Thank You Steve Colungo
For 20 Years Of Service! Nee Ya Way Ne Kon Na

Lt. Governor Ike Gibson
Rep Jeff Gibson
Treasurer Kathy Deere
Steve Colungo
Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe
Let's begin to Build For the Future (BFF)

Well, it’s been a busy and productive month. I am definitely learning about our programs and the difficulty of making needed changes. I find that it is frustrating to want to make changes that could benefit our Tribal members only to be advised ‘that is the way we have always done it’. It is my hope that these individuals won’t continue to say ‘I’m good with the way things are’ but instead say how can we improve our program to meet the changing needs of our people? Of course, I also hope that they will have creative ideas on how to make that happen.

We are seeing changes here at the Tribe and I want to share with you what is going on in the programs I have oversight on:

**Emergency Management**

Linda Day, Police Specialist II/Emergency Manager, worked with Maintenance and other staff and volunteers to get Brindle Corner cleaned up and cleared out and they did a wonderful job! The disaster relief items that were placed at this facility have now been given out to the Absentee Shawnee tribal tornado disaster relief victims. There were a few exceptions and I’ll discuss that with you when I get to the health area. The Emergency Management area is one we will need to expand on at some point in the near future by placing a full time person in the role of Emergency Manager and creating policies and procedures for that function.

Linda Day is the contact person for this program. If she is unable to resolve your concern communicate with my office.

**Law Enforcement**

Chief Jackson and I have been working on funding priorities; interviewing and selecting new staff; and getting the Little Axe substation completed. The Lt. Governor may speak more on the substation project as his oversight is over BIA funds and maintenance.

The point of contact for this program is Police Chief, Brad Jackson. If he is unable to resolve your concern communicate with my office.

**Building Blocks**

It is my belief that people that are qualified for positions should be placed in them. If not then there may be performance issues. I and our Human Resources program have been communicating over key personnel qualification needs and have been trying to ensure that directors/managers/program staff meet the qualifications cited for their position. I found that the Building Blocks Director didn’t meet the required qualifications. The Human Resources department and I discussed options and she was asked to move to the Deputy Director position. She chose to quit. This choice was hers. I am...
the one touch auto-daub feature in connection with a linked bingo system, assists the player by covering, without further action by the player, numbers or other designations on the player’s electronic bingo card(s) when the numbers or other designations that are electronically determined and electronically displayed to the player. When an electronic aid is used then it would convert a Class II Bingo game into a Class III facsimile.

WE, meaning you, the people of the Tribe, and I, your elected Governor, are indeed Building For the Future (BFF) now! I wish each of you good health and look forward to keeping you informed on what all we are doing here at the tribe.
Greetings Fellow Tribal Members,

I hope this month finds you all in good health. Our school kids have returned to school and everyone is back to the normal hustle and bustle of things. On that same note, there has been much going on at the tribe with all the changes that have taken place recently. With the revamping of the organizational chart, programs have been moved around somewhat and we are now able to focus more attention on specific programs needs.

Cultural Preservation reports that they have been very busy during the month of August, collecting rations for North Grounds War Dance and South Grounds Arbor Dance. Both dances went very well. For the month of September, they are planning on scheduling classes in making yarn belts, moccasins, and shawls for those who would like to attend. The gift shop will be receiving their Fall inventory in the upcoming weeks which will include items such as Christmas cards and Pendletons. They have just informed me of the arrival of several new handrums.

The music department is busy as well, with a record high number of students in attendance this fall, 31 to be exact. This is an exciting time for the music department, time slots are filling up fast, but as always, Phil is eager to help anyone who is interested in learning to play an instrument or take vocal lessons. Phil is planning a Student Appreciation Party for the month of October, so students be looking forward to that!

In closing, I would like to say that I am happy to be serving as your Tribal Representative and if there is anything that I can do to assist you, please let me know. I have an open door policy, so please come by my office or call. Have a wonderful month!

Jeff Gibson,
Tribal Representative

Financial Consultant’s Report

Hello Tribal Members,

Summer is coming to an end…. and school has started, kids are raring to hit the books. As financial consultant, I continue to assist Tribal Treasurer Kathy Deere 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, budget analysis and financial reporting for insuring the Tribe’s transparency to tribal members.

The following activities I have been involved and participated.

Financial Reports: Reviewed monthly encumbrance for General Fund and Indirect Cost.

Bureau of Indian Affairs Self-Governance Negotiations: Attended AST annual 2014 BIA Self-Governance negotiations attended by Executive Committee members, staff and Anadarko Area Office and Washington D.C. staff members. Discussion included AST Annual Funding agreement with discussions on programs and funding for 2014 program year.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Absentee Shawnee Native Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI): Kristi Coker Dias consulted provided technical assistance in recapping/reviewing of Native CDFI Development & CDFI as an Economic Development Driver. Kristi reviewed AST Organizational development steps and fundraising efforts to date. Development of CDFI was discussed and agreed to submit an application to state of Oklahoma for a non-profit 501(c) 3 status, followed by development of Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws creation. Kristi mentioned she will contact Oweesta staff person to develop a market analysis for AST.

Empowering Ranchers, Farmers & Rural Businesses: Treasurer Deere and I attend Empowering Ranchers, Farmers & Rural Businesses sponsored by Mvskoke Food Sovereignty and Oklahoma Black Historical Institute.

At a tax workshop. Another task that I have been working on is ensuring that Absentee Shawnee tribal members who were tornado victims and AST families in need have an opportunity to receive FEMA trailers in our community. Should you have any questions regarding this service, please feel free to call my office at extension 104.

Moreover, the Governor and I have been attempting to stay up to date with what is happening in the tribal health programs and making sure to attend the Health Board monthly meetings. Currently, my office is in the process of attaining bids on renovations for both the store and restaurant.

July 29th, The Absentee Shawnee Tribe hosted the first meeting in our area for the United Indian Nations of Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas. Oklahoma Governor Fallstrom’s office sent their Tribal Liaison to answer questions and hear concerns for all the tribal leaders in attendance. Also negotiations have been established between leaders of Oklahoma City and the AST Executive Committee regarding the Atoka Pipeline. The AST Secretary’s office was represented at the Oklahoma Indian Gaming State Conference on August 12-14th. Moreover, the Secretary’s office received the recent Tribal Employment Rights Office training and also attended the Tribal Business Summit this past month. My office plans to stay current on all federal, state, and local issues that affect our people as a whole.

I would like to take this time to also extend my gratitude for all the support my office and I have been receiving from tribal members in the community. Each and every concern is of great importance to my office and me. I am very fortunate to have Directors and staff members who are willing to help tribal members and other community members we serve. As Governor Butler-Wolfe requested in the August newsletter, I will request the same. If you have concerns regarding departments that I oversee, please make these concerns known first to the department directors and if a resolution is not reached to your liking, please feel free to contact my office assistant Sleepy Eye Lefrombo at 405.432.8085 or myself at ext 104.

Thank you,
Vera Dawsey
Tribal Secretary
Research Project in Okmulgee, OK. The purpose of this conference was to present latest news on the Farm Bill, teach local communities about resources available through USDA, and rural development grants and loans. The conference provided an opportunity to network with federal agencies and non-profits: USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Langston University Black Historical Research project, non-profit Mvskoke Food Sovereignty. Representatives of Congressman Frank Lukas and Markwayne Mullins office where on hand to speak and answer questions regarding farm bill. Two projects were discussed and are under consideration Butterfly Farm and Goat program.

Encore Entrepreneurial Small Business Workshop: Attended workshop on Start and Grow a Small Business sponsored by AARP, SBA, SCORE, and REI Women's Business Center, Southwest Oklahoma City Public Library. Experts discussed programs and resources available such as writing your business plan to seeking start up capital. Information you can use to get started and succeed in small business. The small business workshop provided me an opportunity to network with AARP, SCORE and SBA staff.

Government to Government Consultation & USDA Farm Bill Meeting: Attended meeting held at Citizen Potawatomi Nation sponsor Oklahoma Tribal Conservation Advisory Council, Dr. Carol Crouch, NCRS State Tribal Liaison which provided an overview of USDA services and programs available. Discussions included ways tribal governments may better utilize USDA resources and programs.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA): Attended meeting at the IRS Oklahoma City office with Treasurer Deere, Rico Coon, Nishant Shrestha and Pam Charles. Sr. Stakeholder Relationship Manager of IRS. Ms. Charles provided information as a potential VITA partner with an overview of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program and requirements of setting up this program for our tribal members, emphasis on Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit components, program targeted towards low-income families with children (AGI < $50,000). If you have questions and or interested in becoming a VITA volunteer please contact Eddie Brokeshoulder @ 275-4030 x 148 or eddieb@astribe.com.

Constitution Revision Committee: Constitution Revision Committee members recently attended an Elder's monthly meeting to discuss the proposed Legislative/Executive Branch revision to the constitution. Briana Ponkilla presented a video presentation in a mock format on the proposed Executive and Legislative separation into two different branches of government. A survey was handed out to all tribal members in attendance. The results will be presented in the upcoming newsletter.

In closing, the office of Treasurer welcomes questions, suggestions and has an open door policy for our constituents, if you have questions contact Eddie Brokeshoulder 275-4030 x 148 or eddieb@astribe.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eddie Brokeshoulder
Financial Consultant

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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

Tribal Members and Native Employees allowing clinic and pharmacy visits to be claimed on their medical insurance coverage from private insurance or other coverage is very beneficial to the Tribes health systems. Any cost not paid by your insurance company will be paid by Tribal health system funds. You will not be asked to pay a deductible or any charges not covered by your insurance. Using your coverage allows the health systems to charge your insurance for the service rather than it being paid in full from the health system funds. This in turn enhances the entire program and allows more services to Tribal members. In addition, any funds paid by the Tribe on claims filed with your insurance helps to meet your deductibles.

The Tribes 2010, 2011, and 2012 Audits are ‘unmodified’ opinion, which when compared to an educational grading scale is an A. 2014 Indirect Cost Proposal for submission to the Interior Business Center (IBC). Our rate is up from 1774% for 2010 to 2198% for 2011 to 2235% for 2012, and 2739% for 2013.

The Finance department for 2013 is completing accounting by the 10th day of the month which has been extended from the 7th allowing the health finance to provide reports necessary for adjusting inventory and accounts receivable. Financial reporting for the Health Authority and Li Si Wi Nwi, Health Inc. boards for Absentee Health Systems, Shawnee and Little Axe (LSWN) continues. The Finance staff has completed the July reconciliations for financial reporting. It is imperative the accounting staff 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 audit is used to calculate the proposal. There are many processes in place in your Tribes accounting department that ensure we keep accurate records of transactions. The Tribes accounting processes must be in compliance with GAAP, (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) and GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board) and these rules are updated sometimes annually.

The Tribe currently has compact funds of BIA and I H S SI Grants. In addition, the Tribe operates a General Fund and an Indirect Cost Fund. The new clinic building payments are current and have not been late and projections are that they will continue to be current going forward.

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. The Finance Department employs 14: with 7 (50%) being AST Tribal Members, 2 non-AST tribal members, and 5 (36%) being non natives. 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 continued group effort toward accomplishing our goal.

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

Belinda Collins
Controller.

GREETINGS TRIBAL MEMBERS,

Summer is here. Another school year has begun for our children, youth, college and maybe even adult students. Our hope and prayers that students will be conscientious, study diligently, gain more knowledge, be safe in their sporting activities, and any other extracurricular activities.

Our prayers and thoughts go out to the families, who have lost loved ones this month.

MONTHLY PROGRAM/DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORS MEETING: Each director comes every third Monday and gives a monthly update on their program/department. Court, Cultural Preservation/Gift Shop, Education, Domestic Violence/Family Services, Enrollment, Human Resources, Finance, Maintenance, Music, MIS, Police, Procurement, Realty, Probate, Social Services, Tag, TERO, Title VI, Building Blocks, Indian Child Welfare, Housing, Media, OEH/OEP, and Health Programs. We, as the Executive Committee, appreciate these departments who
Constitutional Revision Committee (CRC): Met with the Elders and were shown a mock video session of present Executive Committee. Questions and Answers were addressed. Also, survey was handed out to each elder to fill out and submit after the meeting to gather data to see if tribal members were interested. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact Eddie Brokeshoulder: 275-4030 Ext. 148.

Thunderbird Casino Monthly financial meeting: Thunderbird Casino Monthly financial meeting with General Manager, Dillon Byrd, Controller, myself, and/or other Executive Committee Member, who are available, to go over the monthly financials of both casinos in Little Axe and Shawnee.

Elders' Monthly meetings: Elders' Monthly meetings held every third Saturday, either at AST Resource Center or Title VI Bldgs. 10 am. If you are 55 years and older, please come join us for fellowship food, and fun times together. Fund raisers, outings, and cultural activities are planned monthly. Activities and Events the Elders have hosted are: Veterans Pow Wow in November, Inaugural Ball, attended various cultural events in Canada, Iowa, New Mexico, South Dakota, etc. in and around the state of Oklahoma. The officers are Dan Little Axe, President, Mary Birdtail, Vice-President, Cynthia Longhorn, Secretary, and Betty Watson, Treasurer. If you would like more information about the Absentee Shawnee Elders Council, please call Cynthia Longhorn: 405/273-4137.

Financials for Health Monthly Mtg.: Monthly tribal finance, health finance, clinical administrators, and business office meet to review monthly financials and collections of the health clinics in Little Axe and Shawnee.

CDFI (Community Development Financial Institution) Grant-Action Planning Meeting of Steering Committee: Grant was submitted February 28, 2013 and should know soon if awarded. Reviewed AST Organization Development steps and fundraising efforts to date. Development of CDFI was discussed and agreed to submit an application to state of Oklahoma for a non-profit 50% status, followed by development of Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws creation. Oweesta staff person will be contacted to develop a market analysis for the Tribe. If any tribal member is interested in being on this committee, please contact Eddie Brokeshoulder: 275-4030 Ext. 148.

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NEWS FLASH


Updated deadlines for claimants who submitted claims in connection with the trust Administration Class:

√ May 1, 2013 The Claims Administrator mailed letters detailing the initial determination of eligibility to all persons who filed a timely claim.
√ July 1, 2013 Written requests for reconsideration must have been postmarked July 1 and sent with all supporting documentation to the Claims Administrator.
√ August 1, 2013 The Claims administrator mailed letters to any requests for reconsideration with a second determination of eligibility.
√ September 4, 2013 Written requests to appeal the second determination of class eligibility must be postmarked and sent to the Claims Administrator.
√ Appeals will be reviewed by the Special Master, the Honorable Richard Leve (Ret.), who was appointed by the Court on December 19, 2012.

Best Money Advice Now: July 2013 www.CNNMONEY.com 1-DREAM COLLEGE FOR YOUR KIDS: Have your child record herself answering her admissions or scholarship essay questions out loud, then transcribe the recording. People speak at about 200 words a minute, but write or type at 30 to 60 words a minute. So the act of writing interferes with the flow of thought. Answering a question out loud will yield a much more passionate and personal essay,” says Mark Kantrowitz, senior vice president and publisher of the Edvisors Network.

2 PICK MAJOR a that will offset rising tuition costs by Anthony Carnevale, director and research professor at the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce. "Three big predictors of high income are your college major, whether you go into management, and whether you go to graduate school. More and more your major matters more than what school you graduated from. People who major in scientific, engineering, mathematical, or technological fields get higher starting salaries, move into management faster, and recover better during downturns." 3 LEARN TO BE HANDY, Adam Rubenstein, Always Goggle a home project. You can save hundreds doing it yourself. I replaced the capacitor in my AC unit for $29 instead of paying the AC company $250.

4 WEATHER THE NEXT STORM THAT HITS, Amy Bach, executive director of United Policyholders, an insurance consumer advocacy group. Because of changes insurers have made in recent years, you may have to shoulder a larger portion of your losses than in the past. The more informed you are, the better your settlement will be. Don’t wait for an insurer to estimate their replacement cost of your belongings. Make your own inventory, and tell the insurance company what you think it owes you. Keep a journal of every conversation with your insurer. And keep binders with your receipts, estimates, and inventories. You have to be your own advocate.” 5 BE HAPPIER ABOUT WHAT YOU BUY, Elizabeth W. Dunn, associate professor of psychology at the University of British Columbia and co-author of Happy Money: The Science of Smarter Spending. When you look at your budget, home in on the major purchases you’re considering in the next six months. Ask yourself: Would this purchase affect my life next Tuesday? Very often you will realize that it wouldn’t. That’s a sign that you may be able to cut this item from your budget. Many of our purchases have no bearing on our daily lives, and we tend to overestimate the impact of any one thing on our happiness. Try to devote extra money only to purchases that will positively affect how you spend your time.

The Finance Department employees, Controller, Belinda Collins, Asst. Controller, Genevieve Foster, and Staff Accountant III, Deanna Wood, very much deserve special recognition as they daily continue the never ending processes for the financial side of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. Without their tireless diligence, dedication, and commitment we could not keep the financial transactions processes flowing!

Also, appreciation to the Financial Consultant, Eddie Brokeshoulder, who continues to assist me with numerous projects, recommendations/suggestions, attendance at meetings where I cannot attend, and consulting decisions in the office of Treasurer! Very special thanks to Arlene Herrera who serves as Administrative Assistant in the office of treasurer and secretary.

We appreciate all your phone calls, emails, and visits. May God continue to bless you and yours! See below articles from AllNations Bank, Finance Department, and Financial Consultant, Eddie Brokeshoulder.

Respectfully,
Kathy Deere
Tribal Treasurer

“LEADERSHIP IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY”
A True Leader is a Slave to the Needs of His People
Tulalip Spiritual Leader (1927-1994), Kenny Moses, Sr.
The Tribal Employment Rights Office also known as TERO is a department that protects tribal employees' rights and supports tribal career development. Within this past month, the TERO department has experienced a steady flow of business. We have added 8 new applicants to our database which now brings our total number of applicants to 596. Of those 8 new applicants, 3 are Absentee Shawnee Tribal members. We have also helped 30 applicants/guests who have walked in, called/received 184 phone calls. We have also referred 8 applicants to various departments within the tribe, 3 applicants to Thunderbird Entertainment Center, 1 applicant to the Building Blocks Construction Project in Little Axe, and 37 applicants to outside sources.

Besides taking care of daily business, TERO has also been in attendance to numerous meetings since the last newsletter. On July 23, TERO had a meeting with Mrs. Cheryl Garcia of the human resource department at the Kickapoo Tribal Health Center. During the meeting, discussions took place about jobs. Then on July 25, TERO met with Thunderbird Entertainment Center to discuss the upcoming Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association Conference and Trade Show. The following week, on July 29, TERO had a meeting with Mrs. Rebecka Shaw of the City of Oklahoma City Personnel Operations. On the same day, July 31 Mrs. Tracy Copeland of TGI Enterprises, Inc., a TERO certified vendor, visited the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex and Thunderbird Entertainment Center. During her visit, she displayed some of the merchandise that TGI Enterprises, Inc. provides. Then on August 7, TERO attended two meetings. The first meeting was with AICCOK. During this meeting, the scholarships that were going to be presented were discussed. Following this meeting, TERO had a meeting with Mr. Michael Harjo. Mr. Harjo is interested in becoming a TERO certified vendor. The following day, August 8, TERO met with Mr. Neil Hawkins of the Choctaw Nation. During this meeting, TERO discussed the details of becoming a GED testing site. The following week, from August 12 – August 14, TERO attended the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association (OIGA) Conference and Trade Show in Oklahoma City. Then on August 15, TERO attended two events. The first event was the EEOC TERO Training Conference held at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The second event was the 2013 Summer Job fair at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center. At the fair, TERO discussed the program and services the department has to offer to 16 possible new applicants and made 8 new contacts. Finally from August 19 – 20, TERO attended the 2013 Indian Country Business Summit in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

In the final weeks of August, TERO will be attending several more meetings. On August 28, TERO will have a meeting with the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority. TERO also plans to schedule a meeting with a Mrs. Roberts of the National Indian Council on Aging.

Within the next month of September, TERO will also be continuing to take applications for the construction project of the new Building Blocks Daycare that will be located in Little Axe. Also, there will be an opportunity to fill out an application for the National Indian Council on Aging. To fill out an application, you have to be 55 years of age or older. If you have any other questions concerning either of these opportunities, please contact our TERO offices to update your application or put in an application if you are interested.

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

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

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

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

- Dishwasher
- Cashier
- Sales Associate
- Customer Service
- Receptionist
- Bank Teller
- Shift Managers
- Charge RN
- LPN
- Delivery Driver
- Mixer Driver
- Equipment Operator
- Welder
- Mechanic
- Laborer
- Housekeeping
- Maintenance Worker
- Groundskeeper

Phone 405.275.4030 ext. 135 Fax 405.395.9888 Cell 405.432.9859
The first day of after school will be on September 9, 2013. We have already had many inquires about the after school program and the students are anxious to get started as well as the parents and grandparents. Stuart Rolette and Randall Watson have begun making the necessary preparations for the classroom so that it will be ready for students on the first day. We hope to be in the new building by September 9th and I would like to thank the Maintenance Department and the Lieutenant Governor’s Office for their work in ensuring the necessary repairs were made to the building. The building now has new carpet and tile with a new water heater installed. We are just awaiting the word that we can move in.

The Program will be Monday through Thursday, 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., students from North Rock Creek will be arriving at Horse Shoe Bend somewhere around 3:15 p.m. or earlier. Students should daily bring their homework assignments and all necessary books to the Center so that they may be helped with their homework. A snack will be made available for each student. Each parent, grandparent, guardian will be required to fill new enrollment forms out for each child that attends the after school. Also, a copy of the students Certified Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB Card) and/or tribal enrollment card will be needed.

If you have any questions about the after school program please contact my Office at 405 275-4030, Ext. 188. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Edwina Butler–Wolfe Governor

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

They come each week ready for a new lesson and their attitudes are just awesome toward the classes and the other students, so many have told me that the music classes have become a part of their lives in many ways. Leroy now brings his grandson Kyle who is playing the drums & Kyle now bringing one of his friends Christian who is learning the piano the music program has brought families and friends together and closer.

Music seems to start a bond between everyone that is in the program, all I’ve ever heard about the music classes and its Family has been good things.

All classes are **FREE** we provide all the instruments all you need to bring is a want to learn.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe is an awesome tribe to provide this opportunity of a life time to the young as well as the elders, the music program has become bigger each year with Magazine articles in Indian Country U.S.A. & other Native American newsletters.

Many of our families have become students Learning and playing together because of this wonderful gift of free.

**Music classes.**

I know I've enjoyed every person that I have had the pleasure to work with I've got to watch them grow and become real musicians and lovers of music, the gifts that comes through music like sharing their talents with their friends and family are awesome in so many ways music can turn your world around and the lives of folks that you share your talents with.

I invite you to come in or call and let’s work together to find that part of you that may be a musician, you can call me on my cell at 405-370-5576 or tribal office at 405-275-4030 ext. 117 I'm here to help you learn you can call me from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. come check the music department out for yourself.

Janelle Watson age 7 Piano
This is one of our young ladies that’s becoming an awesome musician

**Thanks,**
Phil Bradley
September News...

The summer has past by quickly. We had a busy and fun August and are looking forward to a great September!

Building Blocks will be closed Monday, September 2, 2013 in observance of Labor Day. We hope everyone has a safe holiday!

School has begun and our school-agers have returned to school for the fall. We are currently transporting to SECC in Shawnee and picking up Kids from SECC, Will Rogers and Horace Mann. We are also picking up Kids from Krouch and Barnard schools in Tecumseh. On Friday, September 6th at 11:00 a.m. we are having Grandparents Day Lunch. There is a sign-up sheet at the front counter. We hope a lot of our Grandparents can join their grand kids that day for lunch! We are currently reviewing our waiting list and classroom enrollment! If you need to put your child on the list just stop by and fill out a waiting list application. We are also currently taking job applications and interviewing for several of our positions. Please fill free to call and or stop by for more information and to fill out applications. Have a terrific September and get ready for fall!

Autumn Parsons-Squire

Tribal Member

Autumn Parsons-Squire, Daughter of Jimmy Squire, recently attended CNP Games and won first place in Golf and third in Bowling.

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EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS:

E-AS-13-63 07/26/13
Authorizes the Governor to enter into a provisional ninety (90) day contract with Ms. Dana Deere at the rate of $55,000 per year to serve as Executive Director for the Gaming Commission, effective immediately.

E-AS-13-64 07/26/13
Confirms the appointment of Eastman Switch to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma’s Gaming Commission, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY and expiring July 26, 2016.

E-AS-13-65 07/26/13
Authorizes, adopts and approves the submission of an application to the Internal Revenue Service for the creation of the Absentee Shawnee Community Development Financial Institution as a Federally Recognized Not-For-Profit 501 (C) 3.

E-AS-13-66 08/21/13
Agrees to the appointment of and payment for Alexander Skibine as Arbitrator for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma; authorizes and approves the Arbitration Retainer Agreement (attached); and designates Governor Edwina Butler- Wolfe as the Tribal official with the signature authority to execute the contract on behalf of the Tribe, effective immediately.

E-AS-13-67 08/21/13
Acknowledges and authorizes the corrected blood degree change for Sheldon Thomas White Thunder, and hereby makes it known that this individual is an enrolled Tribal Member and is now and forever the degree of Absentee Shawnee Indian blood as corrected and shown above.
Acknowledges and authorizes the corrected blood degree change for Linda Sue Blanchard and hereby makes it known that this individual is an enrolled Tribal Member and is now and forever the degree of Absentee Shawnee Indian blood as corrected and shown above.

E-AS-13-68 08/21/13
E-AS-13-69 08/21/13

E-AS-13-70 08/21/13
Approves the re-appointment of Mike Affentranger as Commissioner to the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for a three (3) year term effective immediately and expiring August 31, 2016.

E-AS-13-71 08/21/13
Establishing a banking relationship with Firstar Bank, 10124 S. Sheridan in Tulsa, Oklahoma 74133 beginning with the purchase of a CD in the amount of $200,000.00. The bank account signers for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to include the Executive Committee members as follows: Lieutenant Governor Isaac Gibson Jr., Secretary Vera M. Dawsey, Treasurer Kathy Deere, and Representative Jeff Gibson, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

E-AS-13-72 08/21/13
Authorizes and approves the change of bank account signers on all bank accounts; all investment accounts including, but not limited to, LPL Financial (Linsco Private Ledger) and Merrill Lynch; and all Bureau of Indian Affairs accounts for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to include the Executive Committee members as follows: Lieutenant Governor Isaac Gibson Jr., Secretary Vera M. Dawsey, Treasurer Kathy Deere, and Representative Jeff Gibson, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

E-AS-13-73 08/21/13
Authorizes and consents to the conveyance of Absentee Shawnee Allotment AS-S 1500.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS:

L-AS-13-04 08/21/13
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorizes and approves the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Tribal Sex Offender Registry Code; Tribal Sex Offender Registration Policies and Procedures Manual; and the Policy for Registering and Tracking Sex Offenders as attached, effective immediately.

FURTHER RESOLVED that nothing contained in this Resolution herein shall be construed or interpreted to be relinquishment of the sovereign powers and protections of this Tribe nor a waiver of its sovereign immunity; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe does not consent to any exercise of state jurisdiction on tribal lands under the National Sex Offender Registry System, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Tribal Sex Offender Registry Code; Tribal Sex Offender Registration Policies and Procedures Manual; or the Policy for Registering and Tracking Sex Offenders.
The following are a few tips to help us be more efficient in our delivery of medications:

- Deliveries of controlled medications will no longer be allowed.
- If you would like to receive a text message to your cell phone when your medications are ready for pick-up, please alert the pharmacy staff.
- Absentee Shawnee Tribal citizens with established charts of all tribes, but outside prescription orders are restricted to members of all tribes.
- Issue photo ID be on file for both the patient and the representative picking up medications.

Event Information:

- **Quartz Mountain Resort**
  - Address: www.quartzmountainresort.com
  - 22469 Lodge Rd., Lone Wolf, OK 73655, 877-999-3567
  - Rooms $79 until October 18, 2013

The 2013 All Nations Rally Voice is Scott H., Edmond Group, Edmond, OK

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Registration $20.00 (Pre-registrations will be included in drawing for OKC Thunder Tipi)

Name (Please Print):
Address: ______________________
Email Address: ______________________

Would you like to donate to hospitality room? If so, how much?

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**ASTPHARMACY NEWS**

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

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

Hours of Operation:
- **Little Axe**: 7am-5:30pm Monday-Friday
- **Shawnee**: 7am-6pm Monday-Friday

We are open through the lunch hour!!

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**AST COUNTRY KITCHEN**

**Early Bird Breakfast**

- **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.

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

**Something different every day!**

Open 7 Days A Week!

366-7220

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

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**STOP DIABETES**

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

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

Often people with type 2 diabetes have no symptoms.

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

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

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

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

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

Source: American Diabetes Association at www.diabetes.org

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**4th Annual**

All Nations Rally

November 8-9, 2013

Featuring

Jamie R., Tulsa, OK
Rustie M., Lawton, OK
Donna A., Norman, OK
Dina C., Albuquerque, NM

Cedar Smudging Ceremony, Native Flute Playing
Sobriety & Serenity Countdowns, Flashlight

Meeting,
“Road of Happy Destiny”
Indian Tacos, Indian Corn Soup w/Frybread,
Morning Meditation,
Bingo,
OU/OSU/Thunder Tipi Raffles,
Shirts/Hoodies for sale, Sobriety Ribbons

Quartz Mountain Resort  www.quartzmountainresort.com
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**KITCHEN KITCHENKITCHEN KITCHENKITCHEN**

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

**LIT-SI-WI-NACHE**

ABBEY SHAWNEE

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.*

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**ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES**

**BOTH PHARMACY DEPARTMENTS ARE CLOSED**

WITH THE CLINICS THE FIRST WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON OF EVERY MONTH TO COMPLETE ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES**
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**NOTE:**
- Absentee Shawnee Tribe
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program

**Six Good Reasons Why You Should Become a Tax Volunteer**

- No previous experience required.
- IRS provides free tax law training/materials that allow volunteers to prepare basic individual tax returns.
- Hours are flexible.
- Volunteer site to be determined. VITA sites offer free electronic filing (federal / state) tax returns.
- Veteran and non-veteran volunteers may be able to help military personnel and their families.
- As a volunteer, you become part of a program that has helped people file tax returns at no charge for more than four decades.

**BECOME A VOLUNTEER**
Down Payment Assistance Program

This program offers a one-time grant of up to $20,000 to assist with down payment and/or closing cost to purchase a home and is designed to make home mortgage payments more affordable.

Eligibility

- Applicant must be eighteen (18) years of age
- Must be Native American enrolled in a Federally Recognized Tribe, with priority given to enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to apply
- Applicant must qualify as a low-income family, and must meet minimum income guidelines
- Applicant must be first-time homeowner
- Primary residences only
- Must be approved for home loan
- Dwelling Unit must pass environmental inspection

For more Program Information, please contact Kimberly Vermillion at Ext. 260.
September 2013 Birthdays

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 Taylor
Bartel, Magello Alberto
Bate, Thomas Albert
Bates, Charles Edward
Beaver, Matthew David
Bell, Chance Andrew
Bell, Jack Matthew
Bergen, Mercedes Ian
Berry, Shane Tecumseh
Blanchard Jr., Reuben Caleb
Blanchard Jr., Leland Dale
Blanchard Sr., George Melvin
Blanchard, Consuela Sirena
Blanchard, Craig Lewis
Blanchard, Jacob Dakota
Blanchard, Paullethe Louise
Blanchard, Reuben Caleb
Blankenship, Fabian Mae
Blocker, April Dawn
Bosquez, Emilia Marie Nicole
Bowens, Kendra Rachelle
Brinkoetter, Karen Ray
Brown, Adalynn Emmeline
Bruner, Rhiannon Lydia
Bump Sr., Richard Dewitt
Burnett, Darrell Wayne
Burns, Constance Darlene
Burns, Natasha Brooke
Butcher, Sallie Elizabeth
Carter, Renee Dennis Ray
Carlson, Daniel Ray
Carnes, Haley Ann Marie
Carpenter, Cynthia Marie
Cartier, Mariella Raelynn
Charley, Mary E.
Charlie, Lula Mae
Cline Smith, Brooklyn Mackay
Cobell, Julee Rae
Coddington, William Luther
Cody, Donna Noreen
Colungo, Redena Sue
Combs III, Frederick Cecil
Coon, Ello Kay
Couch, Rickie Charles
Cravens, Goldie Ann
Creek, Josephine
Creek, Ralph Samuel
Crosswhite, Hunter Raven
Cuklier, Ronald Lee
Culwell, Bryson Gene
Cyrus, Shane Wayne
Daniel, Dana Lauren
Deer, Brandon Jeremy
Deer, David Joel
Deer, Jalen Dean
Dibber, Bobby George
Downey, Cheyenne Rena
Downing, Amanda Ann
Duncan, Carolyn Ann
Elam, Marquese Dashawn
Ellis, Eric Wade
Ellis, Mackenzie Rae
Ellis, Richard Bryant
Ellis, William Bryant
Elmore, Christa Ann

Fellon, Alisha Lynn
Ferrell, Melinda Kay
Foreman, Stefany Elayne
Foster, Linda Jean
Frazier, Rickie Dewayne
French, Darrell Kay
Fritsch, Jadyne Mark
Fuentes, Cruzio Damacio
Garaway Jr., Mark Terrell
Garrelston, Cody Ronald
Garza Jr., Gary Dan
Gibson Jr., Isaac
Gibson, Jordanda Fayre
Gibson, Jennifer Michelle
Gibson, Justin Ryan Hill
Gillessie, Tamara Sue
Gough, Ashlynn Jean
Graham, Thomas Wendell
Gregory, Samuel Edwin
Hackbarrh, Marissa Lucille
Hadjiconstantinou, Openia Sue
Hale III, Phillip Wayne
Haley, Shirley Frances
Hall, Christyl Rachell
Harjo Jr., Benjamin
Harjo Jr., Burton Thomas
Harriss, Sheila Lynn
Haumy Jr., William Allen
Haumy, Talia Shaeree
Hicks, Angelina Jean
Hill, Amanda Nicole
Hood, Malacki David Westley
Honu, Hono Mesh Louis
Horton, Roxanne, Xelcu
Hust, Brian Keith
Jacobs, Kasmania Marie
Jacobs, Mary Theresa
James, Billie Jane
James, Zachary Lee
Jameson #18-96-078, Tynece Demian
Johnson, John W. C.
Johnson, Eryn Edward
Johnson, Lewis Allen
Johnson, Lynsefay Marie
Johnson, Sandra Kay
Jordann, Wendi Renee
Kaseca, Kristen Nikole
Kear, Paul Daniel
Kelly, Gayla Ann
Kelly, Kellie Marie
Kickapoo, Roy Matteson
Kickapoo, Valerie Yolanda
Killian, Angelic Marie
Kirby, Emma Grace
Knott, Jacob Alexander
Knight-Kastl, Patch Little Star
Kowlitz, Trelyn Mikaal
La Plant, Ryan Zachary
Lapant, Raymond Lowell
Larney, Darrell Scott
Laslatter,MiaAngelina Kayleigh
Lee, James Stacey Chang-Sun
Lee, Stassenoma Jeanne
Leroy, Geraldain Jon
Leupp, Lenora Little Creek
Limon, Justin Danielle
Little Aixe III, Troy Lee
Little Aixe, Brittany Elaine
Little Aixe, Jason Randall
Little Cheyenne, Paige Marie
Little Jim, Charles Kerwin
Little Jim, Jason Webster
Little, Christina Kathleen
Littlecreek, Joshua Wright
Littlecreek, Raquel Amae
Livesey, Mckiny Diane
Lockner, Kin Kimberly

Longhorn, Juanita Louise
Longhorn-Dees, Airanna Belle
Longman, Anthony Lamont
Longman, Emily R.
Longman, Jaryd Christian Spybuck
Longman, Sean Michael
Lopez, Angela Michelle
Louviers, Natasha Renee
Lowe, Ariah MaRae
Lowe, Brian James
Lowe, Caden Elijah
Manley, Sue Ann Burkhardt
Mann, Jessica Renee
Martin, Juston Allen
Martinez, Brandon Paul
Martinez, Leo Littlecreek
Masquas, Jace Gabriel
Masquat, Finley Ray
Maudlin, Charlotte Vada Reina
Maxfield, Katherine Elizabeth
McAnally, Amber Chanell
McCung, Helen L Burkhardt
McGill, Douglas Burton
McIntyre, Vickie Teresa
McKinney, Lucia Jade
McMahan, Ashley Rae
McPherson, Jeremy Lee
Miller, Nogaleso
Morrell, Kristy Ann
Morris, Brandon Zachary
Morris, Raymond Ray
Morton, Lisa Marie
Murry, Stevyna Rayne
Nance, Jada Karyn
Nance, Jocelyn L
Nelson Jr., James Bradley
Nelson, Telisa Renee
Neske, Christopher Hugh
Nice, Hunter Eli
Norton, Jai’Anna Anjali
Ochoa, Florence Pauline
Olinger, Steven Garrett
Ongaco, Alexandra Renee
Pack, Trace Matthew
Palacios, Phyllis Diana
Panther III, William
Panther, Nina Renee
Panther, Raymond Dale
Panrikilla, Timothy James
Porambo, Anthony Thomas
Poston, Teresa Renee
Powell, Robert M
Powell, Wesley Lynn
Prestman, Faith Grinell
Procot, Noah Gene
Purcell, Jason Lee
Reeves, Marian Louise
Roberts, Jimmy Dean
Rollfdeed-Hunt, Brandi Faye
Rowan, Cobie Mae
Ruimveld, Shacoda Louis
Ruimveld, Shawn Wade
Ruiz, Karen Mone
Ryan, Danielle Marie
Sadongei, Carolyn Little Axe
Salisbury, James Haydn
Sampson, Sharon Louise
Schmitz, Tana Marie
Seber, Wali Ulthus
Serano, Cary Gray
Shaper Jr., Chevis Shenold
Shaver, BRITTNY NICOLE
Shaver, Jordin Lei
Sherrill, Jocelynly Elyssa
Shupe, Josh Michael
Simpson, Julian Eliott
Sloat, Alceu Duane

Sloat, Carol Ann
Sloat, Colby Trae
Sloat, Garrett Davis
Smith, Kristi Dawn
Smith, Larry Dale
Snaith, Michelle
Soap, Jakolbi Christopher
Soap, Wilson Lee
Spoon, Dakota Austin
Spoon, Eric Louis
Spoon, Kenneth Lee
Spriggs, Helen Wyatt S
Spybuck, Kase Brennon
Squire, Shawneecey Jordawna
Squire, Takota Lynn
Starr, Meranda Lynn
Stolby, Sean Ryan
Switch, Eastman Kelly
Switch, Isaac Jay
Switch, Liana Iris
Switch, Susan LeAnn
Tascier, Samuel Ethan
Teres, Paula Aline
Thompson, Darian Andrew
Thompson, DeShaylia Tamia
Thorpe, Grace Janelle
Thorpe, Jaraman
Thorpe, Lorrie Ann
Thorpe, Melanie Lea
Thorpe, Rachel Danielle
Tiger, Christopher Neal
Tiger, Darryl Dean
Tiger, Gladys Jean
Tiger, LuAnn
Tiger, Mary Augusta
Tiger, Phyllis Gail
Tiger, Terrance Nathan
Torres, Hector Gene
Tsodde, Teri Kaye
Tuillius, Kaley Mariah
Tynier, Marcus Charles
Valdivia, Joseph Enrique
Valdivia, Ronald David
Vazquez, Tyler Keith
Wahpekeche, Meredith York
Wahpekeche, Silas Kane
Walley, Breanna Joy
Walsh, Madisone Renee
Warrior Jr., Lucian Jay
Warrior Sr., Manuel Anthony
Warrior, Levi Stafford
Washington Jr., Eric Sean
Washington, Nicholas Shane
Watkins, Mickaela Marie
Watson, Betty Lou
Watson, Jo Ann Spybuck
Webster, Michael Brice
Westberry, Amanda LeJean
White Ill, Charles Daniel
White, Susan Nicole Olivia
Whiled, James Aaron
Wilburn, Joshua Wayne
Wilkinson, Malcom Anthony
Wilkinson, Tammy Lynn
Williams, Christopher John
Williams, Sonja Barbara Gosney
Williams, Taren Janea
Wilson Jr., Darrell Gene
Wilson Jr., Woodrow
Wilson, Paul Lee
Winter, Brenda James
Winter, Tammy Lyn
Winter, Tara Ann Nicole
Woods, Anna Marie
Yeahpau, Jeri Maye
Yones, Amber Marie
Happy Birthday To You...

To B-Bye and Bub
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Love Dad

Wishing Ashlynn (Pink) a Happy 18th Birthday
From Grammy & Paul

To A Good Man, My Son
Happy Birthday!!
James L. “Duke” Arms
I love you, MOM

Happy Birthday!
Carolyn (Little Axe) Sadongei
From Paul & Jayne & family
ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE
Promoting Safe and Stable Families
Parenting Classes

PSSF Program provides parenting classes to promote positive parenting, help with the understanding of child development and communication skills to strengthen the entire family.

This session, the classes will meet every Wednesday evening for ten weeks at 6 pm, starting September 4th and ending November 6th, 2013. New participants will be accepted until September 11th, after this date you will have to wait until the next session to enroll. Every class must be attended by the participant to receive a Certificate of Completion.

A dinner will be provided at every class as well as a babysitter on site if needed. Classes are also available for non-tribal members at a small fee of $50.

For more information or to sign up, call 405-878-4702.

Sena Yesslith, PSSF Worker
Careers at BCI Broadband, LLC
Employee Type: Full-Time
Job Title: Maintenance Technician
Locations: Shawnee, OK; Ottawa, KS; and Ft Riley, KS
How to Apply: Email: employment@allegiance.tv; Fax: 405-481-7119

Job Description:
Come join the new BCI Broadband team as we enter a new and exciting phase in the improvement of our services under our ownership. BCI needs Maintenance Technicians who can perform field technical work, installs, services, and customers problems as assigned. Responsible for preventative maintenance and repair of CATV distribution systems. May perform proof of performance of distribution systems and assist in training lower level personnel, and oversee technical work within the system. Balances the system through use of sophisticated equipment, sets up system sweep generator and performs other related duties as assigned. Ability to use hand tools, climb and work aloft as indicated above, lift and carry 70 lbs, use bucket trucks and interpret and correctly fill out various forms. A high school diploma or equivalent with trade school training is required for the right candidate. Ability to work aloft, use of hand tools, lift a minimum of 70 lbs, and other physical work is required, along with a valid driver's license and good driving record. Installer technicians will receive exceptional compensation as well as substantial medical, dental, vision, prescription drug program, which is only part of the Benefits Package. Ongoing technical training is provided along with FREE cable & Internet and numerous employee discounts if you live in our service area. A company work vehicle is provided.

Equal Opportunity Employer

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Come grow with the new BCI Allegiance team! We are looking for an Installer Technician who can bring a strong work ethic to our company as we enter a new and exciting phase in the improvement of our services. Applicant should be a technical minded individual to perform the installation and maintenance of cable television, Internet and phone products. One year experience in this area or related field would be preferred, but not required for the right candidate. Ability to work aloft, use of hand tools, lift a minimum of 70 lbs, and other physical work is required, along with a valid driver's license and good driving record. Installer technicians will receive exceptional compensation as well as substantial medical, dental, vision, prescription drug program which is only part of the Benefits Package. Ongoing technical training is provided along with FREE cable & Internet and numerous employee discounts if you live in our service area. A company work vehicle is provided.

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Employee Type: Full-Time
Job Title: Customer Service Representative
Locations: Shawnee, Oklahoma
How to Apply: Email: employment@allegiance.tv; Fax: 405-481-7119 or send resume to: Attention Human Resources 1819 Airport Drive Shawnee, OK 74804

Job Description:
Must be able to handle incoming customer service inquiries as well as promoting sales of new services and upgrades to existing services in our Shawnee, Oklahoma office. Customer service and strong sales experience is preferred, but not required. Hourly rate plus commission. Excellent benefits package including a 401(k) plan and complimentary cable television, phone and Internet services for those candidates that live in our service area.

If you are self motivated and interested, come join a growing team! Equal Opportunity Employer
The annual Fall Fest at Horse Shoe Bend will be September 28, 2013, 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We encourage all tribal programs to participate in this event as it's an opportunity to introduce your program to the general public (Informational Booth). Arts and craft booths are welcome - the cost per booth is $10.00 and programs/vendors must bring their own tables to set up. Activities will be planned for children and adults and prizes will be given out for each activity. Lunch will be served from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. with hamburger, chips, a cookie and drink being served for $5.00.

The Third Annual 5K Fun Run and Walk and 2K Walk is set for October 5, 2013 and will start at 8:00 a.m. The entry fee is $20.00 per participant if entrants pay prior to October 5th. If an entrant pays on the day of the race the cost will be $25.00. The age groups are 5 years to 13 years, female and male entrants and 14 years and up, female and male entrants. There will be first, second and third place winners in each group.

First place -- $100.00,
Second place -- $75.00
Third -- $50.00.

We hope that you will come join in on the fun and take part in these community events sponsored by the White Turkey Band of Shawnee!

If you have should have any questions please call:

Twila Parker, Secretary, 405 229-8052
Gwen Switch, Treasurer, 405 204-9612

Blake Goodman and Brandon Goodman were recognized by Governor Butler-Wolfe and Linda Day, Emergency Manager with a Certificate of Appreciation for their valuable contributions to Emergency Management. Blake and Brandon volunteered at the Brendle Corner site to help clean, organize, and distribute the tremendous amount of donations so they could be distributed. These brothers are hard working individuals that set a great example for the youth of this tribe.
Foster & Adoptive 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?

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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 Amanda Lenora, CPS/Foster Care Worker - 405-878-4702

ASTribe
Indian Child Welfare Department
FOSTER CARE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information about being a foster home, please contact: Indian Child Welfare Department (405)878-4702
AAA Oklahoma News Release

Contacts: Chuck Mai (405) 753-8040 / (405) 760-6007 (new) / (918) 748-1074 / (918) 935-9318 chuck.mai@aaaok.org
Dаниal Karnes (405) 214-4235 / (405) 760-6007 daniel.karnes@aaaok.org

Extra Credit: School Zone Safety
AAA offers seven back-to-school tips for drivers, students

AAA Oklahoma, Aug. 16, 2013. AAA is reminding motorists that our summer vacation from school zone safety is almost over – classes will soon be back in session. “A new school year brings a lot of excitement, so it’s easy for children to become preoccupied on their way to and from school,” said Daniel Karnes, spokesman for AAA Oklahoma. “Drivers must use extra caution when traveling near schools, especially at the start of the school year.”

Safety advocate AAA wants parents to keep the ABCs of Safety in mind as Oklahoma children head back to the classroom:

• Avoid distractions: Research from The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shows that taking your eyes off the road for just two seconds doubles your chances of crashing. Stay focused on driving and set a good example for young passengers.
• By the numbers: Teach children their home phone numbers and addresses, your work phone numbers and how to dial 9-1-1.
• Chart your course: Map out a route to school or the bus stop and walk it with your child beforehand. Choose a direct route with the fewest street crossings or with intersections that have crossing guards or AAA Safety Patrols. Avoid walking by parks, vacant lots and other sparsely populated places.
• Don a helmet: Kids who bicycle always should wear a helmet. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety states that a helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by 85 percent.
• Exemplify safety: Do not exceed 15 miles per hour in or near a school zone. According to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, a pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling at 15 mph is nearly two-thirds less likely to be killed as compared to a pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling 25 mph. Remember that fines double when “STOP WHEN CHILDREN IN CROSSWALK” signs are present. Also remember, school zones are non-passing zones. Always stop for buses that are loading or unloading students. It is illegal to pass a school bus with flashing red lights.
• Forego strangers: Teach kids never to accept rides or gifts from strangers.
• Grab a buddy: Have kids walk to school with a relative, friend or neighbor.

If your child will be walking or bicycling to school, AAA advises parents and caregivers to review safety precautions with them. Children should be taught to walk only on sidewalks and cross only at crosswalks. Also, make sure they know to avoid walking in front of or between parked cars. And, remind children to always obey crossing guards and AAA Safety Patrols.

If your teen will be learning to drive this school year, AAA’s teen driver website, Keys2Drive, provides state-specific licensing information, statistics, driver training tips and resources for parents and teens. And AAA Oklahoma’s parent-taught driver’s ed. kit, Take the Wheel, allows parents to teach their teen to drive from scratch, qualifying for up to a 25 percent discount on AAA Insurance Co. auto insurance and the standard driver’s ed. discount offered by most major insurance companies. Go to www.AAA.com/TakeTheWheel.

AAA.com/trafficsafety is a resource for useful, life-saving advice and tools, free and open to the public.

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Russell Ellis is an Absentee Shawnee tribal member. Along with being proud to represent his people, Russell is also an exceptional athlete. This year Russell was inducted into the hall of fame for baseball at Shawnee High School to go along with his induction into Oklahoma Baptist University basketball hall of fame he received several years ago.

RUSSELL B. ELLIS
Bison Basketball 1962-64; Bison Baseball 1962-65; Inducted 1981
A 5-11 guard from Shawnee, Russell Ellis earned third-team NAIA All America honors in 1963 after he helped lead the Bison to conference and district championships and a trip to the NAIA National Tournament. He scored 920 career points, averaging 17.0 points per game and 6.7 rebounds. In 1962-63 he averaged 15.7 points and 4.5 rebounds, earning first-team all conference recognition and the most valuable player trophy at the Top of the Nation Tournament in Colorado. In 1963-64 he averaged 18.4 points and 9.0 rebounds and was a second-team all conference pick. On the baseball diamond, Ellis was an all conference selection in 1963, 1964, and 1965. He batted .361, .430, and .266 in his three seasons for a career average of .353. His .430 average in 1964 is the twelfth highest in conference selection in 1963, 1964, and 1965. He batted .361, .430, and .266 in his three seasons for a career average of .353. His .430 average in 1964 is the twelfth highest

During the induction ceremony in April 2013, he was welcomed onto the Shawnee High School baseball field by the current staff, team players and a huge amount of fans. Russell threw the first pitch during a beginning season game! Among all of Russell’s accomplishments throughout his life he has also served his tribe well by representing the AST for several terms in office serving as an elected official of the executive office for secretary and treasurer. Russell is a wonderful dad, husband and grandpa.

http://www.obu.bison.com/d/Athletic%20Hall%20of%20Fame.pdf found on OBU Hall of Fame section online within website content
Military service members can get their disability claims processed quickly by Social Security. Benefits available through Social Security are different than those from the Department of Veterans Affairs and require a separate application.

The expedited process is used for military service members who became disabled while on active military service on or after October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs.

www.socialsecurity.gov
or call toll-free, 1-800-772-1213
(for the deaf or hard of hearing, call our TTY number, 1-800-325-0778)
The Elders Council of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe met in their monthly meeting on Saturday, August 17, 2013 at the Title VI building on the Tribal complex in Shawnee. President Dan Little Axe, Sr. called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m., all officers were present. A quorum was established with twenty-four (24) Tribal Elders and eight (8) visitor/guests in attendance. The invocation was given by Jim Johnson. Only one elder celebrated a birthday for the month of August and that was Melpherd “Mel” Switch. The minutes of the previous months (July 27th, 2013) meeting were not available at this time but will be presented at next months meeting. The financial report for July 2013 was available for review and comment. The fund raiser account was reported to be $5,347.62 while the general fund account balance was given to be $9,747.30. Questions about expenses for pow wow meal of July 5th, 2013 were answered by Treasurer Watson. Following this, a motion to approve the report was made by Mel Switch and seconded by Marjorie Kanatobe, the motion carried.

Old Business: None. New Business: The subject of the Veterans pow wow was brought up and all agreed that we should be planning this event as soon as possible. President Little Axe stated that volunteers are needed to form a committee to plan and organize this event, it will be discussed again at next months meeting.

Announcements/Discussion: Meredith Wahpekeche brought up the subject of shawls for council members and that led to discussion of ideas and suggestions for the possibility of the council purchasing materials needed to make shawls to have available for dances and events when they might be required. After much discussion and suggestions from Donna Butler, too it was decided that ideas, prices and recommendations would be solicited from vendors for consideration at next months meeting. A motion to that effect was made by Wanda Tiger and seconded by Mary Birdtail, the motion carried.

Following a comment and suggestion from Jenifer Sloan to consider the colors and vests now being used by the AST Veterans, Wanda Tiger amended her motion to include vest in the consideration for shawls for the Elders Council.

Ms. Wahpekeche continued with a request to purchase tarps or shade canopy to be used for the Council for fund raising events such as what was used at the Thunderbird Casino pow wow of July 5th 2013. It was suggested that two (2) should be purchased. A motion to that effect was made by Woody Wilson and seconded by Wanda Tiger, the motion carried.

The subject of the proposed trip to Grand Prairie, Texas was brought up and with the information available, it was agreed that it would be too late to make required travel arrangements for bus and motel and also would be too expensive for such a short trip. An alternative for consideration was the September 21, 2013 pow wow held by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe. A draft of expenses and schedule of events was provided to those present at this meeting as well as a sign up sheet for the trip was circulated. Following much discussion and comments, a motion to approve this trip was made by John Blanchard and seconded by Woody Wilson, the motion carried. Fund Raiser: It was suggested and agreed that a Silent Auction and Cake/Pie auction would be held at next months meeting which is set for Saturday, September 28, 2013 at the Resource Center in Little Axe.

Announcements:
A special General Council is being called for Saturday, August 24, 2013. Today’s “Boot” donation collection was $46.81 and the door prize of $20 cash was won by Betty Watson. The White Turkey Band of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe will be having a fund raiser Bingo night on Friday, August 23rd at the Horse Shoe Bend community center. The meeting adjourned at noon. A pot luck dinner followed the meeting. For information or questions, contact Elders Secretary Cynthia Longhorn at (405)-273-4137

Elders Honoree: Mr. Wayne Allen Longhorn

Wayne Longhorn was recently recognized and honored during the Absentee Shawnee Elders Council meeting in July with family and friends present. “Bariney” as Wayne is called by most who know him, turned eighty-six (86) years young this past March and that gives him the distinction of being the eldest male Tribal member of the area. He was presented with a framed Certificate of Recognition and a 50$ gift card and a coupon for a free dinner at the Tribes restaurant in Little Axe.
The Mission of the Office of Environmental Protection is to protect and preserve the environmental resources of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, both on tribal lands and within shared communities, with a primary focus upon preserving cultural integrity and existing tribal sovereignty through environmental capacity enhancement and tribal environmental code development and implementation.
Title VI News

September 2, Labor Day: AST complex will be closed; no lunch will be served or delivered.

September 8, Grandparents Day!!!! We hope you have a wonderful day with your grandchildren. Do something fun!! Take pictures, have a picnic or just spend some time with each other. Create those memories with them so they can tell their grandbabies how precious their time was with you!!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call us at 405-275-4030 ext 149 or 169.

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**September 2013**

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LUNCH SERVED MONDAY - THURSDAY 11 AM TO 1PM
BREAKFAST SERVED ON FRIDAYS 9AM TO 11AM

NOT GOING TO BE HOME CALL US AT 405-275-4030 EXT 169 OR NOTIFY YOUR DRIVER
SAFETY TIPS FROM...

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

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

Education Department

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

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

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

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

**Attention:**

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

All applications and guidelines are available at www.astribe.com. Click on Services and select Education.

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

**AST Education Department: Big Jim Youth Award applications**

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s Education Department will begin accepting applications for the following awards:

- **Big Jim Academic Achievement Award (Male and Female)**
- **Big Jim Athlete of the Year (Male and Female)**

High school **Seniors** of both genders within the 50 United States are eligible to apply for these awards for the 2012/2013 school year. Applications will be accepted from January 1 to March 1, 2013 by US mail or email, official transcripts must be mailed. The official application form will be available at www.astribe.com under the Education Department. The $1000.00 award is in the form of a scholarship to the college or university where the award recipient will attend for the fall 2013 semester.

Individuals are encouraged to nominate deserving high school Seniors. You may nominate yourself. Please refer to the application for required documents. Eligible nominations will be judged by a panel of (non-AST) experts assembled specifically for this purpose. The intent is to bring together an unbiased group of experts to evaluate the applicants in an impartial and unbiased environment. Their decisions are final with respect to all matters concerning these awards. **Awards will be announced in May 2013**.

Award recipients will be recognized as the 2012/2013 Big Jim Academic Achievement Award winner or the Big Jim Athlete of the Year. In addition to this recognition the award recipients will receive a $1000.00 scholarship to be used towards their education and the advancement of their career.

Questions on these awards program should be addressed to:

Absentee Shawnee Tribe
Education Department
c/o Tresha Spoon
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801
405-275-4030 Ext 121
youthaward@astribe.com
The Constitution Revision Committee is still working on getting input from Tribal Members regarding our proposed changes to the AST Constitution.

On July 26, 2013, a presentation was given at the Elder’s Meeting in Little Axe. The video was shown followed by a group question and answer session. We received a lot of good input and questions regarding our proposed changes. Twelve (12) surveys were collected that day. The results of the surveys show that 83% agree with our proposed revision to separate the Executive and Legislative branches of AST Government, 17% disagree. The results also show 67% agreed with our proposed revision to elect legislators from the two traditional AST Bands White Turkey and Big Jim, 17% disagreed and 17% gave no response. On the third question, 50% agreed with our proposed change of the Executive Branch to Governor and Lt. Governor only, 42% disagreed and 8% gave no response. On the fourth question regarding proposed term limits, 75% preferred 4 year terms, 17% preferred 3 year terms and 8% preferred no change. When asked what revisions questionnaires would like to see they wrote to have “Term Limits”, have “Elected officials be more accountable”, and “Establish ASAP.” Other comments and suggestion were to have the Executive Branch consist of Governor, Lt. Governor and a Secretary/Treasurer, “make sure elected officials are qualified”, consider “out of area tribal members”, combining Governor and Lt. Governor and “More Tribal Members Need to (be) aware of meeting(s).”

We have worked with MIS to put our video and survey on the AST website for everyone to have an opportunity to view and give input. Please take time to take the survey and give us your opinion and suggestions.

We would also encourage any Tribal Member to attend our meetings to give input. Our next meeting will be September 19 at 6:00 pm at the Little Axe Resource Center. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact Eddie Brokeshoulder in the Treasurer’s office or email eddieb@astribe.com.

Thank you,
Briana Ponkilla
AST Constitution Revision Committee Member

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**From The Election Commission**

There is a vacancy on the Election Commission for the position of Alternate. If any tribal member is interested on serving on the board call the Election Commission office at (405)-275-4030 ext. 150 and leave your name and contact number. A person from the Election Commission will contact you as soon as possible. Thank you.

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**From The Realty Department**

**NOTICE**

Due to the sequestration (budget cuts) the Oklahoma Indian Legal Service’s (OILS) will no longer be providing Wills Clinics at the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex. OILS has requested that anyone needing assistance to please call 405-943-6457 to apply for services and appointments.
Does your e-mail program open slowly? You may be storing lots of old e-mails you don’t really need. When your e-mail program ‘loads,’ it has to pull up all stored e-mails—not just the inbox. (Think of your program as being chained to 100 lbs. of weight, dragging ‘all that junk’ behind it while trying to carry out each task. Here are ten tips for reducing the number of e-mails you are storing—so e-mail and other programs can run faster:

1. E-mail programs are designed for communication—not for long-term storage of information. After a brief time required for following up on pending matters, any e-mail that needs to be retained longer should almost always be converted to a different storage medium. (For example, you can ‘cut and paste’ the e-mails contents to save it as a Word document. Then delete the e-mail.)

2. Always consider if there is a more appropriate place to store information than in your e-mail program. If an e-mail contains information that your institution must retain—for example, a borrower’s attached tax return—forward the e-mail promptly to someone in charge of storing it in the best place. That person can image a document and associate it with a customer’s electronic loan or deposit file, or for a paper-based system, a printed copy can be placed in the customer’s file. Once you receive confirmation that the person handling the document has properly stored it, delete the original e-mail.

3. Each time you open your e-mail program it must ‘load’ at the same time all e-mails that you are able to access, including: (a) inbox, (b) outbox, (c) deleted items, and (c) junk e-mail. Deleting items from any or all of these files will reduce e-mail storage and will help your program to open faster.

4. Many people forget to clean out their ‘deleted items’ and ‘junk e-mail’ folders regularly. Doing so at least once a week is easy and important in keeping your e-mail program working smoothly.

5. If you’re in a hurry to make your e-mail program run faster, focus on deleting e-mails that require the most ‘memory.’ E-mails with a ‘paper clip’ symbol at the left of the sender’s name have an ‘attachment,’ and tend to require more storage space. To the right of the date and time of each e-mail is a number such as "561 KB" (kilobytes of memory). The higher the KB number, the larger the file. (If you first delete the e-mails with higher KB numbers you free up storage space faster.) Exception: Some e-mails have a number such as ‘6 MB’ (megabytes of memory) on the right. A megabyte is 1000 kilobytes, so even a small number with MB is a bigger file, compared to e-mails ending in KB. Hint: Try to quickly delete e-mails with forwarded photographs or video clips, because they use up lots of storage. Caution: Do not delete files that your institution’s document retention policy requires you to keep.

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**Victim Advocacy**

Assist victims by offering educational classes that focus on the dynamics of domestic violence and sexual assault, stalking and dating/violence. Each victim is helped with emotional support and resources both from Tribal programs and local community programs.

**Court Advocacy**

Assists survivors with domestic violence court related appearances as well as filing for emergency protective orders (EPO).

**Housing and Utility Assistance**

Assists victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or dating violence in emergency situations. This assistance may allow for a victim to either receive housing or utility assistance.

**Referral Assistance**

Assists with providing community resources to those who are in need of additional services outside the scope of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s Domestic Violence Program.

**Sexual Assault Advocacy**

The AST DV Sexual Assault Program is on-call 24 hours per day to provide emotional support, advocacy and crisis counseling to sexual assault survivors at hospitals, police stations and throughout the legal system. The program also serves as a resource center to the community by offering educational information and referrals.

**Shelter Placement Assistance**

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s Domestic Violence Program works with other shelters within Oklahoma in order to help victims obtain safe housing. Emergency transportation for the victim and children may also be available.

**Community Outreach**

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s Domestic Violence Program offers educational trainings, informational displays, and community events in order to provide more awareness to both Tribal and non-Tribal communities.

For any questions regarding any of the above services please contact the Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s Domestic Violence staff at (405) 273-2888 Monday—Friday 8:00am—5:00pm. To be connected with an advocate in a Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault emergency after hours you may contact Jackie Denny - 405-432-9377, Melissa Lopez - 405-432-9657, Linda Gouge - 405-585-8348 or Kimberly Stephens - 405-365-5698.