MANY THANKS TO ALL OF VOLUNTEERS WHO CAME OUT TO HELP WITH THE EASTER EGG HUNT FOR OUR TRIBAL KIDS!

Remember! Run Off Election June 21, 2014
Hello my Absentee Shawnee people!

Spring has finally come. The long cold winter has left us and for many it is time to plant gardens and prepare for the summer months. I welcome the change and plan to spend some time outside getting some much needed exercise.

General Council

On April 5th we had our General Council meeting and it was quite challenging. We recorded the meeting and it is being made available via our website. There were several key items that came out that you need to be made aware of. The Tribe has a Code of Conduct in our Administrative Systems Manual and this is a specific tool for employees. It has been approved by the Executive Committee for that purpose and has been a useful guide for our employees. Our current tribal government is set up so that our Executive Committee has direct oversight or supervision of delegated programs. However, we get paid both as IF we are employees yet we are an elected body. This is why for many years that you, our tribal members, have stated that there should be a Code of Conduct & Ethics as it sets the direction for our elected body. Our Treasurer, Kathy Deere, worked diligently on getting a Code of Ethics established. When I came into Office I assigned my Special Projects Coordinator to continue this effort with our Attorney General and in conjunction with the Executive Committee. Via email ALL of the elected body has been included in this project since September 2013. This is documented and is a fact. The Code of Conduct & Ethics is a Code that will give us a guide and provide us a good way to stay on the right path.

The second item that was brought before the General Council was a salary ordinance. The thought behind this ordinance is to ensure that those elected to Office have a basis for their salary. The Tiers (or levels of pay) will be set up to align the salary of the elected body on a combination of education and business experience. This is a very progressive idea and one created by a combination of Tribal members and employees in 2012. Those fringe benefits but not to supplement their salaries. This is an alternate solution to end ongoing legislative and economic concerns that Tribes face by putting the right people in place. Information on our upcoming tribal election is:

- June 1st – Last day to request ballot
- June 21st – Runoff Election

If you have questions about our Election please contact Meredith Wapakeche at 405-275-4030, Ext. 150.

City, County and State election dates is as follows:

- May 30, 2014 Last day for Voters to register
- June 24, 2014 General Election
- August 26, 2014 Runoff Election

If you have questions about the City of Shawnee sales tax issue please contact me at 405-275-4030, Ext. 188. Each election that we as a people take part in and will make a difference.

I would like to share with you those reports by programs, under my oversight, provided:

Building Blocks

April 2014 News...

Our Easter egg hunt and Easter parties were a huge success!! The children, parents and staff had so much fun!! We always welcome parent participation and want to thank all of the parents who contributed items for our parties and to those who attended our Easter events.

The purpose of this is to replace broken toys, rearrange the learning centers within each classroom, disinfect all areas of the center, etc. We also have a company come in and clean all of our carpets.

One thing we strive for at Building Blocks is to always put the safety of children first and foremost. We’ve had to address issues regarding car seat safety with some parents. We certainly do not believe that parents intentionally disregard their child’s safety while transporting them. However, accidents happen with results that can be tragic. Therefore, we felt that we needed to do more. That is why we are in the process of coordinating with Rosie Tallbear in the Injury Prevention Department at the Little Axe Health Center to host a car seat safety day for families that we serve, as well as tribal members. We will announce the details as soon as we finalize everything.

Dates to remember:

- May 9th: “Muffins for Mothers” @ 8:00 a.m. We invite the mothers of our children to join us for breakfast in celebration of Mother’s Day!!
- May 26th: Closed to observe Memorial Day

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I hope this newsletter reaches everyone in good health. It was nice to see the turn out for General Council. I also want to thank everyone for your overwhelming support in the Primary Election.

The number of votes reflected the thankfulness you have for me, my office, my staff, my departments, and for the services we provide to you.

Spring is here and everyone needs to be weather aware. Rain is always welcomed this time of year, but we know our weather can turn bad at any time. Everyone should have a safety plan in the event of severe weather and make sure our elders and children know what to do.

My article will be fairly short this month, due to working in the field, but I want to report on a couple of Roads projects. The joint resurfacing project with Cleveland County District 2 is near completion. Last spring, Cleveland County and our Roads Program began working on a resurfacing project for Tecumseh Road, west from 156th Avenue to the end of the road. Some minor maintenance remains to the side of the roadway.

The parking project for the police substation will resume as soon as AT&T moves the fiber optic line in the middle of the project site. This lengthy delay is frustrating and has pushed back the project completion date. We did not anticipate the delay for the project to extend too far into May.

Finally, a foundation base has been completed for the parking and cul-de-sac area located in the southeast corner of the Tribal Complex. The new Elders/Veterans Center and future after school center are located in this area and plans for a permanent parking area and roadway are being engineered. We are projecting bids to be solicited within the next few weeks to begin this project.

My next article will include more information on projects and other activities from my office and departments. If you have any questions about my departments, please contact my office.

Thank you. Isaac Gibson, Jr
Lieutenant Governor

Dear Tribal Member’s,

Thank you for attending the April 5th, 73rd General Council meeting. May is here again! Mother’s Day is a good day to show your mothers’ how much they are loved and appreciated!

If your mother has passed on remember those precious memories that were shared as you celebrate Mother’s Day! My precious mother, Estelline, has been gone for several years, but I remember the good times we spent together and I praise the Lord for having a Godly mother! Pray for lots of rain with no tornados! Oklahoma needs a break!

As always, our prayers and thoughts go out to our AST families, who have lost loved ones this past month! Remember our tribal members who may have health issues, too.

Monthly Program/Department Directors meeting. Each month a meeting is held with the department and program directors. We get reports of statistics, upcoming events, meetings, and activities. We appreciate the directors’ taking the time to send us a written or verbal report.

AST Audit. The 2013 audit has begun at end of March for the whole Tribes’ entities: casinos, ASEDa Enterprises (store, restaurant, & smoke shops), ASEDa, Inc., ASTHA & LSWN Health Programs, and Tribal Government. The audits should be completed by end of May, middle of June, 2014.

Indirect Cost Proposal (IDC). The 2014 IDC has been submitted and assigned to negotiator. We are waiting for the Reviewer’s question for finalization of the proposal and this will be the final step. Our rate has steadily increased for the past three years, current rate is 27.39%.

REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS (RECM), Meet every third Wednesday of the month, 10 am, in Governor’s conference room, to decide on executive and legislature resolutions for the advancement and bettterment of the tribe. We appreciate tribal members attending the meetings. Governor gives a monthly report of her activities.

Elder’s Council Monthly meetings are held every third Saturday, either at AST Resource Center, Title VI Bldg, or Thunderbird Casino, 10 am. If you are 55 years or older get to a safe place come join us for fellowship, food, and fun times together.

Discussions included the upcoming Thunderbird Casino/Elders’ Pow Wow on July 4th, 5th, and 6th, upcoming cultural activity in Tema, Iowa in August. The NEW officers are Dan Little Axe, President, Wynona Coon, Vice President, Mary Birdtail, Secretary, and Emily Longman Treasurer. Next meeting is May 17, 2014 at 10 am at AST Resource Center. If you would like more information about the Absentee Shawnee Elders Council, please call Mary Birdtail, 405-386-7851.

• Internal Revenue Service, AST Vita (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) along with AST Vita service to offer tax preparation for tribal members has come and gone. We appreciated all of our volunteers who took the time to assist our tribal members with their taxes this year. Volunteers were: Eddie Brokeshoulder, Mark Rogers, Belinda Collins, Brenda Claw, Genevieve Foster, Stella Little, Jennifer Crenshaw, Jessica Gonzales, David Deet, Tresha Spoon, Leah Bettdy Jo, Darlene Rico, Alison Coon, Josh Gibson, Michael Berry, and Nishanti Shrestha were instrumental in getting our phone line, computers, printers, and copier set up to do the Free Tax program and we appreciate their expertise. Our totals were 53 taxes prepared, $12,660.00 saved by using AST, and total refunds received using AST was $53,878.00. Many thanks to all these volunteers who prepared the taxes, quality reviewed and were greeters/scanners. We could not have done it without you all.

• Constituional Revision Committee (CRC). Next meeting for the CRC (TBA) to be announced. The CRC is getting closer to finishing the constitutional revisions, now they are waiting on the Election Commission and their input and they should be able to put it to referendum vote in the very near future. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Eddie Brokeshoulder, 405-275-4030 Ext.148, or contact Briana Ponkilla, her email address: brianaponkilla@yahoo.com

• City of Shawnee Taxation Update: As you have seen in the newspaper, petitions filed in 2014, City officials demanded that the four Tribes (Absentee Shawnee, Citizen Band Potawatomi, Kickapoo, and Sac & Fox) in the city begin paying a three percent city sales tax on goods sold to non-tribal members. The City blames the Tribes’ economic development for decreasing tax revenue. We are asking all our tribal members that live in Shawnee to register to vote by May 30, 2014, to vote in City of Shawnee election for three positions on the City Commission to be held on Tuesday, June 24th. There are three vacancies in three wards 1, 5 and 6. If you have questions, please contact Caste of Shawnee, 405-275-4030 Ext. 148.

• Upcoming referendum elections on implementation for elected officials on Code of Ethics and Salaries Scale. All of these will be on the website, newsletter, and community meetings will be conducted to educate our tribal members on the need for these policies and procedures for elected officials.

NEWS FLASH

This is the latest from the website concerning the second payment distribution. Looks like another delay indefinitely see below from the website. Cobell Update (http://www.indiantrust.com):

“A Letter from Class Counsel, Concerns have recently been expressed that the second payments under the Cobell settlement – the Trust Administration payments – have not yet been distributed. Please be assured that the Court, the Claims Administrator and Class Counsel are taking all measures necessary to make sure those payments are distributed as quickly as possible consistent with the terms of the settlement. In particular, frustration has been expressed with the Claims Administrator, the Garden City Group (“GCG”), suggesting it is responsible for the payments not having been mailed. GCG, just like the parties is required to follow the terms of the Settlement Agreement approved by Congress and the Court, including the timeline set forth in that agreement for mailing of Trust Administration Class payments. At this point, not all requirements imposed by that agreement for mailing of the Trust Administration Class payments have been satisfied. Unfortunately, implementation of the settlement was delayed for a year while Congress considered it and almost another year and a half while four individuals appealed the District Court’s order approving it. Those were matters over which we had no control.

However, once the appeals expired in late November 2012, we worked with the District Court and GCG to make sure that distribution of the Historical Accounting Class payments, commenced within 30 days. In fact, GCG was able to commence distribution in three weeks after receipt of the final data for distribution. Unlike the Historical Accounting Class payments, under the terms of the Settlement Agreement as approved by Congress and the Courts, the Trust Administration payments could not be distributed immediately after the expiration of the appeals. Instead, these payments can be made only after all Trust Administration Class members have been identified and the Department of Interior has no record of trust beneficiaries on its electronic systems, requiring them self-identify. Therefore, in order to make sure that everyone who was eligible had an opportunity to participate in the settlement, the Settlement Agreement provided additional procedures for identifying Trust Administration Class Members. These procedures included a Supplementary Notice to Trust Administration Class members that commenced shortly after the appeals expired, along with a claim filing and review process. All claims were to be submitted by March 1, 2013. During the claim process, the members were expressed by the Department of Interior who were experiencing difficulties obtaining records to support their claims due to the absence of those records on Interior’s systems and the devastating tornados which affected much of the state. Therefore, the claims process was extended by the Court to make sure that these individuals had an opportunity to participate. As ordered by the Court, claimants had until September 4, 2013 to request an appeal of a claim denial to the Special Master appointed by the Court. The claims process was successful as over 485,000 claims were filed. All of those claims were reviewed and indexing determinations made by GCG. Over 2,400 appeals from those decisions, many several hundred pages in length, are being carefully considered by the Special Master. As provided for in the Settlement Agreement, once all Trust Administration Class members are substantially identified and the Department has calculated the pro rata share of the settlement to which each Trust Administration Class member is entitled, we will promptly request that the Court approve the Trust Administration payments. We can’t predict with certainty when these matters will be
completed enabling us to request payment from the Court. However, we will provide continual updates as new information becomes available to keep you advised of the status of those payments. Meanwhile, we continue to work with the Court and GCG to ensure the settlement is administered in accordance with the highest standards. When the Cobell case settled, we inherited the Department of Interior’s records of individual Indian beneficiaries – including the many inaccuracies known to exist within those records.

However, a commitment was made that the Cobell settlement would not suffer from the deficiencies that historically afflicted the Indian trust system – in particular that everyone who was eligible to participate in the settlement would have an opportunity to do so. Individual Indian trust records have markedly improved as a result of the Cobell lawsuit. However, problems remain.

Delays in, or the absence of, probates have resulted in individuals who had passed away remaining on the list of living trust beneficiaries. Multiple records often exist for a single beneficiary. The Department of Interior still does not know the identity of some trust beneficiaries and current contact information was not available for tens of thousands of known beneficiaries. We continue to work through these issues. By way of example, to date, through working directly with tribal governments and GCG, we have been able to locate over half of the 65,000 individuals on the government’s “whereabouts unknown” list published by the Office of the Special Trustee, to insure they receive their settlement funds. Thousands more continue to contact us each month. This has been a serious deficiency that has plagued the individual Indian trust since its inception. We are committed to make sure that it does not continue. If you have contact information for anyone on the government’s “whereabouts unknown” list, please contact the Claims Administrator at 866-591-2958. Once again, please be assured that we are doing everything we can to make sure all class members receive their payments as soon as possible. We understand the frustrations experienced over the timing of payments. Many beneficiaries are in great need of these funds and we will continue to do everything we can to make sure the payments go out as soon as possible.

You are welcome to email us at beneficiaryline@kilpatricktownsend.com or call us at 866-383-6554 if you have any questions at all. David Smith and Bill Dorris. Respectfully, Kathy Deere, Tribal Treasurer

“...a snowflake is one of God’s most fragile creations, but look what they can do when they stick together!”

~Author Unknown

Representative, Jeff Gibson

Tribal Members,

Hello, I hope everyone is in good health and excited about the upcoming summer, a lot has been happening with the programs, starting with The Cultural Preservation Program. We are in the process of putting together a 5 year plan together for this respected program and hopefully soon a true vision of what I, Representative Jeff Gibson and Program Director Joseph Blanchard, and his staff see for the future of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. I attended a “To bridge a Gap” meeting in Fayetteville, Arkansas, April 7-10th, with Forest Department of Registry, on the agenda we discussed natural resources such as air pollution and water conservation and how we need to get ready for the future cause these valuable resources are being abused and need to be controlled so our children will have these resources to survive and carry on our culture in the future. The meeting was informative as far as, how much resources are needed in the future I don’t think we as a Tribe realize how important it is to be ready for the future and hopefully we will be able to teach and keep you informed on this issue. We sometimes take these issues for granted and as the population grows, we need to understand that these issues will be worth more than gold, also on the agenda was how we are losing trees of all kinds, because of heat, fire, and drought in many of our Forestry Departments. I am very thankful Mr. Blanchard is taking his culture as well as this world serious because we all need to be reminded how important life on Mother Earth is important to The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

Tribal member, Phil Bradley, Director of the Music Program, on the Absentee Shawnee Tribal complex has been moving forward at a fast pace with the music program, and I’m excited about how many of our tribal members have been taking advantage of this free music program and it’s good to see music playing a valuable part in their lives, as they progress on learning there respectful instrument. We are putting together a music program later on this year, so we can showcase some of our students playing the Piano, Guitar, and Drums, it will be good to see our Tribal people smile after they accomplish this outstanding event, so stay tuned for this great showcase.

It’s that time of year again where our Tribal members take part in Summer events from Baseball, Softball, Fishing and other social activities. If you get a chance to catch a game or event encourage our young children and Tribal members. My condolences go out to all that have lost love ones and Happy Birthday to all that have Birthdays in May.

Representative, Jeff Gibson

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

The Tribe’s 2010, 2011, and 2012 Audits are “unmodified” opinion; which when compared to an educational grading scale is an A. The 2014 Indirect Cost Proposal has been submitted to the Interior Business Center (IBC) and I was notified on September 17, 2013 that it is ready to be assigned to a negotiator. The proposal has been assigned to a negotiator and I have answered two set of questions posed and we are awaiting the Reviewer’s question for finalization of the proposal. Our rate is up from 17.74% for 2010 to 21.98% for 2011 to 22.35% for 2012 and 27.39% for 2013; 2014 review is the last step.

We are under Audit for 2013 for all of the Tribe’s entities (Casinos; Store; Restaurant; Smoke Shop’s; ASED, Inc.; ASED, Enterprises; ASTHA & LSWN which makes up Absentee Health Systems; and the Tribal Government.) Auditors arrived on sight April 2, 2014 for the Tribe’s audit. All of the tribe’s entities must be audited first and then they are combined with the Tribe’s Governmental Audit.

The finance department is completing accounting by the 10th day of the month. Financial reporting for the Tribe, Health Authority and Li Si Wi Niwi, Health Inc. boards and the Executive Committee for Absentee Health Systems, Shawnee and Little Axe (LSWN) continues monthly. The Finance staff has completed the March reconciliations and financials. It is imperative the accounting staff continue to stay ahead of all of the accounting so that audits go smoothly, and Indirect Cost rates stay up to date. Indirect cost proposals cannot be submitted without completed audits as the audit is used to calculate the proposal. There are many processes in place in your Tribe’s accounting department that ensure we keep accurate records of transactions. The Tribe’s accounting processes must be in compliance with GAAP; (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) and GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board) and these rules are updated annually.

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

Five of the AST Finance staff volunteered for the VITA Tax program that ended April 12, 2014 and underwent a series of testing required by the IRS in order to prepare taxes for Tribal Members. We were very happy to assist.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s Finance Department has very hard working group of people and it is an honor to work with them, the Treasurer’s office and at the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. The Finance Department employs 14: with 6 (43%) being AST Tribal Members, 2 (14%) non-AST tribal members, 6 (43%) being non-natives.

This department would like to extend a special thanks and note of appreciation to the Executive Committee for providing the tools, resources, and support to enable the finance staff to reach its accomplished goals and to continue with this effort. A special thanks and note of appreciation to Program Managers and Employees of the Tribe for their assistance and dedication in our continued group effort toward accomplishing our goal.

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

Respectfully,
Belinda Collins, Controller.

No report submitted from Secretary Dawson.
**Financial Consultant’s Report**

Hello Tribal Members,

The 73rd Semi-General Council has come and gone. The Office of Treasurer would like to thank each of you for participating in our Native Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI) Credit Builder Loan Survey.

The following activities I have been involved and participated. Financial Reports: Reviewed and analyzed monthly General Fund and Indirect Cost encumbrance financial reports of Treasurer.

Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority, Inc. (ASEDA): Attended monthly ASED board meeting to discuss future business partnerships.

**Community Engagement**

AST Constitution Revision Committee (CRC): The AST Constitution Revision Committee (CRC) continues to have monthly meetings discussing revising the Constitution. CRC member Briana Ponkilla gave an update to attendees at the recent Semi-General Council meeting in April. As Tribal members, your input is very important and vital to improving our Tribal Government for our next generation. The CRC continues seek tribal member participation and input as we revise our constitution. If you have any questions please contact Briana Ponkilla at 405-878-0633 or Eddie Brokeshoulder 405-275-4030 x 148.

**AST Native Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI)**

AST Native Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) held its first greet and meet of the board of directors, Monday, April 21st at the Title VI building. The meeting consisted of introductions, a year to date summary of development efforts of our Native CDFI program. More information will be forth coming in June newsletter. If you have questions, please contact Eddie Brokeshoulder, Steering Committee at 275-4030 x 148 or eddieb@astribe.com.

**Absentee Shawnee Tribe Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program**

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Volunteer Tax Assistance (VITA) Program has come and gone. The AST VITA program would like to thank all of the tribal members who participated in this community service program. We were successful in preparing and E-filing fifty-three (53) tax returns in doing so we provided value of services $12,660.00 and total refund amount of $53,878.00.

As site coordinator, I would like to thank the following tax preparers, greeters and support staff that enabled 2013 VITA Tax Season to be successful.

They are as follows:

Finance staff: Belinda Collins, Genevieve Foster, Jessica Gonzales, Jennifer Hernandez, David Deer, Education Director: Tresha Spoon, Little Axe Health Clinic: Health Program Director, Mark Rogers, Finance Brenda Clay and Administrative Assistant to Treasurer Deere, tribal member Stella Little, MIS Rico Coon, and Dos Owings for the use of the Title VI building.

We cannot go without thanking Pam Charles, Oklahoma City Internal Revenue Service (IRS) our Sr. Stakeholder Relationship Manager and Volunteer Don Rauch with 20 + years Federal Internal Revenue Service, who provided us technical assistance and communicated with us on a daily basis.

*My last thank you goes out to Treasurer Kathy Deere for the having the “VISION” to provide tribal members free tax services.*

In our June newsletter look for our final wrap-up of the VITA Tax program. If you have any questions please contact Eddie Brokeshoulder, Site Coordinator at 275-4030 x 148 or eddieb@astribe.com.

**Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA)**

Attended NAFOA’s 32nd Annual Indian Country’s Leading Economic and Financial Gathering conference, in New Orleans, LA. NAFOA conference was well attended over 700 registered attendees who included Tribal leaders, Financial Staff, Finance and Investment Companies and Attorneys. The conference theme: Growing Tribal Economies & Strengthening Tribal Finance.

NAFOA two-day conference track topics I participated and attended: Bay Mills Case: Dispute Over Tribal Sovereignty, Access to Capital and Diversified Growth for Tribes, Negotiating Sovereignty in a Market Economy, Venturing Further Afield: National and International Business Opportunities.


Overall this conference was very beneficial for me as it concerned tribal sovereignty, taxation, access to capital that are on the horizon for Tribes across Indian Country. I made a lot of contacts which included tribal, financial investors, attorneys and federal officials which were willing to listen and assist in developing of our Tribe. If you have any questions please contact me Eddie Brokeshoulder, 275-4030 x 148 or eddieb@astribe.com.

In closing, thank you for your participation in the 73rd Semi-General Council meeting. The office of Treasurer looks forward to your questions and concerns. I can be reached at 275-4030 x 148 or eddieb@astribe.com. Respectfully,

Eddie Brokeshoulder

Financial Consultant

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**FY-2014 YTD TAX COLLECTIONS**

*(thru 3/31/14)*

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CCDF

The CCDF Subsidy program completed the Recertification process for current applicants. Currently we have 16 children from 11 families who receive child care assistance through the subsidy portion of the CCDF grant. We are actively accepting Tribal Subsidy applications for child care assistance.

The construction of BBIII is ongoing and we are working towards getting the equipment and supplies to make the center operational as soon as is possible. We are set to open the beginning of August.

The CCDF Coordinator will attend Tribal CCDF Health and Safety Best Practices Training in Norman, OK on April 29-May 1.

The job postings for the new BBIII in Little Axe are open to the public. We are still accepting applications for the waiting list for our new BBIII facility in Little Axe. We will update you on any new developments to the new center as they happen. We look forward to all the new developments and strides forward that are being made in our Building Blocks II and III programs.

The point of contact for the Building Blocks program in Shawnee is Billie Thompson at 405-878-0633. The contact for the Little Axe Building Blocks program and/or CCDF is Brianna Ponkilla also at 405-878-0633. If they are unable to assist you with your questions contact my office.

Education

The AST Youth Council met on Saturday, March 29th at 10 am. Tresha Spoon, Director, and Blake Goodman, TYP Coordinator attended a college and career day at the Iowa Nation on April 4th and one AST Youth Council member also attended. We had a table with information about the Tribe’s scholarships.

Tresha attended the Oklahoma Council on Economic Education’s quarterly meeting on April 9th at the United Way of Central Oklahoma in OKC.

The Education Department and one AST Youth Council member volunteered during the AST Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12th.

The point of contact for this program is Tresha Spoon, Education Director, 405-275-4030, Ext. 121. Please feel free to communicate with her and if she is unable to assist you then contact my office.

Emergency Management

A. EM Planning – Ms. Day met with Sac & Fox Police Chief Roberts to discuss emergency management disaster response planning and partnership during tribal disasters.

B. Attended monthly Intertribal Emergency Management meeting hosted by the Chickasaw Nation. A major discussion topic was FEMA’s first draft of the guidelines for tribal disaster declarations. The draft was presented by our Regions VI representatives. The draft will be under review by the tribes for 120 days and will culminate with submission of comments to FEMA on proposed changes.

C. Attended the April 2014 pipeline safety meeting for emergency responders for Cleveland/McClain Counties presented by the Oklahoma Pipeline Awareness Liaison (OPAL). Updates on locations of pipelines, types and companies who have them in these counties were presented. Demonstrations were held on how to respond to the different types of gases and substances and what measures should be taken until proper hazmat teams are in place to diffuse the spill or leak.

D. The Intertribal Health Board Authority from Oklahoma City has a grant to give a monetary award to tribes that complete these three plans - Pandemic, Communications, and Continuation of Operations Plans (COOP). This has been an ongoing project for the past few months and there have been consultations with the AST Clinic Director on the Pandemic plan and the Tribal Police on the Communications Plan.

Linda Day is the Emergency Manager and is located at the new police station in Little Axe. Ms. Day is the contact for this program and may be reached at 405-275-3432. If she is unable to resolve your concerns please communicate with my office.

Health

The attorneys completed their necessary reviews and the Governor signed and released the new Veteran’s Administration Agreement and it has been sent back to the VA for implementation. A health fair sponsored by the VA is forthcoming, so please be on the lookout for more information! We are looking at servicing our veterans beginning in late May or early June, pending on the final training and site certification visit required by the VA before we service patients.

We are looking at having a dedicated time each month for Audiology and Hearing Aid services at the Little Axe Clinic. This service is being developed now, and more information will be released as discussions with a few potential service providers evolve into set dates.

Additionally, information booths will be set up at Horseshoe Bend, Little Axe Resource Center, and the Tribal Complex for the upcoming meetings scheduled from the April General Council ballot discussions to illustrate the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and highlight the upcoming Veteran’s health program with the tribe.

A few other key bits of information:

- The new interactive phone menu has been updated and added to the Contract Health Services (CHS) to help patients access the most appropriate service provider by calling (405) 701-7951. We are hoping this new feature will speed up access to the patients seeking services and follow-up to their care.

- The AST Health System has implemented its new Customer Service Line. Please direct all complaints or compliments to (405) 701-7623.

Please be assured that this is the best way to have each situation addressed.
with consistent updates from our Health Staff. After the investigation of all issues is complete, our Health Director or a Clinic Administrator will personally contact you with updates, decisions, or question pertaining to your case. A heartfelt “thank you” to all of our wonderful patients and for the kind comments we’ve been getting! We received much more positive comments than negative comments over last month! We will continue to improve our services and expand our product lines for the tribe and other members we service.

- The AST Anti-Bullying Prevention “HOTLINE” is (405) 701-7988 during work hours 8-5, M-F, and for added confidentiality or after hours you may contact Mrs. Dana Thorpe 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 contact 911.

- The Affordable Care Act Decision Tool is ready to assist you in deciding 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/acao Please visit our site today to find out what you need to do to protect yourself and your family!

- Pharmacy After Hours Process: After hours and weekends/holidays, did you know you can go to Walgreens in either Shawnee or Norman, and have a five-day limited fill on prescriptions? All you have to do is submit your prescription, identify yourself with your AST CDIB Card and other appropriate ID, and then they will fill your prescription! Upon the first workday, you can have the remaining balance of your prescriptions transferred to your pharmacy in either Shawnee or Little Axe, and they will fill your remaining balance. This is an emergency convenience for your benefit and to save the contract health dollars as well, so please be aware of this and other benefits our tribe provides you.

- The Jim Thorpe Games will be coming to Shawnee/Tecumseh area soon. Please ensure that if your children and young adults are properly enrolled into the MSPI program if you want your fees covered along with having your CDIB card available to verify eligibility to join a team or compete in the games. Please contact Jennifer Sloan should you have any questions at (405) 701-7988.

The Employee of the Month for February 2014 was Mrs. Elise Grein. The Team of the Month for Jan 14 was Housekeeping and for Feb. 14 it was the Dental Clinic. We are very proud of our star performers and for their contributions to the patients, their fellow employees, and the tribe!

For March 2014 the Employee of the Month was Mr. Travis O’Dell, IT. The Team of the Month was Contract Health Service’s Office.

We are very proud of all of our team in health! (Note: Pictured from L to R is Mrs. Marla Throckmorton, Clinic Administrator, Mr. Melpherd Switch, ASTHA Chairman, Mr. Travis O’Dell Award Recipient, Mr. Troy LittleAxe, LSWN Chairman, and Mr. Mark Rogers, Executive Director).

If you have questions for the Health area, please contact Mark Rogers, Executive Director of Health, at 405-447-0300 (Little Axe) or 405-878-5850 (Shawnee). If you are unable to get a response on your issue please contact my Office.

Public Safety/Law Enforcement

The Police department has been busy this month doing the following:

- On April 12 law enforcement assisted with the AST Easter Egg Hunt.
- As of Monday, April 21, 2014 AST PD worked a total of 79 cases.
- On April 22, 2014 at 11:30 Detective, Jason Brinker will be attending a special luncheon at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Norman to receive a Special Recognition Award honoring the AST PD on the Pottawatomie County Highway Safety Corridor.
- Monday, April 21, 2014 Officer, Crowley will be escorting John L. Edwards’s body from Chickasha Ferguson Funeral Home to Walkers Funeral Home in Shawnee.

The point of contact for this program is Police Chief, Brad Jackson, and he may be reached at 405-275-3200. If he is unable to resolve your concern communicate with my office.

Media

The Media department continues to offer a range of printing services and ensures our newspaper, General Council Book and all copying and print needs for our programs are taken care of. If you should have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact Sherman Tiger, Media Director, at 405-598-1279. If you continue to have questions and/or concerns contact my Office at 405-275-4030, Ext. 188.

Intergovernmental Relations & Planning

No actions taken this period as there is no budget for this program. It is in the planning phase and is being considered for placement in the indirect cost proposal for 2015. This program is for short and long range planning – including intergovernmental relations, legislative and policy analysis and compliance for the tribe.

Conclusion

In conclusion – I have 14 months to go and we have many unmet policy, fiscal management and operational needs that I hope we can get addressed in the near future.

It is my goal to resolving the concerns you, my people, have stated need resolved. It is my further goal to make positive changes now and for our future. Help me to make that difference – stand beside me and Let’s Build for the Future (BFF) - united and together!

Thank you again for your support.

Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe with Haskell golf team member Josh Little Axe.

The Haskell golf team competed in the golf tournament held at Conrad Golf Course in Midwest City on April 7, 2014.
GOVERNOR'S SPOTLIGHT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Blake Goodman

Blake Goodman is the Tribal Youth Program (TYP) Coordinator. Blake became the TYP Coordinator in 2012. He has been with the Tribe since 2003 as a Camp Nikoti, Summer Camp Youth Counselor. He is passionate about working with youth and is always willing to lend a helping hand. Blake currently administers the Afterschool Program and a Youth Diversion Program at the Little Axe Resource Center.

Let's Build For the Future (BFF)!

GOVERNOR'S SPOTLIGHT EMPLOYEE

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

Let’s take a Fraud Alert quiz this month that could save you money and frustration.

If you can answer yes to any of the following questions, you could be involved in fraud or about to be scammed.

- Did you receive a CHECK from an item you sold on the internet, such as a car, boat, jewelry, etc.?
- Is the amount of the CHECK more than the items selling price?
- Did you receive the CHECK by an overnight delivery service?
- Is the CHECK connected to communicating with someone by mail?
- Is the CHECK drawn on a business or individual account that is different from the person buying your item or product?
- Have you been informed that you have been the winner of the LOTTERY, such as Canadian, Australian, El Gordo, or El Mundo, that you did not enter?
- Have you been asked to PAY money to receive a deposit from another country such as Canada, England or Nigeria?
- Are you receiving PAY or a COMMISSION for facilitating money transfers through your account?
- Did you respond to an email requesting you to CONFIRM, UPDATE, or PROVIDE your account information?

If you can answer yes to any of the above questions stop communicating with the individual immediately. If you become a victim of one of the above scams, file a police report immediately and notify your financial institution. You may need to close your account.

Best Regards,
Your AllNations Bank family,
Gene, Eugene, Amber, Diana, and Devan
M.S.P.I (Meth, Suicide Program Initiative)

Spring Break Highlight

MSPI’s highlight of the spring break was bringing in entertainment artists, The RezHeadz, which is a Hip Hop/Motivational group (a husband & wife duo) from Waco, Texas. Jason “Smoke” Nichols is a direct lineal descendent of “Mato Ska”– Tom Frosted of the Lower Yanktonai Sioux Tribe, his wife, Melissa “MiMi” Nichols is also of Native American/Hispanic descent. The event was held on Friday, March 21, 2014 at the Thunderbird Casino’s Event Center. It was fun and exciting for the youth that participated. The Rezheadz talked of their personal experiences of losing their teenage daughter to bullying & peer pressure which lead them to get educated on issues such as bullying, suicide, drug & alcohol prevention, gang awareness etc. Not only did they speak on these issues but they inspired the youth to harness their full potential without bowing to peer pressure and that through perseverance and dedication one can gain freedom from fear and destroy discouragement. They also played a game with the youth which was fun and interesting for them. Towards the end of the event they both performed their hip hop music, followed by signing autographs. The Rezheadz did an awesome job at motivating and entertaining the youth!

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
Attention All Tribal Elders!
It is time to start cutting lawns again. If you want your lawn cut again you must fill out an application. You can pick up an application at the Maintenance Department or you can call Reta Harjo at (405) 275-4030 Ext. 128 and she will mail one to you. In the Little Axe area you can pick up an application at the Resource Center, see Bucky Littlecharley.

The following are the requirements for this program:

1. Must be an Absentee Shawnee Tribal Member
2. Must be 65 years or older
3. Handicap/Disabled
4. Must provide proof of residency
5. All trash, branches, debris must be cleaned out of yard

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe Maintenance Department will ONLY mow and weeds eat applicant’s lawn. Maintenance will mow every two (2) weeks. Also, the maintenance workers will not trim trees, shrubs, etc. NO RENTAL PROPERTY will be mowed.

If you have any questions, please contact Reta Harjo at (405) 275-4030 ext. 128

NAME: __________________________________________
ADDRESS: _______________________________________
CITY: ______________ STATE: __________ ZIP: ___________
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Absentee Shawnee Tribal Justice System
Advisory Board Survey

The Tribal Justice System received a grant to upgrade the justice system by using new computer software; adding security cameras; and setting up an advisory board to develop a Strategic Plan for the court which will improve services offered, as well as community and crime victim concerns. The Advisory Board needs your input into this process.

YOUR INPUT IS VERY IMPORTANT.

1. Reason for your visit to the Absentee Shawnee Courthouse?
Marriage  Divorce  Child Custody  Guardianship  Criminal:__________
Other

2. What services do you feel the court lacks?
Anger management  Drug/Alcohol Counseling  ICW services such as counseling
DUI Assessments  Mediation for conflict resolution or custody issues
Alternative sentencing (other than jail time) Family Counseling
Employment Assistance Information Assistance with creating forms (subpoenas/petitions)
Other:______________

3. Upon leaving the courthouse, do you know what the next step is in completing your court case?
Yes  No

4. What improvements do you feel the courthouse could make to service community members better?

5. Which best describes your age group?
18-25  26-35  36-45  46-55  55 or older

6. Which of the following best describes your current relationship status?
Married  Divorced  Widowed  Separated  Domestic partnership
Common Law Marriage  Single, never Married

7. What is your ethnicity?
American Indian or Alaskan Native-Tribe__________  Asian or Pacific Islander
Black or African American  Hispanic or Latino  White/Caucasian  Prefer not to answer

8. What is the highest level of education you have completed?
GED  Some High School  Some College  Associate’s Degree
Bachelor’s Degree  Master’s Degree  Current Student

9. Current employment status:
Full Time  Part Time  Unemployed  Retired  Disabled

10. Have you ever had previous legal trouble?
None  Arrested  Detained  Incarcerated
Top Ten Questions Asked

1) Why am I not receiving any mail from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)? You must maintain a current address with the Office of the Special Trustee (OST) by calling their toll-free number 1-888-678-8636. For instance, if you have recently moved and mail was returned to OST, a hold will be placed on your account until you contact a representative. For further details, please contact OST.

2) It appears my checks are sent to me at random with no business guidelines. Not true. Whenever an individual receives $15.00 in his/her account from income generated from farming & grazing lease and $5.00 from an oil & gas lease OST will issue a check.

3) If I have an address change who should I contact? Once again, please call OST at 1-888-678-8636; Call the Garden City Group if you are involved in the Cobell settlement at 1-800-961-6109; and finally call the Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s enrollment office if you are enrolled at 405.275.4030 extension 107 or 103.

4) Who should I contact about a FEMA trailer? You should contact Steve Johnson in Secretary’s Office for information at 405.275.4030 extension 154.

5) I want to put a trailer on my trust property but I need verification I own the property. Who do I contact? You may contact the Realty Department to obtain a title status report which is equivalent to a deed. Most cases you can obtain a copy by coming to the office and requesting it in writing in one day.

6) Does my grandmother have a will? As long as a person is living we must protect their privacy, we cannot divulge that information to anyone. Once the individual is deceased the right to privacy is extinguished.

7) Why does it take so long to get a probate done? There are several phases to the probate process, the #1 reason is getting a family member to complete and return the Affidavit of Family History. The case cannot be submitted for probate without this document. We can usually obtain copies of all the other documents needed from Enrollment, Burial Assistance office and the BIA but that one must be signed by a family member.

The #2 reason is that we have one Judge for all the tribes (excluding the Five Civilized Tribes) in Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas. He has a very heavy case load and it takes a few months to get on his schedule.

8) Has my brothers or sisters been in to see you and what did they want? We are sorry but we cannot reveal that information nor can we tell them that you came in and what you wanted.

9) My Great-Grandpa received an Absentee Shawnee Allotment which he sold years ago. I would like to find out who owns it now and buy it back. Once Indian Land is sold it goes out of trust status, we no longer maintain records on it. You would have to go to the Court House in the county where the land is located. The BIA records on those allotments were shipped to the Federal Records Storage facility many years ago.

10) I want to do a family tree who should I contact? Contact the Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s Enrollment Department at 405.275.4030 extension 107 or 103.
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Holidays

Election Day

Absentee Ballot Request

- I hereby certify that I am or will be an Eligible Voter of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe on or before March 15, 2014.
- I cannot physically be present to cast my vote at the June 21, 2014 Run Off Election; therefore, I am requesting an Absentee Ballot be mailed to me at the following address.
- **Name (please print):**
- **Address:**
- **City:**
- **State:**
- **Zip:**
- **CDIB#:**
- **Date of Birth:**
- **Signature:**
- **Date:**

All REQUESTS must be returned to the Election Commission by the deadline of June 1, 2014. Mail to: Absentee Shawnee Election Commission P.O. Box 741 Tecumseh, Oklahoma 74873

ELECTION COMMISSION USE ONLY

Received: Approved: Disapproved: If Disapproved (reason):

Disposal Letter Mailed: Ballot Mailed: Election Commission/Representative

Please fill out each blank completely and return by the deadline.

Mail: (first) (middle) (maiden) (last)

Fax: (405) 273-1337 (Do not fax to any other fax #)

Phone: (405) 275-4030 ext. 150

Toll free number 1-800-256-3341 ext. 150

Deliver in Person to:

Election Commission Office located in the Tribal Court Building

All eligible voters are entitled to vote either at the polls or by Absentee Ballot. For your convenience, this form may be duplicated.
### May 2014

**2% milk served daily**  
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CALL AND LET US KNOW AT 405-275-4030 EXT 169  
OR NOTIFY YOUR DRIVER

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

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$15.00 each  
Contact Eileen Pearce  
227-2036

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**Little Axe Oklahoma**

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**If you'd like to submit an ad or article:**

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 20th of the current month**

**Unfortunately, we can only accept one picture per birthday person, not per birthday wish.**
On March 26, 2014, the Caregiver Program and Injury Prevention Program held an Elder’s Event at the Absentee Shawnee Resource Center in Little Axe. The event included warm up exercises, basketball dribbling activities, snacks, educational information and door prizes! With all the smiles, I think they had fun!

If you would like more information about the Caregivers Program or Injury Prevention Program just give us a call at: Sharon Ponkilla, LPN at 405-701-7630 or Rosie Tall Bear at 405-701-7601.
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Congratulations
Atira Vonne Chapman
on Graduating from Haskell Indian Nations University
on May 9, 2014

Love You Always,
Kevin and Mom
Happy Birthday Mommy!
Love your son, Aiyden

Michael Scott Isaiah Johnson
(May 10th)

HAPPY 22ND BIRTHDAY
You are the best son and brother.
We love you very much!

To my mom
Martha Watson
Happy Mother’s Day
Love You,
Trina

To my sisters
Alicia Engler and
Tina Whitten
Happy Mother’s Day!

Brittany Watson!!

Happy Birthday
Love You Always,
Kevin and Mom
Happy Birthday Mommy!
Love your son, Aiyden

HAPPY 61ST BIRTHDAY
TWILA PARKER!!

Macaroni Grill

Left to Right
Son Shawn Parker; David “Rusty” Parker,
Spouse; Twila Parker; Daughter Queta McCuddy; Darrell McCuddy & Grandson
Steven Ian McCuddy (4 mos. old)

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You are the best son & brother. We love you very much!
Mrs. Little was the winner of the recycling list who sign in at the booth. For those who came to our booth received a coffee mug.

Forms: Fire Prevention & Safety Survey for the smoke detector and carbon monoxide alarm to be installed. Sanitation Facilities Assistance Application can be returned at the office.

Rubbermaid: Hidden Recycler that attaches to the inside cabinet.

Winner for the Recycling Program

Winner in the Water Program

Pur:
1. Filters water over natural minerals
2. Reduces lead and mercury
3. Reduces chlorine (taste & odor) and more

Want to thank all who came to support our booth.
These are brief descriptions of current programs. Program guidelines are available in hard copy for at the Education Department office or for download at www.astribe.com.

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

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

**Attention:**

Fall 2014 Higher Education: Education Incentive Award Program applications are due June 15th. If you are still interested in taking spring 2014 courses please contact the Education Department.

All applications and guidelines are available at www.astribe.com. Click on Services and select Education. For more information, please call Tresha Spoon at (405) 275-4030 ext. 121 or 1-800-256-3341 or email to tresham@astribe.com.

**FITNESS CENTER HOURS**

Monday—Thursday
6:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

Friday
6:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday
CLOSED

The AST Diabetes and Wellness Fitness Center provides state of the art fitness equipment, including: treadmills, elliptical cross-trainers, recumbent bikes, free-weights, kettlebells, and isolation strength machines. The AST Fitness Center is available to all Native Americans and their household family members. AST employees are also eligible for membership. The AST Diabetes and Wellness Fitness Center strives to deliver a well-trained staff that seeks to help clients reach their personal fitness and health goals. Our staff takes pride in providing appropriate and educational fitness training to all clients, providing guidance in developing a successful plan to help prevent or manage diabetes and/or other health conditions, and providing clients with a fun and positive experience working with our staff. Please take some time to come by and visit the AST Diabetes and Wellness Fitness Center today!
Introduction
The information being provided is to help families understand what programs are offered through the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority and how to apply. Our programs target low income Native American families who need housing assistance. The programs currently being offered are Rental, Lease to Own and Down Payment Assistance.

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

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

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

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

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

In the event that your name is next in being offered a home, you will be notified by letter or phone. Annual Updates required to remain on the waiting list. A letter will be mailed out once your application has been approved notifying you of the date your name was placed on the waiting list.

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

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

All applicants are required to attend a counseling class conducted by our Resident Counselor before signing a lease.

Annual Recertification are required for Rental/Lease to Own programs

Inspections are performed on our homes annually.

Low Rent Housing
Our low rent housing program is provided to families in need of housing in the Shawnee and Tecumseh area. Rental houses are furnished with kitchen appliances, central heat and air, and mini blinds all throughout. In the Shawnee area, the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority has two elderly/handicap communities. These areas have fully and partial handicap accessible units. A laundry facility is located in the community for tenant use only.

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

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

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

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

Eligibility Requirements:
- A applicant must be eighteen (18) years of age
- Must be Native American enrolled in a Federally Recognized Tribe, with priority given to enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to apply
- A applicant must qualify as a low-income family, and meet minimum income guidelines
- A applicant must be first-time homeowner
- A applicant must have a credit score of 600 or better
- A property must be in the community
- Dwelling Unit must pass environmental inspection

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

NOTE: There is limited homes available for this program.
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
Absantee Shawnee Tribe Recycling Program

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

The Office of Environmental Health and Environmental Program is proud to announce the start of a new recycling program for the Absantee Shawnee Tribe. The recycling center is located in the yellow metal building adjacent to the OEH Department. The Absantee Shawnee Tribe (AST) Recycling Program Project declares that waste reduction and recycling are the preferable to the or processing of municipal waste, and that removing certain materials from the municipal waste stream will decrease the flow of solid waste to municipal landfills. AST Recycling Program used the knowledge and information about recycling markets and market demand as well as information obtained from various publications and the internet to comprise an analysis of material the recycling program will address at the start of the program. AST Recycling Program Plan establishes a goal that, by year’s end 2013, at least 25% of the recyclable material produced by the Tribe will be recycled.

Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle

The AST recycling program will initially focus on the following waste stream material: High-Grade shredded paper, Assorted office paper, Phone books, Magazines, Cardboard, Newspaper, and Aluminum cans. As the program and market develops, other recyclables will be sought. There is a cost associated with recycling. However, economic, social, and environmental benefits exceed these cost.


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** The sum of the percentages may not equal 100.0% due to rounding.

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 Absantee 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.astrib.com.

Submit completed application to:
Office of Environmental Health & Engineering
Absantee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801

Absantee Shawnee Tribe Complex
Office of Environmental Health & Engineering, Building 13
If you have any questions, you can reach us by phone at (405) 214-4235
The Domestic Violence Department would like to thank those who participated in this years annual balloon release at the Shawnee and Little Axe locations for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. A special thank you goes to Governor, Edwina Butler-Wolfe for the declaration and reading of the proclamation.

Although April is declared as Sexual Assault Awareness Month it is important to keep in mind that this type of violence happens everyday of the year in our community and possibly our families. If you or someone you know is affected by Sexual Assault and needs assistance please contact us at 405-273-2888. Below are the names and numbers of those who can help.

Cheri—(405)432-8318  
Jackie—(405) 432-9377  
Melissa—(405) 432-9657  
Linda—(405) 585-8348  
Kimberly—(405) 365-9658

*The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma’s Domestic Violence mission is to eliminate violence in Native Country and to strengthen Native families to end the cycle of violence.*
April 2014 News...
Our Easter egg hunt and Easter parties were a huge success!! The children, parents and staff had so much fun!! We always welcome parent participating and want to thank all of the parents who contributed items for our parties and those who also attended our Easter events.
We had our biannual cleaning day on Saturday, April 26th. The purpose of this is to replace broken toys, rearrange the learning centers within each classroom, disinfect all areas of the center, etc. We also have a company come in an clean all of our carpets.
One thing we strive for at Building Blocks to always put the safety of children first and foremost.
We’ve had to address issues regarding car seat safety with some parents. We certainly do not believe that parents intentionally disregard their child’s safety while transporting them. However, accidents happen with results that can be tragic. Therefore, we felt that we needed to do more. That is why we are in the process of coordinating with Rosie Tallbear in the Injury Prevention Department at the Little Axe Health Center to host a car seat safety day for the families that we serve, as well as tribal members. We will announce the details as soon as we finalize everything.

Dates to remember:
May 9th: “Muffins for Mothers” @ 8:00 a.m.
May 26th: Closed to observe Memorial Day

Thank you,
Billie Thompson Director

Dr. John Laddis Edwards
Beloved Pastor, Father, Brother, Grandfather, Uncle and Friend

Pastor Dr. John L. Edwards, Absentee Shawnee Tribal member, whose Indian name is Ne ki ne ki pi we (nee kah nee kah bah wee) “standing in front” (Horse clan) was 79 years when he went to be with our Heavenly Father on Good Friday, April 18, 2014. He was born to John “Toots” and Martha (Ellis) Edwards on January 12, 1935 in Concho, Oklahoma. John was the eldest of seven siblings. His surviving sisters are Charlene Whittington of Shawnee, Oklahoma; Gilreath Godwin of Knoxville, Iowa; and Atheda Fletcher of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

During high school and college he excelled in football, basketball, baseball and track. He was a natural athlete and he was also an academic scholar. He attended schools at Seneca Indian Boarding School, Pawnee (Gravy U) Indian Boarding School, Haskell Institute and he went on to receive his Doctorate of Education in 1974 from Arizona State University. He retired from the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1986. He became the Governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma in the early 1990’s. From 1995 to present date, he became an ordained minister and pastor of the Fellowship of American Indian Church in Chickasha, Oklahoma. Dr. Edwards served as an AARP Executive Council Member, Peacemaker with the Chickasaw Nation District Court and volunteered in many other areas.

Dr. Edwards is preceded in death by his father, John and his mother, Martha. Brothers preceding him in death are James Levi (Lee) Edwards, Glen Wayne Edwards, and sister, Cheryl Ann Edwards Kennedy. He is also preceded in death by son, Troy Dean Edwards and grandson, Freeman Edwards. Great grandchildren preceding him in death are Gavin Colbert and Isabella Row.


The wake was held at Walker Funeral home in Shawnee, Oklahoma on Monday, April 21st with fellowship following at Horseshoe Bend Community building with Cindy Carpenter, Mary Lou Masquat, Kay Wallace, Ramona Sloat McCoy, Reta Harjo and Grayling Johnson. The funeral service and final respects were at the First Baptist Church in Chickasha, Oklahoma on Tuesday, April 22nd. Tribal rites were given by George Blanchard and burial was at Muncrief Cemetery in Ninnekah, Oklahoma.
April has been a very busy month for the Horse Shoe Bend after school program. Students have been diligently working and studying on their basic studies. As everyone knows spring is when the Achievement tests start at surrounding schools. Our older students are taking advantage of the two week preparation at North Rock Creek in preparing for tests. The younger age group is receiving additional help by the After School staff and tutors to prepare for their upcoming tests.

As the school year comes to an end we will be scheduling activities for the summer. On April 7, 2014 I attended the April Awards Assembly at North Rock Creek and saw many of our after school student attendees receive awards.

Horse Shoe Bend After School Program

The tutors at the Horse Shoe Bend are VERY PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS and how well they have performed in school.

EASTER EGG HUNT

On April 16, 2014 students colored eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt that occurred on April 17, 2014. All of the students participated in the egg hunt. We would like to thank the White Turkey Band ladies for their time and for sponsoring this event for the students:

Twila Parker, Gwen Switch, Charlotte Ellis, Janet Jeske, Ramona McCoy, Stella and David Little, June Buckner, Kay Wallace, Elaine Brown.

We appreciate everything that the White Turkey Committee does for our students that take part in our after school program.

Thursday, May 15, 2014, will be the last day of our after school program this semester. We will be scheduling some after school activities and flyers will be sent out to students. If you have any questions about the after school program please call 405 481-0397.

Thank you
Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Governor
Dear Tribal Members,

I am seeking the office of Tribal Representative and I am asking for your vote in the General Election on June 21, 2014. We need a new Tribal Representative who will serve you with a moral mission of protection and empowerment of our tribal family.

By protection I mean security for our tribal families, parents, children and the elderly. We can and should be secure in our homes and property and know that our tribal leaders will protect our security.

By empowerment I mean that we should maintain a nurturing approach to provide all our tribal members and their families the opportunities of education, job security, health care and sanitary and safe housing.

I will represent the Absentee Shawnee Tribe with dignity and honesty. I will give you the full extent of my knowledge and experience. I want to provide for you a safe and opportunistic future.

Respectfully,
Kenneth Blanchard

Dear Tribal Members,

I pledge to be accountable, honest, and serve with the upmost integrity in the Office of Lt. Governor. You, the tribal members, deserve a person who will serve to their best of their ability in this most esteemed office. As an elected official, I will strive to work as a cohesive unit for the betterment and progression of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. AST needs a leader who is concerned about ongoing issues with our sovereignty and local community taxation. As Lt. Governor, I will strive to locate resources to offer increased services through areas of education, health, public safety, social services, and economic development.

Hope everyone will take the time to vote by absentee ballot or in person at one of the polling place on Saturday, June 21, 2014.

VOTE KATHY DEERE FOR LT. GOVERNOR

Fellow Tribal Members,

My name is Leah D. Bates and I am seeking your support as I pursue the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Treasurer seat. My deep-rooted tribal beliefs have further propelled me to not only continue to work for my tribal people, but to help on a more grand scale. The past five years, I have had the privilege to work in multiple positions within the AST Health System Administration. I have been a stable infrastructure through executive support services for the Health Board and Executive Health Director in the largest budget area and resource expenditure in the tribe. I have been a key component in creating a smooth transition for multiple Directors. In each job title, I have meticulously absorbed as much knowledge and experience as possible so that I may be able to accomplish my job duties to an exceptional level. Through my work ethic, I have been instrumental in implementing a time clock system for our health staff, helped create health budgets, and maintain grants with knowledge of grant guidelines. I also have experience as a Human Resource Assistant, auditor, payroll, marketing and social media, new employee training and orientation. Currently as an AST Clinic Program Analyst, I also help guide and fund tribal members who seek to gain education to further their careers in a health related field. Outside of Health Administration, I aim to strengthen our tribal community through establishing a boys and girls club, increasing the retention of our tribal youth within the Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative (MSPI), providing leadership in implementing a large community playground for the Little Axe area, and developing an AST tribal language class for elementary tribal youth.

As a mother of five children, I know the importance of hard work and establishing a financial budget that is both beneficial and practical. I will apply all of my knowledge, skills, ability and experience in a focused, combined effort contributing towards being financially stable and help our tribe provide sustainability for our future generations. I seek to work in a collaborative manner, with various groups of people, to provide an outcome with positive results.

Sincerely,
Leah D. Bates
Leading Candidate for AST Treasurer
Jeff Gibson for Tribal Representative,

I would like to thank the Absentee Shawnee Tribe for getting out to vote and making a difference here at the tribe. It has been a privilege to work for you the last 4 years and I would like to express some of the accomplishments since I have been in office since 2010. Our first venture in remodeling the Horseshoe Bend community building was a great success with the start of the after school program that was developed under my leadership, and since been growing. I am thankful it has progressed in the Little Axe area and will be in the Shawnee area soon. That was one of my future accomplishments here for the tribe and I had many talks on this issue.

Gaming was in a situation where we were not progressing and since the new TEC board was replaced with new officers and a new General Manager took control of both casinos in 2011 the growth has been on the rise until 2014. I made a change to get back into Gaming I am ready for any battle that arises. We as the Executive Committee need to let the areas that are professional and that make money for a living to continue and support their profession instead of micromanaging any area of our Tribal Businesses. I am happy to say I was involved in this movement of gaming to excel and continue their efforts in providing more money for better services for our tribal members.

Building Blocks Learning Center has been a great service to the Shawnee area. In 2013, I decided to expand and bring another facility to the Little Axe area and it is in the stages for the parking lot to take place. The facility is going to be another Absentee Shawnee Tribal business that is needed and something we as Tribal Members can be proud of. I worked with Grant Writer Rick Short, the Tribe received an $800,000.00 ICBG matching grant for the new camp to be built for our Tribal Members that I dearly want back in my possession so I can finish my vision for the Tribe and to be located off HWY 9. This is a good venture and could be utilized year round and could bring in revenue for the tribe. In June of 2013, I was over several programs and the programs was striving and progressing without issues, now I see over two programs which is Cultural Preservation and The Music Program which both are growing rapidly. I am very proud to say The 5 year plan for Cultural Preservation is going to be a proud event for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. These are just a few developments that I’m happy to say I’m glad to be a part of and have many more developments in store for the Tribe.

VOTE JEFF GIBSON,
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Contract Health Services

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 a secondary payer/payer of last resort.
4. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to CHS. You may leave bills with Rhonda Kaseca at the Shawnee Clinic and Glendine Blanchard at the Little Axe Health Center.

Contract Health Services for AST members without Insurance

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

1. You must apply for any alternate resources for which you may be eligible - Medicare, Medicaid, SoonerCare, insurance, etc.
2. Complete CHS Patient Update form and update all information every 6 months.
3. You must utilize the services provided within the AST health clinics prior to being referred out.
4. Referrals for outside services must be sent to CHS. Services must be medically approved by an AST Health provider.
5. An appointment will be scheduled and a COB will be sent to the outside provider.
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**AST PHARMACY NEWS**

- Upcoming Pharmacy Department closures are as follows:
  - October 1, 2013 for inventory
  - November 11, 2013 to observe Veteran’s Day

- Deliveries of controlled medications are not allowed.

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

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

- When requesting refills, please provide 24 hours’ notice until pick-up. We will need your refill number, located above your name on the prescription label, or the names of your medication in order to fill.

- Present insurance cards each time you pick up or drop off a prescription.

- Keep us informed of changes in address, phone number, and other contact information (changes at registration do not flow to pharmacy).

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

**Hours of Operation:**

- Little Axe: 8am-5pm & 7:30a-5:30p Drive-Thru Monday - Friday
  - Phone - (405) 292-9530
- Shawnee: 7am-5pm Monday-Friday
  - Phone - (405) 878-5859

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

Stop Diabetes

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

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

Often people with type 2 diabetes have no symptoms.

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

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

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

- calcium
- magnesium
- potassium
- vitamins A, C, and E
- fiber
- nuts
- fish high in Omega-3 fatty acids, whole grains, nuts, fat-free milk and yogurt. To learn more about eating these superfoods and recipes visit diabetes.org and sign up for Wellness and Healthy Eating classes at the Little Axe Clinic. Call Sidna McKane to sign up at 405 701-7977.

Source: American Diabetes Association at www.diabetes.org

-Thank you,
Pharmacy Staff
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 the 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)

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 at 275-4036, ext. 133.

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