This is to announce the UNOFFICIAL results of the June 20, 2015 Run Off Election for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. This election was held on the above date pursuant on the Tribal Constitution and the Election Ordinance. All votes were counted at the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

GOVERNOR (2 Year Term)

Jeff Gibson

Edwina Butler-Wolfe

SECRETARY (2 Year Term)

John Raymond Johnson

Twila Parker

**ELECTION COMMISSION**

Deputy Commissioner (3 Year Term)

Augustine Johnson (unopposed) 1 Votes

Commission Member #1 (3 Year Term)

No One Filed

**REFERENDUM QUESTIONS**

Question #1  Election Commission Budget 307 YES 199 NO

Question #2  Additional Requirements for Elective Office

Valid Oklahoma Driver’s License 441 YES 73 NO

Negative Drug & Alcohol Test 445 YES 66 NO

High School Diploma/GED 437 YES 78 NO

We, the Officials are responsible for declaring the above election results, do hereby claim the above statements are true and correct to the best of our knowledge.

Date: June 20, 2015
Hello my Absentee Shawnee people!

It has been a month full of cool, wet weather here in the Shawnee area. I hope that this newsletter finds our Oklahoma tribal members have survived this unusual and unpredictable amount of rain. And for those tribal members who live outside of the state, those of us living here in Oklahoma have been facing flooding with several local tribal members having their home driveways washed out and a few residents in our Burning Wood tribal housing addition have faced flooding in their homes. The tribe is not without incident either as during a recent ‘farewell’ lunch to long time employee, Jerry Knox, two tribal members, Jeff Gibson and Andy Warrior received multiple burns due to
improper usage of a butane lit grill during the cookout. It is my understanding that Andy Warrior was taken by ambulance due to second or third degree burns to his arm but appears to be faring better now.

The work here at the tribal complex continues on. This month I attended the following meetings:

May 27th – Students from Riverside meet with U.S. Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewell, U.S. Senator James Lankford and U.S. Representative, Tom Cole, and the Director of the Bureau of Indian Education, Dr. Charles “Monty” Roessel, at the Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, OK. Students were able to meet and discuss concerns in relation to educational facilities and President O’Bama’s 2015 initiative, Generation Indigenous (Gen I), a program to remove barriers that stand between native youth and opportunities to succeed. This program is also to build upon the White House Rural Council’s effort to reduce child poverty. I was fortunate to have an opportunity to visit with U.S. Senator James Lankford along with the Southern Plains Tribes.

May 30th – A meeting was held by the Shareholder Representatives of the Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority. The focus items of this meeting were ‘Benefits of a tribal “Section 17” Charter’; 2015 strategic plan; and capitalization plan and new business opportunities. This was held at the Resource Center in Little Axe, OK.

On June 3-4, I attended the Sovereignty Symposium in Oklahoma City. This symposium grows larger each year and is well attended by many tribal leaders, their attorneys, and key staff. There was also speakers from as far away as Canada, Nicaragua, and England. One of our Gaming Commissioners and our Gaming Commission Director attended this meeting and went to the Oklahoma Tribal Gaming Compact piece of the symposium. My focus was on the Juvenile Justice issues and Sovereignty and Education. While I was there I met with the Principal Chief of the Sac and Fox Nation, George Thurman, and we visited about the possibility of having a Charter school for native children in the Shawnee area. We plan to meet again on July 2nd and invite Shawnee area tribes to the table to discuss the need and sustainability of such a school in the Shawnee area.

On June 5th I was provided a vehicle by Joe Cooper Ford of Shawnee to take part in the Red Earth parade. It was a good day and I appreciate Joe Cooper Ford for providing a way for the tribe to be represented well.

June 8th – I met with Chief George Thurman, Sac and Fox Nation, on the continued need for the Central Tribes of the Shawnee Area (CTSA) program in Shawnee. We will be scheduling a second meeting that will include the Kickapoo Tribe on June 29th. This two star early childhood center is located in Shawnee and has a maximum capacity of 100 children with the program accepting children ages: 0 - 11 Months, 12 - 23 Months, 2 Years, 3 Years, 4 Years, 5 Years. The provider is permitted to participate in this subsidized child care program.

Also on June 8th I attended a United Indian Nations of Oklahoma and Kansas (UINOK) meeting held at the Riverwind Casino in Ada, OK.

June the 8th, I also received a call from Assistant Secretary, Kevin Washburn, who advised me on the good news that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe (thanks to our Attorney General’s efforts) have been approved for the HEARTH ACT.

My resolve is strong on addressing the issues within the educational system. Our children and youth daily face challenges that in my early days were considered remote possibilities. I believe we need to make a way for our children and their children if the tribe is to have a sustainable future. I try in small ways to assist our youth by listening and learning of their concerns and the issues being faced in classrooms; I also speak with our native staff in school systems and see the challenges and opportunities daily faced by our native educators which is cultural norms and the biases in school systems or misunderstanding of offensive holidays like the Land Run; limited classroom materials; poor pay to educators with many having to go on food stamps or take a second job just to maintain an above poverty limit lifestyle; limited support by administrators; I continue to attend meetings and represent these concerns at the local, state and national levels and work with tribal leaders so that we can begin to resolve them.

One of the ways here in Shawnee that I find personally rewarding and that I, as a citizen of Shawnee, like to contribute to is sponsorship of a youth in the Oklahoma Baptist University’s (OBU) Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) summer institute camp. It offers students opportunities to be introduced to computer science and electrical engineering, web design and robotics with concepts in math and physics investigated and this is done by some wonderful and devoted OBU faculty. If each individual would take the time and effort to sponsor and/or contribute to the future of a single child we could make a difference. I challenge you to that commitment and if you do take it on - let me know.

Conclusion

I have learned much over the 24 months I have been in Office and I thank you, my people, for voting me in and giving me that opportunity. I was truly humbled and honored to have served you. There are those who say that I am not a traditionalist but who can really determine that? When my mother passed I buried her in the time honored fashion of our long traditions here of the Absentee Shawnee. That was her wishes. My vision for our people is to assist in retaining our culture and the traditions that go with it. I follow through on my word once I have committed to something. I did my mother’s wishes and have worked diligently to do the same for our people.

Help me to make a difference – stand beside me and Let us Build for the Future (BFF) - united and together!

Thank you for your support.
ELDERS MEETING

July 18th at the Resource Center
at 10:00 A.M.
Having a Box Supper and Cake Walk.

Tribal Members 55 and over are welcome
Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocacy
The AST Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Programs are on-call 24 hours per day to provide emotional support, advocacy and crisis counseling to survivors at hospitals, police stations and throughout the legal system. The programs also serve as a resource center to the community by offering educational information and referrals.

Transitional Housing
The AST DV Transitional Housing Program serves victims of Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault. Participants have up to six months to obtain education and job skills needed to begin a new life.

Court Advocacy
Assists survivors with domestic violence court related costs (when funding is available) and appearances as well as filing for emergency protective orders (EPO) or restraining orders.

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

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

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

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

For any questions regarding any of the above services please contact the Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s Domestic Violence staff at (405) 273-2888.
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ledge of these people—will search to find their natural tongue. Anyway, the Shawnee language is full of majesty and sweetness, and I have done all that I could to preserve it in its purity and beauty.

DESCENDANTS OF TECUMTHA (or Tecumseh)

(Prepared in 1930)

TECUMTHA and his wife, Monetohse, left two sons: Nay-thah-way-nah who died in 1840, and McLaughlin or Mah-yaw-we-kaw-pa-we, who died in 1868.

Nay-thah-way-nah married So-com-se, who died in 1867 in Oklahoma. To them were born six children, two boys and four girls, one of the latter (a twin-sister of number 3 below) was killed in infancy by the kick of a horse during the year of 1827. The remaining five grew up to manhood and womanhood. Their names follow:

1. Naw-sSwaw-pa-ma, who died in 1856, and her husband, Nocks-kaw-way, who died in 1860.
2. Pa-se-quaw-mea-se, who died in 1857, and her husband, Kyan-thaw-tah, who died in 1850.
3. Way-lah-skse (a twin), who died in the summer of 1869 near what is now the city of Shawnee, Oklahoma. She was the wife of George Wildcat Alford, Sr., or Gay-tah-ke-pee-se-ka, who died Sept. 25, 1877, near the same city at the age of 52 years.
4. Jim Fry, or Wal-kos-ka-ka, who died in 1872 in the same state, at the age of 41 years, and his wife, Jay-ney-quay, who died in 1876 in the same state, at the age of 39 years.
5. Big Jim, or Waw-paw-meap-to, who died in Mexico, Sept. 30, 1900, at the age of 66 years, and his wife, Metho-tay-se, who died in 1876 in the state of Oklahoma.

McLaughlin, or Mah-yaw-we-kaw-pa-we (the other son

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of Tecumtha), married Mrs McLaughlin, or Taw-pa-ma, who died in 1873. To them was born the following named daughter:

6. Mrs. Washington, or Pea-taw-pee-se, who died March 5, 1912, near Skiatook, Oklahoma, at the age of 99 years; and her husband, Thomas Washington, Sr., or Way-nay-pee-se-ka, who died in 1884 near the same place.

Now the descendants of these six GRANDCHILDREN of Tecumtha, mentioned above, in order of their names, follow:

1. To Naw-sSwaw-pa-ma and her husband was born Nay-cah-tawah, who died March 4, 1892, in Oklahoma, at the age of 47 years. She married four times and left three children now living, whose names are Webster Tyner, age 57 years; Lucy Williams, nee Ellis, or May-lo-now-o-se, age 51 years, and William Ellis, or We-se-kib-se-mo, age 48 years. Also several of her grandchildren are now living.

2. To Pa-se-quaw-mea-se and her husband was born Thomas Washington, Jr., better known as "Long Tom," or Wayl-lah-way-se-ka, who died June 22, 1906, eight miles north-east of Shawnee, Okla., at the age of 59 years, and left six children, two boys and four girls, who are still living: Mrs. Fannie Tarhory, or So-we-pea-se, age 58 years; Mrs. Hattie Dirt, or Hol-o-tah-pee-se-ka, age 50 years; Ella Washington, or Mkahtay-wah-com-se, age 47 years; Mrs. Rose McCellan, or Ne-thah-pee-se-ka, age 44 years; Walter Washington, age 37 years, and Willie Washington, age 35 years. Also several of his grandchildren are now living.

3. To Way-lah-skse and her husband were born four children, two boys and two girls: Mrs. Nancy Hood, or Ah-lay-maw-pa-ma, now living, age 72 years, who has four children and several of her grandchildren now living; Thomas Wildcat Alford, or Gan-waw-pee-se-ka, now living, age 70 years, who has eleven children and several grandchildren now living; David W. Alford, or Bay-metaw-pee-se-ka, who died near Tecumseh, Okla., Sept. 28, 1900, at the age of 37 years and left his son, Webster Alford, now living, age 37 years, who has three children living; Mrs. Nellie Hood, or Nah-wah-taw-pee-se, now living, age 59 years, who has no children.

4. To Jim Fry, or Wal-kos-ka-ka, and his wife was born Joe Longhorn, or Taw-peas-ka-ka, who died Nov. 2, 1896, at the age of 38 years and left three children now living: Allen Longhorn, or Nah-haw-pee-se-ka, age 43 years, who has two children living; Mrs. Ferdie Forman, or Mo-sah-tah-waw-pes-ka, age 39 years, who has two children living; Mrs. Lydia Warrior, or Ke-way-pee-se, age 36 years, who has four children living.

5. To Big Jim, or Waw-paw-meap-to, and his wife were born two children: Little Jim, or To-tom-mo, now living, age 58 years, who has three children and several grandchildren also living; and Lah-lah-waw-pee-se, or Lo-pah, who died Feb. 20, 1909, at the age of 33 years, and left her daughter, Mrs. Sallie Gibson, or Pah-maw-com-se, now living, age 29 years, who has two children living.

6. To Mrs. Washington, or Pea-taw-pee-se, and her husband were born two children: William Washington, or Way-the-path-ka-ka, who died near Skiatook, Okla., in Jan. 1923, at the age of 63 years and left one daughter, Mrs. Rosa Gibson, or Ke-kaw-com-se, now living, age 47 years, who has three children living; and Mrs. Fannie White, or We-se-kaw-com-se, who died in 1886 and left one son, Thomas White, or Quay-tah-wah-com-se-ka, now living, age 46 years, who has two children also living.

State of Oklahoma Pottawatomie County

AFFIDAVIT

We, the undersigned, members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians and members of the Business Committee for said Tribe, do hereby certify, on honor, that most of the facts stated above . . . . were given us from mouth to ear by our parents, grandparents and elders before their death; some were from our own people living to-day; some were obtained by our own personal efforts for many years from other sources within our reach; and from our own knowledge and belief; all these have been recorded and kept in the Shawnee Family Register of our Tribe by our custodian, Thomas Wildcat Alford, where all these facts can be found to-day; and we further certify, on honor, that a copy of said Register, only, however, that portion of which mentions the names of the allottees of land and their parents, was obtained by the U.S. Government through the Indian Office in 1903 for the use of the Shawnee Indian Agency at Shawnee, Oklahoma, where it now remains, and that these facts stated above regarding our great Warrior Chief Tecumtha and his descendants are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Witnessed our hands this the 13th day of August, A.D. 1931

GAN-WAW-PEA-SE-KA or THOMAS W. ALFORD
NANA-QUAW-COMS-KA-KA or THOS. B. HOOD
NAH-KE-PEAS-KA-KAUQA-LAY-PATH-KA-KA or JACOB BUCKHEART or JOHN E. SNAKE

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Throughout high school, I have always set goals for myself. In order to reach the success that people wish to get, they have to set goals and be able to work for them. I have taken Advanced Placement courses that have taught me to stay on track with having multiple responsibilities. With being a school yearbook editor, it comes with a lot of responsibilities that have helped me to prepare for living on my own. Yearbook has opened up the viewpoint of how a business office works, and what actions need to be taken care of in order to keep it running. This [NHS Vice-President] office has taught me how to work as a team with my fellow officers.

Essay: “I decided that art was what I wanted to do with my life. I knew that if I wanted to be a successful artist I would have to work harder on both my artwork and my schoolwork...I began trying my best in school and studied art in my free time...I was soon enrolled in Honor and AP classes and kept my grades high enough to earn honor roll...By working hard at honing my skills, people that I had never met before knew me as ‘the artist’...This led to a scholarship program offered by my local art museum...Now that I have worked hard at both my artwork and academics, I have recently been accepted to the University of Cincinnati’s DAAP program which is one of the top schools for art in both Ohio and the nation.”
To My Beautiful Sugar Baby
KANYNN KASECA
Happy 9th Birthday!

To My Beautiful Daughter
NIKKI
& Handsome Son
KEVIN
We wish you all a wonderful birthday!!
Love you bunches, Mom & Dad

To My Beautiful Sugar Baby
KANYNN KASECA
We wish you a very long and happy life together
Best wishes, The Kaseca’s

William Ashton
July 25th Your Day!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
All Day!
My Baby, I Love You Mom
ASHTON WE LOVE YOU!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
To My Beautiful Daughter
LEILA
Daughter-In-Law

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY TO ALL!
HAVE A HEALTHY AND SAFE HOLIDAY.
THE KASECA’S

Little Mito!
I love you to pieces!
Love Auntie

Congratulations On Getting Married
Rebecca Little Charley & Darrol Davis
June 13th, 2015

William Ashton
July 25th Your Day!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
All Day!
My Baby, I Love You Mom
ASHTON WE LOVE YOU!!

From your girls
Cherokee, WOO-WOO and Annabelle

HAPPY SWEET SIXTEEN
Willow Bateman
Love, Mom & Step-Dad

KRISTOPHER MORGAN
WE LOVE YA!!
Grandma, Ashton, Cherokee, Tony, Kirstain and Annabelle

Annabelle Marie
HAPPY 1st birthday
WE LOVE YOU!!!
Mommy, Daddy, Auntie, Grandpa, Ashton and G.G. Patty
Youth Events

Include:
50 yard dash
Broad Jump
Long Jump
Softball throw
Free Throw Shooting
Parents 1-mile run/walk

Saturday
July 11th, 2015

Little Axe Resource Center
8:00 A.M.

Limited to the first 50 youth!

PRE-REGISTER TODAY!

Guardian Name: _______________________________ Youth Athlete (name): _______________________________

City, State: _______________________________ Zip: ___________ Phone: _______________________________

DOB (Athlete): ________ Age: ________ Male: ___ Female: ___ PARENT/GUARDIAN 1-Mile Walk/Run

Waiver: In consideration of the acceptance of this entry I waive all claims for myself and my heirs against the sponsors, cooperating and coordinating groups and any individuals associated with this event and will hold them harmless for any and all injuries which may result from my participation. I hereby give my permission to the media to use my name and photograph in the AST newsletter without limitation or obligation. I certify that I am physically fit for this event and understand the risks involved by participating in this event.

_________________________________________ _________________________
Signature Date

For more information, please contact Buster Bread at (405) 364-7298. Registration forms may be faxed to (405) 365-7945, or returned to 1970 156th Ave. NE Norman, OK.
EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2015-23
ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
June 1, 2015
A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE FOR AN INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM COOPERATIVE SERVICE PROJECT, PART OF A STRATEGIC PLAN TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH STATUS OF MEMBERS OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA, WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights for the benefit of its members; and WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by The Department of the Interior, last amended in May, 2015; and WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and WHEREAS, a need has been identified within the jurisdiction of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to enhance and expand Injury Prevention; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorize the submission of a competitive application to the Indian Health Service for a Injury Prevention Program (IPP) through a Cooperative Agreement as described under 93.284 in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42, Parts 93-94, that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to enhance and expand Injury Prevention.

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2015-24
ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
June 1, 2015
A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA, WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by The Department of the Interior, last amended in May, 2015; and WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and WHEREAS, a need has been identified within the jurisdiction of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to enhance and expand Injury Prevention; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorize the submission of a competitive application to the Indian Health Service for a Injury Prevention Program (IPP) through a Cooperative Agreement as described under 93.284 in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42, Parts 93-94, that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to enhance and expand Injury Prevention.

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2015-25
ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
June 1, 2015
A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA, WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by The Department of the Interior, last amended in May, 2015; and WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and WHEREAS, a need has been identified within the jurisdiction of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to enhance and expand Injury Prevention; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorize the submission of a competitive application to the Indian Health Service for a Injury Prevention Program (IPP) through a Cooperative Agreement as described under 93.284 in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42, Parts 93-94, that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to enhance and expand Injury Prevention.

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2015-26
ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
June 1, 2015
A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA, WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by The Department of the Interior, last amended in May, 2015; and WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and WHEREAS, a need has been identified within the jurisdiction of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to enhance and expand Injury Prevention; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorize the submission of a competitive application to the Indian Health Service for a Injury Prevention Program (IPP) through a Cooperative Agreement as described under 93.284 in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42, Parts 93-94, that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to enhance and expand Injury Prevention.

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2015-27
ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
June 1, 2015
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of the tribe to enter into an agreement with the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian to sponsor the NMAI 2015 Shawnee Days Festival.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify this Resolution No-E-AS-2015-28 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on June 1, 2015, there being quorum present, by vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows:

Lt. Governor Gibson: Absent, Secretary Dawsey: Yes, Treasurer Bates: Yes, Representative Blanchard: Yes, Governor Butler-Wolfe’s vote, if required, NA.

EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE, Governor
VERA M. DAWSEY, Secretary

Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian
Office of the Director
May 5, 2015
The Honorable Edwina Butler-Wolfe
Governor
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801

DEAR Governor Butler-Wolfe,

On behalf of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian (“NMAI”) or “Museum”, we want to thank you and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma for sponsoring the NMAI 2015 Shawnee Days festival (“Festival”) celebrating the history and culture of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma on June 12-13, 2015 at the Museum in Washington, DC.

Through your support of this Festival, you are helping the Museum proved educational opportunities for our visitors and fulfilling the NMAI’s mission to advance knowledge and understanding of the Native culture of the Western Hemisphere. We are very grateful to you, as this is a project that the Museum could not possibly accomplish on its own. We look forward to using the NMAI’s national platform to share firsthand knowledge and materials pertinent to the Festival with the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to examine together with our audiences the role that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma plays within the Museum and the relevance and importance of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma heritage to all Americans.

The Festival will be held in the Museum’s program and performance venues. The Museum will provide the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma with audiovisual equipment and forms for the Festival and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma will consult with Museum staff as they develop details of the Festival, including but not limited to selection of participants, performers, speakers, artists (“Participants”), contracts and other programming. Final details for the Festival will be subject to mutual approval.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma shall be responsible for directly contracting with the Participants in these events and activities and for making all necessary arrangements directly with Participants, in conformance with any applicable Museum policies, copies of which will be provided by the Museum to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma agrees to provide personnel and specialized equipment necessary to set up, deliver, and strike program and activities, in accordance with all instructions from Museum staff pertaining to safety and security while the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and its contractors, including Participants, are on the premises. NMAI program and support staff will be responsible for the efficient execution of the Festival, and the Museum will provide basic (front-of-house) audiovisual equipment, security and facilities services. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma agrees that if it requests and receives audiovisual equipment, security and facilities services beyond the basic services offered by the Museum, then the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma shall pay for the equipment and services. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma agrees to comply with all instructions from NMAI staff pertaining to safety and security while on NMAI premises. Museum staff will also assist in the setup and tear down of the Festival-related activities, promotion and outreach to media outlets, the NMAI will provide the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma with pre-approved, required language about the Museum and the Festival, high resolution images and Smithsonian NMAI logo files that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma agrees to use strictly in conformance with Smithsonian’s logo usage policy, a copy of which will be provided by the Museum to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. If the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma wishes to engage in additional publicity or produce additional marketing materials related to the Festival, all such newly created materials must be approved in advance by the NMAI and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma may not be used for any promotional marketing, advertising, fundraising or other commercial purpose without prior written permission of such party. The Museum’s Public Affairs Officer Leodana Levchuk will provide the necessary approvals on behalf of NMAI and the Smithsonian, and we will work with Joseph Blanchard, Cultural Preservation Director, to obtain the approvals on behalf of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

At the conclusion of the Festival, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma may choose to provide a description of applicable expenses paid directly by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma or an over-all valuation of support and to have these payments recorded as a gift-in-kind to the Museum. After this description is validated by the Museum and the Smithsonian will formally recognize the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma as a gift-in-kind donor for this valuable Festival sponsorship and include the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma in the FY 2016 financial statement and in the SI Annual Report. Otherwise, the Smithsonian and NMAI take no position regarding the donor’s valuation of goods and services provided.

Finally, as a result of this Agreement, the Smithsonian and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma agree to indemnify and hold the other party and such other party’s officials, employees and representatives harmless from and against all claims, expenses, losses, damages and liabilities, whether direct, indirect, special or consequential but not limited to reasonable outside attorneys’ fees and litigation costs, which may arise in connection with or result from any breach of this Agreement by the party or any negligent or willful act or omission of the party or the party’s officials, employees, representatives or contractors in connection with the Museum. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma understands that the NMAI’s indemnification obligations are subject to the Anti-Deficiency Act, which limits the use of appropriated funds for purposes of fulfilling indemnification obligations.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma understands and agrees that if it requests and receives damages, theft or loss of personal property or equipment sustained by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and its Participants in connection with the Festival events.

We have come to understand that your sponsorship of the Festival does not limit NMAI’s discretion to determine the contents of its programs and exhibitions or to interpret its mission. The Smithsonian, as a public institution, may disclose the terms of this sponsorship in accordance with applicable law and its records disclosure policy upon request by an interested party.

This letter constitutes our entire understanding concerning your sponsorship and the responsibilities and understandings and commitments are accepted by both NMAI and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

The Museum is honored to continue our collaboration with the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma for this Festival. Again, we are so grateful to you and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma for your vital support and your goodwill.

Sincerely,

Kevin Gover, Director
National Museum of the American Indian Smithsonian Institution and Virginia B. Clark, Director
Office of Advancement and Philanthropic Giving Smithsonian Institution

SIGNED BY THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Governor
Date

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
YTD TAX COLLECTIONS (thru 5/31/15)

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CERTIFICATION

We, Edwina Butler Wolfe, Governor and Vera M. Dewey, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2015-51 is true and correct by proper Officers of the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma as of this date of its adoption. Given under our hands and the Seal of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at Shawnee, Oklahoma, this 17th day of June, 2015.

Edwina Butler Wolfe
Vera M. Dewey, Secretary

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2015-51

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

JUNE 17, 2015

A RESOLUTION Duly ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA SUPPORTING THE EMPLOYEE COMMITTEE BY WAIVING ALL TAXES, PERMITS AND ANY OTHER TAXES OR PERMITS WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED TO RETURN THE TRIBAL UNDER THE TAX CODE THAT MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE AGREEMENT AS ATTACHED FIREBRAKER FOX AND THE EMPLYEE COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZING TRIBAL OFFICE LOCATION SPACE, ELECTRICAL OUTLETS AND ELECTRICITY, IT AVAILABLE DURING THE DATED STIPULATED IN THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is hereby recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of the Interior, last amended in May, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the authority granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless amended, repealed, superseded, modified or replaced by action of this body; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to hold in fiduciary responsibility to the tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Executive Committee that the Tribal Tax Code applies to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Family Assistance, for a New Pathways for Fathers and Families Cooperative Agreement for the fiscal year 2015 (though 2020).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, authorizes, admits and approves the submission of the application to the US Department of Human Services, Office of Family Assistance for New Pathways for Fathers and Families Cooperative Agreement to the fiscal year 2015 and continuing until the year 2015, and further authorizes the Governor, or designee, to execute any and all documents related to the application.

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Edwina Butler Wolfe
Vera M. Dewey, Secretary
FREE PUBLIC EVENT

First 20 families while supplies last
Get a $10 Gift Card
When You Sign Up For

Country Boy MARKETS

2nd Annual Health Awareness for an Generation

2015

Friday, July 31 - 10am -3pm
Little Axe Health Center

Contact: Connie Bottaro, Patient Benefit Advocate - 405.447.0300
www.asthealth.org

WHAT YOU NEED TO APPLY:

Income Information: Employment & other income resources for all household members (pay stubs, tax returns, unemployment income, social security income etc.)

Current health insurance information for insured household members

Social Security numbers & birthdates for all household members

Name of absent parent not living in household for any child applying

Disclaimer
New & renewal applications accepted
Renewal applications must be within 30 days
Must complete online application and receive eligibility determination to receive gift card.
Approval for benefits must meet federal/state income guidelines
All personal information is protected by federal HIPAA privacy laws
Must be an Oklahoma resident
Native and non-native community members welcome to apply
Where: Little Axe AST Clinic

cooking from the

FARMER’S

market

When: Saturday, 8am-12pm

August 1st with Vendor Participation

AST Tribal Members & Elders Highly Encouraged for Vendor Participation

FREE to Sell, Trade, or Give-Away Local Produce

VENDORS NEEDED! The Absentee Shawnee Little Axe Health Clinic will be hosting a community Farmers Market. Local produce vendors are needed—location only is being provided, must bring own set-up & products to either sell, trade or give-away at one’s own discretion.

For more information &/or to sign up as a vendor please contact Shea Warden at 701-7977. Registration is required—no fees.

ALL PRODUCE MUST BE LOCALLY GROWN & MADE, NO EXCEPTIONS
THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & ENGINEERING (OEH&E)

The principal role of OEH&E is to raise the health status of our tribal members to the highest possible level by providing services in the area of water and wastewater. To qualify for a water well and/or septic system, the applicant must be an enrolled Absentee Shawnee Tribal member and reside within one of these six counties; Pottawatomie, Cleveland, Oklahoma, Payne, Lincoln, or Logan, provide land ownership by verification such as a Warranty Deed or Notarized Lease Agreement through the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Reality Department. Proof of income is not required.

The services we provide are: new water wells, renovation of a water wells, new city or rural water connections, replacement of city or rural water service lines, new wastewater septic systems, renovation of septic systems, new city sewer lines/renovation of city sewer lines and water treatment systems as needed. We are not funded to perform annual pumping of septic tanks. That service is considered part of home maintenance.

If you have any housing issues or building a new home and need services please come by our office and fill out an OEH&E application for assistance.

If your home is under the management of any housing authority and has not been paid off, you do not qualify for assistance. Applications for this program are available online at www.astribe.com and at the OEH&E building.

Office of Environmental Health & Engineering

- Tribal Housing Improvements Application

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

THIP list all applicants by a priority list:
   a. Handicapped/Disabled and Elderly
   b. Income
   c. Family Size/Overcrowded Living Conditions
   d. Condition of Home

Other Programs available:
   • Sanitation Facilities Assistance Program

Applications need to be completed and all necessary documents attached before the application will be processed.
Applications are available online on the website: www.astribe.com.
Submit completed application to:

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

Personal Banking:

AllNations Bank offers a wide range of products and services to meet today’s consumer demand including our AllNations Bank Free Checking Account; Savings Account; Certificate of Deposit Accounts; Individual Retirement Accounts; Money Market; Now Accounts & Consumer Loans including Auto, Boat and more. AllNations Offers Free ATM/Debit Card with each personal account that can be used at our Shawnee OK Drive Up ATM. In addition, we offer a wide selection of Safe Deposit Boxes for rent at competitive prices.

Contact Us for Details As Follows:
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Shawnee Office - Gene Davis or Eugene Stidham 405-273-0202;
2023 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK

Business Banking:
In addition to our Commercial Checking account, AllNations Bank offers a wide range of products and services to meet today’s business needs including all types of Commercial and Small Business Loans; Merchant Services; Night Depository Drop & More.

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Banking Hours:
2023 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK 74801
Lobby Hours 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Monday - Friday
Drive In Hours 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Monday - Friday
Saturday: 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon
MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA TO HEAR ONLY CASINO, ASEDA INC AND ASEDA ENTERPRISES REPORTS, AND CDFI.

1. Progress report on cows? Profit or Loss, we have them about 5 years now, should have a massive herd. No accountability since last October meeting. **LT**

2. Progress on enforcing the ethics and salary ordinances. Only seen one EC repay on the salary. Do you others not owe anything? **A**

3. Tobacco Compact what is the status? **GOV**

4. Cobell land Buy-back program what is status? Do we have a cooperative agreement? **LT/REP**

5. Tecumseh Square, Hwy 177 bldg, other bldgs in Harrah (2) are they being leased? **LT**

6. EC sit down and set a strategic 2-5 year plan for the TRIBE. **A**

7. EC show more accountability through website or monthly newsletter. **ALL**

8. EC are expected to report in monthly newsletter and general council book. **ALL**

9. Limit Trips to 1 a quarter or 4 times a year. If you need to attend more take out your budget or salary. **ALL**

10. Increase tribal taxes such as employees, businesses, enterprises, loans, etc. **ALL**

11. Annually plan events for children-Christmas, Easter, Halloween, graduation etc. General Council meetings. **ALL**

12. Reduce amount of holidays/administrative leave for employees during year. **ALL**

13. EC monthly, community, general council meetings expect all five EC present unless dire emergency. **ALL**

14. Hiring personnel that have no valid driver’s licenses, criminal activity, etc. **HR**

15. Drug screening need to be done at least twice a year. **HR**

16. Deadline for news articles, website, 5th of Month and the general council book should be due month before general council meeting so we have time to read and be ready to discuss. **ALL**

17. Forget your differences and work together that is why we elected you to progress this tribe and if you keep on fighting among yourselves, we are not going anywhere! It is going umpteen years since we have had any economic development—Shawnee Casino, ASED A Fleet, cattle, FEDEX, leasing the old building blocks daycare building…… **ALL**

18. Tribal Complex dire need to be torn down and rebuild or moved to another trust land area. It is falling apart and how soon will be before our neighboring tribe will be charging us with water and sewer if they haven’t already. **LT**

19. Inventory of vehicles, equipment Office and maintenance, supplies, etc. **T**

20. What is status on putting land into trust, clinic, resource center, Brendle corner, etc. **LT/REP**

21. Brendle Corner buildings are an eye sore, need painting or siding, just do something to make it look presentable inside and out. **LT**

22. Make sure Grant deadlines are meet 2-3 months ahead. **T**

23. Have EC and GC meetings webcast so that tribal members out of areas can listen and ask questions if they want to do so. **MIS**

24. All Nations Bank support by $$ to invest: capital investment to All Nations Bank. **T**

25. Desk audit of Positions – (HR) **T/HR**
ASEDA, INC.
Answers Tribal Member Questions &
Describes Three Business Opportunities

The ASEDA Board held a public meeting on May 30, 2015, which was very productive – sharing insight about prospective projects and capitalization opportunities, answering audience questions, and discussing what can and should be done in the future. Around 45 people, including the Governor, Representative, and Treasurer attended.

There were presentations from: 1) Raymond Campbell, Hobbs, Straus, Dean and Walker, LLP, Attorney General office on ASEDA as a federally chartered organization; 2) Heather Thompson, Greenberg Traurig, LLP, attorney working with ASEDA on a self-capitalization plan; 3) Brent McFarland, CEO, Lac du Flambeau Development Corporation on the importance of having business enterprises separate from Tribal politics; 4) Devon Cohen, Triax Management on ASEDA Self-Capitalization Plan: E-Commerce/On-Line Lending; 5) Gabe Downey, Executive Director, Tribal Infrastructure Development Cooperative on Tribal Propane Cooperative.

The audience members asked a lot of questions about ASEDA's history, relationship to the Executive Committee (EC) and plan to become profitable. We summarize that discussion here but encourage you to contact a Board Member if you want more details.

**ASEDA INC, History**

ASEDA Board Members presented the findings from a 2014 Cost Effectiveness Analysis. The three main findings were that ASEDA cannot develop new businesses since there is no dedicated investment fund for the Board to use. The politics surrounding the EC have prevented new business proposal funding. Existing businesses have been removed from ASEDA, or have never been in ASEDA, and are not being professionally managed.

The Attorney General outlined the reasons why a federally charted organization, such as ASEDA, is important for keeping business activities separate from tribal governance. This is important to prospective business partners.

The audience asked questions about the status of ASEDA Enterprises and why business activities were not part of ASEDA. ASEDA Enterprises was created as a separate organization with only one shareholder by an EC resolution. ASEDA Enterprises does not have a federal charter and is part of the Tribe's structure. Bad business practices in ASEDA Enterprises can result in direct costs to the Tribe – like being sued. The businesses for ASEDA Enterprises are the restaurant, convenience store and smoke shop. The single shareholder for ASEDA Enterprises is no longer in an elected position and the businesses are either not profitable or not showing strong profits.

One suggestion from the audience was to move all the Tribe's business enterprises to ASEDA. A first step would be to move the businesses out of ASEDA Enterprises. As explained by the Attorney General, there are two ways to do this. The Executive Committee could rescind the resolution that formed ASEDA Enterprises, or the Executive Committee could appoint board members to ASEDA Enterprises, who would then dissolve the organization. These two options are possibilities for reorganization of the Tribe's businesses, but the issue is currently being reviewed to determine the best course of action.

The 2015 Strategic Plan, used to support the budget request, was presented by ASEDA Vice-President Adam Proctor. In the current year, ASEDA has a budget of $43,000. This money can be used only for the annual audit, legal fees, and operations expenses. The project contractors for ASEDA can result in direct costs to the Tribe – like being sued. The businesses for ASEDA Enterprises are the restaurant, convenience store and smoke shop. The single shareholder for ASEDA Enterprises is no longer in a position and the businesses are either not profitable or not showing strong profits.

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Ms. Thompson has worked extensively with the Rosebud tribe and can use their experience to write the codes necessary for ASEDA to self-capitalize. The second step is to create an oversight commission that will complete the due diligence investigation and analysis on proposed businesses and monitor the businesses to make sure rules get followed and all businesses are professionally managed and show a profit.

The ASEDA Board Members were pleased by the meeting turnout and audience participation. We are using this positive energy to finish the self-capitalization plan and get it approved. When this is completed, we can develop these new business partnerships that will generate profits for us to start future businesses. Profitable businesses and an investment fund will lead to ASEDA making contributions to the Tribe’s general fund in the future.

**Plan to Become Profitable**

The second presentation was by Heather Thompson, a Native attorney from South Dakota who ASEDA board members met at the RES 2015 conference. She is working with ASEDA to develop a self-capitalization plan. Self-capitalization means that ASEDA will find business partners that do not require any money to work with ASEDA. Initially, the business partners will keep a higher percentage of the profits because they are providing the start up money. However, what profits ASEDA does get from new businesses will be kept in an investment fund for the development of new businesses.

Using this strategy, the Lac Du Flambeau Economic Development Corporation was able to self-capitalize. Even though the profits were small at the beginning, they keep growing and more and different businesses have been created to employ tribe members. The corporation stockpiles cash to make investments elsewhere. There was no cash back to the Tribe’s general fund for its first 3 years. After that, the corporation gave back 20% of profits; now it is 40%.

The first potential business partner suggested an ASEDA call center that would process loan applications. The Lac Du Flambeau Economic Development Corporation did this. They now have seven call centers and will have 15 by the end of the year. They started with one employee and now have 22 people and a Chief Executive Officer. Right now they are looking for a Chief Finance Officer and will have up to 60 employees in the next few months in a community that has 70% unemployment.

The second potential business partner is a cooperative that sells propane. There would be no cost to ASEDA or to the Tribe to join. The cooperative purchases the propane and transports it to Tribal tanks. ASEDA would not pay for the propane until it is sold.

An intern is currently working for ASEDA to do market research on potential customers and the CEO of the propane partnership is preparing the business competitiveness analysis. The business could be operational within six months after a decision to move forward. This is an interesting opportunity since there are 22 tribes in a small geographical area in Oklahoma and there is not a lot of capital needed – just start up money for some storage tanks and delivery trucks.

**Moving Forward**

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You can review the agenda for the meeting with the presenter information, the powerpoint slides and the 2014 Cost Effectiveness Analysis and the 2015 Strategic Plan are being posted to the ASEDA website: http://www.astrode.com/astribe?reload
Shawnee Festival 2015
Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian
Washington D.C.
SHAWNEE: LIVING IN BOTH WORLDS
WEE-TAH KAH-MEE-KEE-THEE-YAH-KWEH
"WHERE WE ALL LIVE TOGETHER"
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.

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Give us a call at (405) 598-1279 or (405) 481-0558 or send us an e-mail to stiger@astribe.com

ALL ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT MONTH’S ISSUE ARE DUE BY THE 15th OF THE CURRENT MONTH

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

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

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

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

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

Education Department

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

These are brief descriptions of current programs. Program guidelines are available in hard copy at the Education Department office or for download at www.astribe.com.

• **Academic (K-12) Program:** assists with academic related expenses, and a portion of funds can be used for school-related athletic program expenses. Program has a maximum funding limit for the academic year.

• **Zahn Program:** established from a trust fund, program can help with some graduation expenses, and awards two (2) incentives: one for GED recipients and one for High School graduates. Program has a maximum amount of funding for graduation expenses.

• **Job Training Adult Education Program:** funds for vocational training at accredited vocational institutions. Program has a maximum funding limit for the calendar year or per program.

• **Higher Education: Education Incentive Award Program:** funds for undergraduate degrees, one associate or bachelor degree, at any accredited college or university. Funding levels are determined based upon grade point average and full-time or part-time status.

• **Graduate Scholarship Program:** funds for one master’s degree or one doctoral degree, and can fund one graduate admissions test. This program has funding levels based upon full-time and part-time status.

• **Big Jim Youth Award Program:** annual incentive for High School Seniors for Academic Achievement and Athlete of the Year. Deadline for application submission is March 31st of each year.

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

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

For more information, please call Tresha Spoon at (405) 275-4030, Ext. 6242 or 1-800-256-3341 or email to tresham@astribe.com.
The AST Health System is having our annual health fair on 31 July this year and it will be an exciting event again this year. We have several wonderful healthcare vendors and other industry vendors from around the area including other guests returning to help us again at this year’s event. Some main attractions returning are the OHP Helicopter; Veteran’s Administration, and the Oklahoma Health Department. We will also have several (free) raffle prizes for drawing and other countless gifts to all attendees! There will be plenty to do and tons of information provided to all regarding health, wellness, fitness, and access to care for you and your family.

The health system continues to expand services and programs to our Native American population. Recently, we have stood up contract health offices in Shawnee for our Shawnee area patients; added physical therapy on-site at the Shawnee Clinic, as well as completing the final stages of our same day clinic staff there as well. Behavioral health continues to expand their outreach and servicing of our patients in the Shawnee area to increase access and care for those in need of their services. Our PlusCare Clinic continues to see more patients every week, and we are thankful again to our employees and staff for standing up the clinic as well as the support of the EC and the Health Board in adding these expanded after hour services.

We are very proud of our outstanding star performers this month and thank them all for their contributions to our patients, their fellow employees, and the tribe! Employee of the month for health was Ms. Chelle Foreman, Business Office; the team of the month was the Public Health Staff. The special leadership recognition award was presented to Mrs. Toni Donahoo, Physical Therapy Staff. As always, outstanding employees make the health system work for our tribal members!

A few other key bits of information for this month:

- **AST/Serviced Health System Native American Veterans:** If you are currently receiving services with the area VA Medical Center, please contact us today to set up an appointment to have your services established with the AST Health System.

- **If you need CPR training**, please contact the AST Health System’s Public Health Office at (405) 447-0300 for scheduling and training opportunities.

- **Contract Health Services (CHS) interactive phone menu** helps patients access the most appropriate service provider by calling (405) 701-7951. This feature will speed up access to the patients seeking services and follow-up to their care. We also have Contract Health representative available at our Shawnee location. Tribal members are able to call Ms. Flo Mann, LPN at (405)878-4702.

- **The AST Health System continues to improve its Customer Service.** The Customer Service Line is (405) 701-7623. Please direct all complaints or compliments to this line for appropriate attention and/or response. Please be assured that this is the best way to have each situation addressed, with consistent updates from our Health Staff. After the investigations of all issues are complete, our Health Director or a Clinic Administrator will personally contact you with updates, decisions, or question pertaining to your case.

- **The AST Anti-Bullying Prevention “HOTLINE”** is (405) 701-7987 during work hours 8-5, M-F, and for added confidentiality or after hours you may contact Mrs. Dara Thorpe at either (405) 701-7992 or via cell (405) 481-0815 to start intervention assistance for tribal youth. If it is an emergency or someone is at risk of harming themselves or others, please contact 911.

- **The Affordable Care Act Decision Tool** continues to be a valuable tool with helping you decide what you need to do for compliance with the act. Please see the ACA tab at the ASTHA Health Program’s Website: http://www.asthealth.org/aca (Please visit our site today to find out what you need to do to protect yourself and your family)!

- **Emergency After hours Pharmacy Access:** If you experience an emergent issue after hours and receive a prescription that needs to be filled that same evening, AST Health has provided access for Tribal members at three (3) approved Wal-green locations in Shawnee and Norman. You will need to submit your prescription and it is mandatory to identify yourself with your AST CDIB card and other appropriate ID. Then they shall fill your prescription. You will have a 5-day limited fill on your prescription. Upon the first work/business day, you can have the remaining balance of your prescription(s) transferred to your AST pharmacy in either Shawnee or Little Axe, and they will fill your remaining balance. The three (3) AST Health approved Walgreen service locations are: 1427 North Harrison Street or at 600 Shawnee Mall Drive, Shawnee, Oklahoma or 100 12th Avenue NE, Norman, Oklahoma.

- **Social Media:** You can follow the AST Health System on Facebook and receive the most current messages and announcements regarding your tribal health care.
Caregiver Grant & Injury Prevention Challenge you to Take Charge of your Health! We encourage our Native American Elders to a Healthy Lifestyle. This event was held on Friday May 29, 2015 at the Little Axe Resource Center. Activities included: Balance Assessments performed by our Licensed Physical Therapist and a indoor Senior Olympics. Physical Activities included: Walk, Free Throw Shooting, Bean Bag Target, Cup Stacking Game and Potato Race. The top 3 participates in each event received awards.

I know they had fun because they asked when’s the next one!
FYI: Contract Health Service News
Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health
The AST Contract Health Services Team are here to assist you...
follow the CHS Guidelines!
Get a copy of the CHS Guidelines and update your information

Emergency and Urgent Care Services

CHS for a currently enrolled AST member who resides in the defined catchment area who needs emergent or urgent care:

1. Call the On-Call nurse at (405) 447-0300 option 9 for “triage”.
2. Notify CHS on the next business day or within 72 hours after the ER visit. Notification does not assure authorization of payment. However if you do not notify CHS within 72 hours, your bills will not be paid.
3. For AST members with no insurance evidence must exist that the visit was medically necessary. Medical priorities have been established for determining which referrals can be authorized for payment.
4. For AST members with insurance, evidence must exist that a third party resource has made determination such services were “emergency care” or “urgent care” (such evidence may include payment from private insurance).
5. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to CHS. You may leave bills at the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic.

Contract Health Services for AST members

with Insurance

CHS for a currently enrolled AST member who resides in the defined catchment area who has insurance such as Medicare or Private Insurance:

1. Complete CHS Patient Update form and update all information every 6 months.
2. Notify CHS at least 48 hours prior to appointment date for a (COB) Coordination of Benefits to be sent to provider.
3. Inform Provider/HealthFacility that AST CHS is secondary payer/payer of last resort.
4. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to CHS. You may leave bills at the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic.

Contract Health Services for AST members

without Insurance

CHS for a currently enrolled AST member who resides in the defined catchment area who does not have insurance:

1. You must apply for all resources available to you such as: Medicaid, Medicare, Worker’s Compensation, Vocational Rehabilitation, Auto Insurance and other personal injury or liability coverage. PRC staff and/or Benefit Coordinators can assist with the application process for alternate resources. Failure to exhaust available or potentially available alternate resources may result in denial of payment.
2. Complete CHS Patient Update form and update all information every 6 months.
3. You must utilize the services provided within the AST health clinics prior to being referred out.
4. Referrals for outside services must be sent to CHS. Services must be medically approved by an AST Health provider.
5. An appointment will be scheduled and a COB will be sent to the outside provider.
6. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to CHS. You may leave bills at the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic.

Contract Health Services
is conveniently located at
Shawnee Clinic-Building 16
and Little Axe Health Center

Debi Sloat
Glendine Blanchard
Sharon Ponkilla
Darla Gatzman
Jayne Werst

Flo Mann
Laurie Webber
Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System

Behavioral Health Services

Office Hours
Monday-thru-Friday
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Little Axe Clinic
15951 Little Axe Drive
Norman, OK 73025
Ph. 405-701-7987

Shawnee Clinic
2029 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801
Ph. 405-878-4716

Services are offered through:
Little Axe Clinic & Shawnee Clinic for all Federally Recognized Tribes.

AST BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

For counseling information, contact:

Shawnee BH: Roberta Cooper (405) 878-4716
Little Axe BH: Howard Brown (405)701-7987

Women’s Health
Little Axe Health Center
Located in the Primary Health Care

Providing & Promoting Preventative Health for All Women

Services include:
- Adult immunizations
- Breast & Pelvic Exams
- Mammogram Referral
- Bone Density Studies

Information about:
- Health Promotion
- Quitting Smoking
- Misuse of Alcohol and Drugs
- Nutrition
- Physical Fitness and Exercise
- Controlling Stress and Violence
- Prevention of Pregnancy
- AIDS and other Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Register Now!!!
www.asthealth.org/patient-portal

New Patient Portal
Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System

Little Axe Health Center
Shawnee Clinic

Visit your app store and install the Follow My Health app

- Improved access to your health information
- Communicate directly with your clinic
- Request an appointment
...and more!

For more information on how you can register for the new AST “Follow My Health” Patient Portal, contact Patient Registration at Little Axe Health Center - 405.447.0300 or Shawnee Clinic - 405.878.4702
Mission Statement
To promote the wellbeing of the “whole person” within the context of their culture.

A Single twig breaks but a Bundle of twigs is strong

Services
Supporting changes in the journey of life’s transitions. The following services are offered:

• Resource/referral information
• Crisis intervention
• Child, adult, family and couple/marital counseling
• Therapy and Support groups (TBA)
• Drub and alcohol assessments
• Anger management
• Depression screenings
• Sweatlodge

AST Health System Announces PlusCare Regular Hours of Operation

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System announces the regular hours of operation for the PlusCare Clinic.

- Monday through Friday 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- Saturday & Sunday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

For holiday hours, please visit our website at asthealth.org or visit us on Facebook at Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health.

The clinic is located at 15702 East State Highway 9 (the former Little Axe Clinic site), Norman, Oklahoma, and began seeing patients on Monday, March 30, 2015. The PlusCare Clinic is an acute care facility that will have the ability to treat non-life threatening illnesses and injuries on a walk-in basis (no appointment needed). The PlusCare Clinic main number is (405) 447-0477.

This service is extended to existing AST tribal members and other IHS eligible Native Americans who are the ages of 2 years and up. However, if you are a new (AI/AN) patient to our health system and are in need of our PlusCare services, please bring with you:

1. Your Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB); and
2. A second form of Identification (i.e. Driver’s License or State ID); and
3. If available, health insurance card(s).

After your initial visit, you will be obligated to complete a follow-up visit with either the Little Axe Clinic or Shawnee Clinic to become an established patient.
The Absentee Shawnee Tribe Child Protective Services accepts, investigates, and records all reports of alleged abuse and neglect of Absentee Shawnee children and provides protection to Indian children on Trust land. Child Protective Services also works with the Department of Human Services to investigate the abuse or mistreatment of Absentee Shawnee children residing outside Trust land. The primary responsibility of Child Protective Services is to assess the safety of the child and take the appropriate action to protect and promote the best interest of the child.

COURT ADVOCACY
The Absentee Shawnee Indian Child Welfare Department provides court advocacy in the Tribal and State systems for children and families. This advocacy is to help ensure AST children and families get the protections offered under the Federal Indian Child Welfare Act as well as any protections offered by the various state Indian Child Welfare Acts. ICW workers attend court hearings in person or by teleconference to be a voice for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe in the protection of AST children. ICW workers also provide the planning and linkage to services necessary for families who are working to correct the problems causing the initial removal of their child. This service is offered for Absentee Shawnee children nation-wide, whether or not they reside in the Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s jurisdiction.

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS OPEN TO ANY ABSENTEE SHAWNEE MEMBER WHO IS IN NEED OF OUR SERVICES. THE AST INDIAN CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT’S GOAL IS KEEP TRIBAL CHILDREN WITH THEIR TRIBAL FAMILY WHENEVER POSSIBLE. IF ICW HAS TO REMOVE A CHILD FROM THEIR HOME TO ENSURE THEIR SAFETY, WE LOOK FOR TRIBAL FOSTER CARE HOMES. WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO ARE WILLING TO OPEN THEIR HOME TO NEGLECTED OR ABUSED AST CHILDREN. IF YOU ARE TRIBAL MEMBER AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME AN ABSENTEE SHAWNEE FOSTER HOME PLEASE CONTACT:

JULIE WILSON/FOSTER CARE 405-878-4702

When requesting refills, please provide 24 hour notice until pick-up. The most efficient method is to have your refill numbers ready when you call the Pharmacy, and use our automated system.
Deliveries of controlled medications are not allowed.

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 your current cell phone number.
Please inform us of changes in address, phone number, insurance 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: Monday-Friday 8am-5pm
(7:30am-5:30pm Drive-Thru)
Phone-(405)292-9530
Shawnee: Monday-Friday 7am-5pm
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,
AST Pharmacy Staff

DID YOU KNOW?
“Over 57% Pott. Co. residents reported not storing their Meds in a locked, secure cabinet or box”

Do’s and Don’ts of safe storage and disposal

DO Properly discard medications that are no longer Needed or that have expired.
DO Keep track of how many pills you have during the course of treatment.
DO Lock up medications that are at risk for being abused- ask your pharmacist or other healthcare professional if the prescription medication prescribed to you or a Household member has abuse potential.

DON’T Throw medication in the trash or flush down toilet.
DON’T Leave medications that are at risk for being abused in plain sight or in places that aren’t secure.
DON’T Repackage medication in unmarked containers.

Message provided by the Strategic Prevention Framework Tribal Incentive Grant (SPF-TIG) from ODMHSAS.

Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect.

- Chief Seattle
The Absentee Shawnee Diabetes & Wellness Fitness Center’s Fitness Schedule

**Fitness Schedule**

| Location: 1970 156th Ave. N.E. Norman, O.K. 73071 |
| (405) 364-7298 |
| For more information please visit our website at: |
| http://www.asthealth.org/tags/fitness |
| **Fitness Hours:** |
| **Monday** 6:00 a.m.— 7:00 p.m. |
| **Tuesday** 6:00 a.m.— 7:00 p.m. |
| **Wednesday** 6:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m. |
| **Thursday** 6:00 a.m.— 7:00 p.m. |
| **Friday** 6:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m. |
| **Saturday/Sunday** CLOSED |

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Stephenson Cancer Center Rehab Services
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OKC Boathouse
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Full Circle Adult Day Care
Oklahoma City Area Intertribal Health Board
CTSA Headstart
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OK Native American HIV/AIDS Task Force

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For more information, contact AST Health System at 405.447.0300.
Next Generation of Young Tribal Leaders: SAIGE Training Program

Vincent Schilling
6/15/15

Each year, The Society of American Indian Government Employees or SAIGE - the first national non-profit organization representing American Indian and Alaska Native Federal, Tribal, State, and local government employees - brings together young tribal members to teach them leadership and offers seminars to encourage them to reach out and bring their strengths to their communities.

This year’s Annual SAIGE Conference, taking place June 15-18 2015 in Welch, Minnesota themed: “Growing Native Leaders: Enhancing Our Seven Generations” is geared specifically for youth, veterans and any other American Indian employees that will be navigating the waters of federal trust responsibility.

JoAnn Brant, who has served at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the Coordinator and director of the SAIGE program for the past 11 years. “The students are able to build relationships with each other that are lasting and a benefit to build each other up and provide support,” she says. “Each year we work on the agenda with our student partner American Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) to provide what students have requested, which are interactive workshops where they are not just listening to a speaker but actually participating through small groups and hands on presentations.”

According to Brant, several young leaders have benefitted from the training program and brought what they learned into their own communities. Three young people who served as an example by bringing positive changes forward were Taylor Morris and Wesley Wilson (Cherokee Nation) and Dallas Peterman, (Navajo.)

Brant mentioned how Taylor Morris, who had at first come to SAIGE very young, shy and had never been on a plane before – now was finishing pharmacy school and decided to work in his Native community, ‘where he can make a difference,” Brant says.

Brant also lauds young Dine’ man Dallas Peterman, who excelled after gaining insights at a SAIGE training program.

Dallas Peterman told ICTMN he was not only inspired by the SAIGE program, “During one seminar they asked all of us to write down the issues we experienced on our reservations. We exchanged the paper, and when we did we discovered the issues were all exactly the same. There were Blackfeet, Alaskan Natives and we all talked about the same issues as each other. I am from the Navajo reservation. All I know is Navajo, Apache and Hopi it was very interesting to see the same issues on other reservations.”

Feeling inspired with a sense of the ability to accomplish any task, Peterman used his inspiration gained from the conference to make a decision one day while hitchhiking. He decided to pick up trash on a 97-mile stretch on his reservation.

After making the decision, he sought help from the community. Though things went slow at first, he eventually made the front page of the local newspaper – after nearly two weeks, Peterman had traveled the 97 miles and collected more than 500 bags of trash.

“Wes Wilson is another one of our leaders. He came to SAIGE at a young age as well and has just blossomed. Wes is now working at Oklahoma Indian Health and making a difference in his community by outreach activities,” Brant says.

According to Wilson, SAIGE was a way to connect to the outside world.

Since July of 2011, Wilson has been with the Central Oklahoma American Indian Health Council, today he says he shares what he has learned from SAIGE to benefit others in his own community.

“From SAIGE I have learned how strong the Native community is, nation-wide. Native professionals across the United States work tirelessly to make this great event happen. It has encouraged me, and others, to give in our respected communities. Here in Oklahoma City, we have started a mentoring program to guide our Native youth in a positive direction. When working with youth, I use SAIGE as an example to see and experience other aspects of Native culture our youth wouldn’t have otherwise.”

Taylor Morris has found similar inspiration to Peterman. Currently a fourth year pharmacy student at the University of Oklahoma, Morris has found he is not alone in wanting to help his own community with his skillset.

“The support system I have witnessed is huge. I feel this is the main reason positive things come from SAIGE. Another thing I have gained from SAIGE is that I am not alone! There are others from around the country looking to do well and help our own communities. As I was growing up, I didn’t get to see that very much. After SAIGE it empowers you knowing that you are not alone in wanting better for your community. It helps knowing that others are with you and together you can make things happen.”

“Looking back I kind of kept to myself, was very quiet when around people, and was not outgoing at all. This was exactly who I was on day one of the conference, but at the end, I was the complete opposite. This conference was life changing for me,” Morris said.

Read more at http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2015/06/15/next-generation-young-tribal-leaders-saige-training-program-160687
June 2015 News...

Our ‘Donuts with Dad’ event was a great success!! All of the children enjoyed eating breakfast with their dads. Thank you to all of the fathers who were able to participate. We hope that ALL of you had a wonderful Father’s Day with your families!!

Our summer activities for the children are well underway! We have opened up our splash pad for the kiddos. They love playing in the water with their friends. We have also been taking lots of fieldtrips. The school-age children have gone to the Tiger Safari, Oklahoma City Zoo, the movies, and an Oklahoma City Red Hawks game. There are many more exciting adventures planned!!

We had our periodic visit from DHS on June 1, 2015. We had one (1) non-compliance involving the lack of a health inspection within the last year. However, Païse Dickson, our DHS licensing worker noted in the discussion portion of our visit that “Program is not responsible for the delay of the health inspection as a non-compliance.” This is because it is the responsibility of the DHS licensing worker to request the health inspection. The Health Department inspector completed our health inspection on June 3, 2015, which we passed.

Additionally, we had our STARS review completed on June 5, 2015. We had everything in order and Païse had many wonderful things to say about Building Blocks. In order to complete the last requirement for our STARS, we conducted parent/teacher conferences the week of June 22, 2015.

I want to announce that I have resigned my position as the Building Blocks Director. I have accepted a position with the Little Axe Health Center as an Outpatient Counselor. I have enjoyed my time at Building Blocks and have I learned so much more than I expected. I appreciate the support that our program always receives from Governor Butler-Wolfe. She and I have similar visions for the care of children and the quality of services that families should receive. I am very happy to have had her as my supervisor.

Building Blocks is currently accepting applications for the position of Director at the Little Axe and Shawnee locations. Applicants must have a current Director’s Credential. Please visit www.astribe.com for a complete list of openings, as well as the required qualifications.

Dates to Remember:
Friday, July 3rd: Closed for Independence Day.
Have a safe and fun holiday!

Thank you,
Billie Thompson
Director
To Native American Farmers or Ranchers
or the heir of one who was denied a USDA farm loan
or loan servicing between 1981 and late 1999

Some funds paid in settlement of Keepseagle v. Vilsack
remain unclaimed and will be distributed in accordance
with a process established by the Court. The case
claimed that USDA discriminated against Native
Americans who applied for or tried to apply for farm
loans or loan servicing. The Court seeks input from
class members about how the remaining funds should be
distributed. Of the $680 million paid to settle the case,
approximately $380 million remains. The Settlement
Agreement approved by the Court directs that unclaimed
funds be given to non-profit organizations to serve
Native American farmers and ranchers.

The deadline to file a claim has passed. There is no new
claims process.

Who is included?
The Class includes all Native American farmers and
ranchers who:
• Farmed or ranched or attempted to do so between
  January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999;
• Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the
  USDA during that period; and
• Complained about discrimination to the USDA
  either on their own or through a representative
during the time period.

The class does not include individuals who:
• Experienced discrimination only between January 1
  and November 23 1997; or
• Complained of discrimination only between July 1

Proposed use of the Funds
There are several competing options for how to distribute
the funds.

First, Plaintiffs propose to modify the Settlement
Agreement, subject to Court approval, to distribute the
funds as follows:
• $342 million distributed by a Trust, overseen by
  Native American leaders, to non-profit groups to
serve Native farmers & ranchers over a 20 year
period.
• $38 million be distributed quickly to non-profit
organizations serving Native farmers & ranchers,
identified by Class Counsel and approved by the
Court.

The Trust would make grants to organizations providing
business assistance, agricultural education, technical
support, or advocacy services to Native American farmers
and ranchers, including those seeking to become farmers
or ranchers, to support and promote their continued
engagement in agriculture. The USDA has agreed with
this proposal.

Second, Marilyn Keepseagle proposes to distribute
all remaining funds as additional damages paid to
successful Track A claimants alone. The USDA opposes
this proposal.

Third, other class members have asked to use the funds
to pay claims that were initially denied or to permit new
claims to be filed.

Fourth, the Choctaw Nation has argued that no changes
should be made.

How can I share my views?
If you want to tell the Court of your support of or
opposition to any proposal for use of the remaining
funds, you may submit written comments, postmarked
no later than June 15, 2015, to:

Chambers of the Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
333 Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

The Court will hold a hearing on June 29, 2015 at 9:00
AM EDT in Courtroom 24A at the address above. If
you want to speak to the Court in person, you may
attend the hearing. Your written comments will be
considered by the Court even if you do not attend the
hearing.

For more detailed information call 1-888-233-5506 or see
www.IndianFarmClass.com
WHAT IS A FOSTER CARE WORKER?

Foster care caseworker training involves completing a bachelor's degree program in social work through a college or university. Students take courses in psychology, abnormal psychology, sociology, economics, ethics, child welfare policies and complete a supervised internship.

The child's Foster Care Worker needs to be a partner with the foster parents to ensure that each child receives the full spectrum of services provided and/or arranged by the Department.

Some aspects of this relationship include the following:

- Sharing information on an ongoing basis regarding the child’s individual needs, family situation and adjustment to the foster home
- Encouraging the foster parents to participate in the total service planning process
- Providing the foster parents the opportunity to discuss the child's progress and any unmet needs which they assess
- Providing the foster parent with information, support, guidance and referrals to other professionals on the child’s behalf
- Helping the foster family, when necessary, to identify and obtain services for the foster child; e.g., medical, educational
- Ensuring that the foster family, on the child’s behalf, has access to all financial resources available to the child while in foster care.

A Foster Care Worker works in conjunction with Tribal Courts, Tribal Law Enforcement, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and other county services. Indian Child Welfare’s goal is to ensure the safety of our tribal children when they placed in foster care. The homes that our tribal children are placed in must complete Child Welfare Background Check, OSBI Background Check, Income Verification, Home Study, and a Physical. Our AST foster homes are licensed by our Foster Care Committee.

Foster Care Payments are as follows:

- 0-5 age $14.73 day $441.97 month
- 6-12 age $17.12 day $513.57 month
- 12 and over $19.30 day $579.13 month

IN ORDER TO RECEIVE PAYMENT, ALL THE ABOVE MUST BE MET AND TURNED INTO THE STATE. ONCE PROCESSED STATE PAYMENT WILL BE ISSUED.

This is just a little information on what type of work a foster care worker performs on a daily basis. If you are interested in becoming a foster home, please call 405-878-4030 ext. 133.

Hello Everyone;

I hope that everyone is in good health, with all of the allergies and various respiratory problems that have going on. I know I am looking forward to the Spring weather that has come.

I have not gone on any travels here lately, due to the various problems that have been created by various Executive Committee members. I have been working on research looking in to the practices of the Department of Human Services and the methods that they have been using to place our children. I am also attempting to get an appointment with the Director of DHS and the Governor of the state of Oklahoma. Last year at the ICWA conference in Ft. Lauderdale, I attended the Attorney General’s Advisory Committee on American Indian/Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence meeting where I gave testimony. This Committee held meetings in various states getting testimonies from various agencies, Law Enforcement, Tribal Leaders, ICW, and Educators concerning our Native Children. My point to this is that the Attorney General and the Bureau of Indian Affairs have re-written the Guidelines concerning ICWA and from speaking with ICW workers here the State of Oklahoma, Department of Human Services have not looked at the new Guidelines and are continuing to make their own decisions with out including the families or the tribes. If anyone would like a copy of the new guidelines they may come by my office and we will provide a copy.

I have also have concerns about the Tribal Housing Authority, so that is more research, which may or may not be a good thing. There have been numerous complaints from tribal members and I would like to know if the guidelines are being followed. After I finish researching then I will speak with the Housing Board and start asking questions.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Easter. If anyone has any questions or would like to just come by to visit, or call, please do.

Home Number is 307-0954, 275-4030, ex. 6289

Thank you, and Be Blessed.
Racial disproportionality is defined as the over-or under-representation of certain groups (e.g. racial/ethnic, gender, age) relative to the group’s proportion in the general population. Reports conducted in 2008 showed that, compared to other groups, Native American children were:

- 3 times more likely to be referred to CPS
- 1.6 times more likely to be removed from their biological homes
- Twice as likely to remain in foster care for over two years
- Less likely to be adopted and more likely to be in guardianships
- Less likely to be reunited with their biological parents

The sad reality is that there are not enough culturally appropriate homes for these children, resulting in the placement of Native American children in homes that do not share their cultural heritage or traditions. We want to place “our tribal” children in our own homes, to do this we need tribal members to open their homes and their hearts. Are you willing to open your heart? Are you willing to open your home?

If so, please contact Julie Wilson ICW/FC/CPS 878-4702 (ext. 133).

Native American youth are facing a crisis. These children are being removed from their homes and placed into the child welfare system at rates much higher than any other population. Native American children are often placed in homes outside of their families, tribes, and Native American culture and all this contributes to significant social problems. The story of Native American people is a complicated one marked by significant trauma and atrocities. Often times this trauma consisted of the removal of abuse which happened to these young and vulnerable children in many of these schools resulted in overwhelming intergenerational trauma and unresolved grief. This trauma which interrupted the ability to parent has led directly to the most current social problems that plague Native American communities today including alcohol/drug abuse, domestic violence, child abuse, sexual abuse and parenting deficiencies. All of these problems have contributed to the break-down of the family unit, leading to the removal of large numbers of Native American youth from their families. The journey of healing and breaking the cycles which have been put in place by the historical trauma experienced by generations of Native Americans requires that the cultural identity for so long denied to these children be returned. Native American youth have two distinct influences, that of their family of origin and that of their caregivers. Absentee Shawnee Tribal Foster Care is in need of homes for children that are in our child welfare system. Your participation in being a foster parent helps to ensure that these children have positive connections to their culture. This interaction helps these children nurture a positive sense of identification as a Native American. By being willing to do this, you can be a valuable part of the healing journey that will help strengthen this next generation of Absentee Shawnee children; in turn, helping those children become the parents that their children will need them to be. Our children are our future, what will we have our future be?

**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE CHILD WELFARE**

405-878-4702 (ext. 133)

Currently there are three (3) openings on the Foster Care Board. If you are interested in serving on the board, send your letter of interest to Secretary Dawsey at the Tribal Complex, 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 73801.

"I don't want a family. I need one."
- Current Waiting Child
28th Anniversary Powwow
Friday, July 3rd & Saturday, July 4th
Thunderbird CASINO
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Free Admission
*All ages admitted
Head Singer: Joseph Blanchard
Head Lady: Liyahna Bender
Head Man: Colltin Shawnee
Head Gourd Dancer: Kelly Switch
Emcee: Chad Tashchawkick
Arena Director: Sam Howell
Host Northern Drum: Blackbird
Color Guard: Absentee Shawnee Veterans

Free Fireworks Show
July 4th, 10:00 PM

*This is a family event*