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“Ruling clearly confirms The Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s right to govern the Absentee Shawnee trust allotments.”
Greetings fellow tribal members: First let me thank you all for your votes in the March election. It is encouraging to see more Tribal members voting. Most of what I was prepared to discuss this month has been addressed at the General Council meeting in April. I want to thank everyone who attended, and also thank you for the important and valid questions that you presented to and the other Executive Committee members. If any questions you had, or for any new questions you have, have not been addressed by now please contact my office for answers. If I don’t have the answers, I will certainly research and find them for you. It has come to my attention that there are many glaringly false rumors being circulated by persons running for office. These pertain to the TEC board, the Joint Venture Clinic, Profits from the Casino and the Tribal Store, and the Health Board, and other issues. Most of these issues were addressed at General council, but false rumors are still floating around.

I guess the best answers for all the rumors is to come by my office, or call my office and get the REAL facts as I have them. Don’t believe someone who is making false statements. I don’t run from any person(s) who make false statements about how this Tribe has been run since I became Governor. If you have any concerns about how I have run this office in the short time I have been here PLEASE COME BY AND SEE ME, don’t take another person’s word on what I have or haven’t done. My number to my home and cell phone are available here at the office. Call my assistant for these numbers if you need to talk to me, or if you have any concerns. I can answer for ME much better than SOMEONE ELSE can, and I answer or return all calls made to me.

Don’t forget to vote next month, June 18, 2011
Respectfully yours,
George Blanchard

We were very glad to hear, early in the second week of May, that Judge Reeh had found in favor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe on the Probate issue. However; the Citizen Potawatomi have thirty (30) days to file an appeal. In my interpretation of the Opinion, it seems that the CPN would not feel confident in being successful in the appeal process either. A more detailed article will follow this report; the article was compiled by the Tribe’s attorney, William R. Perry.

However, I would like to thank the staff for all of the effort they put into assisting Mr. Perry in gathering the evidence that was filed in the case. Mr. Perry was excellent in his representation of the Tribe, the staff was also excellent in researching and providing him with documentation he needed to put the case together. Thank you for taking the time out of your already busy jobs and assisting Mr. Perry. It took a lot of team work for the tribe to win this case and I commend all of you for being team players which resulted in a huge win for the tribe. I would also like to thank the Tribal members that showed up at the hearings and voiced their opinion.
when the Judge asked them to speak and thanks to those who sat in the gallery in support of the Tribe.

The grand opening for Horse Shoe Bend was held on April 30th. Upon final inspection of the facility we found some minor areas in which we would like to improve. They are not significant but since we are doing the project, we want it to be right. Completing these small projects should not interfere with any activities that are going on at the facility. I would also like to thank all the departments that worked hard on this project. I know I have mentioned it before, but this project could not have been completed without a combination of efforts, both funding wise and work wise. I would like to thank everyone that worked so hard on this. I would also like to thank the tribal members for their suggestions and ideas.

I plan to do a more in depth report next month. We have several projects going on, by the time the next newsletter comes out we will have advanced a bit farther and I can provide you with more information on what we are working on and what kind of progress we are making.

/s/

Isaac Gibson
Lieutenant Governor

Probate Case Update

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe has now obtained a favorable decision in the probate case – the case which concerns which tribe is the “tribe with jurisdiction” over the Absentee Shawnee trust allotments. Judge Reeh, an Interior Department Probate Judge who heard the case, determined that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe is the “tribe with jurisdiction” and ruled in favor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe in all respects. Under Judge Reeh’s ruling certain fractional interests in Absentee Shawnee trust allotments will pass to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, under the federal law known as the American Indian Probate Reform Act. In addition, Judge Reeh’s ruling clearly confirms the Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s right to govern the Absentee Shawnee trust allotments.

The case involved probates of lands allotted in the late 1800’s to members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. These trust lands have always been subject to the exclusive tribal jurisdiction of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. Under the American Indian Probate Reform Act (known as “AIPRA”), when an Indian passes away without a will and without eligible heirs, certain interests in his or her trust lands pass to the “tribe with jurisdiction” over those lands. The term “tribe with jurisdiction” is not defined in AIPRA.

The dispute leading to the case began when a Master (an Interior Department official assigned to conduct certain probate hearings), filed a recomended decision suggesting that the Citizen Potawatomi was the “tribe with jurisdiction” over Absentee Shawnee trust allotments. This was contrary to all prior rulings, and clearly inconsistent with the longstanding and exclusive exercise of jurisdiction by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. But this erroneous recommendation raised an issue that needed to be resolved. All of the pending probates that raised this issue were consolidated together to address the “tribe with jurisdiction” issue, and the matter went forward before Judge Reeh. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe took an active role in the case, and was represented by Bill Perry from the Sonosky firm from Washington D.C. A hearing was held in the matter in Oklahoma City on March 16, 2011, at which the parties provided arguments regarding the “tribe with jurisdiction” issue. And this week we received Judge Reeh’s favorable ruling.

The Absentee Shawnee position in the probate case was that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe is the only tribe that exercises actual jurisdiction over the Absentee Shawnee trust allotments, and this has always been the case. These lands were set aside by the United States for the Absentee Shawnee and have been in Absentee Shawnee ownership and under Absentee Shawnee governmental authority for generations.

Citizen Potawatomi also participated in the case. Citizen Potawatomi did not claim that they exercise jurisdiction over Absentee Shawnee trust allotments today – or that they have ever done so. Instead, they argued that the Collier case – a 1998 Court of Appeals decision regarding taking fee lands into trust in the former reservation – made Citizen Potawatomi the “tribe with jurisdiction” over the Absentee Shawnee trust allotments. Of course, as the Absentee Shawnee argued, Collier involved only the process for taking fee land into trust, and had nothing to do with which tribe has jurisdiction over these Absentee Shawnee trust allotments.

Judge Reeh agreed with the Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s position, and rejected the Citizen Potawatomi position. Judge Reeh determined that Collier involved only fee lands and the status of the former reservation before 1891 – the year in which Congress enacted the measure which confirmed the Absentee Shawnee trust allotments. Judge Reeh’s decision clearly states that “Collier does not address present-day ownership or jurisdiction.” So, as Judge Reeh’s ruling reinforces, Collier has no impact on Absentee Shawnee
jurisdiction over Absentee Shawnee trust allotments today. Judge Reeh further found that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe exercises actual civil jurisdiction over the Absentee Shawnee trust allotments, and that the Bureau of Indian Affairs recognizes the Tribe’s right to do so. As a result, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe is the “tribe with jurisdiction” under AIPRA. Judge Reeh’s ruling is a strong confirmation of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s right to self-government. While the ruling may still be appealed, we are very pleased with the ruling, and we will continue to do all that is necessary to vindicate the rights of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

Treasurer’s Report

Greetings Fellow Tribal Members, Congratulations to the candidates that will be on the ballot for June 18th election! Remember to cast your vote in the election; this is your time to exercise your right as a tribal member. Glad to see the great turnout of tribal members at the 67th Semi-Annual General Council. Monthly activity as follows:

- Attended monthly Investment with Redstone Investment Meeting
- Attended monthly Program Directors/Managers meeting
- Attended the Monthly AST Health Board of Directors Meeting
- Attended Regular Executive Committee Meeting and two Special Executive Committee Meeting for new enrollees about 210 new enrollees since November when blood quantum change to 1/8th and have received 300+ applications for enrollment.
- Attended ASED A Fleet RES conference informational meeting. Hope you all got to see the News Articles in the NewsOK, 3-16-11, Native Times, 3-16-11, and Indian Country Today, 3-3-11, if not I have copies.
- Attended monthly Elders’ Meeting, at the AST Resource Center, who sponsored a candidate forum for all the candidates but only five showed up
- Cobell Meeting with the Attorneys: Keith Harper, Ron Harmala, and Alex Pearl, in Durant, OK. Brief summary: Two class actions are: Historical and Trust Administration. Deadline for claims form are April 20, 2011. Expect to receive $1,000 or more depending on your circumstance. Check from Treasury will be mailed out early September thru November 2011 to your home if IIM information is correct (Very important that IIM address/info is correct). Trust Administration check will be sent out in summer of 2012. May receive $800 (depending on your circumstance). Total award could be up to $1800 received, depending on your circumstance. If you didn’t receive a notice in mail, call 1-800-961-6109 or visit www.IndianTrust.com.
- Attended the Probate case between AST and Citizen Band Potawatomi, ”Tribe with jurisdiction” over the Absentee Shawnee trust allotments.
- Attended General Managers and TEC Board informational meeting on New Casino
- Received Temporary Gaming License
- ASED A Regular Board Meeting
- Congratulations to Executive Committee Members’ March Employee of the Month, Amy Hilderbrand, Finance
- Encourage all tribal members to open an account at our AST tribally-owned bank, AllNations Bank.

We appreciate all your phone calls, emails, and visits. May God bless you this time of year! See below articles from AllNations Bank; Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority (ASEDA), Financial Consultant, Eddie Brokeshoulder; and Finance Department. Sincerely,

Kathy Deere, Treasurer

Secretary’s Report

EDUCATION BOARD:
1 - opening

TAX COMMISSION:
2 - openings

HEALTH BOARD:
2 - openings

FOSTER CARE:
2 - openings

Send letter of Interest to Secretary’s office with resume.
Hello Tribal Members

I chose this title for my monthly article because of my office is located in the corner of building No. 2, directly north of Treasurer Kathy Deere. From my office I have three large windows that provide me a wide open view of the east side of the complex and allow rays of sun to warm and bring a new day on the horizon for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

Since my first day of work, I have witnessed progress financially of our Tribal investments, opening of Tribal bank, ASEDA FLEET, INC business venture and a hardworking finance department. Below are summary of activities for the month.

Summary of Activities:

- **Cobell v. Salazar $3.4 Billion Indian Trust Settlement:**
  
  Treasurer Deere and I attended one of the four scheduled meetings in the state of Oklahoma for tribal members, with Cobell attorneys at Choctaw Nation in Durant, Oklahoma. The attorneys provided vital information and answered questions related to the case.

- **Redstone Investments:**
  
  Participated in an informative financial investment meeting with Michael Kelly, President LPL Financial Advisor with Redstone Investments. Mr. Kelly reviewed and discussed the financial investment account for the Tribe with Treasurer Deere, Belinda Collins, Controller and Michelle Lopez, Secretary.

- **Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority, Inc.(ASEDA, Inc.):**
  
  Attended a formal business meeting with Jett Parker, Chief Visionary Officer in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The purpose of the meeting was to update ASEDA, Inc, on the status of leads and contacts as a result of ASEDA members attending RES 2011 Economic Development Summit in March. ASEDA FLEET Inc., is the new business venture.

- **Shawnee Language Revitalization Grant:**
  
  As previously reported in last month’s newsletter, Absentee Shawnee Tribe and Eastern Shawnee Tribe have collaborated in a submission of a Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance grant funded through the office of Administration for Native Americans (ANA). The Eastern Shawnee Tribe will be notified on awarding of grant in September 2011.

- **Building Partnerships for Community and Economic Sustainability:**
  
  In order for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe to prosper and be successful you build partnerships with the local community. I have been in contact with local entities that are willing to support and assist our development. They are (1) Greater Shawnee Chamber of Commerce, (2) Shawnee Economic Development Foundation (SEDF), and (3) Oklahoma Baptist University, Paul Dickin-
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As I mentioned last month, a good way to get started banking with a new bank is to open a simple account and over time you can move more of your banking business over a period of time. Do not forget that AllNations Bank is 100% owned by your tribe.

I would like to bring to your attention a new e-mail problem. There have been several incidences of “hackers” getting into e-mail data bases. These hackers are up to no good. Some people might think that someone having your e-mail address is no big deal, but in this case it is a big deal. Many large U.S. corporations to include banks, Best Buy, Eddie Bauer, Walgreen’s and others use a vendor called Epsilon to send e-mails.

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Well, that all for now. As usual, if you have any questions feel free to give us a call at 273-0202 Shawnee Branch, or 893-2240 in Calumet. Come in and open an account TODAY!

Have a Great Day,

Bob, Gene, and staff

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In next month’s newsletter I will report on the progress of our partnerships. My door is always open “In My Corner” to tribal members or they can contact me at 275.4030.ext 148 or e-mail eddieb@astribe.com.

Respectfully,

Eddie Brokeshoulder
Financial Consultant

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**FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

The Finance office continues our efforts in keeping the day to day activities flowing efficiently and effectively 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.

Our 2010 Audit is well under way and began February 28, 2011. The esti-
ASEDA Fleet Board members (Dan Little Axe, President and Adam Proctor, Vice-President) attended the Reservation Economic Summit (RES) and American Indian Business Trade Fair in Las Vegas, NV., held March 14-17, 2011. They had a display car and a table with handouts, business cards, and were available to answer questions. They came back with 44 referrals or leads for vehicles to lease, sell or buy. As of today, 4-5-11, we have 11 contracts in process. Considering we have only been in operations for three weeks this is excellent news! See attachment pamphlet for more information and soon we will have a link from our AST website to the ASEDA Fleet website. www.ASEDAfleet.com

Dan Little Axe, President

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

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

Respectfully,
Belinda Collins, Controller
Tribal Members:

The Primary Election results were **Certified** on Friday, March 25, 2011. The following candidates will continue on to the **Run Off Election** to be held on Saturday, June 18, 2011.

**Governor:**
George Blanchard
Ewell Longhorn

**Tribal Secretary:**
Leonard Longhorn
Teri Reed (Teresa White)

Please, take the opportunity to vote in person or by absentee ballot. The Absentee Ballot Request form can be found in the newsletter or on the Tribal web site.
First of all let me tell you very clearly that I have no intention of trying to stop the construction or operations of the Little Axe Health Center and the new Casino. However, if elected I will as a top priority seek to clearly determine whether our Constitution was followed in obligating the Tribe or putting tribal assets at risk with the loan for each; the Little Axe Health Center (Li-Si-Wi-Nwi Health Inc. loan) and the new Casino (TEC Board loan). I will quickly inform General Council on the progress of these efforts.

Secondly, I have some critical information concerning the over $30 million in debt for the Little Axe Health Center ($26 Million Loan) and the Thunderbird Casino – Shawnee (estimated $4-6 Million Loan). The information is critical. There’s a TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF DEBT and as a Tribal member, I am very concerned violations of our Tribe’s Constitution occurred in the agreements or contracts for each loan. Let me explain based on the excerpts from our Constitution as shown in italics below:

**ARTICLE V POWERS**

SECTION 2. The General Council of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma reserves and shall exclusively exercise the following powers, unless such powers are specifically delegated to the Executive Committee or other appropriate tribal entity in accordance with the process set forth in Article IX:

(a) Borrowing money which mortgages, encumbers or endangers any existing tribal properties, holdings or assets.

**ARTICLE IX INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM**

Under our Constitution, only General Council can exercise the power to borrow money that mortgages, encumbers or endangers any existing tribal properties, holdings or assets UNLESS General Council specifically delegates this power to the Executive Committee or other appropriate tribal entity in accordance with an Initiative Election or Referendum Election under Article IX.

The key terms used in these important provisions of the Constitution are broad. “Existing tribal properties, holdings or assets” basically can be applied to all things of value held or owned under the large umbrella of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma including land, cash, equipment, investments in Tribal owned companies (these are tribal entities), and assets including cash, equipment and other properties owned by these tribal entities. “Mortgage”, the bank can hold a mortgage on your home until you pay a loan off or if you are unable to pay then the bank will foreclose the mortgage and take your home. “Encumber” can refer to a mortgage, liens on property or a financial charge or burden to the encumbered property. “Endangers” is straightforward for we probably all know when you borrow money, your collateral is at risk of loss through foreclosure if you can’t pay the loan. But this risk can run deeper then the collateral or the house you mortgage for the loan, the bank may enforce payment from other sources. In the case of the Little Axe Health Center debt the bank can enforce full payment from the Tribe as a guarantor of the debt. The scope of Tribal properties, holdings and assets put at risk for the Little Axe Health Center borrowing is extensive and far reaching!

The proper delegation of borrowing authority can and has been done per the Constitution in the past. Under separate Referendum Elections and
per Article IX of the Constitution, our General Council did authorize and delegate the power to borrow money to the Economic Development Authority (the old Bandage Group debts) and the Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority, Inc. (federal charter corporation). Both the EDA and ASEDAMA were also restricted from obligating the Tribe when borrowing money.

Li-Si-Wi-Nwi Health Inc. (Little Axe Health Center) and Thunderbird Entertainment Center, Inc. (TEC Board) were authorized and created under Executive Committee authority alone and without General Council’s delegation of borrowing powers per Article IX of the Constitution. Li-Si-Wi-Nwi Health Inc. has borrowed $26 Million and by Executive Committee authority alone the Tribe has absolutely and unconditionally guaranteed to make all payments due on the $26 Million loan! The TEC Board has borrowed money (estimated $4-6 Million) to construct a casino on the Tribe’s trust property and appears to have pledged the Tribe’s gaming assets to secure the debt (See the TEC Article in AST News - March Edition).

There have been no Article IX Initiative or Referendum Elections in which the General Council delegated the Executive Committee the power to borrow money or mortgage, encumber or endanger any Tribal assets, holdings or properties in the process! And yet here we are over $30 Million in debt! This debt poses an extreme risk to Tribal properties, holdings and assets, and the Tribe’s financial future for years to come, not only for current Tribal members but future generations as well. General Council has the power to make the right decisions, please do so with your vote on June 18th!

LET’S PUT THE “TRIBE” BACK INTO THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE

Fewer than 300 or about 12% of the almost 2,500 Tribal members eligible to vote voted in the Primary Election! You know I appreciate the 12% who did vote, but can’t help but see that only 12% of eligible voters electing the top Tribal official reflects a serious problem and an overall weakening in our fabric as a Tribe! Have too many of our Tribal members lost an interest or maybe even their connection with their Tribe? We must put the “Tribe” back into the Absentee Shawnee Tribe! As Governor I will lead this effort.

A top priority if elected as Governor will be to energize Tribal member interest and connection with their Tribe. I intend to use all my professional experience and the drive for our Tribe to succeed with active communication, participation and consultation with our Tribal members. My plan for putting the “Tribe” back into the AST is as follows:

1. Provide easy access to the Governor’s office: Every month I will establish and schedule at least two full days (6 days total for the month) to hold my office hours at each; the Little Axe (Resource Center), Shawnee/Tecumseh (Tribal Complex), and Johnson (Horseshoe Bend Center) areas of our community. On these days I will conduct business of the Tribe as required, but my first priority at each location will be to meet with and listen to the questions, concerns and recommendations of Tribal members by appointment or walk-in. I will stay as long as necessary.

2. Will seek to enlist Tribal members who wish to volunteer their time to act as “unofficial contacts” for Tribal members in their communities with the Governor. It is often difficult for Tribal members to express their questions, concerns or ideas with the Governor or others on the Executive Committee. These Volunteer unofficial contacts will be able to communicate such member concerns or ideas to the Governor and receive information from the Governor’s office for distribution or discussion with their community members as well. The Volunteers need not be supporters for my election but only have the desire to serve and help improve communications between their Tribe’s elected officials and their local community members. Our Tribal government cannot be responsive to Tribal member needs if elected officials
don’t know the needs or aren’t listening.

3. Community Meetings will be scheduled between each General Council meeting to allow Tribal members in an informal group setting to ask questions and receive answers on Tribal matters from the Governor as well as any other Executive Committee member who may choose to attend. Updates can be given on Tribal projects and also on planned agenda items for the next General Council meeting.

4. For those Tribal members with internet access, will seek to establish on the Tribe’s website a Governor’s Office link for Tribal members to express their questions, concerns, ideas and complaints with their Tribal government, leaders and enterprises. Internet access may be the most practical way for many long distance Tribal members to communicate and stay connected with their Tribe.

5. Help guide our Tribe with input from Tribal members, will seek to establish a tribal-wide survey to gain input from all General Council members on a range of items to include but not limited to the following:
   a. On Tribal Economic Development projects, do you feel business projects should be mostly focused on generating revenues for the Tribe or more focused on generating jobs for Tribal members? Which is most important to you; revenues can be used by the Tribe for programs and assistance, but jobs may help you and other family members located close enough for employment with Tribal economic development projects?
   b. In allocating our Tribe’s resources, how would you prioritize Education, Healthcare, Economic Development, Elder Assistance/Programs, Social Services (financial and other assistance/programs), Tribal Administration and Government, etc? What are your suggestions for other programs or assistance that the Tribe should consider for its members?
   c. Do you feel our Tribal leaders conduct Tribal business in an open manner for Tribal members, or do you feel business is conducted more behind closed-doors without easy access for Tribal members?
   d. Do you feel the Governor and other Executive Committee members should be overseeing federal and tribal programs or focused on functioning as the Executive and Legislative bodies of the Tribe per the Constitution? Our Tribe’s jurisdiction and sovereignty seems under constant threat through lawsuits, federal and state legislation, and sometimes our own business decisions (sovereignty waived on Little Axe Heath Center debt).
   e. What are your ideas or recommendations for improving our Tribal government, programs, businesses, and/ or ability to succeed for the sake of our membership?

Tribal members, I set out my plan for our Tribe in my March article and intend to follow through with the plan if elected. I have plans for dealing with the debt. Our Tribe has become fractionated (most of us have heard this term over and over again concerning our allotments) and so complicated and overburdened with debt, but I am confident that I am the best choice for Governor in these challenging times. It is critical that we Tribal members come together as the Absentee Shawnee Tribe in dealing with the many challenges and opportunities of the Tribe. We all may not agree on what direction we are moving but I will do my level best to make sure we will all know what direction we are trying to push. I am pledging to lead the effort to make the AST Tribal government, our government for our Tribal members!

VOTE LONGHORN FOR GOVERNOR JUNE 18th!
Thank you to all of you who voted for me in the primary election. I would also like to thank my campaign supporters for their time and effort in spreading the word and for their help in visiting with tribal members that I was unable to reach. I truly appreciate each and every one of you and am asking for your vote and support in the June 18th election. The race for the Secretary position was a very close race and it will be important that each of you cast your vote again in the June election.

I recently participated in the elder’s campaign forum that was held at the resource center and had a chance to visit with some of you about tribal government issues. I appreciated the opportunity to speak to this group and would like to recap some of the information that I shared with them.

**IMPORTANT ISSUES**

As an elected official of our tribe, I want to focus on:

- Improving the financial health and future well being of our tribe so that all tribal members benefit, regardless of where they reside
- Strengthen and improve our services to the elders
- Seek out and provide work opportunities for those who can/want to work
- Provide more educational incentives for our youth, our future leaders

**BUSINESS EXPERIENCE**

I have an extensive background in the business and corporate world. I was an executive for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for 27 years. During that time I held a lot of different jobs.

- **Business Office Area Manager** – Supervised a workforce of over 90 employees including 6 managers
- **Certified Trainer and Instructor** – Traveled all over the state training employees on statistical data analysis, team building, leadership skills and problem solving
- **Corporate Trouble Shooter and Consultant** – Lead work teams all over the country who were working on multi-million dollar projects. It was my job to come in and analyze their data, determine their problems, and get them organized to make significant changes
- **President/Vice President Chamber of Commerce** - Noble Chamber of Commerce and Little Axe Chamber of Commerce

From my work experiences, I’ve learned that a diverse group of people working together can bring far greater rewards than anything one person can accomplish alone. I believe that for the Executive Committee to be its’ most effective, you need the following:

1. Diverse group of individuals, both male and female, with differing opinions
2. People who are fair and honest
3. Willing to work as a team
4. Level headed and logical thinking (Common Sense Approach)
5. Experienced in business because they will need to be able to make responsible business decisions and be able to represent the tribe in business dealings

I believe I can make a positive contribution in each of these areas and I hope that you will vote for me on June 18th.

Respectfully,
Teri Reed – Candidate for Secretary

Please share your comments or suggestions with me at: email@terireed.net, Facebook, (405) 417-1849
PLEASE fill out EACH BLANK completely and return by the Deadline.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

[__________________________________________], hereby certify that I am or will be an Eligible Voter of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe on or before June 18, 2011. I cannot physically be present to cast my Vote at the June 18, 2011 Run Off Election, therefore, I am requesting an Absentee Ballot be mailed to me at the following address.

Name (please print): ____________________________

(first) (middle) (maiden) (last)

Address: ____________________________ City: ______ St: ______ Zip: ______

DIB#: ____________________________ Date of Birth: ____________________________

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

All REQUESTS must be returned to the Election Commission by the deadline of May 29, 2011

Mail to:

Absentee Shawnee Election Commission
P.O. Box 741
Tecumseh, OK 74873

Fax to:

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 request may be duplicated

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received: ____________________________ Approved: ____________________________ Disapproved: ____________________________

Disapproved (reason): ____________________________

Denial Letter Mailed: ____________________________ Ballot Mailed: ____________________________

Election Commission/Representative
The following are Resolutions passed during the month of March 2011

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS:

E-AS-11-21  03/03/11

E-AS-11-22  03/03/11
Grants voluntary relinquishment of membership of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to Amelia Ann Grass provided that she is accepted into the Sac & Fox Nation of Oklahoma.

E-AS-11-23  03/03/11
Rejects the application of Nylah Brynn Lileah Brown for membership in the Absentee Shawnee Tribe due to Article III Section 3 - “Membership”, of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s Constitution.

E-AS-11-24  03/17/11
Establishes that the 67th Semi-Annual General Council Meeting for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma be set for April 16, 2011 @ 10:00 a.m. at the Little Axe Resource Center.

E-AS-11-25  03/17/11
Approves and accepts Asher Bryce Thompson, Darian Andrew Thompson, Autumn Lynn Parsons-Squire, Jennifer Lauren Sloat, Heather Ann Wilburn, Cameron Isaiah Masquat, Nathaniel Gage Masquat, Doyle Chad Stryker, Laurel Brad Stryker, Rodney Shane Stryker, Gregory Tyler Reading, Victoria Rose Nicholson, Kane Matthew Tiger, Ryland Ryder Durmon, Nelson Vaughn Tilley, Makaiah Lashaun Baker, Rayanna Kay Johnson, Aaron Christopher Switch, Charles Elbert Campbell, Charlotte Lynn Campbell, Reagan Nicole Atwood, Teresa Sue Poston, Joshua Daniel Foreman, Megan Nicholle Bradley, Lena Ruby Rhianna DeLodge, Brendan Joseph DeLodge, Earl James Ash, Wade Jeffrey Hatcher, Emily Danielle Bradley, Micah Joel Bradley, Joshua Wayne Wilburn, Krystal Renee Coddington, Aubriana Marie Coddington, Emily Elizabeth Coddington, Hailey Elaine Coddington, Kevin Dwayne Coddington, Jr., Briana Danae Santa Cruz, Tyler Keith Vazquez, Travis Shane Little, Derek Wayne Woody, Roger Wayne Ash, Nicholas Keith Shaffer, Jennifer Renee Brown, Laura Marie Edgin, Chante’l Emily Krauss, Meadow Elisa Abma and Royce Liam Ryan as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

E-AS-11-26  03/25/11
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

E-AS-11-27  03/25/11
Grants voluntary relinquishment of membership of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to Latricia Ann Tiger provided that she is accepted into the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma.

E-AS-11-28  03/25/11
Authorizes and approves the transfer of ASEDA’s accounting from the Tribal Store to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma’s Finance Department.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS:

L-AS-11-02  03/17/11
Approves and authorizes an increase in the Maintenance I.D.C. Budget in the amount of Forty-Four Thousand Dollars ($44,000.00) to cover an increase in salaries and fringe benefits to cover the change in status of two part-time employees to full time positions.

L-AS-11-03  03/17/11
Approves and authorizes an increase in the Representative’s General Fund in the amount of $35,000.00 (Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars) to cover the salary and fringe benefits for the position of Wellness Technician at the Little Axe Resource Center.

4th Annual Native American 5K National Championships & Community 5K Run

Special recognition of Jerry & Terri Tuckwin and Esther Felipe

Time: 8:00 am

Race will be held on the campus of Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute located at 9169 Coors Rd NW Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The course is a flat, paved, 2 loop course and is considered one of the fastest courses at altitude. This course is designed for very fast times.

Register Early for HUGE discounts. Teams, families, clubs, organizations & businesses. Contact SWTC to discuss discounts for multiple entries.

For more information or to have a entry form sent to you, email: SportsWarriorsTC@aol.com

Call: 505 710-3323

SATURDAY JUNE 18, 2011
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

There will be a traditional Pueblo style throw after all the events have been contested. Many other activities are being planned for the participants enjoyment.

ALL FORMER HASKELL ALUMNI, CROSS-COUNTRY AND TRACK AND FIELD RUNNERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS HONORING OF THE TUCKWINS, REGARDLESS OF WHEN YOU ATTEND.

CAMPERS, SAVE THE DATE:

NYPD Camp is celebrating its 10th Year!!!!
June 15 - 17, 2021

For American Indian youth aged 8-12 years old

Don’t Miss Out. Contact Your Tribe to Register

Please Contact Absentee Shawnee Tribe Diabetes Wellness Program at 878-4702 or 364-7298
NAWS hosting ‘Red, White & G.I. Blues’ festival May 21

TULSA, Okla. – The Native American Warrior Society is hosting their first ever music festival this May.

The “Red, White & G.I. Blues” festival is a benefit fundraiser for Native American troops serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and in Afghanistan.

“To my knowledge there has never been an event on behalf of our Native soldiers in the State of Oklahoma,” said Janene Alford, coordinator for the event. “This benefit fundraiser is to help continue to raise money for our troops for their monthly care packages.”

NAWS started sending care packages Feb. 7, 2009 and their troops have not missed a package since. Alford says they will continue to receive those packages until they all return home safely.

According to Alford, NAWS has sent care packages to troops of several tribal affiliations: Sac and Fox; Hoc- hunck; Navajo; Kootenai;Absentee Shawnee; Musco- gee Creek; Choctaw; Chippewa and many more.

"Osage Million Dollar Elm Casino is our main contrib- utor for this year’s memorable event. The Osage Nation has been very good to us over the last two years and we wish to thank them for the generosity. Without them this would not be possible," Alford said.

Garland Kent Jr. is the promoter for this event and he has done the work on acquiring most of the bands the lineup. Kent also hosts an annual event in Ponca City called the "Blues for Food Music Festival" and has done this every year.

"Mr. Kent is quite a talented person and I know that he will make our event become successful as well as what he has done with his own," she said.

All the bands scheduled to perform are donating their performance for the event.

Randy Webb, president of Juke Zoo, has also agreed to donate his time and staff to do a live webcast of the festival. Thanks to Webb, soldiers from all over the world can watch and listen to the festival in real time online at www.jukezoo.com.

"Randy has been a main person to help the society with our fundraisers. He is always ready to lend a hand when it pertains to our soldiers," Alford said.

The bands scheduled to perform as of press time are: Wanda Watson Band; Morrison 33; Mikel Daggett & the Blood Washed Band; Native Circle; and the Jaspa Kings.

The concert will start at 2:00 p.m. and run until 11:00 p.m. Saturday May 21st, at the Cain’s Ballroom in Tulsa, Okla. Tickets may be purchased at the door that day. Tickets are $15.00 for General Admission. No one per- mitted under the age of 21.

“It’s Armed Forces Day. What better day would it be to honor all veterans?” Alford asked.

The association is still accepting appli- cations and dues from those veterans interested in joining the AST American Legion Post. The post will start this summer and those submitting applications, before that start date, will hold the designation of Charter members.

The AST Veterans Association meets on the Second Wednesday of each month at Thunderbird Casino. The next meeting is scheduled, at said location, for Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at 7PM. For more information on membership or to schedule the Tribal Color Guard call John Vanderburg @ (405) 481-3822.

Members of the AST Veterans Association met Wednesday, March 9th at Thunderbird Casino. The group held an informal meeting, as a quorum was not present. Among the subjects discussed were:

- The Color Guard’s upcoming participation in the OKC Princess Honor Dance on Saturday, March 12th, at the Shawnee Expo Center [1700 W. Independence, Shawnee, OK 74801].
- The CG’s participation in the 2011 Miss Jr. Miss and Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City, Saturday, March 18th, at Destiny Christian Center [3801 S.E. 29th St., Del City, OK].
- The CG’s participation in the upcoming Tecumseh High School Native American Club’s Pow Wow, Saturday, April 23rd, at a location to be announced.

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Spring is here! The AST Fitness staff would like to encourage all tribal members to come out and exercise at the AST Resource Center.

The AST Fitness staff offers strength and conditioning programs available to people of any tribe with a CDIB and to all employees of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. Strength and conditioning programs include: Elders chair exercise, one-on-one trainings, circuit training, and Tai Chi. Along with our fitness programs we also provide other fun activities such as: outdoor evening basketball, track walking, volleyball, flag football, active Nintendo Wii table tennis, and more! We invite you to come out and visit our staff! Let us help you break into living an active lifestyle.

Resource Center hours of operation:
Monday thru Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday – CLOSED.

Thank you to all employees who participated in the 2011 March Madness Fitness Challenge. We registered 39 Absentee Shawnee employees in this year’s event. We would like to congratulate Rhiannon Bruner (Little Axe) and Jessie Williams (Shawnee) for being our top overall winners in this year’s annual March Madness Fitness Challenge. Rhiannon and Jessie committed most days of the week to participating in 30 minutes of cardiovascular activity. We would like to also congratulate our remaining 37 employees for their effort and time in participating in the March Madness Fitness Challenge. Carolyn Stacy, Chase Youngblood, Steve Fife, and Jessie Williams were all weekly winners in the “Gotcha” tournament. Thank you “Gotcha” players! The winners of the 5-on-5 were Team 1: Carolyn Stacy, Jared Duroy, Christina Bread, Rosie Tall Bear, and Blake Goodman. Congratulations to the winning employees. We hope you continue to keep physical activity a part your daily lives.
ATTENTION!!

IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE HAS TAKEN THE DIABETES DRUG
AVANDIA
AND SUFFERED A HEART ATTACK, STROKE OR OTHER
HEART PROBLEM, YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION.

CONTACT THE WEST LAW FIRM FOR A FREE CONSULTATION:

1-800-441-9378 (TOLL FREE)
Happy Birthday
And Many More!!!
ROY GENE GIBSON
From
Marvin & Sherry
Happy 9th Birthday
Christian Daniel Byers
We love you very much!
Auntie Sherry & Uncle Marvin
HAPPY MOTHERS DAY
To a very special mom
Velma Blanchard
We love you!
Marvin & Sherry
Happy Birthday
Sir Chubbs Foreman
From
Sherry & Marvin

**Dakota Blanchard**
Happy 19th
Bday Bud!!
Love,
Dad, Mom, and
Boob

DALE DAVIS HAPPY BIRTHDAY
EAT A LOT OF HOT
DOGS LOVE
THE KASECAS

POPS (DALE DAVIS)
WE LOVE U BUNCHES
LOVE JOCELYN AND
JUSTON AND RYAN

**Kara Gouge**
May 6th.
Happy Birthday Kara Jo
I love you
mom

Happy Birthday
DALE DAVIS HAPPY BIRTHDAY
EAT A LOT OF HOT
DOGS LOVE
THE KASECAS

**Joplin Dupre**
Happy 3rd Birthday to our little
nephew!
We love you.
Love, Aunt BJ & Uncle Troy

Happy Birthday
Jopin
Happy 3rd Birthday babyman!
We love you so much!
Love, Mommy & Daddy

GRANDPA ROY
HAPPY BIRTHDAY ON MAY 7, 2011
WE LOVE YOU BUNCHES
KANTYNN AND KANYNN

Happy Birthday Uncle Booger
HAVE A GOOD DAY FROM
CHELLE AND HOLLY

DAD (ROY KASECA) HAVE A
GREAT BIRTHDAY
WE LOVE YOU
HUGS AND KISSES NIKKI, KEVIN AND LEILA

Glendine Blanchard
May 10

Happy Birthday and Happy Mother’s day Mom!!
We love you,
Jac and Lance

Happy Birthday Grandma!!
We love you,
Skyla, Lilayah, Mikaylah, Robyn,
Shawn, Joaquin, and Silas

Joplin,
Happy Birthday to my
handsome little grandson.
I love you!
Granny Low

**Ahtone, Catlin Ray**
Alford Sr., Elroy R.
Alford, Amy Diann
Alford, Christian Shawnee
Alford, Magdelena Spaneta
Allen, Lucinda Nicole
Allen, Patricia Ann
Atchico, John Edward
Atwell, David Eugene
Atwood, Reagan Nicole
Bailey, Brittny Ciara
Bateman, Alberta Denise
Bates, Akiane Karee
Battise, Wannetta Jean
Baugman, Brenda Jane
Belvin, Justin Ray
Bender, Leal Desma
Bentley, Curtis Lee
Bettselyoun, Lula Mae
Bigpond, Roy
Blackburn, Gayle Ann
Blanchard, Joey Edward
Blanchard, Caelyn Blu
Blanchard, Dakota Joshua

**Blanchard, Glendine**
Blanchard, Joseph Henry
Box, Dorothy Lorene
Brady, Lynn Marie
Breeding, Sean K. C.
Brister, April Angela
Bryant III, Chester A.
Buckley, Gerald Wayne
Buckner, June
Bullard, Adam Drew
Bustamante, Andrea Nadine
Byers, Christian Daniel
Byers, Eric Nelson
Byers, Melissa Sue
Campbell, Charles Elbert
Charley, Melloney Ann
Citty, Lindsey Nicole
Clinesmith, Blake Weston
Coddington Jr., Kevin Dwayne
Coffee, Larry Otis
Collett, Bonnie Sue
Colungo, Steven Lee
Combs, Michelle Lynn
Conover, Gloria Jean
Coon, Justin Kyler
Creamer, Cora Mae Starr
Cripps, Anita Louise
Curier, Orietta Faith
Davis, Dale Allen
Deere, Shawnee Estelline
Denny, Jacqueline
Dibler Jr., George
Dospapas, Verna May
Elephant Jr., Edward Elmer
Ellis, Heather Ann
Ellis, Holly Diana
Ellis, Michael Frank
Evans, Lisa Michelle
Feeling, Lavonna Jean
Ferrell, Alyssa Kay
Fife, Gabriel Douglas
Fife, Teresa Laura Irene
Footracer, Lee Anna Gail
FStub
Foreman Jr., Leonard De-wayne
Galloway, Zachary Adam
Gaut, Crystal Lynne
Gibson Sr., Roy Gene
Gibson, David Michael
Gibson, Jeffrey Wayne
Godwin, Lucy G.
Granstrom, Cody James
Grass, Amelia Ann
Graves Pyrch, Karen Sue
Graves, Sharol Annette
Gray, Branden Tyler
Gray, Dakota Christian
Greeley, Carsyn Ryan
Griffin, Diane Sue Berry
Hale, Kathy Sue
Harris, Konner Lee Little
Charley
Hendrick, Luke Michael
Henry, Eddie Allen
Hernandez, Jennifer Lois
Hill, Yvette Carmel
Hood Jr., Warren Wesley
Hood, Elena Ann
Hood, Lisa
Hood, Thomas Edgar
Humphrey, Carol Lee
Hunt, Dominique Annastasia
Marie
Hutchinson, Velma Rae
Irvin, Steven Benjamin
Jackson III, Mark Sweeney
Johnson Harjo, Curtis Ray
Johnson Jr., Richard Taft
Johnson, Coree Lee
Johnson, Gabriella Kayann
Johnson, Michael Scott
Isaiah
Johnson, Nicholas James
Johnson, Priscilla Grace
Johnson, Walter Kirby
Johnson, Whitney Brooke
Kaseca, Barry Alvin
Kaseca, David Allen
Kaseca, Kantynn James
Kaseca, Roy James
Keith, Marshall Collins
Kirby-Gibson, Ian Jacob
Kmatz, Mindy Lynnette
Kobs, Jennifer Ann
Kowitz, Michael Raymond
Little Axe, Sabrina
Little Charley, Cheryl Jean
Little Charley, Terry Lee
Little Creek, Vernon Dale
Little Creek, Anderson Doreece
Little Creek, Dakota Dwight
Little Creek, Tiffany Nicole
Little Creek, Tristyn Denae
Longhorn, Sean Ray
Longhorn, Weda Louise
Lopez Jr, Rolando
Lovins, Audrey Ann
Lovins, Earl Dean
MacGill, Georgia Sue
MacK, Rylan Emory
Mann, Sally Arlene
Masquat Jr., George
Masquat, Chelcy Nicole
Mathany, Susanne Christine
Matthews, Mary Caroline
Maxfield, Cordelia Dirt
McGowan, Patricia Lynn
Megehee, Douglas Dewayne
Megehee, Tonia Lynn
Mendoza, Amanda Ranee` Meyer, Doreen
Miller, Casey Ryan
Minesinger, Scott Brooker
Mitchell, Desiree Rose
Montgomery, Matthew Schbler Daugherty
Moore, Emily Renee
Morgan, Polly A Littlebear
Morton, Jeremiah James
Munroe, Douglas
Neugent, Alena Dee
Neugent, Alissa Marie
New Moon, Jake Lee
New Moon, Jennifer Brooke
Nice, Chelsea Nicole
Noyes, Paula Jo
Oldham, George Lynn
Onzahwah, Deborah Kay
Ott-Proctor, Lyli Lee Ann
Panther, Jeffery Wayne
Parker, Shawn Ian
Pawpa, Donald Wayne
Pearl, Melvin Joe
Powell, Fawn Laverene
Powell, Kendall Lynn
Pynch, Lauren Karly
Raisbeck, David Nathaniel
Ramirez Jr., Florentino
Ramirez, Elricia Marie-Alka
Reavis, Ricci Donnice
Roach, Dakota Eugene
Robertson, Rita Jean York
Robison, Morgan Tell
Robison, Thomas Aaron
Rock, Micheal Eugene
Rolette, Domini Antoinette
Rolette, Gilbert Earl
Rolette, Joshua David
Michael
Rudloff, Lacey Rei
Ryan, Royce Liamp
Salazar, Terry Lee
Sanders, Patty Ruth
Schulenberg, Donald Derek
Shawnee, Jarrett Lloyd
Shular, Monte Lee
Smith, Jeremiah Robert
Smith, Richard Alexander
Smith, Teresa Renee`
Smith, Valerie Ann
Smith, Vanessa Rae
Snake, Norma Louise
Soap Jr, John Lee
Soap, Roger Eugene
Spicer, Amber Jo
Spoon Jr., Robert Ray
Spoon, Joplin Dupre
Spoon, Landon Joe
Spriggs, Warren Paul
Springer, Delores Ann
Spybuck, Easton Cade
Squire, Nathan Gene
Starr III, Henry James
Starr, Anthony Craig
Stevens, Laurence Paul
Stewart, Gracie Nicole
Strain, Cynthia Ann
Sultuska, Ella L.
Sultuska, Jerry Wayne
Summers, Dorothy Jean Dirt
Surface Jr., Robert Monroe
Sok, Debra Jean
Talbert, Elaine Michelle
Tallchief IV, Eves
Tallchief, John G.
Taylor, Darwin Jacob
Thornhill, Noah Hunter
Thorpe, Burke James
Tiger, Jennifer Diane
Tiger, Roland
Uchida Jr., Stephen Robert
Wakolee, Carmen Jean
Walker, Jo Ann Louise
Wallace, Brenda Gayle
Warrior, Johnnie Andrew
Warrior, Kenneth James
Washington, Lucille Axe
Watkins, Jamie Lynn
Watson, Brittany
Watson, Janelle Ilise
Watson, Thomas Aaron
Wesley, Ula Mae Welch
White IV, Charles Daniel
White, Brooklyn Dee
White, Caitlyn Rose
White, Clayton Randall
Wilkerson, Barbara Lee
Wilkerson, Katie Evalyn
Williams, Colton Alexander
Williams, Glenn Aaron
Williams, Ruth Helen
Wilson, Carla Marie
Wilson, Cecil Alan
Wilson, Christopher Blaine
Wilson, Diana Lynn
Wilson, Francis Lynn
Wilson, Helen June
Wilson, Lana Louise
Witt, Ambra Denise
Wolfe Sr., Houston Hugh
Wucinski, Gary Ray
Young, Lynda Renee
The Annual Tiger Family Reunion has been scheduled for May 28, 2011 at the Post Oak Shelter off Peebly Road, (the same place it was held last year), from 10am to 10pm. The Little Axe Shelter is still under construction at this time. All family and friends of the late Jim Tiger and Annie Mann Tiger are welcome.

Please bring your lawn chairs, drinks, a covered dish and any games you may have! Also everyone please bring some of your baby pictures and they will be displayed on the board, Then we will try to guess who is who!

Hope to see everyone there!!!
FOSTER HOMES NEEDED

By becoming a foster parent, you are providing a temporary, safe home for children in crisis. You are part of the child’s support, treatment and care programs. You are partners with the child’s social worker, lawyer, judge, teachers and doctors. Being a foster parent is not a passive act of opening your home and providing the basic needs of the child, it is also a proactive statement of nurturing, advocacy, and most importantly LOVE! In 2011, there were 2,168 tribal children placed in foster care in the State of Oklahoma and placed in non-tribal homes due to the low availability of tribal foster homes.

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

Foster parenting is not for everyone but if you have it in your heart- WE NEED YOU!

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 at (405)275-4030 ext 195.

ONE CHILD
ONE TRIBE

“A single twig breaks, but the bundle of twigs is strong”
-Chief Tecumseh-

MAY IS FOSTER CARE MONTH

Ni yah way!!!

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe Indian Child Welfare department would like to thank those who are serving as foster parents for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. Thank you for providing a safe and stable environment for our children. Thank you for opening your home, showing compassion, understanding, and giving AST foster children a sense of belonging.
Summer is coming!!
There will be openings for music classes. Classes will fill up fast, for the free music lessons.

Call: Phil Bradley
405.370.5576

Free Music Lessons

All Native Americans Children from the age of 5 to 19 can be enrolled in FREE music classes. Children this summer will be looking for something to do with their time and energy. And just being a kid!

So why not get them into music classes this summer and open up a new world to a young mind! All lessons are FREE and we have so many more activities to offer, too. Through the MSPI program for Native American children and their families. Come in or call Phil Bradley at 405-270-4030 EXT:117 or his cell at 405-370-5576 and check the program out and all it has to offer for the summer of 2011.

You and your child can enjoy the gift of music and the many other things that are yours for the summer.

Please call asap. Classes will fill up soon and there are sign up deadlines on some of the other events that will be going on for all to enjoy. Like the river rafting trip and other outdoors treats.

Thanks so much, we had a great year in 2010 and this year promises to only be better. Get on board and come join in and have some fun while learning the wonderful enjoyment of music.

Phil Bradley
Creative Arts of MSPI/BH
405-275-4030 EXT 117
405-878-4716 Jenifer Sloan
May, 2011, Hello, this month's theme is: CRITTERS AND THEIR HOMES

1. Spider
   we pa qi
   1.a Spider web
   we pa qe na qi ki
2. Bird
   wa se ke lo fi
   2.a Bird nest
   wa se ke lo fi ho fe fi
3. Worm
   mi ne to la fi
   3.a Co-coon
   pi pa yi kef e
4. Snake
   mi ne to
   4.a Coil
   ta tape fa ne wi
5. Bee
   ha mo
   5.a Bee hive
   ha mo qa ho fe fi
6. Wasp
   la la pe kit a fe
   6.a Wasp nest
   la la pe ki ta fe ho fe fi
7. Mud dauber
   qe wa fi
   7.a Mud dauber nest
   qe wa fi ki ma ke
8. Beaver
   hi ma qi
   8.a Beaver dam
   hi ma qi ke pa ne ka ge
9. Wolf
   me he wa wi
   9.a Den
   wi si li ko ke
10. Bear
    me qi
    10.a Cave
    wi si li ko ke
11. Rabbit
    pa ti ke na fe
    11.a Trap/snare
    na qi ki

Months of the year in Shawnee language
As told to George Blanchard by his Elders:

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Camp Nikoti
Counselors and Volunteers Needed!

Applications Available Now and are Due by May 20th.

Counselors must be at least 16 years of age to apply. Volunteers must be at least 15 years of age.

You may pick up an application at the Absentee Shawnee Tribal complex in the basement of building #3.

Questions? Call 275-4030 ext. 193 and ask for Margaret Ellis.
AISIAN ADVENTURE

Ages 11-14 yrs.

Sign Up Will Begin May 16th!

LIMITED SPACE IS AVAILABLE. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE

Call 275-4030 ext. 193 and ask for Margaret Ellis.

Camp Melokami was a great success. Within one week of spring break we were able to have a variety of speakers from the tribe come and speak to the youth. We were able to learn and play many games while the participants enjoyed each day. Our final day consisted of a reward day for the participants because of their excellent behavior and participation. The Tribal Youth Program would like to thank Kristi Morrell, Rosie TallBear, Representative Jeff Gibson, Randy Edge, Tresha Spoon, and Shaun Wiegmann for speaking to our participants and giving them certain leadership qualities.
GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING A CAR SEAT

The following are the guidelines for receiving a car seat from the ICW department. These car seats have been purchased with federal grant monies and have certain guidelines to follow when receiving the seats.

The person applying for a car seat must be the parent or legal guardian of the child.

Either parent/legal guardian or child must be an enrolled tribal member. Documentation needed

The child must be present at the time the car seat is given.

Income guidelines are as follows:

2011 HHS Poverty Guidelines
Persons
in Family48 Contiguous
States and D.C.Alaska
Hawaii
1 $10,890 $13,600
$12,540
2 14,710 18,380
16,930
3 18,530 23,160
21,320
4 22,350 27,940
25,710
5 26,170 32,720
30,100
6 29,990 37,500
34,490
7 33,810 42,280
38,880
8 37,630 47,060
43,270
For each additional
person, add 3,820 4,780
4,390

OR Proof of public assistance (ie. Medicaid/Sooner Care, Food Stamps, etc.) Documentation needed

Should the child have a car seat upon arriving to the ICW office, the car seat being used must be turned over to ICW in exchange for a new car seat.

A car seat technician shall install the car seat in the correct position for the child’s age and weight for that particular car seat.

Each eligible child receives one (1) seat per life time. (Unless legal guardian changes) Documentation needed

These guidelines are followed based on the availability of car seats the ICW department has.
Car Seats, Booster and Seat Belt Safety Fact Sheet
Below is information provided by www.Safekids.org. For more statistics and information you may visit the website or contact the Indian Child Welfare Department. If you are in need of a car seat and meet the guidelines, please feel free to contact the ICW department for availability. Appointments will be made to receive and install the car seat for those who are eligible.

Key Facts
Child safety seats and safety belts, when installed and used properly, can prevent injuries and save lives. Each year, an estimated 975 child occupants under 14 years of age die as a result of a motor vehicle incident.
In 2005, more than 1,400 child occupants died in motor vehicle crashes and nearly half were unrestrained.
From 1993 to 2002, there were 159 reported fatal injuries to children less than 12 years of age associated with airbag deployment. Of the total child fatalities 69.2 percent were unrestrained and 29.6 percent were improperly restrained.
Children are more likely to be properly restrained when the driver is properly restrained.
In a study observing the misuse of 3,442 car seats in six states, approximately 73 percent of car seats showed at least one critical misuse.
84 percent of car seats showed critical misuses. Booster seat misuse was 41 percent.
The most common form of misuses for all car seats included loose vehicle seat belt attachment to the car seat and loose harness straps securing the child to the car seat.

Safety Interventions
Ensure that every occupant is properly restrained for every ride.
Always follow manufacturer’s instructions. Infants should ride in rear-facing car seats as long as possible (a minimum of 12 months old and 20 pounds).
Correctly secure children who have outgrown their rear-facing car seats in a forward facing car seat. Always use the car seat tether for optimal protection.
Correctly secure children over 40 pounds in a booster seat or other appropriate car seat until the adult lap and shoulder safety belts fit correctly (approximately 4’9” and 80-100 pounds, usually between 8 and 12 years).
The following are current programs administered by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Education Department:

- **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**:

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

For graduating High School Seniors or any tribal members wishing to take courses for fall 2011: The deadline for submitting an application for the Higher Education: Education Incentive Award Program is June 15, 2011.

For more information, please call Tresha Spoon at (405) 275-4030 ext. 121 or 1-800-256-3341 or email to tresham@astribe.com.
**CURRENT JOB POSTINGS AS OF April 5, 2011**

**GAMING COMMISSION**
- Surveillance Director
- Compliance Officer
- Surveillance Operator

**COURT/LEGAL/POLICE**
- Supreme Court Tribal Judge
- Patrol Officer

**BUILDING BLOCKS**
- Floater

**LITTLE AXE SMOKESHOP**
- Deli cook

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**
- PT Victim Advocate

**HEALTH**
- Executive Director
- Staff Physician – Shawnee Clinic
- Pharmacy Tech
- Director of Pharmacy Services
- Software Engineer III
- RN Case Manager- CDG
- Admin. Asst/Clerk- CDG

I would like to thank everyone who attended our Balloon Release that kicked off Sexual Assault Awareness Month. April is designated for Sexual Assault Awareness and the awareness color is Teal which was displayed very brightly at our event.

Job descriptions will be available online: [http://www.astribe.com/Employment.html](http://www.astribe.com/Employment.html)

If you have any questions about the job positions and their job descriptions you can also contact Briana Ponkilla or Tricia Dietrich in the Human Resource Department at the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at: (405) 275-4030.
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| 1.  | Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich  
  Tom, Lett, Onion  
  Chips  
  Plums | 2.  | Salmon Patty  
  Mac n Chez  
  Carrots  
  Cake | 3.  | Beef Stroganoff  
  Zucc n Tom.  
  Tossed Salad²  
  Fruit Cocktail | 4.  | Hamburger Steak  
  Brown Gravy  
  Red Pot  
  Turnip Greens  
  Peach Crisp/Roll | 5.  | Scambled Eggs  
  Sausage Gravy  
  Biscuits  
  Fruit |
| 6.  | 8.  | 9.  | 10. | 11. | 12. | 13. |
| 7.  | Crispy Italian  
  Chicken  
  Wild Rice  
  Brocc.  
  Roll | 9.  | Goulash  
  Squash Cobbler  
  Salad Bar⁴ | 10. | Egg Roll  
  Fried Rice  
  Stir Fry Veggies  
  Banana w  
  Ham/Chez  
  Cauli. & Brocc.  
  Cookie | 12. | Grits  
  Scrambled Eggs  
  Biscuit  
  Fresh Fruit |
| 14. | 15. | 16. | 17. | 18. | 19. | 20. |
| 13. | Baked Fried Chicken  
  Mashed Pot & gravy  
  Beets  
  Cherry Chez Cake | 16. | Ham  
  Black eyed Peas  
  Broccoli  
  Roll  
  Apricots | 17. | Baby Lima Beans  
  w/ ham  
  Cornbread  
  Spinach | 18. | Mexican Casserole  
  Ranch Beans  
  Spanish Rice  
  Pears | 20. | Pancakes  
  Sausage Patties  
  Juice |
| 21. | 22. | 23. | 24. | 25. | 26. | 27. |
| 28. | Cold Cut  
  Sandwich  
  Potato Soup  
  Peaches | 24. | Cheeseburger  
  Lett, Tom, Pickles  
  Pork n Beans  
  Mandrain Oranges | 25. | Chicken Strips  
  Mashed Pot/Gravy  
  Greenbeans  
  Pudding | 26. | Chef Salad  
  w/ ham  
  Cottage Chez  
  Pineapples  
  Crackers | 27. | Oatmeal  
  Bacon  
  Toast  
  Fresh Fruit |
| 29. | Memorial Day  
  AST  
  Closed | 30. | Soft Taco  
  Lett, Tom  
  Salsa/Chips  
  Cinnamon Roll | LUNCH SERVED  
  MON-THUR. 11AM TO 1PM  
  BREAKFAST SERVED  
  FRIDAYS 9AM TO 11AM  
  Salad Bar served at  
  Congregate Meal sites Only | NOT GOING TO BE HOME CALL AND  
  LET US KNOW AT 405-275-4030  
  EXT 169  
  OR NOTIFY YOUR DRIVER |
ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE
Elders Survey 2011

Name______________________
Address_________________________________________________

Today’s Date____________

Diabetic: _____yes _____no
High Blood Pressure: _____yes _____no
Cancer Survivor _____yes _____no
High Cholesterol _____yes _____no

What is your favorite food?

Do you have a recipe that you would like to share with Title VI?

What types of activities would you like to see?

COMMENTS: ______________________________________________________
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Mother’s Day is on May 8th first Sunday of the Month. Cherish the Memories of your Mom, past the memories on to your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. 
Who can find a virtuous Woman? For her price (is) far above rubies. Proverbs 31:10

We will be going to Thunderbird Casino on May 5th!!!
Warmer weather is here, to the Homebound if you have an ice chest you will need to provide some form of frozen container (pop bottle or butter container or something) so your food and milk will not spoil and we have had some Elders that haven’t been home and have not provided a ice chest for their food or haven’t call in telling us not to deliver. Please call in or provide an ice chest this will save time on delivery, Thank You! To those who have called in, we appreciate you so much.
Memorial Day is May 30th, AST Complex will be closed. No lunches will served or delivered this day. We want to Thank You for filling out the Survey’s, this helps us serve you better. Any questions or concerns you can contact us at 405-275-4030 ext 169.

A man loves his sweetheart the most, his wife the best, but his mother the longest.
Mothers Day Quotes you can use: Unknown

FOR SALE:
Charming 2010 Skyline Doublewide 27x40
3 BD, 2 Full BA, W/D area, fully equipped electric kitchen
Vinyl siding-never lived in
Great starter home or if you are into downsizing
Must be moved. $45,000.
Call 405-214-0145
Are you out of work? Do you need a job? Come see AST TERO Randy Edge TERO Director for potential jobs in connection with the new AST casino being built in front of the tribal headquarters. Need folks for housekeeping, maintenance, security, player’s club, gaming techs, and servers. Come by TERO and fill out a TERO application, please bring picture photo ID, social security card, CDIB, and resume. We can help you prepare for that next job.

ATTENTION!!!
The AST TERO is planning a job fair in conjunction with the new casino being built in front of the tribal campus on Gordon Cooper Drive. Will announce date, time, and place within the next several weeks. Call the TERO office for any questions concerning job fair, job opportunities and training.

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 Melissa Lopez 405-275-4030 ext. 166.

ASTER SHAWNEE TRIBAL MEMBERS
WE HAVE A PROMOTION JUST FOR YOU

EVERY WEEK RECEIVE $10 FREE SLOT PLAY
Just show your Absentee Shawnee Tribal CDIB Card, to take advantage of the offer.

See Player’s Club Desk for complete details

Management reserves the right to change or alter any promotion.
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:

1. Handicapped/Disabled and Elderly
2. Income
3. Family Size/Overcrowded Living Conditions
4. 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

If you’d like to submit an ad or article give us a call at (405) 275-4030 ext. 146 or send us an e-mail at mediadept@astribe.com

ALL ARTICLES WILL BE SUBMITTED AS RECEIVED.
2011
TRIBAL PHONE NUMBERS

Tribal Complex   (405) 275-4030
or 1-800 256-3341
Building Blocks (405) 878-0633
Health Programs (405) 878-4702
or 1-877-878-4702
Little Axe Clinic (405) 447-0300
Little Axe Dental (405) 307-9704
Shawnee Clinic  (405) 878-5850
Shawnee Pharmacy (405) 878-5859
Behavioral Health (405) 878-4716
LA Resource Center (405) 364-7298
or (405) 364-7569
LA Cultural Center (405) 447-3372
AST Police       (405) 275-3200
or (405) 275-3432
OEH/OEP          (405) 214-4235
AS Housing Authority (405) 273-1050
Thunderbird Casino (405) 360-9270
Or 1-800-259-LUCK
AST Tribal Grocery & (405) 364-0668
SmokeShop Little Axe
AST Country Kitchen (405) 366-7220
AST SmokeShop in (405) 454-0055
Harrah