

Adawe News

March 2008

Nomination Meeting

The General Council of the Ottawa Tribe met for the purpose of Nominating candidates for the offices of Chief, and three Grievance Committee Members. The meeting was held at the Ottawa/Peoria Culture Building, on March 6th, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. Nominations were accepted from the floor for these four positions. Nominated for Chief: John Ballard, Ethel Cook and incumbent Charles A. Todd; and Three Grievance Committee members Aaron Epperson, Cheryl Wilson Stafford, Brandi Case, Coweta Ulrey, and Kalisha Dixon Burtrum.



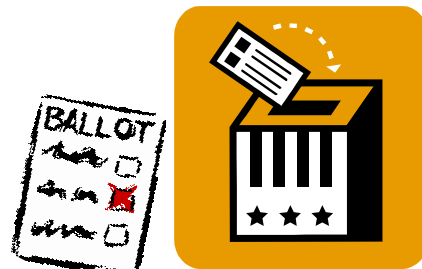
Annual Meeting / Election

The Ottawa Tribal General Council meeting and Election will be held on May 3, 2008

Election 10:00 A.M. to Noon.

Meeting 12:30

A Native American Lunch will be provided.



Chief Charles Todd

Personal Information:

Charles Allen Lee Todd was born Jan 28, 1935 in Ottawa County. The son of the late Geneva Smith and grandson of the late Fred and Nanie King. He is the great-grandson of the late Joseph B. King, who was the first Ottawa Chief after the tribe moved to Indian Territory in 1869. He served in the U.S. Army from 1949 to 1955 and served 2 tours of duty in the Korean War, and one tour in Japan in the honor guard.

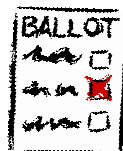
Experience:

Chief Todd was on the Inter-Tribal Council with the late Chief Lewis Barlow for 10 years. In 1983 he was elected as the Second Councilman for the Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma for 18 years. In 2001 he was elected to serve the remaining term of the late Chief Charles Dawes, was re-elected in 2003 and continues to serve as Chief of the Ottawa Tribe.

The wealth of knowledge and experience Chief Todd obtained while serving in tribal government, has enabled him to lead our great Nation to economic prosperity while preserving our Tribal culture. Since taking office the tribe has built a new Office complex, opened a convenience store the Otter Stop, built the High Winds Casino, and are in the process of building a community building. Chief Todd will continue to pursue economic development with the best interest of the Tribe in mind.

Chief Todd has been an excellent steward of our existing Tribal assets in order to ensure our future generations will have a foundation to build upon, has been an overseer of the Tribal Buildings and Grounds to ensure they are properly maintained. He will continue to preserve and protect the existing assets of the tribe.

As Tribal Leader, Chief Todd has set out to improve and stabilize our working relationships with the BIA and other Federal agencies. He has worked with other Tribes in order to foster good relationships for the bet-

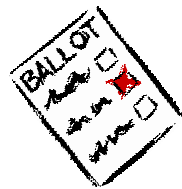


terment of our Tribe and community. He has worked with local, state, and federal leaders to promote Tribal agendas and to bring jobs, health assistance, cultural enhancement programs, and educational funding to our members. He has a commitment to preserve and protect all Tribal assets and aggressively pursue economic development.

Chief Todd stands for fairness and equitable treatment to **All Tribal members** when issuing educational grants, housing assistance and administering social programs. He advocates an open-door policy in order to improve the lines of communication between the Chief, Business Committee, Tribal Members, and employees of the Tribe. Chief Todd encourages all tribal members to participate by making suggestions to improve our Tribal government.

Chief Todd wants to thank the Ottawa People for choosing him as a candidate for chief and if re-elected he will continue to serve the Ottawa People and Tribe to the best of his ability.

Chief Todd wants to encourage all tribal members to participate in the election, if not in person then by absentee ballot.



Ethel Cook

Hello from your second chief,

I have decided to run for chief this year.

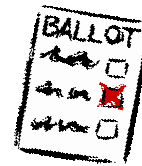
I have been acting chief since Chief Todd became ill in August until his return in February. I feel with the business committee's assistance, I have kept the tribe running in the right direction and built a very open and cohesive atmosphere with the business committee, Staff, and Tribal Members.

My main goal is to be a voice, leader, and look out for the best interest of All Tribal Members.

I would appreciate your vote for chief of the Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma.

When using the request form for an absentee Ballot it ask for your tribal enrollment number, if you know it, it helps the office verify quicker you are a tribal member, but it is not necessary for you to have it. You can also call Tara Massey who is our tribal enrollment clerk at the Tribal Office 918-540-1536.

Thank you
Ethel E. (King) Cook

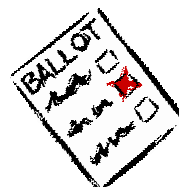


Brandi Case

My name is Brandi Michelle (Kleidon) Case. I have been nominated for a position on the Grievance Committee. I am looking forward, if elected, to serving the tribe to the best of my ability. I would weigh all issues seriously brought before me with careful consideration, honesty and integrity.

I operate my own drug testing business doing random drug testing at a local tribe and area schools. My family has raised me to take pride in the Ottawa tribe of Oklahoma. I am looking forward to serving as a Grievance Committee Member.

Thank you,
Brandi M. (Kleidon) Case



Cheryl Stafford

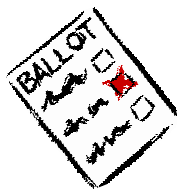
My name is Cheryl Stafford. I am 42 years old. I was Honored to be nominated for the grievance committee. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about myself. I have been a life-long resident of Ottawa County. My parents are Vernon and Shelvia Wilson of Miami. I have an older sister Teresa Smith of Miami, and an older brother, Tim Wilson of Wyandotte. My brother is the Public Works Director for the City of Miami, and is currently filling the City Manager's Position. I attended Commerce Public Schools, Northeastern A & M College, where I received my Associate of Arts Degree, and Missouri Southern State College, where I earned my Bachelor's Degree. After graduation I taught school at Alexander Elementary in Commerce for 10 years. In January of 2003, I was given an opportunity to work for the Ottawa Tribe in the environmental department where I remain employed today. Working for the tribe has enabled me to see how important it is for each of us to get involved with our tribe as we grow and change in the future.

I have two daughters, Ashtin who is 21 years old, and Amber age 16. My newest pride and joy is my 4 year old grandson Dietin. An important goal for me is to insure that my children and grandchildren have the brightest future possible, and uphold certain rights and responsibilities as Ottawa Tribal Members. My great-great-grandfather was Chief Moses Pooler. Moses was Chief from 1884 – 1887.

Should I be elected to the Grievance Committee, I would do my very best to always conduct myself in a professional manner with honesty and fairness. I would appreciate your vote and look forward to the upcoming election.



Kalisha Dixon Burtrum



Aanii,
 My name is Kalisha (Dixon) Burtrum; I am a married mother of two living in Miami, Oklahoma. I currently attend Pittsburg State University where I am majoring in Social Work with an emphasis on Criminal Justice. I have an Associates degree in Sociology from Northeastern A & M College, where I was a member of the honor society, Phi Theta Kappa, the President of the Social Work Club, and a member of the Native American Student Association. I have had the pleasure of representing our tribe on several different occasions including Head Lady at Ottawa Pow-Wow, Presenter for five years at the Michigan Language and Culture Camp, and several diplomatic occasions for the Ozark Area Girl Scout Council. It would be a great honor for me to be elected by the tribe as a member of the Grievance Committee, because having an active role in my culture and my community is a very important part of my life and it would be amazing to get to share that with others. Thank you for giving me the chance to continue to represent our traditional way of life.
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 Kalisha Burtrum

Language Classes

I am proud to announce that the tribe is going to start up tribal language and culture classes again. I would like to have a large turn out of children as well as adults to preserve our cultural traditions as well as the language that is disappearing so quickly. I would like to have meetings once a week at the Ottawa Peoria Cultural Building. The first meeting to is going to discus lesson plans and dates to work best for the community. I would like to encourage every-one to attend that is interested. Monday, March 24, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ottawa Peoria Cultural Building.
 If you have any questions or concerns regarding this meeting or would like to get further information about the meeting please feel free to contact me, Kalisha Burtrum at 918-533-5768 or Rhonda Dixon at the Ottawa Tribal Office at 918-542-6162 Miigwech and I hope to see you all there!
 Kalisha Burtrum

Election Committee
 Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma
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ABSENTEE BALLOT Request

Absentee Ballots are issued to qualified Ottawa Tribal Members upon Writ-ten request. Tribal Members 18 years of age or older are allowed to vote. **No Faxes, No Email, No Phone Messages will be accepted.**

Dear Election Committee:

Please consider this a formal request for an absentee ballot for the General Election on May 3, 2008 for the purpose of voting in the General Election to fill the position of Chief, and Grievance Committee.

Date _____ Signature _____

Print Name (Please Include Middle Initial & Maiden Name) _____ Roll# _____

Print Address:



New e-mail address

Due to updating our internet service the tribe has a new e-mail address which is:
adawetribe@sbcglobal.net

WEB SITE

Phone (918)540-1536

Ottawatribe.org

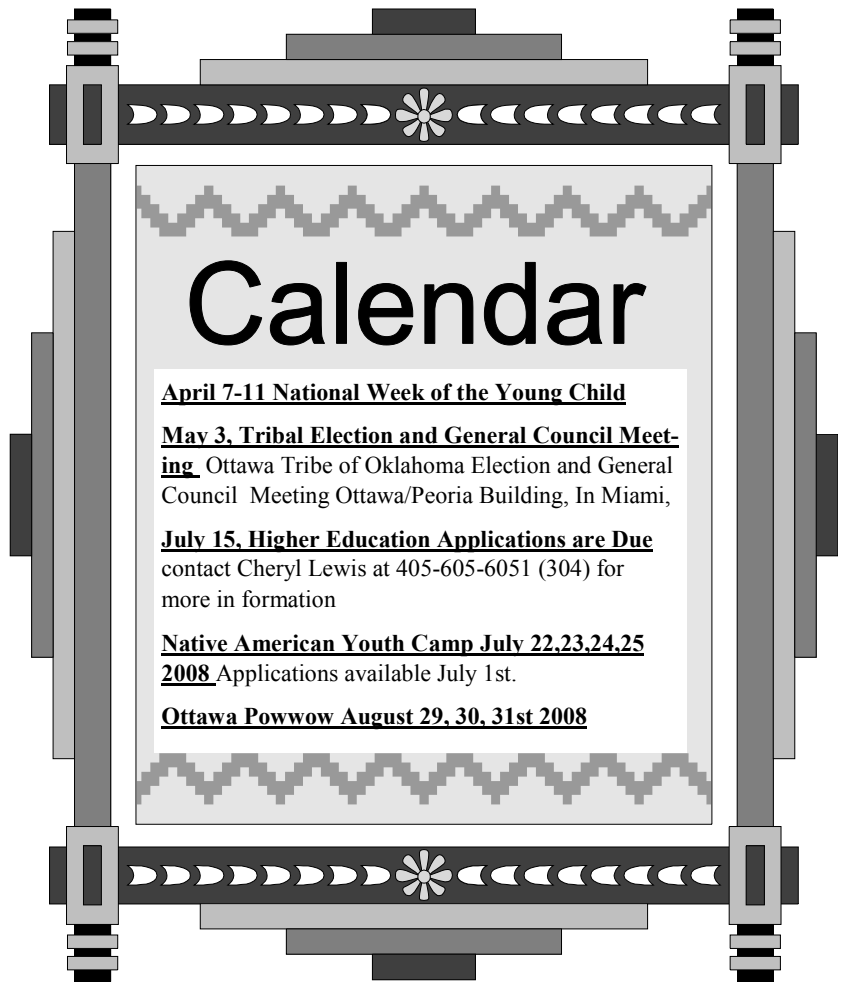
Fax (918)542-3214

Social Service by Roy Ross

Higher Education Applications are due by JULY 15, 2008 for the fall semester. For more information contact Cheryl Lewis at 405.605.6051 ext. 304.

National Week of the Young Child April 7th thru 11th

Native American Youth Camp July 22-23-24-25, 2008
Applications available July 1st.



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BERT HENRY KLEIDON

1ST COUNCILMAN

DR. KEVIN DAWES

2ND COUNCILMAN

DR. CHARLA DAWES

