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KATHY DEERE
TREASURER



JEFFREY GIBSON
REPRESENTATIVE

G GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings fellow Tribal members:

This last month we attended the Health Board meeting and learned that the closer the new clinic comes to opening, the busier the Health Department administrators and employees become. These people are doing a fantastic job of keeping up with the demands that are added to their duties on a daily basis, and we want to express our thanks for their dedication and hard work.

As you are all aware, the new casino opened on the Tribal Complex on 8-10-11 and everyone involved is working diligently to make it a success. Attendance seems to be high, and we look forward to this being a successful operation.

In August, the Tribe applied to the Department of Transportation for a Transit Planning grant and we hope to implement a much needed transit program in the near future to assist Tribal members with some of their transportation needs.

Our ASED program has been working to build several startup businesses that are beginning to come to fruition now, and we hope to see some jobs open up for Tribal members as well as some much needed cash flow. These people are really working to help the Tribe in developing our economic stability, and we want to thank them for their dedication.

As you will see from the other departmental

reports, everyone, and I really mean everyone, is working very hard to increase the efficiency of all Tribal programs.

We continue to work for you, and we all appreciate your support.

George Blanchard, Governor

Lt. GOVERNOR'S REPORT

I hope everyone is staying cool, inside as much as possible. I appreciate all of the staff that faithfully struggle through this heat every day, especially the ones that are working out in it. I'm looking forward to cooler weather for all of us.

The ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Casino was held on August 10th. I believe the Casino will generate revenue for the Tribe. Everyday, since opening, the Casino appears like it is doing good business; the parking areas are always full. If you haven't been to see it yet when you get the opportunity, stop and check it out. I think you will be impressed.

We still have on-going roads projects. The IRR portion of the joint venture is almost complete. The pre-bid meeting for the Brendle Corner Project was held on Au-

gust 23rd. Soil samples and surveying is being conducted on Kings Road. Also, the Roads Program staff has been setting out road counters on designated tribal routes. These road counters count the number of vehicles that travel the routes. The numbers from these counts help the tribe receive Federal funding that is used to help improve the roads that are used by tribal members and the community. We are trying to keep something in the queue at all times.

To update everyone on the Probate issue, almost as soon as the newspaper was out, we received notice that the Citizen Potawatomi had filed with the Interior Board of Indian Appeals (IBIA). They filed on the very last day at almost 5:00 o'clock p.m. To date, we aren't sure when the case will be heard. We have excellent legal staff that is on top of this for us, right there in D.C. Mr. Perry is in contact with the Tribe on a weekly basis. As soon as we know what is going on, we will let you know.



My office and staff, along with the ASTI program were able to collaborate in an effort to purchase two storm shelters for two tribal members. Our Maintenance personnel were used to dig the

holes for the installation and the cover up. I'm very thankful to ASTI for working with



us to help us provide these shelters. We are checking with FEMA to find other sources that the tribe could use to provide more shelters in the future.

I would like to send out a "Thank You" to the tribal members and volunteers who took time out to assist with the 1st Annual Youth Golf Clinic held at the tribe's Horse Shoe Bend Community Center. It was an activity enjoyed by all 21 youth participants.

The Media Department is in the process of being restructured again. I would like to welcome Faustina Blanchard to our Media staff. Faustina came to the Tribe through the TERO department on an emergency basis and we certainly appreciate her accepting the offer and starting right away. I have asked the staff to have their reports/articles into the Media Department no later than the 25th of each month. For those of you that submit articles that didn't receive that e-mail, out of courtesy, would you please do the same? Putting the paper together is a tedious task and when articles are submitted late it is hard to get it done on time. This creates a problem for the Media Department trying to get the paper out to all of you.

I do hope everyone is doing well. Please call us if you have questions, ideas or would like to discuss issues of importance to you.

/s/

Isaac Gibson, Jr.
Lt. Governor

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Greetings Fellow Tribal Members, This past month has been a busy and exciting time. The grand opening for Thunderbird Casino-Shawnee took place on August 10th with a party for tribal members and guests. The event kicked off with a ribbon cutting



ceremony. Food and fun was abundant throughout the day. Musical entertainment was provided by Calvin White and The Uncivilized Tribe band with guest artist Isaac Gibson. It was a stunning success with the casino at almost full capacity for most of the opening week. It was a rush to get it completed by the opening date and the casino management and employees did a wonderful job with the grand opening. The new casino is a first class facility and an exciting new business venture for us. Our General Managers, Kurt Williams and Drew Word, did a great job in getting this casino up and running in record time. They are currently involved in analyzing the player database at the new casino and getting direct mail in-place for new players that signed up for player's cards. TEC Inc. will continue to monitor the Shawnee Casino in the coming months to ensure they are being as efficient and effective with tribal dollars as possible. Additionally, the management team has made a committed effort to improving the Norman Casino and restoring it to its full potential. They will be working on a branding/strategic plan that encompasses strategic media and advertising along with interior and exterior design enhancements. These will include signage, gaming floor improvement, and facility maintenance. Over the next year you should begin to see Thunderbird Casino Norman in a new light.



I met with my staff to determine the most pressing issues for our team in providing service to tribal members and employees.

Since the complex receptionist duties and telephone service at the complex are under our jurisdiction, we decided that this might be a good place to start. Before being elected to this position, I heard numerous complaints about calls to the complex not being answered promptly, not being able to find the right person to handle a problem, employees not listed in the employee directory, and calls not being returned in a timely manner. We examined the amount and type of calls being received at the complex and we are working on a number of telephone related issues that will improve the service we are providing. We have automated some of the call routing duties so that some calls go directly to the department without human intervention. This should make for faster response times and less busy signals being received by people calling into the complex. You will still be able to reach the receptionist at any time by dialing 0 if you need immediate assistance. The employee directory has been updated with the names of all employees and telephone extension numbers. Telephone numbers are also listed on the website. We're using some of the enhanced features of our telephone service to make it easier for you to reach us. For example, if employees will be away from their telephone for any length of time, they can now call forward their calls to their cell phones or other phones in the complex. This service was not available to employees in the past. There are a number of other improvements that have been implemented to improve our service.

We started a telephone audit in late July to find out if there were telephone lines or services that could be eliminated or consolidated to save money. After investigation, we found several telephone lines that were no longer being used, a few fax lines that could be disconnected, some additional listings in the telephone book that were no longer needed, and some high priced alarm/data circuits that should have been disconnected. In addition, we found several cases of unauthorized charges being billed to us on a monthly basis (some for several years). In today's world, this practice is called "cramming" where unscrupulous companies prey on unsuspecting subscribers by roping them into monthly charges on their phone

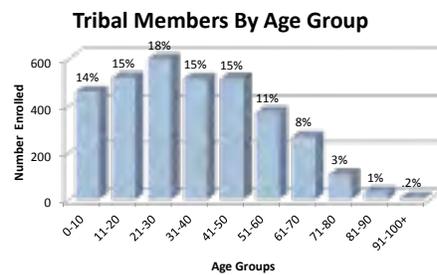
bills when they answer a solicitation call or fill out a registration form on the internet. I don't believe a telephone audit has been conducted in several years at the complex and the amount of saving we are going to realize from this audit is pretty astounding. Much more than I anticipated. The annualized savings on the services discontinued and adjusted totaled \$23,087. This total includes over \$6,000 in adjustments for unauthorized charges on the bill (cramming) that date back to 2005. The savings realized from this project will mean more money available for other tribal expenses or services, including services to tribal members. I am very pleased with the outcome of this project and would like to thank the members of my staff (Rico Coon, Becky Prewett, and Wannetta Battise) for their help in coordinating the changes and for their work in conducting the audit with the communications company. At the Smoke Shops and Restaurant, we've been busy reviewing the work processes and financials for these operations and have determined that we are not where we want to be. We've had to do some reorganization of personnel and had to cut expenses in a major way. We made changes that allow us to operate in a more cost efficient manner and this will result in an annual savings of over \$130,000 in expenses (19.9% of total expenses) but it will take us awhile to realize the benefits of these changes. In the meantime, the tribe is helping us out with some needed upgrades that should improve our revenue stream. We introduced a resolution to the Executive Committee (LAS2011-11) that will reduce the amount of tax that the Smoke Shops pay on cigarettes. This will allow us to lower the cost to consumers and help us to be more competitive with other grocery outlets and Smoke Shops. We are in the process of hiring a new restaurant manager and revamping our menu to include some daily specials that we think will appeal to a broad spectrum of patrons. I think you are going to like some of the changes we have planned in the coming weeks. In addition, we are adding additional security surveillance and lighting at the restaurant to help secure employees, patrons, and tribal assets.

As I mentioned in last month's edition, your feedback, suggestions, and ideas for the

Smoke shops in Little Axe and Harrah, the Country Kitchen restaurant, and our Absentee Shawnee website are appreciated. The following email addresses have been established for this purpose:

smokeshops@astribe.com
restaurant@astribe.com
website@astribe.com

The Enrollment Department is beginning to whittle away the backlog of blood quantum corrections. We have enrolled 384 newly eligible tribal members since the blood quantum was reduced in November 2010. This 11% increase is slightly below the amount we were expecting. Some of our health funds we receive are based on the number of tribal members. However, increases in funds won't be realized until the year 2013 since numbers for 2012 have already been submitted. Our total enrollment is now at 3,427. I'm planning to provide some data over the next few newsletters regarding the makeup of our tribal members for your review. In this issue, I'm providing a chart that breaks down our tribal population by age group.



If you plan to enroll a minor applicant, please include a photo with your enrollment application so we will have a picture on file. Pictures can be emailed to: Larry Buckley at larryb@astribe.com or Darrell Larney at dlarney@astribe.com.

The next General Council meeting will be held on Saturday, October 15th at the Resource Center in Little Axe. Meeting notes from the last General Council meeting are ready and can be picked up at my office. Or, you can receive a copy via email by contacting Jerry Knox at jerryk@astribe.com.

Teri Reed – Secretary
teri@astribe.com
 405-275-4030 Ext 104

TREASURER'S REPORT

Hello AST members,
 Hope all of you had a good summer! Summer is over so be in prayer for all the students as they return to School! Office of Treasurer continues to be busy with regular executive committee and informal meetings, emails, numerous calls, and visits see below list:

- Certificates of Deposits (CDs) were opened at our own tribal bank (AllNations). This investment will provide additional revenue for future tribal members needs and services.



We encourage Tribal members to open an account at their tribally owned bank.

- Attended monthly Program Directors/Managers meeting here at Tribal Complex
- Attended the AST Housing Authority Monthly Board Meeting
- Attended the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association Conference (OIGA) along with ASEDA Consultant Sharrod Tabbytite in Tulsa for one day for networking opportunities for our new businesses.
- Attended ASEDA Board Monthly meetings and ASEDA Fleet Special meeting as Ad Hoc non-voting member
- Executive Committee had a regular scheduled meeting and a special called meeting. See Resolutions Page.
- Meeting with Sharrod Tabbytite, Consultant, ASEDA, and AllNations bank, President, Gene Davis about having some Financial Literacy classes, confidentiality protocol, and presentation to Tribal employees and General

Council.

- Monthly meeting with Redstone Investments over current month's performance summary and investments continue to grow.
- Congratulations to Executive Committee's Employee of Month August Winner, Captain Carolyn Stacy
- Attended a luncheon with TERO Director at their monthly American Indian Chamber of Commerce of OK (AICCO) meeting in Oklahoma City. AICCO provides an opportunity for Native American business owners to network among themselves to enhance business opportunities and to extend their venues to state and federal level.
- Attended along with the other Executive Committees Members the Ribbon Cutting and Dedication at 11am and the festivities that evening for the AST Tribal members for the new Thunderbird Casino-Shawnee private party.
- AST Elders Good will tour to Ohsweken, Canada, Forest Theater presentation by the Six Nations Native Pageant's 63rd Annual production of "Tecumseh: Freedom Fighter and Warrior." See Article in this edition.
- Attended a meeting with the City of Tecumseh, Mayor, and council members on a roads project.
- Attended a meeting with the Thunderbird Entertainment Committee and Casino General Manager on the Thunderbird Casino-Shawnee.

Sincere appreciation goes out to the ladies of the Finance Department and the Controller, Belinda Collins, as they daily continue the never ending processes for the financial side of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. Without their tireless dedication and commitment we could not keep the financial transactions processes flowing!

Also, would like to extend my appreciation to the Financial Consultant, Eddie Brokeshoulder, who continues to assist me with numerous projects, attend meetings where I cannot attend, and consulting decisions in the office of Treasurer! And

Arlene Herrera, our office assistant, who is always willing to assist anyone that she meets. She has been a real asset to us

all since we all share her services, TERO, Finance, Enrollment, and Treasurer's offices! NIYAWI

We appreciate all your phone calls, emails, and visits. May God continue to bless you and yours! See below articles from All Nations Bank; ASEDA (ASEDA FLEET), Financial Consultant, Eddie Brokeshoulder; and Finance Department.

Respectively,
Kathy Deere, Treasurer

FINANCE DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 2011

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.

The 2010 Audit is complete and has been submitted to the Department of Interior and to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse as required. It includes the MD&A (Management Discussion and Analysis). The MD&A report is an informative report within the 2010 Audit; which is a brief review and explanation of the Audit. The Audit is an "unqualified" audit; which when compared to an educational grading scale is A.

The Indirect Cost Proposal for 2012 will begin within the next few weeks. Our rate is up from 17.74% for 2010 to 21.98% for 2011.

The finance department continues to complete accounting by the seventh day of the month and have been since August 2010; so that financial reports can be created for the Health Authority and Li Si Wi Nwi, Health Inc. Boards for health programs both Shawnee and Little Axe. The Finance staff will begin August reconciliations for financial reporting on the first of September. It is imperative the accounting / book-keeping continue to stay ahead of all of the accounting so that audits go smoothly so that Indirect Cost rates will stay up to date

as well. Indirect cost proposals cannot be submitted without completed audits as the audits are used to calculate the proposal.

We continue to explore avenues that will make accounting for the tribe's finances a smooth process including billing package for health programs.

There are many processes in place in your Tribe's accounting department that ensure we keep accurate records of transactions. The Tribe's accounting processes must be in compliance with GAAP; (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) and GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board).

The Tribe currently has compact funds of BIA and I H S, 51 Grants, and the new Clinic business.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Finance Department has very hard working group of people and it is an honor to work with them, the Treasurer's office and at the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

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

FINANCIAL CONSULTANT

Hello Tribal Members,

As financial consultant, I continue to assist Tribal Treasurer in management support, planning, developing, organizing, and evaluating the Tribe's fiscal performance. The process incorporates an evaluation of a long range financial budget process, analysis of budgets and financial reporting of insuring the Tribe's financial position.

The following activities I have been involved and participated:

General Fund: Reviewed and analyzed Treasurer's monthly General Fund encumbrance financial report.

Indirect Cost: Reviewed and analyzed Treasurer's monthly Indirect Cost encumbrance financial report.

Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority, Inc. (ASEDA): Attended monthly business board meeting discussion of current business operations and discussed future business development strategies.

Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority: Treasurer Deere and I attended an informative monthly Housing Authority board meeting.

Redstone Investments: Attended monthly financial investment meeting, topics included investment strategies of the Tribe.

LiSiWiNwi Health Facility: Attended monthly construction meeting for the new health facility, meeting consisted of the following, Nabholtz Construction Services, Childers Architect, ADG Architectural Design Group and executive staff of Tribal Health department.

In closing, should you have questions, please contact me at 405.275.4030 ext 148.

Respectfully,
Eddie Brokeshoulder
Financial Consultant

ALLNATIONS BANK

Good Day to all of our friends from all of us at your bank, AllNations Bank.

Today we want to talk about identity theft. Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in the US. The Federal Trade Commission estimates that more than ten million people are victimized every year. Each victim of identity theft spends months or years and thousands of dollars to clear their name.

There are things you can do to help avoid becoming a victim. Don't disclose any personal information until you find out how it will be used and whether that information will be sold or shared with others.

Pay attention to billing cycles so you can follow up with creditors if your bills don't arrive on time. A missing bill could mean that someone has taken over your account and changed the billing address to their own. Shred every bill and other documents that contain personal or account information.

Order a copy of your credit report once a year from each of the three major reporting agencies. Make sure the information is accurate and that the report includes only legitimate transactions. You are entitled to one free report each year (www.annualcreditreport.com). If you have been turned down for credit, you can get a free report by contacting the agency that provided the information to the lending institution.

Don't carry sensitive information, such as Social Security number, personal identification numbers (PINS) or passwords, in your wallet or purse. Don't give out personal information over the telephone unless you initiated the call. Don't put your Social Security or driver's license number on your checks. Don't use easily available information, such as your mother's maiden name, your birth date or the last four digits of your Social Security number as your password for credit/debit cards, e-mail, or any place where password are required.

Don't have new checks or debit cards sent to your home address. Have them sent to the bank and pick them up yourself. Don't leave personal information lying around your house. Anyone entering your home can pick up that information and use it in

ways that you have not authorized. Don't create temptation.

We at AllNations Bank are here to answer questions you may have concerning credit and other banking questions. Remember that we have certain accounts that are free and until the end of September you can get your first order of checks free if you mention you are a tribal member.

ASEDA FLEET

The ASEDA Board has several projects in progress that we hope will generate income for the Tribe this year.

1. ASEDA FLEET, the fleet vehicle sales and leasing company which was incorporated in April has made some good contacts with other tribes, and has many quotes submitted to them. At this time, we are awaiting the wheels of Tribal governments to start to roll in our direction, and hope to finalize some of these quotes shortly. As with all start up businesses, we are moving slowly; but surely onward and upward. We feel this will be a substantial asset to the Tribe in the near future.

2. ABSENTEE SHAWNEE COUNSELING SERVICES, a Substance Abuse Clinic located in Oklahoma City was obtained from the Quapaw Tribe has been incorporated, and has the potential to inject some much needed, and substantial income for both ASEDA and the Tribe in the near future.

3. GOV CON SERVICES is a Partnership Holding Company incorporated in Aug. 2011 to enable us to bid on Federal 8A contracts. We have a web site under construction at this time; and when up and running, will allow us to bid on multiple H.U.D. contracts. This holding Company will allow us to entice Satellite Corporations to relocate to our area. We have very high hopes that contracts issued to this entity, as well as the Satellite Companies, will provide much needed job opportunities for our Tribal members.

4. FUTURE PROJECTS. We also have several more projects that are under evaluation that could bring more jobs our way. We'll keep everyone advised as these develop.

All of us, Dan, Lyndale, and Adam want to thank the Executive Committee for their support as we strive to develop new and viable economic opportunities for the Tribe and Tribal members.

REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Absentee Shawnee Tribe
 The months of July and August will be well remembered by the record breaking days with over 100 degree days in a row...I hope you have been checking on your neighbors no matter what the age because with the days being HOT all living things where in danger being in the heat for long periods of time...I have assisted the Lieutenant Governor with the hiring of 2 tribal members through our TERO Program to assist him in Maintenance, the program has been working nonstop helping Tribal members the last 2 months by installing hot water tanks and fixing air condition units due to the high temperatures here in Oklahoma and I want to say thank you to the Maintenance Program for doing a Awesome job... We are at this time going through the Title VI lunch surveys and hopefully we will be able to change up the menu some and give you the elders a more nutritious meal and for those of you who filled out the survey thank you very much. That gives the Program a better idea on how to buy the food. I want to say thank you and a job well done to Dos Owings and her Staff for getting up early, preparing and delivering the lunch to our elders...I was very fortunate in being able to attend the Trip with Governor Blanchard, Treasurer Deere and the Elders to the Reservation of the Six Nation Indians in Hamilton Canada in the month of August. It was put together at the last minute and there was hardly any notice but there was a good group of Elders that went, The Akwesasne Mohawk Indians of Canada have

been putting on this Pageant for years and in the year 2011 it has come to an end with us attending the last play ever was truly a blessing to see and know that we have a Tribe in another Country who believe in our Great Chief Tecumseh as much as we do, the play started at Dusk and Lasted into the Night and the stage was of a Nature setting with a pond in the front it's sad to say that this play has come to an end...if you need help in any of the Programs that I am over contact the Program Director and I am positive they will assist you in any way if possible...My heart believes the future looks bright for the Absentee Shawnee tribe of Oklahoma...

Ne ya wa!
 Representative Gibson



The AST Tax Commission will be closed September 19-22, 2011 NITA.

We will reopen on September 23, 2011



Due to the large amount of newsletters being returned, we will only send one per address unless otherwise specified.

TAX CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	% OF TAXES COLLECTED
Sales (6%)	\$10,465.58	\$12.34	\$16,646.46	\$5,088.76	\$15,666.63	\$7,193.56	\$10,539.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65,512.92	4.91%
Gaming % of free c	\$102,200.00	\$200,000.00	\$126,145.00	\$200,000.00	\$196,337.00	\$207,561.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$982,243.00	73.67%
Employee (1%)	\$15,754.96	\$0.00	\$18,485.37	\$6,507.55	\$9,378.31	\$18,471.03	\$4,217.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$72,814.66	5.46%
Severance (8%)	\$889.64	\$2,062.45	\$2,103.94	\$966.79	\$1,424.72	\$2,347.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,794.41	0.73%
Motor Vehicle	\$12,422.94	\$11,428.73	\$15,470.44	\$12,156.17	\$11,291.59	\$11,283.67	\$13,690.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$87,743.56	6.58%
Tobacco Refund	\$18,501.65	\$18,412.20	\$14,507.15	\$13,955.28	\$13,165.79	\$19,772.47	\$15,870.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$114,185.11	8.56%
TOTAL TAXES	\$160,233.37	\$81,915.72	\$193,358.36	\$238,674.55	\$247,164.34	\$286,629.60	\$144,317.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,382,293.66	
Miscellaneous	\$160.00	\$80.00	\$132.50	\$150.00	\$212.50	\$120.00	\$130.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$985.00	0.07%
TOTAL COLLECT	\$160,393.37	\$81,995.72	\$193,490.86	\$238,824.55	\$247,376.84	\$286,749.60	\$144,447.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,383,278.66	100%

NOTES:

FY-2011
 YTD TAX COLLECTIONS
 (thru 7/31/2011)

Run Date:
 08/29/11

CULTURAL PRESERVATION

There are three openings for the Cultural Advisory Committee. If interested, please fill out and submit an application in the Tribal Secretary's office.

Demonstration classes are being planned and will be starting soon. Please look for announcements at the two clinics, Resource Center, and Shawnee complex buildings as well as word-of-mouth. Intro to Beading and finger weaving (yarn belts) have been a couple of suggestions for classes from Shawnee tribal members and customers at the Gift Shop. Please call and let us know of other suggestions for classes.

LANGUAGE

Language classes are also being discussed and will be announced as soon as everything is finalized such as time, days/nights, location and instructor.

On August 4th, we took children to the Eastern Shawnee Tribe for a Children's Language Carnival. The children were treated to a meal of hot dogs, chips, beans, drinks, and brownies w/ice cream. They were able to play carnival type games and had to say or repeat Shawnee words of numbers, colors, and small phrases in order to win small prizes. They also participated in a Potato Dance, Cake Walk, and a two step.

LIBRARY

I would like to thank Billie James and Connie England, Cultural Advisory Committee members for their assistance in the Library and sorting out the supplies in the demonstration supply room.

Tribal Historic

I was able to attend meetings with the St. Louis District and Memphis District Army Corps of Engineers. The St. Louis District explained the areas they are responsible for, and also gave us a tour of a Veteran's Program that helps them in cataloging, Identifying, sorting, weighing, measuring,

taking pictures of, scanning, articles and boxes of artifacts that are being kept at different college museums or museums.

At the Memphis District meeting, we met the Colonel the first day and listened to presentations of different departments of the Corp and was shown a presentation of the devastation in the Bird's Point Area, where they had to breach the levee, for the Mississippi River overflow. The Bird's Point area consisted of Shawnee villages and historical sites. The next day we met the Major and was taken on a field trip of the Bird's Point area. It was hard to believe that where we drove or walked was under water a couple of months earlier. There were still signs of the flood and wood and brick houses that was destroyed without windows, doors, or sides. We were shown the areas that was blown, one entry of the river and two different exits. We were taken to the historic site and was told of what they found after the water receded. While there, they were already filling in scurry holes with sand and working to rebuild the levee.

In the next couple of months there are invitations to visit other District Corps of Engineers.

Editor's Note

Dear Tribal Members:

My name is Faustina Blanchard and I am new to the Media Department. I would like to let you know a little about my education and background. I started working in the Print Shop at the Board of Education in Shawnee as a printer's assistant. I worked there during the summer for almost 10 years. I enjoyed it so much that I attended the Gordon Cooper Technology Center where I studied Business Information as well as Desktop Publishing. I then took some time off to take care of my family and raise my beautiful daughters. I enjoy working on The Absentee Shawnee News and I would like to thank Randy Edge, Arlene Herrera, and Bridgette Wilson from the TERO department for all their hard work in helping me obtain this position.

Thank you for your time,
Faustina Blanchard

Wills Clinic

October 13, 2011

Absentee Shawnee

Complex Building 1

Call OILS at:

(405) 943-6457 to make an appointment.

If anyone needs assistance with a will before then, call the same number to make arrangements for an appointment to meet with OILS attorney.



TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT
RIGHTS OFFICE

TERO would like to invite new applicants to Shawnee Campus to view job postings and find out current openings as each day may change according to the job market. We have a special thanks to entities who have partnered with TERO into hiring our applicants: (some full time and temporary)

- Absentee Shawnee Tribal Programs
- Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health Authority, Inc.
- Li-Si-Wi-Nwi Health, Inc.
- Thunderbird Casino
- Nabholz Construction
- Labor Finders
- Lowes

TERO is reaching out to businesses across the state of Oklahoma for opportunities in employment. We have attended the AGC (Associated General Contractors) meeting and received contacts from corporate businesses and are now members of AICOC (American Indian Chamber of Commerce). Our focus is to network heavily with these unified groups and inspire more businesses in hiring our tribal people. We are currently populated with just over 200 applicants and look forward into many more skilled applicants to work with.

To all applicants, please have your files updated with phone numbers and addresses. If you have a current driver's license, mode of transportation and willing to travel, please contact TERO. There are over 40 job opportunities listed outside our door in the Shawnee Campus. Please come by to view the current opportunities for employment and visit with the TERO staff.

Randy, Arlene, Bridget

Resolutions

The following are Resolutions passed through August 17, 2011

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS:

E-AS-11-65 08/01/11

Approves and accepts Santos Daniel Sutton, Alano Ezekiel Sutton, Selena Monica Sutton, Victoria Destiny Sutton, Marisela Isabelle Mariah Leyva, Ramona Lynne Clutter, Ashley Dawn Wyatt, Laynee Elizabeth Robison, Ariana Michelle Robison, Kaseon James Pine, Cassandra Renae Black, Scott Alan Taylor, Cynthia Kay Breedlove, Trinity Lynn Tiger Medina, James Robert Taylor, Jr., Sierra Nirole Ferree, Skylar Star Dietrich, Sonya Shree Thapa, Blake Lee Thapa, Lisa Marie Neese, Krystal Ann Neese and Branden Hunter Neese as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

E-AS-11-66 08/01/11

Grants voluntary relinquishment of membership of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to Crystal Ladawn Stephens provided that she is accepted into the Sac & Fox Nation of Oklahoma.

E-AS-67 08/17/11

Approves and accepts Emily Nicole Hicks, Anna Marie Hicks, Connor Evan Hawk, Quincy Ryan Hawk, Jordyn Marie Hawk, Thomas Eugene Gilman, III, Peter Howard Gilman, Tomi-Lynn Sophia Gilman, Milania Chélee Masquat, Honor Mae Runsabove, David Anthony Brown, Tracy Lynn Flippo, Gregorie Thomas Cruz, Owen Patrick Cruz, Cameron Jacob Cruz, Gregory Scott Ellis, Laurie Leann Alford, Cynthia Diane Houchin, Uriah Terez Hardeman and Megan Lucille Johnson, as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

E-AS-68 08/17/11

Disenrolls Adam Charles Gibson from the membership roll of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Effective Immediately.

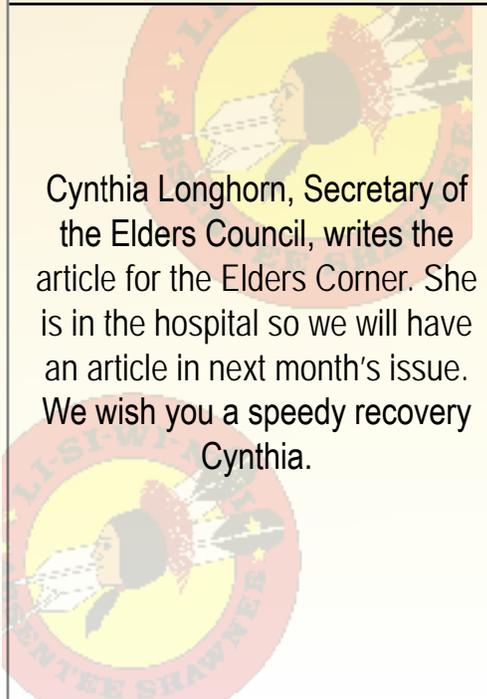
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS:

L-AS-11-10 08/17/11

Authorizing and approving the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Realty Department to put the attached tracts out for bid on sale of oil and gas leases and authorizing and approving the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Realty Department to sell the oil and gas leases on the attached tract list, effective immediately.

L-AS-11-11 08/17/11

Authorizes and amends the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Licensing and Tax Code. (Lowering the Tribal tax on a carton of cigarettes from \$3.00 to \$1.50)



Cynthia Longhorn, Secretary of the Elders Council, writes the article for the Elders Corner. She is in the hospital so we will have an article in next month's issue. We wish you a speedy recovery
Cynthia.

THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER

Here are some words we all can use on a regular basis:

1. Mad (pouting)
Ma ti wa
2. Happy
Ho wa se la pe wi
3. Upset (unhappy)
Mi ge la pe wi
4. Excited
We si la pe wi
5. Scared
Ge fa fe
6. Really scared
Ma le ki qe
7. Think positive
We sa k eta ha
8. Happy
Ma ne ta ha
9. Grumpy
Mi ge TA ha
10. Proud
Me se se ta ha
11. Embarrassed
We yi ke la pe wi

Governor George Blanchard

Cobell v. Salazar \$3.4 billion Indian Trust Settlement

IMPORTANT UPDATE: The United States District Court for the District of Columbia granted Final Approval for the Indian Trust Settlement at the Fairness Hearing. You can review a copy of the Order Granting Final Approval to Settlement, the Final Judgment, and the Fairness Hearing Transcript on this website in Court Documents. All individuals who believe that they are entitled to participate in the Settlement as a member of the Trust Administration Class and who are required under the terms of the Settlement Agreement to submit a Claim Form must do so by mailing a properly completed and signed form to the Claims Administrator postmarked no later than **September 16, 2011**.

PLEASE NOTE: On August 6, 2011, a Notice of Appeal was filed with the Court.

On December 21, 2010, The United States District Court for the District of Columbia granted preliminary approval to the Settlement. On December 8, 2010, President Obama signed legislation approving the Settlement and authorizing \$3.4 billion in funds.

You may be a part of this Settlement with certain rights in this Settlement if you are an:

- Individual Indian Money ("IIM") account holder (even if the account is currently not active or open),
- Individual Indian who has or had an ownership interest in land held in trust or in restricted status,
- Heir to a deceased IIM account holder or individual landowner.

If you are NOT currently receiving quarterly or annual IIM account statements and believe you are part of this Settlement, you will need to File a Claim Form / Register to Participate. You have the option to File a Claim Form / Register to Participate online, or to download and print the Claim Form for mailing. To obtain a Claim Form, you may also call the toll-free number or write to Indian Trust Settlement and request that a Claim Form be mailed to you. Paper claim forms must be postmarked no later than September 16, 2011, and online claims must be submitted no later than midnight (PDT) on September 16, 2011.

For more information:
1-800-961-6109
www.IndianTrust.com

ONE CHILD



ONE TRIBE

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

- 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.

September



Happy Birthday!

**Happy Belated Birthday
Daddy & Sissy
August 23 & August 27**

**"I love you with alllll my
heart!"
Marie (Mama), Cay D,
Boogie, Mena, & C Jay**

*Happy Belated
Birthday Fanny
We Love You!
The Fab Five
Blanchard Girls*

**Happy Birthday Sissy!
We Love You!
Larry & Lisa**

**Roses are Red,
Violets are Blue,
You're turning 50
BOO HOO HOO**

**Happy Birthday Tammy!
Love, Mom**

*Happy Birthday
Auntie Bo-Bo
We Love You!
The Fab Five
Blanchard Girls*

Abrams, Geraldine
Alaee, Sheila Sepideh
Alford, David Paul
Alford, Jennifer Christine
Allen, Tasia Lynn
Applegate, Jason Grant
Arms, James Louis
Arms, Michael Brandon
Armstrong, Darrell Lynn
Atwood, Stephen Jacob
Barnard, Katrina Tate
Barnes, Jordan Tylor
Bateman, Thomas Albert
Bates, Charles Edward
Bergen, Mercedes Ian
Berry, Shane Tecumseh
Blanchard Jr, Reuben Caleb
Blanchard Jr., Leland Dale
Blanchard Sr., George Melvin
Blanchard, Amber Chantel
Blanchard, Consuela Sirena
Blanchard, Craig Lewis
Blanchard, Jacob Dakota
Blanchard, Paulette Louise
Blanchard, Reuben Caleb
Blanchard, Summer Gail
Blankenship, Fabian Mae
Blocker, April Dawn
Bosquez, Emilia Marie Nicole
Bowens, Kendra Rachelle
Bradley, Michael Kevin
Brinkoetter, Karen Kay
Bruner, Rhiannon Lydia
Bump Sr., Richard Dewitt
Burnett, Darrell Wayne
Burns, Constance Darlene
Butcher, Sallie Elizabeth
Carlson III, Dennis Roy
Carlson, Daniel Ray
Carnes, Haley Ann Marie
Carpenter, Cynthia Marie
Charley, Garry Joe
Chisholm, Milford Wayne
Clinesmith, Brooklyn Makay
Cobell, Julee Rae
Coddington, William Luther
Cody, Donna Noreen
Colungo, Redena Sue
Couch, Rickie Charles
Cravens, Goldie Ann
Creek, Josephine

Creek, Ralph Samuel
Crosswhite, Hunter Raven
Cuellar, Ronald Lee
Culwell, Bryson Gene
Cypret, Norman Wayne
Daniel, Dana Laree`
Deer, Brandon Jeremy
Deer, David Joel
Dibler, Bobby George
Downey, Cheyenne Rena
Downs, Debra Ann
Duncan, Carolyn Ann
Ellis, Duane Alex
Ellis, Eric Wade
Ellis, Richard Bryant
Ellis, William Bryant
Elmore, Christa Ann
Felton, Alisha Lynn
Ferrell, Melinda Kay
Foreman, Stefany Elayne
Foster, Linda Jean
Frazier, Rickie Dewayne
French, Jeffery John
Fritsch, Jady Mark
Fuentez, Cruzito Damacio
Ganaway Jr., Mark Terrell
Garretson, Cody Ronald
Garza Jr, Mr. Gary Don
Gibson Jr., Isaac
Gibson, Edna Faye
Gibson, Jennifer Michelle
Gibson, Justin Ryan
Gillespie, Tamara Sue
Gilman, Peter Howard
Gouge, Ashlynn Jean
Graham, Thomas Wendell
Gregory, Samuel Edwin
Hackbarth, Marissa Lucille
Hadjiconstantinou, Openia Sue
Hale III, Phillip Wayne
Haley, Shirley Frances
Hall, Christayl Rachell
Harjo Jr, Benjamin
Harjo Jr., Burton Thomas
Harvey, Shelia Lynn
Haumpy Jr., William Allen
Haumpy, Talia Sharee
Hicks, Angelia Jean
Hill, Amanda Nicole
Houston Fenix, Lexus Nicole
Houston, Michael

Hurst, Brian Keith
Jacobs, Kasiana Marie
Jacobs, Mary Theresa
James, Billie Jane
Jimerson, Tyrone Dremain
Johnson, Brandon W. C.
Johnson, Eryn Edward
Johnson, Lana Iris
Johnson, Lewis Allen
Johnson, Lyndsey Marie
Johnson, Sandra Kay
Kaseca, Kristin Nikole
Kaseca, Paul Daniel
Kelly, Gayla Ann
Kelly, Kellie Marie
Kickapoo, Roy Matteson
Kickapoo, Valerie Yolanda
Kowitz, Trentyn Mikal
Laplant, Raymond Lowell
Larney, Darrell Scott
Lasarge, Brandi Loraine
Lee, James Stacey Chang-Sun
Leedom, Donna Jeanne
Leroy, Geraldain Jon
Leupp, Lenora Little Creek
Limon, Justine Danielle
Little Axe III, Troy Lee
Little Axe, Brittany Elaine
Little Axe, Jason Randall
Little Charley, Paige Marie
Little Jim, Charles Kerwin
Little Jim, Jason Webster
Little, Christina Kathaleen
Littlecreek, Joshua Dwight
Littlecreek, Raqueal Amae
Livsey, Mckinzy Diane
Lockner, Krin Kimberly
Lockner, Ryan Zachary
Longhorn, Juanita Louise
Longman, Anthony Lamont
Longman, Emily R.
Longman, Jordyn Christian
Spybuck
Longman, Shea Michael
Lopez, Angela Michelle
Louvier, Natasha Renee
Lowe, Ariah MaRae
Lowe, Brian James
Lowe, Caden Elijah
Manley, Sue Ann Burkhart
Mann, John Edward

Birthdays

Martin, Juston Allen
Martinez, Brandon Paul
Martinez, Leo Littlecreek
Masquas, Jace Gabriel
Masquat, Finley Ray
Mauldin, Charlotte Vada Renia
Maxfield, Katherine Elizabeth
McClung, Helen L Burkhart
McGirt, Douglas Burton
McIntyre, Vickie Teresa
McKinney, Lucia Jade
McMahan, Ashley Rae
McPherson, Jeremy Lee
Miller, Esperanza
Morrell, Kristy Ann
Morris, Brandon Zachary
Morris, Raymond Ray
Morton, Lisa Marie
Nance, Jada Karyn
Nance, Kameron Jace
Nelson Jr., James Bradley
Nelson, Telisa Renee
Ochoa, Florence Pauline
Olinger, Stephen Garrett
Ongaco, Alexandra Renee
Onzahwah, Laverna Lee
Pack, Trace Matthew
Palacios, Phyllis Diana
Panther III, William
Panther, Nina Renee
Panther, Raymond Dale
Ponkilla, Edmond Lee
Porambo, Anthony Thomas
Poston, Teresa Sue
Powell, Robert M
Powell, Wesley Lynn
Prettyman, Faith Grinell
Proctor, Noah Gene
Purcell, Jason Lee
Reeves, Marian Louise
Roberts, Jimmy Dean
Routledge-Hunt, Brandi Faye
Ruimveld, Shacoda Louis
Ruimveld, Shawn Wade
Ruiz, Kathlene Luiza Mae
Ryan, Danielle Marie
Sadongei, Carolyn Little Axe
Sampson, Sharon Louise
Schmitz, Tana Marie
Seber, Walt Unitus
Serena, Angelic Marie

Serena, Gary Allen
Sharpe Jr., Chevis Shenold
Shaver, Brittney Nicole
Shaver, Jordin Lei
Sherrill, Jocelynn Elyssa
Shupe, Josh Michael
Sloat, Alec Duane
Sloat, Carol Ann
Sloat, Colby Trae
Sloat, Garrett Davis
Smith, Kristi Dawn
Smith, Larry Dale
Snake, Jana Rachele
Soap, Jakobi Christopher
Spoon, Dakota Austin
Spoon, Eric Louis
Spoon, Kenneth Lee
Spriggs, Helen Wyatt
Spybuck, Justice Evan
Spybuck, Kase Brennon
Starr, Meranda Lynn
Stoliby, Sean Ryan
Switch, Eastman Kelly
Switch, Susan Leann
Tascier, Samuel Ethan
Terres, Paula Ailene
Thompson, Darian Andrew
Thompson, DeShayla Tamia
Thorpe, Keenan Allen
Thorpe, Lorrie Ann
Thorpe, Melanie Lea
Thorpe, Rachel Danielle
Tiger, Christopher Neal
Tiger, Darryl Dean
Tiger, Gladys Jean
Tiger, Luvenia Starr
Tiger, Mary Augustina
Tiger, Phyllis Gail
Tiger, Terrance Nathan
Tsoodle, Teri Kaye
Tullius, Kaley Mariah
Tyner, Marcus Charles
Valdivia, Ronald David
Vazquez, Tyler Keith
Wahpekeche, Meredith York
Wahpekeche, Silas Kane
Walker, Dorothy M.
Walsh, Malissa Lisa Renee
Warrior Jr., Lucian Jay
Warrior Sr., Manuel Anthony
Washington Jr., Eric Sean

Washington, Austin Ray
Washington, Nicholas Shane
Watkins, Mickaela Marie
Watson, Betty Lou
Watson, Chad Lee
Watson, Jo Ann Spybuck
Webster, Michael Brice
Westberry, Amanda LeJean
White III, Charles Daniel
White, Susan Nicole Olivia
Whited, James Aaron
Wilburn, Joshua Wayne
Wilkerson, Lawrence Anthony
Wilkerson, Tammy Lynn
Williams, Christopher John
Williams, Sonja Barbara
Gosney
Williams, Taren Janea
Wilson Jr., Darrell Gene
Wilson Jr., Woodrow
Wilson Sr., Darrell Gene
Wilson, Patrick Loyd
Wilson, Vicki Sue
Winter, Brendan James
Winter, Tara Ann Nicole
Woods, Anna Marie
Yeahpau, Jeri Maye
Yones, Amber Marie

**Silas Kane
September 12**



**Happy 5th Birthday to our
"baby boy"!!
We love you a million!!!
Momma and Dad**

**Happy Birthday to our little
brother, Silas!! We love you!!
Your sisters and brothers:
Skyla, Llyah, Mikaylah,
Robyn, Shawn, and Joaquin**

**August 18th,
Happy Birthday Grammy
We Love You!
Love,
Teegs, Kaiya, Favian,
Kyler, Marcel,
& Jorey!**

**Happy 57th Birthday
Josephine Creek
on September 3rd,
well you finally passed me.
We love you!!!
Deke, Gina, Tara, Ray, Tessa,
Karla & Kyle**

**Happy 5th Birthday
to a very special son!!!
Brendan Winter
Love, Mom Dad &
Tara Ann**

*Happy 11th Birthday
to a very special daughter!!!
Tara Ann Winter
Love, Mom, Dad &
Brendan*

*Happy Birthday Jordan!
We Love You!
Love, Grandma & Grandpa
Colungo, Bridgette, Brandon
& Bryleigh, Mom, Dad & The
Rest of the Family!*

**Happy Birthday
Mom & G-Ma
We Love You!!!
Bessie, Lindsey, Elijah,
Kolbie, Bird, Josiah, Tatum
& KD**

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL MEMBERS GOOD WILL TOUR TO CANADA

The Absentee Shawnee Elders traveled up to Ohsweken, Canada to attend the Six Nations Native Pageant's Annual 63rd year production of "Tecumseh: Freedom Fighter and Warrior". A special performance was scheduled for us on August 19, 2011. The show is normally two weekends a month in August unless it rains and then a rainout performance is scheduled. We traveled by charter bus, left the tribal complex in Shawnee, at noon on Wednesday and returned early Monday morning (August 17-22, 2011). Thirty two (32) tribal members including three (3) Executive Committee Members, Governor Blanchard, Treasurer Deere and Representative Gibson.

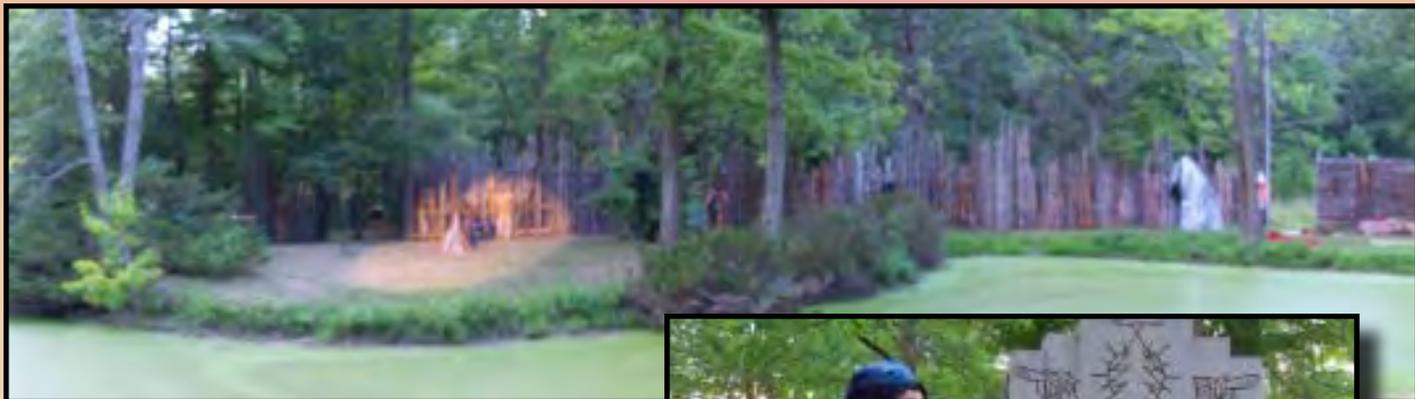


The outdoor drama is located at the forest theater on the banks of a pond in Ohsweken. The seating were wooden benches anchored into the hill. Perfect seating arrangements in the dusk of evening to start the performance. Adults, youth, and children star in the play. The play opens with an invocation by a young lady, Rain Martin-Williams in her native Mohawk language. Our AST Governor Blanchard had the privilege of lighting the ceremonial Pageant fire.

As we arrived in Ohsweken, the President Cam Staats of the Six Nations Native Pageant Board met us on the state road to guide us to the Forest Theater. He welcomed us and greeted us with a prayer in native Mohawk language. The native people fed us supper and had several vendor groups where we could buy different items. For supper, we had corn soup, squash soup, fry bread, many different varieties of beans, such as kidney, navy, and pinto, salads, vegetables and desserts. They make a special drink with strawberries and ice. They have special cookies made with pumpkin and sweet potatoes. They were very hospitable and very welcoming to us. They presented the Governor with gifts of tobacco seeds, a painting, packet with a DVD, script, and newspaper articles about the pageant. We talked with the lady (Denise Lemire) that wrote the newspaper article (Sachem CA) that we received. How we heard about this play is through a tribal member (Betty Watson) who sent us the article. It was an honor for the tribal elders and executive committee members to represent the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to the Six Nations of Grand River Territory.



We want to thank the tribal members and Executive Committee members who traveled to Canada for this performance. We realize everyone took time out from their busy schedules to make the trip, and their interest is very much appreciated. This was the final performance of this play due to the fact that the theater may be discontinued after this performance, so this was a spur of the moment trip, and we want to apologize for the short notice. It is gratifying that so many tribal members show this interest in our heritage, but is even more gratifying that other tribes, as well as, the general public have such an interest in our War Chief, "Tecumseh" and our Shawnee heritage. We want to thank the "Six Nations" for their exceptional hospitality and generosity to all of us.



EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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

- **Academic (K-12) Program:** assist 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.

All applications and guidelines are available at www.atribe.com. Click on Services and select education.

White Turkey Band

The White Turkey Band First Annual 5K Run/Walk and 3K Trot (1 mile walk)

WHERE: HORSE SHOE BEND COMMUNITY CENTER
46309 GARRETT'S LAKE ROAD
SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA 74801

WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2011

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

COST: \$20.00 receive a t-shirt

First female and male 5K runner will be awarded.

Proceeds will help with White Turkey Band Committee with equipment for the Community Building and for After School Program at Horse Shoe Bend Community Building.

Contact:

Edwina Butler-Wolfe
405 481-0397

Twila Parker
405 229-8052

Gwen Switch
405 204-9612

FREE MUSIC LESSONS

Every day all year round for all Native American Children! From the ages 5 years to 19. Come join the fun and learn to play guitar, bass guitar, piano, and vocals. Just give me a call at (405) 275-4030 ext: 117 ask for Phil Bradley or call my cell at 405-370-5576. Let's get you having some fun this year; come in out of the heat and enjoy music.
Adult Classes too!

MSPi Creative Arts Dept./Behavioral Health

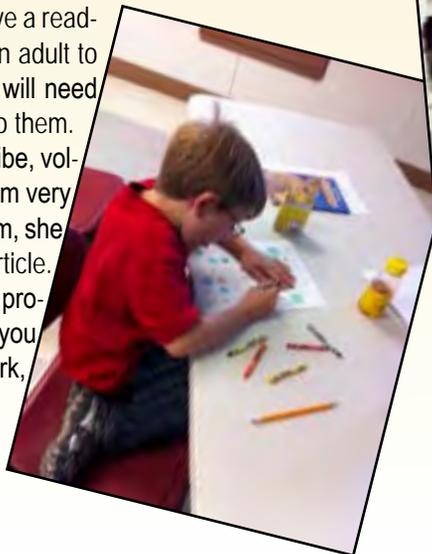
HORSE SHOE BEND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM:

The after school program has started tutoring students on August 15, 2011, from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm. Monday thru Thursday students from North Rock Creek School are riding the school bus to the center. I am increasing numbers each week and a lot of enquiries about the program. Students that are taking advantage of the tutoring program are excelling in their daily homework. I expect the after school program to be increasing once the first nine weeks is over and parent and teacher conference are scheduled.

Student daily schedule at the center consists of arriving and having a snack we give them about 10 to 15 minutes to wind down from school. After winding down student individually then is assisted with homework by tutor. It seems that Math and reading and spelling right now is the daily homework assignments I am sure with just the start of school students will be having special projects as the school year passes. When homework is done, we work with students with flash cards such as telling time, addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, counting money, alphabet, colors, sight words. Money and telling time is a challenge for some students due to the digital clocks and the cash register telling you how much money you get back. It is not only the young students, but I see adults not knowing how to count money and tell time. I do weekly and daily lessons plans with each grade level starting with Kindergarten through eighth grade. That consists of searching on the internet for extra printable worksheets for each grade. Extra worksheets help when student may need to do a little more work in a particular subject to be certain they understand the concept of homework. It is a big help when I know ahead of time what students are studying for the next week.

In weeks ahead more tutors will be schedule to come to assist. The two local universities have just started back August 22, 2011. Plans are in place to make contact not only with the two universities but with the area high schools or retire individuals who would like to come out and read with the students. Schools have a reading program in place where students have to read to an adult to earn points they need to excel in the program. So we will need more adults to just sit with students and let them read to them. Elaine Brown, tribal citizen of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, volunteers her time to help tutor students twice a week. I am very appreciative to have her time for the after school program, she helps with all the above tasks that is mentioned in this article. I am very excited to be a part of this new after school program implement by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. If you know of anyone needing extra help with their school work, please call.

Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Director
Horse Shoe Bend After School Program
Absentee Shawnee Tribe
405 481-0397 cell number



Middle School and High School

Students:

Come and join the Absentee Shawnee Youth Council...

All middle school and high school youth are welcome!



We will be meeting once every month to cover topic that interest our youth.

We will have volunteer opportunities.

We will also become involved with our communities through hands-on activities and projects.

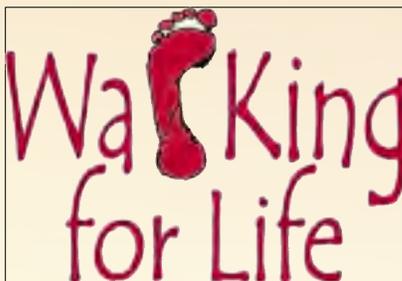
Our 2nd Meeting for the 2011-2012 school year will be September 17th at 10:00 am in the basement of Building #3.

We will provide refreshments at each meeting!

If you are interested in becoming a member of the AST Youth Council, please contact.....

(405) 275-4030 Jared ext. 193 or Tresha ext. 121

2nd Annual Suicide Prevention and Awareness Walk-A-Thon



When: Saturday, September 10, 2011

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00p.m.

Where: Shawnee Mall- Food Court
4901 N. Kickapoo
Shawnee, OK 74804

Why: Did you know that, in the United States, more people die by suicide (50% more) each year than by homicide? Experts believe that most individuals do not want to die. They just want to end the pain they are experiencing.

The first 100 registrants will receive a T-Shirt to wear while "Walking for Life"

For registration call Jenifer Sloan at (405) 878-4716 or (405) 481-0815

Featuring testimonials, live music and refreshments

Oklahoma Inter Tribal Safety Council to hold safety conference

The Oklahoma Inter Tribal Safety Council (OITSC) will be holding a Health, Safety and Environmental conference on October 13, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel located at 2945 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City.

The OITSC was originally organized in October of 2010 by representatives of the Chickasaw, Cherokee, Muscogee Creek, and Kiowa tribes representing casinos, hotels, and resorts. Since then the Kaw, Choctaw, Citizen Potawatomi, and Eastern Shawnee have joined the OITSC. The OITSC's mission statement is a simple yet powerful message; "To foster open communications on health, safety and environmental issues between and for the Native American Tribes of Oklahoma, and to provide educational resources that will protect the health and welfare of all tribal members".

This one day conference will feature speakers that will be covering topics on many of the health, safety, security and legal issues that affect many of the Native American businesses today. Speakers at the conference will be covering, Overview of Tribal Laws and their status in Oklahoma / Update of Legislative Changes In State Law; Work Place Violence Recognition and Procedures; Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Response; and a representative from the National Indian Gaming Commission will speak on Environmental, Safety and Health policies. Exhibitors will be at the conference displaying and demonstrating the latest in safety and health services and products Native American tribes that are involved in the health and safety of tribal employees and guests are invited to attend along with employees involved in security/ loss prevention and the gaming commission.

Registration for attendees is \$35 per person and discounts are available for multiple attendee registrations. For more information or to register contact Rocky Waller at 405-848-8626 ext. 104.



Oklahoma Inter Tribal Safety Council

2011 Health, Safety & Environmental Conference

October 13, 2011

Crown Plaza Hotel - Oklahoma City, OK

Join in the Experience

Join us at the 1st Annual Oklahoma Inter Tribal Safety Council's 2011 Health, Safety & Environmental Conference on October 12, 2011. Attendees will enjoy educational sessions, networking, exhibition hall with vendors on hand to share their products and/or services. One low price offers a fabulous venue, great safety & health sessions, networking luncheon, exhibition hall and much more!

Hotel Reservations

The Crowne Plaza® hotel is located north of downtown Oklahoma City, near the city's top points of interest and Will Rogers World Airport, (OKC). Frontier City Theme Park and White Water Bay Water Park are just around the corner, so leisure travelers love our Oklahoma City hotel. Historic Bricktown is a fabulous place to dine, and Oklahoma City Redhawks baseball, OKC Zoo and Lake Hefner are also big draws for Oklahoma City visitors.

Crowne Plaza® is dedicated to providing a first-class experience, and they offer amenities ranging from an outdoor pool and whirlpool, Fitness and Business Centers, hotel-wide free Wi-Fi access and on-site dining. Crowne Plaza® is located at 2945 NW Expressway which is just west of May.

To make hotel reservations contact the Crowne Plaza® hotel at 800-227-6963 or 405-848-4811. The OITSC has established a group rate of \$92. To ensure this room rate, please use group code "OKS".

MAIL checks made payable to:

Oklahoma Safety Council
4323 NW 63rd, Suite 140
Oklahoma City, OK 73116

Fax registrations to 405-843-8201

Company Name

Tribal Affiliation (i.e. Cherokee, Choctaw, etc)

Address

City State Zip

Phone Fax

1. _____
Name (please **print** - for name badge use) Email Address

2. _____
Name (please **print** - for name badge use) Email Address

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Name (please **print** - for name badge use) Email Address

Registration \$35

Subtotal \$ _____

DISCOUNT! Subtract **\$5 per person** for groups of 3 or more! **\$(- _____)**

Grand Total \$ _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

(All registrations must be submitted with payment)

CREDIT CARD (Check One)

VISA DISCOVER MASTER CARD

Credit Card Number _____ / _____ 3 Digit Sec #

Signature _____
Cardholder's Name (print)

No refunds will be granted, substitutions are welcome.

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ASSESSMENT & SCHOOLS
(State Approved)

Monday - Friday
8:00 to 5:00

Call Linda Or Glenna
PHONE: 275-3432

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Police Department
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Building 19
Shawnee, OK 74801

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 www.astribe.com.

Please contact OEH at 214-4235 for more information.

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE

Enrollment office Address Change Request

Date: _____ CDIB# _____ Birth Date: _____

Full Name: _____

New Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code: _____

County: _____ Home Phone () _____

_____ Cell Phone () _____

Please Mail to:
Absentee Shawnee Tribe
Enrollment Office
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK. 74801

Tribal Member Signature

Date

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.

TERO
TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT
RIGHTS OFFICE

RANDY EDGE
TERO DIRECTOR

2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801
redge@astribe.com

Phone 405.275.4030 ext.135
Cell 405.432.9859

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.



AST COUNTRY KITCHEN

Sunday - 7am to 7pm
Monday - 7am to 3pm
Tuesday - 7am to 3pm
Wednesday - 7am to 8pm
Thursday - 7am to 8pm
Friday - 7am to 9pm
Saturday - 7am to 9pm

Early Bird Breakfast

\$4.99

2 Eggs/Bacon or Sausage/Hash
Browns
Biscuits & Gravy or Toast & Coffee
(Not valid on Saturday or Sunday. 1 coupon
per customer. With coupon.
No substitutions)



Open 7 Days A Week!



**Check out our
daily homemade
lunch specials!**

**Something
different
every day!**

366-7220

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



**ABSENTEE 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.

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.
- ✓ Please provide the prescription number that is listed above your name on the prescription bottle.

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.**

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



ABSSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE
OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
2025 S. GORDON COOPER DR.
SHAWNEE, OK 74801

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Permit No. 434
Shawnee, OK 74801

RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED

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 & SmokeShop Little Axe	(405) 364-0668
AST Country Kitchen	(405) 366-7220
AST Smokeshop in Harrah	(405) 454-0055