Election Day is March 16

Be Sure to Vote!!!

Easter Egg Hunt!
Saturday, March 23rd, 9 am
Behind Thunderbird Casino
15700 East St. Hwy 9
Pow-Wow Grounds
Norman, OK

CDIB required for all participants.
Prizes and refreshments for attendees, early registration required.
Contact Point: L. Longhorn 405.275.4030

Dedication Ceremony
Lt. Governor Isaac Gibson and White Turkey Band
Of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe
Cordially invites you to attend the Dedication of the
Community Tornado Warning System
At the Horseshoe Bend Community Center
46309 Garrett's Lake Road

Hosted by
White Turkey Band
SATURDAY
MARCH 2, 2013
1:00 p.m.
Refreshments provided

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BE SURE TO VOTE!!!
March 2013 February was a short month. We are continuously busy. Some things may seem very small but they still take time and they still get done. There is really nothing major to report this month. The BIA Office of Self Governance is working on the priorities for 2013. We are asked to place requested increases in the prioritized categories but then they asked us to reduce other line items. It is a must that the tribe increases the general fund. Federal funding is going to get smaller each year. It isn’t so drastic that it keeps the Tribe from providing services but over a number of years, it will become a hardship for the Tribe. That’s what makes me so interested in the cattle operation. It would still be considered a small operation but the rate of return is unbelievable! With no more money than the tribe has had to spend and the money that we made when we went to auction was great. That was a good day. Hopefully next year will be just as good. The herd doubled in 2012. If our luck holds out, hopefully it will double in 2013. However, we still need to focus on other avenues for generating revenue for the tribe. Gaming is wide spread in Indian Country and becoming more and more competitive. I don’t think it is the answer for everything. It sure help this tribe for many years, now the neighboring tribes are all in the gaming business too. We did to find something like the cattle industry, or maybe the cattle industry is it for us. Maybe it will boom and be out main source of income. If we did what we did with such little effort during the worst drought since the dust bowl who knows what might happen in perfect conditions. Hope all of you are well, please call or come by. I always enjoy our visits.

Isaac Gibson

Lieutenant Governor
Greetings TRIBAL MEMBERS,

March is here and the winds will be blowing so hang on to your hat, hair and whatever else! It is that time of year for Elections and this time you will be going to the polls for Governor and Secretary. Remember to vote on March 16, for the candidate of your choice!

• Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 23rd, 10 am. behind Thunderbird Casino Pow-Wow Grounds, Norman, OK.

• 2012 Annual Audit has begun for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. Finance department has begun gathering requested sampling data to conduct the audit. It usually takes about three four months to complete the audit.

• AST Health Board Authority and LSWN Board Meeting, held every third Tuesday, Little Axe Health Facility, Little Axe, OK. Serves as Ad Hoc non-voting member. Monthly reports of Executive Director, Department/Program Directors, financial, and activities of health facility are presented. We would like to extend to the Health Board appreciation and thank you for serving on the Health Board. The Board consists of Troy Little Axe, Chairman, Greg Terrell, Secretary. Lisa Johnson Billy, member, Nathan Boren, member, and have vacancies for two more board members. Two names have been recommended by the board for the next RECM meeting and I will update with the names in next month’s newsletter.

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

• Elders’ Monthly meeting are held every third Saturday, either at AST Center, or Title VI Boulder, 10 am. If you are 55 years and older, please come join us for fellowship, food, and fun times together. Fundraisers, outings, and cultural activities are planned monthly. The Elders invited the candidates to come and talk about their platform (policies and promises if elected).

Tobacco Compact

As previously reported, most of the tribes in Oklahoma have Tobacco Compacts that are expiring in June of this year. Because of this, many tribes feel the need to join forces and to resuscitate a regional coalition of tribes to tackle issues that are important to all of us. The United Indians of Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas (UNOKT) is being formed to fill this need. This group has had several organizational meetings and I have been able to attend most of them. The last meeting focused more on getting the group organized and adopting a constitution. The next meeting on March 8th will focus more on a joint or unified approach to Tobacco Compact negotiations with the State of Oklahoma.

GENERAL ELECTION

The next general election will be on Saturday, March 16, 2013. I encourage you to get out and exercise your right to vote.

If you have any issues or concerns that you would like addressed in the newsletter, please let me know.

Teri Reed
Tribal Secretary
teri@astribe.com
405-275-4030 Ext 104
Greetings Tribal Members,

I hope this month brings each of you happiness and good health. Seems like we are just flying into this year and things in the office have been busy and eventful as usual. I hope everyone is enjoying this warm and chilly Oklahoma weather. I'm looking forward to warmer days. Be sure to encourage your children to follow their dreams and to stay in school. Education is great to have and continue to stay active and healthy. Go outside and play basketball, baseball or any sport for that matter and enjoy the little things with your loved ones.

I have enjoyed the visits I have received from the Tribal Members this past month. I appreciate the concerns. I am always happy to hear from y'all so if you have any issues or concerns that you would like to visit with me about please feel free to call, email or stop by my office and I will be more than happy to visit with you. I would like to take a moment to say Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all the tribal members celebrating this month. My condolences go out to the tribal members that may have lost loved ones these past months. Remember to always tell your family and close friends how much they mean to you as you never know when we might lose them.

The Building Blocks day care in Shawnee recently expanded their storage capacity for the children’s seasonal items which is located in the Building Blocks playground area. The kids are learning so much from their teachers and we appreciate everything the director and the staff of Building Blocks are doing to educate our young tribal members and Native American children. We are looking forward to the new Building Blocks Day Care which will be located in Little Axe.

The Cattle Operation is going quite well and our cattle herd is growing rapidly. The total number of cows we have now is 61 which include 19 new calves.

Just an update on the Building Blocks project: we have received our dirt work permit and have begun the process of removing dirt and trees in that area. We are hoping to receive our building permit from the City of Norman anytime now and once received we can continue on with the construction part of the project.

Building Blocks III - Little Axe Site (Located in front of the Little Axe Health Clinic)

Rick Short, Secretary Teri Reed, Representative Jeff Gibson, Treasurer Kathy Deere, Assistant to Representative Bridgette Wilson

The Finance office continues our efforts in keeping the day to day activities flowing effectively and efficiently through communication between the Finance office and Programs. In working together, we have found the most time effective and cost effective processes for transacting business.
The following are Resolutions passed through January 16, 2013

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS:

E-AS-13-01 01/16/13
Re-appoints Cynthia Carpenter to the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for a term of (2) two years effective January 16, 2013 and expiring January 15, 2015.

E-AS-13-02 01/16/13
Re-appoints Roy Larney to the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for a term of (2) two years effective January 16, 2013 and expiring January 15, 2015.

E-AS-13-03 01/16/13
Re-appoints Edwina Butler-Wolfe for a two (2) year term to the Absentee Shawnee Education Committee, effective January 16, 2013 and expiring January 15, 2015.

E-AS-13-04 01/16/13
Re-appoints Lewis Allen Johnson for a two (2) year term to the Absentee Shawnee Education Committee, effective January 16, 2013 and expiring January 15, 2015.

E-AS-13-05 01/16/13
Authorizes and approves the certification of the Membership Roll of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as being accurate and correct. (3831 Members)
FURTHER, that the membership roll contains only the names of those persons who were determined to meet the requirements of enrollment and therefore, enrolled pursuant to the provisions of the Absentee Shawnee Constitution and By-laws.

E-AS-13-06 01/16/13
Approves and accepts Steven Duane Wallace, Cierra Shawnae Wallace, James Steven Box-Kessler, Michael Frank Ellis, Jr., Madelynn Rose Tiger, Hayven Irene Huntington, Shelly Kristin McMillan, Keaston James Guthrie Thorpe, Grace Janette Thorpe, Colby Richard Mills, Hanna Frances Mills, Lindsey Gayle Mills, Cheveyo Lachaim Kavi Johnson, Nizhoni Naim River Johnson, Jenifer Lyn Zinn, Justin Ray Coleman, Karli Jessica Bump, Haley Kalyn Bump, Ashley Nicole Johnson and Alexis Lynn Johnson as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

E-AS-13-07 01/16/13
Grants membership relinquishment of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to Jose Maria Solis, a minor, provided he is accepted into the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma.

E-AS-13-08 01/16/13
Grants membership relinquishment of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to Allan Jesus Solis, a minor, provided he is accepted into the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma.

E-AS-13-09 01/16/13
Grants membership relinquishment of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to Adrianna Clavel Solis, a minor, provided she is accepted into the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma.

E-AS-13-10 01/16/13
Authorizes the negotiation and approval of all geophysical exploration permits for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s undivided or all 1/1 interests held in trust status by the United States of America on behalf of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

E-AS-13-11 01/16/13
Authorizes, adopts, and approves the submission of an application to the Administration of Native Americans Social and Economic Strategies – SEDS PROGRAM and in connection with such application does resolve and make assurances that all efforts and documents are in compliance with any and all program requirements.
ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

ELECTION DAY IS MARCH 16

You may vote for the candidate of your choice at either the LITTLE AXE RESOURCE CENTER or THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE POLICE DEPARTMENT on March 16, 2013 between the hours of 8 am and 6 pm. Please be prepared to show your CDIB card or driver’s license.

If you are unable to vote in person you may request an Emergency Ballot up to March 15, 2013. Consult your Election Ordinance for the procedures on voting by Emergency Ballot.

BALLOT

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
PRIMARY ELECTION
SATURDAY MARCH 16, 2013

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS: Cast your vote by placing a [X] or [✓] mark in the box next to the candidate of your choice.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECRETARY:

Sharon Ponkilla ..........................................................[  ]

Vera Gibson Dawsey..................................................

Teri Reed… ...............................................................[  ]

DON’T FORGET TO VOTE!!!
Greetings Tribal Members,

Hope you survived the March winds, kept your bonnets on and hair in place! As the third quarter of 2013 comes to an end, office of Treasurer continues to be a good steward to the tribe’s financial resources, ensuring stringent internal controls, sound financial management, and providing accountability and transparency.

The following activities I have been involved and participated:

**2012 ASED A, INC. Audit:** Participated in 2012 ASED A, INC., audit review with staff members of C.P.A. firm Finley & Cook.

**Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority, Inc. (ASEDA):** Attended March board meeting with the following business topics and discussions:

- **Brothers Bottling Company, LLC:** Met with representatives of Brothers Bottling Company, a Native American owned water bottling company, out of El Reno, OK.
- **Hi Tech Air Solutions:** Met with representative of Hi Tech Air Solutions who are on the cutting edge of technology in eliminating Kennel Cough, upper respiratory infections, Viruses, Bacteria and Odors in facilities.
- **The Automated Barista:** Met with representatives of Perk Dynamics, located in Shawnee, OK. Automated Barista provides bean to cup service in fresh beans, fresh milk and gourmet powders.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Native CDFI NACA Grant:** Its official, Absentee Shawnee Tribe submitted an application to U.S. department of Treasury for the purpose of receiving funding for three years in the amount of $150,000 per year. If funded, Absentee Shawnee Tribe will have program that will enhance our tribal community, assist tribal members in starting own business, improving credit scores and provide a deterrent to payday lending through financial literacy for both middle class and young. So cross your fingers that AST will be funded and bring this exciting program to our tribe.

**Absentee Shawnee Tribe Constitution Revision Committee:** Since my last article, our committee has been picking up steam with encouragement of getting an opportunity to meet with Suzanne Chaney and Sherry Lovin of the B.I.A. Anadarko Regional Office and Executive Committee (E.C.). The constitution revision committee provided a question and answer session for both groups on January 31st. Our committee meeting with B.I.A. representatives provided an insight on Secretarial Elections as a handout and assistance will be provided for review and legal interpretation by B.I.A on our revised constitution.

In February 20th, our constitution revision committee meeting with the Executive Committee (E.C.) was postponed due to inclement weather. The purpose of this meeting was to bring the E.C. up to date on the progress of our committee. Our committee continues to seek out volunteer tribal members who are interested in participating and being a part of a better tomorrow. Are you an elder or youth willing to better our tribe, please contact Eddie Brokeshoulder at 405-275-4030 x 148 or eddieb@astribe.com?

Please exercise your right to VOTE on ELECTION DAY, March 16, 2013.

In closing, please come by our office, our doors are always open for your questions, and concerns. Please contact me Eddie Brokeshoulder, 405-275-4030 x 148 or eddieb@astribe.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eddie Brokeshoulder Financial Consultant

**AST CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE SEEKING VOLUNTEER TRIBAL MEMBERS**

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

Are you an Elder or Youth willing to better the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, if so please contact: Eddie Brokeshoulder at 405-275-4030 x 148 or eddieb@astribe.com
The students are settling down for second semester, it seems to take them a couple of weeks to have them focus back into school. Some students are in different classes from the first to the final semester. Tutors have been working diligently teaching students to add, subtract, multiply, divide fractions. Our younger students are learning to put words into a complete sentence and also are working very hard in learning the correct sounds of letters of the alphabet. Tutors strongly focus on student needs where is needed. We have a total of eight Oklahoma Baptist University Students and one college student from Oklahoma City Community College that travel out to Horse Shoe Bend.

I am working with the MSPI Program which is directed by Jenifer Sloan from the Behavioral Health Programs of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. Jenifer has hired a Part-Time Music Instructor, Steve Williams who will be teaching students at Horse Shoe Bend After School to play a variety of music instruments. Steve is at Horse Shoe Bend every Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Students are enjoying the music lessons that is provided for them.

KATIE WILSON

Katie was selected in her First Grade Class at North Rock Creek School as the Achiever of the Month of January. This is her second year attending the after school program and is progressing each day. Katie always has a smile when entering the center and her favorite tutor is Johanna Kleinsasser from O.B.U. Katie is the daughter of Calvin and Annie Wilson. Her tribal affiliation is Navajo.

ALIJAH MASQUAS

Alijah was named Scholar for the Month of January. She is in the Second Grade at North Rock Creek School and this is her second year attending Horse Shoe Bend. Alijah is always ready to work on her homework when coming to the center and she is a smart young student. Alijah is the daughter of Phillip Masquas. She is a Tribal Member of the Sac and Fox Tribe of Oklahoma.

CHRISTIAN COODY and JORDAN COODY play in a basketball league in Shawnee every Saturday came in Third in their age group. Boys were coached by their dad Kyle Coody.

I am in the process of planning activities for Spring Break, will be teaming up with the MSPI Program for an eventful week.

Easter is March 31, 2013 and we will be planning an Easter Egg Hunt for our students.

The new building is coming along cement was poured on February 11, 2013, hoping to move in by the middle of March 2013. I would like to thank the maintenance department for their work on this project with the cement.

If you have any questions please call, 405 481-0397.

Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Director
Horse Shoe Bend After School Program
Dale mid-high student, Devin Voyles was recently notified that he is now a member of the Oklahoma JR Honor Society. To be a member a student must be in the top 10% of their class. Devin is the son of David and Danielle Voyles and great grandson of Stan and Clara Kaskaske.

Way to go Devin!

**VANITY CAR TAGS FOR SALE**

Little Axe Oklahoma

$20.00 EACH

CONTACT

EILEEN PEARCE 227-2036

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**Tribal Youth Council**

**Location:** AST Complex Building I

**Date/Time:** First Meeting will be March 2nd at 10:00am and March 23rd, we are going to do a community project. Meetings vary in length, but usually last at least an hour.

**Participants Ages:** 6th grade to 12th grade. The Youth Council is open to all students in this grade range.

**Transportation:** Parents will be responsible for bringing and picking up their child.

**What is it?** The Youth Council is a way for students from the surrounding AST communities to work together and bring to light things they need help with in their school. It is also a way for students to work and learn how they can create a difference for the tribe and their own community. We explore different prevention topics, volunteer in the community, and also explore further educational options.

**Questions:** For further questions please contact Tresha Spoon at 275-1030 ext. 121, or Blake Goodman at 364-7669.

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**After School Program**

Come join us at the AST Resource Center!!!

- Free Tutoring in all subjects!
- Snacks!
- Games and activities!
- Field Trips!
- Delinquency Prevention!
- Healthy Lifestyles!

**And Much More!**

**OPEN TO ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

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

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

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

For more information and sign up please contact Blake Goodman at (405) 364-7569
The Absentee Shawnee Fitness Program would like to congratulate the winners of the 4th quarter for the 2012 AST Employee Fitness Competition!

For the final quarter of 2012, the winners are:

1st PLACE
Team “Glow Girls”
(Glendine Blanchard and Flo Mann)

2nd PLACE
Team “Mission Slim-Possibles”
(Jayne Werst and Phyllis Tiger)

3rd PLACE
Team “Shape Shifters”
(Toni Donahoe and Sena Yesslith)

The Absentee Shawnee Fitness Program would like to recognize the efforts of all the AST employees that participated in the 2012 Fitness Competition. Your habits of exercise and physical activity will go a long way in promoting a healthy body. Remember to be active and make exercise a part of your daily routine. Whether it’s at a gym, at home, or at work, get out and get moving every day!
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

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Complex
Office of Environmental Health & Engineering, Building 13

If you have any questions, you can reach us by phone at (405) 214-4235

The family of Pam (Pumkin) Tiger

We would like to say “Thank You” to everyone who thought of our “beloved baby sister” during her hospital stay. Thanks for all the kind words, the food and prayer’s that were sent our way. Her smile and laughter will be missed by us all but her suffering is over.

Special thanks to Lula Bettelyoun, Kat and Suzie Williams, Paula Lime, as well as Lt. Governor Isaac Gibson and his crew, Governor George Blanchard for always being there for her and Rep. Jeff Gibson, thank you.

We hope you will all remember something funny she told you or did to make you smile but most of all ……………..remember we are not promised tomorrow so enjoy your family and friends TODAY!
To make an appointment, if anyone needs assistance with will before, then call same number to make arrangements for an appointment to meet with an OILS attorney.

If you’d like to submit an ad or article give us a call at:
(405) 598-1279
(405) 481-0558
or send us an e-mail at:
stiger@astribe.com

AST PHARMACY NEWS

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

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

**AST COUNTRY KITCHEN**

**Early Bird Breakfast**

$4.99

2 Eggs/Bacon or Sausage/Hash Browns
Biscuits & Gravy or Toast & Coffee

(Not valid on Saturday or Sunday. 1 coupon per customer. With coupon. No substitutions)

Open 7 Days A Week!

366-7220

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

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

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

Often people with type 2 diabetes have no symptoms.

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

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

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

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

Beans, dark green leafy vegetables, citrus fruit, sweet potatoes, berries, tomatoes, fish high in Omega-3 fatty acids, whole grains, nuts, fat-free milk and yogurt. To learn more about eating these superfoods and recipes visit diabetes.org and sign up for Wellness and Healthy Eating classes at the Little Axe Clinic. Call Sidna McKane to sign up at 405 701-7977.

Source: American Diabetes Association at www.diabetes.org
Oklahoma Inte-tribal Diabetes Coalition

4th Annual Benefit Golf Scramble
Friday, April 19th @ 8:30 a.m.   Firelake Golf Course, Shawnee, OK

☐ Team entry $240/team  In case of rain cancellation, event will be held Friday, May 3rd.
☐ Single entry $60/person

Entry Fee Includes: Green Fee, Golf Cart, Door Prize Drawing, Raffle Ticket and Awards Luncheon
8 a.m. Check-In / 8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start – 4 man Scramble Format

Contact Name/Company: ____________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________
Phone: __________________________________________________________________ Email: ____________________________________________

Please provide a contact number for at least one team member in case of cancellation.

TEAM PLAYERS  Please Print Names

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

☐ I would like PLATINUM LEVEL Sponsorship - $1,500 or Greater
   Includes: Acknowledgement in any press releases; Company signage displayed on 4 holes; Twelve player entry fees; 4 extra raffle tickets per player; Recognition at awards luncheon

☐ I would like GOLD LEVEL Sponsorship - $1,000
   Includes: Company signage displayed on 3 holes; Eight player entry fees; 3 extra raffle tickets per player; Recognition at awards luncheon

☐ I would like SILVER LEVEL Sponsorship - $700
   Includes: Company signage displayed on 2 holes; Four player entry fees; 2 extra raffle tickets per player; Recognition at awards luncheon

☐ I would like BRONZE LEVEL Sponsorship - $350
   Includes: Company signage displayed on 1 hole; Four player entry fees; 1 extra raffle ticket per player; Recognition at awards luncheon

☐ I would like a HOLE Sponsorship - $100
   Includes: Company signage displayed on 1 hole – Businesses may sponsor more than one hole

☐ I would like to DONATE items for the Door Prize Drawing - Door prize drawings occur at the awards luncheon. Donated items have included: gift certificates, electronics, concert/event/game tickets, athletic items, t-shirts and more.

PAYMENT (Credit Card payments not accepted)

☐ Check enclosed, payable to Oklahoma Inter-tribal Diabetes Coalition for $__________

Deadline to register is Monday, April 15, 2013 by 5:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Lea Caufield:
Lea.caufield@chickasaw.net
580-421-4532 x82266

See registration form for payment details
Jacobson Foundation Seeks Executive Director

The Jacobson Foundation (JF), the Governing Body of the Jacobson House, Board of Trustees is seeking applications for the position of Executive Director. The person selected for this position is expected to carry out the policies and directives of the Jacobson Foundation Board of Trustees, manage the day-to-day affairs of the Jacobson House and provide leadership and direction to volunteers at the Jacobson House in Norman, OK.

The following timetable has been established to search for and appoint a new Executive Director:
- March 29, 2013 Advertise and Accept Applications
- April 22, 2013 Review applications and resumes
- May 13, 2013 Interview selected candidates
- May 22, 2013 Recommend candidate to the Board
- June 1, 2013 Final approval by the Board

Interested candidates must submit a resume and a cover letter detailing their job experience, accomplishments, references and the reasons they would be a successful candidate, hand delivered or postmarked, by Friday, March 29, 2013 to:

Dan Brackett, Chair, Board of Trustees

About Jacobson Foundation

The purpose of the Jacobson Foundation, through the operation of the Jacobson House Native Art Center, shall be to preserve the property and legacy of Oscar B. Jacobson and his wife, Jean d’Ucel Jacobson to honor the achievement of the “Kiowa Five” and those Native American art students who have followed them, to showcase Native American fine art and culture, in order to perpetuate understanding and respect among people, creating a setting for cross-cultural experiences, and to serve as a resource for the University of Oklahoma and for the community.

To accomplish its purpose, the Jacobson Foundation will:
- Acquire and manage funding for the continued restoration and maintenance of the historic Oscar B. Jacobson House and grounds.
- Develop an Annual program of events and exhibits that showcase Native artists and that educate the community on Native arts and artifacts.
- Acquire and maintain a collection of Native arts and artifacts.
- Work cooperatively with the University of Oklahoma in educational programming, research, and community service.

TITLE: Executive Director

Within the guidelines and oversight of the Board of Trustees (Board), the Executive Director (ED) is responsible to formulate procedures and provide overall direction to plan, direct, and coordinate operational activities and cultural events of the Jacobson House (JH).

Tasks:
1. Direct, coordinate, and track the budget activities for JH to fund operations, maximize investments, and increase efficiency.
2. Prepare budgets for approval; coordinate the preparation of financial records with the Treasurer of the Board in a timely manner.
3. Provides a formal report at each Regular Board Meeting and authors an Annual Report.
4. Confer with Board members and staff members to discuss issues, coordinate activities, and resolve problems.
5. Direct and coordinate daily activities and cultural programs at JH to maximize potential of all of JH resources.
6. Negotiate or approve contracts or agreements with suppliers, distributors, federal or state agencies, or other organizational entities.
7. Organize, coordinate, and manage resources for the fundraising activities as directed by the Board, lead and participate in obtaining grants and other funding for implementation of JH programs.
8. Represent the JH and Jacobson Foundation in a professional manner that promotes respect for the organization.
9. Diligently advocate and promote the legacy, art, programs, and activities of the JH and Oscar B. Jacobson.
10. Assure the maintenance and preservation of the property owned and leased by the Jacobson Foundation.
11. Establish and maintain relationships with businesses, other art related organizations, and media for purposes of establishing the value of the Jacobson Foundation to the community, marketing art products, and generating awareness of JH cultural programs.

Knowledge:
1. Native American — Knowledge of Native American art, culture, heritage, traditions, and the knowledge to organize Native American programs.
2. Artists and Art Gallery — Knowledge of the many facets of an art gallery, including but not limited to artists, collectors, personnel. Ability to connect and interact with artists in a business situation as well as mentor artists regarding gallery relationships.
3. Administration and Management — Knowledge of business and management principles involved in strategic planning, resource allocation, human resources, leadership technique, and coordination of people and resources.
4. Economics and Accounting — Knowledge of economic and accounting principles and practices, and reporting of financial data.
5. Customer and Personal Service — Knowledge of principles and procedures for providing customer and personal services. This includes customer needs assessment, meeting quality standards for services, and evaluation of customer satisfaction.
6. Sales and Marketing — Knowledge of principles and methods for showing, promoting, and selling products or services. This includes marketing strategy and tactics, product demonstration, and sales techniques.
7. Personnel and Human Resources — Knowledge of principles and procedures for personnel recruitment, selection, training, compensation and benefits, labor relations and negotiation, and personnel information systems.

Skills:
1. Active Listening — Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times.
2. Critical Thinking — Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems.
3. Speaking — Talking to others to convey information effectively.
4. Coordination — Adjusting own actions in relation to others’ actions.
5. Management of Personnel Resources — Motivating, developing, and directing people as they work, identifying the best people for the job.
6. Time Management — Managing one’s own time and the time of others.
7. Management of Financial Resources — Determining how money will be spent to get the work done, and accounting for these expenditures.
8. Complex Problem Solving — Identifying complex problems and reviewing related information to develop and evaluate options and implement solutions.
9. Judgment and Decision Making — Considering the relative costs and benefits of potential actions to choose the most appropriate one.

Work Styles:
1. Integrity — Job requires being honest and ethical.
2. Leadership — Job requires a willingness to lead, take charge, and offer opinions and take direction.
3. Initiative — Job requires a willingness to take on responsibilities and challenges.
4. Stress Tolerance — Job requires accepting criticism and dealing calmly and effectively with high stress situations.
5. Dependability — Job requires being reliable, responsible, and dependable, and fulfilling obligations.
6. Independence — Job requires developing one’s own ways of doing things, guiding oneself with little or no supervision, and depending on oneself to get things done.
7. Adaptability/Flexibility — Job requires being open to change (positive or negative) and to considerable variety in the workplace.
8. Cooperation — Job requires being pleasant with others on the job and displaying a good-natured, cooperative attitude to Board, Staff, constituents, visitors and artists.

Education:
Bachelor’s degree preferred; Minimum required, successful completion of some college courses.

Salary Range:
$24,000 / year — $50,000 / year, dependent on Education and Experience

Time Commitment:
Forty hours per week, which is flexible to accommodate Jacobson House business and activities. This time requirement is subject to special arrangements as approved by the Jacobson Foundation Board of Trustees.

Approval Date:
November 13, 2012
T.S Mikkanen
Jacobson Foundation Secretary
March 2013

Birthdays

Alexander, Jason Thomas
Allard, Michael Jason
Allard, Terry Wayne
Allen, Vanessa Olivia
Anania, Salvatore Westbrook
Anderson, Steven Brian
Annis, Loraine Pearl
Applegate, Richard Allen
Araujo, Bearen Demetrio
Arms, Bruce Edwin
Arm, Drack Jagger
Armstrong, Taylor Cheyenne
Bars, Brianna Kriner
Barnhill, Rachel Renee
Baylar, Robin Renee
Beaver Jr., Rodney Gene
Bender, Lyjahna Kyne
Bernard, Carol Jean (Mohawk)
Beteljoupin, Isaac Philip
Billie, Mona Jene
Blanchard II, Larry Dean
Blanchard, Bryden Nicole
Blanchard, Izabo Marie
Blanchard, Joe Henry
Blanchard, Ruzelle Duane
Blanchard, Solomon Grant
Bowden, Rasada Lynn
Bradley, Dollar John
Bradyc, Dallas Dustin
Brancon, Khayla Nicole
Brannon, Alexander Armando
Brookshoelder, Ashley M.
Brown, Charley
Brown, Monica Francesca
Bruce, Jerry Dale
Buckheart, Eliza Victoria
Buckheart, Phillip Cruz
Byrd, Harley Lynn
Cahwee, Yvonne Katherine
Carler, Taylor Wade
Casteel, Rheaann Conrine
Caudillo, James Adam
Charley, Amy Louise
Chesedek, Vikki Dawn
Coddington, Karey Sherley
Coddington, Michelle Chelena
Cole, Carolynn Mary
Coon, Justin Bo
Coon, Waylon Henry-Goliah
Coz, Clinton Eric
Craven, III, John Monroe
Creek, Felix Albert
Cruz, Gregoire Thomas
Cuellar Jr., Leno
Davis, Shawn E.
Day, Linda G.
Day, Rohanna Jelena
Deer, Alaxia Kaye
Deer, Christopher Jerome
Deer, Makaylah Wyandn Anora
Denzon, Hilda Mae
Drake Jagger
Edgin, Laura Marie
Ellis, Andrew
Ellis, Leann Dee
Ellis, Mark Russell
Ellis, Renee June
Eliso, Kea Lee
England, Adam Joe
Fernier, Annahna Benae
Ferree, Sierra N
Fife, Zacharina Everett
Fontenot, Teddy Lynn
Foreman, Heman Jake
Foreman, La Donnia Rochelle
Foreman, Merilee
Foster, Gabin Lee
Frazer, Andee Danielle
Freeman, Reatha Ann
French, Jeffrey Martin
Fuller, Rhealise Grace
Garrelton, Stephanie Rae
Garrelton, Taniyah Marie
Gibson, Charles Arthur
Gibson, Dusty Scott
Gibson, Jaylon Chance
Gibson, Johnathan Caire
Gibson, Jazhia Lee
Gibson, Phillip Craig
Gibson, Toney Ellis
Grass, Aygan Grass
Gavin John
Graver, Jayden James
Grover, Michelle Renee
Hall, Elizabeth Lynn
Hall, Kayla Collette
Hanzo, Jacob Lee
Hanzo, Jemima Dean
Hanzo, Shaellyn
Harp, Emily Sue
Hartkin, Michelle Trist
Herrera Jr., Rudy
Herrera, Aileen Louise
Herrera, Richard John
Holdem, Carol Dawn
Hood, Richard Fester
Hood, Ray Damon
Hooper, Michael Shawne
Hubble-Kirschner, Skylar Nacole
Hunt, Lyndond Brandon
Ibarra, Rosalee Breanna Lizzet
Irvin, Catherine Ann
Isaac-Robinson, Shirley Jean
Isaac, Leanna Vachon
Johnson Jr., Hubert Dana
Johnson Jr., Walter Mack
Johnson Jr., Walter Mack
Johnson, Alexis Lynn
Johnson, John Daniel
Johnson, John Verhing
Johnson, Lenan Edwin
Johnson, Pamela
Johnson, Shirley Renee
Jones, Denne Roy
Judkins, Charley Gary
Kanaloa, Tiffany Paige
Kennedy, Ethan James
Ketakea, Georgia Kay
Ketakea, Kaylia Marie
Khali Qureishi, Maryam Ansah
Khali-Qureishi, Simush
Kikapop, Collin Christopher
Kirscher, Tony William
Leach, Melvra Louise
Ledezma II, Roberto Bernal
Lee, Catherine Stacey
Lemon, Joni Marie
Leroy, Mary Denise
Lewis, Kylee Hooy Cockey
Lewis, Quentin De Wayne
Lindsay, Lila
Little, Ayes, Dennis Robert
Little, Alise Skye
Little Charley, Alethia
Little Charley, Gary Dean
Little Creek, Levi Kelly
Little Jim Jr, Webster
Little, Benjamin Roy
Little, Keith David
Little, Marya Fay
Little, Micco David
Littlebear, Inreed Adams
Little Creek, Jade Marie
Little Creek, Jeromah James
Little Creek, Jeromal Rachelle
Logan, Priscilla Ann
Longhorn, Chaske’leyon
Longhorn, Tommy Dale
Longhorn, Vayn Marie
Longhorn, Wayne Allen
Longman Jr., Clyde Denne
Longman, Michael Ray
Love, Victor Shane
Mack Jr, Thomas James
Mack, Ryan Dale
Mahlapene, Charlie Renee
Martinez, Alaysia June
Masquel, Cameron Isaiah
Masquel, Nathaniel Gage
Marwell, Kimber Leigh
Mayo, Leslie Carol Gareton
Mayo, Michelle Marie
McBrine, Taylor Ilaiee
McBroom, Ashley Denise
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McDoulett, Karen Juan
McGonigal, Peter Rougan
Hodge, McGuire, Kazi Lynn
Mckinney, Mahnee Zuri
McMillen, Destine DeAnne
Merrell, Jason Andre
Miller, Patrick Michael
Miller, Redena Kay (Blanchard)
Miner, Matthew Carl
Mohawk, Bijole-Jo Ryleigh
Molina, Terry Randall
Moore, Jyndall Len
Moore, Patricia Normi
Morgan, Katie Lynnne
Moron, Hannah Marie
Nakamo, Lisa Marie
Nelson, Ashley Nicole
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Nuckolls, Larry Wayne
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Ongaa, Ananah D. Wilson
Oznienhaw, Leroy Galin
Ozerley, Gary Lee
Panther IV, Nathan
Panther, Cyerra Lynn
Palten, Sheri Louise
Pickenp, Gretna B Spyuck
Powell, Terry Thane
Price, Judith Ann
Puckett, Steven Ray
Queen, Shannon Ilene
Raney, Katherine Lydia Warrior
Reppico, Lucas Antonio
Rhianobrove, Bryant Kent
Ryan, Ryder Lazaro
Sanchez, James Andrew
School, Winne Virginia
Scott, Denise Renee
Self, April Jennell
Self, Sheila Ann
Sevier, Jennifer Marie
Sink, Raymond Leonard
Sloan, James B.
Stooal, Athania Kayra
Stooal, Christina Sue
Stooal, Jeremy Clay
Stooal, Skylo
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Soto, Dlamae Lee
Stooal, Sierra Grace
Stooal, Steven Ray
Stooal, Roger Eugene
Stooal, Alexander Jacob
Stooal, Courtni Renee
Stooal, Elijah Gage
Stooal, Grace Ellyn Faith
Stooal, Isabella Lorraine
Stooal, John Allen
Stooal, Robby Wayne
Stooal, Sherrie Dawn
Sprigg, Dakota Paul
Stooal, Jerry Wayne
Stooal, Jesse Lloyd
Stooal, Lawrence Mitchell
Stephens, Aubrauna Nichole
Stooal, Adam James
Stooal, Stanley Allen
Stooal, Heath Eann
Straight, Lela Gale
Stuckey, Zoe Elle
Sutton, Alano Ezekiel
Sutton, Mason Riley
Sutton, Virginia Lee
Svitch, Faye Ramona
Svitch, Redona Lynn
Tahah, Everett Wade
Tapa, Dokolat Cruz
Tarjale, Newman Ryan
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Taylor, Lakoda Raye
Taylor, Scott Alan
Thapa, Janya Dee
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Thorpe, Mary Elizabeth
Tiger, Anthony Michael Gene
Tiger, Donna Jean
Tiger, James Scott
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Tucker, Brian O’Neal
Turner, Terry Michael
Villalobos, Lena Lou
Walker, Vera N
Wallace, Brian Jeffery
Warren, Shawna Rogers
Watkins, Mulchatya Raven
Watson Jr., Theodore Randall
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Watten, Martha Math (Tiger)
Way, Wenhain, Jody Dawn
Westley Jr., Daniel Kenneth
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Wetberrry, Hayley Morgan
White, Therin, Shaelie Moe
White, Calvin Lee
White, Raelyn
Williams, Bryce Cameron
Williams, Cody Grant
Williams, Johni Valene
Williams, Kayzie Brylin
Williams, Mark Henry
Williams, Matthew James
Williams, Taree Renea
Wills, Suzzy Jean
Wilson, Annette Ponnkilla
Winter, Warren Patrick
Wit, Adam Wayne
Wolf, Brynne Andrew
Walls, Leonard Wayne
Woods, Kathy Lynn
Wright, Natasha Laquinza Suzanne
Wyatt, William David
Yandell, Steven Joseph
Yates, Kylie Ann
Yeaphau, Roman Mauanap
Zinn, Jenifer Coleman
Congratulations to my nieces, Lydia and Rheanna on the birth of their new babies. Give them lots of love and hugs!

Love ya girls, aunt Rhonda

I wish you a wonderful day. Stay safe.

Love, Aunt Rhonda

Wishing you all a very special day and year!

Marvin & Sherry

I would like to wish my brother, Tommy Longhorn a very Happy Birthday and most of all to our wonderful father, Wayne Longhorn, a happy 86th!

With love from all your family

Chelle Foreman

Rhonda Kaseca

Manuel Herrera

Everett Tahah

Kylie Ann Yates

I hope you have a great birthday! You are a very good mother and a fun daughter. Wishing you well on your birthday and always. I love you bunches, flags & kisses.

Love, MOM

Sherrie, so happy to say that you’re my baby sister and I enjoy the crazy times when we’re together. I wish you the best birthday yet. I love you.

Love, Barb

I love you bunches, sis.

TO MY BROTHER

RAYMOND (JAKE) TIGER

FROM BIGCHIEF & FAMILY

I love you, bunches, sis. Have a great day!

Trudy Pickering

Very Happy Birthday to you cousin!!! Wish you well on your BIG 4!!

Love you to bits!!

Sherrie Dawn

From Bigchief & Tiger!

From grand babies & daughter

Wishing a Happy Birthday to

Estelena Little Charley!!

Love you MAMA

From grand babies & daughter

From your son, Frankie

From your family

Sherrie Dawn

Love, Dad

Love, Barb

I wish you a very special day.

Love, Aunt Rhonda
A Perfect Game

Tribal member Eli Davis has been bowling since he was a kid, starting in the Youth Bowling Association league at Windsor Bowl (now Shawnee Bowl). He continues to bowl to this day and is quite an accomplished bowler. On January 21, 2013, Eli achieved one of his lifelong bowling goals. He rolled a perfect 300 game at Firelake Bowl, while bowling in the weekly Firelake Masters League. He will receive a ring from the United States Bowling Congress to signify this great achievement. His picture will be displayed at Firelake Bowl with others that have rolled a perfect game. Eli is the son of tribal member Chelle Foreman, the grandson of Zelda Kaseca Foreman and the late Eli (Bud) Foreman. His family is extremely proud of him and encourages his continued efforts.

GREAT JOB ELI!

AST Maintenance Department pouring concrete

The Tribal Employment Rights Office also known as TERO is a department that protects tribal employees’ rights and supports tribal career development. Over the past month, the TERO department has experienced a steady flow of activity. We have added 12 new applicants to our database which now holds our total number of applicants to 543. Of those 12 applicants, 1 is an Absentee Shawnee Tribal member. Further, we have also helped 53 applicants who have walked in, called/received 190 phone calls, and referred 5 applications to various departments within the tribe. 5 applicants to Thunderbird Entertainment Center, 3 applicants to an outside business, and 1 applicant to contract work at Thunderbird Entertainment Center.

In addition to the above activity, the TERO department has also participated/attended numerous meetings. On January 23, TERO attended the Invitational Planning Session at the University of Oklahoma. As mentioned last month, this meeting was held to discuss the possibility of holding a Native Education Summit in the future. The following day on January 22 and then again on February 13, meetings were held between Rance Miller of Sagemill Construction and the TERO department. During these meetings, the TERO compliance plan was obtained by Sagemill Construction, and discussions took place about the need to set up meetings between TERO and all construction contractors before work is to begin in order to review the compliance plan and discuss the opportunity to create employment. Then, on January 30 and February 12, TERO attended meetings on campus that concerned the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Annual Youth Award. Finally, on February 7, TERO had two meetings. The first meeting was between Dillon Byrd of Thunderbird Entertainment Center and TERO. During this meeting, discussions concerning present and future projects were discussed. The second meeting was between Bob Shepard of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Housing Authority and TERO. Bob Shepard displayed his excitement about TERO and the opportunity we offer. He said he will support the list of TERO contractors and applicants when job hiring is needed.

In the near future, TERO will be attending several meetings. Soon, TERO will be attending the Southern Plains TERO Conference in Devol, Oklahoma. Then, on March 5, TERO will attend another meeting on campus concerning the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Annual Youth Award. Within the next month of March, TERO will also be continuing to take applications for the construction project of the new Building Blocks Daycare that is located in Little Axe. Please contact our TERO offices to update your application or to put in an application if you are interested. Also, there will be an opportunity to sign up for the 10 hour Occupational Safety Health Administration training held at Francis Tuttle Technology Center, and it will be paid for by TERO. This certification does not expire and will benefit your employment opportunity as safety is a concern. Further, on March 1, AGC will be taken sign-ups for CPR training.

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

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

Randy Edge (Director) 405-275-4030 ext. 135
Carol Butler (Office Assistant) 405-275-4030 ext. 163

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

- CDL Driver
- Mechanic Helper
- Laborer
- Concrete Materials Tester
- Material Handler
- HVAC Staff
- Surveillance Operator
- Security Officer Dishwasher
- Host/Hostess
- Assistant Teacher
- Automotive Retail Sales Associate
- Administrative Technician III
- RN and LPNS
- CNA and CMA
- Production Supervisor
- House Keeper
- Housing Maintenance Tech
- Sales Associate
- Customer Service Associate
- Bank Tellers
- Cashier
- RN and LPNS
- CNA and CMA
- Production Supervisor
- House Keeper
- Housing Maintenance Tech
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**Title VI will be attending the Tulsa Food Show on March 6th**

**Homebound will be getting a sack lunch on the 5th.**

**We hope the Elders liked the trip to the Tulsa Indian Art Festival. Hopefully we can plan another trip in the near future.**

**Spring Forward on March 10!!!!!**

**March 29, the AST Complex will be closed for Good Friday**

**No breakfast will be delivered or served.**

**We will serve breakfast on the 28th.**

**March 31, Happy Easter!!!**

**Any questions or concerns please feel free to call us at 405-275-4030 Ext. 169 (Office), 149 (Dining Room), 180 (packing room).**

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**Title VI Elders Staff pose for a picture at the Tulsa Indian Arts Festival**
SORNA
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION ACT
EMAIL: SORNA@ASTRIBE.COM
TIPLINE 405-273-1249
Foster Parents Needed!!!

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

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

Foster Parents provide a temporary, safe home for children in crisis. They are partners with workers, lawyers, and judges. It is not for everyone! Can you open your home and heart for a foster child?

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

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

ASTribe
Indian Child Welfare Department
FOSTER CARE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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2025 South Gordon Cooper Drive
(405) 275-4030 Toll free (800) 256-3341 Fax (405) 273-1192
youthaward@astribe.com

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: ___________________________________________________ (LAST) (FIRST) (MI)

Enrollment #:________________

Address: _________________________________________________________________________________ (STREET) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

Home Phone: (______)_____________ Cell Phone: (______)_____________

Email: ____________________________________________

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

High School Name:___________________________________________

City:_________________________ State:_________________________

Class Year:_________________________

Guidance Counselor:_________________________ Phone #:_________________________

Sport:_________________________ Position:_________________________

Coach:_________________________ Phone #:_________________________

(FIRST) (LAST)

May include with application:

☐ Official High School Transcript
☐ Letter of Recommendation (Educator/Coach)
☐ Tribal Enrollment Card (copy)
☐ Resume of Accomplishments and Activities
☐ Video (optional): no more than 10 minutes in length
☐ 500-word Essay: How do you feel your accomplishments (knowledge/training) will influence your future?
March is National Nutrition Month celebrated by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. This month will be directed towards "Get Your Plate in Shape" by making healthy food choices, developing healthy eating habits and increasing physical activity.

The Diabetes and Wellness Program (REACH) will be sponsoring & hosting weekly Diabetes and Wellness education classes with a goal of choosing healthy food choices along with email blasts. Please join us in our journey to healthier lifestyles by calling us today to reserve your seat. RSVP to the Diabetes and Wellness program at the Little Axe Clinic- 405 447-0300.

**Recipe**

**Irish Beef Roast with Vegetables**

**Ingredients:**
- 2-24 ounce packages of pot roast
- 3 cups beef broth
- 1 package of brown gravy mixes
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 2 packages of brown gravy mixes

**Directions:**
1. Prepare pot roast vegetables: cutting to desired sized pieces; set aside.
2. Combine gravy mix, flour, salt and pepper in a large baggie. Add vegetables to baggie and shake to coat also. Remove vegetables from flour mixture and place in crock pot. Add roast to baggie and shake to coat also. Remove roast and place in crock pot in the center of vegetables.
3. Whisk broth and remaining flour mixture until smooth; add to crock pot.

**Nutritional Information:**

- Calories: 318
- Carbohydrates: 17g
- Fat: 9g
- Sodium: 516mg
- Fiber: 3g
- Protein: 30g

**Mark Your Calendar**

**Upcoming Events...**

- **April 14, 2013**
  - **DIABETES AWARENESS**
  - **Oklahoma Diabetes Education in Ok\*diag**
  - **April 11, 2013**
  - **Shawnee Health Clinic**
  - **April 13, 2013**
  - **Little Axe Health Center**
  - **April 20, 2013**
  - **Little Axe Health Center**
  - **April 24, 2013**
  - **Little Axe Health Center**

**NEW!**

- **Fitness Dance Classes**
- **Shawnee Health Clinic**
- **March 18, 2013**
- **April 22, 2013**
- **April 27, 2013**

- **Future Events**
  - **Shawnee Health Clinic**
  - **April 14, 2013**
  - **April 21, 2013**
  - **April 28, 2013**

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- **April 15, 2013**
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**March-National Nutrition Month**

**Diabetes and Wellness Program**

**March 19-31, 2013**

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March 20, 2013

Kick Butts Day is a national day of activism that empowers youth to stand out, speak up and seize control against Big Tobacco. This day is a day to raise awareness and to learn the tobacco industry deceptive marketing techniques toward our children and youth from tobacco.

- Information/Resources on how to Quit
- Tips for Physical Activity
- Healthy Snacks
- Pledge Campaign
- Fun Run/Walk (1:30pm-2:30pm) @ both Health Centers

For Information please Contact:
Patricia Yarholar 447-0300 or Elise Grein 878-5850

AST Public Health Nursing Department Programs; Caregiver Program & Injury Prevention Program Host Elders in Two Educational Events

AST Public Health grant programs hosted an elder outreach event Friday, November 11th at the AST Little Axe Resource Center. The “Staying Safe” theme for the event focused on medication safety management, as well as the risks of elder fall injuries that can contribute to taking medications. A “stove safety” handout was provided to participants during the speaker presentations. AST Health’s Director of Pharmacy, Nancy Phelps spoke on medication management and safety. Elders had the opportunity for an extended question and answer session regarding medications, use of AST pharmacy services and obtaining refills. The Caregiver program provided each participant with personal health information cards they could use in the event of an emergency. Pharmacist, Dara Thorpe and Injury Prevention Program Coordinator, Sacha Almanza, provided elder care information and physical fitness activities, such as Tai Chi, which promotes balance and mobility, were provided by the Resource Center physical fitness staff.

The last AST Public Health grant programs event was held Thursday, December 20th at the Little Axe Resource Center. This “Winter Wellness Land” event included door prizes, fitness games and highlighted elder safety as weather conditions turn colder. AST physical fitness staff provided games and ski and snowboard instruction to participating elders. Special guests included recently retired Shawnee Fire Department Captain of 24 years, Billy Mitchell, AST OEH Director Kenney Jones, and OEH Project Coordinator Dennis Baake. Mr. Mitchell’s presentation included a life-saving long safety education video and a question and answer session concluding the presentation. AST referral numbers are available for free Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Detectors, including installation, through a program offered by the AST OEH staff. Many participants signed up for these OEH services.

For more information on AST OEH Services contact 405-284-8285 or AST Public Health Nursing Program.

March 11-14, 2013

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- Raise awareness of the problem of tobacco use in their state or community
- Encourage youth to reject the tobacco industry’s deceptive marketing and stay tobacco-free
- Urge elected officials to take a action to protect kids from tobacco.

For Information please Contact:
Rosie at the Resource Center @364-7298

www.socialsecurity.gov or call toll-free, 1-800-772-1213 (for the deaf or hard of hearing, call our TTY number, 1-800-325-0778)
The Absentee Shawnee Fitness Program has been working with the AST Tribal Youth Program in promoting physical activity to help prevent diabetes among tribal youth. AST Tribal Youth Program participants have really enjoyed the games that the Fitness program has provided. The goal of the Absentee Shawnee Fitness Program is to provide an outlet for exercise and physical activity through fun games and activities. The youth are learning about healthy ways to prevent diabetes through healthy physical activity. The Absentee Shawnee Fitness Program would like to thank the AST Tribal Youth Program for allowing the Fitness staff to educate and provide activities for the youth to prevent diabetes.

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

**AST Fitness Facility Hours**

**Monday through Thursday**
6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday
6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
**Saturday/Sunday**
CLOSED
405-364-7298

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**AST Youth Fitness**

**Absentee Shawnee Fitness Program**

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**Stronger Seniors**

**Chair Exercise**

Chair Exercise are exercises or workouts done while seated in a chair, or sometimes standing next to the chair for stability. Chair exercises are suitable for older adults due to the stable base of support preventing falls, and less strain on the joints. They are also suitable for beginning exercisers who need to start with easier exercises to gain functional strength for the tasks of daily living. Other groups that would benefit include those with chronic conditions such as Cardiovascular Disease, Diabetes, Obesity, Arthritis and Osteoporosis. Other people who could improve their quality of life are the partially mobile people in wheelchairs, the frail and the elderly.

**Tai-Chi**

Tai chi is a self-healing system of slow, graceful exercises that combine movement, meditation, and rhythmic breathing to improve the flow of chi which is thought to prevent illness and increase self-healing. Preliminary research suggests that tai chi may reduce stress, lower blood pressure and help older adults by improving posture, balance, muscle tone, flexibility and strength.

**AST RESOURCE CENTER**

EVERY TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY!

- **TUESDAY** (Chair Exercise/or Tai-Chi)
  10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

- **THURSDAY** (Chair Exercise/or Tai Chi)
  11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

- **FRIDAY** (Chair Exercise/or Tai Chi)
  10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Jeanette “Jean” Bayliss, 83, passed away Tuesday, January 22, 2013, in Little Axe.
Services were held at the Absentee Shawnee Community Center in Little Axe, with burial in the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Cemetery.

She was born October 23, 1929, in Little Axe to Billy and Eunice (Longman) Williams. Jean was a proud member of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. In an effort to preserve her native language, she helped develop the first Absentee Shawnee dictionary that can be found in the University of Ohio collections. She also taught the language for a time at the University of Chicago and worked throughout the years with linguists from all over the world.

Jean was a truly kind and selfless person, who was always there for anyone who needed a helping hand. She liked meeting people and made friends wherever she went. She enjoyed her time working as a tutor at Little Axe School, touching the lives of the students in a positive and encouraging way. Jean also enjoyed the outdoors, going fishing, and spending time with family and friends at the lake. She spent many a Saturday hunting for new treasures at yard sales.

Her family brought her pride and joy, seeing two of her children and two grandchildren obtain college degrees. She was a member of the Pentecostal Church of God Indian Mission in Little Axe.

She was preceded in death by her son, James Bayliss; daughter, Patricia Bayliss; her parents, Billy and Eunice Williams; sister, Mary Williams; and three brothers, Fred, Robert and Arthur Williams.

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The family would like to give special thanks to Glenn Mann and George Blanchard for their leadership and assistance with the funeral services and to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe for its assistance.
SAFETY TIPS FROM...

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

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

Wanted!

Descendants of
• U.S. Military/Militia
• Native Americans
• Civilians

Who fought and/or died at
Wabash Battle 1791; St. Clair's Defeat
or
Battle of Fort Recovery, 1794

To Be
Welcomed - Recognized - Honored

at the

Re-dedication of the
Fort Recovery Monument
(the largest tomb of unknown soldiers in the United States)

Sunday, May 5, 2013
Fort Recovery, Ohio 45846

If your ancestor fought and/or died in the great Indian/Army battles of 1791 or 1794, contact the Fort Recovery State Museum at: fortrecoverystatemuseum@yahoo.com
419-375-4384!
ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
Notice of Interest: Committee, Board, or Commission

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

Name: __________________________ CDIB #: __________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________
City: ____________________________ State/Zip: __________________________
Phone: __________________________ Alt Phone: _________________________
Email: __________________________ Date: _____________________________

I wish to be considered to serve on the following (check one):
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☐ Cultural Advisory Board ☐ Housing Board
☐ Education Commission ☐ Tax Commission
☐ Foster Care Commission ☐ TEC (Thunderbird Entertainment)
☐ Gaming Commission ☐ Other: __________________________

Notice of Interest form should be updated annually. Number and frequency of vacancies vary by board/commission due to term limits, number of positions, resignations, etc.
The following are current programs administered by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Education Department:

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

- **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:**

If you are considering taking courses for the spring 2012 semester, please contact the Education Department as soon as possible.

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.

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My name is Vera (Gibson) Dawsey, and I am running for Tribal Secretary. Here are a few of my qualifications and honors that I have achieved and received in my life. I was born (literally) born in Little Axe, I can speak my language a little, but I understand fluently. I attended Little Axe Elementary School and for high school, I attended Chilocco Indian School, Chilocco, Oklahoma, from 1966 to 1968, after which I returned home and attended Noble High School, Noble, Oklahoma, where I graduated in May, 1970. I attended Rose State College, MWC, Oklahoma, Where I received an Associate’s Degree, in Liberal Studies, I also attended the University of Oklahoma, no degree, I have 175 college hours in various areas of learning. I liked going to school and liked taking a variety of classes, however, most of my classes are in Criminal Justice. I have worked as a cross-country truck driver, a security officer, deputy sheriff, after 9-11, I was sent to NASA in Florida, to work with Gateway Support which is the Police Department at NASA. I also worked at a printing company, and as a secretary. Now that I am of the age that I am unable to physically execute the kinds of jobs that I am used to doing, I have elected to return to school, I am currently attending school online with Stevens-Henager College out of Ogden, Utah, my majors are Business Administration with an emphasis in Human Resources. I am also currently on the Constitution Revision Committee.

September, 1989, Letter of Appreciation, Veterans Administration for being a volunteer at the VA Hospital.


July, 1995, Letter of Appreciation, American Red Cross, for volunteering at the OKC, Bombing.

Fall Semester, 1996, Vice’s Presidents Honor Roll, Rose State College, MWC, Okla.

May, 1997, 2 Outstanding Accomplishment Awards, Criminal Justice Club, Rose State College, MWC, Okla.

March, 2000, Certificate of Training Achievement Award, Center for Professional Studies, Tulsa, Okla.

March, 2001, Service Award, Wackenhut Security.


1st Quarter, 2012, Deans Honor Roll

3rd Quarter, 2012, Honor Roll

I could be mistaken, but, I have always been under the impression that the reason the tribe has businesses and various programs was to help our tribal members, with housing, health, education, employment and others matters that pertain to our tribal people. From my the point of view All of the tribal entities are predominately staffed by non-Indian employees, not non-tribal but non-Indian. If our tribal members are qualified to do the job, the should be employed by our entities.

The State of Oklahoma and the United States are trying to enact a law for bullying, what has the tribe done, they have allowed bullying in employment, it doesn’t matter what family you come from or if you are White turkey or Big Jim, we are all Absentee Shawnee, and we should all learn to work together, to make our tribe prosperous and thriving people. I have problems with the “not” following of the guidelines and policy and procedures in our various departments. There is too much nepotism in the workplace, the “word is that if you are a non-Indian and you know or are,” friends with department heads and various members you can get a job easily. Where did that come from? Did you also know that when a tribal member or anyone else gets terminated from any other tribal enterprise and they file for unemployment, that the State Employment Service considers tribal entities a Hostile work, “what’s wrong with this picture”? I am not oblivious to the fact, that there are many tribal members who take advantage of their jobs, by taking too much time off, and just do not want to perform their jobs, but I feel that it is up to the Human Resources, Education and the Executive Committee to come up with training or seminars to educate our tribal members, and department heads on the SOP’s, because it seems that tribal employees are leaving their employment with the tribe because of these various reasons.

It was also my understanding that ASEDAs’ purpose was to bring new businesses and business ventures for the tribe, why has their budget get cut from $30,000 to $12,000, because the current Secretary does not agree with what avenues ASEDAs is taking. It is not her place to operate as a department for ASEDAs, I myself have gotten phone calls at my home concerning the fraternizing between the manager of the restaurant and a waitress, and the allowing of favortism at the restaurant. I was also informed of tribal members being banned from the restaurant because they complained that their food was not completely cooked. I feel that the restaurant and both smoke shops should be ran by ASEDAs, because, after all they are in the business of operating our business entities, and they have more contacts for grants for various projects.

These are just a few of the questions that I have, my concerns are not of a personal nature, I look at a couple of other tribes and see how well they are doing, and I know that we have the same ability, if we would stop with the jealousy, nepotism, rumors, and greed, because if we all work together we can all win. There, I would appreciate your votes in June.

Thank you, Be Blessed

Vera Dawsey
Fellow Tribal Members:

My name is Teri Reed (Teresa White). I am your current Tribal Secretary and I have been honored to serve you over the past 18 months. Most of the information below was presented in my candidacy letter last month, but I have revised it to include some new information that I feel is important for you to know.

During my term in office, I have tried to represent all groups within our tribe. I supported initiatives that provide services and information to you and I will continue to work to improve/increase services to all tribal members if I am elected for another term. I appreciate those of you who have taken the time to visit with me in person or by telephone to share your opinions and ideas. It helps me to understand the issues that are important to you.

For those of you who do not know much about me, my father was Leroy White who passed in 2002. The matriarch of our family is my mother, Dee White. My parents instilled a good sense of core values in our family. We were taught to work hard, to be fair to others, and to respect our traditions. I moved away from the Little Axe area and raised four children who have blessed me with ten wonderful grandchildren. I have a strong extended family that is supportive and active in their communities and in our tribe’s culture. After a long and successful career (30+ years) in business as an executive, I now have a construction business that is built on principles that are supportive of our tribal members.

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As a business consultant, I traveled all over the country in the 1990’s helping with multimillion dollar process improvement projects. I was usually in charge of leading the teams in addition to serving as the lead statistician for data analysis. I have had extensive training in management development, team building, leadership skills, and problem solving. After early retirement, I opened my own Independent Real Estate business in the early 2000’s. After the housing market took a downturn, I decided that the time was right for me to pursue a new direction and a good time to get more involved in our tribal government.

I am a member of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women (OFIW). I have been recognized by the Outstanding Professional Women’s Organization for my work in business. I am the past President of the Noble Chamber of Commerce, and the current Vice President of Little Axe Chamber of Commerce. I have completed and passed the Indian Country Financial Oversight Certification Program.

As your Tribal Secretary, I have worked hard to improve the services we provide to tribal members while instituting and supporting new services. I have served with integrity and have done my best to serve honorably and with passion on issues that are important to you and our tribe. I have the courage to stand up for my beliefs even when it might be easier to just go along with the majority. When I see untruths, I work to make it right. I look for ways to save the tribe money and stop unnecessary spending and waste. If I see weaknesses in our work processes, I work to eliminate them.

Some of my recent accomplishments include:

- As one of the founding members of the Big Jim Youth Award program, I developed the program prototype and led a team in the implementation of this new program that is open to High School Seniors nationwide.
- Saved the tribe thousands of dollars in unnecessary fees and charges in telephone usage charges and unauthorized fees.
- Led a team to make improvements to the website (ongoing).
- Took the lead in remodeling and opening the exercise facility at the complex and organized a remodeling project for the main building in the complex.
- Planned, organized, and coordinated the rebuilding of the Harrah Smoke Shop which is scheduled for a grand opening next month.
- Coordinated the implementation of new gas pumps at our convenience store and increased gas sales by 33%.
- Reviewed and provided input on saving time/money on countless projects and work processes for the Tribe, Stores, and Health Clinics.
- Streamlined the corporation documents, tax IDs, and licenses that we use to run tribal businesses so that there is a clean line of business ownership, authority, and accountability.
- Supported economic development activities and grants.

In some cases, making some of these changes felt like pushing an elephant uphill. It was not easy. For a myriad of reasons, making changes in a government setting is more laborious than in a regular business setting. If I am afforded the opportunity to serve another term, I want to focus on continuing to improve and add services to tribal members, supporting assisted living and housing initiatives, increasing the tribe’s land base, strategic planning, and more economic development opportunities for increasing our revenue base. I would also like to work on creating some buyer discounts that will benefit tribal members in purchasing goods and services nationwide.

After the last newsletter, I received several calls and emails from others regarding the candidate’s letters printed in the newsletter and other gossip. Evidently, some people feel that my campaign would be helped in some way by responding to inaccuracies presented by others. I decided early on in my political career that I would not create or respond to falsehoods, or present damaging information about others. I still feel the same way today. I know both of the candidates who are running against me and I know that they possess some fine qualities. I have nothing bad to say about them and I wish them well.

I feel a great sense of accomplishment in what I’ve been able to do and I feel that I have much more to offer. If you will stick with me and vote for me on March 16th, I promise to serve you with integrity and passion. Thank you for your continued support.

Teri Reed – Candidate for Tribal Secretary
405-275-4030 Ext 104

Edwin Butler-Wolfe
Elect me for Governor and here is Why!

For almost 4 years now issues that impact the Tribe have not been addressed: Economic Development funding and the ASEDA Boards; Health and the Third Party Billing Revenue; Educational funding needs. I am basing my campaign on 'Building for the Future' – BFF—NOW! If we don’t involve you the Tribal People in and on these issues we cannot move FORWARD.

What are these issues? Well, let’s start with the Economic Development concern – Why do we have two Boards? Why do we have the Secretary over one and she is making the sole decisions for this Board?

What is going on with the Health Department? The intent was for the Third Party Billing done by the Tribe to pay for the new clinic’s monthly payment of $260,000. Other Tribes smaller or the same size as our Tribe are generating this type of monthly revenue. Instead it appears that not only are we not making enough money to pay our monthly clinic loan payment we are taking salaries of our health staffing. This means we must reduce our much needed staff. Another issue is that we are paying our Providers on the average more than other Tribes in the area as it appears there are problems getting health staff to work with the current Health Administrator. Why haven’t we been advised of this? Where is the Transparency that is needed? There are issues with the Health Administrator that need addressed. Why is the Governor’s daughter working as the Health Administrator? Considering her limited management and business experience? Why does she put her issues on FACEBOOK about the Tribe and her staff? I suggest we seek a copy of the expenditure report from the Finance Department and look at how much we are making through our third party billing system; how much our monthly loan payments are and see exactly where we are with this. We need a solid accounting of the Health System. Also, let’s get Personnel to release the salaries amount of all staff and for the Executive Committee.

Education – it’s underfunded, needs a systemic method of fund distribution given out, needs more staff and timely electronic method of getting funds out to those who are eligible for these educational funds. Lets also look at adding language that will allow these ASET beneficiaries come back and work for us here at the Tribe. We have some top notch resources available to us and NOW is the time to get moving on these projects and make the most of what we have and add to it. We can look at foundation funds and fundraisers to increase these educational benefits for our people. I want to make progress and if elected I will make Progress!

Any questions and concerns please, call 405 488-4569 or email ebu13t45@yahoo.com.

Hello Relatives, Friends and Fellow Tribal Members...

I apologize to our elders for missing their council meeting on Saturday February 16. My son had a serious medical emergency and I was with him on the morning of the council meeting. I sincerely appreciate your invitation. I look forward to meeting with tribal members in a one-on-one aspect. I want to hear your questions and concerns and something I can’t get from a committee meeting. I greatly value our elders and their opinions; however, I also want to hear from the other generations as well. It’s time that we, the next generation, become active in our future.

I am excited about the potential progress we, the Absentee Shawnee people, will make. And, I am eager to be a part of that process. My intentions as Secretary are those of positive progress and growth. One of my goals is to be a member of an Executive Committee that works together making decisions that will be beneficial to our tribe now and for our future generations. What I can say with certainty is my decisions will always be for the benefit of Our Tribe.

Once again, thank you for your time. Get out there and vote on March 16th!!!

Respectfully,
Sharon Ponkilla
It’s said that ‘The man who moves a mountain begins by carrying away small stones.’