

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



GEORGE BLANCHARD GOVERNOR



Isaac Gibson Lt.Governor



MICHELLE LOPEZ
SECRETARY



KATHY DEERE Treasurer



JEFFREY GIBSON REPRESENTATIVE

### GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Good morning:

want to start by apologizing for the canceling of the Oct. General Council meeting. Due to traditional bread dances there were not enough signed in Tribal Members for a quantum to be declared (fifty members must be signed in order to declare a quantum and proceed with the Council). The Executive Committee will explore the possibility of a constitutional amendment changing the meeting to November.

A lot has transpired since the spring General Council meeting and I'll try to bring everything to your attention.

The Joint Venture Clinic project has now been finalized and construction has begun on the land and the building.

On May 26<sup>th</sup> Dan Little Axe and I went to Washington D.C. to present the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's concerns on current Probate issues to B.I.A. Assistant Director Larry EchoHawk. The B.I.A. Master Decision Maker, Judge Richard Reeh is making his determinations on probate cases based on the "Collier case" which is a Tribal wide issue, not an individual issue. A detailed account of this meeting was presented in the July News Letter which I urge everyone to read, but in short, Assistant Director EchoHawk agreed with our concerns and promised to address the issues in our favor when the final decision is made by the Master Decision Maker, Judge Reeh.

In May, a day of destructive tornadoes, followed by a bad hail storm, put the Tribal resources through a major test, stretching our resources beyond maximum. I want to thank all participating employees, all participating Tribal members, and all members of the community who stepped up and contributed both time and effort to the relief effort. I would especially like to thank the Tribal Emergency Coordinator Linda Day and all department heads who worked so tirelessly during this emergency.

In June, three new members were added to the Executive Committee. I would like to give a hearty welcome to Lt. Governor Isaac Gibson Jr., Treasurer Kathy Deere, and Representative Jeff Gibson. All three have been working diligently to progress the best interests of Tribal members since taking office.

In this regard, due to lack of progress made by the Tribe's A.S.E.D.A. board, several Tribally owned businesses have been placed under the umbrella of the Executive Committee for evaluation and guidance on improving profitability. The Executive Committee is also in the process of bringing new businesses to the Tribe. Due to the efforts of the management team at All Nations Bank, and the Tribe's financial department, a branch of the All Nations Bank will hopefully open on the Tribal Complex by the first of the year. The Executive Committee is well along in negotiations for a trash transfer station that will benefit the Tribe both financially, and environmentally, by providing everyone a safe place to dispose of accumulated trash.

The Tribal day care facility "Building Blocks"

has opened on the Tribal Complex, and talks are underway for a facility in the Little Axe area.

Randy Edge has been hired as the Tribe's Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance "TERO" Director, and hopes to progress the hiring of Tribal members and Native Americans to all job opportunities covered by TERO.

The present Executive Committee, with oversight in Tribal business matters welcomes any and all ideas you may have regarding bringing new businesses to the Tribe.

By this time you all should be receiving absentee ballots for a Secretarial Election on changing the constitutional requirements for the Blood Quantum required for enrollment to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. I urge each and every one of you to exercise your right to vote, and send the ballots in. This is the only way you can have a say yes or no on this extremely important matter.

The Executive Committee is communicating extremely well, and because of this, Tribal concerns are addressed and dealt with in a very timely manner. I have been your Governor for about fifteen months now, and the last three months have been the most productive of my tenure, due to this environment. These people aggressively investigate and pursue solutions to all concerns presented to them. If they CAN help you, they WILL help you. As always, you are welcome to contact me with any concerns you may have.

George Blanchard, Governor

### Lt. GOVERNOR'S REPORT

ribal Members: I hope this report finds you all well. You will find an in-depth article regarding the Horse Shoe Bend renovation project in the newspaper also.

I'm disappointed, for those of you that drove many miles to attend General Council, to find that the meeting could not be held due to the lack of a quorum. Tribal staff also puts a lot of work into the General Council meetings. Your hard work has not gone unnoticed even though the meeting was not held. We will try it again in the spring. Look forward to seeing you then.

It seems to me that having oversight responsibility of federal programs would require that you have, or acquire, some knowledge in those areas. During the month of November, a two (2) day training session "Introduction to Transportation Planning" was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Seminar was free and very informative. I plan to gain as much information as I can regarding the tribal programs. I plan to do it like this one. Attend local, free trainings. I know sometimes travel is called for and it isn't always training. Many federal organizations and tribal/federal work groups request tribal leader input. I would like to have input on policies that are being put together that will govern the activities of our the Tribe.

I would like to offer my condolences to the Masquat family. The loss of Catherine Masquat will be felt by all. Mrs. Masquat was a revered tribal member; the eldest member of our Tribe. My condolences are also extend to the family of Margaret Ellis in regard to the passing of her son Berry.

Please call or come by any time you would like.

Sincerely,

/s/

Isaac Gibson, Jr. Lieutenant Governor Tribal Members: Below please find the overall construction plan for renovation of the Horseshoe Bend Project.

### Horseshoe Bend

### **Project**

In order to complete the overall construction and renovation project at this site, the following programs have been approached as to how they could assist with the project. Each program has procedures and justification needs in order to provide assistance for such a project, therefore, any and all requests will be made accordingly for reporting and auditing purposes.

- Storm Shelter- Building Blocks, ACF monies: the storm shelter is considered an addition to an existing facility that would provide a means of a safety retreat when needed for community usage.
- Basketball Court- Building
  Blocks, ACF monies: this is an
  addition that would be utilized
  by the youth if the community and by any other tribal
  programs that could sponsor
  activities.
- <u>Playground</u>- Building Blocks, ACF monies: another addition that is considered a community usage item. The playground would be utilized by the chil-

- dren on the weekends, in the evenings and at events being held at the center.
- <u>Kitchen Appliances</u>- Building Blocks, ACF monies: because this is an existing community facility, monies can be used to make the facility functional to serve the members of the community.
- Heat/Air System- Building Blocks, ACF monies: because this an existing community facility, monies can be used to make the facility functional to serve the members of the community.
- After School Program-Building Blocks, ACF monies: With two different school districts having bus routes that pass by the center, an after school program at the facility would justify all the items that could be provided. It would also be a program that would serve the tribal and Native American youth in that area.
- 16,374 sq. ft. Asphalt Parking Lot including Drive- Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) Construction Funds: the Horseshoe Bend location is listed on the Tribal Transportation Improvement Priority (TTIP) List as one of the top 4 priority projects as identified by tribal resolution for 2010.
- 100'L x 10'W Sidewalk- IRR Construction Funds: this sidewalk will be poured along the East side of the

building with it butting up against the asphalt parking lot.

- 120'L x 5'W Sidewalk with a 20'L x 12'W pad- IRR Construction Funds: this sidewalk will start at the backdoor (West side of building) and connect to the front step of the storm shelter. This will serve as an access corridor. Within this stretch of sidewalk, the 20' x 12' pad will be poured to serve as the floor for a pavilion structure.
- 1500'L x 5'W Sidewalk
  (Walking Path)- IRR Construction Funds: this piece of sidewalk will be attached to the smaller piece of sidewalk, but will be poured along the perimeter of the property to serve as a walking path similar to the one located at the Resource Center in Little Axe.
- <u>Lighting</u>- IRR Construction
   Funds: a total of 10 light
   posts will be placed on site
   at different strategic locations. These lights will be
   controlled by both timer
   switches and a breaker
   switch. This will allow them
   to be turned off manually
   when need be for whatever
   purpose.
- Building Expansion- Generated Revenue ARRA
   Project: any aspect of the expansion of the building will be taken care of by the Lt.'s office. That includes the pouring of the pad, plumbing, Frame iron, Metal siding and coating of

- the roof. The interior walls will remain the same and the same materials will be used in the expansion.
- Retractable Wall- Generated Revenue ARRA Project: bids will be sought for the installation of a retractable wall that would be utilized during the afterschool program and during funerals.
- Windows- Generated Revenue ARRA Project: new windows will be installed that will be more energy efficient and improve appearance.
- Prop Ceiling- Generated
  Revenue ARRA Project:
  the height of the existing ceiling will remain the same. The ceiling tile will be removed. Additional track will be added, hopefully to the existing, in order to make the ceiling tiles 2' x 2'. Decreasing the size of the tiles will do away with the problem of sagging tiles.
- Front Porch Awning- Generated Revenue ARRA
   Project: concrete will be poured along the entire East side of the building, including the add on sections, which will extend 10' off the building. Over that area, a metal awning will be installed to provide shade and an outside gathering area.
- Exercise Stations- Health Programs, CDG Grant/ Healthy Heart Grant: one of the two programs is

checking into the possibility of having end of the year monies that could allow them to purchase a few of the outside exercise stations similar to the ones located at the Resource Center in Little Axe.

At present time, these are the major components involved with this construction and renovation project. The ideas and suggestions that were received from the community members have all been incorporated, designed and voted on to allow the tribe to move forward on this project.

The project is coming along nicely. I wanted to give you an update on the project. This information was put together by all of the staff members that are working towards completing this project for the

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

 ${\mathcal H}_{ ext{ello}}$  Tribal members.

Hope all is doing well and getting prepared for the winter months ahead. We the EC have very busy in get several different projects started and on the path for completion.

We held an ASEDA shareholders meeting and removed the two tribal stores and the AST restaurant from under the ASEDA board. I was the lucky one chosen to oversee these projects and I have currently hired Joy Anderson as new manager along with two co-managers Paula Lime, and Luis Armanza for the restaurant. We have a full crew now but are still accepting applications for any position at the restaurant. We are currently advertising for an Accountant II position for the tribal store and also for assistant

Manager for the tribal store. If you would like to put your application in please fill an application out and submit it to Felsa Agan in HR at the Store in Little Axe.

We are also looking into remodeling the Harrah Smoke shop due to several damages that has occurred over the lack of upkeep in this store. It currently needs new roof, new ceiling tiles and more advertising for this location. I will keep you updated.

Enrollment is currently preparing for the upcoming election on the lowering of the blood quantum and getting all the paper work set up for new enrollees if this should pass. We will be looking at around, rough estimate of (1500 to 2000) new enrollees if this should happen. We will need to hire one more Enrollment part time staff member to help get this done.

If you did not return your registration before the October 25, 2010 deadline, you will not be eligible to vote. This election will be by Absentee Ballots only. There will be a posting of eligible voters posted at the Little Axe Resource Center and here on the complex at the Main Building in the Receptionist office. The ballots will need to be returned by noon on November 19, 2010. No later or they will be voided. If you should have any questions the tribe has appointed two Representatives for the tribe and they are as follow: Whitney Weingatner Attorney General's office at Ext: 134 and Belinda Collins AST. Comptroller Ext: 162. Please call they will be happy to answer any questions for you.

Another major project we the EC have started is the remolding of the old Horse Shoe community building. So far they have built the walking track, Storm shelter and in the future will be doing basketball courts, Play area for kids, remolding the kitchen area, and new parking lot. So keep an eye out for updates and I encourage you to join the community meetings on the first Saturday of each month. They are held at the Horse shoe bend

community building. I am very proud of this project. This has been a long time coming. Mr. Ed Little has been hosting these meetings and I would like to thank him in helping me get this project started. New casino project: We had a meeting with the general managers of Thunderbird along with the attorneys and went over the designs for the new casino and they have been sent to the architect for final changes. We were given a completion date of February 2011. If weather permits! We all know Oklahoma weather. As you may know we have been working very hard to bring a broadband grant to the tribe so that we may offer internet to the public in Little Axe and surrounding areas and we received word last week that the tribe was not chosen for the grant. We will continue to move forward and watch for new grants coming out in the future. I would like to personally thank all the hard workers who were on the broadband team for all their hard work and long hours. We didn't fail we were just not chosen for this grant, and that means there is something better and bigger out there for us. Thank you

I will continue to update the tribal members on any progress. Thank you and my condolences go out to the families who have lost someone special in their lives recently. If you should need anything please call or come by. Thank you Secretary Lopez.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Hope you all enjoyed the festivities of October! Haunted House was a success, Domestic Violence had various activities for the month, our children even had a break for two days from school to participate in activities at the Resource Center, our AST elders even got to take a mini trip to Branson, Missouri for a weekend of relaxation, showboat cruise and as

always fellowship with each other. We are so thankful to our Creator who has blessed our Tribe with many services that we as tribal members can enjoy! As we progress into more Economic Development businesses, we can offer even more services to our tribal members.

Attended the IV Annual Native American **Economic Development Conference and** III Annual Renewable Energy Projects in Indian Country Conference, Las Vegas, NV. About 420 registered that consisted of tribes, businesses, Department of Energy, IRS, Small Business Administration, Department of Commerce, Department of Agriculture, and Environmental Protection Agency, etc. We received some good ideas on how to expand our economic development for the Tribe. Our tribe has various opportunities to widen our horizons, not just here in Oklahoma but throughout the United States. The federal government wants everyone to GO GREEN which means, learning to save our resources through various energy efficient ways. Many of the tribes that attended were on panel boards and discussed how their tribe was developing in economic growth. Listed are a few areas which these tribes are involved with: Copper Mining, Pink Diamond Mining, Coffee Supply & distribution, Gaming of course, Solar Energy projects with the sun and wind, Tribal tourism: creating revenue and employment opportunities while teaching history and culture, and biomass into diesel fuel, etc.

Monthly finances for the tribes are keeping within the scope of more revenue and spending less. We want to thank the Executive Committee, Program Directors, and Employees, for their outstanding commitment to conserving our resources in the financial area. Tribe's financial investments continued to increase. Our tribal finance department is doing a wonderful job in keeping all accounting, payroll, federal reporting on grants up to date! Thanks to our Controller, Belinda Collins and her finance staff, Genevieve,

Amy, Teresa, Jenny, Holly, Dee and Twyla. Also, appreciate the hard work our Procurement Department, Rick and Becky do for the tribe. Thank you both! Our bank will hope to be open in late 2010 or first quarter 2011. See the All Nations Bank report sent by President Bob Billy, CEO Gene Davis and Bank staff.

ASEDA Board has new appointees Dan Little Axe and Eric Blanchard. Hopefully, we will see economic growth coming soon!

As always, call, email, or come visit me in my office. Blessings to all,

Treasurer Deere

### HONORING OUR THREE OLDEST TRIBAL MEMBERS:

It was our privilege to honor our three oldest tribal members at the 66th Annual General Council Meeting, Saturday, October 16, 2010. We appreciate the families that came and brought pictures and gave a short biography of their loved ones. We were sorry, we did not get to meet them in person; but we understand they each have health concerns. Let us all remember these tribal members and their families in our prayers. Thank you Executive Committee, Absentee Shawnee Elders Council, and Behavioral Health Program for donating Wal-Mart \$60 gift cards, Appreciation Certificates & Frames, and the Absentee Shawnee Tribal flag to these special honorees: Catherine Masquat, 99 years old, Martha Ellis Edwards, 93 years old, and Henry







### ALL NATIONS BANK

# Good Day to our Absentee Shawnee Tribe Friends.

At the end of October, All Nations Bank is converting to a new IT system. This conversion will improve the delivery system of customer information as well as the general accounting processes of the bank.

By completing the conversion at this time, we will have more than adequate time to change from a pure rural bank environment to a truly Hi-Tech metropolitan full service bank. In basic terms, we will have the full capability to serve your banking needs when we branch into the Shawnee area. The win-win for the Tribe is that we will be bringing the "Rural Community Bank" style of banking with us.

As I stated last month, the new Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act did recognize the difference between big Wall Street banks and community banks. The Congress, the regulators, and the communities we serve all know very well; finally, that all banks are not the same. Community banks are relationship-based institutions. If we don't loan to our communities, we go out of business. We live with our customers and we see them daily; we have to do the right thing in making their loans work for them, or we live with the consequences. Wall Street Banks are those banks and non-banks who are transaction-based institutions. Lenders never see most of their customers: they are a blip on a computer screen. It's not about personal relationships; it's about creating transaction fees. A bright line now defines our difference, and All Nations Bank will bring that difference to Shawnee and The Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

As far as the branch application goes, we are still working with the regulators to obtain approval. We have not heard anything negative; and we are continuing to provide requested data for their review. We hope to hear something in the next 30 to 60 days.

All is well here at All Nations Bank, and we hope the same is true for you and your families.

Have A Great Day, Bob, Gene and Staff.

			>	FY-2010 YTD TAX COLLECTIONS (thru 9/30/2010)	SNC						
TAX CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	% OF COLLECTIONS
Sales (6%)	\$6,427.61	\$6,733.05	\$7,875.54	\$8,710.79	\$105.09	\$19,706.89	\$11,887.10	\$12,837.18	\$12,767.49	\$87,050.74	4.74%
Gaming % of free cash	\$51,581.00	\$144,551.00	\$266,645.00	\$205,410.00	\$100,000.00	\$168,710.00	\$209,739.00	\$155,000.00	\$96,160.00	\$1,397,796.00	76.05%
Employee (1%)	\$10,591.43	\$8,094.39	\$7,956.42	\$13,023.30	\$4,585.09	\$9,014.19	\$8,771.27	\$16,027.69	\$4,608.97	\$82,672.75	4.50%
Severance (8%)	\$1,337.71	\$1,422.00	\$3,983.15	\$3,993.27	\$686.39	\$3,256.59	\$1,263.21	\$5,862.12	\$708.55	\$22,512.99	1.22%
Motor Vehicle	\$7,677.61	\$13,795.32	\$13,902.50	\$12,220.72	\$8,255.01	\$12,245.73	\$14,495.68	\$12,039.28	\$12,542.75	\$107,174.60	5.83%
Tobacco Refund	\$0.00	\$15,292.49	\$10,187.03	\$19,193.77	\$18,623.92	\$15,749.94	\$20,638.22	\$18,687.84	\$20,219.74	\$138,592.95	7.54%
TOTAL TAXES	\$77,615.36	\$189,888.25	\$310,549.64	\$262,551.85	\$132,255.50	\$228,683.34	\$266,794.48	\$220,454.11	\$147,007.50	\$1,835,800.03	
Miscellaneous	\$795.00	\$282.50	\$217.50	\$135.00	\$230.00	\$110.00	\$85.00	\$170.00	\$212.50	\$2,237.50	0.12%
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$78,410.36	\$190,170.75	\$310,767.14	\$262,686.85	\$132,485.50	\$228,793.34	\$266,879.48	\$220,624.11	\$147,220.00	\$1,838,037.53	100%
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### REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

bsentee Shawnee Tribe I hope this Newsletter finds everyone in good health and in good Spirits. I am happy to report to you that The Horseshoe Bend Project is in the process of being remodeled and if the weather cooperates hopefully the Project will be completed with a new Parking lot, Walking track, Basketball court and Playground by the first of the year all funds for this Project was grant Money and Funds left over from the county bridge we helped build in Cleveland County.

I am sorry that the 66th annual General council meeting was cancelled do to not having a quorum. With that happening hopefully The spring General Council we will have a tremendous crowd

The Executive Committee at this time are working really well together and talking about other Projects that hopefully real soon we will get started on... These are just some updates on some of the Programs I am over and if you need some assistance in these areas then let the program Director know and I am positive they will help you in that respected area..

\*Education Career services -**Director Tresha Spoon - Activities for** the month of September

- \*Funded 8 students for Graduate Scholarship Program
- \*Funded 23 students for the Education Incentive Award Program
- \*Funded 5 students for the Job Train ing Education Program
- \*Funded 4 students for the Zahn Edu cation Program
- \*Funded 5 students for the Academic (K-12) Program

\*Building Blocks Child Development

### Center - Director Lana Rattan -

- •Our current enrollment is up to 44 children.
- •We should have all positions filled by the time you receive this Newsletter.

### \*Title VI - Director Thomasine (Dos) **Owings**

The Program serves and estimate of 100 people between the two congregate Meal sites and delivers to 120 homebound. And also we have received two grants - MIPPA and NSIP grant.

\*Social Services - Director Annie Wilson

### Tribal Energy Assistance (T.E.A)

-Total Tribal Families served from Sep tember 2010 to October 15, 2010 = 12

### Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

- Cooling Assistance runs through September – 37 Families served
- Heating Assistance runs November thru March – Start taking Applications on November 1, 201

General Assistance (GA) – funding Agency – BIA – 3 served

- Workforce Investment Act (WIA Adult) 6 participants

### **Workforce Investment Act – Supple** mental Youth (WIA-SYS) – 1 partici pant

### \*Domestic Violence Sexual Assault **Program – Director Kimberly Stephens**

During the month of October, the Domestic Violence Department had several activities going on thru out the month. We had a balloon release; that also displayed the shawls that each department decorated and expressed how they felt about promoting the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness month. We also had a cake war, this allowed for anyone who wanted to bake a cake to help

Stop Domestic Violence and show their cooking skills. We have had an art display going on thru out the month and we will pick a winner at the end of

the month. We plan on having a fun but learning activity where the men dress in high heel shoes and race.

This allows men to see what struggles a woman goes thru on a daily basis.

### \*Indian Child Welfare – director Melissa Lopez

ICW – The department was busy getting ready for our safety day which was Initially scheduled for September 24, 2010, and was postponed to October 17, 2010. The ICW worker has made seven home visits, daily transports of foster child, attended Four court hearings, one meeting with the Shawnee Area Native American Child Protection Team (SANACPT). Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Association (OICWA) quarterly meeting, and a forum held by the OKDHS to discuss the tribal state agreements.

And once again if you need any assistance in any of our programs just call the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex and We will assist you in any way we can if possible. And I would like to send out my condolences to all Tribal members who Have lost love ones. Always rememb er my door is always open and my phone is always on!

NE-YI-WA Representative Gibson



JOB OPENING: Carpenter

# THE ELECTION COMMISSION

This is to announce the tribal elective office open in the upcoming elections. The filing period is January  $1^{st} - 10^{th}$ , 2011. (excluding weekends and holidays.)

The following offices will be up for election in 2011.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

 Position
 Term
 Fee

 Governor
 2 Yrs.
 \$500.00

 Tribal Secretary
 2 Yrs.
 \$500.00

#### **ELECTION COMMISSION:**

 Position
 Term
 Fee

 Commission Member #2
 3 Yrs.
 \$125.00

### The 2010 Oklahoma Senior Games







Every fall the Oklahoma Senior Games Association, a non-profit organization dedicated to motivating seniors to lead an active lifestyle, hosts the Oklahoma Senior Games. The Absentee Shawnee Diabetes and Wellness Program sponsored 19 senior tribal citizens and patients in the 2010 Oklahoma Senior games in Tulsa and Oklahoma City

Our elders participated in events such as: archery, bowling, golf, croquet, horseshoes, basketball, billiards, and Wii bowling. Of the 19 participants 8 won gold, 6 silver, and 5 bronze medals. Several of our participants qualified for the Nation Senior Games next year in Houston, Texas. We would like to congratulate all of our elders for their participation and effort in the 2010 Oklahoma Senior Games. May you continue to stay active and lead a healthy lifestyle. Thank you!





# VETERANS

he Tribal Veterans Association met on Wednesday, October 13th at Thunderbird Casino to prepare for a busy November. The color guard is preparing to participate in an event, put on by the Oklahoma National Guard and involving State Governor Brad Henry, to honor Vietnam Veterans [Saturday, November 6, 5:30 PM, at Reeves Park, Lawrence Avenue, Norman, OK 73072]. The AST guard will be one of the many color guards participating in the event.

As the year draws to a close, the association will hold nominations and elections in next months meeting as it prepares to enter into its fifth year. Preparations will also be finalized for the organization's annual Christmas Dinner coming Wednesday, December 8th.

The association is also continuing to collect applications and dues from veterans interested in joining the Tribal American Legion post, to be formed in the early part of next year. These members will hold the designation of "Charter" members of the new post. The group has begun research on a name for the upcoming post -if named after a person, it must be a deceased veteran (preferably a Tribal member). The association is open to requests, which can be submitted to: John Vanderburg by email (astveterans@gmail.com) or by phone (405-481-3822). The requester must be able to provide documentation of the veteran's service or military accomplishments.

The veterans association officers putting the final touches on the designs for the new color guard uniforms which they hope to unveil sometime after the new year.

Last but least... the color guard will participate in the AST Elders' Veteran's Day Pow Wow on Saturday, November the 13th at the Shawnee Expo Center.

### Attendance:

Officers:

Commander - Walter Larney
Executive Officer - David Voyles
Operations Officer - Esteline Schulenberg
Administration Officer - John Vanderburg
First Sergeant - David Little
Chaplain Don Schulenberg

Members:

Roy Charley Stella Little John Sloat Chuck Finley Jim Sloat Clyde Yates



The next membership meeting will be held Wednesday, November 10th, at Thunderbird Casino and will begin at 7PM.

Those veterans interested in joining the Tribal American Legion Post can Contact Administrations Officer John Vanderburg @ 405-481-3822



### **Architect's Field Report**

AST Joint Venture Health I Little Axe, Oklahoma		ARCHITECT'S PROJECT NUM		ARCHITECT:  CONSULTANT:  FIELD:
CONTRACT:				
DATE 10-19-10	TIME 2:00 AM	WEATHER P/C	TEMP.	RANGE 85
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<ol> <li>OCA Meeting.</li> </ol>		Ken Bailey, Steve Rich	hie, Paul Boren	(Nabholz) Jessie
2. Working on underslab ro		Brackett (JRC)		
3. Working on anchor bolts				
4. Working on spread footis				
5. Working on front column				
6. Working on site utilities.				
OBSERVATIONS				
		uilding slab is being prepped	for slab on grade	e concrete placement.
2. Water storage tank pipin		d.		
3. Main fire loop is inplace		. 1		
4. Piping and valves are ins		ige tank.		
5. Site rough grading contin	iues.	^		
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ATTACHMENTS Photos				
REPORT BY: Jessie Bracket	lt.			

















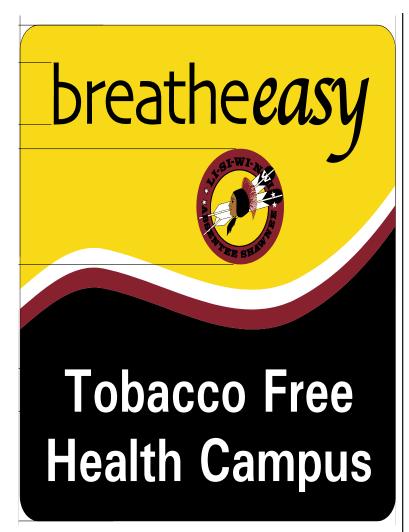












Starting November 15th, Health Campus will be Tobacco Free. Starting this date, patients at the Shawnee and Little Axe Clinics completing a tobacco survey will receive a free gift. Limited Time Only & Will Quantities Last.





THE AST DIABETES AND WELLNESS PROGRAM WISH TO THANK ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE GROCERY STORE EDUCATIONAL TOUR ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2010, HELD AT FIRE LAKE GROCERY STORE, SHAWNEE, OK.

IN THE SAME VAIN, THE DIABETES PROGRAM WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR PERSONAL GRATITUDE TO FIRE LAKE GROCERY STORE FOR THE USE OF THEIR FACILITYFOR THIS IMPORTANT EVENT AND CONTINUING OUR COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO EDUCATE EVERY ATTENDEE REGARDING HEALTHY FOOD CHOICES.

SOME OF THE COMMENTS FROM PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED: "I LEARNED A LOT MORE TODAY FROM THIS TOUR THAN I EVER DID BEFORE ABOUT READING LABELS"

ONE PERSON ASKED "CAN YOU CONTINUE THE PROGRAM? THEN COMMENTED 'I HOPE MORE PEOPLE WOULD BECOME INTERESTED IN THE CHOICES OF FOOD THEY CURRENTLY MAKE"

ANOTHER PARTICIPANT STATED " I LEARNED QUITE A LOT ABOUT PORTION SIZES".

THE AST DIABETES STAFF SAYS "THANK YOU' TO THE PARTICIPANTS FOR THEIR ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN THE TOUR. 'YOU' MADE THE EVENT FUN!

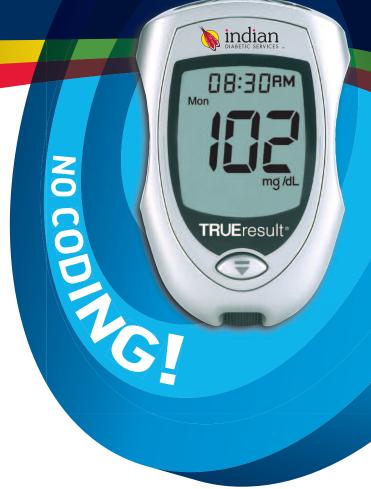
REMEMBER, ANOTHER TOUR IS SCHEDULED IN DECEMBER, 2010, FOCUSING ON NUTRITIOUS HOLIDAY FOOD CHOICES.

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### BY FORREST W. SHED, O.D.

SUNGLASSES- Not a frill but a necessity.

There are a lot ultra violet light rays bouncing around out in the sun light and there's lots of research that says we need protection for our eyes as well as our skin. Its commonly enough known that if we go outside to work or play, especially in the brighter months of the years we could get sun burned or even kin damage, skink cancer, wrinkles, rapid oxidations of the skin can cause premature damage of the skin. Dermatologists and other health care professionals have done a good job educating people on the necessity of probation our skin out doors by wearing UV protection, sun screen and brimmed hats or caps outdoors. We have learned about SP ratings of sun screens, the level of protection of different sun screens against UV sun light and we have been taught the peak hours of the day for possible skin damage from the sun. 10:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. is the time of day you should really be cautious but 11:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m., the sun can be brutal.

Skin is the largest organ of the body and if we get sun burned over a large enough area, bad enough, we can get sun poisoning from ultra violet light. But what about the eyes? A recent survey of more than 2000 US adults found that 82 percent of parents make sure their children wear sun screen when out doors but only 32 percent outfit their kids with eye protection sun glasses. Most people known that UV

sunlight can severely damage your skin and sunscreen is protection. Far fewer people understand that ultra violet sunlight can cause eye damage too. It can load to oxidation of the various parts of the eye causing premature aging of the eye, cataracts, macular degeneration, dry eye syndrome, abnormal tissue growth on the outer surface of the eye, thickening other tissues of the eye and eye lid lining, eye lid changes, and other conditions. (damaged tear production). We've all seen people that have worked outside for years and the skin on their face is so oxidized and damaged from over exposure to sun light that it looks similar to elephant skin, all cracked and deeply wrinkled. What do you think is going on with the eyes? Take a closer look and you might see growths on the white sclera of the eye, thickened tissue red engrossed blood vessels, possibly growths of extra tissue on the cornea or the front clear part of the eye. Display wrinkled eye lids and eye lid thickening. The person might squint their eyes a lot from eye discomfort and dry eye syndrome tear production damage.

What you can't see, but I see all day long, is the damage inside the eye. UV sunlight can set the lens inside the eye to go from crystal clear to less clear. It can turn amber in color or get grey streaks throughout the lens. The membrane around the lens gets dense and some what opaque this effects quality of vision, causes glare, loss of clarity, colors can loose their vibrancies and brightness.

The retina suffers too, this is the inner lining of the eye and it is extended nerve tissue. It receives the light, passes it on to the Bram via the optic verve so vision can occur. Excessive exposure to UV sunlight can cause macular degeneration. The macula is the central vision part of the retina. It is the most sensitive part of the retina and when it gets damaged by UV, central vision starts to go.

The front clear damage of the eye is the cornea. When it is over exposed to sunlight it can develop tissue growth that can move across the cornea and effect vision and cause eye discomfort and extra unwanted vascular growth.

Education is the key. If you're a snow skier, you know all about eye protection from the sun. You can't go into a ski shop and ask about sunglasses with getting a mini education on eye protection right? Even the kids know. Bikers (motorcycles & bicycles) and runners know about eye protection too. Where did they learn? From other bikers and runners and gear supporters. People wear prescription glasses or contact lenses or had laser vision correction, also learned it from their eye doctor.

Consider this article part of your education about protecting your eyes from sunlight UV damage. Make sure you wear good sunglasses year round if your outside and the sun is shinning. This includes your children too. Make sure the optical quality of the lenses is high and doesn't take away quality of vision due to poor lens quality. Make sure they protect from UV radiation and are big enough to cover your eyes good. If a person has a lot of eye damage from sunlight they probably are not getting enough antioxidants in their diet. Antioxidants mostly come from peanuts; raw fruits and vegetables. Get your eyes checked regularly and ask for information about good sunglasses. There is a lot to learn and there are different tints for different reasons. Learn about it. Learn about antioxidants from raw fruits and vegetables to slow down oxidations and damage sunlight and long summer days is a wonderful thing but over exposure can be bad. Protect your eyes and your children's eyes with good sunglasses and eat your raw fruits and vegetables like your mother said.



### Tribal Historic Preservation Office Cultural Preservation Department

Since 1990 the American President has traditionally issued a proclamation designating November as American Indian Heritage month; it's generally a time for schools, museums, libraries and other organizations to raise awareness of the diversity and value of Indian culture to the American public.

Because we live in a time where people are interested in learning more about Indian culture, we want to take this time to share with our tribal membership of how this growing interest has spurred a concerning phenomenon we are witnessing in our ancestral settlement areas including but not limited to Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Indiana, Alabama. In these areas, there are a number of people who claim Shawnee ancestry; this is not so much the concern as the fact that **some** of these individuals or groups use this claim to exploit Shawnee culture as a means of gaining opportunities for themselves from a public that is largely unaware of the vast divide that separates our tribal community politically and culturally from those of alleged Shawnee ancestry.

East of the River Shawnees (OH), the United Remnant Band of

Shawnee (OH), Upper Kiskpoko Band of the Shawnee Indians (IN), the Piqua Shawnee Tribe (AL), Kispoko Sept of Ohio Shawnee (OH), Ridgetop Shawnee (KY), The United Shawnee Tribe (KS), Ohio Blue Creek Bands (OH), Lower Eastern Ohio Meckoche Shawnee (OH)/(WV), Southeastern Kentucky Shawnee (KY)—these are just a few of the groups we have identified that have recently organized as alleged Shawnee bands/tribes and promote themselves as the voice of the Shawnee.

Individuals within these groups label themselves with "Indian" names such as: Snow Owl, Autumn Buffalo, Chief (Jerry) Hawk (Pope), Dark Rain (Thom), Blue Moon, Big Bear, Stone Eagle, Tracking Wolf, Standing Storm, Spotted Fawn. Oftentimes they put on powwows but sometimes they arrange their versions of a Bread or a Green Corn Dance. They most commonly assert themselves as alleged Shawnees where there are no federally recognized bands of Shawnees or Tribes and offer presentations on their interpretation of Shawnee culture in a variety of public forums.

The United Remnant Band (URB), one of the more notorious groups, has probably been around the longest springing up around the 1970s in Ohio. Please note that no *bands* of Shawnees have *continuously and openly* lived in Ohio or the other aforementioned

states as Shawnees since the removal of the remaining Ohio bands of Shawnee to the west of the Mississippi River by 1832. In fact, the only bands that have maintained continuity of the sovereign rights, customs and language of the Shawnee people are those that have evolved into the three federally recognized bands of Shawnee today: Absentee Shawnee Tribe, the Shawnee Tribe and Eastern Shawnee Tribe — all of whose governments are headquartered in Oklahoma.

So what is the big deal about these fabricated groups/individuals now? Until recently, the charlatan antics of these "wannabe" groups have been viewed with annoyance. exasperation and amusement. After all, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, and they weren't impeding ceremonial practices of the Shawnees here. However, some of these groups aren't satisfied with just playing Indian anymore, they want to be politically recognized as an Indian Tribe and receive the benefits that come with it. They constantly seek and receive opportunities that should justly be directed to the federally recognized bands of Shawnees. Considering the impacts to economics, sovereignty and culture, the antics of these individuals/ groups can no longer be ignored.

### **ECONOMICS**

According to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), 501(c)(3) organizations are commonly referred to as charitable organizations and are eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions in accordance with Code section 170. 501 (c) (3) organizations generally include (but are not limited to) groups such as churches and museums. At least two fabricated groups are registered as 501 (c) (3) organizations with the IRS under the following names: Shawnee Nation United Remnant Band (URB) and the Lower Eastern Ohio Mekoche Shawnee. By exploiting their alleged Shawnee ancestry, they solicit donations from a well-meaning but ignorant public. The URB use their status to pursue donations through their website, Facebook and YouTube to support their homeland in

In 2007, the exploits of the URBs were brought to the forefront when the U.S. Mint issued a press release stating they were refunding money to those who purchased

pouches made by URB artisans for the Lewis and Clark Bi-Centennial commemorative coin when they found out the URB were not a federal or state recognized tribe. The URBs snagged this contract for federal dollars thru their connection with the 2004 Circle of Tribal Advisors (COTA), a committee comprised of tribal representatives to provide the indigenous perspective on the events planned for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. For a time the URBs were the Shawnee representatives on the Lewis and Clark commission until our Tribe became aware of their membership. Afterwards the URBs dropped their COTA membership but kept the federal contract. It has not been discovered (yet) whether action was taken against the URBs for fraudulent representation or whether they had to pay back the amount (~\$30,000) they illegally gained for their group.

In short, every dollar contributed to these alleged Shawnee groups are dollars wasted. The sum of monies diverted to these groups thru grants, donations and other means over the years has not been configured but it's safe to say that it's a significant amount.

### SOVEREIGNTY

Even before the first European appearance on this continent the Shawnees exercised sovereignty and never surrendered that concept of sovereignty. Each band held the power to make their own laws and follow their own beliefs. After the establishment of the United States federal government, the political sovereign status of the Shawnees and other Tribes has been loosely protected by court rulings, treatys and federal law. Because sovereignty is constantly being challenged, everyday our Tribe and others are engaged in ongoing battles with different government entities (local, state and federal) to assert their sovereign rights in governing their cultural, environmental and economic resources in the ways they deem best for their respective Tribes.

One of the impacts to our sovereignty is the state recognition process. Congress, in its infinite wisdom, established a procedure under 25 CFR Part 83 a–g which details the mandatory criteria potential applicants must meet in order to qualify as a federally recognized Tribe. The applicant must meet the stringent criteria or be denied. States do

not evaluate their applicants in this manner.

To date there is only one state recognized tribe of alleged Shawnee ancestry, the Piqua Shawnee Tribe of Alabama. Despite claiming to be a state recognized Tribe for years, the URBs have recently petitioned their state representative to introduce a bill to the Ohio legislature to create a process for state recognition which is pending. The state of Kentucky is also looking into creating a process for state recognition as well. Though some state recognized Tribes may eventually qualify as a federally recognized Tribe, those posing as Shawnee cannot meet the federal criteria.

Members of state recognized Tribes can also sell their work as American Indian made under the Indian Arts and Crafts Act (IACA) and become members of organizations such as the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). The IACA is a truth-in-advertising law that prohibits misrepresentation in the marketing of Indian arts and crafts products within the United States. The result of the IACA allowing state recognized groups is that members of the Piqua Shawnee Tribe can now market their wares as authentic Shawnee items.

### **CULTURE**

Our office fields inquiries from a cross section of people, outside of our tribal membership, who have an interest in learning more about Shawnee culture. Though it's a positive turn of events to have the general public interested in our Shawnee heritage, it's also because of this interest that fabricated groups/individuals who claim Shawnee ancestry are accepted in our ancestral settlement areas as an authoritative source on Shawnee culture. Yet, what they pass off as Shawnee culture is basically taken from other Tribes, ethnographic materials—which contain very limited or incorrect information or are just flat out ivention.

Dark Rain Thom, formerly of the URB, who jumped ship to The East of the River Shawnee (EOR) claims to be a Water Panther Clan Mother and is the author of the book, "Kokumthena's Grandmother: The Shawnee." She and her husband, James Alexander Thom, also collaborated on a book titled, "Warrior Woman", a story about Nonhelema, a Shawnee woman. James is the author of "Panther in the Sky", a fictional

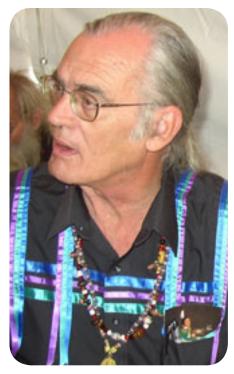


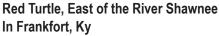
tale of Tecumseh's life. Unfortunately, Dark Rain was selected as a "Shawnee elder" for a program called the Turtle Island Storyteller's Network. This program was funded through the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, National Park Service, and the National Endowment for the Arts. This program is described as providing speaking and consulting opportunities for tribal elders, oral historians, storytellers and song carriers and actually includes legitimate American Indian people but not any from the Shawnee. She also briefly held a position on the state of Indiana's Native American Affair Commission. The EOR allegedly held their version of a Fall Bread Dance on September 25th and coincidentally, their council was held onOctober 16th.

Jerry Pope, self proclaimed Chief Jerry Hawk Pope of the URB, was the *Shawnee* consultant on Kevin Costner's production, "500 Nations", served as a consultant on Disney's animated film "Pocahontas" and as a narrator for the voices of early Native America and the Shawnee Nation on the audio version of the book, "The History of Prayer in America: One ation Under God."

Dark Rain and Pope have been more aggressive in pursuing the spotlight as alleged Shawnees but the other groups have not been inactive. The Piqua Shawnee have a video on YouTube which includes a picture of Absentee Shawnee Thomas Wildcat Alford. Other fabricated groups are active in events that include an American Indian element.

Lower Eastern Ohio Mekoche Shawnee at Fort AncientState Park







In closing, please know that we are taking steps to deal with this issue. Until recently, dealing with these fabricated groups/individuals weren't considered a priority because there are still a number of people within our own tribal community who are truly knowledgeable of Shawnee language, ceremonial ways, beliefs and values. But...by not voicing our opposition we are allowing them to exploit and make a mockery of our heritage. In 2008, our Executive Committee passed a resolution opposing fabricated groups/individuals that not only states we will only recognize the federally recognized bands of Shawnee but details the actions we will take against these fabricated groups. This is the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's official stance. If you are aware of any groups or individuals that we have not included please let us know. Ni ya we!



### CULTURAL PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT

Take time to learn about your own unique heritage during American Indian Heritage Month (and all year long). We welcome your participation in the **activities** the programs of Cultural Preservation have **planned for November!** 

**November 8th, Monday (Until t-shirts are gone!):** 2010 AST Heritage Month t-shirts! T-shirts at no costs are available on a first come, first serve basis to AST Tribal members only. One per tribal member. Tribal members must pick up t-shirt in person at Cultural Preservation Department. On November 16th, Cultural Preservation will be in Little Axe and t-shirts can be picked up at this time too. If you live outside the Tribe's service area, a t-shirt can be mailed to you provided that you contact Cultural Preservation to request a t-shirt and supply a mailing address.

November 6th, Saturday: WHAT? Hair Ornament Class WHERE? AST Cultural Center WHEN? 9am – 3pm Contact Cultural Preservation to sign up!

November 9th, Tuesday: WHAT? Pinch Pot and Fingerweaving Class WHERE? AST Cultural Center WHEN? 9am - 6pm Come and go at your own convenience!

November 16th, Tuesday: WHAT? Beaded Ornament Class WHERE? Little Axe (Location TBD) WHEN? 1pm - 7pm Contact Cultural Preservation to sign up!

November 19th, Friday: WHAT? Grand Opening!!! WHERE? AST Cultural Center WHEN? 9am-6pm Get an early start on your holiday shopping at the Art Market! Have you bought your raffle tickets yet? The drawing for the Shawnee Ribbon Pendleton Blanket and other prizes will be held on this day! Contact Cultural Preservation Staff to get your raffle tickets right away. Join us for a complimentary lunch from 11:30 am til it's all gone! Corn soup, fry bread, grape dumplings...yum!



WE R MOVING!
We will be moving from
Bldg 1 to the old Finance
Bldg which will house
the programs of Cultural
Preservation and serve as
the AST Cultural Center.

### Attn: Tribal Members 18 yrs and up!

If you are an advocate for keeping culture alive and are willing to provide suggestions to improve and strengthen our department programs then you may be interested in serving on our Cultural Advisory Council. We currently have two positions available. An additional three positions will open in 2011.

Please contact Secretary Michelle Lopez's office to fill out an application as soon as possible.







### ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

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

**TO:** Absentee Shawnee Tribal Members

**RE:** Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan 2010

Date: November, 2010

FEMA has funding for agencies that have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). An HMP is a tool to implement actions to lessen, reduce or eliminate damage to property or loss of life due to natural hazards.

Having an approved plan will allow us to apply for funding to help with preparing for emergencies, eliminate expending from the General Fund as we have in the past.

A team made up of tribal employees has held several meetings over the past year to formulate our tribal plan and we now have a Final Draft. One of the FEMA requirements is that the Draft HMP be made available for thirty days for review by tribal members for any comments, changes, or additions. After thirty days, the plan will be submitted to FEMA for their approval.

The draft HMP can be reviewed during working hours at the Tribal Police Department. I welcome any comments you may have and am available to discuss the plan. Thank you.

Linda Day, Emergency Manager

# **ATTENTION**

WHITE TURKEY BAND
MEETING
POSTPONED TILL
1ST SATURDAY IN JANUARY
DUE TO REMODELING OF
HORSESHOE BEND

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Little, Lisa Ann

Littlebear, Clifford Newman

Littlebear, Josheau Alan Littlecreek, Sammi Louise Littlehead, Alfred Lee Littlehead, William Bill Loeks, Betty Lou Marx Logan, Terri (Sloat) Longhorn, Joel Boyd Longman Jr., Henry Daniel Lovins, Garrett Scot Mack, Darrin Wayne Mann, Loretta Lynn Mann-Shopteese, Wanda Gayle Martin, Skyla Reyann Martin, Tiffany Ann Martinez, Clayton Dale Martinez, Tiana Rae Masquas, Jeanlene McBride, Marshall Dylan McBride, Travis Eugene McEwin, Henry Bill McGirt, Ricky Lee McGonigal, Michael Shawn McGuire II, Wayne Lloyd Megehee, Rebecca Ann Miller Little Axe, Kayci Dawn Miller, Charles Ray Mills, Barbara Gail Mitchell, Meegan Mohawk, Joni Marie Morton, James Cristian Morton, Rebecca Lynn Musick, Charles A. Nail, Andrea Elaine New Moon, Jessica Lynn Ortiz, Isaiah Faustino Panther Jr., Donald Eric Ponkilla, Mary Frances Raadmae, Tina Nicole Reed, Mary Ann Robertson, Velisa Allyn Robinson, Sieanna Gail Salazar, John Thomas Shields, Brent Fremond Sinks, Robert Elmer Sloat, Amanda Renee Sloat, Jami Lynn Smith, Alfred L. Smith, Anna Mae Smith, Garett Allen Snakeman, Sandra Kay Spoon, Ariana Nicole Spoon, Christopher Scott Spoon, Joel Lee Spoon, Tresha Dawn Spriggs, Richard Allen Squire, Lauresa Cerise Squire, Michael Lee Stacy, Daelin Shey Stewart, Arvel Eugene

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
ELI DAVIS
from
Marvin & Sherry

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Jayne Werst
Nov. 22nd
From
Waynell, Kara, Pinka, and Marissa

Happy Birthday "Mom"
Tawanna Harjo
Love,
Twyla & Laketa

Happy Birthday "Gma T" Love, Dakota and Solomon

Happy 10th Anniversary Babe!! Love, TB

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
"BRENT SHIELDS"
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Nov 2
Happy Birthday
Tiffany Martin
love aunt Rhonda
and family
We love you mommy
love Jocelyn ,Juston and Ryan

Tiffany Happy Birthday Baby love Joe , Mom & Dad

Eli Davis have a wonderful birthday son love Mom ,Greg, Holly and Darrol

Happy Birthday Daddy love ryan ,jellybean, and wife Jessica Frank Kaseca Happy Birthday Brother love Bell ,Zelda ,Nora ,Roy

Happy B-Day Uncle Sonny come down and play some golf with your nephews

Happy birthday to peyton and randall Watson we wish both of you a great day love the kasecas and foremans

Frankie Watson,
we want to give you
strength, courage,
and peace in your heart.
Stay healthy.
We love you bunches
your family



Happy Belated 1st Birthday Eian Herrera Iove, Grandma Frankie, Grandpa Rudy, Auntie Arlene, Uncle Bob, Bailey and Garrett



Happy Birthday Makai Iove, Grandma Arlene, uncle Manuel, Aunt Frankie, Bob, and Mike We love you.

# CONGRATULATIONS

### CONGRATULATIONS LADY INDIANS ON YOUR 4-A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



Little Axe Clinic employees and a few patients gathered outside the buildings all chattering about what just happened. Moments before I was on the telephone with someone at Shawnee. I was looking out my window and saw my wire mail basket bouncing. We both said at the same time, "What is that?" The office trailer was also bouncing for about 30 seconds, then there was a rumbling and a sonic boom sound! I thought someone was bulldozing down the office trailer. After gathering outside, we all knew it was an earthquake. At home my two year old grandson, Kowie was sitting on the sofa and he looked at his father and asked, "What was that?" They both went outside where they saw other neighbors and a dog. My grandson said, "Maybe that dog did it." All I have to say is that's smart baby logic for what might have caused the commotion! My husband in Ponca City called to say the news reported it was 5 miles east of Norman near lake Thunderbird/ Newalla, and the earthquake reading was 4.5, and it was .5 mile deep. That puts it just down the road from the LSWN clinic. That tells me the Little Axe community has power of great magnitude. The Little Axe school girls softball won state! The elders are rocking! The casino's hopping! The clinic is busy! Country Boy is nearer to re-opening! The Senior Olympics have winners! Lastly, the Title VI served Frybread with Hominy & Pork today!

Thanks for reading. Modina

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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 <a href="https://www.astribe.com">www.astribe.com</a>. Click on Services and select Education.

There are no deadlines for the Job Training Adult Education Program, but you must submit your application documents at least three weeks prior to the beginning of the course to ensure funding is available and can be disbursed to the institution.

Applications for the Education Incentive Award Program are due November 15, 2010 for new students. Class schedules and official transcripts for continuing students must be postmarked by December 15, 2010.

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

# HAPPY THANKSGIVING - NOVEMBER 2010

### The Following in Our Footsteps kids Of the Behavioral Health arts program

Hello to every one I hope your getting ready for thanksgiving & Christmas,

All the kids in the music and arts classes want to say thanks for all your support and kind words, The music students are so ready for the up coming holidays and want to say they wish everyone the very best.

Now all you grown up's You too are invited to join all of the arts classes and become a very big part of the fun and learning. Please want you come by and visit our arts center and see all the fun you could be having,

My name is Phil Bradley I'm one of the arts instructors and I would be happy to talk and how you around the center here at the little house on campus right beside the Police building so you can't miss us.

And if you can't get down here soon just call me at 405-878-4716 ext 117 or even my cell phone at 405-370-5576

Free guitar at the end of all your completed classes Hey thank every one have a great Thanksgivings' and Christmas

and by the way there was a mistake last news letter about getting a free set of drums after the course, and to become a arts member you must be 8 years and up not six ha ha! thanks agin.

Phil Bradley Creative Arts Center instructor

### OCTOBER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Domestic Violence Department held several activities during the Month of October including a Shawl Project, balloon release and a Cake War. On October 1st a balloon release and the Shawl Project was displayed on the front lawn of Building No. 1, with Governor Blanchard offering a prayer and Tribal Representative, Jeff Gibson reading the Tribal proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Shawl Project was a visual display that expresses an idea or feelings to the violence against victims of Domestic Violence; the Shawls represented our connection to our Native American culture. Several Tribal Departments, Employees, and Victims designed a shawl representing a message or an awareness message that the issue of domestic violence in our Native community needs to end. This activity was also featured in the Shawnee News-Star newspaper. The balloons were release at the end of the activities. The Shawls were displayed around different Tribal buildings around the complex during the month.

The Cake Wars was another activity for the employees and community to be involved and to bring awareness the issue of Domestic Violence to our Tribal Community. The cakes were judged on taste and overall message related to Domestic Violence. The winners of the Cake Wars were 1<sup>st</sup> place – Cynthia Ringwald, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Melissa Lopez, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Trisha Spoon.



### ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

# Tribal Health Programs Behavioral Health Services (405)878-4716 or 1-877-878-4716

A Single Twig Breaks, But the Bundle of Twigs is Strong! Tecumseh 1768-1813

Please call us if you need further information or assistance!

The American Medical Association has reported that 90% of all suicides occor during or following a deprssive episode. Awareness, education and treatment are the keys to suicide prevention.

### Symptoms of Depression

Not all people with depression will show all symptoms or have them to the same degree. If a person has four or more symptoms, for more than two weeks, consult a doctor of mental health professional right away. These symptoms are common with depression but can also be characteristics of other disorders. Please consult a mental health professional including your local Tribal mental health services to ask questions.

### In Adults:

- Persistent sad or "empty" mood
- Feeling hopeless, helpless, worthless, pessimistic and/or guilty
- Substance abuse
- Fatigue or loss of interest in ordinary activities.
- Disturbance in eating and sleeping patterns.
- Irritability, increased crying, remembering or making decisions
- Thoughts of suicide; suicide plans or attempts
- Persistent physical symptoms or plan that do not respond to treatment

### In Children and Adolescents:

The symptoms can vary and some symptoms may be indication of other problems. These are general categories and should be assess by a physician and/or mental health professional if there is concern. In general, watch for:

- Physicalsymptoms such as dizziness, headaches, stomachaches, neck aches, arm or legs hurt due to muscle tension, Digestive disorders. (ruling out other medical causes)
- Persistent unhappiness negativity, irritability.
- Uncontrollable anger or outbursts of rage.
- Overly self-critical, unwarranted guilt, low self-esteem.
- Inability to concentrate, think straight, remember, or make decisions, possibly resulting in refusal to study school or an inability (due to depression or attention deficit disorder) to do schoolwork.
- Slowed or hesitant speech or body movements or restlessness (anxiety).
- Loss of interest in activities which are usually pleasurable.
- Low energy, chronic fatigue, sluggishness.
- Change in appetite, noticeable weight loss or weight gain, or abnormal eating patterns.
- Chronic worry, excessive fear.
- Preoccupation with death themes in literature, music, drawings, speaking of death repeatedly, fascination with guns/knives.

• Suicidal thoughts, plans, or attempts.

### Warning Signs of Suicide:

- Ideation (thinking, talking or wishing about suicide)
- Substance use or abuse (increased use of change in substance)
- Purposelessness (no sense of purpose of belonging)
- Anger
- Trapped (feeling like there is no way out)
- Hopelessness (there is nothing to live for, no hope or optimism)
- Withdrawal (from family, friends, work, school, activites, hobbies)
- Anxiety (restlessness, irritability, agitation)
- Recklessness (high risk-taking behavior)
- Mood disturbance (dramatic changes in mood)

### Additional Warning Signs of Suicide

- Talking about suicide
- Looking for ways to die (internet searches for how to commit suicide, looking for guns, pills, ect)
- · Statements about hopelessness, helplessness, or worthlessness
- Preoccupation with death
- Suddenly happier, calmer
- Loss of interest in things one cares about
- · Visiting or calling people one cares about
- Making arrangements; setting one's affairs in order
- Giving things away, such as prized possission

If you or someone you know could be experiencing symptoms of depression or thinking about suicide, please give us a call at 405-878-4716 or you can also call the Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-TALK.

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20 27 AT 405-275-4030 X 169 **HOME LET US KNOW** NOT GOING TO BE OR NOTIFY YOUR DRIVER 5 Happy Thanksgiving AST Closed Sausage Gravy Biscuit **Biscuit** Biscuit Cereal Gravy Gravy Eggs AST CLOSED **Blueberry Crisp Pinto Beans** Cornbread Spinach Goulash Squash w/ham Pears Bread Title VI Closed Weiners & Kraut **Thanks giving** Stir Fry Veggies **Fortune Cookie Mexican Fiesta Refried Beans** Jell-O w Fruit Mac & Chez Greenbeans Applesauce Soft Taco Egg Roll Rice Rice Strawberry Cobbler Baked Fried  $^{16}$ 30 **Garden Blend Rice Cranberry Sauce Chicken Pot Pie Banana Pudding Dressing/Gravy** Sweet Pot. Pie Broc. n Chez w/veggies **Baked Pot.** Fruit Salad Chez, Ham Cornbread Salad Bar Salad Bar Chicken Turkey Biscuit Onion Cake Stew Cake Roll BBQ Sandwich $^{22}$ Mashed Pot/Gravy W Chicken Strips Salibury Steak **Brussel Sprouts** Pickels, Onions **Cottage Chez** Fruit Cocktail Onion, Pickle **Pork Fritter** Steakfries **Pineapples** Chef Salad **Fresh Fruit** AppleCrisp Sandwich Tom,Lett Peaches Crackers Carrots Cookie Chill Mon

### Happy Thanksgiving!!!

### National Diabetes Awareness Month

AST Complex will be closed on November 11 for Veterans Day. The Title VI Staff is so thankful for our veterans that have served and still serving. Take time to thank a Veteran!!!

November 23, we will be having our Thanksgiving Dinner for the Title VI Members at the Shawnee Meal Site from 11am to 1pm.

November 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> AST Complex will be closed and there will be no meals delivered or served.

If you have any questions you can contact us at 405-275-4030 ext 169.



Open 7 Days A Week!

366-7220

### Early Bird Breakfast \$3.99 - 7 Days a Week

2 Eggs/Bacon or Sausage/Hash Browns Biscuits & Gravy or Toast With coupon-No substitutions



# AST COUNTRY KITCHEN

Sunday - 7am to 7pm Monday - 8am to 3pm Tuesday - 8am to 3pm Wednesday - 8am to 8pm Thursday - 8am to 8pm Friday - 8am to 10pm Saturday - 7am to 10pm

### Check Out Our Wednesday Homemade Meatloaf Special

Meatloaf, Mashed potatoes, vegetable side, salad, roll

**\$6.**99

Check out our daily homemade lunch specials! Something different every day!

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





### Some services that are offered include:

Business Cards
Invitations
Announcements
Calendars
Banners
Logo Designs
Graphics
Brochures
Envelope Designs
Copies



### DRIVER'S LICENSE RE-INSTATEMENT

Call Linda or Glenna today (405) 275-3432

Ask about the DUI Assessments and our next 10 hour DUI School!

**EVERYONE WELCOME!** 

### 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.

# EL DORADO Motors

NEED A CAR, TRUCK OR SUV LOW DOWN PAYMENT E-Z APPROVAL - LARGE SELECTION \*FREE LIMITED WARRANTY\* CALL EL DORADO MOTORS @ 405-526-4600 AND ASK FOR BIG LARRY OR LITTLE JOHN



### Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority

HI7 N. Kimberly, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74804 Phone: (405) 273-1050

Native American Programs Available:

- Lease with Option to Purchase
- & Rental
- Over-Income Down Payment Assistance and Maintenance Assistance for Enrolled AST Members
- Maintenance Assistance
- Down Payment Assistance

### PHARMACY NEWS

### ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL PHARMACY SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Pharmacy (Shawnee Location) can fill prescriptions for enrolled tribal citizens only.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Clinic Pharmacy in Little Axe can fill prescriptions for tribal citizens written by Physicians not located a Tribal Clinic under the following circumstances:

1. The prescription is for an Absentee Shawnee Tribal citizen who has

an

established chart at the Little Axe Clinic.

2. The prescription is on the formulary of approved medications and stocked in the pharmacy.

The following are a few tips to help us deliver pharmacy services to you more efficiently;

- ✔ Present insurance cards each time you pick up or drop off a prescription.
- Keep us informed of all 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.

If you have any questions concerning your prescription please feel free to call and talk

to our Pharmacist. They are here to assist you with your pharmaceutical needs

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

# ALL ARTICLES WILL BE SUBMITTED AS RECEIVED.

### 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



### Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Little Axe Clinic • Little Axe Dental Clinic 15702 E. Hwy 9 Norman, Oklahoma 73026

Phone: (405) 447-0300 Fax: (405) 447-2250

**Clinic Operating Hours** 

Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00

p.m.

Weekends/Federal Holidays

Closed

\* Clinic and Pharmacy will be closed the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m

### FREE Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors still Available!!

OEH personnel will provide and install smoke alarms and/or carbon monoxide detectors for enrolled Absentee Shawnee tribal members living in Pottawatomie, Cleveland, or Oklahoma County.

Please complete an application/short survey form and schedule a time and date for installation. Application/survey forms are available at the OEH office and at <a href="https://www.astribe.com">www.astribe.com</a>.

Please contact OEH at 214-4235 for more information.

### **Absentee Shawnee Tribe**

### **Enrollment office Address Change Request**

Date:	CDIB#	E	Firth Date:	
Full Name:New Address:	**			
City:		State	Zip Code:	
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Please Mail to:
Absentee Shawnee Tribe
Enrollment Office
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK. 74801



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### 2010 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
	1-800-259-LUCK
AST Media Dept	(405) 598-1279
AST Media Dept Fax	k (405) 598-1294
AST Tribal Grocery &	
SmokeShop Little Axe	(405) 364-0668
AST Country Kitchen	(405) 366-7220
AST Smokeshop in	,
Harrah	(405) 454-0055