports of program directors, financial, and activities of health facility are presented. We are privileged and proud to have a new state of art health facility in the beautiful countryside of Norman. The building holds many departments such as, Behavioral Health, Business Office/Finance, Contract Health, Dental, Diabetes & Wellness, Facilities, Health IT, Laboratory, Medical Records, Optometry, Patient Benefit Advocates, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Primary Care, Public Health, Radiology, Registration, Security/Safety Control, Supply, and Transportation.

- Monthly Program/Departmental Directors meeting. Each department/program director comes every 3rd Monday and gives a monthly update on their program/department. We, Executive Committee, appreciate those departments who take the time to come and give us an update every month and monthly written reports. We understand they may have circumstances occur that prevent them from coming to the monthly meetings.

THANK YOU!

- Elders' Monthly meeting, at the Resource Center this month. They meet every third Saturday, either at AST Resource Center or Title VI

Bldgs, 10 am. If you are 55 years and older, please come join us for fellowship, food, and fun times together. We plan fund raisers, outings, and cultural activities. Annual Elders' Veterans Dance, a Gourd Dance, November 10, 2012, outside behind Thunderbird Casino, weather permitting. The AST Elders will be serving the meal at the General Council Meeting, November 10, 2012.

- Congratulations to Annie Wilson, Social Services Director, for October Employee of the Month 2012.

- Monthly Redstone Investment meeting. We have an excellent investment advisor, who continually keeps the committee updated on current investments and most beneficial to the Tribe. Since we have been with Redstone Investments, we have achieved attractive returns for the Tribe's investment portfolio for over ten (10 years).

- Financial Education in Oklahoma, one-day conference, "Navigating the Changing World of Consumer Credit", at Moore-Norman Technology Center, South Penn campus, in Oklahoma City. The conference sponsored by Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, OKC Branch and the OK Jump Start Coalition, provide attendees an insight of Consumer Credit, Alternative Consumer Loan products, Education Debt: Is it a Crisis?, Credit Building as an Asset, and Credit Reports and Scores.

- ASEDA board monthly meeting. Discussion on developing strategy for 2013 to accomplish future economic development for the tribe. Monthly report from the Absentee Shawnee Counseling Services in Oklahoma City, presented by Executive Director, Dan Cross.

- Constitutional Revision committee meeting was held at the AST Resource Center on Sunday, 9-23-12, to discuss the next step on moving forward to amending constitution for TENURE OF OFFICE, proposed changes increase the term of elected officials to four (4) years and TRANSFER OF POWER -The power of the people was taken away and given to the Executive Committee and other topics. If you are interested in joining the constitution revision committee, please come to the meeting or call

Eddie Brokeshoulder, 275-4030 X148.

- Tinker National Contract Management Association, NCMA luncheon meeting, Tinker Business & Industrial Park, MWC, OK. Purpose of meeting was to meet our local Tinker Contracting staff and discuss 8(a) and Alaska Native Corporations and their impact on Federal Contracting. The attendee's included minority owned, women owned small businesses, tribal staff, and director of national office for Native Contractor's Association (NACA).

- Congratulations to Ms. Pauline White Wahpepah, 2012 AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honoree for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of OK. She was one out of forty-seven elder honorees among the 39 tribes in Oklahoma. She was presented with a medallion and certificate at the Fourth Annual Event, National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, Oklahoma City, OK. Please see article in forthcoming pages.

- National Indian Education Association (NIEA), held their 43rd Annual Convention and Trade Show, Cox Convention Center, Oklahoma City, OK. In the age of Android and the iPad, their focus was on helping Native educators, communities, and schools leverage digital and online education-from techniques such as blended learning, tools such as smart boards—in providing high-quality teachers and excellent, culturally-based curriculum that students need in an increasingly knowledge-based economy and multicultural society. Using technology to address high levels of dropouts among Native students, and helping young men and women get ready for college, technical school, and ultimately, for career, were addressed in the 90 workshops and speeches that were held during the convention this year. Also, The Absentee Shawnee Elders and Youth did Stomp Dance presentation in the Cultural Feast, held at the Oklahoma History Center, Outdoor Stage.

- National Emergency Management System (NIMS), Incident Command System (ICS) Overview for Executive/Program/Department Officials, Horseshoe Bend, Shawnee, OK. Objectives of Incident Command System was to describe the ICS, various ways

ICS can be applied, define the role of Executive/Program/Department Officials relative to the ICS, describe major responsibilities related to an incident, demonstrate basic familiarity with ICS terminology, describe basic organization of ICS and know the functional responsibilities of Command and General Staffs, describe issues that influence incident complexity and the tools available to analyze complexity, describe differences between on-incident ICS organizations and activities and the activities accomplished by Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs), Area Commands, and multiagency coordination (MAC) system, explain administrative, logistical, financial, and reporting implications of large incident operations, describe sources of information regarding the incident and how to access them, and describe types of agency(ies) policies and guidelines that influence management of incident or event activities.

Check out the FEMA website to see various information on emergency planning: www.fema.gov/nrf

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!

My sincere appreciation to the Financial Consultant, Eddie Brokeshoulder, who continues to assist me with numerous

projects, attends meetings where I cannot attend, and consulting decisions in the Office of Treasurer. We welcome, Arlene

Herrera, Administrative Assistant, who continually assist us in the day to day office details. We appreciate all your phone calls, emails, and visits. May God continue to bless you and yours!

Respectfully yours,

Kathy Deere, Treasurer

"The world must learn to "work together", or finally it will not "work" at all."

~ Dwight D. Eisenhower

Representative's Report

Hello Tribal members!

I hope this month finds you well. I would like to start out by congratulating our Little Axe girls fast pitch softball team for winning the State 3A Championship for the 3rd time in a row! They have done an excellent job! Also, very good to see the support that was shown to our girls by all the folks who came out to the games.

Happy Birthday to all our Tribal members celebrating birthdays this month, and Happy Anniversary to those couples celebrating anniversaries as well! Let's be thankful for the time that we have been given to celebrate another year with our loved ones.

As a reminder, General Council is coming up on Saturday November 10th. I hope to see everyone there. The Health Fair will be on the same day at the Little Axe Health Center starting at 8 am, so make sure to check that out as well. Bring the family out to get flu shots and blood pressure checks!

Have a good and safe Thanksgiving!
Tribal Representative
Jeff Gibson

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOVEMBER 2012

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.

The Tribe's 2010 and 2011 Audits are "unqualified"; which when compared to an educational grading scale is an A.

The 2013 Indirect Cost Proposal was submitted to the National Business Center (NBC) on September 4, 2012. NBC is six months behind due to budget cuts thus staff cuts. Our rate is up from 17.74% for 2010 to 21.98% for 2011 and our rate for 2012 is 22.35% and is expected to increase

for 2013.

The finance department continues 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 October reconciliations for financial reporting on the first of November. 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 6 (55%) being AST Tribal Members and 5 (45%) being non-natives. This department as always would like to extend a special thanks and note of appreciation to the Executive Committee for providing the tools, resources and support to enable the finance staff to reach its accomplished goals and to continue with this effort. A special thanks and note of appreciation to Program Managers and Employees of the Tribe for their assistance and dedication in our continued group effort toward accomplishing our goal.

I would like to welcome two replacement employees to the finance department; Courtney Green and Jessica Gonzales. Both ladies have shown to be assets to

the finance group and are very hard workers.

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,

Our 70th Semi-Annual General Council Meeting of November 10, 2012, has come and gone, with a very good turn-out being reported. The office of Treasurer was well represented with a table of informative financial information. Tribal members were given a chance to win drawings for completing our AST Financial Services survey. Office of Treasurer would like to take this time and thank tribal members for coming by our table and completing our survey.

The following activities I have been involved and participated:

General Fund: Reviewed and analyzed Treasurer's monthly general fund encumbrance report.

Indirect Cost: Reviewed and analyzed Treasurer's monthly Indirect Cost encumbrance report.

Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority, Inc. (ASEDA): Attended monthly board meeting discussing current business operations and future business opportunities.

Redstone Investments: Attended monthly financial investment meeting, topics included current investment strategies as well as future investment opportunities.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Financial Education in Oklahoma: Treasurer Deere and I attended a one-day conference, "Navigating the Changing World of Consumer Credit", at Moore-Norman Technology Center, South Penn campus, in Oklahoma City. The conference sponsored by Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Oklahoma City Branch and the Oklahoma JumpStart Coalition, provided attendees an insight of Consumer Credit, Alternative

Consumer Loan products, Education Debt: Is it a Crisis?, Credit Building as an Asset, and Credit Reports and Scores.

AARP of Oklahoma: Attended AARP Oklahoma meeting in Shawnee, the purpose of meeting was to discuss Transportation in Pottawatomie County 2012 Report prepared by OU Price College of Business. Attendees were given a chance to review report and discuss a handout that listed transportation services for Pottawatomie county service area.

Tinker National Contract Management Association, NCMA: Treasurer Deere and I attended Tinker NCMA luncheon meeting, Tinker Business & Industrial Park, Midwest City, Ok. The purpose of meeting was to meet our local Tinker Contracting staff and discuss 8(a) and Alaska Native Corporations and their impact on Federal Contracting. The attendee's included minority small businesses, tribal staff and director of national office for Native American Contractor's Association (NACA).

In closing, should you have any questions, please contact me at 405-275-4030 ext 148, or eddieb@astribe.com

Respectfully,
Eddie Brokeshoulder
Financial Consultant

AST CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE SEEKING VOLUNTEER TRIBAL MEMBERS

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

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

Resolutions

The following are Resolutions passed through October 17, 2012

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS:

E-AS-12-59 10/17/12

Rescinds Resolution No. E-AS-2012-55 and postpones and reschedules the 70th Semi-Annual General Council Meeting to Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. at the Little Axe Health Center, Little Axe, Oklahoma.

E-AS-12-60 10/17/12

Confirms the appointment of Roy Larney to the Gaming Commission for a term of four (4) years expiring October 17, 2016, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

E-AS-12-61 10/17/12

Amends Resolution No. E-AS-2012-56 and authorizes the negotiation and purchase of the original allotment of Long Man, AS S-374-M, described as Surface and Surface rights only in and to the S/2 S/2 NE/4 NE/4 NE/4 of Section 18, Township 9 North, Range 1 East of the Indian Meridian, Cleveland, Oklahoma containing 2.50 acres, more or less, being allocated from the revenue of Thunderbird Casino. (Correcting the legal description)

E-AS-12-62 10/17/12

Approves and accepts Hermione Essence Tiger, Emma Grace Kirby, Gage Robert Kirby, Lindsay Diane Kirby, Daemon Marcus Sherod, Liyahna Kyne Bender, Trysten Nathaniel Lee Parsons, Ryder Lazaro Ryan, Ruby Ann Lopez, David Nathaniel Raisbeck, Jr., Samantha Storm Raisbeck, Christopher Gene Raisbeck, Jr., Jai•nasha Camille Norton, Jai•ahnna Anjali Norton, Marquese Dashawn Elam, David Christopher Williams, Angela Marie Williams and Waylen Michael Ray Tiger as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

E-AS-12-63 10/17/12

Approves the reappointment of Jackie Denny to the Absentee Shawnee Foster Care Licensing Committee for a (1) year term expiring October 31, 2013, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

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

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

FY-2012 YTD TAX COLLECTIONS (thru9/30/12)

RUN DATE:
10/24/12

TAX CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	% OF TAXES COLLECTED
Sales (6%)	\$1,303.68	\$5,764.96	\$9,556.88	\$20,267.74	\$251.60	\$12,976.77	\$9,892.03	\$5,332.45	\$2,490.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$67,836.64	3.09%
Gaming % of free cash	\$109,331.00	\$105,500.00	\$84,000.00	\$252,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$344,000.00	\$286,000.00	\$305,920.00	\$103,039.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,631,790.00	74.43%
Employee (1%)	\$1,771.92	\$6,921.68	\$19,027.03	\$13,411.67	\$23,358.23	\$14,230.92	\$6,059.30	\$27,296.76	\$768.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$112,846.06	5.15%
Severance (8%)	\$1,033.85	\$19,231.62	\$16,244.27	\$10,116.92	\$16,892.79	\$12,022.41	\$14,040.81	\$62,362.17	\$9,978.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$161,923.67	7.39%
Motor Vehicle	\$11,657.32	\$14,984.82	\$14,227.79	\$11,321.19	\$10,285.99	\$16,024.99	\$14,599.58	\$15,575.38	\$11,181.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$119,858.63	5.47%
Tobacco Refund	\$9,662.76	\$11,107.79	\$9,231.53	\$10,458.50	\$11,811.42	\$11,105.72	\$10,122.29	\$11,309.29	\$11,057.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$95,866.47	4.37%
TOTAL TAXES	\$134,760.53	\$163,510.87	\$152,287.50	\$317,576.02	\$104,600.03	\$410,360.81	\$340,714.01	\$427,796.05	\$138,515.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,190,121.47	
Miscellaneous	\$1,290.00	\$330.00	\$160.00	\$50.00	\$80.00	\$136.84	\$20.00	\$180.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,326.84	0.11%
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$136,050.53	\$163,840.87	\$152,447.50	\$317,626.02	\$104,680.03	\$410,497.65	\$340,734.01	\$427,976.05	\$138,595.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,192,448.31	100%



communalism.

The first time he was called for “pay call” he asked another soldier “you mean we get paid for being in the military?” When he received his fifteen dollar pay the first thing he did was bought a bunch of candy, something any fourteen year old young man might do.

He was often called a Mexican because many didn’t know about Indians. When asked what kind of Indian he was, he said “there is only one kind, Absentee Shawnee” because he had never met any other Indians. The military recognized him as Caucasian on paper. He, monthly, had to correct the military on his race recognition but the papers continued to reflect him as a Caucasian.

He graduated basic and was sent to Fort Benning, Georgia to advanced paratrooper training. Out of the 254 whom signed up, only 52 graduated, including Sloat. He was sent to Fort Campbell Kentucky and when a commanding officer found out John could type he was appointed to a clerk position. He wanted to do something else and he transferred into the military police division for training and graduated as a Military Police officer. Shortly after that the Korean War broke out and his jobs were to direct traffic and take care of the prisoners in Korea. He volunteered as an infantry

soldier during the Korean War “to do the fighting, that’s where the action was.” John’s first injury was in Korea, 1950.

He was a Corporal in the infantry and trained machine gunners. He implemented training to help them in every way possible; one of his techniques was to disassemble and reassemble a machine gun blindfolded.

In 1953 John came back to Norman after discharge from military service. He was unhappy with civilian life so two years later he re-enlisted, this time he was married to Tommy Jean McCoy with two children, Jim and Carol Ann. He signed on with the Army Reserves in anticipation of possible active duty status. After two weeks he was called back to active duty.

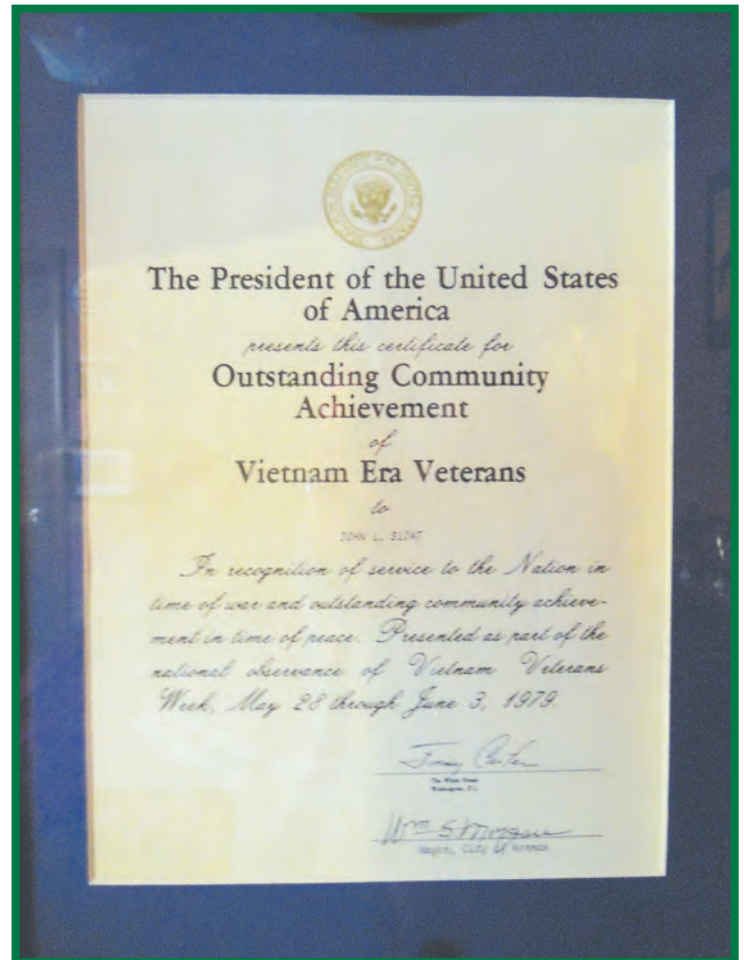
He went to Fort Campbell Kentucky, to Germany and back to Ft. Campbell where he was recruited into Special Forces in 1961. He completed training in North Carolina. He was promoted to Master Sergeant in Vietnam on his first tour and was wounded for the 2nd time on April fool’s day 1967. He was wounded a third time in Vietnam on Thanksgiving 1968. He was sent to Japan to heal from a gunshot wound to the head.

Each tour was 9-12 months. During Vietnam he served as Infantry and Special Forces. He was often called to perform intelligence reconnaissance of 24 hour enemy surveillance. Sometimes they performed surveillance in a location for two weeks. Mr. Sloat attributes his survival during this time “to being Indian” because he was able and accustomed to little food, no talking and sitting still in silence” for long periods of time because it is expected of him in his childhood. This ability helped conceal his position but the others were not accustomed to doing so.

John was a Green Beret with Command Sergeant Major rank. He has earned the Silver Cross, a Silver Star, two Bronze stars, three purple hearts and multiple campaign ribbons, the earliest from the end of WWII. The only honor John Sloat did not receive but has been recommended for is the Metal of Honor. He has been recognized by Presidents of the United States and is arguably the most highly decorated Absentee Shawnee soldier to serve in the army. He had a long and distinguished military career and retired from the military in 1973.

John Sloat was encouraged to run for governor of the Absentee Shawnee tribe and held three terms from 1978-1984 without pay to prove it could be done. He helped the tribe develop and ratify its constitution in 1979. He was the first Governor of the tribe under the constitution and went to Antioch where he studied Indian federal law during the late 1970’s. He had a desire to hire people qualified for the program positions. He felt by hiring the best qualified people for the job they could do their job without his interference. His experience in the military prepared him for his public service through “leadership course in management” classes.

John hopes to see the Absentee Shawnee Tribe culture continue to be revived and preserved. He has traveled the world and experienced many adventures. He currently lives in Noble Oklahoma, which is not far from the area where he was raised as a child. He is once again encircled by a close network of family and friends. Née ya way/Thank you Mr. John Sloat!



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH OCTOBER 2012

ANNIE WILSON



PSSF/ICW/CPS Up Coming Events

November – Thanksgiving Food Baskets



We will be having our “Stuff a Family for Thanksgiving” event. Several boxes for donated food items will be placed throughout the Shawnee and Little Axe Complexes on Oct 26th and will be collected on November 13, 2012. Everyone is encouraged to donate any items from the list that will be posted with the boxes. Thanksgiving baskets will be put together and will be distributed to our community members who are in need as well as our ICW families.

December - Angel Tree

The ICW department will be getting out the Angels to all their families. The Angels will be placed on the Christmas tree in Building #1 on



November 26th. On the back of each Angel will be information for a child such as gender, size and wish list. As a reminder for those who take an Angel, please SIGN OUT your Angel and return the Angel with the new, unwrapped gifts to the ICW department by December 14, 2012.

For further information on any event please contact the ICW Department

WHITE TURKEY BAND NEWS

The White Turkey Band has been very busy in the past months with activities. The Fall Fest was held on September 22, at the Horse Shoe Bend Community Building. We had informational booths and arts and craft booths that set up for this event. Inflatable from the Building Blocks was set up by our maintenance department and basketball free throw contest and a hoop challenge shooting contest was conducted by Stuart Rolette and Randall Watson. Tyke trike races were the last event for the afternoon as the youth and the adults had a challenging time in the races. Prizes were donated by the MSPI Program, Jenifer Sloan. Lunch was served at 11:00 am until 12:00 pm, donated by the White Turkey Band. I would like to thank Rusty Parker, and Kathy Switch, Twila Parker for cooking the meal.

Thanks to the informational booths OEH Department, Cecilia Flores, Education Dept., Trish Spoon, Treasurer Deere, Eddie Brokesoulder, Arlene Herrera, Behavioral Health MSPI Program Jenifer Sloan, AST Shawnee Health Clinic Marla Throckmorton, and Dee Little. Thanks to the Arts and Crafts booths Bobbie Sue Fulbright, Gwen Switch, Janet Jeske, Rosella Wilson. The Raffle Winners for the Ladies Indian Shawl was Debra Wakolee, of Shawnee, Oklahoma and the Grocery Basket winner was Sam Martinez, of McLoud, Oklahoma. Congratulations!!! We would like to thank everyone who bought a raffle ticket.

A SPECIAL THANKS FOR ATTENDING THIS EVENT GOES OUT TO:

*Second Chief Orvina Gregory, (Twiggy), Sac and Fox Nation
Treasurer Kathy Deere, Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
Secretary Teri Reed, Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
Thanks to the Absentee Shawnee Maintenance Department:
Levi Littlecreek, Kevin Kaseca, Steve Colungo, Isaac Bettelyoun, Steve Fife, Donnie Marshall.*

5 K Run and Walk, 3 K Walk

Second Annual 5 K Run and Walk, and 3 K Walk was held on October 6, 2012, at Horse Shoe Bend Community Center at 8:00 a.m. We had 50 to 60 runners and walkers that showed up for the event.



RESULTS OF THE 5 K RUNNERS:

YOUTH FEMALE

FIRST PLACE WINNER: MICHELLE ROMAN NOSE, El Reno, Oklahoma
SECOND PLACE WINNER: ISABEL DAVIS, Seminole, Oklahoma
NO THIRD PLACE ENTRY

YOUTH MALE

FIRST PLACE WINNER: DAVID SKINNER, North Rock Creek School
SECOND PLACE WINNER: RAMIE HARRISON, North Rock Creek School
THIRD PLACE WINNER: GARRETT YESSLITH, Earlsboro, Oklahoma

ADULT FEMALE

FIRST PLACE WINNER: CARRIE WHITLOW, El Reno, Oklahoma
SECOND PLACE WINNER: GINA DRAFT, Shawnee, Oklahoma
THIRD PLACE WINNER: JENNIFER SHRESTHA, Edmond, Oklahoma

ADULT MALE

FIRST PLACE WINNER: TRENTON ST. GERMAINE, Earlsboro, Oklahoma
SECOND PLACE WINNER: JEROME HARRISON, Shawnee, Oklahoma
NO THIRD PLACE WINNER

SPECIAL THANKS TO
CLARA ROLETTE KASKUSKE
For her presence at the 5 k run and walk!!!

ALL FIRST PLACE WINNERS RECEIVED: \$100.00 - ALL SECOND PLACE WINNERS RECEIVED: \$75.00 - ALL THIRD PLACE WINNERS RECEIVED: \$50.00



BINGO

NOVEMBER 17, 2012, HORSE SHOE BEND COMMUNITY BUILDING 6:30 PM SATURDAY

WHITE TURKEY MEETING

HELD FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH!! 10:00 AM.

EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE, PRESIDENT
WHITE TURKEY BAND
MELPHERD SWITCH, VICE PRESIDENT
TWIL PARKER, SECRETARY
GWEN SWITCH, TREASURER

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK:

*The Absentee Shawnee Police Department
Maintenance Department, Absentee Shawnee Tribe
McDonald's, Store # 28819, 196 E. Shawnee Mall Drive,
Shawnee, Oklahoma, donations of cups.
Thunderbird Casino
David and Stella Little, case of Water, and Powerade.
David Voyles, marking the 3 K Walk
Levi Littlecreek
Sharon Ponkilla, on site Nurse
Cecilia Flores for door prizes from OEH Department of
Absentee Shawnee Tribe
Jenifer Sloan, MSPI Program for paying entries for 6 through
18 year old participants, and for one parent per family.
Randall Watson, Stuart Rolette, Twila Parker, June Buckner,
Kay Wallace, Gwen Switch, Janet Jeske, Kelly Switch.*

FALL FEST AND THE 5 K RUN AND WALK, 3 K WALK WAS ALL A BIG SUCCESS!!!!

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED!!!

PAULINE WHITE WAHPEPAH HONORED AT THE 4TH ANNUAL AARP INDIAN ELDER HONORS

Absentee Shawnee tribal member Pauline White Wahpepah was among those honored recently at the 4th Annual AARP Indian Elder Honors.

AARP Oklahoma Honors Pauline White Wahpepah at Annual Event;

Announces Inter-Tribal Community Group

(SPECIAL) – Thirty five Oklahoma Native American Tribes and Nations joined with AARP to celebrate the lives of honored elders – including Absentee Shawnee Tribal Member Pauline White Wahpepah-- at the 4th Annual AARP Indian Elder Honors held recently in Oklahoma City.

Tribal officials, friends and family members converged on the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum along with AARP state, regional and national officials to recognize language preservationists, artists, dancers, ministers, authors, patriarchs and matriarchs that have impacted their tribes, communities and state.

AARP also announced the formation of an Inter-Tribal Community Group that will meet on community issues and is open to all 50+ Native Americans in Oklahoma. To find more information or join this group, e-mail ok@aarp.org or call 1-866-295-7277.

Among honorees recognized at the event was one of the few remaining Oklahoma Indians who speaks only her native language, a world-champion fancy dancer and a noted artist who is 100 years old.

Pauline White Wahpepah - Absentee Shawnee - raised by her grandparents in a traditional Absentee Shawnee home, Pauline has dedicated much of her life to language and cultural preservation. She began working with the Choctaw Bilingual Education Program and helped develop the Oklahoma Native Youth Language Fair at the University of Oklahoma. She worked with the OU Department of Anthropology Department to develop 20 language lessons and a booklet and served on the Oklahoma Council for Indian Education. In addition, Mrs. Wahpepah served three terms as Lt. Governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe and was instrumental in the development of the Tax Commission, serving as its first president. She attended the Pawnee and Riverside Indian Schools and Haskell Institute and returned to school after the death of her husband and earned a Master's degree in Bilingual Education from the University of Central Oklahoma.

AARP National Board Member Joan Ruff, who delivered the keynote address, said, "We hope the partnerships we've established here will be the foundation to create partnerships between AARP and other Native American nations in other states.



(l-r): AARP Associate State Director Mashell Sourjohn, National Board Member Joan Ruff, Pauline White Wahpepah, AARP Regional Vice President Nancy Stockbridge and AARP Oklahoma State President Marjorie Lyons

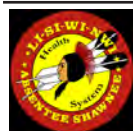
But tonight our focus isn't on AARP. It's on you, the elders, and the contributions you've made to improve the lives of people around you – in your own tribes, the greater tribal community, in the state of Oklahoma, our nation, and even around the world.

Your lives are rich, living stories being passed on to the next generations."

Ruff, along with AARP Oklahoma State President Marjorie Lyons, Regional Vice President Nancy Stockbridge and Associate State Director Mashell Sourjohn presented each honoree with a medallion.

"Once again, we have come together in the spirit of goodwill and harmony to celebrate the remarkable lives of Native American elders from across the state," Lyons said. "Though they come from different backgrounds and cultures, we see in tonight's honorees, the common bond they share – respect, dignity and service to their fellow man."

AARP has a dedicated website featuring resources and information for Oklahoma Indian Elders which can be accessed at: www.aarp.org/okindiannavigator.org



The Great American Smokeout



The Great American Smokeout will be observed on November 15, 2012 and is supported by individuals, organizations and businesses across the United States. This day provides an opportunity to join literally millions of other smokers in saying "no thanks" to cigarettes for 24 hours. As many as one-third of the nation's 46 million smokers could be taking the day off from smoking. The Great American Smokeout inspires and encourages smokers to quit for one day. Booths will be set up at the Shawnee Health Center and the Little Axe Health Center with opportunities to learn how to quit tobacco and to make a long-term plan to quit for good.

	Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline	
	1 800	QUIT NOW
	Free help	784-8669

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

Notice of Interest: Committee, Board, or Commission

To be considered to serve on a committee, board, or commission, tribal members (18 years of age or older) should complete the following contact information, attach a cover letter and resume, and submit to: AST Secretary, 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801. Or, you may submit all documents by email to secretary@astribe.com.

Name: _____ CDIB #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Alt Phone: _____

Email: _____ Date: _____

I wish to be considered to serve on the following (check one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ASEDA (Economic Development) | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Advisory Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Care Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> TEC (Thunderbird Entertainment) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gaming Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Notice of Interest form should be updated annually. Number and frequency of vacancies vary by board/commission due to term limits, number of positions, resignations, etc.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release November 1, 2012

NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, 2012

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

As the first people to live on the land we all cherish, American Indians and Alaska Natives have profoundly shaped our country's character and our cultural heritage. Today, Native Americans are leaders in every aspect of our society -- from the classroom, to the boardroom, to the battlefield. This month, we celebrate and honor the many ways American Indians and Alaska Natives have enriched our Nation, and we renew our commitment to respecting each tribe's identity while ensuring equal opportunity to pursue the American dream.

In paying tribute to Native American achievements, we must also acknowledge the parts of our shared history that have been marred by violence and tragic mistreatment. For centuries, Native Americans faced cruelty, injustice, and broken promises. As we work together to forge a brighter future, we cannot shy away from the difficult aspects of our past. That is why, in 2009, I signed a bipartisan resolution that finally recognized the sad and painful chapters in our shared history. My Administration remains dedicated to writing a new chapter in that history by strengthening our government-to-government relationship with tribal nations while enhancing tribal sovereignty and tribal self-determination.

Because we know that the best ideas for tribal nations come from within, my Administration has continued to engage tribal leaders in developing an agenda that respects their expertise on matters affecting American Indians and Alaska Natives. In collaboration with tribal nations, we are making critical investments to improve health and education services, create jobs, and strengthen tribal economies. In July, I was proud to sign the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Home ownership (HEARTH) Act into law, which will enhance tribal control over the leasing of Indian lands. Last December, I signed an Executive Order to expand educational opportunities for Native American students. It aims to preserve Native languages, cultures,

and histories while offering a competitive education that prepares young people to succeed in college and careers. And under the Tribal Law and Order Act and the Safe Indian Communities initiative, we are continuing to work with tribes to build safer communities. My Administration also supports the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Many longstanding Native American legal claims against the United States have been resolved, which will help accelerate the restoration of trust in our relationships with tribal nations. The settlements that came out of these claims -- including the historic Cobell and Keepseagle settlements, as well as more than 50 settlements in cases alleging Federal mismanagement of tribal trust funds and resources -- will put an end to decades of litigation and help drive economic development in tribal communities in the years to come.

In partnership with tribal nations, my Administration has addressed injustices and built new avenues of opportunity for American Indians and Alaska Natives. As we celebrate National Native American Heritage Month, let us move forward in the spirit of mutual understanding and mutual trust, confident that our challenges can be met and that our shared future is bright.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2012 as National Native American Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to celebrate November 23, 2012, as Native American Heritage Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-seventh.

BARACK OBAMA

FROM THE ELECTION COMMISSION:

This is to announce the following positions for election in 2013

Executive Committee

POSITION	TERM	FEE
Governor	2 Years	\$500.00
Secretary	2 Years	\$500.00

Election Commission

POSITION	TERM	FEE
Election Commissioner	3 Years	\$125.00
Election Secretary	3 Years	\$125.00

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, the 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.

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. 21 or 1-800-256-3341 or email to tresham@astribe.com.



MUSIC FOR THE FUTURE

SUBMITTED BY: PHIL BRADLEY,
MUSIC OUTREACH

EACH AND EVERY DAY WE GET UP AND DO ALL THE THINGS WE NEED TO DO TO PREPARE FOR THE START OF OUR NEW DAY. SUCH AS TAKE A SHOWER, BRUSH OUR TEETH, COMB OUR

HAIR, SHAVE, AND GET DRESSED. HOW MANY OF US SING A LITTLE SONG OR TAKE A SMALL AMOUNT OF TIME TO PLAY AN INSTRUMENT LIKE THE PIANO OR GUITAR OR JUST SET BACK AND ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF MUSIC. MUSIC APPRECIATION IS ONE METHOD THAT CAN RELAX YOU FROM A LONG DAY AT WORK OR SCHOOL AND IS A REAL LIFE CHANGING TOOL.

I WORK WITH ELDERS AND THEIR GRANDCHILDREN HAVE TOLD THEM THAT MUSIC HAS CHANGED THEIR LIVES & HELPED THEM TO MAKE A HARD DAY EASIER AND A MORE ENJOYABLE DAY. STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT CHILDREN THAT HAVE MUSIC IN THEIR LIVES HAVE A MUCH BETTER ATTITUDE IN SCHOOL AND AT HOME. CHILD CARE AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH VOL.7 OCTOBER 5, 2012 [HTTP://WWW.GPO.GOV/](http://www.gpo.gov/)

MUSIC APPRECIATION HAS BEEN PROVEN TO PLAY A BIG ROLE IN HEALTH AND WELLBEING. I MYSELF HAVE OBSERVED FAMILIES GROW CLOSER TOGETHER AND HAVE MORE FUN TOGETHER. THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA HAS OFFERED A FREE MUSIC PROGRAM FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS TO ALL NATIVE AMERICAN CHILDREN AND ELDERS. CURRENTLY OVER 85 CHILDREN AND ELDERS ARE INVOLVED WITH THE MUSIC PROGRAM OFFERED AT THE AST LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER.

THE FUTURE IS TOMORROW AND TODAY STARTS THAT CLOCK, THANKS TO ALL THE FAMILIES IN THE MUSIC PROGRAM AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK FOR YOUR FUTURE IS NOW! PHIL

Phil Bradley, Music Outreach

CTSA Head Start

is accepting applications
for a part-time

Child Care Teacher

at our Shawnee location.

Must be at least 18 years of age,
have a high school diploma or GED,
have a clean driving record,
have a valid driver's license,
pass OSBI/DHS background checks.

CDA or Early Childhood Degree preferred, experience a plus.

All applications accepted with
preference given to *qualified*
Native Americans.

Apply today at:
1535 N McKinley
Shawnee, OK 74801
or

Email your résumé to:
AmberC@CTSAHeadStart.org

CTSA Head Start is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE
TRIBE OF
OKLAHOMA

OFFICE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH &
ENVIRONMENTAL
PROGRAMS.

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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 Program declares that waste reduction and recycling are the preferable to the

or processing of municipal waste, and that removing certain materials



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

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

Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle

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

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

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

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.

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

RANDY EDGE
TERO DIRECTOR

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Phone 405.275.4030 ext. 135 Fax 405.395.9888 Cell 405.432.9859

TERO Department November Newsletter

During this past month, TERO has received 9 new applicants 3 of which are Absentee Shawnee Tribal Members. This addition brings the total number of applicants to 499. We have also referred 16 applicants, helped 31 applicants who have walked in, and received 134 call-ins.

In addition to receiving new applicants, October has been very busy for our department. Over the past month, we have attended several meetings. Earlier in the month, we had a meeting with Wahpekeche & Son's Construction. Currently, they are in the process of getting certified as a TERO Indian Owned Business. Also, in the beginning of the month, we had a meeting with AGC Education. During this meeting, the subjects that were covered were OSHA Training, the Green Ovation Grant, and Veterans Workforce Investment Program. These programs will all help in providing training to the Absentee Shawnee campus and to local businesses.

We have also had several conferences that we have and will attend. From October 17th through the 18th, we attended the Midwest Native American Economic Development Conference in Chicago, IL. During this conference, we learned and looked at different ways to improve our tribal issues. We also made 5 new tribal employment and business development contacts. We will also be attending the Southern Plains TERO Conference on October 31st through November 2nd in Tulsa, OK. At this conference, some subjects that might be covered are everyday TERO business, TERO policies, TERO procedures, and career development.

We encourage any tribal members or Native Americans looking for employment to apply with TERO. Some of the services that TERO offers are job search, referrals, resume assistance, and interview tips. Those individuals who are looking for employment and want to fill out a TERO application the process is simple. First, we will need you to come in and fill out the application. We are located in building #1 on the second floor. In addition to your application, you will be asked to provide your CDIB or a document to prove your tribal affiliation (YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBE), your social security card, and your Driver's License or state ID all of which will be copied. You also need to provide any licenses, credentials, or any other certifications/degrees you have acquired so that copies can be made and inserted in your file. For your convenience, we have posted all tribal positions as well as local positions outside of our office. The job postings are updated weekly as positions are filled. So, stop by and see the current positions

available. If you have any further questions about the TERO program, contact our office, and we will be happy to assist you.

Bridgette Wilson (Assistant) 405-275-4030 ext. 163

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

The following is a list of job openings for off campus positions through the TERO department:

- Front Desk and Housekeeping
- Nurses
- Personal Care Aides
- Teller Supervisor
- Accounting Manager
- Program-Data Analyst
- Mixer Driver
- Material Handler
- Laborers
- Maintenance 1 – Water Distribution
- Executive Director
- Custodian
- Human Resource Manager
- Security Manager
- Assistant Teacher
- Dishwasher
- Cashiers
- Sewer Plant Operator
- Police Dispatcher

BRIDGETTE WILSON
TERO OFFICE ASSISTANT

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Shawnee, OK 74801
bwilson@astribe.com



Phone 405.275.4030 ext. 163

Fax 405.395.9888

HUMAN RESOURCE

Current Job Openings

HEALTH POSITIONS:

- Staff Physician-Shawnee Clinic
- Pharmacy Tech
- Housekeeper
- Registered Nurse
- Security Guard
- Accounting Technician
- Dental Hygienist

ENROLLMENT

- Enrollment Specialist

ICW

- Director of Indian Child Welfare

BUILDING BLOCKS POSITIONS:

- Floater

COURT / LEGAL POSITIONS:

- Supreme Court Tribal Judge

GAMING COMMISSION POSITIONS:

- Surveillance Operator
- Internal Auditor
- Executive Director Gaming

BOARDS & COMMISSION POSITIONS:

- Health Authority Board Member
- Commissioner for the TERO Boards
Commissioners

OEH/OEP

- Water Quality Specialist

For a full listing of the job posting and qualifications visit www.astribe.com/employment.
You can also contact the Human Resource Department at 405.275.4030 ext 131 or 170

AST FITNESS

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE



FITNESS

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Fitness Program would like introduce the new logo of the AST Fitness Program. This logo was designed to represent the Absentee Shawnee Tribe and their perseverance in creating strong and healthy tribal members. The AST Fitness Program would like to use the logo as a symbol of the strength and endurance the Absentee Shawnee people demonstrate in developing a healthier generation of Absentee Shawnee Tribal people. Each print is a representation of the clans among the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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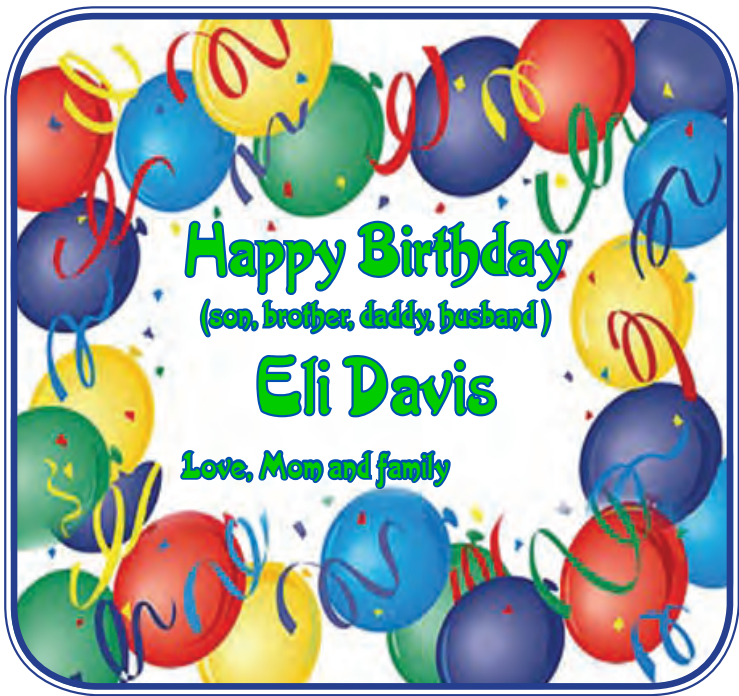
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 Carter, Andrea Dawn
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 Creek, Kaydence Rae
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 Larney, Walter Lee
 LaSarge, Clarence James
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 Lindsay, Seth Ryan
 Little Axe Sr., Troy Lee
 Little Axe, Brandon James
 Little Axe, Katherine Pauline
 Little Axe, Paiden Taylor
 Little Bear, Newman
 Little Charley, Buck
 Little Charley, Kieri Leeann
 Little Creek, Lindsey Denise

Little Creek, Lynda Carol
 Little Jim, Caleb Frank
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 Little, Dee Ann
 Little, Lisa Ann
 Littlebear, Clifford Newman
 Littlebear, Josheau Alan
 Littlecreek, Lily Ann Marie
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 Littlehead, Alfred Lee
 Littlehead, William Bill
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 Logan, Terri (Sloat)
 Longhorn, Joel Boyd
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 Lovins, Garrett Scot
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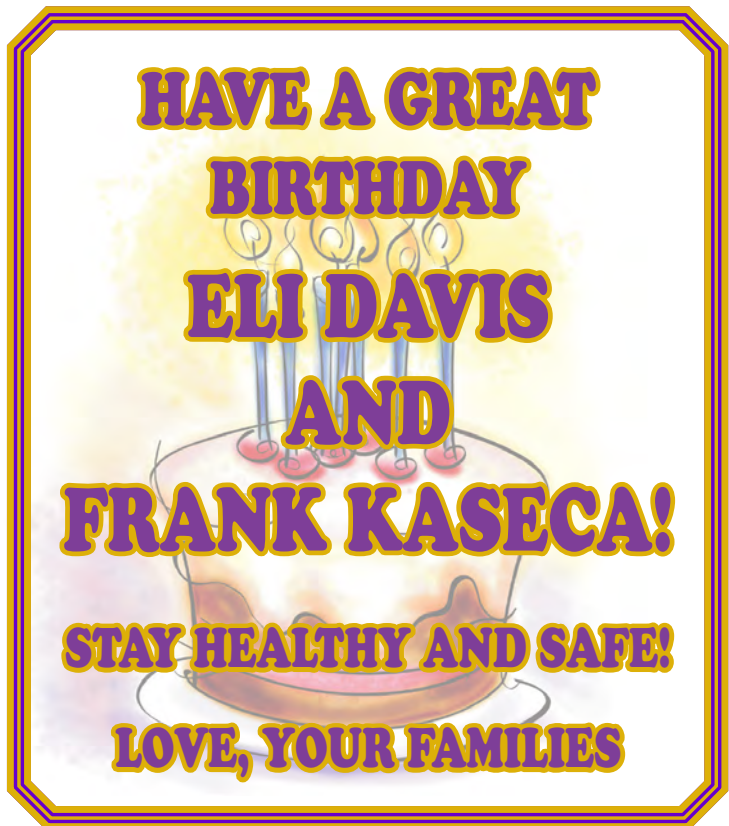
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 Wilburn, Sonya Leigh
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 Williams, Anfernee Isiah
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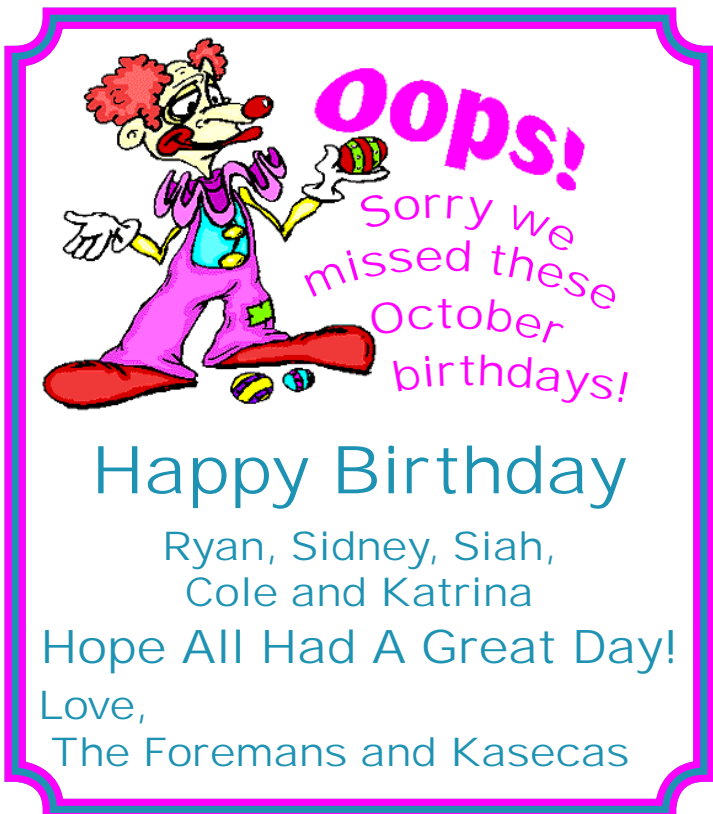
NIEA Elder's Stomp Dance at the Oklahoma City Historical Museum

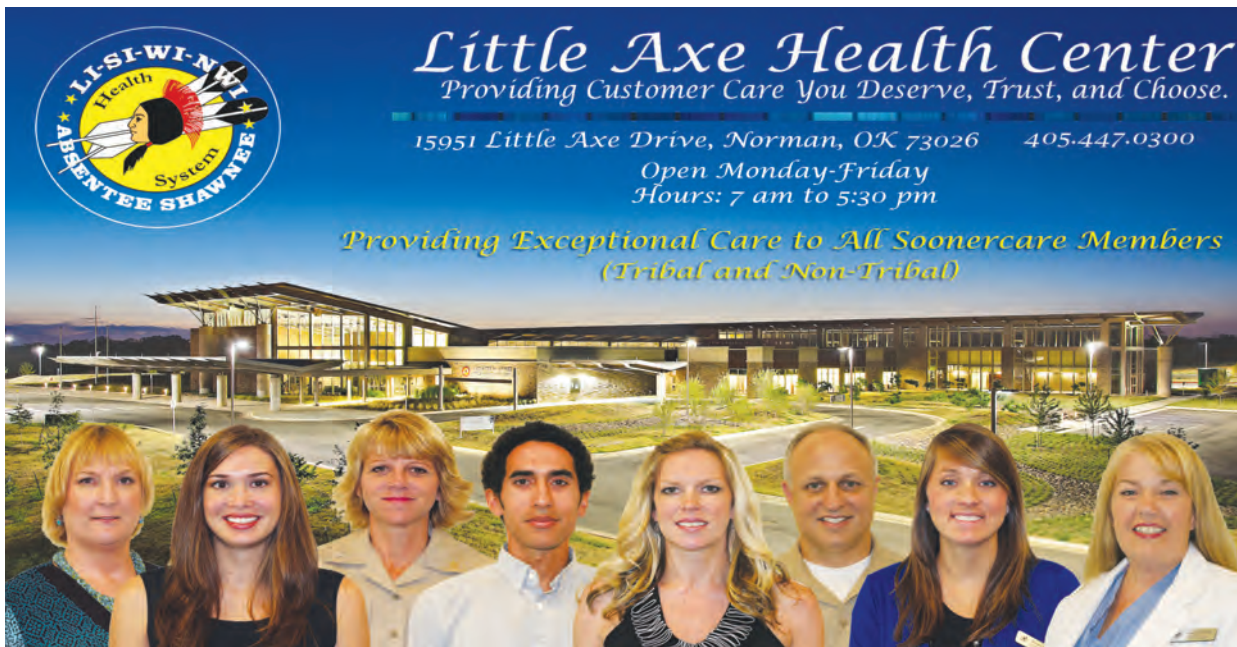


Leon Bell addressing the crowd



Jim Gibson leading stomp dance





Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health Update

This past month has been a very great month for all the health programs. We have been reorganizing some of the programs and adding a few more benefits for the tribal members. In the Shawnee Clinic, Dr. Walsh is a part time internal medicine physician who is slowly building up her practice. Because of this, there are many patients still waiting to get appointments and because of the need for another provider, we are going to add a full time physician in Shawnee. We are currently advertising for medical providers and hope to have someone hired by the end of the year. This will help to add more patients to the Shawnee location and have a full time medical provider in the Shawnee Clinic that help with the patient load currently being carried by Stacy Curtis, PA. Once we get a physician hired, we will make sure to announce this in the tribal newsletter.

In the Little Axe clinic, the behavioral health department has been under the direction of Interim Director Monty Blake. The director's position had been advertised and many qualified applicants were interviewed. We did make an offer and an applicant has accepted the position. We are pleased to announce that tribal member Dara Thorpe has accepted the position as Behavioral Health Director and will begin her new position on November 1st. We are looking forward to moving that program in the right direction and to

start taking care of our patients in need of behavioral health counseling. Monty has been doing a good job and once the director is in place, will move back the Shawnee clinic full time. Please help me in welcoming Dara back to the health programs as our new director.

General Council will be held in the Little Axe Clinic on November 10th so we hope everyone comes out to the meeting and go through the many different departments who will have booths set up to display the programs they offer to tribal members and patients. We will be having a health fair and tribal members can have their blood pressure checked and join in drawings for door prizes provided by some of the departments and programs within the health systems. Please come out and enjoy the activities such as the fun walk that will begin at 8:00 am. We will be serving breakfast right after the walk. Breakfast is being provided by the AST Diner.

Our music department is gradually outgrowing his space in the clinic. Phil Bradley is doing a great job and his student numbers are increasing. With the help of the other departments within the health program, Phil is putting together a Christmas program to be held in the front lobby of the Little Axe Clinic. This Christmas concert has been scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 13th. More information will be available in next month's newsletter but we wanted to get the information out so that you can make plans to be here for our 1st Annual Christmas Concert.

The health programs continue

to grow and we are so glad that with growth, collections also grow. We are well over the total amount of third party collections compared to this time last year. This is due to the addition of all our providers and the fantastic ladies that work in the business office. They work very hard at keeping up with the coding of encounters and the billing.

We are now able to file our SoonerCare claims electronically, something that we have not been able to do in the past. With the electronic submittals, we are able to receive reimbursement back much faster. The business office staff are very diligent in their work and it shows by the claims processed daily and the revenue generated by our many providers. A huge thanks goes out to the business office manager, Jennifer Harmon and the finance manager, Brenda Allen-Duboise. These two ladies have taken on the business office and have done a great job. Keep up the good work!


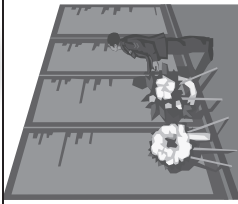

Something new occurring at the Little Axe Clinic that is in the process is the construction of a walking trail. We have had many questions about the use of the parking lot after hours for people to walk since it lit up at nights. Since we have many people who like to walk either across the dam or at the Resource Center after work, we decided to put in a walking trail around the outer loop of the parking lot in order to allow more people to walk after hours in a safe environment. The clinic has a full time, around the clock security department. As long as the walkers let the staff know they will be walking at night or on the weekends, they can be prepared for them. This is a safety issue that will be a benefit to all those who wish to exercise in an area that will be free from traffic. We hope you will come out to walk once the walking trail is in place.

Enjoy the upcoming holidays with your family and friends. With Thanksgiving and Christmas rapidly approaching, we wish you health and happiness.

Submitted by:
Beverly Felton, MSN, RN
Executive Director



NOVEMBER 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 Set clocks back One hour!!! 	5 Wieners N Kraut Mac n Chez Greenbeans Tossed Salad*	6 Pork Chop Stuffing Beets Bread/Peaches	7 Baked Fried Chicken Garden blend Rice Roll Cake	8 Baked Pot. Ham, chez, Broc n Chez Jell-O	9 Pancakes Ham Fruit	10
11 	12 AST CLOSED FOR VETERANS DAY	13 Chicken N Rice Soup Carrots n Peas Crackers Fruit	14 Pinto Beans Onions Spinach Corn Bread	15 Thanksgiving Dinner For Title VI Members	16 Cereal Sausage Links Toast	17
18	19 Frito Chili Pie Pot. Salad Plums	20 Scrambled Eggs Sausage Patty Hashbrowns Biscuits	21 Title VI Closed Employee Dinner	22 	23	24
25	26 Hamburger Lett, Tom, Onion Onion Rings Pineapples	27 Smoked Sausage Blackeyed Peas Cornbread Fruit	28 Chicken Fry Steak Mashed Pot. / Gravy Greenbeans Mand. Oranges	29 Stew Chez Sticks Crackers Pears	30 Croissant Sausage Patty Eggs	

2% milk served daily

menu subject to change

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

If you're not going to be home call us at 405-275-4030 x 169,180, 149
Or notify your driver



GOURD DANCE HONORING ALL NATIVE VETERANS/WARRIORS

November 10th, 2012

Little Axe, OK (Thunder Bird Casino Facilities)

SPONSOR:..... ABSENTEE SHAWNEE ELDERS COUNCIL

CO-HOST:..... COMANCHE LITTLE PONIES

INVITING

ALL VETERANS AND CURRENT WARRIORS (MEN AND WOMEN)

ALL GOURD DANCE CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS

ALL TRIBAL COLOR GUARDS

SOME SPECIAL HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

**MOST VETERAN DANCERS IN GROUP,PARTICIPATING
GROUP TRAVELING FURTHEREST DISTANCE..... TO LITTLE AXE
YOUNGEST DANCER CURRENTLY IN MILITARY..... (MAN)
YOUNGEST DANCER CURRENTLY IN MILITARY..... (WOMAN)
OLDEST VETERAN GOURD DANCER..... (MAN)
OLDEST VETERAN GOURD DANCER..... (WOMAN)
(OTHER)..... INDIVIDUAL VETERANS AND WARRIORS**

STAFF

MASTER OF CEREMONIES.....TBD

HEAD SINGER.....LEONARD COZAD, JR

HEAD DANCER (MEN).....TBD

HEAD DANCER (WOMAN).....TBD

SCHEDULE

1:00 PM TO 5:PM.....GOURD DANCE AND HONORING ACTIVITIES

5:00PM —6:30PMSUPPER BREAK ---PROVIDED BY AST ELDERS

6:30 –11:00 PM GOURD DANCE AND HONORING ACTIVITIES

CRAFTS VENDER SPACE AVAILABLE—\$ 50 PRE-REGISTRATION FEE- (REQUIRED)



FOR INFORMATION :

**CONTACT:
DAN LITTLE AXE
PRES. AST. ELDERS
C---(405) 432-7952
O---(405)-329-5542**



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Indian Child Welfare Department FOSTER CARE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information about being a foster home, please contact:

Indian Child Welfare
Department
(405)275-4030.

Foster Parents Needed!!!

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

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

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

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

If you find yourself and your family interested in Foster Care, please contact J.R. Wind - 405-275-4030 ext. 195.

Wills Clinic

October 11, 2012

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Absentee Shawnee

Tribal Complex

Building 1

To make an
appointment

Call OILS at:

(405) 943-6457 or

1-800-658-1497

If anyone needs assistance with a will before then, call the same number to make arrangements for an appointment to meet with OILS attorney.



AST PHARMACY NEWS



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

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

Hours of Operation:

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

Shawnee: 7am-6pm Monday-Friday

We are open through the lunch hour!!

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



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

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

Often people with type 2 diabetes have no symptoms.

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

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

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

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

Beans, dark green leafy vegetables, citrus fruit, sweet potatoes, berries, tomatoes, fish high in Omega-3 fatty acids, whole grains, nuts, fat-free milk and yogurt. To learn more about eating these superfoods and recipes visit diabetes.org 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

Absentee Shawnee Behavioral Health

Absentee Shawnee Behavioral Health is now providing counseling services in both Shawnee and Little Axe locations. We are taking new patients at this time. Our facilities offer an array of services including but not limited to:

- *Psychiatry- adult and child
- *Intensive Outpatient Groups
- *Domestic Violence Counseling
 - *Grief Counseling
- *Substance Abuse Counseling
 - *Individual Therapy
 - *Group Counseling
 - *Bio Feedback
 - *Stress Reduction
 - *DUI Assessment

We welcome back Kristy Morrell – she is now located at the Little Axe Clinic

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest staff:

Dr. Julia Irwin is a psychiatrist and has been providing services at the Little Axe Clinic. She is available on every Thursday.

Dr. Peter Stanbro is a child psychiatrist and will be currently taking new patients. He will be providing services every Thursday at our Little Axe Clinic.

Monte Blake, LPC is one of our newest clinician's. He is located at our Shawnee Clinic.

If in need of services call:

Shawnee: 405-878-4716

Or

Little Axe: 405-447-0300

From the Cultural Preservation Department:

Good Day to Everyone. I wanted to pass along a few pieces of information that may be useful.

If you hadn't heard, the Cultural Preservation department is sponsoring another Language Immersion Camp, to be held on Saturday, November 17th, at Brendle Corner. The camp will be similar to the last in that we will be discussing topics about our AST culture. You must have an application and release form on file in order to participate. Please call our offices and we'll be happy to send one by correspondence or you may stop by our department. The camp has limited slots, so please sign up quickly.

Also, in the month of November, we will have our first "How To" workshop; we will be learning how to make and fringe shawls. Please call our department at (405) 275-4030, ext. 122 for more details concerning the date and criteria.

Finally, I want to announce the new hours for the Gift Shop. We are now open throughout lunch AND on Saturday, from 9 AM to 1 PM. We will determine at a later date if we will continue to stay open on those days, provided the store produces enough sales.

We look forward to providing the best service possible. If we don't have what you need, let us know and we can make a special order. Should you have any concerns or questions, please call me at my office, (405) 275-4030 ext. 203 or send me email at: joseph.blanchard@astribe.com.

Thank you for your time.

Joseph H. Blanchard
Cultural Preservation Department Director/Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

We would like to thank all the businesses and individuals for their contributions to make our events throughout the month of October successful in bringing Domestic Violence Awareness to our community.

The Absentee Shawnee Domestic Violence Department would like to thank all the participants for their enthusiasm during this month of awareness! While we appreciate everyone's help in spreading awareness, we need to continue to further heal our nation. We will continue our efforts to mend the epidemic that is taking over our native communities. We hope you remember that not only for the month of October but throughout the year, you can make a difference to a victim in need!

Thank you for joining the Defensive Line.

La nails
Fitness Express
Morris Cleaners
Family Video
Cracker Barrel Gold
Blings
Shawnee Beauty College
Cinema 8
Serendipity
Nana Jo's Laundry
Montford Inn Bed & Breakfast
Simply You
Baptist Sporting Goods
Van's Pig Stand
Tractor Supply
Uncommon Threads
Heather's Salon (Heather Mick, Katelyn Tiffin, Christy Hisaw, Misty Dyer & Sherri Olsen)
Texoma Power Line
China buffet
Fanatics Sports Cards and Collectables
Kneaded Body -Denise Smith
Quality Lube
Sonic
Kut n Up Laura Cob
Expressions

Attitudes- Michael Douglas and Colton Gibson
Shear Class-Barbra Allen
Lollyz- Lolly Ashley and Beverly Belt
Fred's Tire and Battery
Zocalo
Billy Boys
Linda Day AST Emergency Management
St. Anthony Shawnee Nutritional Services
Cheezies Pizza
Pizza Hut Shawnee and Tecumseh
Mazzio's Tecumseh
AST Employee Committee
Napa Auto Parts
AST Cultural Preservation
OEH
David Lopez Referee
Tad Johnson Referee
Rico Coon Referee
Andy Warrior Referee
Gary Jenkins Referee
Michael Berry Photography
VFW Shawnee
Rudy's Barbeque Norman
YMCA Shawnee
RBS Consulting
AST Maintenance
AST Title VI



HORSE SHOE BEND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: November 2012 News

The First Nine Weeks of School is coming to an end. Students will be getting their report cards and I'm very confident, but anxious to see the progress of each student as this semester winds down. The report cards give me a clear indication as to where the students maybe struggling in their studies. The Tutors are working very hard with the students and are making a big difference in each and every student's lives. Kindergarten and First Grade Students are very thrilled to be able to read and identify numbers, and letters of the alphabet.



DESIREE JOHNSON

Desiree was selected as the Achiever of the month for October. She is in the Third Grade at North Rock Creek School. Desiree is an outstanding student, she shows respect of others, and works hard on all her studies at school. She is the daughter of Victor and Jenifer Castaneda.



JAYLEEN CASTANEDA

Jayleen is the Achiever for the month of October in her First Grade Class. She attends North Rock Creek, Jayleen is showing a lot of progress in Math and Reading, she is a hard worker is always ready to do her homework when she comes to the Horse Shoe Bend After School. Jayleen is the daughter of Victor and Jenifer Castaneda.



DAMON WILSON

Damon received the Achiever Award in his Fourth Grade Class at North Rock Creek for the month of October. Damon is showing progress in Math and he likes to draw. He is the son of Yecica Gutierrez and Marcus Wilson.

Our very own Tutor Lauren Wood, of Oklahoma Baptist University, had hit the spotlight as she rounded out the scoring for the Lady Bison in 22nd at 19:49.45 in Cross Country in Stillwater September 29, 2012. Overall the Lady Bison came in Second Place with 53 points in the Oklahoma State Cowboy Jamboree. Congratulations to Lauren and the Lady Bison Cross Country Team.

Fall Break was October 17, 18, 19, 2012, no activities were planned at the Horse Shoe Bend After School Program due to the National Indian Education Association Conference which was held at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. Randall Watson, Tutor, Stuart Rolette, Tutor, and I attended the conference. Randall and Stuart had the opportunity to listen and sit in on some education sessions. I would like to thank Jenifer Sloan for taking care of our registration fee so we could attend.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

Katie Wilson October 09
and

Katlyn Masquas October, 20

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Any questions about Horse Shoe Bend After School Program, please call 405 481-0397.
Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Director



Absentee Shawnee Tribe Fitness Competition



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 3rd quarter of 2012!

The winners are:



1ST PLACE:
Team "Lose 2 Win"
(Jason Brinker and Kathy Brock)
with a combined total of 6.9% body fat



2ND PLACE:
Team "EM & C"
(Marla Throckmorton and Clark Gallaher)
with a combined total of 5.2% body fat



3RD PLACE:
Team "Fat Burners"
(Manuel Johnson and Libby Brakefield)
with a combined total of 5.1% body fat



The AST Fitness Program would like to applaud the efforts of the AST employees for competing. Your habits of healthy eating/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 on with their physical activities! The final 4th quarter of the AST Fitness Competition begins in October and ends in December. Whether it's at a gym, at home, or at work, let's get out and get moving!



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



AST Fitness Facility Hours

Monday through Thursday

6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday

6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday

CLOSED

405-364-7298



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November 17th 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority

107 N. Kimberly, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74804
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Come in and visit with us about:

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



After School Program

Come join us at the AST Resource Center!!!

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- ✚ Snacks!
- ✚ Games and activities!
- ✚ Field Trips!
- ✚ Delinquency Prevention!
- ✚ Healthy Lifestyles!

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

Duration: Starts September 4th and will run through the school year.

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

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



Tribal Youth Council

Location: AST Complex Building 1

Date/Time: There will be **NO MEETING** for November, due to a planned trip for current members.

Participants /Ages: 6th grade to 12th 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.



RAFFLE TICKETS

On sale for \$5.00 each

Raffle item:

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Drawing to be held at the
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November 10, 2012

Contact any AST Elder to purchase
your tickets.



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

Early Bird Breakfast

\$4.99

2 Eggs/Bacon or Sausage/Hash
Browns

Biscuits & Gravy or Toast & Coffee

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

For additional information about ways to keep children safe in and around vehicles, visit our website at www.KidsAndCars.org.



Diabetes and Wellness Program

Recipe

Herb Roasted Turkey with Mushroom Gravy

Servings: 12

Ingredients

- 10 -12 pound turkey
- 4 sprigs fresh thyme
- 4 sprigs fresh rosemary
- 1 medium onion ,quartered
- Peel of one lemon, cut into strips
- 1 cup dried mushrooms, reconstituted (reserve 1 cup liquid)
- 1 cup low-sodium chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons dry white wine
- 2 teaspoons potato starch
- 1/2 teaspoon dried chives
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper



Directions

Preheat oven to 325 F.

1. Remove turkey giblets and neck from body cavities. Rinse turkey inside and out; pat dry with paper towels.
2. Starting at neck, using your fingers, gently loosen skin over entire breast. Place thyme and rosemary sprigs at even intervals under skin; pat skin back in place. Place onion and lemon peel in body cavity. Place turkey breast-side up on rack in roasting pan.
3. Roast turkey 3 1/2-4 hours, until meat thermometer inserted in fleshy part of inner thigh (not touching bone) reaches 180 F. Let stand 15 minutes before carving. Remove the skin before eating.
4. Meanwhile, to prepare gravy, pour pan drippings into a 2-cup measure; let stand 5 minutes. Skim off and discard fat; pour remaining liquid into small saucepan. Add mushrooms and 1 cup mushroom liquid, broth, wine, potato starch, chives, salt and pepper; bring to a boil. Simmer 2 minutes. Serve with turkey.

One serving = 3 ounces turkey and 1/4 cup gravy

Nutritional Facts

Calories 159
 Protein 25 g
 Sodium 114 mg
 Fat 4 g
 Carbohydrates 3 g

SOURCE: Diabetic Gourmet Magazine



Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming Events...

Education Opportunities

- **Learning to Control your Diabetes**
 6 Week series of education classes
 Thursdays 2:00 pm– 4:00 pm
 Little Axe Health Center

Events

- **National Diabetes Day**
 November 14, 2012
 Kickoff - Balloon Release and walk
 10:00 am Shawnee Clinic
 2:00 pm Little Axe Clinic

For more information and to enroll call the number below.

We hope you
 and your
 family have
 a Happy
 Thanksgiving!

Diabetes and Wellness Program

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Health Clinic
 Phone: (405)701-7977 (405)447-0300
 Fax: (405)701-7984
 15951 Little Axe Drive
 Norman, OK 73026



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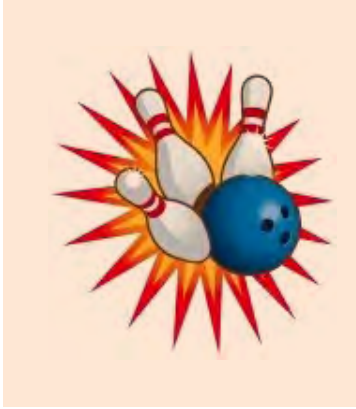
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TIPLINE 405-273-1249

SENIOR GAMES

The 2012 Oklahoma State Senior Games were held in Oklahoma City and ran from October 6-17th. The games were to qualify to the National Senior Games which are held in Cleveland, Ohio for 2013. Our seniors did a great job representing the tribe and received some bragging rights as well. They participated in the basketball - 3pt contest, free throw contest, bowling-singles, doubles, and mixed doubles, as well as golf.

We are very proud of our Seniors for showcasing their talents.



Bowling:

Bowling participants were: Bernice Gibson, Donna Warrior, Dora City, Isaac Gibson, and Tom White. Bernice Gibson won a Bronze in singles and Dora City took home gold in singles. They won a gold in doubles while Isaac Gibson and Tom White won a gold in their division of doubles also.

Basketball:

Edwina Butler-Wolfe was our only participant in the basketball event but she represented the tribe very well bringing home a gold in free throws and silver in 3 point shots. Well done Edwina!



Golf:

Our golf participants were Alex Blanchard, Chester Blanchard, Dan LittleAxe, Darrell Longhorn, Duke Blanchard, Elvis Gibson, John Gibson, and Isaac Gibson. Unfortunately, the facility hasn't released the scores to us because of circumstances beyond our control. The office of the Lieutenant Governor is waiting for the scores, so if you would like to know the update on the golf standings please call his office.

Thank you to all who participated and showed your support in the Senior Games!



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Little Axe Dental (405) 307-9704
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Behavioral Health (405) 878-4716
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