Greetings to all Tribal members,

First, I want to congratulate the entire Executive Committee on putting forth a great team effort regarding Tribal issues. Everyone enters into discussions and debates with an open mind and a sincere desire to advance the welfare of the Tribe. Thanks to you all for your efforts.

As some of the other Committee members will cover in their reports you will find that the Joint Venture clinic is moving forward, and construction is vamping up.

A Secretarial election is in the development stage for amending the A.S.T. constitution, Article III, section 1 pertaining to changing the Blood Quantum required for enrollment to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe from 1/4 to 1/8th. Controller Belinda Collins and Tribal Attorney Whitney Weingartner are the Tribal representatives for this election and will meet with Suzanne Chaney who will chair the election for the B.I.A. on Aug. 25th to receive instructions, and set the election date. By the time this newsletter comes out notifications should be arriving shortly. I urge everyone to carefully read the notice and make a well thought out decision on this matter as it may make a significant impact on all of our children and grand children.

It is my intention to start up a language class again and I would like for everyone to answer and submit to the Governor’s office the following questions.

1. Where would the best location for you be, Shawnee, Little Axe, Brendle Corner, etc.?
2. What would be the best night of the week for you?
3. What would be the best time of the evening for you?
4. How long should the class be, One hour, One and a half hours, etc.?

Also, in addition to language, we will have some of our elders advise (teach) the classes on traditions and customs of our tribe.

I will set up the class in a way that benefits the majority of the Tribal members, so the more response received to these answers, the easier it will be to accommodate interested Tribal members. I am looking forward to this class and urge EVERYONE to participate.

Thank you,
George Blanchard,
Governor

Since the last report we attended the final inspection of the Buck Head Creek Bridge. The BIA had to inspect the bridge before the tribe could request final payment from the government. I know there has been some talk about the Tribe building this bridge and the location of it. We didn’t use tribal funds; the money for the bridge was part of President Obama’s Stimulus Package. The bridge project was a joint effort between the government, Cleveland County and the Tribe. The bridge was on both the county and the Tribe’s inventory. It was also the only project the tribe had that was eligible to receive Stimulus funds on. We put in for the funds and got the award. We were the first Tribe in the Southern Plains Region to get an approved project. We did not have to use any of the Tribe’s federal roads money. This was extra funds that couldn’t be used for anything else. The project is complete and the Tribe made some additional funds for managing the project. The money we made off of the project belongs to the tribe and can be used for tribally funded programs that assist tribal members. The bridge was a win-win situation for everyone involved. We now have a government-to-government working relationship with...
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I will be attending the annual OIGA meeting on August 23 and 24 in Tulsa and will give an update in next month’s newsletter. I would now like to update you on the Lowering of the Blood Quantum. I have sent the resolution to the BIA and they have placed Mrs. Suzanne Chaney in charge of the Secretarial Election on the lowering of the blood quantum and she will be working with our two representatives from the tribe. They have been in contact with Mrs. Chaney and will be moving forward on this issue shortly. Please keep in mind that the resolution that the tribe passed was to be sent to the Dept of Interior to authorize the BIA to hold a secretarial election. This is not active now. When and if this passes through the Secretarial Election, then and only then, will the enrollment staff start enrolling tribal members with less than one quarter of blood. We have had several members trying to enroll now with less than the blood degree required by law now. This will not go into effect until after the Secretarial Election results are rendered. We will keep you updated on this very important issue. Please update your address with the Enrollment Staff before this historical issue comes to a vote so that you may have a voice in this decision. This is a very important step for our tribe and I would like all members to be involved in this. Please update now and call Larry Buckley or Darrell Larney in Enrollment at 275-4030.

We are currently appointing board members on tribal boards, committees, and commissions. The Boards are as follows.

**Culture Advisory Board:**

- Anthony Frazier
- Michael Mann
- Christi Pack
- Two Vacancies

**Veterans:**

- Walter Larney
- David Voyles
- Esteline Schuelenberg
- Don Schuelenberg
- John Vanderburg

**Domestic Violence Board:**

- Briana Ponkilla
- Edwina Butler Wolfe
- Sheila Harjo
- Yvette Moore
- Bhie-Cie Grass

Cleveland County. They are willing to help us with projects that will be closer to the Little Axe area and will benefit more tribal members. With the county and the tribe’s funding combined, we will be able to repair more miles of roads.

The first week of the month we meet with associates regarding new business endeavors that will generate revenue for the Tribe. We were also preparing for the annual BIA SG negotiations that were scheduled for the following week. Although the day for negotiations was scheduled the same day as AST Day, we went forward with negotiations. All five (5) Executive Committee members and support staff were present. I’m sure the attendance by everyone resulted in how well the negotiations turned out. I would like to thank everyone that gave up their day off to attend.

All the departments are assisting in gathering information that may be helpful if we get an adverse opinion from the Office of Hearing and Appeals on the probate issue. We hope the decision is favorable for the tribe. They have been in contact with Mrs. Suzanne Chaney and will be moving forward on this issue shortly. Please keep in mind that the resolution that the tribe passed was to be sent to the Dept of Interior to authorize the BIA to hold a secretarial election. This is not active now. When and if this passes through the Secretarial Election, then and only then, will the enrollment staff start enrolling tribal members with less than one quarter of blood. We have had several members trying to enroll now with less than the blood degree required by law now. This will not go into effect until after the Secretarial Election results are rendered. We will keep you updated on this very important issue. Please update your address with the Enrollment Staff before this historical issue comes to a vote so that you may have a voice in this decision. This is a very important step for our tribe and I would like all members to be involved in this. Please update now and call Larry Buckley or Darrell Larney in Enrollment at 275-4030.

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Respectfully

/s/

Isaac Gibson, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor
Foster Care Board:
Sherry Clem
Tresha Spoon
Jackie Denny
Annette Wilson
One Vacancy

Absentee Shawnee Housing Board:
Wynona Coon
Debbie Onzahwah
Redena Miller
Mike Affentranger
Roy Larney

Election Commission:
Sebrina Little Axe
Mary Birdtail
Shirley Atkins
Meredith Wahpekeche
Augustine Johnson

Elders:
Gene Parker
Mary Birdtail
Cynthia Longhorn
Kathy Deere

Education Board:
Bill Bayliss
Jenifer Sloan
Shirley Haley
Two Vacancies

Employee Committee:
Randy Edge
Mary Ponkilla
Debbie Nanaeto
Glendine Ponkilla

ASEDA Board:
Don Wood
Leslie Bailey
Three Vacancies

If you are interested in serving on one of the boards, please submit a letter of interest and a resume to the Secretary’s office. There will be other vacancies opening in the next few months. You do not have to be a tribal member to be on some of the boards. If you should have any questions please call or come by.
Thank you
Secretary Lopez

TREASURER’S REPORT

Greetings Tribal Members,
Hope everyone has enjoyed their summer! Good ole Oklahoma hot and humid summer! Now it is time for our students to go back to school! Keep them in your prayers! August has been my first full month in the Treasurer’s Office. I would like to thank Isaac Bettleyoun and Stephen Fife, Maintenance for moving the Treasurer’s furniture over to the Governor’s Bldg #2. I felt the need to be closer to the Finance Department. We had our first monthly meeting in July and plan to have monthly meetings. Belinda Collins and the Finance Staff are diligent, hard workers and I appreciate their dedication to ensuring the financial process of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is carried out accurately and efficiently. As you will see in the Finance Department Article, their jobs are constant and never-ending! Thank you Belinda and Finance Staff!!

Attending the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC), Oklahoma City Regional Audit Training, held in Norman at the Riverwind Casino and Hotel, Tuesday-Thursday, 7/27-29/2010, along with Belinda Collins, Controller. PowerPoint presentations over Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS); Value of Internal Control Systems; Informational Technology Department Basics; Drop and Count; Accounting Standards; Financial Statements; Server Based/Server Assisted/Remote games; Internal Audit Function; Liquidity and the Bankroll test; NIGC Fee Calculation; Table Games; Performance Auditing; and Three (3) Oklahoma City Secret Service Agents were there to discuss counterfeit money with examples. This training was very beneficial to me since I’m new to gaming and all it involves.

I’ve attended the AST Health Authority Inc., Board; TEC, Inc; ASEDA ; Gaming Commission; met with All Nations Bank CEO & President; Mike Kelley, investment (and our investments are doing good); Presentation for Vision Quest USA; BIA negotiations for 2011 Funding agreement & Reprogramming Request; teleconference with DOI OST Program Analyst & OST Regional Supervisor Appraiser; and numerous Executive Committee informal meetings. Setting up office, computer, and reading monthly financials, resolutions, learning what each committee, board does, BIA Self-Governance, IHS, etc.

Our finances are in good standing and we are striving to keep spending at a minimum. We do have daily emergency situations come up and we strive to deal with them as they occur. We will have a better perception by the end of the year. Thanks to our Executive Committee, Program Directors, Finance Staff, and Employees we will continue to move the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma FORWARD!!!!

Respectfully,
Treasurer Deere

FINANCE DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 2010

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. A continued thanks to the recently elected Executive Committee and all the programs for their support and understanding in the Finance Department’s continued efforts to stay caught up; as it is a constant flow of business transactions.

Our 2009 Audit is complete which includes the MD&A (Management Discussion and Analysis) and has been submitted to the Federal reporting offices. The MD&A report is an informative report within the 2009 Audit; which is a brief review and explanation of the Audit. The second quarter financials are com-
complete; June 30, 2010 quarterly reports have been submitted to the Department of Interior.

The Indirect Cost Proposal for 2011 has been submitted to the Department of Interior’s National Business Center and we were notified of the receipt on August 3, 2010. There is a 3 to 4 month process for negotiation and approval, but we look to begin 2011 with an approved rate. It is imperative the accounting/bookkeeping 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. Audits affect the ability to submit indirect cost proposals which affects grants.

There are many processes in place in your Tribe’s accounting department that ensure we keep accurate records or transactions. The Tribe’s accounting processes must be in compliance with GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) and GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board). In complying with GAAP and GASB, there are many internal control functions that mandate a need for qualified accountants which dictates the need for more than one accountant to be involved with a transaction; i.e. the same person writing up the Tribe’s deposits should never be the same person who reconciles cash. The main objective of finance is to prove and ensure proper back-up documentation accompanies every single payment no matter if the transaction is $1.00 or $1,000.00 and of course we must ensure that any transaction of the Tribe is an allowable expense and this is proved by the back-up documentation. There are many functions of the Tribe’s finance department and this is just one that I wanted to share with you.

The rules and regulations of accounting are forever changing; there are rules and regulations in place today that may not have been in place 5 to 10 years ago which makes the accounting department today somewhat more complicated that it may have been in past years. In addition, the Tribe is a Self Governance tribe which also adds more work to the finance department whereas before the BIA and IHS handled a large portion of the Tribe’s business. Not to mention the increases in BIA and IHS funding over the years, 51 Grants, and the new Clinic business.

The Bond Financing closed May 27, 2010 so the funding for the new health clinic is complete. With this completion there is a need for the accounting for the Li Si Wi Nwi, Health Clinic (formerly the Little Axe Clinic) to have its own financial reports. The Finance department is working diligently to make that necessary change. We continue to work through the processes of this new set of books from financial reporting, accounts payable, and payroll to name a few.

It is important to run every department at the Tribe as efficiently as possible. Upon becoming the Controller for the Tribe my first duty was to get the accounting completely caught up and audits and Indirect Cost Proposals in timely with continued efforts accordingly. After the back log of accounting was caught up, we were better able to assess the department as a whole and the Assistant Controller and I decided to take the duties of Controller, Assistant Controller and Grants Accountant choosing not to replace the Grants Accountant to see if she and I could handle the load of work. With the help of the entire staff we were able to save money by not replacing this position. In addition, we chose not to replace a staff member who resigned by re-assigning her duties, again with the help of the entire staff; which in turn saves the Tribe money.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s Finance Department has a very hard working group of people and it is an honor to work with them and at the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. As expected, working with the new Treasurer, Kathy Deere has proved to be very positive with her strong values and governmental knowledge. While she has had many meetings though out her orientation to the Tribe she has been a very positive support to the finance department: Thank you Treasurer Deere!

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.

Thank you,
Belinda Collins, Controller
### REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

**Absentee Shawnee Tribe**

I hope everyone has had a nice summer vacation with their children, Family and friends. School has started back and is in full swing by now so I hope all Tribal members could reflect some of that time on Tribal children and Teenagers that play Sports, who might sing or even might have a part in a school play. There is a lot of Talent that our Absentee Shawnee children and youth are blessed with and I believe that if we would just spend a little time with them by watching them perform, that might be enough encouragement to help them go on to College or a singing career or even a part in a play. So, parents if you would E-mail me a schedule of your child’s respected Talent I would like to attend their Game or musical whatever their Talent leads them to do.

I have just finished up my second month in Office and Tribe is starting to move in a new direction. Updates will be put in the paper accordingly as New Developments have been signed and in contract status. We the Executive committee have been working together with an open mind and the meetings that we are in together have been Smooth and are in a Comfortable Setting. Hopefully before you get this Newsletter I will have filled the Directors Positions in the Building Blocks Daycare, Title VI and the TERO program. It has been a learning process as far as the Programs that I see over. The Directors over the Programs have been greatly appreciative for the patience they have for me in learning there Program.

**Wynona Coon Clothing and Burial Director**

*School Clothing Program- as of July 30th 2010 the program has assisted 214 Tribal enrolled children from kindergarten to 12th grade.*

*Burial Assistance Program- we have assisted 8 Families since January 1, 2010.*

**Annie Wilson Social Services Director**

*We have served 357 AST Tribal families from January – August, 2010 through the Tribal Energy Assistance Program and 70 families through the L.I.H.E.A.P Program. At this time Mrs. Wilson is working on reports for the LIHEAP program for the Funding for FY 2011.*

*In the month of July, 2010 we had 5 summer youth employed for the five weeks all Absentee Shawnee Tribal members.*

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**TOTAL TAXES**

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**NOTE:**

- FY-2010 YTD TAX COLLECTIONS
- TAX YEAR-TO-DATE % of CATEGORY
- JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL MAY JUNE JULY TOTAL COLLECTIONS

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**Absentee Shawnee**

- September 2010
Tresha Spoon Education/Career services Director
*This is the busiest time of the year for the Education department with the Higher Education, Vocational Education, Zahn Education and the Tribal Youth Program.

*TYP program also has a after school program that is going to start on August 23rd 2010 that’s going to be at the Absentee Shawnee Resource Center in Little Axe Oklahoma, Monday thru Thursday from 2:30 to 6:00. Tribal Members Wes Wilson and Blake Goodman will be assisting Jared Duroy with the Program.

Sherri Reynolds Acting Director Building Blocks Daycare
*Building Blocks Child Development Center has been in operation for 2 months and has been flourishing with wonderful Staff. Our current Enrollment is at 37 Students. We have received several qualified applications for staff positions which will allow us to expand our enrollment. we are a 2 star facility, fully licensed and certified.

Thomasine (Doss) Owings Acting Director Title VI
*The Elders lunch and breakfast menu has changed some since Doss and I have been working on a menu the Elders enjoy. We sent out a survey to the Elders in the first few weeks and the response was wonderful, if there is something that you would like to see on the menu contact Doss or I Representative Jeff Gibson and we will work on what your appetite desires and make sure you thank the wonderful Staff that prepares your meals everyday.

Kimberly Stephens Domestic Violence Director
*The department was busy throughout the month of July. We had several clients that we helped with Protective orders, Emergency Shelter placement, providing victims with emergency concrete needs, and advocacy.

*The Domestic Violence Departments Sexual Assault Advocate, Linda Gouge has been very busy. She partnered with Project Safe of Shawnee, to assist with Sexual Assault Sane examinations. She Mrs. Gouge assisted in three Sexual assault exams, all which were different from each other, which helped Project Safe Tremendously.

*Jackie Denny, Transitional Housing Manager, moved in the second Transitional Housing participant, did all the paper work and completed the Self Healing Plan. Jackie performed weekly home visits with Transitional Housing participants took numerous phone calls, went to Norman, “Commitment to Justice: Forging partnerships in Indian country” Presented by the Attorney Generals Office.

*Victoria Morris is our part time Victim advocate and was busy learning and training throughout the month of July. Victoria has been working on a database that will help our program track our clients for statistics and reports.

Melissa Lopez Indian Child Welfare Director
*In the past month the ICW Department hosted a cultural event on July 30, 2010 for the children in custody as well as those involved in the PSSF program. We worked in conjunction with the Cultural Preservation to provide culturally relevant activities that we can build on for future events. The ICW worker has made five home visits, attended three court hearings, went to one training, and the Shawnee Area Native American Child Protection Team Meeting. The ICW department sent out an email regarding a meeting to start a multi-disciplinary team (MDT) within the Tribe. Our first meeting will be held on August 20, 2010. The participants at this meeting will attempt to work together to develop a coordinated system to respond to abuse and neglect cases and anonymously review child abuse/neglect cases. The ICW department has begun the process of developing policies and procedures.

And I would like to send out my condolences to all Families that lost love ones. Always Remember my door is always open and my phone is always on!

NE-YI-WA Representative Gibson

RESOLUTIONS

The following are Resolutions passed thru July 21, 2010

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS:

E-AS-10-52  07/06/10
Authorizes and approves Nationwide Insurance as Trustee for the Tribe’s 401(K) plan, substitutes and replaces Merrill Lynch, and removes Frontier Trust Company and Merrill Lynch as Trustee, and directs Nationwide Insurance, Merrill Lynch, and Frontier Trust Company to take all other actions and execute any documents necessary to effectuate such change.

E-AS-10-53  07/21/10
Authorizes, approves, and designates a portion of the Tribal property described as follows: Surface Rights Only of W/2 NE/4 & SE/4 NE/4 & E/2 NW/4 of Sec. 36-9N-1E, Cleveland County, Oklahoma, as the location for the construction
of a Transfer Station for the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma as developed by the Absentee Shawnee Office of Environmental Protection.

E-AS-10-54 07/21/10
Authorizes, approves, and designates a portion of the Tribal property described as follows: Surface Rights Only of W/2 NE/4 & SE/4 NE/4 & E/2 NW/4 of Sec. 36-9N-1E, Cleveland County, Oklahoma, as the location for a Firearms Training Facility and Firing Range to be used by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Police Department.

E-AS-10-55 07/21/10
Authorizes and approves the Governor to approve or deny requests to use the Tribal Seal and authorizes and approves the Governor to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate approvals or denials, effective immediately.

E-AS-10-56 07/21/10
Approves and accepts William Allen Haumpy, Jr., Trinity Morgan Blanchard and Melissa Louise Leach as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

E-AS-10-57 07/21/10
Grants membership relinquishment of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to Mekathiwa Sky Blanchard, provided she is accepted into the Sac & Fox Nation.

E-AS-10-58 07/21/10
Authorizes, adopts and approves the submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation.

E-AS-10-59 07/21/10
Approves and authorizes the Tribe to make application (attached as Exhibit “A”) with Tribal Personnel Security Program and designating Paula Green, Human Resources Director as the Point of Contact with authority to sign the application, effective immediately. (attachment)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS:

L-AS-10-17 07/06/10
Authorizes corporate credit cards for Isaac Gibson Jr., Lieutenant Governor; Kathy Deere, Treasurer; and Jeff Gibson, Representative of The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

L-AS-10-18 07/21/10
Authorizes the Advertising Receipt from the Shawnee News Star (Account # 05102928, Advertisement # 00098411) in the amount of $126.69 to be paid from the Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s General Fund.

CONSTITUTION REVISION
COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2010
9 AM
LITTLE AXE RESOURCE CENTER
QUESTIONS- CALL BRIANA PONKILLA AT 275-4030 X 131

Former lead in the Outdoor drama "Tecumseh!" brings his film "Behind the Door of a Secret Girl" to the Southern Winds Film Festival

Jack Kohler portrayed the most legendary person in American History, Tecumseh, at the Chillicothe Amphitheater from 1996 through 2000 is now producing films from Northern California. Currently Jack has a film playing nationally on PBS called "River of Renewal", however his latest Feature Film "Behind the Door of a Secret Girl" is being screened at the Southern Winds Film Festival in Shawnee, OK on Sept 11th at 2 pm in the Hornbeck Theater. Schedule permitting, Jack would like to stop by the tribal offices and introduce himself. The best 5 years of his career as an actor were portraying the great man Tecumseh, whom is treasured as the true leader and diplomat he was. Below is a link to the film festival with a trailer to his film.

The financing is completed (May 2010) with the sale of the certificates of participation and the purchase of Oklahoma tax credits by various investors. We appreciate everyone’s support and patience during this extended period of time to complete all the regulatory processes to secure the financing. Therefore construction has resumed and here are some pictures showing work in progress. Special spread footings are being dug, rebar assembled and concrete poured into 62 interior footings which will support the various columns supports that create the steel structure. Underground utility infrastructure is also being completed at this time, with trenching and laying of pipe. We anticipate that the clinic will be nearing completion around late December 2011 or January 2012. That is only 16 to 17 months away.

Within the financing with the tax credits was a provision the developed shares of Preferred Stock, to which this week the Tribe exercised its option to purchase all outstanding shares. As the sole stockholder the annual share dividend will be paid by Li-Si-Wi-Nwi Health, Inc. to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe and this dividend will provide approximately $175,000.00 to the General Fund.

Construction and subcontractor jobs:
An AST tribal citizen was hired by Nabholz Construction as an Asst to the Field Superintendent, and because the previous EC approved the TERO policy several Native Americans have been hired and will continue to be hired by subcontractors. A TERO Application needs completed for consideration and referral. At this time interested persons should follow up with Steve Johnson at the work site.

Future Clinic Employment:
Many have asked about new jobs coming once the clinic is opened. The clinic staffing initially will triple the number presently employed. So, if any tribal citizens are considering employment in the health care field but still need some training for positions like billing and coding, LPN’s level nursing, RN’s, lab tech, x-ray tech, etc please contact Tresha Spoon at the AST Education and Career Program. The Health System set aside education support funding to assist tribal citizens desiring to start or continue their education and if started now would be finished with their education and eligible to apply for employment.

Schools are starting:
School has started or will be soon and we want to encourage tribal citizens to remind children about good hand washing and hygiene. Taking these easy steps will promote well being and health for themselves and others. We appreciate all the parents and youth who turned out for the Back to School Bash. It was very much a successful outreach event. Your students might talk about seeing their dentist, doctor, nurse or other clinic staff at school this year, as we are expanding our school and community services.

Tobacco Free Campus:
The Health System board of directors and Executive Committee has approved that only the campuses of the health system are become tobacco free. The medical effect of the use of tobacco not only has consequences to the health of the user, but with smokers we deal with matters of second hand smoke. Therefore we are taking the stand to provide an environment that is tobacco free to ensure that our behaviors do not have a detriment to others.

Enjoy the construction pictures.
Respectfully,
Chris Walker
ARCHITECT'S FIELD REPORT

PROJECT: (Name and address)  
AST Joint Venture Health Facility  
Little Axe, Oklahoma  

CONTRACT:  

FIELD REPORT NUMBER: 006  

ARCHITECT'S PROJECT NUMBER: 08-04  

DATE 8-11-10  
TIME 2:00 PM  
WEATHER Sunny  
TEMP. RANGE 102

EST. % OF COMPLETION  
CONFORMANCE WITH SCHEDULE (+,-)  
PRESENT AT SITE Ken Bailey (Nabholz), Steve Johnson (AST), Jessie Brackett (JRC)

WORK IN PROGRESS  
1. Installing underslab plumbing.  
2. Installing site plumbing.  
3. Digging spread footings.  
4. Pouring spread footings.  
5. Working on site grading clean up.

OBSERVATIONS  
1. Dust control measures need to be taken.  
2. Re-bar cages are tied and being installed.

ITEMS TO VERIFY  
1. All utility ditches are replaced and compacted according to contract documents.  
2. All underslab piping is inspected, prior to back filling ditches.  
3. All underslab piping needs to be sealed, to prevent debris out of piping, daily.

INFORMATION OR ACTION REQUIRED

ATTACHMENTS Photos

REPORT BY: Jessie Brackett
As part of our long-term vision for the Absentee Shawnee tribal health system, to grow as a health leader and a model for addressing issues such as preventable diseases within both of the health employee base and the larger community, all health facilities will become TOBACCO-FREE on Monday, November 15, 2010. (The health facilities include sidewalks and parking areas). According to the Surgeon General’s 2000 Report on Reducing Tobacco Use, tobacco-free workplace laws have been shown to decrease daily tobacco consumption and to increase smoking cessation. Quitting smoking is not easy though. A whopping 97 percent of those who try to quit “cold turkey” usually relapse, but it can be done, and the benefits to commercial tobacco users who quit and to their friends and loved ones are enormous. That’s why it’s critical for you to be well informed about the counseling, medication and other services available to help commercial tobacco users quit. Accessing accurate information and the right resources can often mean the difference between success and failure. If you are a commercial tobacco user and are interested in kicking the habit, the Absentee Shawnee Tribal health staff can provide individualized assessments, treatment plans and support for those seeking assistance. As health employees and patients ready themselves for the adjustment to the (commercial) tobacco-free regulation - help ensure that those tobacco users who now want to quit are armed with the information they need to achieve success by contacting the Absentee Shawnee health system.

We all know that smoking is bad for us. But just how bad is it? Chronic tobacco use (not ceremonial use only) contributes to major health problems. Here are some statistics from the CDC:

- 443000 people die in the US each year as a result of cigarette smoking.
- It is the leading cause of preventable death.
- Ways in which Americans died from cigarette smoking:
  - Cancer 41%
  - Cardiovascular disease 33%
  - Respiratory disease 26%
- There are about 5 million years of life lost and $97 billion in lost earnings each year due to cigarette smoking
  - $193 billion is the total economic burden to the US

Smoking harms almost every organ of the body and shortens life expectancy significantly. A smoker is 23 times more likely to get lung cancer than someone who does not smoke. They are 2-4 times more likely to have heart attacks or strokes and 10 times more likely to die from emphysema (chronic lung failure). Premature death and disease are not the only reasons to quit. Consider the list below:

- Cost
- Bad breath
- Stained teeth and hands
- Cough/sore throat
- Feeling tired and out of breath
- Wrinkles (more, sooner)
- Arguments with parents, friends
- Gum disease risk
- Bad smell in your clothes, hair, skin
- Cigarette burns in your car or on your clothes
- Risk of secondhand smoke to people around you

Hopefully, this will give you some encouragement to plan to quit.
Commercial tobacco took control.

Take it back.

Big tobacco companies have invaded our communities and jeopardized the sacred role of tobacco. Right now, we’re suffering the deadly consequences. But we can fight back. We can quit commercial tobacco. Because to our people, tobacco use is sacred. And so is our future.

For FREE help with quitting call the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW. Free patches or gum available.

Nathan Boren, MD

Things to do instead of smoking:

- Chew sugarless gum.
- Call a friend.
- Chew sunflower seeds, ground mint leaves or caffeine-free herbal tea leaves.
- Go to a movie or another place where you can’t smoke.
- Take a walk or work out.
- Remind yourself why you want to quit.

Steps to make quitting easier:

- Pick a stop date. Choose a date 2 to 4 weeks from today so you can get ready to quit. If possible, choose a time when things in your life will change, like when you’re about to start a break from school. Or just pick a time when you don’t expect any extra stress at school, work or home. For example, quit after final exams, not during them.

- Make a list of the reasons why you want to quit. Keep the list on hand so you can look at it when you have a nicotine craving.

- Keep track of where, when and why you smoke. You may want to make notes for a week or so to know ahead of time when and why you crave a cigarette. Plan what you’ll do instead of smoking (see list above for ideas). You may also want to plan what you’ll say to people who pressure you to smoke.

- Throw away all of your tobacco. Clean out your room if you have smoked there. Throw away your ashtrays and lighters—anything that you connect with your smoking habit.

- Tell your friends that you’re quitting. Ask them not to pressure you about smoking. Find other things to do with them besides smoking.

- When your stop date arrives, STOP. Plan little rewards for yourself for each tobacco-free day, week or month. For example, buy yourself a new shirt or ask a friend to see a movie with you.

What if I can’t quit?

You can quit. Most people try to quit more than once before they succeed. So don’t give up if you slip. Remind yourself of why you want to quit. Think about what happened to make you slip. Figure out how you’ll handle that situation differently next time. Then recommit yourself to quitting. You can do it!

Please know that tribal ceremonial tobacco use is different than chronic smoking and does not represent a significant health hazard.

You can always come to the clinics to talk to one of the providers about quitting smoking. We also have nurses who are specialized in treating those who wish to quit. You can find more info by calling 1-800-QUIT-NOW and by looking at websites like www.cdc.gov and www.familydoctor.org.

(or to never start) smoking. While it may seem hard to quit, it is not impossible! There are proven, effective ways to stop.
Dr. Shed is an Optometric Physician coming from private practice to join the Absentee Shawnee Tribal clinic. Dr. Shed's scope of practice will be comprehensive eye exams, diagnosing and treating eye disease, including glaucoma, eye infections, inflammation's, ocular allergies, dry eye syndrome, and foreign body removal. Vision services include prescribing glasses and contact lenses after proper testing. Dr. Shed has done eye research and helped develop, name, and define Orthokeratology AWD, corneal rehab procedures. Dr. Shed found a corneal problem that caused slight subnormal vision even with best correction and developed a procedure to eliminate the problem. Its called the Shed syndrome. Dr. Shed has written many articles in the Contact Lens and Eye Journals and has contributed to four books and wrote The Basic Ortho-K Manual. Dr. Shed has lectured in Japan, Switzerland, Austria, South America, Canada, Mexico, and the U.S. on contact lenses, Ortho-K, corneal rehab, kerataconus, corneal mapping, and complicated contact lens cases. Dr. Shed taught basic ortho-k for members of the National Eye Research Foundation. Ortho-K is a non surgical corneal reshaping using contact lens molds. Dr. Shed is certified on the Excimer, YAG, and Argon laser.

Back to School Eye Care Prevents Life-long Problems
By Forrest W. Shed, OD

SHAWNEE-As parents prepare to send their kids back to school they should also send them to a qualified eye care professional for a routine eye exam. If can make a lot of differences in a child's performance in the classroom. If not properly dealt with, vision and eye problems can actually hold a child back and rob them of maximum performance in the classroom. Undiagnosed and untreated vision or eye problems could also slow their development. Some kids' personalities are even affected, causing them to become withdrawn and somewhat introverted. They might not want to participate in challenging physical sports due to lack of confidence brought on by less than perfect vision. Some of you might know what I'm talking about if this happened to you during your school-age years. Kids need eye care attention early.

How Early?
The doctor that delivers the baby usually looks in the eyes with a scope to make sure everything is there that should be there and that the eye is healthy. But that doctor can not see vision problems. This can only be done by a qualified eye care professional.

When should a child get their first eye exam?
When a child is about six months old they should get their first eye exam. After that, most eye doctors recommend yearly exams. Regular exams should start at an early age, certainly before school-age.

Why check so early?
Some developmental problems are common, such as amblyopic or lazy eye. Two of President Jimmy Carter's grandchildren were diagnosed with amblyopic. Because of that Carter started the Infantsee program with Johnson & Johnson. The Infantsee program just finished its fifth year promoting free eye exams for infants under one year of age. (Your can visit their website www.infantsee.com for more information and participating doctors.) There are many other developmental eye problems that eye care professionals will check for and be able to diagnose.

Other Common Eye Problems in Children

* Astigmatism: A warped surface in the eye that causes blurred vision, eye strain and possible headaches. A child might rub their eyes because of this. Astigmatism is often hereditary and children are usually born with it, but it can be acquired.

* Farsightedness: If a child is far-sighted he or she is usually born with it. If they have a high amount and it's untreated, far-sightedness can devastate the child's overall development.

* Nearsightedness: Usually a child is not born with this distance-blurring condition. It commonly develops between the ages of seven and twelve. It's caused by
excessive close-up focusing such as reading, playing, on computers or with video games and game boards. It’s more common than you think and could get progressively worse. If your child squints their eyes to see things at a distance they are probably nearsighted.

TRY THIS: POINT AND ASK YOUR CHILD TO SEE SOMETHING FAR AWAY THAT’S SMALL OR HARD FOR YOU TO SEE. WATCH THEIR EYES. IF THEY SQUINT THEIR EYES TO SEE IT THEY ARE PROBABLY NEAR-SIGHTED.

* Muscle Imbalance: Some children have a condition where one eye deviated from the straight position. It can turn in and out and up and down. When this occurs the brain usually suppresses the deviation eye. Otherwise the child will see double. This can be caused by a muscle imbalance or vision disorder that's much greater in one eye than the other. This condition must be caught and treated as early as possible for best results. It can be treated with surgery or special prescription glasses.

* Eye Lid Problems: Inflammation or infection of the glands and eyelids are common problems for young kids. They play outside and they rub there eyes so it's common to see these problems in children. Eye infections can be contagious. If a child ha a painful eye that seems glued shut with a greenish or yellowish gooey discharge they probably have a bacterial infection. The child should be held out of school or daycare until it's been treated as this condition is contagious.

* Eye Allergies: If a child has allergies he or she can also have eye or ocular allergies. Red, watery and itchy eyes are the hallmarks for ocular allergies. They can be quieted down with proper eye drops and medication. A qualified eye care professional is best suited to deal with this for short-term treatment. For a broader approach look at the child's nutrition. Look at how much how often and what they eat. Also look at the their exercise habits. Do they get enough? Do they get several servings of fresh raw fruits and vegetables an other good food every day? Do they drink enough water? Do they get eight hours of sleep every night? Do they live in a low-stress environment? All of these issues can be contributing factors to eye allergies.

* Eye Disease: Retinitis Pigmentosa, tumors, lens disorders, inflammations and infections of the eye need to be ruled out or diagnosed. A qualified eye care practi-itioner will automatically do this during a routine comprehensive eye exam.

**Warning signs**

Look for these signs for eye vision problems.

* Squinting to see far
* Rubbing eyes
* Red eyes
* General allergies or asthma
* Drifting eye
* Closing one eye to see

**Be alert to certain situations**

* Getting low grades in school
* Withdrawn personality
* Lack of confidence in sports
* Playing lots of computer or video games or game boards
* Poor nutrition-not getting a balanced diet

Children deserve good eye care. If your child has not had a comprehensive eye care exam by a qualified eye care professional within the last year, schedule it now as school starts. It's fun to watch kids succeed and flourish.

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**Pertussis**

In recent weeks, there have been several news reports on Pertussis (Whooping Cough) outbreaks in various states, namely, California, Idaho and South Carolina. In California, as of August 10, 2010, there have been 2,774 cases of pertussis reported for the year involving 7 deaths of infants less than 2 months of age. This is a 7-fold increase from the 395 cases reported through the same date in 2009. If current trends continue, it is likely that California will see more cases of pertussis than it has seen in over 50 years and highest rate of disease in 47 years (California Department of Public Health, 2010).

Pertussis or “Whooping cough” is an infection of the respiratory system caused by the bacterium *Bordetella pertussis*. It is characterized by severe coughing spells that end in a “whooping” sound when the person breathes in. Before a vaccine was available, pertussis killed 5,000 to 10,000 people in the United States each year.

Now, the pertussis vaccine has reduced the annual number of deaths to less than 30 (http://kidshealth.org, 2010).
Signs and symptoms of whooping cough are similar to those of a common cold: runny nose, sneezing, mild cough, and/or low-grade fever. Onset of symptoms usually last 1-2 weeks with cough lasting 6-10 weeks. The cough can become very severe and occur with sudden, uncontrollable outbursts. Pertussis usually resolves on its own after several weeks but can be treated with antibiotics to reduce the severity.

Pertussis is highly contagious. The bacteria spread from person to person through tiny drops of fluid from an infected person’s nose or mouth. These may become airborne when the person sneezes, coughs, or laughs. Others then can become infected by inhaling the drops or getting the drops on their hands and then touching their mouths or noses. Prevention is the key. Pertussis is included in all infant and childhood immunizations. It is routinely given in the DTaP immunization series that are given in five doses before a child’s sixth birthday.

For additional protection, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that kids ages 11-18 get a booster shot of the combination vaccine of Tetanus and Pertussis (called Tdap) ideally when they’re 11 or 12 years old, instead of the plain Tetanus booster given at this age. Pertussis is also recommended for adults who care for young infants. Currently, the Li-Si-Wi-Nwi Clinic (Little Axe) offers this vaccine and is called “Boostrix.”

In recent updates with the Area Epidemiologist at the Oklahoma Area Indian Health Service and Oklahoma State Health Department, Oklahoma has not seen an increase in pertussis cases. This is good news for our state but we don’t want to let our guard down simply because our numbers are low. Please get your children, pre-teens and adults vaccinated against this disease that can easily be prevented. Other tips: practice good hand hygiene and avoid others who have signs and symptoms of pertussis. If you are sick with a cough, cover your cough, wash hands repeatedly and seek medical evaluation.

Stay Well!

Valene Bartmess, RN, MS
Nurse Supervisor
Absentee Shawnee Tribe,
Li-Si-Wi-Nwi Clinic

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On July 17 and August 14, 2010, The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health Diabetes & Wellness and the AST REACH US Programs collaborated with the Hardesty Road Farmer’s Market in conducting a physical activity and a performing a food demonstration. The food demonstration used fresh vegetables from the Hardesty Road Farmer’s Market to prepare two items: Three Sisters Succotash and Zucchini Pancakes.

Working through partnership, the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health Diabetes & Wellness and the AST REACH US Programs demonstrate we care about our local community while at the same time illustrate how individuals can make healthy food choices.

Upcoming events for September includes a grocery store tour!!!! For information, date, and time, please call 405-878-4702 or 405-364-7298. We look forward to seeing you at our next event!

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### Three Sisters Succotash

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<td>2 cups fresh or frozen corn</td>
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<td>½ cup onion, chopped</td>
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### Zucchini Pancakes

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<td>1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil</td>
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Optional ingredients:

- ¼ cup light sour cream
- Chopped red onion, shredded Zucchini

In large bowl combine zucchini and salt. Let stand 30 minutes, Place zucchini in strainer and press with spatula to force out water. Combine zucchini, ½ C red onion, Parmesan cheese, flour, egg product, 1 tablespoon olive oil, garlic powder and pepper in large bowl. If batter not thick enough add more flour 1 tablespoon at a time as needed. Lightly coat griddle with non-stick spray, add 1 teaspoon of olive oil and heat over medium heat. Using ¼ C zucchini mixture per pancake, drop Zucchini mixture into onto hot skillet, 2 or 3 inches between mounds. Flatten mounds to ¼ inch thickness; cook 4 minutes or until brown turning once halfway through cooking. Top with Zucchini, sour cream and red onion.

Nutrition facts: 69 kcal., 3 gm fat (1 gm sat fat), 3 mg cholesterol, 154 mg sodium, 7 gm carbohydrate, 1 gm fiber, 4 gm pro.

Source: Diabetic Living Fall 2008
Place a large sauté pan on high heat until very hot. Add 1 tbsp oil, the corn, peppers and onion, then sauté until the vegetables start to brown and carmelize slightly, 5 to 7 minutes. Add the remaining oil, squash, cumin, salt, black pepper and garlic. Cook for another 3 minutes on medium heat. Add the broth, cilantro and lima beans. Simmer until all vegetables are tender, should take about 5 minutes. Makes 10 ⅓ cup servings.

Nutrition facts: 119kcal, 4 g protein, 19 gm carbohydrate, 4 gm fiber, 3.6 gm fat, 1.9 gm monounsaturated fat, 1.2 gm polyunsaturated fat, less than 1 gm saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 408 mg Na+. Diabetes CHO counting= 1 CHO choice.
Abrams, Geraldine  
Alaee, Sheila Sepideh  
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 Taylor  
Bateman, Thomas Albert  
Bates, Charles Edward  
Belvin, Christopher Jay  
Bergen, Mercedes Jan  
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Blanchard Jr., Leland Dale  
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Blanchard, Amber Chantel  
Blanchard, Consuela Sirena  
Blanchard, Craig Lewis  
Blanchard, Jacob Dakota  
Blanchard, Reuben Caleb  
Blanchard, Summer Gail  
Blanchard-Miller, Paulette Louise  
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Blocker, April Dawn  
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Bradley, Michael Kevin  
Brinkoetter, Karen Kay  
Bruder, Rhiannon Lydia  
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Butcher, Sallie Elizabeth  
Carlson III, Dennis Roy  
Carlson, Daniel Ray  
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  
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Garza Jr, Mr. Gary Don  
Gibson Jr., Isaac  
Gibson, Edna Faye  
Gibson, Jennifer Michelle  
Gibson, Justin Ryan  
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  
Haumply Jr., William Allen  
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Hill, Amanda Nicole  
Houston Fenix, Lexus Nicole  
Houston, Michael  
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Johnson, Sandra Kay  
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Kickapoo, Valerie Yolanda  
Kowitz, Trentyn Mikal  
Laplant, Raymond Lowell  
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Limon, Justine Danielle  
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Little Axe, Brittany Elaine  
Little Axe, Jason Randall  
Little Charley, Paige Marie  
Little Jim, Charles Kerwin  
Little Jim, Jason Webster  
Little, Christina Kathaleen  
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Sloat, Carol Ann  
Sloat, Colby Trae  
Sloat, Garrett Davis  
Sloat, Wynnna  
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Smith, Larry Dale  
Snake, Jana Rachelle  
Spoon, Dakota Austin  
Spoon, Eric Louis  
Spoon, Kenneth Lee  
Spriggs, Helen Wyatt  
Spybuck, Justice Evan  
Spybuck, Kase Brennon  
Starr, Meranda Lynn  
Stewart, Juanita Stapp  
Stobly, Sean Ryan  
Switch, Eastman Kelly  
Switch, Susan Leann
Perhaps you sent a lovely card
Or sat quietly in a chair,
Perhaps you sent a floral piece
If so we saw it there,
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words
As any friend could say,
Perhaps you were not there at all
Just thought of us that day,
Whatever you did to console our hearts
We thank you so much whatever the part.

We appreciate your love and support
Of our great loss at this difficult time in our lives,
Our sincerest thanks,
The Family of Glen Edwards

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:
Governor George Blanchard
Secretary Lopez’s Office
AST Police
AST Elders
AST Maintenance Department
Much gratitude to Mr. Evans Harjo & Mr. Jesse Williams.

CONGRATULATIONS
MATTHEW & DELANA
AYERS
FROM:
MOM, DAD
& DEERE FAMILY

Happy 56th Birthday to Josephine Creek on September 3rd.
Getting to be just about as old as a tree!
Love ya
Tessa & The Battise Family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2010
BEEP
LOVE YA,
“SCOOP”

Silas Kane
September 12

Happy 4th Birthday to our baby boy!!!
We love you,
Mommy and daddy Lance

Happy 4th Birthday to our little brother!!
Love your sisters and brothers,
Skyla, LLiyah, Mikaylah, Robyn,
Shawn, and Joaquin

Happy Birthday Grandma!
Martha Ellis Edwards
With Great Love,
Alicia, Scott, Connor & Brody

Happy Birthday Mom
Martha Ellis Edwards
With All of Our Love,
John, Charlene, Gilreath, Atheda
& Cheryl

The Family of Glen Edwards

Tascier, Samuel Ethan
Terres, Paula Alene
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 Augusta
Tiger, Phyllis Gail
Tiger, Terrance Nathan
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Tyner, Marcus Charles
Valdivia, Ronald David
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Walker, Dorothy M.
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Warrior Sr., Manuel Anthony
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Watson, Betty Lou
Watson, Chad Lee
Watson, Jo Ann Spybuck
Webster, Michael Brice
White III, Charles Daniel
White, Susan Nicole Olivia
Whitworth, Janie Marie Smith
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
We Are Looking For Tribal Youth Leaders!

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

We will also become involved with our communities by doing a variety of community service projects.

Our First Meeting will be September 18th, 2010 at 10:00 am

We will provide refreshments at each meeting, and we will take trips for some exciting activities!

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

The school will be shuttling students from Little Axe Schools to the Absentee Shawnee Resource Center.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe is hosting an after school program for any Little Axe student from 6th -12th grade. Your children are welcome to attend this program free of charge from 2:30-6:00 pm, Monday-Thursday. We will have organized games, group activities for building leadership skills, and a free period set aside for the children to use the equipment we have. There will also be time set aside for school help with on-site tutors and guest speakers to teach about different cultures and programs. We will also focus on college opportunities and job seeking skills with the help of the University of Oklahoma.

If you are interested please contact Jared Duroy at:

(405)275-4030 ext. 193 or (405)481-6050.
The Domestic Violence Program recently was able to attend the National Domestic Violence Conference. The conference was held on Anaheim, California this year. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe Domestic Violence Program was represented by Kimberly Stephens, Domestic Violence Director; Jackie Denny, Transitional Housing Manager; and Linda Gouge, Sexual Assault Advocate. This year marked the 14th National Domestic Violence Yearly Conference. The Conference had available resources for networking with different programs that are available nationally. We were able to attend a session that involved working together to End Violence. The session was aimed towards Native American Advocacy. We heard stories of hardship and success by Native American domestic violence survivors. They also spoke about how to empower the community that programs serve. Another session that was attended was aimed at Social Transformation; using Culture and Community strengths to End Domestic Violence. There were several sessions that were available that were aiming towards stopping the Violence Against Native Women. There was a documentary that was available to see about Rape on the Reservation. We enjoyed the training and the sessions that were provided. There were over 92 sessions that were available to choose from.

Thank you,
Kimberly Stephens, Domestic Violence Director.
Jackie Denny, Transitional Housing Manager.

The Domestic Violence Department has hired a Part-Time Victim Advocate, Victoria Morris. She will be working with victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking. She is located with the Domestic Violence Program in the Basement of Building #3.

Our Music program is growing with lots of great talent. We extend a great “Thank You” to Phil Bradley for all of his hard work! I also extend a “Thank You” to our participants, parents, and family…

If you should want information to “Following in Our Footsteps” please contact:

Kristy Morrell 405-878-4716
Hello all you kids and you too mom or dad. Just a few lines to brag on your children and you!

This August has been just an exceptional time of year, we have had a great music program and each child has been awesome in learning to play their new musical instrument, so many have brought so much new life to each class and have taught us all many great and wonderful lessons on young life in today’s world.

We have had a marvelous time in very class learning from each other and becoming one in music, I’ve watched children and their parents grow and become closer as each week passes, only the future can be brighter than ever and full of new events and bigger and better things to come.

For all you folks that have never been to one of the music classes and meet all that come to be apart and learn you should join us ASAP.

We’re here every week and standing ready and happy to serve every child and or parent of every tribe in the state of Oklahoma. Please feel free to come by and check us out we’d love to meet you and have you be a part of the Following in Our Footsteps music program.

You can call any time to ask question about joining or anything else you would like to know about the Free music lessons this coming up winter 2010.

Just ask for
Phil Bradley 405-273-9966
Kristy Morrell 405-878-4716

The Following in Our Footsteps Music program's new class schedule 2010

Free Music lesson to all tribes in Oklahoma
Call 405-273-9966
Ask for Phil Bradley or
405-878-4716 ask for Kristy Morrell
The Following in Our Footsteps arts program offers totally free music lessons.
Learn to play Acoustic guitar, Bass guitar,
Drums, Piano and vocals.
We also offer recording audio classes
Have a great new school year
The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) hosted a Tribal Youth Summit at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, NM, on July 19–23, 2010. More than 110 American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth representing 21 tribal communities from across the nation participated. The youth were nominated by their tribal communities and selected by representatives of OJJDP and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).

Speakers on the summit’s first evening included Larry Echo Hawk, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior; Robert Martin, President of the Institute of American Indian Arts; and Wes Studi, the well-known actor, musician, and American Indian advocate. Tribal leaders and elders were involved in many facets of the summit, including special informational sessions and AI/AN cultural presentations.

The summit also featured sessions on the prevention of substance abuse, teen dating violence, and gang involvement. Among other topics covered were strategies for promoting academic success during the middle- and high-school years and career opportunities for youth. Presenters at the sessions included representatives from OVW, the Office for Victims of Crime, the Bureau of Indian Education, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and youth advocate George Galvis.

On July 21, DOJ convened its first Listening to the Voices of Tribal Youth Circle, in which youth from tribal communities across the United States shared their high-priority issues with federal officials. Karol Mason, Deputy Associate Attorney General, Office of the Associate Attorney General; Mary Lou Leary, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs; Catherine Pierce, Senior Advisor, OJJDP; and Kenneth Gonzales, U.S. Attorney, New Mexico, were among those participating in the Circle.

Tribal communities represented in the Circle included the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Aleut Community of St. Paul Island (Alaska), Cheeshna Tribe (Alaska), Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Crow Creek Indian Reservation (South Dakota), Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (Oregon), Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians (Maine), Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Mooretown Rancheria (California), Native Village of Kongiganak (Alaska), Northern Cheyenne Tribe (Montana), Omaha Nation (Nebraska and Iowa), Prairie Island (Minnesota), RenoSparks Indian Colony (Nevada), Seneca Nation of Indians (New York), and Rosebud Sioux Tribe (South Dakota).

Youth pointed to a wide variety of urgent issues in their communities, including:
- Alcohol and drug abuse, including prescription drugs.
- Suicide.
- A lack of productive activities in the community for youth.
- Gang involvement, violence, property theft, and vandalism.
- Teen pregnancy.
- A lack of job opportunities.
- Loss of knowledge about and pride in cultural traditions.
- Racial discrimination in schools and in communities surrounding tribal areas.
- A lack of positive adult role models.
- Insufficient housing.
- Inadequate health care.
- Gender stereotyping.

The goal of the Circle was to create a venue for communication between tribal youth and federal government staff as a tool in shaping policy and programs that will affect tribal youth for years to come.

"We’ve talked a lot about some of the challenges your communities are facing, but I also want you to remember that we are deeply committed to providing opportunities," said Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Leary. "The Office of Justice Programs . . . is an integral part of the larger Justice Department initiative to provide better services—and easier access to those services—for tribal communities. This session is, in fact, a followup to the regional summits and the listening session the Department held with tribal leaders last year. You are the future leaders, so we really value your perspectives."

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

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

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

Attention:

All applications and guidelines are available at www.astribe.com. 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 past due, the deadline for applications were received or postmarked by July 31, 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.
CURRENT JOB POSTINGS AS OF AUGUST 17, 2010

GAMING COMMISSION
- Surveillance Director
- Surveillance Operator

COURT/LEGAL/POLICE
- Supreme Court Tribal Judge

TREASURER
- Financial Consultant

BUILDING BLOCKS
- Food Service Preparation Specialist
- Master Teacher
- (2) PT Assistant Teacher
- (4) PT Floater

HEALTH
- Physicians Assistant
- Optometric Tech.

REALTY
- Realty Director
- Realty Specialist

FAMILY SERVICES
- Part-Time Victim Advocate
- Victim Resource Coordinator

TITLE VI
- Title VI Director
- Driver/ Kitchen Assistant

TERO
- TERO Director

Job descriptions will be available online: http://www.astribe.com/Employment.html

If you have any questions about the job positions and their job descriptions you can also contact Briana Ponkilla or Tricia Dietrich in the Human Resources Department at the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at: (405)275-4030.
September 12th
Grandparents Day!!!!!!

September 6, is Labor Day, Absentee Shawnee Tribe will be closed,
no meals will be delivered or serve on this day.
If you have any questions you can reach us at 275-4030 ext. 169
How many words can you make from the letters in “Grandparents?”

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The Tribal Housing Improvement Program's goal is providing sanitary, safe, and decent housing for its members by utilizing the following criteria to select the most "in need" tribal members with homes that are in disrepair but are still suitable for rehabilitation. All applicants must meet the eligibility requirements and criteria which is approved by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

THIP list all applicants by a priority list:

1. 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.

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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 (_____ ) _________________________

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Tribal Member Signature Date

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

Tribal Complex      (405) 275-4030
or 1-800 256-3341
OEP      (405) 273-9966
Building Blocks    (405) 878-0633
Health Programs    (405) 878-4702
or 1-877-878-4702
Little Axe Clinic  (405) 447-0300
Shawnee Clinic     (405) 878-5850
Shawnee Pharmacy   (405) 878-5859
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or (405) 364-7569
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or (405) 275-3432
OEH      (405) 214-4235
AS Housing Authority (405) 273-1050
Thunderbird Casino (405) 360-9270
Or 1-800-259-LUCK
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