

# THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE NEWS

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## Oklahoma Judge Gives Custody of Deseray to Absentee Shawnee Tribe

Suzette Brewer

September 17, 2013

*Third Pregnant Woman Identified by Tribal Lawyers*

At a closed-door hearing last week in Oklahoma County, Judge Allen Welch granted custody of the infant girl "Deseray" to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe and ordered her return to Oklahoma. The baby had been unlawfully removed from Oklahoma in June by Bobby and Diane Bixler of Irmo, South Carolina, in violation of the Indian Child Welfare Act and Oklahoma state law. The Bixlers are represented by Raymond Godwin and Nightlight Christian Adoptions of Greenville, the same attorney and agency who represented Matt and Melanie Capobianco in the adoption of Veronica Brown.

Charles Tripp, attorney for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, said the Bixlers took Deseray when she was only a few weeks old with no custody orders or paperwork of any kind authorizing them to take the child out of state, which is tantamount to kidnapping, for which they could face federal criminal charges. The tribe is seeking domestication and enforcement of Oklahoma orders in South Carolina so that Deseray can be returned home for further proceedings in regards to her custodial placement.

Tripp, who is managing partner of Oklahoma-based law firm Legal Associates for Indian Country, said the removal of Deseray with no legal framework for her adoption is nearly Dickensian in its bald violation of state and federal laws.

"They literally paid their money and split with the kid," said Tripp. "The big issue here is the wholesale auction of Indian children—but right now we're focusing on getting this little girl back to Oklahoma and transferring the case to Absentee Shawnee tribal court so we can make a determination as to where she is best served."

In May, the Bixlers had gone to Stillwater, Oklahoma, for the birth of Deseray, whose parents had split several months before she was born. At the hearing last week in Oklahoma county, Paul Swain, the Tulsa attorney who represents the Bixlers, told Judge Welch that the reason the couple went back to South Carolina with no custody order was simply because the Bixlers were tired of waiting for the paperwork to be finalized and that "Mr. Bixler needed to get back to work."

When asked about the current whereabouts of the infant girl as rumors had been swirling that she had been "re-homed" with another couple, Swain hedged.

"She's in South Carolina," he told the court. Welch was not impressed. Finally, after several vague answers, Swain said that the girl is still with the Bixlers. Judge Welch then removed Swain from the case, granted the tribe custody and ordered the immediate return of the baby, who turned four months old last week.

But the story of how Deseray wound up in South Carolina with little more than a car seat and a diaper bag is a story with familiar refrains.

### *Same Song, Different Lyric*

Crystal Tarbox was an easy target. Abandoned by her biological father as an infant, her life afterward is the very definition of instability. Having grown up with a rotating string of father figures and frequent address changes, she had her first baby at 15 and dropped out of high school. Her second baby came when she was 19 and living in Florida with a boyfriend who would later go to prison.

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**TRICK OR TREAT  
AT THE COMPLEX IN SHAWNEE  
HALLOWEEN DAY 10 AM TO 3 PM**

# Executive Committee



**EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE**  
GOVERNOR



**ISSAC GIBSON**  
LT. GOVERNOR



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SECRETARY



**KATHY DEERE**  
TREASURER



**JEFFREY GIBSON**  
REPRESENTATIVE

## GOVERNOR'S

*Report*

### Let's begin to Build For the Future (BFF)

It has been a full, productive month. This is now my third month in office and we are making inroads into the many problems that were left with my administration. In looking at these problems I would say they are due primarily to inaction and the willingness of those who knew about them to just go along with them. I along with select members of the Executive Committee are making slow but progressive strides forward. We found that many of our issues stemmed from inadequate legal advisement. To correct this concern we have contracted with a new Attorney General. William R. Norman and his firm Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP who have a strong and impressive history in relation to working with Tribes and is precedent setting in Indian law. It is my opinion that based on the history of this firm and Mr. Norman who is a partner within it that we may begin to again meet our tribe's daily legal battles as well as stay on top of the national forums on regulatory, policy and legislative issues facing Indian country today. This month Mr. Norman and his associates have actively engaged reviewing court cases, adoptions, resolutions, developing bylaws, assisting with policy and contract language reviews and providing insight and legal guidance on core concerns that are happening within the tribe. The changing of our former processes through legal advisement is time consuming but should be beneficial to us as a Tribe in the long run.

In thinking about and reading on changes occurring in Presidential and Tribal administrations it seems to me the greatest challenges are establishing wide ranging strategic plans that entail long and short range goals and putting those plans into action. It won't be easy but we must prepare for what is ahead of us. The sequester cuts impacted our funding yet with careful financial and program planning we should be alright. Planning and processing information takes time and although I'm not one who likes to pace themselves, I do like doing things right. There will probably always be those that state, by my telling them to do their job, that it's 'abuse of power' or there are those like the Health Board President who sees my actions as an 'attack on the health board' when I seek a Shareholders Representative meeting. Each new day brings about new opportunities and I welcome them.

### Emergency Management

The Tribe has formed a Disaster Relief Committee and recently held a meeting to discuss projects, project funding needs, available disaster relief funds and concerns expressed by the tribal community. The Tribe wasn't prepared for the tornado disasters that impacted our communities and we are working on initiatives and taking steps to ensure that if such natural disasters occur in the future that we will be more prepared. We

will be placing Linda Day, our designated disaster Emergency Manager, in the soon to be opened Police Department substation in Little Axe.

The contact for this program is Linda Day. If she is unable to resolve your concerns please communicate with my office.

### Law Enforcement

The Police department recently received notice of several large grant awards they will be receiving this upcoming year. One is for the Adam Walsh program that has in the past been largely underfunded. These new funds will assist in new programming, additional staff, and supplying the needs of the Police Department. These new grant funds are due to the hard work of Glenna Jones, Grant Writer, and Brad Jackson, Police Chief. These staff are appreciated.

We have been notified that the bids for the parking lot of the Little Axe Police Department substation have been completed so we are getting closer to opening it.

The point of contact for this program is Police Chief, Brad Jackson. If he is unable to resolve your concern communicate with my office.

### Building Blocks

We are seeing this program take off under the direction and solid leadership of Brianna Ponkilla, the Acting Building Blocks Director. This month the program hired 3 new teachers, had a special day for Grandparents and worked on fiscal management issues. Applicants for the Building Blocks Director position were interviewed and a selection has been made. That information will be shared with you next month. In addition to hiring a Building Blocks Director we will be contracting with an individual who will do oversight of the new Building Blocks facility to ensure that the requirements of the CCDF are met at these facilities.

The point of contact for this program is Briana Ponkilla. If she is unable to correct and/or advise you on these issues communicate with my office.

### Education

This program awarded scholarships and have helped many students in need of direction to get into their TTYP program.

The point of contact for this area is Tresha Spoon, Education Director. Please feel free to communicate with her and if she is unable to assist you then contact my office.

### Gaming

The new Gaming Board is moving the gaming needs forward. Our recent internal audit noted findings that must be corrected to ensure compliance.

We continue to find that staffing for the Gaming Commission is a challenge. This month, Dana Deere, our contracted Executive Director, took a position at another tribe so we will be looking at hiring for this position. That advertisement should be out for those interested in applying.

**Health**

This department continues to be the largest problem within my responsibility. I believe that if I can get the Health Board bylaws modified and make appointments to the Board, under those bylaws, the Tribe will see progress. Right now my biggest concern is that our Little Axe clinic function isn't meeting the needs of our Indian people. The Shawnee Clinic is working. Yes, it has its share of issues - like the new Affordable Care Act Marketplace implementation but this process from what we understand is problematic to most tribes and that's largely due to its unique health insurance structure and the documentation needed for it. These are issues that I would like to work through with a functioning Health Board. Instead the Board President doesn't appear to share that concern along with the MANY others forwarded to him as he is too busy creating a hostile Board. A review of the Board appointments has shown there are no documents indicative of the origin of these appointments. This is a concern to us. In looking at the Board's actions for the past three years I would say there are too many issues that should have been corrected and instead they have not. It's time for a change. My intentions remain clear and my path is set. We will correct the continued problems within our health system and we will make services available for our tribal people. We will have a Health Board that works in conjunction with the Tribe and in the best interest of our people.

The contact point hereafter for health will be my office till such time as the bylaw changes have been made. And let me reiterate 'healthcare to the Absentee Shawnee tribal members is a PRIORITY to me' and it should be to anyone serving in a role to help our people.

In conclusion- we won't immediately see the sweeping changes I had hoped for but instead we are making small, positive steps forward. I thrive on challenges and will be relentless in my efforts to make certain you, my people, are served well and your concerns listened to and addressed to the best of me and my staff's ability.

**WE, meaning you, the people of the Tribe, and I, your Governor, are indeed Building For the Future (BFF)!**

I wish you all well this month and look forward to seeing each of you at General Council and getting your thoughts and ideas on how to approach the future of our people.

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**LT. GOVERNOR'S** *Report*

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The weather is great, except for all of the allergies and sinus problems that are going around. So many people have sinus infections right now. Several folks have been out of the office due do sinusitis. Hopefully the air well clear up and we can get some good clean air and get rid of this.

Finally, we held the pre-bid conference for the Tribal Police Departments Sub-Station. We had a sealed bid process, of course. The bids were opened on September 17th. We usually select the low bidder, there are occasions when that isn't what happens, those reasons might be from miscalculation when preparing the bid, lack of qualification, etc., however we do impose Indian Preference just like we do when hiring here at the complex, we will notify the company that was selected within the next couple of days, no longer than a week. Then we can start work on that project.

I don't know how many of you have been down Little Axe/Big Jim Road, but that road has been posted that it is a closed road and will no longer be considered as public road and is closed to through traffic. This is the only road on the Tribe's inventory that is 100% tribally owned. At the advice of several attorneys we were told that we have all legal right to close that road if we wish.

BIA staff is currently working on the annual Self Governance report, along with getting ready for General Council. This happens every year. The timing is bad. Both projects take plenty of time from the staff's daily routine, but both reports must be done so they are all really busy right now.

Transportation staff attended a road dedication on September 25th. The road is in the Tribe's jurisdiction (Highway 59) but is on the Citizen Potawatomi's roads inventory. Out of respect and to let the family of a fallen soldier know that we appreciate the sacrifice (the life of someone's son or daughter). As every soldier puts that uniform on, they know and their families know that, that may be their last day on this earth and still they proudly put on that uniform and do their job protecting the safety and freedom that we share here at home. There were many state and county legislators in attendance. We thank the Isenhower family and their son, and many like them, that take a chance on the greatest loss ever, to make sure that we are able to do what we want to do, when we want to do it, in this great nation of ours.

There is also a tribally owned road in the Little Axe area that we intend on closing to the public. Signs will be posted in the near future indicating that the road will be closed to the public and no through traffic will be allowed. An attorney for Cleveland County suggested that we give the residents sufficient notice, about the road closing, so they can find an alternate route prior to the road closing.

I look forward to seeing you on October 5th. I hope this fits into your schedule and you are able to attend the 72nd General Council.

Respectfully,  
Isaac Gibson  
Lieutenant Governor

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**REPRESENTATIVE'S** *Report*

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NO REPORT SUBMITTED

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**SECRETARY'S** *Report*

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Greetings Tribal Members!

I would like to thank everyone who attended the General Council; I hope everyone enjoyed seeing old friends and new faces. The first thing I would like to talk to you about is the FEMA Trailers. There are three components to the applications process, please make sure you have all three items completed before you turn them in, it would help my office to expedite the process. I have been very busy with other aspects of our Tribal Government, as you know it is a slow moving process, there are good things in the works but it will take time, I will report more on the items as we move forward with them. I regret that this report is short, but I will have more information in the next newsletter.

I hope everyone remains safe and enjoy life.

Sincerely  
Secretary Dawsey

*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*

Hello Tribal Members,

Our 72nd Semi-Annual General Council Meeting of October 5, 2013 has come and gone, with a very good turn-out being reported. The office of Treasurer was well represented with a table of financial information, and would like to thank tribal members for coming by and picking up informative information.

The following activities I have been involved and participated.

Financial Reports: Reviewed monthly encumbrance financial reports for General Fund and Indirect Cost.

**Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority, Inc. (ASEDA):** Established to function independently from political constraints and independently under direction of board of directors composed of current members: Dan Little Axe, President, Adam Proctor, Vice-President and Eddie Brokeshoulder, Secretary with Kathy Deere, Treasurer as an Ad-Hoc member of Executive Committee. Our board meetings are scheduled every second Thursday of each month at 10:10 a.m., Governor's conference room.

At our recent September meeting our discussion centered on applying for a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) planning grant through the Economic Development Administration (EDA). The grant would enable our tribe to focus on ways to improve our economic conditions starting with ASEDA business plan and utilizing it as the driving force for improvement and eliminate current silo planning operations. Please look for more information in future newsletters. Should you have questions, please call ASEDA members at 275-4030.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI):** Absentee Shawnee Tribe is currently waiting to hear from department of Treasury if we were funded for a Native American Community Development Financial Institution (NACA) grant in an amount of \$150,000. In the meantime we are preparing for legal review of our Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws as it relates to not-for-profit 501(3) application. The deadline to be notified is September 30th, end of fiscal year 2013.



## Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

**VITA:** The office of Treasurer is in the process of sponsoring VITA tax program for tribal members and offering this service to the community. We are currently recruiting tax preparation volunteers and screeners to assist us in our operations, training will be provided on software program called TaxWise and other components for tax preparation. So if you are interested in becoming a volunteer and providing a service to our tribal community, please contact Eddie Brokeshoulder at 275-4030 x 148 or eddieb@astribe.com

In closing, please come by or contact us, and we look forward in discussing our exciting programs being developed for you as tribal members.

Respectfully,  
Eddie Brokeshoulder  
Financial Consultant

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

September 2013

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, 2011, and 2012 Audits are "unmodified" opinion; which when compared to an educational grading scale is an A. The 2014 Indirect Cost Proposal has been submitted to the Interior Business Center (IBC) and I was notified this week that it is ready to be assigned to a negotiator. Our rate is up from 17.74% for 2010 to 21.98% for 2011 to 22.35% for 2012, and 27.39% for 2013.

We are preparing for the 2013 Audit which will begin early 2014 for all of the Tribe's entities [Casinos; Store; Restaurant; Smoke Shops; ASEDA; ASTHA & LSWN which makes up Absentee Health Systems; and the Tribal Government.] All of the tribe's entities must be audited first and then they are combined with the Tribe's Governmental Audit.

The finance department for 2013 is completing accounting by the 10th day of the month which has been extended from the 7th allowing the health finance to provide reports necessary for adjusting inventory and accounts receivable. Financial reporting for the Health Authority and Li Si Wi Nwi, Health Inc. boards for Absentee Health Systems, Shawnee and Little Axe (LSWN) continues monthly. The Finance staff has completed the August reconciliations for financial reporting. 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) and these rules are updated sometimes annually.

The Tribe currently has compact funds of BIA and I H S, 51 Grants. In addition, the Tribe operates a General Fund and an Indirect Cost Fund. The new clinic building payments are current and have not been late and projections are that they will continue to be current going forward.

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

14: with 7 (50%) being AST Tribal Members, 2 non-AST tribal members, and 5 (36%) being non-natives. This department 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.

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

Respectfully,  
Belinda Collins  
Controller

Greetings Tribal Members,

Thank you all for attending the 72nd Semi-Annual General council meeting. We appreciate you taking the time out of your weekend to come to the meeting. We want to hear your concerns and issues.

Our prayers and thoughts go out to the families, who have lost loved ones this month.

• **Monthly Program/Departmental Directors meeting.** Each director comes every third Monday and gives a monthly update on their program/department. Court, Cultural Preservation/Gift Shop, Education, Domestic Violence/Family Services, Enrollment, Human Resources, Finance, Maintenance, Music, MIS, Police, Procurement, Realty, Probate, Social Services, Tag, TERO, Title VI, Building Blocks, Indian Child Welfare, Housing, Media, OEH/OEP, and Health Programs. We, as the Executive Committee, appreciate these departments who take the time to come and give us an update on activities and events monthly and prepare monthly written reports. We understand they may have circumstances occur that prevent them from coming to the monthly meetings and appreciate the fact that they let us know or send someone in their place when they cannot attend. THANK YOU!

• **Elders' Monthly meetings** are held 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. Fund raisers, outings, and cultural activities are planned monthly. Activities and Events the Elders have hosted are: Veterans' Pow Wow in November, Inaugural Ball, attended various cultural events in Canada, Iowa, New Mexico, South Dakota, etc., in and around the state of Oklahoma. The officers are Dan Little Axe, President, Mary Birdtail, Vice-President, Cynthia Longhorn, Secretary, and Betty Watson, Treasurer. If you would like more information about the Absentee Shawnee Elders Council, please call Cynthia Longhorn, 405/273-4137.

• **Financials for Health Monthly Mtg.** Monthly tribal finance, health finance, clinical administrators, and business office meet to review monthly financials and collections of the health clinics in Little Axe and Shawnee.

• **ASTHA and LSWN Health Board Meeting.** The health board meets every third Tuesday of the month. They discuss administrative reports, financial, credentialing, and any other item that needs to be addressed. This month they interviewed five candidates for the Health Board Director.

• **Thunderbird Casino Monthly financial meeting** with General Manager, Dillon Byrd, Controller, myself, and/or other Executive Committee Member, who are available, to go over the monthly financials of both casinos in Little Axe and Shawnee.

• **Internal Revenue Service, VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance).** VITA is a program for free tax preparation for tribal members, Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit components, targeted toward low-income families with children (Adjusted Gross Income Limit-AGI=\$51,000) and tax counseling for elders. Training for volunteer preparers and screeners, will probably start around middle of November. TBD filing period will start in January and run through April 15, 2014. If you have questions, or interested in becoming a volunteer preparer or screener, please call Eddie Brokesoulder, 405-275-4030 x148, or email [eddieb@astribe.com](mailto:eddieb@astribe.com)

• **NAFOA (Native American Finance Officers' Association), 2013 Fall Finance & Tribal Economies Conference, Expanding Horizons, Seattle, WA.** This conference featured an exciting educational agenda covering a vast array of current financial and economic developments

trends in Indian Country. Overview presentations covered all aspects of finance, economic development, and policy affecting tribes from tribal leaders, federal and state partners, academic and financial experts. Twenty-Six (26) Tracks were offered during the two day conference. Some of the Tracks I attended were "Using Audits for Strategic Planning & Financing Options, Indirect Cost for Tribal Organizations, Expand Your Tribe's Economic Growth Potential Through Strategic Partnerships with your State Legislatures, Structuring Tribal Businesses to Maximize Immunity from Federal & State Taxes, Financing for Small to Mid-Size Projects Using Native Owned Banks, Make Effective Financial Presentations to Banks and Rating Agencies, and Banking on Refi's". About 104 different Indian Nations across the United States were in attendance and about 12 tribes from Oklahoma were in attendance.

• **CDFI (Community Development Financial Institution) Native American CDFI Assistance (NACA).** Grant was submitted February 28, 2013 and we were one of 35 awarded. The grant was awarded at \$92,290. If any tribal member is interested in being on steering committee, board of directors, or loan committee, please contact Eddie Brokesoulder, 275-4030, Ext. 148 or email [eddieb@astribe.com](mailto:eddieb@astribe.com)

• **Constitutional Revision Committee (CRC):** If you are interested in taking the survey, it is on the AST website along with the video [www.astribe.com](http://www.astribe.com). We would appreciate your input, suggestions, or come to the monthly meetings. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Eddie Brokesoulder, 405-275-4030 Ext 148. Or contact Briana Ponkilla, her email address: [brianaponkilla@yahoo.com](mailto:brianaponkilla@yahoo.com)

## NEWS FLASH

• **Cobell Update (<http://www.indiantrust.com>):** Have questions call the Info Center: 1-800-961-6109.

• **200th Anniversary of Tecumseh's Death is October 5.**

• **OK State Dept of Ed, names Edmond Music Teacher 2014 State Teacher of the Year.** Peter L.

Markes, an 8-12th grade string orchestra and advanced Placement music theory teacher from Edmond North High school in the Edmond School District. He was named at a ceremony on Tuesday at the Oklahoma State Fair by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Janet Barresi.

The Finance Department employees, Controller, Belinda Collins, Asst. Controller, Genevieve Foster, and Staff Accountant III, Deanna Wood, very much deserve special recognition as they daily continue the never ending processes for the financial side of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. Without their tireless diligence, dedication, and commitment we could not keep the financial transactions processes flowing!

Also, appreciation to the Financial Consultant, Eddie Brokesoulder, who continues to assist me with numerous projects, recommendations/suggestions, attendance at meetings where I cannot attend, and consulting decisions in the office of Treasurer! Very special thanks to Arlene Herrera who serves as Administrative Assistant in the office of treasurer and secretary.

We appreciate all your phone calls, emails, and visits. May God continue to bless you and yours! See below articles from AllNations Bank, Finance Department, and Financial Consultant, Eddie Brokesoulder.

Respectfully,  
Kathy Deere,  
Tribal Treasurer

"POSITIVE THINKING WILL LET YOU DO  
EVERYTHING BETTER THAN NEGATIVE THINKING WILL."  
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**FY-2013  
YTD TAX COLLECTIONS  
(thru 8/31/13)**

**RUN DATE:  
09/20/13**

TAX CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	% OF TAXES COLLECTED
Sales (6%)	\$5,320.89	\$5,961.53	\$10,318.20	\$5,250.35	\$6,199.63	\$5,694.53	\$10,621.07	\$1,015.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,381.46	1.97%
Gaming % of free cash	\$414,328.00	\$408,888.00	\$225,370.00	\$224,409.00	\$0.00	\$258,496.00	\$368,744.00	\$260,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,160,235.00	84.47%
Employee (1%)	\$29,238.39	\$4,799.87	\$4,314.16	\$20,146.42	\$11,097.65	\$11,469.05	\$8,437.34	\$736.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90,239.82	3.53%
Severance (8%)	\$15,812.22	\$5,128.09	\$0.00	\$21,426.59	\$12,234.71	\$0.00	\$19,054.69	\$10,289.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$83,945.90	3.28%
Motor Vehicle	\$14,481.54	\$13,521.61	\$15,001.64	\$13,851.28	\$13,034.02	\$0.00	\$14,605.08	\$13,974.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$98,469.32	3.85%
Tobacco Refund	\$10,087.72	\$12,244.26	\$8,474.55	\$9,091.57	\$11,494.05	\$10,776.45	\$9,807.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$71,976.30	2.81%
<b>TOTAL TAXES</b>	<b>\$489,268.76</b>	<b>\$450,543.36</b>	<b>\$263,478.55</b>	<b>\$294,175.21</b>	<b>\$54,060.06</b>	<b>\$286,436.03</b>	<b>\$431,269.88</b>	<b>\$286,015.95</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,555,247.80</b>	<b>\$2,555,247.80</b>
Miscellaneous	\$970.00	\$250.00	\$106.75	\$230.00	\$155.00	\$0.00	\$140.00	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,021.75	0.08%
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$490,238.76</b>	<b>\$450,793.36</b>	<b>\$263,585.30</b>	<b>\$294,405.21</b>	<b>\$54,215.06</b>	<b>\$286,436.03</b>	<b>\$431,409.88</b>	<b>\$286,185.95</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,557,269.55</b>	<b>100%</b>

## RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTIONS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 18, 2013**

**EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS:**

**E-AS-13-74      08/29/13**

Hereby contracts with the law firm of Hobbs, Strauss, Dean and Walker, LLP, with William R. Norman, as primary counsel, as Attorney General and Gaming legal counsel for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma; authorizes and approves the contract (attached); and designates Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe as the Tribal official with the signature authority to execute the contract on behalf of the Tribe, effective immediately.

**E-AS-13-75      08/29/13**

Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe's designee, Controller is authorized to execute and file application for Federal assistance on behalf of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma with the Federal Transit Administration for Federal Assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53, Title 23, United States Code, or other Federal statutes authorizing a project administered by the Federal Transit Administration. The Tribe is the Designated Recipient as defined by 49 U.S.C. 5307 and, Controller has received authority from Governor of the Tribe to apply for Urbanized Area Formula Program assistance. The Governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma's designee, Controller is authorized to execute and file with its application the annual certification and assurances and other documents the Federal Transportation Administration requires before awarding a Federal assistance grant or cooperative agreement with the Federal Transit Administration on behalf of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

**E-AS-13-76      09/18/13**

Authorizes membership of the Tribe to the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and names the Governor, as delegate and the Lieutenant Governor, Tribal Secretary, Treasurer and Representative as alternates of the Tribe to that body and authorizes payment of any and all membership fees that might be due for 2013.

**E-AS-13-77      09/18/13**

Approves and accepts Paisley Rennea Spoon, Colton James Rakeshaw, Carolina Elizabeth Smith, Caylea Anna Smith, Caden Robert Smith, Dustin Michael Roach, Jamie Lynn Ladeanna Caudillo, Jace Ryan McAnally, Zerek Bishop Harjo, Jarrod Keith Ricketts II, Cashis King Heatley, Tyrein Gene Davis, Hannah Starr Davis, Dannica Butch Davis, Rex Keith Davis, Celeste Jade Hudson, Eden Rose Hudson, Morgan Baylee Walker, Ethan Andrew Eckles, Juleah Leslie Cummings and Kyerra MaKyla Raye Blanchard as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma

as of the date of this resolution.

**E-AS-13-78      09/18/13**

Rejects the application of Attallah Marie Gillam for membership in the Absentee Shawnee Tribe due to Insufficient Blood Degree.

**E-AS-13-79      09/18/13**

Rejects the application of Ann Marie Miller for membership in the Absentee Shawnee Tribe due to Insufficient Blood Degree.

**E-AS-13-80      09/18/13**

Grants voluntary relinquishment to Karen Rose Washington of membership of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, effective Immediately.

**E-AS-13-81      09/18/13**

Disenrolls Lewis Blaine Tyner from the membership roll of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Effective Immediately

**E-AS-13-82      09/18/13**

Appoints, Shirley Haley to the Absentee Shawnee Education Committee for a two (2) year term expiring September 30, 2015, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS:**

**L-AS-13-05      08/29/13**

Commits undivided interest by the Tribe acquired from the probate of individual Indian landowners in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Land Consolidation Act (ILCA) of 2000, as amended by the American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004 and excluding those interest acquired as a result of the United States Supreme Court's decision In Babbitt v. Youpee (117 S 1 CT. 727) to be leased for farming, oil and gas, revocable permit, rights-of-way or business when such leases are granted by the United States Secretary of Interior of his designee; and

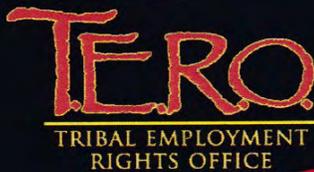
FURTHER, that the Executive Committee has authorized the Governor and Secretary to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the Tribe.

**L-AS-13-06      09/18/13**

Hereby approve and authorize a corporate G.S.A. Smart Card with a credit limit of Fifty Thousand dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00) for the Procurement Department of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and authorize Mary Ponkilla, Procurement Clerk, to use for the purpose of preparing conference and travel arrangements for the Tribe, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

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T.E.R.O. Department October Newsletter Article

The Tribal Employment Rights Office also known as TERO is a department that protects tribal employees' rights and supports tribal career development. Within this past month, the TERO department has experienced a steady flow of business. We have added 12 new applicants to our database which now brings our total number of applicants to 609. Of those 12 new applicants, 3 are Absentee Shawnee Tribal members. We have also helped 103 applicants/guests who have walked in and called/received 190 phone calls. We have also referred 6 applicants to various departments within the tribe, 2 applicants to Thunderbird Entertainment Center, 7 applicant to the Building Blocks Construction Project in Little Axe, and 34 applicants to outside sources.

Besides taking care of daily business, TERO has also been in attendance to numerous meetings since the last newsletter. On August 28, TERO made a presentation for the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority. The topic of discussion was Native American Contractors. Later that day, August 28, TERO had a meeting with Mrs. Cheryl Garcia of the human resource department at the Kickapoo Tribal Health Center. During this meeting discussion occurred about the hiring hall and the qualifications of applicants.

On August 29, TERO had three meetings. During the morning, TERO met with Kevin and Nancy Jervis of Superior Masonry. During this meeting, TERO went over the TERO compliance plan and possible job openings. Around noon, TERO met with Dillon Byrd of Thunderbird Entertainment Center to discuss job opportunities. Later that afternoon, TERO went to the University of Oklahoma to meet with Mr. Lindy Waters of the Center for Student Life. On the following day, August 30, TERO returned to the University of Oklahoma and spoke with Mr. Lindy Waters who was out the previous day. The topic of discussion was the possible College Move Project. Later that day, TERO went to the Oklahoma State Department of Education to discuss the GED program. Then on September 4, TERO had a meeting with Dillon Byrd and Cassi Ratcliff of Thunderbird Entertainment Center in which the project bid process was the topic of discussion. Another project pre-bid conference took place on September 6. This time it was for the Police Substation Project. Then, on September 11, TERO attended the AICCOK-OKC Business Luncheon in which the theme for the meeting was Elevate Your Business. Eleven businesses including the TERO Department made speeches about their company/organization. Finally, on September 17, TERO attended the bid opening for the Police Substation Project.

Within the next month of October, TERO will be continuing to take applications for the construction project of the new Building Blocks Daycare Center which will be located in Little Axe. Also, there will be an opportunity to fill out an application for the National Indian Council on Aging. To fill out an application, you have to be 55 years of age or older. If you have any other questions concerning either of these opportunities, please contact our TERO offices to update your application or put in an application if you are interested.

The TERO department helps Native Americans with job placement and employment referrals, and we strongly encourage any tribal member or Native American who may need employment to come to the Absentee Shawnee TERO department and apply. To become an applicant, the process is simple. First, you will need to come to the department to pick-up and fill out an application. We are located in building #1 on the second floor. Second, you will need to provide the TERO department your CDIB or a document to prove your tribal Affiliation (YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBE TO BECOME AN APPLICANT), your social security card, and your Driver's License or State ID. Third, you will need to provide the department with any licenses, credentials, or any other certifications/degrees you have acquired.

In addition to keeping your application on file, we also provide some other services. TERO holds the responsibility of insuring our applicants have equal opportunity for employment and receive call backs or letters on all positions that are applied for. The TERO department also provides/helps our applicants with job search, referrals, resume assistance, interview tips, and application status. Further for your convenience, the TERO department also posts all tribal positions, some local positions, and some positions for the Oklahoma City, Norman, and Moore areas outside of our offices on bulletin boards and in binders. Currently, we have close to 100 job openings posted outside of our offices. However, keep in mind, these job postings are constantly changing and being updated weekly as positions are filled. So, a job that may be listed below may already have been filled. However, still stop by and fill out an application, if you haven't already done so, and look at the current job openings. If you have any further questions about the TERO program or just have a request, you can contact our office anytime Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm (closed 12 pm to 1 pm for lunch), and we will be happy to assist you.

Carol Butler (Office Assistant) 405-275-4030 ext. 163

Below is a list of job openings for some off campus positions posted at the TERO department:

- |                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| Dishwasher       | Security                |
| Cook             | Surveillance Technician |
| Cashier          | Delivery Driver         |
| Sales Associate  | Mixer Driver            |
| Customer Service | Mechanic                |
| Assistant        | Housekeeping            |
| Bank Teller      | Maintenance Worker      |
| Accountant       | Groundskeeper           |
| Shift Managers   | Assembler               |
| LPN              | Machinist               |



# HORSE SHOE BEND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

## October 2013 News



On September 9th the After School Program started tutoring students. That first day there were 27 very anxious students who began in the tutoring program. It was nice having them all back as they have grown a lot since May. I guided them through some changes that have been put into place since the last time at Horse Shoe Bend. As mentioned in the last newsletter Stuart Rolette and Randall Watson are co-- coordinators for the after school program. I assured the students that I would be making surprise visits during the upcoming months. We have both new and returning tutors. Our Oklahoma Baptist University students are: Lauren Wood, Caitlin Wells, JoAnna Kleinsasser, Meagan Barth, Haley Nickerson, Nicole Gushi, who are returning. The new tutors are: Jessica Spencer, Rebecca Tyler, Anthony Nickerson, Chelsea Cannedy. River Post oak--Gipp is a college student from Seminole State College.

I have complete confidence that this program will be ran as if I was there each day. I have trained Randall for the past 3 years and Stuart for the past 2 years and believe they are capable of handling the responsibilities at the center and have shown solid leadership skills.

### WHITE TURKEY BAND OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE

3 rd ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK AND 3K TROT (1 mile walk)  
OCTOBER 12, 2013  
8:00 A.M.  
AT  
HORSE SHOE BEND COMMUNITY CENTER  
46309 GARRETT'S LAKE ROAD  
SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

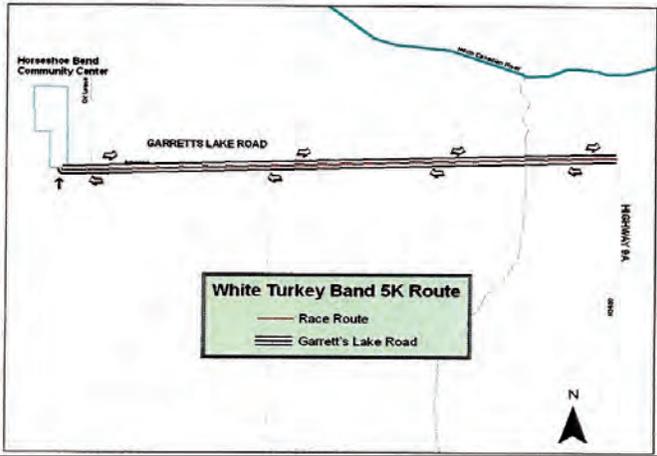
PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE WHITE TURKEY BAND AND THE HORSE SHOE BEND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR SPONSORSHIP TO STUDENTS ATTENDING THE TUTORIAL SERVICES.

**COST: \$20.00 PARTICIPANT WILL RECEIVE T-SHIRT**

DAY OF RACE REGISTRATION \$25.00 PARTICIPANT WILL RECEIVE T-SHIRT

OPEN DIVISION FIRST, SECOND, THIRD PLACE FEMALE AND MALE RUNNERS WILL BE AWARDED.

CONTACT INDIVIDUALS LISTED BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION IF NEEDED



**TWILA PARKER**  
405 229-8052

**GWEN SWITCH**  
405 204-9612

I want to extend a 'big thank you' to the maintenance men that made it possible for this program to be able to hold classes in the new portable building. This building allows us to separate our younger students from the older students so that they now have their own classroom. Students are able to concentrate more without a lot of distractions. With many of our older students we will continue to utilize the Horse Shoe Bend Community Building.

Thank you: Tom White, Donnie Simon, Kevin Kasca, Stephen Fife, Lance Nanaeto, Isaac Bettelyoun for keeping the grass mowed and a special thanks to Lt. Governor Gibson for allowing them to work on this project.

If you should have any questions about this program feel free to contact me at 405--481--0397.

Thank you,  
Edwina Butler--Wolfe

# Absentee Shawnee Housing



## Low Rent Housing

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

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

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



## Lease to Own Program

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

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

## Down Payment Assistance Program

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

### Eligibility Requirements

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

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

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



**NEW RENTAL HOMES AVAILABLE!**

Applications are now being accepted for families that are over the income limits for our IHBG funded programs. Please contact our Programs & Admissions Department for further details.

*NOTE: There is limited homes available for this program.*

## CONTACT INFORMATION:

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

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



## Introduction

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

## Application Process

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

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

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

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

## Waiting List

A letter will be mailed out once your application has been approved notifying you of the date your name was placed on the waiting list. It is very important to stay in contact and notify the Housing Authority anytime changes occur in income, household composition, or contact information.

In the event that your name is next in being offered a home; you will be notified by letter or phone.

Annual Updates required to remain on the waiting list.



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.



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





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



## OCTOBER News...

We had a busy and fun September and are looking forward to a great October! On Friday, September 6th we had our Grandparents Day Lunch. We had a great turnout and a great lunch. The kids were very excited to have their grandparents come to the center and to show them the things they made for them. We would like to thank all the staff for their creative grandparent gifts, AST Maintenance for setting up the tables and chairs, and AST Title VI for letting us borrow some of their equipment. We enjoyed meeting all the grandparents who came!!

Next month we will be having our Open House on October 17th from 5p-7p. This will give parents an opportunity to meet the teachers and see their child's classroom. Refreshments will be provided.

We are currently reviewing our waiting list and classroom enrollment! If you would like to put your child on the waiting list please stop by and fill out a waiting list application.

We would like to welcome three new staff members: *Sierra McNear*, *Lindsay Shawnee* and *Elizabeth Crawford*. We are still waiting on the hiring of our permanent Director and are excited to welcome them as soon as they are hired!

**Have a terrific October and enjoy the fall weather!**

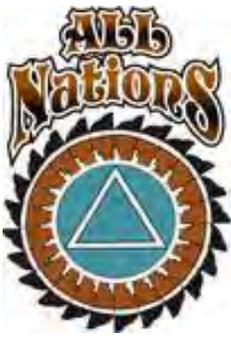
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Please make sure all above information is correct (including company name, address & phone numbers) before signing off for approval.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**4th Annual  
All Nations Rally  
November 8-9, 2013**

**Featuring  
Jamie R., Tulsa, OK  
Rustie M., Lawton, OK  
Donna A., Norman, OK  
Dina C., Albuquerque, NM**

**Cedar Smudging Ceremony, Native Flute Playing  
Sobriety & Serenity Countdowns, Flashlight**

**Meeting,  
"Road of Happy Destiny"  
Bingo,  
OU/OSU/Thunder Tipi Raffles,  
Shirts/Hoodies for sale, Sobriety Ribbons**

**Indian Tacos, Indian Corn Soup w/Frybread,  
Morning Meditation,**

**Quartz Mountain Resort [www.quartzmountainresort.com](http://www.quartzmountainresort.com)  
22469 Lodge Road, Lone Wolf, OK 73655, 877-999-5567  
Rooms \$79 until October 18, 2013**

The 2013 All Nations Rally Voice is Scott H., Edmond Group, Edmond, OK		
Friday Evening	Saturday Morning/Afternoon	Saturday Evening
Registration opens @5	Meditation	Flute Playing
Hospitality Room Opens	Speaker, Rustie M. @ 9	Sobriety Countdown
Indian Tacos	Newcomer Spkrs @1030	Serenity Countdown
Flute Playing	Lunch	Speaker, Dina C. @8
Cedar Smudging	Long Timers @1	Tipi Raffles
Speaker, Jamie R. @ 8	Speaker, Donna A. @ 3	Closing
Flashlight Meeting	Indian Corn w/frybread	Night Owl Bingo
Sunday Morning @ 9 - Wrap Up Meeting to elect 2014 ANR Planning Committee		

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Registration \$20.00 (Pre-registrations will be included in drawing for OKC Thunder Tipi)

Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Would you like to donate to hospitality room? If so, how much? \_\_\_\_\_



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](http://diabetes.org) and sign up for Wellness and Healthy Eating classes at the Little Axe Clinic. Call Sidna McKane to sign up at 405 701-7977.

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



**AST PHARMACY NEWS**



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

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

**Hours of Operation:**

**Little Axe: 8am-5pm (& 7:30a-5:30p Drive-Thru) Monday - Friday**

• Phone - (405) 292-9530

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

• Phone - (405) 878-5859

***We are open through the lunch hour!!***

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

-Thank you,  
Pharmacy Staff



**AST COUNTRY  
KITCHEN**

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**

(Not valid on Saturday or Sunday. 1 coupon per customer. With coupon.

No substitutions



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**366-7220**



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

Having moved back home to Oklahoma, she worked at a series of low-paying, minimum wage jobs while raising two young daughters. Last year, at 23, she moved in with her now ex-boyfriend, Jeremy Simmons in Mannford, Oklahoma. Soon after, she became pregnant with her third child, another girl.

Tarbox, who is a member of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, had been in an out of counseling from an early age for a variety of issues, including anxiety, according to her mother, Janet Snake. But in 2011, Tarbox was dealt another blow when her biological father, who had been diagnosed with bi-polar disorder, killed himself. Unemployed and with a third child on the way, she was overwhelmed and unsure of her relationship with Simmons, who also has a criminal history.

In short order, she ended her relationship with Simmons and impulsively married the father of her second child, Matt Tarbox, who had just recently been released from incarceration. Shortly thereafter, she gave up the baby who came to be known as "Deseray" for adoption to the Bixlers, who according to insiders paid approximately \$50,000 for Tarbox's "expenses."

In an interview with Indian Country Today Media Network, Simmons said that he was aware that Tarbox had a troubled history and that he had tried to help her during her pregnancy, taking her to her scheduled doctor's appointments and even buying her pre-natal vitamins.

"I came home one day and she had just cleared out and took everything," he said. "I still tried to continue to help her after we split but she wouldn't talk to me and refused to accept any money from me."

Two days later, she married Matt Tarbox, the father of her second child who had just been released from prison. Soon after, relatives say the couple sought help from the First Baptist Church of Cushing, Oklahoma, who reportedly set up the contact for the adoption agency.

In May, the Bixlers drove to Oklahoma from South Carolina to attend Deseray's birth at Stillwater Medical Center. Godwin had "subcontracted" Tulsa-based attorney Mike Yeksavich to handle some of the paperwork, though they later had a falling out over fees and responsibilities. At the time, Yeksavich asked the court to appoint him as the girl's legal guardian, apparently in order to finalize the adoption.

But he has since distanced himself from Godwin, claiming that the responsibility for the paperwork fell squarely on Godwin's shoulders. As the two attorneys squabbled over money and "assigned duties," the Bixlers cleared out of Oklahoma, taking Baby Deseray with them back to South Carolina with no legal authority whatsoever to do so.

Before they had even pulled into their driveway in Irmo, South Carolina, papers had already been filed in Greenville by Godwin to finalize the adoption.

It was there that a South Carolina family court judge finally caught on to what was happening. Right off the bat, the judge realized that no Interstate Custody for the Placement of Children (ICPC) paperwork had been filed. In fact, no other paperwork had been filed save for the documents from Raymond Godwin's office.

With no ICPC filing in place, the South Carolina judge refused to finalize the adoption. In Tulsa, Mike Nomura, director for the State of Oklahoma ICPC, was aware of the lack of due diligence and made his irritation known to all parties, including Yeksavich and Godwin.

Seeing the handwriting on the wall, Yeksavich subsequently sent a heated letter to Godwin demanding the return of Deseray.

"...I told [Nomura] I will not [file an ICPC request for the Bixlers] as I do not agree with placement with your clients and the termination case has been dismissed. He thinks I still have 'custody' of the child...this is a demand for your clients to return the child to Oklahoma and surrender physical possession of the child and advise what date your clients will be in Oklahoma with the child so coordination of a change in physical custody can be made.

Since your clients chose to secretly ignore the law it is my position they have all liability for the child's safe keeping until they surrender physical custody of the child and have no right to physical custody of the child."

Meanwhile, the lawyers for the Absentee Shawnee went to court to enforce the Indian Child Welfare Act, setting the stage for another epic, interstate custody battle between an Oklahoma Indian tribe and the state of South Carolina.

For Tripp, who is not only an Indian lawyer, but also a pre-ICWA adoptee, the obligation to enforce ICWA has become a mission because of the long, unrelenting history of taking Native children from their tribes.

"It's time for the Department of Justice to get involved and investigate the misdeeds and wrongdoings of these agencies and lawyers in regards to the abduction of our children," he said. "This is nothing new, but rather just a continuum of the tactics and policies in which greed and the colonial 'white is right' mentality have taken over."

#### ***There's One Born Every Minute***

At last week's hearing, Barbara Bado withdrew from representing Crystal Tarbox. But before she departed, she had something to say. Leaning over to one of the tribal attorneys before the hearing, she inquired about what should be done about yet another Absentee Shawnee birth mother, who is due to give birth this November.

Bado told the attorneys that the tribal member, whom she does not represent, is homeless, living in a park, sleeping on friends' couches, trying to avoid more jail time. With multiple warrants for her arrest, fines and legal fees, Bado was asking about ICWA.

"She sent us several emails saying, 'We want to comply with ICWA', and asked us for a list of potential placements with tribal members," said Tripp. "Which all sounds great, but then came the hitch: She said that there were 'expenses,' that needed to be paid, which included living expenses, fines, outstanding warrants and legal fees. There was nothing direct, but clearly, they don't want her picked up because let's face it, if she delivers the baby in jail, the kid will go to DHS and not only will the mom not get paid, the attorneys won't make a cent. So they're out there soliciting for 'expenses,' with the underlying threat that they'll take their business elsewhere."

For Don Mason, who represents Jeremy Simmons in the Baby Deseray case, it's nothing new under the sun.

"It's very manipulative," he says. "It's always cloaked in words like 'expenses,' but it's a lot of cash up front and the cash is always funneled in ways that it's hard to track. And when these attorneys get caught, they always hide behind the law and the bible pretending that they're do-gooders, when in fact they are selling children for profit. In the end, however, it's the exploitation of both sides: Poor birth mothers who are desperate and adoptive parents who will pay any price for a child. But no matter how glossy it appears, it's still human trafficking."

In the case of Crystal Tarbox, for example, the money that she received from the adoption has since disappeared and she and her husband are now living with her mother, who is helping to raise Tarbox's two older daughters. As of this writing, Tarbox remains unemployed.

#### ***A Time for Healing Our Communities***

For many lawyers and mental health experts in Indian country, it is the underlying issues involving poverty and mental health that need to be addressed so that individual tribal members and Native communities don't continue to fall prey to an adoption industry that has turned toward vulnerable Native women who may have few choices in giving up their children. The preservation of Indian life in America is, after all, the reason the Indian Child Welfare Act was enacted to begin with.

Dr. Art Martinez, a clinical psychologist and consultant from California, says that funding and resources for Native communities is crucial to helping retain children for the long-term survival of the tribes.

"It's a huge problem," says Martinez, who is a Chumash tribal member. "The tribes do care about their children and they do want to stop it, but the reality is that they very rarely know about these adoptions until it's too late. And there are loopholes which are exploited by the attorneys that we have been battling since ICWA was passed. And unfortunately, it's the children who become the victims of these situations."

Martinez says that poverty plays an enormous role in the mental health issues that plague Indian communities. Crucial infrastructural needs like decent housing, intensive in- and out-patient treatment facilities, safe houses, medical care, sound nutrition and traditionally-based wellness initiatives should all play a part in preserving tribal life, which has undergone centuries of assault on their existence.

According to the American Psychiatric Association, American Indians and Alaska Natives are more than twice as likely to live in poverty; they have a life expectancy 6 years lower, and an infant mortality rate higher than the U.S. Average. American Indians have twice the rate of violent victimization than that of African Americans and more than 2.5 times the rate of white Americans. Additionally, they die at significantly higher rates of tuberculosis and diabetes.

But most significantly, suicide is the second leading cause of death among 10-34 year-olds, while 33 percent of American Indians lack health insurance, compared to 11 percent of whites.

"We need dedicated resources for intensive community work around wellness and healing," says Martinez. "We're still wiping tears from the historical trauma we've all suffered, but we need to stop the kinetic attacks on our communities. We need resources to address our unique issues, because poverty and mental health impacts not only individuals, but families, communities and entire tribes."

For Tripp, who works with tribes all over the country, it is the not-so-subtle message from the dominant society that Indian children are up for grabs.

"They pick on the weak. And the weak are people in poverty, with health issues, societal problems, drug and alcohol abuse and criminal histories. They're easy pickings. And in the United States, we have this notion that more money equals a 'better life.' But what constitutes a good life is a sense of love and caring, a sense of belonging. A sense of 'place.' But in order to do that, we have to protect our children. We have to give them a safe and steady place to grow up in a community that loves and cares about them," he says. "I have had several mothers who have told me they don't want their kids to be Indian. And that's a sad statement. Because what it says is that there has been some success in a society that, at its very core, is racist toward Indians. That somehow being Indian is less than, that it's bad. Somewhere, that message has gotten through to the most vulnerable people in our communities. So we therefore need to redouble our efforts and help those who may be in trouble so that we can preserve our legacies and cultures for future generations."

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# In Remembrance Of Tk, The Toe-Shoe Teen

By Eoin S. Boyd

The sun blazed a trail of fire that engulfed a young soccer player as he made his final goal attempt. Beads of perspiration, like little pearls, rolled down his face with fierce velocity like the mighty falls at Niagara, making it difficult to see his target. Young TK, or Toad, as he is affectionately called by his friends and family, stopped ever-so briefly, to wipe the sweat from his eyes. In that instant, he composed a plan to defeat the goalie; the very same goalie who blocked any attempt for TK's team to score the entire game. With ball-at-foot, TK drove hard towards the goal post, bobbing and weaving in and around the defenders players. In one sudden movement he kicked the ball to his left where Smitty, his best friend and teammate, collected the ball and protected it while TK got into position.

With ten seconds remaining on the clock, Smitty launched the soccer ball at TK, and in an amazing move, one which he practiced relentlessly for months; TK stopped the momentum of the ball with his foot, spun around one and one-half rotations, and kicked the ball with all his might. The goalie, Tommy "Bull" Wolfwitz, named for his large presence, some may call "big-boned" others just "fat"; confused by this move, prematurely jumped to his right. Just then, the joyful screams of happy parents erupted as the ball sailed past the Bulls left armpit, into the net, securing the point and win for Toad's team. Tyler Klein (TK) aka "Toad" celebrated as the clock ticked down to zero, sounding the buzzer, ending what was a long hot game day.

"Tyler...Tyler!" a man yelled "Tyler..." trying to get the attention of this young 13 year old soccer player

"TK" Tyler turned and corrected the man as he acknowledged his attempts to get his attention.

"Sure, TK, how does it feel to have completed such an amazing run with such an explosive and accurate kick?" Asks the older gentleman with credentials from the Times of Norville, "Was that planned or did you just wing-it?"

"Winged-it mostly... but I practice a lot" and to reiterate his point in a slightly more arrogant tone, he said one more time "like... a Lot!" Just then, TK's father called him to the car and the interview was over.

"Toad! Toad! It's time to go", "Hurry up son, we have a party to go to!" his father exclaimed "Get a move- on boy!"

TK left the interview with a prideful confidence as he made his way to his fathers' minivan. He opened the side door, sat down on the floorboard, and began to remove his soccer cleats along with his hot sweaty socks. As he dried his feet off with a towel he overheard his younger sister chant "Pizza, Pizza, Pizza" in that obnoxious little sister voice, you know the one that seems to burrow holes in your head and infest it with micro M80 bottle rockets, where at any moment one could go off potentially setting off a chain reaction resulting in the older brother blowing his top. Yep, and the chant only escalated, louder and faster, until the three of them got on the road.

"Hurry up Toad!" the father said in a tone that was firm yet fatherly, but had an undertone of (OMG, for the love of Pete get in the car let's go, because I am going to pull my hair out if you don't), "What's taking you so long?"

"Dad I have to put on my Toe-shoes... I am almost through"

TK finished tying his toe shoes, the ones with five individual toe pockets, secured his sister in her car seat, and shut the back door; he then road shotgun in the front seat with his father. Tyler liked this position because he could rest his feet on the dash board, which for him, seemed especially relaxing after several hours of running and kicking on the field.

His father Alex backed out of the parking spot to begin the two mile journey to their favorite pizza party spot, "Wacky Dave's Pizza and Fun Stop". "Son" he said softly

"Yes dad" Tyler replied as he played on his gaming station

"Buckle up!"

"Dad... it's only two miles, can I buckle up on the way home?", "I just started my game". TK replied defiantly.

"Sure...But you'll need to do it on the way home" Alex knowing that it would be safe, and that it was only a couple miles away, did not see the importance of buckling up. He did not want to fight, as he had been told by his parents "pick your battles." This was one battle he felt secure in overlooking to keep the peace; besides, "what could go wrong in such a short distance?"

One week later, TK who is adorned with a new white soccer uniform, neatly pressed, sporting his number 13 and nickname "Toad" on the back, with white socks and brand new pair of toe-shoes (fire red in color with laces) waits quietly as his father speaks to friends, family, and the church congregation.

"My son Tyler, "Toad" or "TK", to those of you who know him, have seen his spectacular skill on the soccer field, you have seen his speed and agility as he makes the winning goal, just as he did last week when he made that incredible kick to score the winning point." "You may also know him by his unique choice of footwear, those toe-shoes we all have come to love, which surprisingly..." as his father chuckles "are the reason for his nickname, Toad."

In a more somber voice as he chokes back his agony with tear laden eyes "I, will miss his quirky yet fun approach to life - his never give up attitude..." wiping tears from his eyes "and yes even those shoes." "My boy I am so sorry for failing you..." Alex says as he collapses to the floor in a small huddled mass, "Please forgive me..."

Alex's ex-wife, Joanne, and his best friend Ricky, kneel beside him in an effort to comfort. Once the overwhelming feeling of despair that disabled this grief stricken father subsided, Joanne and Ricky escorted him to his chair. There he remained, head in hands, bent forward to support his burdened heart, until the next speaker arrived to the podium to give their eulogy.

While in his chair, Alex tried to pay attention to his sons' friends as they spoke with kind words. It seemed all who spoke did so as if they were muffled; nothing said was clear enough to understand, aside from a random word here and there like, sad - died - tragic or tragedy - seatbelt - responsibility and the like. Alex believed this phenomenon was due to his uneasy mind. The only thought going through his head was the accident; and how senseless his child's death was because of his decision to allow him not to wear his seatbelt. Had he acted like a "father" and insisted Tyler wear his seatbelt, his son would still be alive, and instead of eulogies he would be receiving accolades for his excellent soccer skills.

Months later, while coming to grips with this tragic death, and his ultimate responsibility, Alex sits with his therapist Joshua, recalling the moments leading up to the automobile accident.

"I just let him do what he wanted. I did not want a confrontation. He came off a big win, the pizza joint was only two miles away, and I decided it was safe for him to ride without a seatbelt. How could I have been so foolish, so stupid? My boy died because of ME! Because I did not want to be a father, to say or do what was necessary to protect my child, because I wanted to be his friend instead of his guardian." Alex begins to sob uncontrollably, "eeeenntts..." looking straight at the psychologist with tear stained eyes, desperately trying to speak, "it was MY FAULT!", "How can I live with myself, doc?...Help me... Please!"

He felt a comforting touch squeeze his shoulder. "I cannot give you what you need most, what you can't right now give yourself."

"What's that" asks Alex.

"Forgiveness" the doctor remarked as he sat down to Alex's left "You know" Dr. Joshua speaks in a calming voice "The CDC estimates that during the year 2009 approximately 1,300 children younger than fourteen died in motor vehicle accidents, while 179,000 were injured, and three-quarters of a million children younger than twelve rode without the use of a child safety seat, booster seat, or seat belt at least some of the time." He continues, "The CDC also estimates that 40% of children riding with unbelted drivers were unrestrained themselves; and a staggering 72% or nearly 3,500 observed car and booster seats were installed in a way that could cause harm to the child if they were involved in an accident."

"How is this going to help me? All the data in the world, all the statistics, and talk will not bring my child back!" with agitation in his voice the child's father repeats "ForGiveNess?" only in a more cynical tenor of voice "How can I forgive myself for killing my child?!"

A loud buzzer goes off in the background before the doctor was able to answer, Alex awakes to find himself lying face down on research material from the CDC titled "Child Passenger Safety: Fact Sheet" There on the bottom, as his eyes start to focus, he sees a heading "Guidelines for Parents and Caregivers" Reading to himself, he reads out the bullet points "Use a seat belt on every trip, **No Matter How Short**, This sets a good example "Make sure children are properly buckled up in a seat belt, booster seat, or car seat, whichever is more appropriate for their age, height, and weight " All children younger than 13 years of age should ride in the back seat. Airbags can KILL young children riding in the front seat. And Never place a rear-facing car seat in the front seat or in front of an air bag " Lastly, Place children in the middle of the back seat when possible, because it is the safest spot in the vehicle."

Alarmed by the buzzer, Toad runs from the couch where he was watching TV, toe-shoes and all, into his fathers' study. Standing in the doorway looking upon his father sitting straight up in a chair with a solitary tear rolling down his cheek, he asks "Dad? Is everything okay?"

His father darts out of the chair, to the shock of Tyler, and runs over to hug his child. Alex kneels on one knee and wraps his boy in the most meaningful and loving embrace. With all sincerity and love he could muster Alex simply says "Yes, everything is just Fine. I love you son, and I promise you... I always will!"

TK sensed something was troubling his father, something deeper... more emotional than anything, this visceral response was unlike anything he had experienced in his meager thirteen years. To assuage his dad's fears he spoke, as with the softness of mist, Tyler quietly whispered into his father's left ear "I love you too dad."

When the hug ended, Alex stood up, wiped the remaining tears from his swollen red eyes, and patted his son on the shoulder; looking at him with freshly cleansed eyes. Alex then closed his eyes one more time, inhaled deeply, and with deliberate control he exhaled through pursed lips, slowly, methodically, all while counting his heartbeat. This move relaxed him for what was to come next.

"Tyler" by using his first name TK knew what was to follow, it had to be important; his dad never used his first name for fun times, it was always TK or Toad, serious father-son moments, the real meaningful ones, began with Tyler. "We need to talk...I was not the best father today, at least...[he takes a short breath] not the best role model."

"What do you mean dad? You're a great father!" TK replies befuddled, "No, no I was not" Alex pulls out the papers he read. "Pull up that chair; I want to show you something." Tyler scoots over a chair his father used to read in, it's large, made of plush red leather, and to Tyler, is the most comfortable chair in the house.

Alex rolls his desk chair right next to Tyler; and like in a storybook father-son moment, he leans over and touches Tyler on his kneecap, then looks him squarely in the eyes "I have something very important to discuss with you and I need for you to hear me." "Okay dad, I'll listen."

"Today after practice I placed your life in danger..." Tyler looking shocked did not say a word "I knew it was not great parenting to allow you to ride, even a short distance,

without a seatbelt, but I did so anyway."

"It's okay dad...nothing happened, we came home safe" TK spoke in a way to try and ease his father's discomfort, not realizing this was a teachable moment.

"No Tyler, it is not." Being firm, yet sensitive to his level of understanding "While it is the law to buckle up, the real reason to put on a seat belt is for your own protection...by not adhering to the law I placed your life in danger." "I want to tell you about my dream, rather nightmare, I had... We were driving to the pizza stop, you were the only one in the car without a seat belt on... a speeding car hit us, head on, in the center of a four way stop... the force of that crash launched you feet first, through the windshield and out of the car. Your head bounced around so much the doctors said the extent of the damage to your brain was so severe they could not revive you, you died at the hospital" Alex stopped for a minute to maintain his composure. Tyler, understanding this story was difficult for his father to tell, leans over and places his head on his father's shoulder "I'm here dad... I'm okay"

"Your body was bloodied, bruised, and broken... I just wanted to die... and I guess I did, inside, knowing this could have been prevented, if only I were strong enough to be a father and not just a friend." It seemed so real, so life like, that even now I cannot believe you are here with your head on my shoulder. "But you are"

In a somber voice, Alex recounts the rest of his dream in its entirety. His final thoughts lead to this realization "I have to take being you and your sisters' father more seriously; there is a time to be a friend, but a father's responsibility never ends." His son looks at him, directly in his eyes, and shakes his head back and forth indicating "yes, I understand" "That means when we go out, you must wear your seat belt and you will need to ride in the back seat where it is safer" "You mean more to me than anything son, I hope you understand."

"I do dad! I will wear my seat belt and sit in the back where you say it's safe; you are my hero, my mentor, and my friend dad; I know you do what you do because you love me... guess what? I love you too!"

"May I ask you one question?" "Sure son."

"In the story you mentioned something about a brand new pair of fire red toe shoes..." TK hints in a tone suggestive of wanting a new pair, he looks up to his father with a cocky little smirk on his face.

Alex quickly hugs his kid again, and in a playful way messes up his hair and says "sure... but..." "I know dad... buckle up!"

"That's right" and like a bolt of lightning Alex jumps out of his chair and darts once again towards the door, he turns around "Toad are you coming, I'll race you to the car!"

Toad leaps up and runs past his old man "I'll beat you to it!" he said almost beaming with joy.

Right then, he knew everything was going to be fine. In an instant all his fears faded; the agony in his heart replaced with the love that only a parent knows. And even though it was just a dream, he was able to do what he felt impossible at the time, forgive himself.

In this story we learned many life lessons; the most significant, being there for your children. As a parent, you will want to give in (here and there) with your children to (keep the peace). "Choosing your battles" on non-essentials like new clothes, when or when not to play video games, or sitting down at the table to eat are all fine examples of times when you could give in (to save an argument); **DON'T let the safety or security of your children become one of those options.** It is important you make decisions based on their welfare and not for your own convenience. Seat belts save lives! Properly fitted car seats save lives! And you can save lives! Be the hero your children expect, be the parent!

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 Hargrove, Leah Dakota  
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 Panther, Dakota Eric  
 Parish, Tambi Dawn  
 Perryman, John Lewis  
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 Rock, Patricia Ann  
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 Self, Braydon Wayne  
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 Shields, Darian Alexandria  
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 Spoon, Steven Paul  
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 Starr, Tricia Suzanne  
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 Taylor, Gail Anne  
 Taylor, Shelly Bennie  
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 Thorpe Sr., Ronnie Allen  
 Thorpe, Davis Mackenzie  
 Thorpe, Derrick James  
 Thorpe, Taj Robert  
 Thorpe-Brown, Patricia Ann  
 Tiger, Aaron Dewayne  
 Tiger, Anthony John  
 Tiger, Attison Elaine  
 Tiger, Christy Danielle  
 Tiger, Cynthia Caylin  
 Tiger, John Charles  
 Tiger, Stormy Sky  
 Tiger, Waylen Michael Ray  
 Tolbert, Jaleigh Renee  
 Torbett, Lori Ann  
 Turner, Georgie Ann  
 Tyner, Dwight A.  
 Upman, Ronald David  
 Vasquez, Jonathan Louis  
 Vasquez, Kayla Nicole  
 Vaughn, Nathan Michael  
 Voyles, Danielle Rose  
 Walker, Randall Dean  
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 Warrior, Necon Andrew  
 Warrior, Watasha Nichole  
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 Whinery, Rachel Elaine  
 White, Cynthia Diane  
 White, David Leroy  
 White, Evan James  
 White, Keyle Marie  
 White, Nicholas Clay  
 Whittaker, Brantley Jai  
 Wicks, Raequan DeMario  
 Wilkerson, Amanda Carol  
 Wilkerson, Amy Marie  
 Williams, Matthew Lee  
 Williams, Amber Ann  
 Williams, Angela Marie  
 Williams, Charles Scott  
 Williams, Darlene Kaye  
 Williams, Timothy J.  
 Wilson, Bridgette Nicole  
 Wilson, David Anthony  
 Wilson, Tanya Ann  
 Wilson, Terry Wayne  
 Wilson-Ongaco, Michelle Marie  
 Wolf, Christian Seminole  
 Wolfe, Fanya Gayle  
 Wood, Darla Sue  
 Woody, Derek Wayne  
 Wright, Michael Roosevelt  
 Wright, Raven Roxanne  
 Wunderlin, Tyler Jay  
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*Happy Birthday!*

*Kimemie & Josh!!!*

*From Sherman & family*

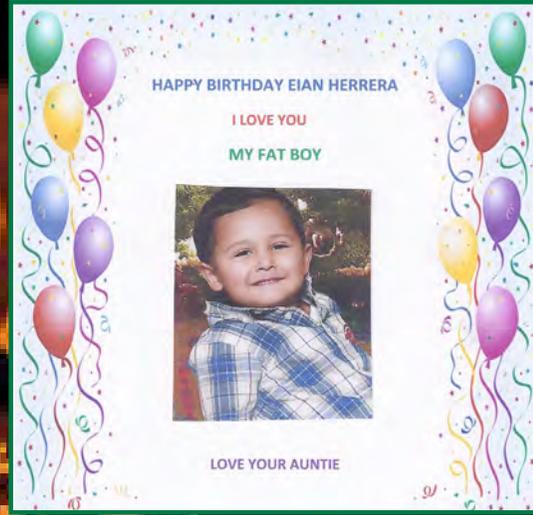


Happy Birthday  
Rosallynn Herrera!!

Love PaPa Rudy, Grandma  
Frankie, Auntie Arlene  
& Family



Alex Blanchard!!  
Love your family



HAPPY BIRTHDAY EIAN HERRERA

I LOVE YOU  
MY FAT BOY



LOVE YOUR AUNTIE

**WILLIAM MEGEHEE**

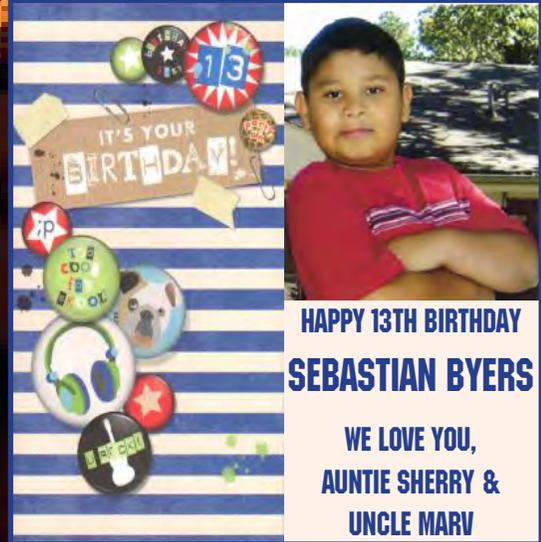
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**I love you son, Daddy!**



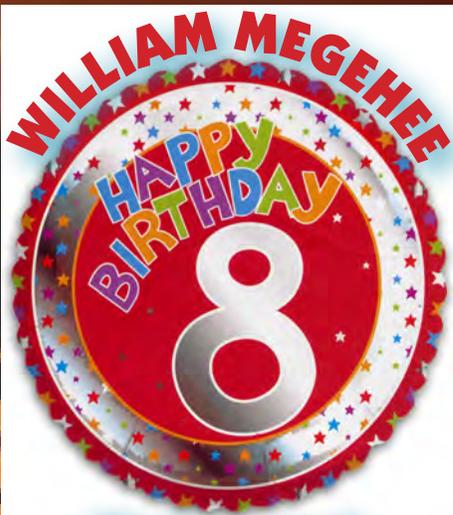
Happy Birthday!  
Sidney Foreman  
Josiah Foreman  
Ryan Davis

From Sherry & Marv



**HAPPY 13TH BIRTHDAY  
SEBASTIAN BYERS**

**WE LOVE YOU,  
AUNTIE SHERRY &  
UNCLE MARV**



**We love you!**

**Momma, Darrol,  
Dakota & Hunter  
Papa & Nana,  
Aunt Paige & Makaiah**



*Happy Birthday Bug Meadow Alma*

*Love, Mom & Dad  
and Jenny*

*Happy Birthday!*



**Love you!!  
From The Spoons :)**



**Kaitlin  
Yates**

*Happy  
19th Birthday!*

*From Uncle Nine Toes & Momma Seal*



**Jordan Mykhale Byers  
We are very proud of you!!!**

**Love, Mom & Pop**

**Happy Birthday to our Mr. Buttons**



*Thank you for all that you do for us, brother!!*

From all of us...with love,  
Your sisters, mother, bro-in-laws,  
two nephews, and all your nieces!

**Happy Birthday  
Stormy  
Love,  
DAD!!!**



**HAPPY BELATED  
BIRTHDAY**

**Melinda Ferrell  
and  
Paige Little Charley**

Love both, Dad and Mom  
Becca, Darrol and the boys,  
Makaiah, Alyssa and Ethan

PSSF/ICW/FC  
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 21<sup>st</sup> and will be collected on November 18, 2013. 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 ICW families as well as any tribal members who are in need.



December ~ Angel Tree

The ICW department will be getting out the Angels to all their families this month. The Angels will be placed on the Christmas tree in Building #1 on November 25th. On the back of each Angel will be information for a child such as age, 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 13, 2013.



January ~ Parenting Classes

Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program Practical Parenting Classes will begin its next session on January 8, 2014 in Building #16. The classes are held for 10 weeks every Wednesday evening from 6pm to 8pm. Dinner will be served and babysitter provided when needed.

For further information on any event please contact the ICW Department

Thank you for helping me go to the  
Celebrate Recovery Summit 2013 in Lake Forest, CA



Picture taken with Carol Matthews producer of "Home Run" the movie. "Nothing great happens when you hold back." For more information on a local Celebrate Recovery program

Like Celebrate Recovery Shawnee on Facebook

God Bless,  
Jamie Bierd



Camp Nikoti Tribal Youth Program presents...

Melokami Youth Camp 2013

THANK YOU to all tribal program staff who helped make this year's camp a success and full of fun for the youth!



JOB OPENINGS

- Internal Auditor - Gaming Commission
- Surveillance Operator - Gaming Commission
- Project Coordinator-Tribal Court
- Floater - Building Blocks Child Care
- Physician - Shawnee Clinic
- Lab Director - Little Axe Clinic
- SDPI RN Certified Diabetes Educator - Little Axe Clinic
- Clinic Administrator - Little Axe Clinic
- Dentist - Little Axe Clinic
- Public Health Director - Little Axe Clinic
- Patient Benefit Advocate - Little Axe Clinic
- Medical Director - Little Axe Clinic
- Counselor - LCSW / LADC - Little Axe Clinic
- Health Resource Manager- Little Axe Clinic



Absentee Shawnee Tribe  
Human Resource  
Department

2025 Gordon Cooper Drive  
Shawnee, OK 74801  
Phone - (405) 275-4030  
Fax - (405) 273-2710

Elizabeth Clark - x 170  
Rachael Lankford - x 111

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

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Library and Archives Announces New Award

The "Friend of the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Library and Archives" award will honor an individual that has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to developing our Library and Archives program. The first recipient of this award is Mrs. Twila Parker. Mrs. Parker has tripled our archival holdings this year!

Her commitment to the preservation of the Shawnee people and its history and culture is truly inspiring. Please join me in thanking her for her hard work. Congratulations, Twila!

Additionally, we will be resurrecting the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Historical Society in 2014. If you are interested in helping us preserve our proud history, contact the Librarian and Archivist today! The Library and Archives is a gateway to the world of information. It not only grounds us in the past and empowers us in the present; it enables us to reach a secure a successful future. With your help we can make our Library and Archives the pride of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. Please join me in working to make sure our Library and Archives program is a priority. It is a priceless gift for the Absentee Shawnee people, our tribal employees and our surrounding communities.

Joshua Shawnee  
Librarian and Archivist  
The Absentee Shawnee Tribe



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**MIXED MARTIAL ARTS**

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**JARED LOPEZ vs JARROD CARD**



**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**



# **SORNA**

**SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION ACT**

**EMAIL: [SORNA@ASTRIBE.COM](mailto:SORNA@ASTRIBE.COM)**

**TIPLINE 405-273-1249**

# Foster & Adoptive 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 Amanda Lenora, CPS/ Foster Care Worker - 405-878-4702

## **ASTribe 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)878-4702



## AAA Oklahoma News Release

[www.AAA.com](http://www.AAA.com) [www.facebook.com/AAAOKlahoma](http://www.facebook.com/AAAOKlahoma)  
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Contacts: Chuck Mai (405) 753-8040 / (405) 760-6007 (new) [chuck.mai@aaaok.org](mailto:chuck.mai@aaaok.org)  
Danial Karnes (918) 748-1074 / (918) 935-9318 [daniel.karnes@aaaok.org](mailto:daniel.karnes@aaaok.org)

## Extra Credit: School Zone Safety

### AAA offers seven back--to-school tips for drivers, students

AAA Oklahoma, Aug. 16, 2013. AAA is reminding motorists that our summer vacation from school zone safety is almost over – classes will soon be back in session.

“A new school year brings a lot of excitement, so it’s easy for children to become preoccupied on their way to and from school,” said Danial Karnes, spokesman for AAA Oklahoma. “Drivers must use extra caution when traveling near schools, especially at the start of the school year.”

Safety advocate AAA wants parents to keep the **ABCs of Safety** in mind as Oklahoma children head back to the classroom:

- **Avoid distractions:** Research from The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shows that taking your eyes off the road for just two seconds doubles your chances of crashing. Stay focused on driving and set a good example for young passengers.
- **By the numbers:** Teach children their home phone numbers and addresses, your work phone numbers and how to dial 9-1-1.
- **Chart your course:** Map out a route to school or the bus stop and walk it with your child beforehand. Choose a direct route with the fewest street crossings or with intersections that have crossing guards or AAA Safety Patrolers. Avoid walking by parks, vacant lots and other sparsely populated places.
- **Don a helmet:** Kids who bicycle always should wear a helmet. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety states that a helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by 85 percent.
- **Exemplify safety:** Do not exceed 15 miles per hour in or near a school zone. According to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, a pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling at 15 mph is nearly two-thirds less likely to be killed as compared to a pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling 25 mph. Remember that fines double when “STOP WHEN CHILDREN IN CROSSWALK” signs are present. Also remember, school zones are non-passing zones. Always stop for buses that are loading or unloading students. It is illegal to pass a school bus with flashing red lights.
- **Forego strangers:** Teach kids never to accept rides or gifts from strangers.
- **Grab a buddy:** Have kids walk to school with a relative, friend or neighbor.

If your child will be walking or bicycling to school, AAA advises parents and caregivers to review safety precautions with them. Children should be taught to walk only on sidewalks and cross only at crosswalks. Also, make sure they know to avoid walking in front of or between parked cars. And, remind children to always obey crossing guards and AAA Safety Patrolers.

If your teen will be learning to drive this school year, AAA’s teen driver website, [Keys2Drive](http://Keys2Drive), provides state-specific licensing information, statistics, driver training tips and resources for parents and teens. And AAA Oklahoma’s parent-taught driver’s ed. kit, Take the Wheel, allows parents to teach their teen to drive from scratch, qualifying for up to a 25 percent discount on AAA Insurance Co. auto insurance and the standard driver’s ed. discount offered by most major insurance companies. Go to [www.AAA.com/TakeTheWheel](http://www.AAA.com/TakeTheWheel).

[AAA.com/trafficsafety](http://AAA.com/trafficsafety) is a resource for useful, life-saving advice and tools, free and open to the public.

A not-for-profit organization, AAA Oklahoma serves its 366,000 members across Oklahoma with emergency help on the road, auto travel assistance and a wide range of personal insurance, travel, financial and automotive services through branch offices, a regional operations center and the Internet at [AAA.com](http://AAA.com).

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## Office of Environmental Health & Engineering

### • Tribal Housing Improvements Application

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

THIP list all applicants by a priority list:

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

Other Programs available:

- Sanitation Facilities Assistance Program

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

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

Submit completed application to:

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

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

## Absentee Shawnee Tribe

### Recycling Program

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE  
TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

RECYCLING MATERIAL THAT WE ACCEPT.

ALL WHITE PAPER, ENVELOPES, COLORED PAPER, JUNK MAIL, FAX PAPER, MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPER, CARDBOARD, AND ALUMINUM CANS.

MATERIAL WE DO NOT ACCEPT.

TONER, CARBON PAPER, FOOD WASTE, AND PLASTIC.

REMEMBER, WHEN IN DOUBT THROW IT OUT.

CONTACT INFORMATION

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS.

2025 S. GORDON COOPER DR. SHAWNEE, OK 74801

PHONE: (405) 214-4235

FAX: (405) 878-4701

“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.

# Officer Steven Crisp



Officer Steven Crisp is from Macomb Oklahoma and was raised in Pottawatomie County. Prior to coming to work here at the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Police Department Officer Crisp worked as an EMT and Paramedic. Officer Crisp came to work at the ASTPD in March of 2012 and has been assigned to the Patrol Division where he has proven himself to be an exemplary patrol officer.

**Let's Build For the Future (BFF)!**

### GOVERNORS SPOTLIGHT EMPLOYEE

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

## NWC Defensive Student-Athlete of the Week (Sep. 16-22)

### Lauren Pynch Linfield, Junior West Linn, Ore./West Linn



With Pynch anchoring the back line, the Wildcats gave up just two goals in victories over Pacific, Puget Sound and George Fox to jump out to a 3-0 record in Northwest Conference action. Linfield allowed just 10 shots in total, and withstood a furious charge from the Loggers in the latter stages of the rivalry matchup between likely title contenders.

Honorable Mention: Emily Davis (Whitman, Sr. – Eagle River, Alaska/Eagle River) Alyssa Montero (George Fox, Sr. – Hermosa Beach, Calif./Mira Costa) Kristina Morris (Pacific (Ore.), Fr. – Molalla, Ore./Molalla) Alyssa Perreault (Willamette, So. – Palo Alto, Calif./Henry M. Gunn) Lauren Thomas (Puget Sound, Fr. – Woodinville, Wash./Eastside Catholic)

Pynch's defense, Linfield victories garnering attention

### NSCAA Top 25

After doing her part on the back line to help Linfield achieve its best start in program history and admittance into the Top 25, **Lauren Pynch** (Jr., West Linn, Ore.) has been recognized as the Northwest Conference Women's Soccer Defensive Student-Athlete of the Week. The honor, chosen by the league's sports information directors, was announced Monday, a day before the Wildcats were announced as

the 20th-ranked program in the nation according to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Pynch led a defense that allowed just two goals and 14 shot attempts through three matches, all Linfield victories. The Wildcats defeated Pacific 4-2 in the NWC season opener before shutting out 11-time defending conference champion Puget Sound (1-0) and George Fox (5-0) on back-to-back days. Linfield has surrendered the fewest goals (4) of any Northwest Conference program this season while also outpacing the league offensively (24). At 7-0 overall and 3-0 against conference foes, the 'Cats are out to their best start in program history. This is the first career student-athlete of the week award for Pynch, in her second season as a full-time starter and first as team captain. In a big shakeup of the latest NSCAA Top 25 released September 24, the Wildcats were ranked 20th, their highest ranking ever by the coaches association, while previously 12th-ranked Puget Sound tumbled out of the poll altogether. This is not the first Top 25 inclusion for the 'Cats, however. Linfield moved from No. 25 to No. 17 in the d3soccer.com poll this week. Last season, the Wildcats peaked at No. 25 by the NSCAA and at No. 21 by d3soccer.com. NEXT: Linfield embarks on its longest road trip of the season, traveling to Whitworth and Whitman for a pair of noon matches on Saturday and Sunday.



Lauren Pynch Captains Linfield defense that has allowed just four goals

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 PIENTEE SHAWNEE

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# DISABILITY BENEFITS FOR WOUNDED WARRIORS

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

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

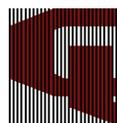
The expedited process is used for military service members who become disabled while on active military service on or after **October 1, 2001**, regardless of where the disability occurs.



[www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)

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

## 2013 AGC of Oklahoma Education Foundation Scholarships



University of Oklahoma  
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 03/29/2013

- Andy Rine**  
Flintco
- Randy Edge**  
A.S.T. TERO
- Ken Robson**  
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Division, Director
- Doug Tapp**  
AGC Executive Director of  
Oklahoma Building Chapter





## Absentee Shawnee Tribe Emergency Management

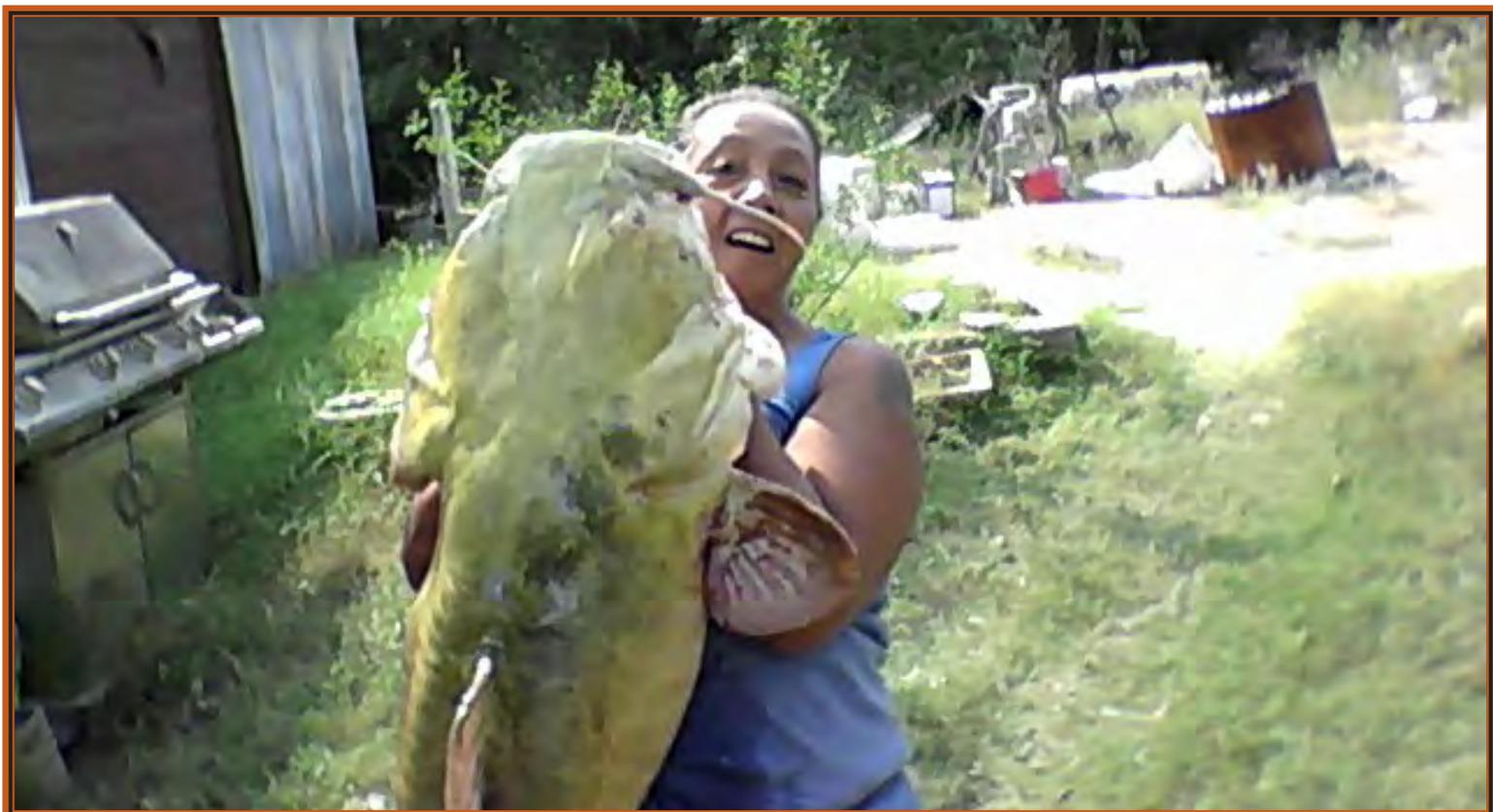
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive Shawnee, OK 74801  
405.275.3200 405.878.4535 (fax) 405.740.1562 (cell)

Blake Goodman and Brandon Goodman were recognized by Governor Butler-Wolfe and Linda Day, Emergency Manager with a Certificate of Appreciation for their valuable contributions to Emergency Management. Blake and Brandon volunteered at the Brendle Corner site to help clean, organize, and distribute the tremendous amount of donations so they could be distributed. These brothers are hardworking individuals that set a great example for the youth of this tribe.



# ARLENE'S SHARK FISH

## "A REAL FISHING WOMAN"



### My Great Catch.

It was 46 1/2 inches long, weighed 53 pounds and spanned from eye to eye was 9 3/4 inches.  
Caught by tribal member Arlene Herrera on September 16, 2013.

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# October 2013

Menu subject to change

2% milk served daily

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Smoked Sausage Mac n Chez Veggies Peaches	2 Title VI Attending Food Show	3 Baked Chicken Brussels Sprouts Bread Mixed Fruit	4 Biscuits Scrambled Eggs Sausage Gravy	5
6	7 Chef Salad w/ ham Cottage Chez Mixed Fruit Crackers	8 Pork Stir Fry Veggies Rice Fortune Cookie	9 BBQ Chicken Baked Beans Veggies Bread Fruit	10 Spaghetti W meat sauce Green beans Garlic bread Salad Bar*	11 Pancakes Sausage Links Fruit	12
13	14 Hot Dog Kraut Pork n Beans Pears	15 Enchilada Casserole Spanish Rice Chips N Salsa Fruit	16 Beef Tips & Noodles Veggies Fruit	17 Chicken Pot Pie w/ Veggies Biscuit Cobbler	18 English Muffin Ham Scrambled Eggs	19
20	21 Grilled Chez Chicken Noodle Soup Fruit	22 Pinto Beans w/ ham Cornbread Baby carrots crisp	23 Baked Potato Chez, Ham Sour Cream Broc & Chez Banana Pudding	24 Turkey Dressing/Gravy Veggies Cake	25 Grits Bacon Toast	26
27	28 Hamburger Onion Rings Pickles, Onions Fruit	29 Ham Sweet Pot. Veggie Bread/Fruit	30 Fish Mac n Chez Tossed Salad* Fruit	31 Stew Chez sticks Cornbread Apricots 		

NOT GOING TO BE HOME  
LET US KNOW AT 405-275-4030 EXT 169  
OR NOTIFY YOUR DRIVER

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

On October 2

Title VI Staff will be attending the Tankersley Food Show in Fort Smith, AR.

Homebound will be receiving a sack lunch on the Oct 1, 2013.

Shawnee and Little Axe meal sites will be closed for this day.

Joshua Shawnee, Library and Archives Cultural Preservation Department is going to set up a "library table" in cafeteria once a week to provide books and other print resources to our elders. Josh will start in Shawnee, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and on Thursday, October 3, 2013, in Little Axe.

General Council will be October 5, 2013

If you have any question or concerns please call us at 405-275-4030 ext. 149 dining room or 169 office or please leave a message.

## SAFETY TIPS FROM...



- ✓ 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](http://www.KidsAndCars.org).

# 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 for at the Education Department office or for download at [www.astribe.com](http://www.astribe.com).

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

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

### Attention:

There is still funding available in the Higher Education: Education Incentive Award Program for fall 2013. Please submit your application and required documents as soon as possible. The program is first come, first served as contingent upon the availability of funds.

Applications for the Higher Education: Education Incentive Award Program are due November 15, 2013 for the spring 2014 semester.

All applications and guidelines are available at [www.astribe.com](http://www.astribe.com). Click on Services and select Education.

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



# FROM THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE POLICE DEPARTMENT...

## **Training:**

Standardized Field Sobriety Training for all officers by Investigator Jason Brinker

Drug Interdiction for Uniform Officer by Indian Police Academy

Congratulations to Investigator Jason Brinker for completing the Law Enforcement Driver Training Instructor Course at CLEET.

## **New Officer Hired:**

Kory Boatwright, Chickasaw Tribal Member, previously worked at Officer at the Iowa Tribe for two years. Grants SORNA (Sex Offender Grant) program evaluated by the SMART office in Washington D.C. and program was deemed as being substantially compliant. We applied for a new SORNA related grant entitled, Support for the Adam Walsh Act, and were awarded \$207,513. This grant will allow us to further implement and improve our current sex offender registration program.

## **Dept. of Justice:**

We received another grant award for the Tribal Resource Grant Law Enforcement Equipment, which provides for vehicles, uniforms, training, as a few examples in the amount of \$593,545.

Thanks to Glenna Jones, Tribal Grant Writer, for her hard work in getting these grant applications submitted and funded.

## **Activities:**

Assisted Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Department with Sobriety check points during Labor Day Weekend, to curtail alcohol related accidents during the holiday weekend.

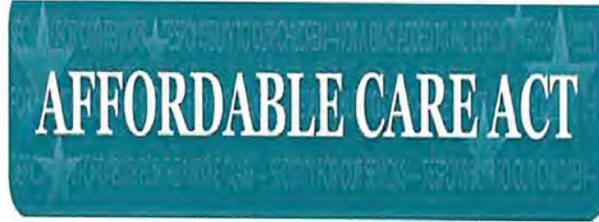
A new police vehicle added to force.



# IMPORTANT UPCOMING HEALTHCARE OPEN ENROLLMENTS!!



**Medicare.gov**  
The Official U.S. Government Site for Medicare



**Open Enrollment October 7 through December 7, 2013**

This Annual Coordinated Election Period allows Medicare beneficiaries to change prescription drug plans, change Medicare Advantage plans, return to original Medicare, or enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan. Enrollment changes take effect on January 1, 2014. **1-800-MEDICARE.**

**Open Enrollment October 1, 2013 through March 15, 2014**

This inaugural open enrollment period allows consumers to enroll in the Affordable Care Act. You may qualify for health plan discounts and tax credits. Health plans take effect January 1 for consumers who enroll by December 15, 2013. **www.healthcare.gov, 800.318.2596**

Your Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System Patient Benefit Advocates are Certified Medicare and Affordable Care Act Application Counselors.

For more information contact:

Connie Bottaro  
Little Axe Health Center  
405.447.0300

Lela Culley  
Shawnee Clinic  
405.878.4702

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*A Message brought to you by the Absentee Shawnee Behavioral Health Department*

*A Native American tale told many times  
An old Cherokee is teaching his grandson about life.*

*"A fight is going on inside me," he said to the boy.*

*"It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves.*

*One is evil - he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, Arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, False pride, superiority, and ego." He continued, "The Other is good - he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, Humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, Truth, compassion, and faith. The same fight is going on*

*Inside you - and inside every other person, too."*

*The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked His grandfather, "Which wolf will win?" The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."*



**October is National Bullying Prevention Month**

Here are Signs of Bullying

- Unexplainable injuries
- Lost or destroyed clothing, books, electronics, or jewelry
- Frequent headaches or stomach aches, feeling sick or faking illness
- Changes in eating habits, like suddenly skipping meals or binge eating. Kids may come home from school hungry because they did not eat lunch.
- Difficulty sleeping or frequent nightmares
- Declining grades, loss of interest in schoolwork, or not wanting to go to school
- Sudden loss of friends or avoidance of social situations
- Feelings of helplessness or decreased self esteem
- Self-destructive behaviors such as running away from home, harming themselves, or talking about suicide





**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEPARTMENT**



**Victim Advocacy**

Assist victims by offering educational classes that focus on the dynamics of domestic violence and sexual assault, stalking and dating/violence. Each victim is helped with emotional support and resources both from Tribal programs and local community programs.

**Court Advocacy**

Assists survivors with domestic violence court related appearances as well as filing for emergency protective orders (EPO).

**Housing and Utility Assistance**

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

**Referral Assistance**

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

**Sexual Assault Advocacy**

The AST DV Sexual Assault Program is on-call 24 hours per day to provide emotional support, advocacy and crisis counseling to sexual assault survivors at hospitals, police stations and throughout the legal system. The program also serves as a resource center to the community by offering educational information and referrals.

**Shelter Placement Assistance**

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

**Community Outreach**

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

**For any questions regarding any of the above services please contact the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Domestic Violence staff at (405) 273-2888 Monday—Friday 8:00am—5:00pm. To be connected with an advocate in a Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault emergency after hours you may contact Jackie Denny – 405-432-9377, Melissa Lopez – 405-432-9657, Linda Gouge – 405-585-8348 or Kimberly Stephens – 405-365-5698.**



**Absentee Shawnee Tribe**



**October is  
Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

**BALLOON RELEASE**

**October 1, 2013  
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive  
Shawnee, OK  
2:00 p.m.  
Front lawn of Building #1**

*Proclamation will be read announcing the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month within the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.*

**October 2, 2013  
Little Axe Health Clinic  
15702 E. Hwy 9  
Norman, OK  
2:00 p.m.**

**This year you can honor  
a family member, friend or anyone  
who has been affected by Domestic  
Violence by writing a message  
and attaching it to the balloon**



**ALFRED LEE LITTLEHEAD**

**NOVEMBER 1, 1958 - AUGUST 4, 2013**

The family of Alfred Lee Littlehead would like to "Thank Everyone" whom brought food, gave donations, and to all the ladies whom helped cook the very good meals, or if you were there for the family in any way. Thanks to his extended family from Polecat ground for their thoughts and prayers. George Blanchard for doing tribal rites and to the AST Executive Committee for their thoughtfulness and the employees of the finance department for thinking of Montana in her time of need. May God bless each and everyone. Lee will always be in our hearts and thoughts forever!

Our sincere thanks,  
Montana Dane Littlehead (daughter), sisters & brother  
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