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New Representative Sworn In



Left Photo: Election Commissioner John Little Axe swears in DeWayne Wilson as the new Representative. Right Photo L-R: The AST Executive Committee Representative DeWayne Wilson, Lt. Governor Ezra DeLodge, Governor John Johnson, Secretary Alicia Miller and Treasurer Joseph Blanchard.

At the Regular Executive Committee Meeting on June 23rd, DeWayne Wilson was sworn in as the new Representative. His appointment fills the vacancy left after Lt. Governor Kenneth Blanchard passed away March 12th. The appointment of Wilson comes after an extensive candidate search.

The Executive Committee is excited to work with the new Representative. They look forward to the contributions that he will bring to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

Executive Committee Honors Eldest Tribal Members



Left Photo L-R: AST Tribal Elders Pauline Johnson and Al Murray Smith. Right Photo Back Row L-R: Representative DeWayne Wilson, Treasurer Joseph Blanchard, Governor John Johnson, Lt. Governor Ezra DeLodge and Secretary Alicia Miller. Front: AST Tribal Elders Pauline Johnson and Al Murray Smith.

During the June 23rd Regular Executive Committee Meeting, an official Proclamation was made honoring the oldest male and female Tribal members. Al Murray Smith, 92 and Pauline Johnson, 95 were also presented with Pendleton blankets.

Governor John Johnson said “Elders are a wealth of knowledge, wisdom and keepers of our customs. As our Tribe continues to grow, let us not forget the ones who came before us. It is imperative that we learn from their experience.”

AST Complex Moves to Phase 3

On Monday, June 7th, the Absentee Shawnee Complex moved to Phase 3 of the COVID-19 Recovery Plan.

All employees and visitors are strongly encouraged to wear a mask. Temperature checks will still be required of employees and visitors. Appointments are encouraged. Front doors to each of the business buildings will be open from the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



GOVERNOR
John Johnson



Lt. GOVERNOR
Ezra DeLodge



SECRETARY
Alicia Miller



TREASURER
Joseph Blanchard



REPRESENTATIVE
DeWayne Wilson



LT. GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Ezra DeLodge, AST Lt. Governor

Tribal Citizens,

I hope all is well and we are all doing our best to stay cool with the arrival of summer. Also, we must continue to practice mask wearing and social distancing, we are still very much in a pandemic. If you have not got your vaccine please do so, if it is something that concerns you please do your research to better understand how the vaccine works don't let others pressure you based off irrational thinking. Please do not let your guard down and continue to adhere to CDC guidelines and stay safe. I'd like to offer words of encouragement to those who might be struggling during these hard times

and offer my thoughts and prayers for those who have lost loved ones.

With my appointment, to the Lieutenant Governor position, it is my promise to represent the tribe in a positive way. I will work to the best of my abilities to move the tribe forward. I feel we should always strive to get better every day. I feel it is important that we strive to always do better and to better serve our tribe. By the time this reaches you we should have our new Tribal Representative on board and have a complete Executive Committee. I welcome the opportunity to work with the new Representative and the rest of the EC in providing more opportunities and services to you the tribal members.

I have heard the request and will

work diligently to communicate and provide the necessary updates within the Lt. Gov. Office oversight. I can tell you it has been a lot of catch up with current projects and newly established ones. Lt. Governor's office has oversight of the Maintenance Dept., Self-Governance (BIA) Dept., BIA Roads Program, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering (OEH/E), Youth Camp, Forestry Eradication and the newly formed Agricultural Department.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me by email ezrad@astrobe.com, call my office 405-275-4030 x 6253 or cell 405-432-0733.

Respectfully,
Lt. Governor DeLodge

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Alicia Miller, AST Secretary

Ho wa se ke sa ke!

In early June, the tribal complex went officially into Phase 3 and we are open to the public. It has been good to see more tribal folks at the tribal complex again. I want to thank all of those who were able to make it out to the June's reconvened General Council meeting at the Thunderbird Casino on Saturday, June 19, 2021, and the monthly EC meeting held on Wednesday, June 23, 2021.

After waiting what seemed like forever, the tribe was notified on June 7th by the U.S Treasury regarding the tribe's first portion of the Fiscal Recovery Funds of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$22,464,864.99. These funds are based on the certified enrolled membership count of the tribe. The EC announced there will be a one-time lump sum assistance payment of \$3,000 to tribal members (application process will apply). The EC held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, June 30th to pass this assistance resolution. The program details and announcement of the opening and closing dates will be communicated to tribal members by newsletter, website, mailers, and social media. There will be planned in-person events for those who need assistance with the application submission. Applications will need to

be submitted by the receiving tribal member, custodial parent of tribal youth or child, power of attorney for tribal member or guardian of tribal member to receive this benefit. Please be prepared to provide legal documents during the application process.

There has been a flurry of activity as we wind down a few of the CARES projects. Finally, the spring rains have subsided where the concrete padding has been poured for the Elders/Veteran's modular building here on the tribal complex. There will be a little more work required for the tax commission modular install and our departments have been working feverishly to get this all accomplished. We also concluded a successful utility assistance program and the tribe had overwhelming participation. It is good to see these programs come to realization for the tribal membership's benefit.

It was the EC's honor to make an official proclamation (during the monthly June meeting) honoring our AST eldest male and female members, Mr. Al Murray Smith and Mrs. Pauline Johnson. They are reservoirs of experiences and insights. We cherish our elders and their very presence enhances our AST community.

We were also fortunate to meet with some of our former AST Governors at a recent gathering. Our purpose in doing so - we recog-

nized they maintain great institutional knowledge of our tribe. We discussed important topics/issues they faced then to which we still face today...such as land into trust, gaming, health, land acquisitions and more. We felt their past efforts have gotten us where we are today and we gained insight from their experiences. This will aid us as we strategically move the tribe forward. It was a good day.

We also formally recognized Mr. George Blanchard Sr. in his efforts to preserve the Shawnee language. For years, he consistently has been involved in language preservation efforts not only within our tribe and with our members but also with our Shawnee brothers and sisters in the northeast part of the state. We appreciate him and all that he has done to date. Ne yi wa sir!

The weather is turning much warmer and the summer holidays are upon us. Please everyone drink plenty of water, check on your elders when there are hot temperatures outside, safe travels for those who travel and continue to be cautious for we are still in the midst of a pandemic.

I hope you have a productive July and si li no ke ka no la.

Alicia Edwards Miller
Tribal Secretary
(405) 287-5247

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joseph Blanchard, AST Treasurer

Hello members, friends and family,

Wow! Can you believe how quickly time is flying? For many of us, it is that time of year for watermelon and cantaloupe; I will certainly be getting my fill before Fall. For others, it is a time for vacations, camping trips, or other outing events. A quick word of caution and advice: Please drink plenty of water to maintain hydration levels and apply sunscreen to prevent sunburn.

By the time of this writing, the Spring General Council will have reconvened and concluded. Do not buy into the negativity or doom and gloom that others have suggested. CHANGE does not happen overnight and many of the issues our Tribe has, have been in existence for several years or decades. I am but one person with ideas on how to improve and make the Tribe better. I appreciate the words of advice and

encouragement. We are embarking on a trail that will be difficult but with your continued support, we will arrive at our destination with proper planning and preparation.

Of the programs and departments under my oversight, all submitted reports and data for their activities. The one which gave me the most concern since coming into office has been AllNations Bank, which I serve as the Liaison. Stephen Smith, President and CEO, gave comments on the Bank and its operations. I thought it was a good analysis and lets us know where we are at in their progress. Today, we have interaction and involvement from the Executive Committee, at a level never before seen.

Last month, staff and I prepared the application to request **American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA)** relief funds. Our Tribe received in excess of \$22 million, which is based on our membership numbers. In April, I provided a suggestion that

we treat these dollars as a grant and spread it out over the full three (3) year time span. The online survey produced member results which prefer the "one-time" versus "annual" distribution. Announcements will be forthcoming on the schedule and timeline. The deadline for the 2nd portion has been extended into July and we will submit once we receive authorization. As a reminder, this will be based off our Employee count, operational costs, and loss of revenue.

Since the Tribe has reopened to the Public, you may now come onto the Complex to visit with your elected leaders. I recommend calling ahead for an appointment, which guarantees you're on the schedule.

Do not hesitate to give me a call or come see me to discuss your issues or concerns. Until next month.

Ne yi wa!
Joseph H. Blanchard

Election Commission

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL MEMBERS

April 17, 2021, General Council passed a motion to allow the Election Commission to reopen the filing period on June 1st to June 10th for the vacant position on the Election Commission. As of June 10, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. the following positions stand after the closing of the filing period:

1. Deputy Election Commissioner.....No One filed
2. Election Secretary.....Paulette Blanchard (unopposed)
3. Commission Member #1.....No One filed
4. Commission Member #2.....No One filed

PLEASE fill out EACH BLANK completely and return by the Deadline.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

I, _____, hereby certify that I am or will be an Eligible Voter of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe on or before August 21, 2021. I cannot physically be present to cast my Vote at the **August 21, 2021 Special Election**, therefore, I am requesting an Absentee Ballot be mailed to me at the following address.

Name (please print): _____
(first) (middle) (maiden) (last)

Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

CDIB#: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

All **REQUESTS** must be returned to the Election Commission by the deadline date of **July 31, 2021**

Mail to:

Absentee Shawnee Election Commission
P.O. Box 741
Tecumseh, OK 74873

Fax to:

Fax # (405) 273-1337 **(Do not fax to any other fax #)**
Phone: (405) 275-4030 ext. 6271
Toll free number 1-800-256-3341 ext. 6271

Deliver in Person to:

Election Commission Office located in the Tribal Court Building

All eligible voters are entitled to vote either at the Polls or by Absentee Ballot. This form may be duplicated for your convenience.

ELECTION COMMISSION USE ONLY

Received: _____ Approved: _____ Disapproved: _____

If Disapproved (reason): _____

Denial Letter Mailed: _____ Ballot Mailed: _____

Election Commission Representative

SEEKING ALTERNATES FOR ELECTION COMMISSION

The Election Commission is seeking individuals to serve as alternates. Alternates must meet the requirements listed in the Election ordinance.

If you are interested, please submit your letter of interest to Election Commission Via E-mail Election.Commission@astribe.com Once we receive your letter of interest, we will begin the process.



THUNDERBIRD CASINO SHAWNEE

SUMMER Splash!

WIN \$1,000

FIVE \$1,000 WINNERS EVERY SATURDAY 7PM - 9PM

Cash Drawings Every 30 Minutes

Get one free entry every Saturday by visiting the Players Club

Earn one additional entry for every 25 points earned Sunday through Saturday starting June 1

Must activate your fun from 5pm to 8:59pm to be eligible for Grand Prize Drawings

SURVEY

Absentee Shawnee Tribe American Rescue Recovery Funds

* 1. Please rank these categories from 1 to 5 (1 as top priority and 5 being the lowest priority)

- Support Public Health Response or its Negative Economic Impacts
- Address Negative Economic Impacts
- Provide Equity-Focused Services
- Replace Tribal Government Revenue Loss
- Premium Pay for Essential Employees

2. Pleaser rank 1 to 4 the **Public Health Support Response** according of importance to you: (1 as the top priority & 4 as the lowest priority)

- COVID-19 Mitigation & Containment (programs/services to contain COVID-19)
- Medical Expenses (to address COVID-19 PH needs, risks by new variants & long term virus effects & post-intensive care syndrome)
- Behavioral Health (new or enhanced services to meet mental health, substance abuse and other BH needs & near and longer term needs)
- Public Health & Safety (responding to PH & negative economic impact requires a substantial commitment of human resources)

3. Please select all those of importance to you for **Public Health Support Response**:

- Vaccination Programs
- Purchases of PPE
- Contact Tracing
- COVID-19 Testing
- Public Communication Efforts
- Clinic Capital Investments to Meet Pandemic Operational Needs
- Support for Isolation or Quarantine
- Vaccine Incentive Program
- Medical Care

4. Please check the box next to the 3 areas you feel are most important in regards to **Economic Hardship** during this pandemic for workers & families:

- Job Training Assistance for Unemployed Workers
- Food Assistance
- Survivor's Benefits for Legal Spouses of COVID-19 Fatalities
- Mortgage/Rent Assistance
- Other, please explain (must be negatively impacted by COVID-19):
- Emergency Home Repair Assistance
- Emergency Assistance for Weatherization
- General Welfare Payment Assistance

5. If you would like to receive General Welfare Payment Assistance, would you rather receive the payment:

- One time tribal member assistance (one time lump sum)
- Annual distribution for the next 3 years

6. Please check the box next to the one (1) area you feel is most important in regards to **Economic Hardship** during this pandemic for small businesses:

- Grants to lessen financial hardship
- Grants to implement COVID-19 Prevention or Enforcement Tactics
- Business Technical Assistance

7. Please check the box next to the one (1) area you feel is most important in regards to **Equity-Focused Services** during this pandemic for disproportioned communities: *Addressing health disparities*

- Community health workers
- Community violence intervention programs
- Cleanup of lead paint or other lead hazards
- Housing services to support health living environments

8. Please check the box next to one (1) area in each category you feel is most important in regards to **Equity-Focused Services** during this pandemic for disproportioned communities: *Investing in housing & neighborhoods*

- Individuals experiencing homelessness
- Development of affordable housing
- Housing vouchers

9. Please check the box next to the one (1) area you feel is most important in regards to **Equity-Focused Services** during this pandemic for disproportioned communities: *Addressing educational disparities*

- Early learning services
- Increasing resources for high-poverty school districts
- Student support for social, emotional & mental health needs

10. Please check the box next to the one (1) area you feel is most important in regards to **Equity-Focused Services** during this pandemic for disproportioned communities: *Healthy childhood environment*

- Child care
- Home visiting programs for families
- Enhanced services for child welfare involved families & foster youth

11. Please check the box next to the one (1) area you feel is most important in regards to **Replace Tribal Government Revenue Loss** during this pandemic:

- Fill budget shortfalls for vital government services
- Revenue loss from tribal enterprises & gaming operations in definition of General Revenue

12. Please mark yes or no for **Pay for Essential Employees**: pay for low-income workers in healthcare, childcare, transportation, sanitation, public health and safety.

13. Please check the box next to the one (1) area you feel is most important in regards to **Water & Sewer** infrastructure needs:

- Create rain gardens using storm runoff
- Construction projects to create green infrastructure
- Improve water quality & address water pollution
- Funds for new water wells

14. Please check the box next to the one (1) area you feel is most important in regards to **Broadband**:

- Creating a computer lab to households without internet/computer services
- Digital literacy training
- Modernization of cybersecurity
- Provide services meeting adequate speeds for unserved and underserved households and businesses. (adequate speeds will meet or exceed 100 Mbps.)

Mail To: AST Media Department - 219 E. Walnut, Tecumseh, OK 74873



ASTHS July 2021 Monthly Update

Why Are No-Show Appointments a Big Deal Anyway?

We are all so very busy getting on with life in the recovery phase of the pandemic today. With the fast pace of life and taking care of our families, we need to remember and be diligent on the important things we learned and valued during the pandemic – our health, and the health of our families, the tribe, and our communities! Patients who fail to show up to scheduled appointments or cancel at the last minute - giving the AST Health System no opportunity to fill the appointment slot - are often referred to as “no-shows.” A no-show appointment results in loss of time and money for the health system, and disrupts continuity of care for other patients. Patients who schedule clinic appointments, and fail to keep them, have a negative impact on other patients needing care, impacts health system negatively in productivity, and not failing to mention the obvious, leaves a medical professional ready to take care of you running idle.

The financial impact is not relieved by same-day appointments. The size of the problem varies nationally, but industry experts state “no-shows” negatively impact not only financially and from a resource management perspective, but also negatively impact the patient experience and quality of life of the patient by not receiving routine medical screenings, preventative oral health exams and cleanings, as well as the other services which we experience “no-shows” for in the healthcare field today.

The American Medical Association policy says a doctor may charge for a missed appointment - or for failing to cancel 24 hours in advance in the private sector - if the patient is fully advised that such a charge will be made. Otherwise, it comes down to a notice to you, your justification for canceling, and if the doctor’s office is serious about enforcing their no-show policy. Fortunately for our patients, we do not, and would not, and cannot, ever entertain charging patients for no-show appointments, as this is not an authorized charge we can charge as an I.H.S. ITU entity; however, it is bad for business and for any tribal health program and although it may seem like a small thing, it actually has a huge cumulative negative impact. If you can help us with this effort, we will commit to helping you, help us, make a better patient experience for you and your healthcare needs!

7 Ways We Try to Reduce Patient No-Shows to Serve You Better:

1. Make reminder calls.
2. Set up automatic reminders.
3. Keep and manage a wait list.
4. Don't wait to reschedule your no-shows.
5. Some patients need extra reminders.
6. Be proactive with your schedule.
7. Have a written policy that is enforced upon repeat offenders.

Please join us in congratulating our July Monthly Employee Award Winners this month! We are proud of all of our professionals and team players, for all they do daily to make our programs succeed and take care of our patients!

July 2021 Health Employee Awards of the Month

Employee of the Month: Monica Green, Dental Hygienist

Team of the Month: AST Dental Native Oral Health Network (NOHN) Team

Special Leadership Award: Andrea Myers, Patient Benefit Advocate



Mark E. Rogers, MAL, FACHE, CMPE, CHC
Executive Director

July Awareness Month:

Park and Recreation and UV light

By: Brittany Mills, MA Public Health

Depression is on the rise and spending time in nature can improve your mental health and physical well-being. Whether you are growing food, planting flowers or exercising outside it enables you to feel more relaxed, improves your mood, helps you be more active and reduces stress. Parks, greenways and trails enable people to live a healthy lifestyle.

Modern life today requires an intense amount of focus that can lead to a cognitive overload. This can lead to stress and inability to function effectively. Being outside in a green space in nature and the visual exposure of trees and flowers calms the nervous system and restores the mind to think rationally. Spending time in parks can improve individual’s mindset for academic performance, work days and over all well-being.

While parks and recreation are beneficial for physical and mental health, they also bring families together to provide quality time and improve social skills. Families can go for a peaceful walk or bike ride along the scenic trails, have picnics, bird watch or plant a garden or grill a hotdog. Engaging in these activities creates families bond to be stronger and happier.

With summer in full swing it is vital to protect yourself from Ultra Violet light exposure. UV radiation is the highest where the sun rays are its strongest, which is at noon on a clear sunny day. According to American Cancer Society an estimated 5.4 million basal skin cancers are diagnosed annually and nearly 3.3 million are diagnosed with squamous cell skin cancer annually. Native Americans get diagnosed with skin cancer less often, but have more complications and more frequently pass away from it than non Hispanic whites. Summer can be fun and relaxing spending time with loved ones and enjoying the outdoors but it is vital to protect your skin from UV light.

There is no greater opportunity for people to feel and experience spiritual renewal, cultivate a healthy lifestyle and create stronger family bonds by partaking in activities outdoors. Since 1985, America has celebrated official Parks and Recreation month and it also represents the awareness of Ultra Violet safety and skin cancer to spread the word of its harmful effects. This month can fulfilled with fun events, healthy lifestyle and self-care at scenic Parks and Recreations; make sure to protect your skin while making happy memories this July.

Nutrition Corner

AST DIABETES AND WELLNESS PROGRAM

Vitamins Have Superpowers

Vitamin A:

- Super Power: Enhanced Eyesight
- Power Source: Carrots, Squash
- Yellow or Orange Colors of Fruits and Veggies

Vitamin B1:

- Code Name: Thiamin
- Super Power: Brain Power
- Power Source: Beans, Fish

Vitamin B2:

- Code Name: Riboflavin
- Super Power: Energy
- Power Source: Chicken

Vitamin B9:

- Code Name: Folic Acid
- Super Power: Making Cells and DNA
- Power Source: Spinach, Asparagus

Vitamin C:

- Super Power: Fighting Disease
- Power Source: Citrus Fruits, Peppers, Strawberries

Vitamin D:

- Super Power: Skeletal Strength
- Power Source: Fish Oil, Eggs

Vitamin E:

- Super Power: Protecting Cells
- Power Source: Nuts, Seeds

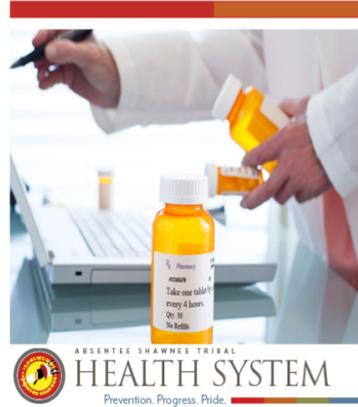
Vitamin K:

- Super Power: Stopping Bleeding
- Power Source: Broccoli, Sprouts

Healthy Balance!

- Having too little of a vitamin, otherwise known as a deficiency, can make us feel unwell.
 - Example: Too little of vitamin D can cause conditions such as osteoporosis or rickets. Rickets is found in children and is when the leg bones become soft, weak and curved. Osteoporosis is essentially an adult form of rickets.
- It is possible to overdose on some vitamins. Therefore, too much can be just as dangerous as too little. These vitamins are typically vitamins A, D, E, and K.
 - Example: Too much vitamin D can cause kidney damage.

Pharmacy Reminder



3 WAYS TO REFILL YOUR PRESCRIPTION

Call us with your prescription number ready at:
 Little Axe Pharmacy- 405.292.9530
 Shawnee Pharmacy- 405.878.5859



Request refills on the go using the Rx2Go app for your mobile device!



Visit our website for quick and easy access at:
www.asthealth.org/request-rx-refill

Pharmacy Refill Requests:

Refills can be REQUESTED:

- NON-controlled medications – 7 days before you run out of your prescription.
- Controlled medications – 3 days before you run out of your medications (unless otherwise directed by provider)

Refills should be processed and READY for pick up after 2 business days (M-F). This allows us time to order medications that may be out of stock. Medication delivery to our pharmacy doesn't occur on the weekend.





Under 65? Apply for SoonerCare With New Medicaid Expansion.

AST Tribal Health System and the Oklahoma Health Care Authority are pleased to announce effective July 1, 2021, Oklahoma is expanding Medicaid for adults ages 19-64 with incomes at or below 138% of the federal poverty level. **Per Purchased Referred Care guidelines, all patients under 65 years old, whether insured or uninsured, must apply for Medicaid Expansion benefits effective July 1, 2021 to help augment the cost of tribal healthcare services.** Help yourself, help your tribe and see if you and your family will qualify to get coverage at no cost to you or your tribe.

Program rules and continuity of care necessitates completion of an annual application for benefits to assure services are covered, even if ASTHS patient is already insured.



TO APPLY:
SoonerCare
www.mysooner.org

WE CAN HELP
Contact a Patient Benefit Advocate
Little Axe Health Center 405.447.0300
Shawnee Clinic 405.878.5850
www.asthealth.org



Working Together to Serve Our Veteran Warriors

VA Healthcare Services at ASTHS

- ✓ Primary Care Medical Services
- ✓ Behavioral Health Services
- ✓ Service-Connected Disabilities
- ✓ Dental Services
- ✓ Vision Services

VA disability assessments and re-assessment exams and VA Compensation and Pension Exams must be scheduled at a VA facility.

Did You Know?

American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans now have increased health care options through reimbursement sharing agreements with the VA, and you can choose to seek care through VA or through the ASTHS Tribal Health System for your VA healthcare needs? These agreements mean more resources are available to support the collective health and wellness of tribal veterans.

VA Benefits

ASTHS Patient Benefit Advocates and our local area VA Native American Nurse Navigator can help tribal veterans navigate VA benefits for which they may be eligible, such as health benefits, disability, pension, education and training, NA housing loans, survivors' benefits, and more.

OKC VA Native American Nurse Navigator:

405.456.3808
Apply for VA Health Benefits: 800.827.1000
Apply for VA Benefits: 855.488.8441
www.va.gov

Little Axe Health Center 405.447.0300
Shawnee Clinic 405.878.5850



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YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A \$0 COST HEALTH PLAN UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN.

Help yourself, help your tribe and see if you will qualify for coverage that will provide you and your family with immediate access to specialized healthcare at no cost to you or your tribe.

Did you know? The American Rescue Plan (ARP), recently signed into law by President Biden, increases and expands eligibility for cost-savings programs under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in the form of premium cost assistance for individuals enrolled in Health Insurance Marketplace plans.

The premium assistance is in the form of a IRS Advance Premium Tax Credit taken in advance of the tax year, lowering or eliminating health insurance premiums for lower-and middle-income families. Signing up for a low-or-zero cost health plan allows tribes to receive reimbursement for services, which frees up more dollars to help those who are not eligible for cost-savings programs, helping Purchased Referred Care dollars go further.

Native Americans must apply for all available resources, if eligible, to help augment the cost of tribal healthcare services.



TO APPLY:

 Health Insurance Marketplace
www.healthcare.gov
1.800.318.2596

WE CAN HELP

Contact a Patient Benefit Advocate
Little Axe Health Center 405.447.0300
Shawnee Clinic 405.878.5850
www.asthealth.org



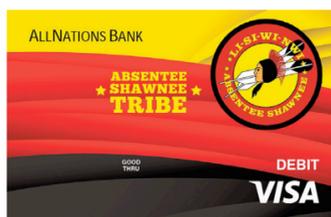
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AllNations Bank

AllNations Bank announces added benefits for Absentee Shawnee Tribe members!!

Last year we partnered with the Oklahoma Native Assets Coalition, Inc. (ONAC) to establish the **Simply Safe Account**. This account makes banking accessible to everyone. AllNations Bank was the first Native American owned bank to offer this account, a certified Bank On account by The Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund. **Simply Safe Account** features are listed below:

- A debit card that honors the Absentee Shawnee Tribe – issued to AST members.



- Low balance to open
- Low monthly fee (**Fee is now waived for AST members**)
- Free direct deposit
- Free debit card
- Free online banking, bill pay & mobile app
- Free online monthly statement (\$2.00 fee for a paper statement)
- No overdraft fee (This is a check-less account. Account transactions are limited to Withdrawals at the Teller Window, Debit Card and ATM transactions, Online Bill Pay, Online or Mobile banking transfers.)

For any other questions about the Simply Safe Account features and benefits, please call AllNations Bank at 405-273-0202. Or go to our website www.anbok.com to download a new account application form and start banking with your Simply Safe Account today!



2023 Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801
FDIC Insured

NOW HIRING

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Roads Program

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe is seeking temporary construction laborers to help create a substantial economic impact in our community and assist the Roads Program with construction and road projects. This opportunity is to provide contract employment opportunities for qualified citizens. Interested individuals must be able to:

- Climb, crouch, push, pull, reach, stand, engage in repetitive motions, communicate, hear and see including color, depth perception and clarity.
- Must be able to lift 75lbs
- Must be able to work in extreme environments including in climate weather (extreme heat, cold, and unfavorable conditions) as needed

General qualifications are as follows current CDL preferred, general knowledge of construction work experience preferred, and oral and written communications skills. As required a valid OK Driver's License, able to pass background check and pre-employment screenings. Contract Labor will be paid hourly with no benefits, hourly rate will range between \$15-\$20 an hour pending qualifications and experience.

If interested please submit a letter of intent to KymberlyH@astribe.com or contact Kym Hazlett with the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at 405-275-4030 ext. 6325 with any questions or concerns.

Title VI



2% milk served daily Menu subject to change

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Chicken Patty Sandwich LTOP/Chips Apple Slices	2 Grits Sausage Patties Fruit	3
4	5 AST Closed in observance of Independence Day	6 BBQ Chicken Broccoli Bread Apricots	7 Baked Zita Veggies Tossed Salad* Cake	8 Salmon Patty Coleslaw Peas Mixed Fruit	9 Scrambled Eggs Sausage Gravy Biscuit	10
11	12 Salisbury Steak Mashed Pot/Gravy Brussel Sprouts Peaches	13 Burrito Spanish Rice Refried Beans Pudding	14 Grilled Chez Sandwich Veggie Soup Mandarin Oranges	15 Pork N Pot. Green Beans Apricots	16 Boiled Eggs Bacon Toast Blueberries	17
18	19 Cold Cut Sandwich LTOP Yogurt	20 Spaghetti w meat sauce Tossed Salad* Garlic Toast/Pears	21 Tamale Refried Beans Salsa/Chips Jell-O	22 BBQ Pork Sandwich Pot. Salad Orange	23 Scrambled Eggs Sausage Gravy Biscuit	24
25	26 Beef Fingers Mashed Pot/Gravy Cauliflower Applesauce	27 Chicken Fajita Tortilla Salsa Pineapples	28 Pinto Beans w Ham Zucchini n Tom. Cornbread Peaches	29 Tuna Sandwich Baked Chips Fluff	30 Cereal Toast Sausage Patties Fruit	31
NOT GOING TO BE HOME!!! CALL AND LET US KNOW AT 405-275-4030 EXT 6227 or 6270 OR NOTIFY YOUR DRIVER				LUNCH SERVED MONDAY-THURSDAY 11AM TO 1PM BREAKFAST SERVED FRIDAYS 9AM TO 11AM		2021

Thank You



Front Row L-R: Johnnie Mae Bettelyoun, Lisa Harrington, Donna Butler, Keira McCrary and Chrissy Wiens. Back Row L-R: Ted Watson, Guy Kowena and Robert Schoolfield.

As the Title VI Director, I am so thankful for this group here so proud of them!!! They have been here from day 1 and Lisa, Chrissy and Keira it's going to be hard to not to see them every Monday starting June 21, 2021.

We are so happy to see everyone!!! Keep drinking your water, wear sunscreen and keep cool!!!

Dos Owings
Title VI Director

TITLE VI ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

During this COVID 19 PANADEMIC: TITLE VI IS ONLY OPEN ON MONDAYS

Mission Statement:

To provide a nutritional meal five days a week to our tribal members and other tribe affiliated members 55 or older who live in the jurisdiction. We also provide supportive services to members.

Requirements for the Title VI Program

- CDIB card from a federally recognized tribe
- 55 years or older
- Spouses of eligible elders
- Complete an intake form
- Individuals with disabilities who reside at home with older individuals eligible for services

HOMEDELIVERED MEALS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS:

Elders should only be on the home delivered meal program if they are unable to leave their homes without great difficulty. Their inability to leave home may be because illness, disability, or general fragility. They may be home bound because they cannot ride comfortably in an available vehicle for the time it takes to get to the congregate site because of their fragility.

CONGREGATE MEAL SITES:

TITLE VI ELDERS WILL DRIVE THRU UNTIL FUTHER NOTICE.

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex Building #9, Shawnee Ok

Congregate Meals are served on Mondays Only- 10 am to 2 pm

Title VI Staff

- Thomasine Owings, Title VI Director
- Lula Bettelyoun, Cook
- Donna Butler, Assistant Cook/Driver
- Robert Schoolfield, Driver/Maintenance
- Ted Watson Jr, Driver/Kitchen Assistant
- Guy Kowena, Driver/Kitchen Assisitant



Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma

2025 South Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801-0381

Title VI
Elderly Nutrition Program

Dear Absentee Shawnee Tribal Members

For many years The Title VI Department has provided gas to mow your lawns. We are updating the guidelines. The Title VI Grant provides gas as supportive services and for us to provide supportive service you must be a participant in the Title VI Program.

Guidelines:

1. Absentee Shawnee Member
2. Must be 55 years and older
3. Must be an Title VI Member, have a current intake form on file (FY-2021)
4. Must provide Proof of Residency (utility bill – in the applicants name)
5. Handicap/Disabled
6. NO RENTAL PROPERTY WILL BE MOWED

As a Title VI Member as long as you are within the guidelines you can put in your application and turn in your applications to the Title VI Department. As stated on the application: Maintenance will only mow and weed eat applicants lawn. Maintenance will mow every two (2) weeks weather permitting. Also, the maintenance workers will not trim trees, shrubs, and will NOT move any items that are in the way of cutting your lawn.

This year we are trying to get an early start on our grass mowing list,

Any questions you can reach me at 405-275-4030 ext. 6227 or email me at dowings@atribe.com

Thomasine Owings

Thomasine Owings
Title VI Director

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Title VI Department
2025 S Gordon Cooper Dr
Shawnee OK 74801
405-275-4030

CDIB # _____

Grass Mowing Application

D.O.B. _____

The Following are the requirements for this program:

1. Must be an Absentee Shawnee Member
2. Must be 55 years and older
3. Must be an Title VI Member (have an current intake form for the current year 2021)
4. Handicap/Disabled
5. Must provide Proof of Residency (utility bill must be in applicant's name)
6. NO RENTAL PROPERTY will be mowed

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe Maintenance Department will ONLY mow and weed eat applicant's lawn. Maintenance will mow every two (2) weeks, weather permitting. Also, the maintenance workers will not trim trees or shrubs.

If you have any questions, please contact Dos Owings at (405) 275-4030 ext. 6227

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ MESSAGE PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

FINDING DIRECTIONS TO HOME:

*DISCLAIMER

Maintenance will not move any items that are in the way of them mowing your yard so if you are able or can get some help in getting your yard cleaned, will be very much helpful in maintaining your yard.



ELDER INTAKE FORM

TODAY'S DATE _____ REFERRAL SOURCE _____

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ MI _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ MALE ___ FEMALE ___ VETERAN ___ YES ___ NO

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

SINGLE ___ MARRIED ___ DIVORCED/SEPARATED ___ WIDOWED ___ WIDOWER ___

SPOUSE'S NAME _____ SPOUSE'S DATE OF BIRTH _____

NAME OF EMERGENCY CONTACT (1) _____
PHONE _____

NAME OF EMERGENCY CONTACT (2) _____
PHONE _____

PRIMARY LANGUAGE ENGLISH ___ TRIBAL ___ OTHER _____

HOUSING ___ HOUSE ___ APARTMENT ___ COMMUNITY HOUSING ___ OTHER EXPLAIN _____

COMPOSITION ___ LIVES ALONE ___ LIVES WITH SPOUSE ___ LIVES WITH FAMILY/FRIENDS
___ OTHER EXPLAIN _____

NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD _____ WHO HELPS _____

HEALTH HISTORY ___ ASTHMA ___ ALZHEIMER'S ___ ARTHRITIS ___ CANCER ___ DEMENTIA
___ DIABETES ___ CHRONIC PAIN ___ HEARING AID ___ CHOLESTEROL ___ BLOOD PRESSURE

PRIMARY TRANSPORTATION ___ Own Car ___ Friend ___ Public Trans. ___ Senior Tran's ___ Family

PROSTHETIC DEVICES ___ Walker/Cane ___ Wheelchair ___ Hearing Aid ___ Glasses ___ Dentures ___ None

ARE YOU ENROLLED WITH A DIFFERENT TITLE VI PROGRAM? ___ YES ___ NO

IF YES, NAME OF PROGRAM & WHERE LOCATED: _____

HEALTH CONCERNS _____

SERVICES CURRENTLY BEING RECEIVED _____

EMAIL _____

Cultural Preservation Department

The Cultural Preservation Department has continued to carry out essential day to day operations to ensure the department continues to function properly. Currently, all staff members are available full time in the office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Gift Shop

We are happy to announce the gift shop is now open to all customers for in-store shopping! However, we are asking that all individuals wanting to shop call and make an appointment with Mrs. Merry Rodriguez, the Gift Shop Manager. She can be reached at (405) 275-4030 ext. 6310.

We have two locations for your shopping. Our Shawnee Gift Shop is located at the complex in the Cultural Preservation building, and our Little Axe Gift Shop is located in the lobby of the Little Axe Health Center. We are open in Shawnee Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and once a month, usually at the end of the month, in Little Axe from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Further, to ensure the safety and protect the health of all, the Gift Shop has implemented the following 5 safety protocols that we ask visitors to follow:

1. All are required to cover their mouth and nose with PPE (masks) when shopping in the Gift Shop.
2. Occupancy Control – for your safety and the safety of our employees, we are limiting the number of customers in the gift shop.
 - a. Only **2 customers** will be allowed in at a time
3. Avoid close contact (Social Distance)
 - a. Please keep 6 feet between you and other customers
4. Use hand sanitizer as often as possible
5. Sorry...**NO** public restroom is available. Temporarily closed due to COVID-19.



We continue to make progress in new inventory. Some of the new merchandise can be seen in the pictures to the left and right. We also have new shipments from such companies as Pendleton en route to the gift shop.

In addition to the new products, we still have a few Pendleton and Minnetonka items on sale. So, if you haven't been in our store recently, please make an appointment and come have a look at our merchandise.



Library

We are happy to announce that we have opened the library to the public! However, like the Gift Shop, we ask that you follow all the protocols mentioned above, and that you call Ms. Casey Wilson, the Librarian, to make an appointment. She can be reached at (405) 275-4030 ext. 6416.

In conjunction to opening to the public, we are still working on using OverDrive to get our collections online, and it will be available shortly. This system will give our patrons access to a large collection of titles as well as access to exclusive titles unique to the tribe. It will allow us to expand our reach and engage more patrons. Please reach out to the Librarian if you have any questions.

On June 14th, Ms. Wilson traveled to CTSA Head Start in Shawnee and presented the program Read for Adventure to the youth. She read them the book "Juniper's Butterfly Garden—A Small Start for a Better World" after which all youth received a voucher, for up to 4 people, redeemable for free admission to the OKC Zoo. We are excited to announce that we offered this experience to a total of 80 families at CTSA, and overall offered this program to over 100 families. To learn more about the program and for a list of participating libraries, visit www.okczoo.org/readforadventure.

THPO

The THPO Program continues to make great strides and advancements. The THPO staff has steadily been receiving Section 106 projects from various Federal Agencies. Over the past month, the THPO Department has received 131 new Section 106 projects for review. In conjunction with receiving projects, 72 projects have been consulted on. The THPO Department has also taken part in numerous teleconference calls.

FCC/TCNS

In lieu of the shutdowns from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the incoming workflow of new and modified telecommunications projects has been steady for the TCNS program. The THPO Specialist, Ms. Ashley Brokesoulder, has been busy reviewing, researching and given recommendations to the telecommunications industry. Over the past month, she has received 117 new telecommunications facility projects for review. In conjunction with receiving projects, she has reviewed, researched and gave recommendation for the clearance of 102 telecommunications projects.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Cultural Preservation Department, in conjunction with the gift shop re-opening, is currently holding a Summer Days Giveaways. For every \$20 spent in the gift shop between June 1st and July 31st, your name will be added to the wheel for a chance to win 4 different prizes. So, please come and shop!

Also, please be on the lookout on the website and Facebook page for a new class flyer. For the month of July, the Library plans to sponsor a ribbon skirt class. For more information, please contact Cultural Preservation.

Your concerns are important to us. We thank you for the continued support of our department as we continue to make changes to our programs to better serve the Tribal community. My door is always open so please feel free to contact me, Carol Butler, at 405-275-4030 ext. 6245 or cbutler@astribe.com.

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE CULTURAL PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:

SUMMER DAYS GIVEAWAYS



CUSTOMERS EARN ONE (1) ENTRY PER EVERY \$20 SPENT AT AST GIFT SHOP. PROMOTION RUNS BETWEEN JUNE 1ST THROUGH JULY 31ST. FOUR DRAWINGS WILL BE ON AUGUST 2ND, 2021.



SHOP TO WIN ONE OF FOUR GIVEAWAY BASKETS!

Layaway purchases are excluded from giveaway drawings. Winners will be contacted via information provided per entry. Winners must pick up their gift baskets at the AST Gift Shop by August 13th, 2021.



Let us help...



**With one of your Cooling/
Heating/Water bill
Through the LIHEAP or LIHWAP Assistance Programs
If you live in Pottawatomie or Cleveland counties
And enrolled with any federally recognized tribe.**

**LIHEAP - Heating / Electric
LIHWAP - Water**



Applications can be picked up at the Social Service Department or printed off the website of the Absantee Shawnee Tribe. For any questions please call:

**Social Service Department
(405) 878-4723
Fax: (405) 273-7938
Email: awilson@astribe.com / NEdwards@astribe.com**

Absantee Shawnee Tribe's Domestic Violence Department



<p>Our mission is to: Eliminate violence in Native Country and to strengthen Native families to end the cycle of violence.</p>	<p>We help with: Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Dating Violence Stalking Sex Trafficking</p>
<p>Our services are confidential and include:</p>	
<p>Safety Planning Emergency Assistance Court Advocacy Shelter Placement Assistance Referrals</p>	<p>Must be intimate partner related violence and the victim must be fleeing the home/situation</p>
<p>Who we serve: Natives and non-Natives LGBTQ2S+ Any Religion Any income level EVERYONE</p>	<p>Where we serve: Because we are federally funded we get to serve all populations within our *service area, which includes Cleveland, Oklahoma and Pottawatomie counties.</p>

*If you are AST and outside the service area, please call our office and we will see what we can do to help you.

Contact Us:
Office Line 405.273.2888
Fax 405.273.1192
Webpage <https://www.astribe.com/domestic-violence>
Link to intake <https://www.astribe.com/forms/victim-intake>
 @ASTRisingWarrior
For emergencies call 911 or AST PD @ 405.275.3200

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Alaee, Brandon Keith
 Albery, Langston Deshun
 Alford, Bruce Douglas
 Alford, Louella Ann
 Alford, Zachary Reid
 Almanza, Marcel Andres
 Armstrong, Robert Brent
 Aschtgen, Ginna Lyn
 Ashley, Skylor Georgeann
 Bailey, Brooke Lynn
 Barber, Kristin Lynn
 Barbosa, Talia Jade
 Barriga, Elias Micah
 Bateman, Willow Shoshana Rain
 Bayliss, Billy Ray
 Bayliss, Katherine Anne
 Bear, Bonnie Jean
 Beaver, Rodney Gene
 Berry, Ryan Jennings
 Birdtail, Mary Evelyn
 Bittle, Lillian Kay
 Bittle-Tsoodle, Arminda Lee
 Blackbear, Tegan Quinn
 Blackburn, Virginia Rae
 Blanchard, Brian Keith
 Blanchard, Clayton Lee
 Blanchard, Eric Leon
 Blanchard, Henry R.
 Blanchard, Jamin Dalton
 Blanchard, Kason Ryan
 Blanchard, Kyerra MaKyla Raye
 Blanchard, Nicholas Adam
 Blanchard, Virginia Adele
 Blood, Colby Lee
 Bogue, Aimee Rochelle
 Bonham, Virginia Doreen
 Bonicelli, Julie Alice
 Booth, Randall David
 Botone, Lisa Lucille
 Bowens, Aarion Tremain
 Bradley, Edward H.
 Brady, Sharon Kay
 Breeding, Hollis Joshua
 Brinson, Nicholas Henry
 Brocksmith, Ethan James
 Brown, Elijah Christopher
 Brown, Samuel David
 Brown, Tristan John
 Bryce, Anita Jean
 Bryce, Jacob Desmond
 Buckley, Brandon Michael
 Buckley, Christopher Maurice
 Burkhardt Sr, Arthur Elliott
 Butler, Donna Ellen
 Butler-Wolfe, Beverly Edwina
 Byers, Marilyn
 Byers, Shawn Deeon
 Byington, Michelle Hope
 Canales, Alexis Marie
 Carlisle, Kamdyn Lareign
 Carlson, Tyellissa Lynn
 Case, Melissa Susan
 City, Leon Keith
 City, Steven Keith
 Ciulla, Tina Faye
 Clark, Andrew Michael
 Coddington, Corey William
 Collett, Savanna Len
 Colungo, Darrell Dean
 Combs, Robert Paul Dwight
 Conces, Arya Nicole
 Conner, Daniel Paul
 Coody, Erin Melody
 Cook, Joshua Caleb
 Cox, Jennifer Renee
 Craig, Kayla Shawnee
 Crossley, Cathleen Danielle
 Cruz Oviedo, Noah
 Cruz, Mr. Cameron Jacob
 Cummings, Juleah Leslie
 Davis Jr., Anthony Louis
 Davis Jr., Edward Leroy
 Davis, Adley Reese
 Davis, Bryar Nicholas
 Davis, Jocelyn Paige
 Davis, Zachary Blake
 Day, Jennifer Ann
 Deer, Derrick Wesley
 Deer, Elnora Levearn
 Deer, Ethan Mack
 Deer, Jaden Brandon
 Deer, Kensington Jaide
 Deer, Marissa Caitlin
 Deere, Angelina Renee
 Delodge, Ezra Manuel
 Dennison, Daniele
 DeOliveira, Shelly Marie
 Detert, Heather Jo
 Dixon, Abryana Elizabeth-Marie
 Doussett, Calvin Cecil
 Dyer, Aria May
 Ellingsen, Shirley Mae
 Ellis, Andee Nicole
 Ellis, Charlotte Lynn
 Ellis, Chet Herbert
 Ellis, Christian Nathaniel

Elmore, Amanda Brook
 Engler, Emily Laiken
 Farmer, Christine Bobbie
 Felton, Zachary Douglas
 Fields, Jameson Alan
 Finch, Lillian Shea
 Foley, Clayton Shane
 Foreman Snake, Amber Lynn
 Foreman, Amper Len
 Fowler, Cheyenne Deneau
 Freeman, Eugene Bryce
 French-Hawk, Tracie Lynn
 Fritsch, Jerod Wayne
 Frye, Williams Scott Thomas
 Gatzman, Darla Juyne
 Gatzman, Vanessa Kay
 Gibson, Alan Gerard
 Gibson, Donald James
 Gibson, Elvis Glenn
 Gibson, Gary Lloyd
 Gibson, Ryan Edmond
 Gibson, Tyler Glen
 Gilcrease, Maedia Jean
 Gilmore, Linkin Thomas
 Gomez Jr., Abelardo M
 Gonzales, Gabriella Noel
 Gonzalez, Memphis Lee
 Goss, Angel Marcus
 Goss, Veronica Mae
 Graham, Jackie
 Granstrom, Karsen Renee
 Greeley, Sarah Fawn
 Gurrola, Daniel Alberto
 Gutierrez, Devin Anthony
 Harjo, Jeanette Marie
 Harjo, Sharon Melody
 Harjoe, Sonja Denise
 Haumpy, Ma-Yia Rahjanae
 Haumpy, Seleah Grace
 Hawk, Connor Evan
 Haymond, Trisha Lynn
 Headrick, Sara Brianne
 Helvy, Alta Jean
 Henshaw, Allen Shawn
 Hernandez Thorpe, Genesis Kay
 Hernandez, Daezi Viay
 Herndon, Martin Clyde
 Herrera, John Anthony
 Herrera, Michael Lee
 Herrod, Jordan Leann
 Hibdon, Konner Brian
 Hicks, Anna Marie
 Hicks, Braylon Angus
 Hill, Chealsie Lynn
 Hockemeyer, Jordan Alec Christopher
 Hood, Dallas James
 Hood, Elaina Rae
 Hood, Matthew Dean
 Hood, Piri Reis
 Howe, Reign Phil
 Hyde, Donovan Russell
 Hyde, Lester Clark
 Hyde, Thurston Robard
 Ibarra, Lya Lynette
 Irvin, Benjamin Raymond
 Jackson, Kyree Dru
 Johnson, Amanda Shaye
 Johnson, Amber Dawn
 Johnson, Ashley Briann
 Johnson, Austin Lee
 Johnson, Debra Jean
 Johnson, George Lewis
 Johnson, Grant Scott
 Johnson, Jeremiah Justin
 Johnson, Jessie Colt
 Johnson, Kyle Dylan
 Johnson, Nikki Renee
 Johnson, Noreen Dottie
 Johnson, Rita Jo
 Johnson, Stacey Lynn
 Johnson, Steven Boyd
 Johnson, Tillman Earl
 Johnson, Velma Jo
 Jones, Donna Kay (Ellis)
 Jones, Teresa Ann
 Judkins, Dyllon Garrett
 Kaniatobe, Karen Faith
 Kaseca, April Eve
 Kaseca, Kanyynn Leiann
 Kaseca, Kevin Lynn
 Kaseca, Russell Franklin
 Keese, Mckinzey Faye
 Keith, Andrew Richard
 Keith, Brandon Dowe
 Kennedy, Lindsey Marie
 Key, Braisley Saranda
 Kickapoo, Christopher Kerry
 Kirby, Lindsay Diane
 Kirby, Steven Wayne
 Kitchen, Isaiah John Lucas
 Krackenberger, Derek Henry
 Krauss-Bates, Chante'l Emily
 Kupczynski, Cora Ashley
 Lackey, Toni Dion
 Laplant, Gemma Nikole
 Larney, Kathryn Jon-Nicole

Larney, Nathaniel Roy
 Larson, Sekoenatha Keegan
 Leatherman, Scarlett Elaine Olivia Jean
 Lewis, Cierra Dawn
 Little Axe Jr., Danny
 Little Axe, Charlie Pratt
 Little Axe, Graci Raquel
 Little Axe, Jerry James
 Little Charley, Louise
 Little, Tony Wayne
 Little, Zoe Michelle
 Little-Sheppard, Zoretta Denise
 Littlecreek, Ephraim Jhames
 Littlecreek, Josephine Taylor
 Littlecreek, Mychal Shawn
 Lockhart, Ann
 Long, Jordan Lee
 Longhorn, Bradley Brian
 Longhorn, Ewell Gary
 Longhorn, Lee Allen
 Longman, Annabelle Marie
 Longman, Ashley Nicole
 Longman, Clayton Dean
 Longman, Kristopher Morgan
 Longman, William Ashton
 Lovins, Wesley Jacob
 Lowe, Wyatt James
 Lowrance, Rusty Haze
 Mack, Felix Wayne
 Mack, Kaenan Dale
 MacK, Malayah Jean
 Mackey, Monica Sue
 Marquez, Quentin Miles
 Marshall, Kalanii Marie
 Martin, Robyn Alexa
 Martinez Jr., Chad Mikel
 Martinez, Alyson Jo
 Martinez, Izabella Maria
 Martinez, Jalon Maverick
 Martinez, Jasmine Nicole
 Martinez, Stephanie Diane
 Masquat, Milania Che'Lee
 Matthews, Amber Mary
 Maxwell, Alex Ryan
 Mayo, Lindsay Destiny
 McBride, Wyatt Dean
 McCoy, Violet Christine Harry
 McCulloch, Erin Corrine
 McGee, Michael Shannon
 McMahan, Jayden Thomas
 McPherson, Erica Nicole
 Merrell, Sean Allen
 Meshqueknock, Thomas Lee
 Michaelson, John Edward
 Miller, Tina Mae
 Mitchell, Chloe Ann Sarae
 Mohawk, Mckenzi Jeanne
 Molenhour, Dylan Cole
 Moore, Miles Thomas Michael Joseph
 Morton, Colette Ellen
 Morton, Darrell Jackson
 Morton, David Arthur
 Nail, Cullen Chase
 Neuens, Kathy Marie
 Nguyen-Rojas, Tyler Van
 O'Dell, Cody Dewayne
 Onzawah, Alecia Joann
 Oster, Sharon Sue
 Pack, Camryn Lorraine
 Pack, Kristyn Bailey
 Panther, Chad Phillip
 Parks, Keelym Damir
 Patton, Qwentis Adarryl
 Patty, Twana Marie
 Pawpa, Sandra Lorene
 Pederson, Rena Little Axe
 Peetoom, Joshua Lawrence
 Peetoom, William Ryan
 Pena, Eric
 Perez-Vargas Jr., Juan Manuel
 Pfeiffer, Donna Kay
 Phillips, Kristian Parker
 Pickens, Teddy Ray
 Pine, Jaime Ann
 Pine, James Francis
 Pine, Kaseon James
 Pine-Chapline, Isabella Roseanne
 Pitner, Sylvia Sue
 Polecat Jr., Leroy
 Ponce, Autumn Dawn
 Ponkilla, Carol Ann
 Ponkilla, Debra Jaclyn
 Pope, Cree Breeann
 Puckitt, Klete Wade
 Pugh, Tiffany Ranae
 Quiroz, Nina Gail
 Ramirez, Antonio Omar
 Ramirez, Ashton Kobe
 Ramirez, Sawyer Ridge
 Ramirez, Tenetke
 Rapp, Amelia Irene
 Reid, Rebecca Claire
 Ricketts II, Jarrod Keith
 Rigney, Sylvan Layne
 Roach, Drew Wilson
 Robertson, Leland Scott

Robison, Caleb Asher
 Robison, Christopher Charles
 Rodas Lopez, Monica Leree
 Rolette, David Grayson
 Rolette, Makaila Lynn
 Ross, Annette Renee
 Ross, Gary Willis
 Runsabove, Wade Mitchell
 Sampson, Brayden Louis
 Sanchez, Kaleho Yosef
 Schulenberg, Esteline Sloan
 Schwarz, Loretta Jean
 Serena, Lisa Lynn
 Shane, Vivian Louella
 Shawnee, Coltin Dale
 Shawnee, Derrick Joel
 Sheely, Padme Leann
 Shelton, Anthony Pharrell
 Shirk, Deborah Ann
 Sills, Patricia Kay
 Simpson, Shirley Florence
 Sims, Vikki Ann
 Slayton, Lester Allen
 Sloat-Starnes, Da'Nahl James
 Smith, Caden Robert
 Smith, Caylea Anna
 Smith, Curtis Alan
 Smith, Katherine Danene
 Smith, Kenneth Lee
 Smith, Lauren Ashlee
 Smith, Leslie Anne
 Smith, Lori Beth
 Smith, Luke Alan
 Snake, Brandon Matthew
 Snake, Gerald Kendall
 Soap, Austin Jay
 Soap, Crystal Diane Moonlight
 Soap, Devin Elijah
 Solis, Allan Jesus
 Spoon, Raelee Grace
 Spoon, Ramona Gaye
 Spriggs, Chanoa Irene
 Spybuck Jr., James Cody
 Spybuck, Morganne Faith
 Stanley Jr., Denny Atine
 Starr, David Martin
 Starr, Sheila Renee
 Stephens, AnnaMarie Gene
 Still, Elijah Noel
 Sutton, Sierra Dawn
 Switch, Kathern Suzzete
 Switch, Samuel Tiger
 Switch, Vogel Carroll
 Talton, Daveon Lee
 Tarbox Jr., Matthew Clayton
 Taylor, Lena Elaine
 Tharp, Deborah Lynne
 Thomasee, Lawrence Cy
 Thompson, Cheyenne Jada
 Thornhill, Taryn MacKenzie
 Thorpe, Cyrus James
 Thorpe, Jarrett Scott
 Tiger Sr., Leonard Gene
 Tiger, Cheryl Renee
 Tiger, Francis Allen
 Tiger, Hermione Essence
 Tiger, Mariah Lanay
 Tiger, Sonya Marie
 Tiger, Stephanie Nicole
 Tiger, Susan Rochelle
 Tiller, Shavonne Lynn
 Uchida, Micheal Gene
 Vasquez, Rebecca Faye
 Vega, Lorenzo Antonio
 Villanueva, Jordan Lee
 Wahpepah, Joshua Gordon
 Wakolee Jr., Brandon David
 Wakolee, Bernard Wilson
 Wallace, Cierra Shawnae
 Wallace, Timothy Scott
 Warrior, Daniel Adam
 Warrior, Donna Carol
 Warrior, Hopawaka'Tepwe Norbbie
 Warrior, Marti Inez
 Warrior, Samuel Norbbie
 Wasley, Brenden Salvatore
 Watson, Brian Keith
 Watson, Jamie Ann
 West, Christian Lane
 White Jr., Charles Daniel
 White, Logan Riley
 White, Thomas Wayne
 Whitebird, Shelby Gail
 Williams, David Arlen
 Williams, Jalyn Anissa
 Williams, Melanie Marie
 Williams, Orin Ray
 Willingham, Deidra Marie
 Wilson, Justin Dean
 Wilson, Marcus Allen
 Wolf Jr., Aaron Paul
 Wolf, Nevaeh Annalise
 Wood, William Thomas James
 Worley, Tehia Jane
 Yates, Katie Ann



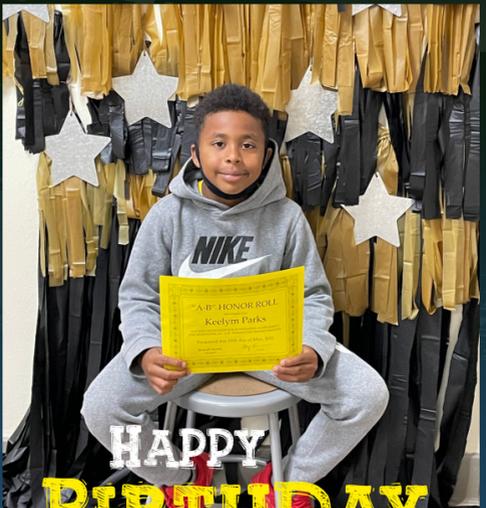
Happy Birthday

Happy 18th Birthday to Dylan Cole Molenhour. To the firstborn grandson and great-grandson. Grandpa and I are very proud of you and your accomplishments. Enjoy your special day!!

Love,
Grandpa and Grandma Felton

Happy 18th Birthday, Dylan Cole Molenhour!
We are very proud of you and We love you!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Lexi & Logan, Dylan Matthew, Derek and Emma



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

Happy 9th Birthday Keelym!!!
We Love you Mom, Bubba and Sissy



**Happy Birthday to my Niece Katherine (Sissy)!!
From, All your Family Members in T-Town
We Love You!!**



The family of our beloved son, brother, father & best friend Victor Shane Lowe would like to give our gratitude to the tribe for all they did for us/him during this most difficult time. We will miss him forever. Thank you to social services, AST Police Dept. the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority and all those that sent prayers, condolences, food, and flowers for our family.

The Lowe, Haney, Winter Families

Former Governors Honored at Meeting



On June 23rd, the Executive Committee hosted some of the former AST Governors at the Multi-Purpose Building. The former Governors' were also presented with Pendleton blankets. The current and former leaders discussed issues concerning the tribe, many of them the same issues the former Governors' dealt with.

Top Left Photo: Scott Miller and Governor John Johnson. Top Right Photo: Leroy Ellis and Governor John Johnson. Left Photo: Edwina Butler-Wolfe and Governor John Johnson.



AST Tax Preparation

The Free Tax Preparation Season has ended for this year.. The tax season started on February 13, 2021 and ended May 15, 2021. We served 132 tax fliers and saved them \$33,254 dollars in tax filing fees. We only had a few volunteers due to the Covid-19 pandemic but the volunteers we had were willing to come and help file tax returns. Thank You Volunteers for Your Time.

Photo: Seated Dena Baker and Tina Ontiveros. Back Row L-R: Gregory Reading, Jan Raft and Stella Little. Not pictured Bobby Stone, LaNora Buswell, Eileen Pearce.

AllNations Bank Awards Scholarships



Pictured L-R: Joseph Blanchard, AST Treasurer, Cindy Sims, AllNations Bank – Shawnee Branch Manager, Coree Johnson, AST Tribal Member and Steve Smith, AllNations Bank – President.

Recently AllNations Bank and Bank President Steve Smith awarded 2 scholarships to AST Tribal Members graduating to help further their education. AllNations Bank President Steve Smith awards Tribal member Coree Johnson with a \$1,000 scholarship. Johnson is a graduate of Norman High School. Congratulations!!!



Pictured L-R: Madelyn Steves, AST Tribal Member and Steve Smith, AllNations Bank – President.

Recently AllNations Bank and Bank President Steve Smith awarded 2 scholarships to AST Tribal Members graduating to help further their education. AllNations Bank President Steve Smith awards Tribal member Madelyn Steves with a \$500 scholarship. Steves is a graduate of Epic Charter School. Congratulations!!!

Education Department

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

- **Academic (PK-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.
- **Johnson O'Malley Program:** assists Absentee Shawnee tribal members enrolled in any of our nine (9) school districts: Tecumseh, Bethel, Earlsboro, Wanette, Asher, South Rock Creek, Macomb, Dale, and Little Axe.
- **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 associate or bachelor 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 one graduate admissions test. This program has funding levels based upon full-time and part-time status.
- **Big Jim Youth Award Program:** annual incentive for High School Seniors for Academic Achievement and Athlete of the Year. Applications are available and accepted beginning January 1st and the deadline for application submission is March 31st of each year.

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

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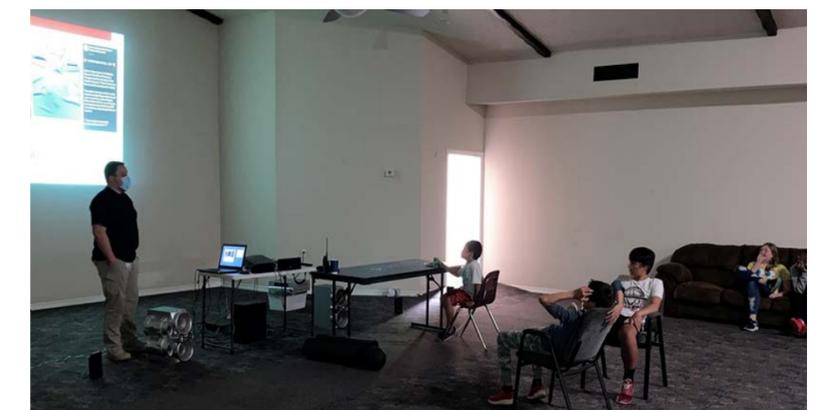
Applications for fall 2021 must be received or postmarked by June 15, 2021.

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

For more information, please call (405) 275- 4030, Ext. 6242 email Tresha Spoon at tresham@atribe.com

Little Axe Afterschool Program

Emergency Management Emergency Preparedness with Levi Walker May 20, 2021



AST High School Seniors

Graduation Stole Request Form

The information you provide below will be used to contact you regarding your form, where your stole will be sent to, or scheduling a time for you to pick up a stole. Make sure the information is current. If your contact information changes after you submit your form notify the Education Department immediately. We will not be responsible for lost stoles, stoles being sent to incorrect addresses, or the inability to schedule a pick up time.

****Stoles will be available on a first come, first served basis.****

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How would you like to receive your stole? Pick up Mail
*If picking up a stole, you will be called to schedule a pick up time.

Required documents:

Verification

- Class schedule: 12th grade enrollment

Tribal Enrollment Card

- Copy (must be the updated card)

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Shawnee, OK 74801
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College/Vocational

Graduation Stole Request Form

The Executive Committee will be sponsoring graduation stoles for 2021 College and Vocational graduates. The information you provide below will be used to contact you regarding where you would like your stole to be sent or scheduling a time for you to pick up a stole. Make sure the information is current. If it changes after you submit your form contact the Education Department immediately. We will not be responsible for lost stoles, stoles being sent to incorrect addresses, or the inability to schedule a pick up time.

****Stoles will be available on a first come, first served basis.****

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How would you like to receive your stole? Pick up Mail
*If picking up a stole, you will be called to schedule a pick up time.

Required documents:

Verification

- Copy of college application for graduation

Tribal Enrollment Card

- Copy (must be the updated card)

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Building Blocks II

July 2021 Newsletter

Our children are excited about Summer. We began Splash Pad play during the week of June 7th. The classrooms each have a day that they get to take the children out on our Splash Pad.



Father's Day was June 20th and the children made special gifts for their Dads.

June 20th was also the First Day of Summer. Remember to drink lots of water, apply sunscreen and stay in the shade when possible. Also, remember to keep in contact with your elderly relatives and neighbors. We all need to have a safe summer.

July 4th is Independence Day. Building Blocks will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day. Have a safe holiday.



July 19th is National Ice Cream Day- Enjoy a yummy ice cream.

We have an employee of the month each month. Sarah-Anne Scott is our Employee of the Month for June. Congratulations!



We are now open to the public and accepting waiting list applications. Please call us to see if we have an opening for your child. We accept children 6 weeks through Preschool (4 Year olds).

Building Blocks is in search of employees. Please call for an application or visit astribe.com. We need Master Teachers, Teachers, Floaters, Housekeepers, and Custodians.

Our teachers do wonderful bulletin boards for our center. They have done several Summer Bulletin Boards...



Building Blocks III

Toddler Carwash



Tie-dying T-shirts and making Ice cream



CTSA Head Start

We have three locations that provide services: Shawnee, Stroud, and Cushing.

Shawnee and Stroud have Early Head Start programs (for children 0-3 years old) and Head Start programs (for children 3-5 years old). Shawnee and Stroud also have a child care program after hours called CCDF.

Cushing has a Head Start Program (for children 3-5 years old)

If anyone is interested in an application they may download one form our website at www.ctsaheadstart.org. You can also email us or swing by one of our centers and pick up an application outside the doors.

If you have further questions please contact the Enrollment Manager Madison Walker at 405-275-4870 or madisonw@ctsaheadstart.org

Also, we would like people to know that we are hiring for our Shawnee location as well. We are in need of Head Start Teachers, Early Head Start Teachers, and Child Care staff. If anyone is interested in employment they would need to contact our HR Manager Sonya Birdshead at 405-275-4870 or sonyab@ctsaheadstart.org.

NOTICE



The Tax Collection report can be found by logging in to the Tribal Member Login section on the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's website (www.astribe.com).

