



# SMOKE SIGNALS

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May 2024

## TRIBAL COUNCIL

Principal Chief: Lee R. Young

Assistant Chief: Louis B. Watson

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mary S. Young, Secretary

Clarence G. Ward, Treasurer

Marsha Jo Butler

Richard L. Watson

## **PRINCIPAL CHIEF'S MESSAGE: Hensci, Seminoles**

On June 15, 2024 we will have our general election voting, general tribal meeting, and fund raising event. The events will be held in Brackettville, at the Kinney County Civic Center.

Voting 10 am – 12 pm

Sale of Lunch – 12:30 pm – until sold out!

Loteria – 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

General Tribal meeting – 6:00 pm

Dance (DJ Trevino) 8:00 pm – 12:00 am

June 15, 2024 we will be holding our 3<sup>rd</sup> General election of Tribal Council members. Any eligible tribal member is encouraged to seek a position on the Tribal Council.

## **Tribal Council 2024 Election**

As of 04/01/2024 the following tribal members will be on the 2024 ballot.

Lee R. Young – Principal Chief  
Richard L. Watson – Assistant Chief  
Tribal Council  
Mary S. Young  
Marsha Jo Butler  
Clarence G. Ward  
Ebonie M. Walker  
Dorothy L. Ward

An enrolled member desiring to be on the Tribal Council election ballot is requested to submit their nomination to [info@absenteeseminoletribe.org](mailto:info@absenteeseminoletribe.org) by **May 30, 2024**.

# Voting

## How to vote - Where to vote

How to vote – A member unable to attend the June 15, 2024 voting may request a mail-in ballot. Notify the ASTT office by mail: **P O Box 1932, McKinney TX 75070**, or email – [info@absenteeseminoletribe.org](mailto:info@absenteeseminoletribe.org) . Include in your request your address where the ballot will be mailed to you.

**The deadline for receiving mail-in ballots is June 8, 2024.**

Voting will be held on June 15, 2024 from **10:00 am to 12:00 pm** at the Kinney County Civic Center, Brackettville TX.

## May Birthdays

Jonathon Riley Factor – May 1  
Sherhondia A. Green – May 1  
Viviana Benson - May 1  
Douglas C. Ward - May 5  
Steven C. Young – May 9  
TiJanae Watson – May 10  
Ronald Q. Blanks – May 12  
Jonathon C. Francis – May 13  
Ernest Benson, Jr – May 17  
April D. Polite – May 20  
Kaylin J. Jackson – May 20

Hubert D. Williams – May 20  
Cubert Young III – May 22  
Shaelyn D. Stocker – May 24  
Quillen B. Green – May 25  
Dorothy L. Ward – May 26  
Myla R. Tabora – May 28  
Amara R. Coleman – May 29  
Julia F. Naylor – May 29  
Carl D. Young – May 31



**TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS:** Tribal Identification Cards are available for \$25, valid for 5 years. The Tribal Identification Cards, are an official means to identify tribal members. Tribal Identification Cards do not replace any official government issued identification, they provide a means for members to proudly display their tribal enrollment.



## **TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARD RENEWAL**

Tribal Identification Cards are beginning to expire – we will mail expiration notices. Everyone encouraged to check the expiration date on their Tribal Identification Cards. Renewal only requires submission of payment of \$25, payable to Absentee Seminole Tribe of Texas.

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

If you change residence, get a new telephone number, new email address, or any other changes in contact information. Forward your new information to our office.

## **FACEBOOK**

<https://www.facebook.com/AbsenteeSeminoleTribeTexas/>

**FB users visit and “Like” our FB page**

**Absentee Seminole Tribe of Texas  
P. O. Box 1932  
McKinney, TX 75070-8162**

**E-Mail - [info@AbsenteeSeminoleTribe.org](mailto:info@AbsenteeSeminoleTribe.org)**

**Website: <https://AbsenteeSeminoleTribe.org>**



## **ABSENTEE SEMINOLE TRIBE OF TEXAS**

### **Juneteenth Celebration – June 15, 2024**

**Dance 8:00 PM – 12:00 AM**

Music provided by "DJ Trevino"

Raffles during dance

**Kinney County Civic Center**

**Brackettville, TX**

**Reserved dance tickets \$10.00 @ the door tickets \$15.00**

**Celebration Lunch 12:00 PM plates \$12.00**

(Brisket, Rice, Beans, Potato Salad, Drink (tea/water), & Desert)

**Loteria 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

will play 15 games, \$20/15 games of play, additional cards \$1 each per game

Proceeds benefit the ASTT Scholarship fund

**Proud Seminoles United**