



"Among The Shawnee"

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Congratulations

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NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Augustine Johnson - Deputy Commissioner

Edwina Butler-Wolfe - AST Governor

John R. Johnson - AST Secretary

Executive Committee



Edwina Butler-Wolfe
Governor



Issac Gibson
Lt. Governor

No
Photo
Available

John Johnson
Secretary



Leah Bates
Treasurer



Kenneth Blanchard
Representative

Monthly Executive Committee meetings can be watched online at astribe.com

Governor's Report

Hello my Absentee Shawnee people!

First and foremost – Thank you for your vote in the recent elections. The votes were somewhat close in the Governor's race and very close in the Secretary's. I was re-confirmed and sworn into Office for the second time on Tuesday, July 7th. Thanks to your vote the tribe has now contributed to its history as I am the first woman to have served a full term in Office and the only woman to be re-elected to serve a second term. I will do all that I can to listen and represent your concerns in local, state and nationwide forums. It is my hope that we move this tribe forward and advance the needs of the people in a way that will promote economic development, enhance service levels and provide for the future of our people.

This month has been challenging to our people due to the extreme heat after the recent storms. We are working on how to better provide assistance and to ensure current issues are addressed.

Recently I had the opportunity to discuss with area tribes about the possibility of a Charter school. This is a long time vision of mine and of like-minded educators and of some tribal leaders. I have learned that the Osage Nation is vested in this effort and is making giant strides forward based on data they have compiled. For us, as a Tribe, to make this happen we would need to look at area tribal support; have studies done to determine the need; see what funding is available; key locations for placement of this facility; have discussions with area schools and getting input from educators on how to make it sustainable and manageable yet offer enough opportunity to meet the need it would be created for.

For those of you that live outside of our health service area over the next few months I will be exploring opportunities with our Health Authority on how we might be able to provide some level of care for you and for your family members that are Absentee Shawnee or live in your household.

The dynamic within the Executive Committee is not certain. It is my hope that the new Secretary, John Raymond Johnson, will help to move the business of the Tribe forward. Twila Parker, the other candidate, who ran for the Office of Secretary had a firm grasp of business, the tribe's financial status and is a long term strategist. I thank Twila and know that whatever she works with and for she can and will make a difference.

I have 23 months to go. I have an Open Door Policy (and unless I am in a meeting, out of the Office or on the phone) my door is always open for your visit and I will be glad to see you. Please check in with my Executive Assistant, Eddie Brokeshoulder, so that we can log your visit in.

Help me to make a difference – stand beside me and Let's Build for the Future (BFF) - united and together!

Thank you for your support and I look forward to working with you to move our tribe forward.

THE ELECTORAL PROCESS AT WORK

The last election had a big turn- out. Great job to all the tribal members who gave a small part of their Saturday to vote.

Did you know that we have 2955 eligible voters, and on June 20th we had 545 voters? As far as percentages, the number of eligible voter participation is 16%. Encourage your family to participate in the electoral process.

Absentee Ballot requested were 133, with 75 returned. Of the 75 returned 8 were ineligible due to: 4 not following instruction and putting both the affidavit and the ballot in the ballot envelope, 2 had incomplete affidavit, 1 ballot not placed in the ballot envelope and 1 affidavit not returned. The return percentage was 56%.

The following chart reflects voter activity on June 20, 2015.

CANDIDATE	LITTLE AXE	SHAWNEE	ABSENTEE	TOTAL
GOVERNOR				
Jeff Gibson	151	83	7	241
Edwina Butler-Wolfe	82	142	57	281
SECRETARY				
John R. Johnson	158	88	15	261
Twila Parker	75	133	48	256
ELECTION COMMISSION				
Deputy Commissioner				
Augustine Johnson			1	1
Comm Member 1	no one filed			
Referendum Questions				
NO. 1 \$50,000 Budget				
YES	137	129	41	307
NO	87	92	20	199
NO. 2 (requirements)				
Drivers License				
YES	183	200	58	441
NO	44	24	5	73
Drug/Alcohol				
YES	182	205	58	445
NO	45	18	5	68
H.S. Diploma/GED				
YES	178	201	58	437
NO	50	23	5	78
SPOILED BALLOTS	3	6	3	12

SPOILED BALLOTS:

The Commissioners do not spoil the ballot; the voter spoils the ballot by not following instructions. The Commissioners only document that a ballot is spoiled.

In the June 20th election we had 12 spoiled ballots for a percentage of 2%. This is a reasonable number. The reason these 12 ballots were spoiled was: Absentee Ballots- 2 had extra marks on the ballot and 1 number left on; Shawnee Poll- 5 had extra marks and 1 writing on ballot; and Little Axe Poll- 2 with comments written on ballot and 1 mark outside of boxes.

Encourage your family to make their vote count by following instructions.

When a ballot appears to be spoiled, the judge and election commissioner pass it to the commissioners who are tallying. The commissioners review the ballot and vote whether the ballot is spoiled and each commissioner initials the ballot. If there is a tie, the election commissioner will vote to break the tie. The judge then writes the reason why the ballot is spoiled and initials. The election commissioner only votes in case of a tie and the judge documents the decision.

All records are stored for 1 year unless they are part of a court hearing. Records are kept in the ballot boxes, stored in a locked cage and cannot be opened without the 2 keys. (1 key is kept by the commission and 1 by the court)

If anyone has other questions, feel free to call the Election Commission office and ask that a commissioner return your call.

The Election Commission will be offering 2 Community meetings in September to review the Constitution, Ordinance and Policy & Procedures with all that attend.

A meeting will be held in Shawnee at Title VI on Tuesday, September 8th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The meeting at Little Axe will be held on Tuesday, September 22nd at the Little Axe Resources Center from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Meredith Wahpekeche Election Commission Secretary

Representative's Report

Greetings Fellow Tribal Members

I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate the newly elected Tribal Officials. Incumbent Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe and new Secretary John R. Johnson both were elected to two year terms of office. I am confident that they will lead through hard work and commitment, with a vision to leaving a lasting legacy of progressive initiatives to move the Tribe forward.

We've begun a welcome to the table approach to facilitate honest, productive conversations among the five elected officials. We will debate change issues and challenge ourselves to formulate policies for the betterment of the Tribal membership.

We feel that we can now actively move forward in a principled and commonsense manner to better the Tribe in all phases of governance.

It is our moral duty as elected officials to be fair and truthful to the Tribal membership in order to preserve the people's trust, to do the right thing in the right way. It is implied in the words of the Constitution and our oaths of office is consistent with that intent to be available to your concerns on a daily basis.

To contact me at the Tribal Complex, please write to Representative Ken Blanchard, 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801, or by phone at 405/275-4030 ext. 6287.

Respectfully,
Ken Blanchard

Congratulations & Thank You Jim Gibson



The Tribal Representative, Kenneth Blanchard would like to congratulate Tribal member **Jim Gibson** on his retirement from volunteer firefighting duties.

Mr. Gibson has 25 years of service with the Little Axe/Pink volunteer Firefighting Departments.

We all wish Mr. Gibson the best and Thank him for all his hard work that he has put in. O Nee yaw way Fefa!

No reports submitted by Lt. Governor, Secretary, and Treasurer

Swearing In New Elected Officials



AUGUSTINE JOHNSON - DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE - AST GOVERNOR

JOHN R. JOHNSON - AST SECRETARY





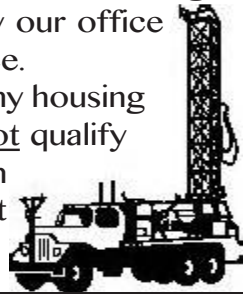
THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & ENGINEERING (OEH&E)

The principal role of OEH&E is to raise the health status of our tribal members to the highest possible level by providing services in the area of water and wastewater. To qualify for a water well and/or septic system, the applicant must be an enrolled Absentee Shawnee Tribal member and reside within one of these six counties; Pottawatomie, Cleveland, Oklahoma, Payne, Lincoln, or Logan, provide land ownership by verification such as a Warranty Deed or Notarized Lease Agreement through the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Reality Department. Proof of income is not required.

The services we provide are: new water wells, renovation of a water wells, new city or rural water connections, replacement of city or rural water service lines, new wastewater septic systems, renovation of septic systems, new city sewer lines/renovation of city sewer lines and water treatment systems as needed. We are not funded to perform annual pumping of septic tanks. That service is considered part of home maintenance.

If you are having water or wastewater issues or building a new home and need services please come by our office and fill out an OEH&E application for assistance.

If your home is under the management of any housing authority and has not been paid off, you do not qualify for assistance. Applications for this program are available online at www.astribe.com and at the OEH&E building.



Office of Environmental Health & Engineering

- Tribal Housing Improvements Application

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

THIP list all applicants by a priority list:

- a. Handicapped/Disabled and Elderly
- b. Income
- c. Family Size/Overcrowded Living Conditions
- d. Condition of Home

Other Programs available:

- Sanitation Facilities Assistance Program

Applications need to be completed and all necessary documents attached before the application will be processed.

Applications are available online on the website: www.astribe.com.

Submit completed application to:

Office of Environmental Health & Engineering
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Complex
Office of Environmental Health & Engineering, Building 13
If you have any questions, you can reach us by phone at (405) 214-4235



Personal Banking:

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Contact Us for Details As Follows:

**Calumet Office - Gene Davis or Dixie Smith 405-893-2240;
114 E Main, Calumet, OK**

**Shawnee Office - Gene Davis or Eugene Stidham 405-273-0202;
2023 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK**

Business Banking:

In addition to our Commercial Checking account, AllNations Bank offers a wide range of products and services to meet today's business needs including all types of Commercial and Small Business Loans; Merchant Services; Night Depository Drop & More.

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Banking Hours:

2023 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK 74801

Lobby Hours 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Monday - Friday

Drive In Hours 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Monday - Friday

Saturday: 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon



AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	 3 BBQ Chicken Mixed Veggies Bread Watermelon	4 Beef Stroganoff Brussel Sprouts Cake	5 Tamale Spanish Rice Refried Beans Pineapples	6 Chef Salad Eggs, Chez, Ham Cottage Chez Peaches	7 Oatmeal Raisins Sausage Patty	8
9	10 Cold Cut Sandwich Lett, Tom Chips Applesauce	11 Pork Chops Mac n Tom Bread Mandarin Oranges	12 Spaghetti w/Meatsauce Green Beans Tossed Salad* Breadsticks	13 Grilled Chez Sandwich Cucumber Slices Peas n Carrots Mixed Fruit	14 Scrambled Eggs Biscuit Sausage Gravy	15
16	17 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Pot/Gravy Broccoli Mixed Fruit	18 Soft Taco Lett, tom, Onion Salsa/Chips Cinnamon Roll	19 Beef Fingers Mac. Salad Steakfries Cookie 	20 Pinto Beans w/ Ham Cucumber, tom, onion Salad Cornbread	21 Waffles Bacon	22
23	24 Chicken Stir Fry Egg Roll Fortune Cookie	25 Hot Ham n Chez Sandwich Pasta Salad Orange	26 Salmon Patty Coleslaw Veggies Apricots	27 Goulash Okra Bread Cake	28 Scrambled Eggs Biscuit Sausage Gravy	29
30	31 Hamburger Lett, Tom, Onions TaterTots Pears					

**Wow, it's Hot now!!!
 Drink that water and keep Cool!!!!**



AST DAY- TBA, on this day we will not deliver or serve.

REMEMBER THE MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE!!!

August 2015 Birthdays

Aguinaga, Joanna Stevens
 Alae, Deena Shabnam
 Alford, Brandon Wayne
 Alford, Donald John
 Alford, Dylan James
 Alford, Janene Flora
 Allen, Zachary Jerald
 Almanza, Favian Dae
 Almanza, Lucy Jeslene
 Altman, Colson Charles
 Anderson, Dakiah Ali
 Anderson, Jared Russell
 Atwara, Hawana Rain
 Atwara, Rae Lynn
 Balch, Tasha Jamie Renee
 Ballard, James Wesley
 Barbosa Jr., Francisco Lazaro
 Barbosa, Natalie Cadence
 Barnes, Alvina Lynn (Wilson)
 Barnes, Jonna Kay
 Barriga, Calib Jay
 Barriga, Dana Michelle
 Barriga, Joshua Deen
 Beachem, Lois Marie
 Bella-Heim, Katherine Ann
 Berry, Michael Wayne
 Bettelyoun, Sonia Elaine
 Billie, Gabriel Lamont
 Blackbear, Kyler Jesse
 Blancett, Tina Marie
 Blanchard, Allyana Danae
 Blanchard, Caileah Ann
 Blanchard, Christopher Ray
 Blanchard, Ervin Lee
 Blanchard, Henry Benjamin
 Blanchard, Jessica Marie
 Blanchard, Kaylee Dawn
 Blanchard, Kenneth Leland
 Blanchard, Leadra Danae
 Blanchard, Luann Delores
 Blanchard, Ruth Evelyn
 Blanchard, Sandra Lynn
 Blanchard, Stacie Faye
 Blocker, Steven DeWayne
 Blood, Jeffery Lee
 Bond, James Phillip
 Boston, Sheila Marie
 Boston, Sheldon Shannon
 Bosworth, Donna Sue White
 Box-Kessler, James Steven
 Bradshaw, Karsyn Marie
 Brady, Crystal Sue
 Bread, Eli Emery Michael
 Bread, Kiley Madison Michael
 Breeding, Taylor Mae
 Britt, Nathan Scott
 Brokeshoulder, Riley Ann
 Brooks, Rosalind Janelle
 Brown, Teresa
 Brown, Tracy Lynn
 Buckheart, Phillip Paul
 Byers, Dallas Landry
 Camp, Sarney
 Carlson, Adrianno McBride
 Carroll, Wessie Carmen
 Carter, Rosa Lee
 Casteel, Serenity James
 Chambers, Diana Lynn
 Chisholm, Anita Sue
 Citty, Daniel Keith
 Citty, Rachel Danece
 Clark, Autumn Marie

Clinesmith, Jamie Lenea
 Cody, Kristen Renee
 Conley, Nicole Lynn
 Cope, Vincent Michael
 Copeland, Matthew Kyle
 Cottrell, Lindsay Russell
 Creek, Kimberly Jolene
 Crowley, Aleycia Nicole
 Crowley, Isabel Deanne
 Crowley, Jessica Ann
 Crowley, Parris Rae
 Cruz, Briel Lashelle
 Cruz-Larney, Fabela Guadalupe
 Davis, Barbara Ann
 Davis, Darrol Everett
 Dawsey, Vera Mae
 Day, Linda Lee
 De La Campa, Ginger Leanne
 Deere, Montana Christian Alex
 Dees, Travis William David
 Delodge, Cheyenne MacHelle
 Dodds, Clayton Robert
 Downey, Sheila Ann
 Drags Wolf, Whirlwind
 Draper, Daria Dawn
 Durmon, Patrick Duane
 Edgmon, Kimberly Ann
 Elkins, David Preston
 Elmore, Braden Lee
 Embery, Lisa Marie
 England, Randall Blake
 Felton, Kai Neal Blaze
 Felton, Wyatt Cooper
 Finch, Courtney Shea
 Fixico, Angela Rochelle
 Foreman Sr., Leonard Dewayne
 Fowler, Sofia Evelyn
 Frazier, Kendell Terese
 French, Joseph Lee
 Frye, Michele Renia
 Galyon (Cochrane), Joyce Ann
 Garretson, Shawnelle V.
 Garretson, Zachary
 Gibson Jr, Roy Gene
 Gibson, Ethan Leroy
 Gibson, Morgan Lee
 Gibson-Hicks, Leila Kay
 Gillmore, Tammy Kay
 Gilmore, Cynthia Jayden
 Goodman, Brandon Thomas
 Gouge, Marissa Janell
 Granstrom, Brandon Thomas
 Gray, Dora Estelle
 Greenfield, David Glenn
 Griffin, Armani De'jour
 Griffin, Corrine Sue
 Haney, Carolyn Ann
 Hanson, Melody Leann
 Harjo Jr., Victor Ray
 Harjo, Jason Michael
 Harjo, Kolbie Lee
 Harjo, Theresa Michelle
 Hastings, Michael Dakota
 Heatley Jr., Abraham Lee
 Hendricks, Rachel Anne Powell
 Hernandez, Alicia Marie
 Herrera Sr., Ruben Pilar
 Herrera, Jennifer Marie
 Herrera, Renee Christine
 Herrod, Lucas Andrew
 Hill, Scotty Lee
 Holderness, John Lennon

Hood, Iyon Joseph Weston
 Hood, Steven Mark
 Houston III, Gary Dean
 Houston, Jacob Lee
 Huckaby, Richard Allen
 Irvin III, William Jetson
 Jackson, Amanda Christine
 Jackson, Josiah Nicholas
 Jackson, Sakyra Maria
 Johnson Jr., Robert Anthony
 Johnson, Augustine
 Johnson, Carrielynn Melissa
 Johnson, Christina Michelle
 Johnson, Crystal Faith
 Johnson, Darrell Ray
 Johnson, Desiree Cathonel
 Johnson, Diana Kay
 Johnson, Nicholas Ray
 Johnson, Robin
 Johnson, Ronnie Gene
 Johnson-Banks, Airen Nicole
 Johnson-Stephenson, Bryon Darius
 Johnson-Stephenson, Marissa Kaitlynn
 Jordan, Betty Jean
 Josytewa, Daniel Dakota
 Kaseca, Lynnlei Renee
 Kastl, Richard Dean
 Katsiaficas, Glenda Joanne Alford
 Keith, Jaime Lee
 Kennedy, Rebecca Lea
 Kennedy, Willie James
 Kernell, Noah Lee
 Kilmer, Gregory Keith
 Kinnamon, Alisha Dawn
 Kinnamon, Dustin James
 Kirby, William Anthony
 Lamb, Weston Bobby Clayton Charley
 Langston, Nicole Leeann
 Larney Jr., Nathaniel Roy
 Larney, Darrell Wayne
 Larney, Santana LaRay
 Larney, Tava Dionne
 Latham Sloan, Stone Tecumseh
 Lee, Christopher Ashton
 Leedom, Daniel Clayton
 Liles, Tammy Gayle
 Little Axe, Angela Renae
 Little Axe, Barbara J White
 Little Axe, Chastity Lynn
 Little Axe, Jamison Sloan
 Little Axe, Mikah Dean
 Little Axe, Panther Sky
 Little Charley, Eldon
 Little Charley, Tyera Nicole
 Little Jim, James Allen
 Little Jim, Lorene Little Axe
 Little, Earl Lynn
 Little, Mark Anthony
 Littlebear, David Allen
 Littlebear, Patrick Dale
 Littlecreek, Cameron Joseph
 Littlecreek, Richard Lloyd
 Littlehead, Montana Dane
 Locke, Ericalee Dawn
 Logan, Kathleen June
 Longden, Marilyn Sue
 Longhorn, Gabriel Allen
 Longhorn, Keith Warren
 Longhorn, Patience Bruce
 Longman, Kirstain Page
 Lossie, Amy Laverne
 Lovins, Jo Ann

Lowe, Trenton James
 MacK, Devin Lee
 MacK, Kylan Cole
 MacK, Trenden Derrick Lee
 Mann, Cecil Ray
 Mann, McCann Allen
 Mann, Michael Ray
 Mann, Stacy Diane
 Marquez II, Felipe Herrera
 Marquez III, Felipe Herrera
 Marshall, Briana Michelle
 Marshall, Laura Lee
 Martinez Jr., Jose Martin
 Martinez, Goodchief Justice
 Martinez, Tecumseh Joaquin
 Masquas, Zariyah Jade
 Masquat, Cheryl Ann
 Masquat, Lindsay Marie
 Maxwell, Darrell Wayne
 McBride, Caroline Sue
 McBride, Michael Andrew
 McPherson, Joshua Alan
 Megehee, Hunter Buck
 Megyesi, Kevin Charles
 Miller, Stacy Elaine
 Miller, Tommy Dean
 Minesinger, Kenneth Scott
 Moody, Megan Marie
 Moore, Amanda Renee
 Moore, Brian Keith
 Moore, Christian Glenn
 Morris, Nikolai William
 Mossbacher, Myles Anthony
 Neese, Krystal Ann
 Nelson, Korey James
 Neugent, Victoria Ann Louise
 Neugent, Zaleah Vee
 Owens, Alisha Janae
 Panther, Jessalynn Rae Ann
 Parsons, Trysten Nathaniel Lee
 Pearl, Roger Allen
 Peetoom, Stephanie Dawn
 Perkins, Troy Dylan
 Presson, Elizabeth Ann
 Puckitt, Ryan Paul
 Ramirez, Angel Renee
 Ramirez, Librado Bryan
 Ramirez, Sylva Loumae
 Ramsey, Tycilla Renee
 Rapp, Michelle Lauren
 Rickard, Keely Danielle
 Ridenour, Lesley Paige
 Riedel, Jerri Annette
 Rodas, Owen Benjamin
 Rojas Jr., Antonio
 Rolette, David Wayne
 Roller, David Lee
 Roller, Susan Margaret
 Ross, James Edward
 Ross, Randall Lee
 Rudloff, Derek Chace
 Runsbob, Brock Allen
 Salazar, Catherine Lynn
 Sallee, Melanie Rachele
 Sanchez, Janna Lee Anne
 Sanchez, Luisa Raquel
 Sanchez, Steven Mercedes
 Sanchez, Trevor
 Schwarz, Shawn Sigmund
 Scraper, Margaret Alice
 Serena, Shawn Lee
 Sevier, Jackson Kyle
 Shawnee, Jaylee Anne
 Shawnee, Lyndell Grant
 Sinks, Daniel Ray

Sloan, Taya Adalya Marie
 Sloan, Virginia Michelle
 Sloat, Brett Marshall
 Sloat, Christopher Douglas
 Sloat, Lorraine Gail
 Smith, Saydi Leigh
 Snake, Amber Larae
 Spoon Jr., Steven Paul
 Spoon, Alexis Cheyenne
 Spoon, Alyssia Shylarae
 Spybuck, Thomas Matthew
 Squire Sr., Kenneth Dale
 Squire, Suzetta Ann
 Starr, Ashley Ann
 Starr, Esella Mia
 Starr, Jamie Dawn
 Stoliby, Allen Monroe
 Strain, Susan Elaine
 Stricklin, Olivia Sayson
 Sullivan Jr., Thomas Lee
 Susko, Kelly Anne
 Swenson, Londyn Alayne
 Switch, Cara Cameron
 Switch, Melpherd Dewayne
 Tallchief, Sierra Marie
 Thompson, DeKaylie Talara
 Thorpe, Keaston James Guthrie
 Thorpe, Kyra Nicole
 Tiger Jr., Leonard Gene
 Tiger, Cierra Alayne
 Tiger, Lily Martha Ruth
 Tiger, Linda Kay
 Tiger, Mary Louise
 Tolbert, Jayvaughn Charles
 Tolbert, Jocelyn Renee
 Tullius, Ashley Nicole
 Vaughn, Ashley Nicole
 Vaughn, Sandra Kay
 Velez, Carol Ann
 Villalobos, Enrique Ivan
 Wahpekeche, Joaquin Noah
 Wakley, Brianna Morgan
 Warrior Jr., Manuel Anthony
 Warrior, Isaac Necon
 Warrior, Lydia Annelise
 Warrior, Samuel Adrian
 Watson, Gregory Doyle
 Wenholm, Tyson Riley
 West, Randall Aaron
 White, Darrel Lee
 White, Michael Brooks
 Whitten, Mikayla R. A. G.
 Whitten, Tina Louise
 Williams Jr, Robert
 Williams, Charlotte Virginia
 Williams, Deana Michelle
 Williams, Derrick Heath
 Williams, Jennifer Lee
 Williams, Kaysa Lyn
 Williamson, Jeanie Oldham
 Wilson, Anthony Eugene
 Wilson, Asa Lynch
 Wilson, Cheyenne Michelle
 Wilson, Debra Ann
 Wilson, Deja Lea
 Wilson, Espersni
 Wilson, Mya Rose
 Wilson, Sarah Madisen Jane
 Wilson, Terry Blaine
 Wilson, Tiffany Michele
 Winrow, Myia Lashea
 Wolfe Jr., Zachary Paul
 Woodward, Anthony Emmett
 Woodward, Blake Anthony
 Yates, Trevor Todd Thomas

Happy Birthday!!!



happy
21st



birthday
to you!

Michael Hastings

We have so much joy watching you excel and becoming such a successful young man! Thank you for being the wonderful son, brother and uncle that you are. You are an amazing

person! We love you so much!

The world is at your feet, go get it.

With all the love in the world ~ Your Family

Happy 14th Birthday!!

Love you from
Paul, Grammy, Jo
and Kara

A BIG
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO MY SON
**RICHARD
ALLEN
HUCKABY**
I LOVE YOU,
MOM

Happy Birthday!!!

Marissa Gouge **14**

Love, Mom, James, Kara,
Ashlynn & Jaden

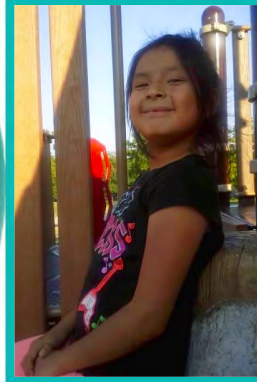
To OUR beautiful daughter,
YOU ARE TRULY A BLESSING



Lynnlei Renee
Kaseca

Love, Daddy, Mommy, Kantynn
& Kanynn

WE LOVE YOU LOTS!



KENSI DEER

Love, Dad, Braelyn, Jaden, Marissa, Makiyah & Brayden



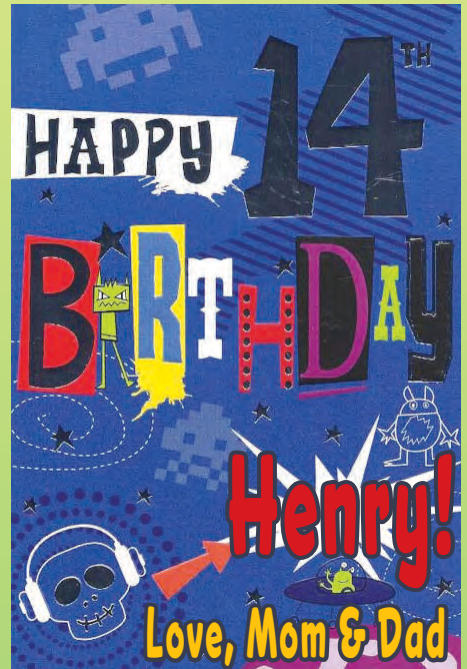
Love,
Brandon & his gang

Happy Birthday



Marissa and Jaden
Deer!

We love you guys.
Love, Dad, Braelyn, Makiyah, Brayden and Kensi



HAPPY **14TH**

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

Henry!

Love, Mom & Dad

The Absentee Shawnee...

5K Zombie Run

Run For Your Life...Again!

Sponsored by the AST SPF Program
and AST Diabetes and Wellness

October 31st, 2015

9:00 a.m.

Little Axe Health
Center



Kids Costume
Contest!
Medals!
Live DJ!

* Only pre-registered
participants will receive
a t-shirt

*5K participants must be ages
12 years or older. Under 12
years may participate in the
walk

PRE-REGISTER for a t-shirt before **SEPTEMBER 30th**

Name: _____ Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Age on race day: _____ T-Shirt Size: YS YM YL / S M L XL XXL Male: ___ Female: ___ 5K RUN or 1 Mile Walk

Waiver: In consideration of the acceptance of this entry I waive all claims for myself and my heirs against the sponsors, cooperating and coordinating groups and any individuals associated with this event and will hold them harmless for any and all injuries which may result from my participation. I hereby give my permission to the media to use my name and photograph in the AST newsletter without limitation or obligation. I certify that I am physically fit for this event and understand the risks involved by participating in this event.

Signature _____

Date _____

For more information, please contact Buster Bread at (405) 364-7298, or Kasey Dean at (405) 701-7933. T-shirts WILL NOT be provided for day of registration participants. Participants under the age of 12 may only run in the fun walk for safety precautions.

RESOLUTIONS

EXECUTIVE

RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2015-32

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

JULY 15, 2015

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING THE TRIBE TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE OKLAHOMA CITY AREA INTER-TRIBAL HEALTH BOARD (AS ATTACHED) AND DESIGNATING GOVERNOR BUTLER-WOLFE TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TRIBE, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of the Interior, last amended in May 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee believes it in the best interest of the Tribe to enter into a service agreement with the Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board ("OCAITHB") to assist OCAITHB in the coordination of tribal data collection, analysis of such data, development of community partnerships, tribal needs assessment, strategic planning and other prevention related activities for OCAITHB's Strategic Prevention Framework - Tribal Incentive Grant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorizes the Tribe to enter into a service agreement with the Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board (as attached) and designating Governor Butler-Wolfe to sign the agreement on behalf of the Tribe, effective immediately.

CERTIFICATION

We, Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Governor and John Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify this Resolution No. E-AS-2015-32 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on July 15, 2015, there being a quorum present, by vote of 2 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Gibson: Absent, Secretary Johnson: Yes, Treasurer Bates: Yes, Representative Blanchard: Absent, Governor Butler-Wolfe's vote, if required, N/A.


EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE, Governor


JOHN JOHNSON, Secretary



Contract No. 2015-TEC-SPF-AS1



Agreement for Services

This Agreement is made and entered into this 16th day of July, 2015, by and between the OKLAHOMA CITY AREA INTER-TRIBAL HEALTH BOARD herein referred to as "OCAITHB," of 9705 North Broadway, Suite 150, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73114, telephone number (405)652-9204 and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, Tax ID Number 73-0772869, "CONTRACTOR," a federally recognized and sovereign Indian Nation, of 2025 South Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK 74801; telephone number (405)878-4702 and fax number (405)848-4540.

WHEREAS, OCAITHB desires to enter into an agreement with Contractor for its assistance in the coordination of tribal data collection, analysis of such data, development of community partnerships, tribal needs assessment, strategic planning and other prevention related activities for the OCAITHB's Strategic Prevention Framework - Tribal Incentive Grant (SPF - TIG).

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR hereby affirms that Contractor is an independent contractor in accordance with the laws of the State of Oklahoma and the Internal Revenue Service. Contractor maintains that Contractor is qualified, willing, and able to perform services herein described.

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR agrees to employ, and supervise the duties and activities of a Tribal employee referred to as the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) Specialist for the OCAITHB's SPF grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, and in consideration of the mutual covenants, proposed, agreements, understandings, and conditions herein contained, the parties hereto mutually promise, each to the other, agree, and understand as follows, to-wit:

1. **TERM OF AGREEMENT:**
This Agreement shall commence on September 30, 2014 and shall terminate on September 29, 2015. "Expiration Date."

2. **DESIGNATED ADMINISTRATOR:**
A. *Edwin Anderson* is the designated administrator for Contractor, herein referred to as the "Contractor's Administrator" and shall oversee the Agreement throughout its term. All requests, issues, and/or concerns including, but not limited to, dispute resolution shall be directed to the Contractor's Administrator.

B. Mr. Tom Anderson, Executive Director "A", is the designated administrator for OCAITHB, herein referred to as the "OCAITHB's Administrator" and shall oversee the Agreement throughout its term. All requests, issues and/or concerns including, but not limited to, dispute resolution shall be directed to the OCAITHB's Administrator.

3. SCOPE OF WORK:

A. **Services:** Contractor shall employ a SPF Specialist (see paragraph 7 "Minimum Qualifications") to provide tribal level coordination of data collection, analysis, develop, partnerships within the tribe, communities, counties and state, participate in the development of needs assessment, epidemiology profile, strategic plan and other prevention related activities and trainings for the Oklahoma Inter-Tribal Consortium (OITC) for OCAITHB's SPF Grant. Contractor's SPF Specialist will also work directly with the Tribal Epi Center staff to fulfill the goals/objectives of the SPF grant deliverables. SPF Specialist shall perform such services in accordance with the priorities established by SAMHSA and required to be performed by OCAITHB and OITC; and shall also maintain the established productivity standards set forth by the OITC Advisory Council. Contractor's Administrator shall have tribal level oversight of the SPF Specialist. In addition, grant workload especially during the implementation period of this award may require the hiring of added personnel to fulfill grant deliverables in a timely manner. A Job Description for an anticipated position must be submitted for review and written approval must be obtained from OCAITHB prior to hiring and obtaining authorized reimbursement. Also note: justification for the position must be submitted and written approved obtained prior to hiring. Failure to abide by this provision shall be considered noncompliance of this agreement and deemed void without payment(s) due to Contractor or obligated on behalf of OCAITHB.

B. **Staff Development:** Contractors for the SPF TIG must be expert in the Strategic Prevention Framework methodology and current substance abuse prevention research. Contractor herein acknowledges mandatory attendance for many Substance Abuse Prevention Skills Trainings (SAPST) are required by the grant funder, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Expense for these trainings must be budgeted and planned in advance for Contractor's staff to attend designated trainings (i) this budgeted Tribal allocation.

Conferences and trainings are integral portion of this agreement and an important part of staff development. Contractor agrees to budget for and provide staff to attend a minimum of five conferences during the contract period including but not limited to:

- National Prevention Network Research (NPN)
- Community (CADCA)
- American Public Health Association (APHA)
- Prescription Drug Conference
- Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologist (CSTE)
- National Indian Health Board (NIHB)
- Tribal Epi Center Public Health Conference (TEC)
- Association of American Indian Physicians. (AAIP)
- Turning Point Conference
- Unity Annual Conference
- NW Portland Health Board's Summer Research Training Institute for AI/AN Health Professionals
- Other meetings or conferences may be required to satisfy grant conditions.

Trainings on SPF TIG specific topics are also required and will be determined throughout the term of this agreement.

Trainings are required to enhance and develop the capacity of Contractor's staff such as obtaining the credential of Certified Prevention Specialist. These trainings are allowable expenses reimbursable under this agreement, and must be budgeted by the Contractor in this funding allocation and agreement.

The Contractor is required to prepare an Estimated Travel Budget within 30 days of this contract execution for review and approval by OCAITHB. Travel expenses for each Contractor must be reasonable and shall not be considered automatically reimbursable. All travel items are subject to review in accordance with the tribe's policy guidelines and the grants policy and guidelines. Obtaining approval prior to travel is highly recommended to avoid confusion and insure reimbursement.

C. Tasks: Certain tasks expected of the Contractor will occur regularly including:

- Attendance at monthly SPF TIG meetings,
- Presentations or updates at monthly SPF TIG meetings,
- Quarterly joint review of Yearly Action Plans,
- Review of proposed activities to insure they are in alignment with SPF TIG goals and objectives,
- Submission of weekly update reports,
- During the first thirty days after contract execution, Contractor shall submit an Estimated Yearly Expense budget for review and approval by the OCAITHB. All grant related expenses, as much as possible, are to be budgeted in advance. Contractors should use yearly Action Plans in estimating budgets. Estimated Yearly Expense budgets should contain at least three major categories:

- Personnel
- Expenses
- Contractual

Travel expenses should detail lodging, transportation expenses, per diem, and incidentals. Because of the large distances involved in grant required activities, mileage for grant related endeavors for staff or Tribal leaders, should be estimated and shall be reimbursed by the Contractor from their Yearly Tribal Allocation budget part of this agreement at the prevailing GSA rate currently 56 cents per mile.

vii. Contractors are expected to regularly update their Yearly Action Plans and involve the OCAITHB in any changes or additions to the plans.

D. Schedule: Contractor shall perform services pursuant to the following conditions:

- Contractor's SPF Specialist shall meet at least monthly with the Tribal Epi Center staff and other tribal partners: a) to determine and define information needed for survey instruments; b) develop, document and review process for collecting and reporting data; c) identify resources and instruments needed to collect data from external sources and evaluations; d) discuss program concerns, recommendations for performance improvement and data collection; e) actively participate in the development and review of the strategic plan, needs assessment and epidemiology profile; f) participate in capacity building planning meetings; and g) perform statistical analysis on data, design and create tables utilizing word processing, spreadsheets and other databases, and h) utilize an online query database system, and graphic software detailing surveillance data. Contractor's SPF Specialist shall submit data to OCAITHB on a monthly basis or as required; and provide information complete program reports, evaluation to meet the goals, objectives and activities identified within the OITC work plan, strategic plan and needs assessment.
- Contractor's SPF Specialist, or Contractor's designated SPF Specialist alternative shall attend all SPF grant mandatory meetings and trainings as required by SAMHSA and/or OCAITHB program staff.
- Contractor shall be required to insure reporting compliance for this agreement.

- Revised Capacity Building Plan - Attachment A.
- The original Implementation Plan is enclosed as Attachment B. A Revised Implementation Plan is in Draft Form and will be made available to the Contractor within the first thirty days following execution of this agreement.
- Will host focus groups (adult and youth) to obtain risk and protective factor information related to prescription drug abuse/misuse and underage drinking. Outlined in Attachment B.

4. COMPENSATION:

- This is a Cost Reimbursement Contract.
- B. OCAITHB shall reimburse Contractor up to Three Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$328,000) subject to available grant funding as directed by the SPF grants management. The amount includes reimbursement for salary, fringe benefit(s), office supplies, approved indirect cost rate and travel expenses for Contractor's SPF Specialist to attend SPF program events and carry out objectives outlined within the work plan and strategic plan, less any expenditures for tribal partner capacity building, including but not limited to a community assessment and focus groups.
- Contractor shall be solely responsible for all the travel costs incurred unless such travel is pre-approved for payment by OCAITHB.
- The total compensation under this Agreement shall not exceed \$328,000.
- Invoices:** As prerequisite for payment, Contractor shall submit Invoice(s), receipts and narrative report(s) monthly for reimbursement to OCAITHB, Attention: Mr. Tom Anderson, P.O. Box 5826, Edmond, Oklahoma 73083. Contractor agrees to include the following information for each invoice reimbursement:
 - Contractor's name, its SPF Specialist name performing work, complete mailing address, telephone number, fax number, numerical invoice number and invoice date;
 - Descriptions of services actually delivered or rendered, dates for rendered services, calculations of invoice total and attach copies of receipts, meeting or training sign-in sheets, payroll and timesheet (documenting time worked on SPF activities), etc.
 - Narrative report on activities accomplished the month prior to the invoice month.
- Contractor is required to submit a final invoice for payment of all services performed within thirty (30) days after the close of the Agreement. Failure of Contractor to submit a final invoice within the thirty (30) days after the Agreement closure may result in the Contractor being unable to obtain payments for services incurred during that fiscal year.
- Contractor shall maintain required records and supporting documentation for validation of costs billed to OCAITHB for five years from the ending date of the agreement for the SPF Grant.

5. DELIVERABLES:

- Yearly Action Plan: Prior Yearly Action Plans run from June 30 to July 1 of the following year. NOTE: The Yearly Action Plans for this agreement must be amended to extend until September 30, 2015. The Yearly Action Plans will be reviewed and updated on a quarterly basis. Contractor is responsible for maintaining and updating submitted Yearly Action Plans. Due: Update for the quarter June - September, 2015 is due 30 days after this contract execution. The 2015-2016 Yearly Action Plan is DUE: August 1, 2015.
 - Estimated Travel Budget Due: Thirty days after contract execution
 - Estimated Yearly Expense budgets for all expenditures. Due: Thirty days after contract execution.
- Develop a Tribal specific SPF TIG implementation plan to include:
 - Implementation plans should be developed in collaboration with the OCAITHB
 - Logic model for the interventions selected
 - A justification for each intervention with particular emphasis on the evidence for selecting an intervention
 - A budget of the cost of each intervention
 - A staffing plan for each intervention
 - This Implementation Plan should be added to the Yearly Action Plan
 - Due: January 15, 2015
- Year 1 Implementation Report: Contractor will submit by June 1, 2015, a report of progress and challenges met in the implementation of SPF TIG programs or practices. This report will include:
 - Status update of each intervention being implemented
 - Report of numbers of youth served or reached by each implementation
 - An assessment of challenges or barriers with recommendations about how to cure any challenges identified
 - Due: June 15, 2015
- Communications Plan: Each Contractor shall develop a communications plan to be placed within the Yearly Action Plan and it shall be included in the Yearly Action Plan. The Communications Plan will include:
 - How each Contractor will address the following types of communications:
 - Print
 - Radio or TV
 - Social Media
 - Word of mouth
 - Newsletter
 - Other as needed
 - Due: Within 60 days after contract execution
- Data Requirements: Contractor will be required to provide any and all data required by the OCAITHB to adequately assess the progress of the grant and the delivery of services. Due: Ongoing.
- All Deliverables are clocked in the day they are received, but are not considered final and approved until approved in writing by the OCAITHB.
- Contractor shall clearly label the funding source (SAMHSA SPF TIG) and the fiscal agent for the grant (OCAITHB) in all documents for public distribution. The exact wording of this notice shall be sent to OCAITHB prior to publication for approval. Due: Ongoing.

All documents, reproductions, articles, records, audio, video tapes, CD, database, etc., related to the performance of this Agreement and used by the Contractor during the course of this Agreement shall become the property of OCAITHB. Audio and Video tapes used for interviews shall become the property of OCAITHB with the subject's consent. Contractor agrees to waive any ownership interest of any kind in said source materials and further agrees to protect OCAITHB's ownership and copyright in said materials during the term of the Agreement. All reports, database software (as long as it is not software that requires a paid license agreement), data, and other information shall be submitted to OCAITHB on or before end of contract unless an extension in writing has been approved by OCAITHB executive director. Contractor shall mail all deliverables and invoices to Mr. Tom Anderson, TEC Manager, as listed in Section 4E.

6. OCAITHB RESPONSIBILITIES:

- OCAITHB will designate a Program Coordinator or Manager to provide partner contact information and to assist with partnership evaluation, online database planning and development of the Tribal Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) Strategic Plan, coordinate activities between the tribal partners, and participate in capacity building planning meetings as requested by Contractor.
- OCAITHB primary contact person for the SPF project is Robin Kinnard, Epidemiologist, and email address robin.kinnard@ocaitbh.org.
 - Monthly meetings will be scheduled with TEC staff.
 - Evaluation: OCAITHB shall evaluate the outcomes of Contractor's services provided herein against OCAITHB's expectations under this Agreement on a periodic basis, which shall not be more than annually. The evaluation will be conducted by OCAITHB's administration utilizing input from OCAITHB's staff, SPF evaluator, tribal partners and any other evaluation tool that is generally accepted in the healthcare industry for evaluating the quality and safety of services provided herein. OCAITHB shall give a 30-day notice to Contractor to make corrections or immediately terminate Agreement if the findings are adverse or take other action as deemed necessary in the sole discretion of OCAITHB when considering the breach in the evaluation of the program, program reports and strategies. Evaluation and performance monitoring shall, at a minimum, include:
 - Monitoring of Contractor's technical skills, inclusive of surveillance and assessment of performance.
 - Review of documentation of tribal data within the online database.

- iii. Review of incident reports.
- iv. Review of results from evaluation of capacity building activities and planning meetings.
- v. Review of data for needs assessment, strategic planning and other prevention related activities.
- vi. Input from OCAITB program staff, program evaluator and tribal partners.

7. SPF SPECIALIST MINIMUM PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- A. SPF Specialist shall be an employee of the Contractor; shall be dedicated to meet the goals, activities and objectives outlined in the SPF work plan and strategic prevention plan; shall have a bachelor's degree or appropriate number of years of tribal health related work experience; shall be responsible for coordinating all projects associated with the SPF grant; shall work with local communities to develop procedures and instruments for the collection and analysis of data used for assessing needs, providing support, training and technical assistance; strategic planning experience; familiar with epidemiological outcomes; and have the ability to interpret findings. SPF Specialist should have knowledge of Oklahoma health data, database resources and be able to work with multiple community, state, tribal, and outside agencies to coordinate and develop grant activities. SPF Specialist must have reliable transportation.
- B. Contractor shall provide evidence of the following minimum professional qualifications and requirements of its SPF Specialist to OCAITB:
 - i. Current valid unrestricted State of Oklahoma driver's license
 - ii. Bachelor's degree in health related field
 - iii. Knowledge of Oklahoma health data, database resources and ability to work with multiple community, state, tribal and outside agencies to coordinate and develop grant activities as shown by past verifiable activities.
 - iv. Copy of resume SPF Specialist to OCAITB.

8. TERMINATION:

This agreement may be terminated by either of the parties without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice delivered to the other party. In order for such notice to be effective, the written notice of termination will be sent to Contractor's address reference in section 2. If this Agreement is terminated before September 30, 2015, OCAITB will pay the Contractor for the work performed prior to the written notice of termination and Contractor shall deliver to OCAITB Administrator, all deliverables created prior to the earlier of the expiration date, or the termination date, including but not limited to documents, records or copies thereof, obtained to date within ten (10) days of the termination notice's effective date. Failure to deliver the said materials may result in Contractor being liable for the costs of recovering material from their original locations unless otherwise protected by applicable law.

9. STATUS OF THE CONTRACTOR:

Contractor and Contractor's agents and employees are independent contractors performing services for OCAITB and are not employees. Nothing herein shall be construed to create an employer-employee relationship between the parties. It is understood that OCAITB will not withhold any amounts for payments of taxes from the compensation of Contractor, that Contractor will not accrue benefits of any sort and that Contractor will be solely responsible to pay all applicable taxes from said payments, including payments owed to Contractor's employees and agents.

10. ASSIGNMENT:

Contractor shall not assign or transfer any interest in this Agreement or assign any claims for money due or to become due under this Agreement.

11. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Contractor warrants that Contractor presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of services required under this Agreement.

12. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES:

Contractor shall be responsible for providing any required professional insurance, loss payable insurance, and payment of applicable taxes on compensation paid to their employees. Contractor shall make no representations, warranties or commitments binding OCAITB without prior written consent.

13. INDEMNIFICATION:

To the extent permitted under applicable law Contractor shall hold harmless OCAITB, from and against any and all liability, claims, suits, demands, losses, damages, costs, and/or expenses caused by, arising out of, or resulting from any negligent or willful act or omission of Contractor, or its employees or agents, incurred while Contractor is engaged in activities arising out of this Agreement and in the extent proximately caused by the negligent or willful acts or omissions of Contractor, or its employees or agents in the performance of such activities.

14. CONFIDENTIALITY:

In the course of performing services, the parties recognize Contractor may come in contact with or become familiar with information which OCAITB may consider confidential. This information may include, but is not limited to, information pertaining to all patient health information. Contractor agrees to keep all such information confidential and not to discuss or divulge it to anyone other than the appropriate personnel or their designees within the OCAITB unless otherwise required by law. Services under this Agreement are to be performed in accordance with the requirements and provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) (P.L. 104-191, as amended) the Privacy Act (P.L. 93-579, as amended) HITECH of 2009, and all applicable laws and regulations.

15. ENTIRETIES:

This agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous written or oral agreements between them.

16. AMENDMENTS:

No amendment, extension or change of the Agreement shall be binding unless in writing and signed by both parties.

17. SEVERABILITY:

If any provision contained in this Agreement is held for any reason to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be impaired thereby.

18. WAIVERS AND GOVERNING LAW:

The parties will use their best efforts to amicably resolve any dispute. Both parties recognize, respect and accept the fact that under applicable laws each is governed by a separate sovereign with dominion over their respective territories and governments. By entering into this contractual relationship, neither the Contractor nor OCAITB has, in any way, caused the other's sovereignty to be diminished.

19. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, PROPOSED DEBARMENT AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS:

Contractor certifies to the best of Contractor's knowledge and belief that neither Contractor, nor any of Contractor's principals, are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any federal, state, local, or tribal agency. Contractor also certifies to the best of Contractor's knowledge and belief that Contractor nor any of Contractor's principals has not, within a five-year period preceding this Agreement, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against Contractor, nor any of Contractor's principals for commission of a fraud or criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, local or tribal) contract or subcontract; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes relative to submission of offers or commissions or embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsifications or destruction of records and/or making false statements; and is not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in this provision. Contractor certifies neither it nor any of Contractor's principals has not within a five-year period preceding this Agreement, had one or more contracts terminated for default by a federal, state, local, or tribal agency.

20. BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION:

By entering into this Agreement, Contractor does hereby attest that Contractor's SPF Specialist or its other employees or agents who work under this Agreement has no criminal convictions or criminal history, which would prevent Contractor's SPF Specialist or its other employees or agents who work under this Agreement, from having direct contact with and

Amendment #1

1. This amendment (the "Amendment") is made by the Oklahoma City Area Inter Tribal Health Board and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, parties to the agreement dated December, 31, 2014 (the "Agreement").

The Agreement is amended by the addition of three parts as follows:

- a. To the Agreement as a whole, "The contractor shall not assign or subcontract a contract to any vendor, or enter into any capital expenditure of over \$5,000 without prior written approval of the OCAITB."
- b. In Section 5, Part C after, "Estimated Yearly Expense budgets" add the words "and Budget Narrative".
- c. In Section 3, Part C, vi after "shall submit an Estimated Yearly Expense budget" add the words "and Budget Narrative".

2. The Amendment shall be effective on the date it is signed by both parties.

3. Except as set forth in this Amendment, the Agreement is unaffected and shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with its terms. If there is conflict between this amendment and the Agreement or any earlier amendment, the terms of this amendment will prevail.

IN WITNESS of the foregoing, the parties signing below accepts and agrees to the terms of this Amendment.

CONTRACTOR:

Edwina Butler-Wolfe Date: July 16, 2015
First and last names
Title

OCAITB:

Tom Anderson Date: Jan 6, 2015
Mr. Tom Anderson, Director, Oklahoma Area
Tribal Epidemiology Center, for Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board

EXECUTIVE

RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2015-33

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

JULY 15, 2015

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA HEREBY REMOVING ANY AND ALL PREVIOUSLY RECOGNIZED SIGNATORIES AND/OR PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED AND NOW FORMER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AS SIGNATORIES TO ALL BANK ACCOUNTS, ALL INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LPL FINANCIAL (LINSICO PRIVATE LEDGER) AND MERRILL LYNCH, AND ALL BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS ACCOUNTS FOR THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA AND HEREBY AUTHORIZING THE FOLLOWING SITTING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AS AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES TO SAID ACCOUNTS TO INCLUDE SOLELY: LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ISAAC GIBSON JR., SECRETARY JOHN R. JOHNSON, TREASURER LEAH BATES AND REPRESENTATIVE KENNETH BLANCHARD, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from the time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the U.S. Department of the Interior, last amended May 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe authorizes all checks be signed by use of any two signatures as an internal function and the financial institutions are not expected to monitor activity that would ensure two signatures required; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby removes any and all previously recognized signatories and/or previously authorized and now former Executive Committee members as signatories to all bank accounts, all investment accounts including, but not limited to, LPL Financial (Linsico Private Ledger) and Merrill Lynch, and all Bureau of Indian Affairs accounts for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma and hereby authorizes solely the following sitting Executive Committee members as signatories to said accounts to include: Lieutenant Governor Isaac Gibson Jr., Secretary John R. Johnson, Treasurer Leah Bates and Representative Kenneth Blanchard, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

CERTIFICATION

We, Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Governor and John R. Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify this Resolution No.-E-AS-2015-33 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on July 15, 2015, there being a quorum present, by vote of 2 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstention, as follows: Lt. Governor Gibson: Absent, Secretary Johnson: Yes, Treasurer Bates: Yes, Representative Blanchard: Absent, Governor Butler-Wolfe's vote, if required, N/A.

Edwina Butler-Wolfe
EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE, Governor

John R. Johnson
JOHN R. JOHNSON, Secretary



LEGISLATIVE

RESOLUTION NO. L-AS-2015-3

**ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

July 15, 2015

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA APPROVING THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE 2015 PROBATE BUDGET INTO THE 2015 REALTY BUDGET FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2015 CALENDAR YEAR, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial, and

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of Interior, last amended in May 2011, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility of the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority, and

WHEREAS, the Realty Department is required to perform its necessary functions in accordance with Federal Law, codified in 25 CFR, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee has determined it to be in the best interest of the Tribe to consolidate the 2015 Probate budget into the 2015 Realty budget for the remainder of the 2015 calendar year in order for the Realty Department to better service the Absentee Shawnee tribal membership.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby approves the consolidation of the 2015 Probate budget into the 2015 Realty budget for the remainder of the 2015 calendar year, effective immediately.

CERTIFICATION

We, Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Governor and John Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify this Resolution No.-L-AS-2015-03 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on July 15, 2015, there being a quorum present, by vote of 2 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Gibson: Absent, Secretary Johnson: Yes, Treasurer Bates: Yes, Representative Blanchard: Absent, Governor Butler-Wolfe's vote, if required, N/A.

Edwina Butler-Wolfe
EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE, Governor

John Johnson
JOHN JOHNSON, Secretary



ELDERS MEETING

**August 15th
Brendle Corner**

**BINGO-\$20 buy in
11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

**Snack bar will be in place
with items for sale.**

PUBLIC WELCOME

FY-2015
YTD TAX COLLECTIONS
(thru 6/30/15)

RUN DATE:
07/14/15

TAX CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	% OF TAXES COLLECTED
Sales (6%)	\$1,309.86	\$98.49	\$32,618.91	\$119.48	\$12,469.19	\$6,240.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$52,856.32	3.50%
Gaming % of free cash	\$164,284.00	\$150,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$265,798.00	\$200,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,280,082.00	84.86%
Employee (1%)	\$41.05	\$0.00	\$11,691.21	\$0.00	\$11,597.06	\$36,303.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$59,632.56	3.95%
Severance (8%)	\$7,199.15	\$756.29	\$5,251.65	\$4,449.01	\$5,411.85	\$5,533.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,601.23	1.90%
Motor Vehicle	\$11,660.98	\$16,042.65	\$16,645.60	\$16,196.66	\$10,223.79	\$15,487.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$86,257.28	5.72%
Tobacco Refund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL TAXES	\$184,495.04	\$166,897.43	\$316,207.37	\$286,563.15	\$239,701.89	\$313,564.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,507,429.39	\$1,507,429.39
Miscellaneous	\$305.00	\$125.00	\$120.00	\$182.50	\$92.50	\$145.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$970.00	0.06%
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$184,800.04	\$167,022.43	\$316,327.37	\$286,745.65	\$239,794.39	\$313,709.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,508,399.39	100%

FROM THE ELECTION COMMISSION

**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE ELECTION COMMISSION
OFFICIAL RECOUNT RESULTS
RUN OFF ELECTION JUNE 20, 2015**

This is to announce the **OFFICIAL** results of the June 20, 2015 Run Off Election for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. This election was held on the above date pursuant on the Tribal Constitution and the Election Ordinance. All votes were counted at the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

GOVERNOR (2 Year Term)

Jeff Gibson 241 Votes
Edwina Butler-Wolfe 281 Votes

certified July 2, 2015 mw

SECRETARY (2 Year Term)

John Raymond Johnson 261 Votes
Twila Parker 256 Votes

*261 certified July 2, 2015 mw
256*

ELECTION COMMISSION

Deputy Commissioner (3 Year Term)

Augustine Johnson (unopposed) 1 Votes

certified June 26, 2015 mw

Commission Member #1 (3 Year Term)

No One Filed

REFERENDUM QUESTIONS

Question #1 Election Commission Budget 307 YES 199 NO

certified June 26, 2015 mw

Question #2 Additional Requirements for Elective Office

Valid Oklahoma Driver's License 441 YES 73 NO
Negative Drug & Alcohol Test 445 YES 68 NO
High School Diploma/GED 437 YES 78 NO

*certified June 26, 2015 mw
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certified June 26, 2015 mw*

We, the Officials are responsible for declaring the above election results, do hereby claim the above statements are true and correct to the best of our knowledge.

[Signature]
Election Commissioner
[Signature]
Deputy Commissioner
[Signature]
Election Secretary

[Signature]
Acting Commission Member #1
[Signature]
Commission Member #2
[Signature]
Tribal Judge

Date: July 2, 2015

SCENES FROM TEC POW WOW





NOTICE OF FARMING AND GRAZING LEASE SALE TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 2, 2015

(Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs)

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
2025 SOUTH GORDON COOPER DRIVE
SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA 74801-9381

INVITATION TO BID

An advertised lease sale of Farming and Grazing leases on trust or restricted Indian Land to be conducted under provisions of Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 162 – Leasing and Permitting.

SEALED BIDS, for Farming and Grazing Leases on the following described tracts of land will be received in the office of the Realty Department until **10:00 AM September 2, 2015**. All bids received up to the hour of the sale will be opened at the time of the sale and leases awarded to qualified bidders offering the highest annual consideration, if such bids are deemed adequate and are acceptable. On a tract receiving only one bid, the bidder will be given one opportunity to improve the bid.

All bids must be enclosed in separate envelopes and plainly marked, **“SEALED BID ON FARMING AND GRAZING LEASE SALE, TO BE OPENED AT 10:00 AM September 2, 2015”**. Mail all sealed bids to:

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Attention: Realty Department
2025 South Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801-9381

All bids are subject to acceptance and approval of the contract by the Realty Director. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and to disapprove and reject prior to approval, any lease made on an accepted bid. Past compliance issues and/or history of delinquent payments by bidders will be considered in award of the bid.

IMPORTANT TERMS

1. The lease will run for a period of five (5) years from January 1, unless otherwise specified and determined by the Realty Department. **ALL LANDS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR THE HIGHEST ANNUAL CONSIDERATION, MINOR IMPROVEMENT PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED A PART OF THE BID. THE ONLY IMPROVEMENTS WHICH CAN BE CONSIDERED ARE NEW BOUNDARY LINE FENCES, CONSTRUCTED WITH ALL NEW MATERIALS, AND MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS RECOGNIZED AS NEEDED BY THE LAND OPERATIONS PERSONNEL.**
2. Oral auction minimum bid increases accepted in increments of \$50.00.
3. On those tracts on which an undivided restricted interest is offered for lease, bids will be accepted and considered for leases on the undivided restricted interest only. The prospective lessee will be responsible for arranging payment to those owners of undivided unrestricted interests or fee interest.
4. A cancellation clause shall be made on the Lease agreement on all tracts receiving an offer less than One (1) year lease period. Such clause shall read as follows: **“it is hereby agreed and understood that this lease will expire under its own terms on the last day of the annual year following the year in which the land is advertised for sale, provided it sells as a result of the advertisement, otherwise, this lease is to remain in full force and effect.”**
5. **The leases will convey Farming and Grazing rights, ONLY**, subject to the reserved rights of lessor to grant business, oil and gas lease, right-of-way, and other legal grants as provided in the prescribed lease forms. **HUNTING, FISHING AND WOODCUTTING RIGHTS ARE RESERVED BY THE INDIAN LANDOWNER(S) AND ARE NOT PART OF THE LEASE.**
6. Leases approved pursuant to this office, will be executed and granted by the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, unless otherwise indicated. The Indian owners of the particular allotment involved will not be signatory parties to the lease as the approving official's signature granting the lease pursuant to Congressional Authority will adequately convey and lease the respective Indian owner's interest.
7. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory surety bond in a sum not less than one year's rental and other provided charges as determined by the Realty Department.
8. The successful bidder may be required to provide insurance in an amount adequate to protect any improvement on the leased premises.
9. The Additional Lease Requirements, Revised 1976 (SMC Stipulations Sheet) will be executed and made a part of the lease. Interested bidders are encouraged to confer with Land Operations personnel relative to the land/use or conservation programs.

10. Prior to the approval of any lease contract a non-refundable filing fee based on the amount of annual rental will be required on each lease. The fee will be 3% of the annual rental payable, including any percentage based rent that can be easily estimated. The minimum filing fee is \$10.00 and not more than \$500.00
11. Bids must be submitted on the Lease Bid Sheet which is attached and can be copied.
12. No deposit is required with the bid.
13. The lease must be drawn on the Approved Departmental form, a sample copy of which may be inspected upon request. The successful bidder shall complete and return the lease and all supportive papers **within 15 days** from receipt of the lease forms and Notice of Approval of Bid, together with the filing fee (made payable to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe).
14. Rentals are due and payable to the **Bureau of Indian Affairs** (by money order, cashiers check or certified check only) to the lockbox on or before January 1, of each year unless an approved lease modification provides for a change in the schedule of payment. All payments mailed to the lockbox must include the payment invoice. Contact the Realty Office for any payment invoice not received by December 1 of each year of the lease terms.
15. In the event of a tie between bidders the Realty Staff will take into consideration the itemized major improvements prior to awarding the lease. In the event of no itemized major improvements by both bidders the Director reserves the right to enter into oral auction between tied parties or request tied parties to re-submit sealed bids at the time of the sale. Bidders will have a time frame of two (2) weeks to notify this office to increase their bid.

NOTE: Farming and Grazing leases are accepted and approved for specific purposes. Without prior consent of the property owner and approval by the Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern Plains Regional Office, TIMBER CUTTING, HUNTING & FISHING, DUMPING OF TRASH, SUBLEASING, ETC., IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. Leases taken under this advertisement will expire under its own terms on the last day of the annual year following the year in which the lands is advertised for sale provided it sells as a result of the advertisement.

ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE THE DAY OF THE SALE WILL SUPERSEDE ANY INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS ADVERTISEMENT.

Further information concerning this advertisement may be obtained by calling or writing to the: Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Attn: Realty Department, 2025 South Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801-9318, telephone number: (405) 275-4030.

Absentee Shawnee Allotments Lease for 2015							
Tract			Sec./Twnshp	ACRES			
No.	Allotment #	Allt. Name	& Range	Gross	Net	County	Legal Description
1	820 S156	Cinda Emma Spybuck	14-10N-3E	26.25	26.25	Pottawatomie	N SE SW SW, N SW SW, Lot 99 SE SE SW SW
2	820 418	Billy White	28-9N-1E	143.93	119.40	Cleveland	N SE, Lot 99 S SE
3	820 510	John Mack	24-9N-1E	320.00	292.22	Cleveland	NE SE
4	820 518	Titus McCoy	1-9N-1W	67.72	67.72	Cleveland	SE NE SE, W NE SE, Lot 3 NW SE
5	820 31	Anna Barone	30-9N-4E	78.15	#DIV/0!	Pottawatomie	Lot 1(NWNW)=38.15 acres & NE/4 NW/4,
6	820 45	Mrs. Charles Lewis	26-11N-4E	40.00	#DIV/0!	Pottawatomie	SE SE
7	820 178-B	William Cherokee	22-11N-2E	25.00	#DIV/0!	Pottawatomie	S SE SE & E SE SW SE,
8	820 285	Walahpease	7-9N-5E	77.50	#DIV/0!	Pottawatomie	NW SW & N SW SW & SE SW SW & E SW SW SW & E W SW SW SW
9	820 322	Lilly Foreman	30-09N-4E	40.00	#DIV/0!	Pottawatomie	NE SW
10	820 381	Joe French	35-9N-1E	160.00	152.92	Cleveland	SW/4
11	820 425	Bob White	22-9N-1E	320.00	266.66	Cleveland	W
12	820 475	Mo-se-to-pea-se	1-9N-1E	80.00	79.56	Cleveland	W SW
13	820 477	Chah-ko-che-pea-se	1-9N-1E	80.00	#DIV/0!	Cleveland	Lot 1 (NENE) = 40.00 acres & SE/4 NE/4
14	820 479	Holayaseka	1-9N-1E	40.00	#DIV/0!	Cleveland	Lot 3 (NENW) of NW/4
15	820 483-A	Pah-Kah-Nay-/Pecan	13-9N-1E	240.00	240.00	Cleveland	N/2 NE/4 & N/2 S/2 NE/4 & N/2 NW/4 & N/2 S/2 NW/4
16	820 509	Jeanne Go-do-pea-se	17-9N-1E	80.00	80.00	Cleveland	N NE

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 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 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. Deadline for application submission is March 31st of each year.

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

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. 6242 or 1-800-256-3341 or email to tresham@astribe.com.

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION EUFAULA DORMITORY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

Enrollment date for approved students will be Tuesday and Wednesday, August 11-12, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Classes begin on Thursday, August 13, 2015. Openings are available for 1st - 12th grade students.

Eufaula Dormitory is a five (5) day residential program for Native American students. Our students are taken to a designated bus stop location in their area on Friday evening and picked up at the same location on Sunday afternoon. Eufaula Dormitory offers a structured environment with supplementary services such as tutoring, behavioral and academic counseling, library and computer-learning resource center, and recreational activities. All new students are required to have:

- CDIB
- Jr State Certified Birth Certificate
- * Social Security Card
- * Updated Immunization Record
- Physical for all new students
- Jr Transcript/Report Cards from Previous School Year (mandatory)
- * Insurance Card (front and back copy), Medicaid or Sooner Care Card

Parents of returning students must call for an enrollment packet; it is mandatory for grades 6-12 to have a physical prior to enrolling if they are planning to participate in any school activity and/or sports.

For further information you may write to the following address: Muscogee (Creek) Nation Eufaula Dormitory, 716 Swadley Drive, Eufaula, OK 74432 or contact the Administration Office at 1-800-896-3181 or 918-689-2522.

CTSA Early Childhood Center

is seeking to hire a part-time
NUTRITION TECHNICIAN
for our Shawnee Location

The Nutrition Tech will provide support to the Lead Nutrition Tech, including dish washing, cleaning, serving and basic meal preparation.

Must be at least 18 years of age

Must have a high school diploma or equivalent

Must pass background investigation for licensed child care programs

Previous experience is preferred

Food handlers certification is a plus

All applications accepted with preference given to *qualified* Native Americans and current/former HS/EHS parents

Apply today:

Applications accepted until position is filled

Employment Applications can be downloaded at:

www.ctsaheadstart.org (click on Forms)

or picked up at:

1535 North McKinley Avenue, Shawnee OK 74801

CTSA is an Equal Opportunity Employer

CTSA Early Childhood Center

is seeking to hire a full-time
Early Head Start Teacher
for our Shawnee Location

An Early Head Start teacher provides educational experiences to infants/toddlers in a classroom setting, using developmentally appropriate practices.

Early Head Start Teacher Minimum Requirements:

- Infant/Toddler CDA Credential or Certificate of Mastery in CD
- Previous work experience with young children
- Pass background investigation for licensed child care programs

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TRIBAL STUDENT ATTENDS OKLAHOMA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY SUMMER CAMP



Gabriel Fife, an enrolled Absentee Shawnee tribal member, attended the Oklahoma Baptist University (OBU) Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) Summer Camp July 6 through 17, 2015. This was a two week day camp. Students learned about various career paths in STEM area's such as robotics, engineering and computer programming. The camp developed leadership skills and self-esteem while students learned the value of teamwork for academic college-readiness.

Gabriel will be entering the seventh grade at Shawnee Middle School. His favorite part of this two week camp was to meet and

interact with other students while learning more through the STEM Program. For the past two years Gabriel has received numerous STEM awards in his school. He enjoys playing basketball and his favorite subject in school is Math. Gabriel is the son of Stephen and Teresa Fife, he has three brothers.

I was pleased to attend the last day of the camp which ended with a ceremony where all students presented their completed projects to both parents and sponsors.

Dr. Renita Murimi directed this OBU Summer Institute program and is an Assistant Professor of Computer Information Science at OBU. She recently led the Summer Engineering component of the Consortium for Pre-College education in Greater Newark, NJ.



Gabriel Fife participating in an activity of being a news broadcaster at the STEM Camp



LITTLE AXE BISON RANCH

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The American Bison (Buffalo), that once ruled the plains and provide Native Americans with, food, homes, clothing, medicine, tools and many other essentials of living, had reached near extinction at the end of the 19th century. Today they are experiencing a comeback as a viable business venture and proving that they can once again give life, health, vitality to the land and the people who utilize all of the products which come from them (Buffalo). We, the owners of Little Axe Bison Ranch, are excited to be a part of this comeback and able to provide the Bison products to the people in Oklahoma and other states. These products will include fresh/frozen meat, hides, skulls and possibly homemade soap. These products will be made available through a mobile "Buffalo Trading Post" which will travel to several towns in Oklahoma. We will also start to offer tours to educate people about the bison and the health benefits the meat provides.

Bison meat is a small newcomer to the consumers' array of meats, competing primarily the All-American favorite beef. Even though beef is lower in priced and more readily available, bison is making headway as consumers become more health conscious and look at dollar vs health benefit. As with any new food product, people are cautious about trying bison for the first time. Once they try it, most people like it and come back for more, especially as they recognize the improvement in the way they feel. Thus we will grow through repeat business and word of mouth advertising.

The business, Little Axe Bison Ranch, startup operation 2015, is owned and operated by John Al Little Axe and Teresa M. Green. The only other employees are our daughters, Amy, Brittany and Kaylee, and our sons Osric, eventually Slayer Dane and Panther Sky. Who will help with both production and sales. John grew up on a farm and has considerable experience in managing livestock. Teresa, the Bison Ranch Manager, will research and educate customers on the nutritional benefits of Buffalo meat. Amy Brittany, Kaylee and Osric, attend Little Axe school, They have been learning and assisting in the business startup, which has included fence building, operating various farm equipment and care for the Bison.

The Bison (Buffalo) business holds exciting possibilities and generates considerable interest and fascination. We are glad to be a part of the future it holds.....

The Little Axe Family

Camp Nikoti—Summer Youth Leadership Camp 2015

concluded on July 17th. 33 youth from Tecumseh, Shawnee, Moore, Macomb, Noble, and Little Axe participated in activities to strengthen their leadership and teamwork skills, their physical fitness, and their cultural identity. We had guest speakers, from various departments within the Tribe, mentor our youth through activities and presentations. Every day was filled with games, learning sessions, guest speakers, arts and crafts, or field trips.

Camp would not have been possible without the following people:

Governor, Edwina Butler-Wolfe—for supporting our efforts and coming out to inspire our youth. Lt. Governor, Isaac Gibson—for forming a workforce of people to get the Brendle Corner community building in working order as well as finding us transportation on short notice. Secretary, John Johnson—for supporting our Bake Sale and Craft auction. Treasurer, Leah Bates—for helping us find the funding/budget for camp. Representative, Kenneth Blanchard for encouraging our work with the Native youth. ASHA Director, Sherry Drywater—for investing in our Native youth.

Thank you to all the AST employees who gave their time and energy to make camp a memorable experience for the youth:

- Maintenance Department Staff
- John Soap—AST Behavioral Health
- Evelyn Pablito and Jarrod Lloyd—AST OEH
- Joseph Blanchard—Cultural Preservation
- Kasey Dean and Howard Brown—Behavioral Health SPF
- Buster Bread and Emily Key—Diabetes and Wellness Department (Fitness)
- Shawn Crowley and Officers—AST Police Department
- Annette Wilson—Social Services
- Genevieve Foster—Finance
- Michael Berry—MIS
- Sherman Tiger—Media Director
- Meredith Wahpekeche—Tribal Elder
- Terrance Tiger, Brock Runsabove, Montana Littlehead—Stomp Dance demo



Where: Little Axe AST Clinic

cooking from the

FARMER'S market

When: Saturday, 8am-12pm

August 1st with Vendor Participation

FREE to Sell,

AST Tribal Members & Elders Highly Encouraged for Vendor Participation

Trade, or Give-Away Local Produce

VENDORS NEEDED! The Absentee Shawnee Little Axe Health

Clinic will be hosting a community Farmers Market. Local produce vendors are needed—location only is being provided, must bring own set-up & products to either sell, trade or give-away at one's own discretion.

For more information &/or to sign up as a vendor please contact Shea Warden at 701-7977.

Registration is required—no fees.

**ALL PRODUCE MUST BE
LOCALLY GROWN & MADE,
NO EXCEPTIONS**



NEW CAR SEAT LAW

On November 1, 2015, Oklahoma will have a new car seat law. House Bill 1847 updated the state's current law to mirror recommendations by the American Academy of Pediatrics and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

A child under 8 shall be properly secured in a child passenger restraint system (the law was previously only to age 6).

- Must be rear facing until two years of age or until the child reaches the weight or height limit of the car seat.
- Must be forward facing with harnesses at least two (2) years of age but younger than four (4) years of age.
- Age 4-8 years and less than 4 feet 9 inches in height should be in either a child passenger restraint system or child booster seat.

With the update Oklahoma becomes the second state to mandate rear facing until two years old.

“Car crashes are the leading cause of death for Oklahoma children”, said SAFEKIDS OK Executive Director, Katie Mueller. “In 2013, 6,000 child passengers were involved in traffic crashes. 607 were seriously injured and 22 were killed.”



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL
POLICE DEPARTMENT



SORNA

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION ACT
EMAIL: SORNA@ASTRIBE.COM
TIPLINE 405-273-1249

AST PUBLIC HEALTH: SECOND WIND TOBACCO CESSATION PROGRAM

On June 18, 2015, the first class of the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System's Second Wind Tobacco Cessation Program concluded with Alan Robinson as the sole participant to complete the 12 week program. Public health nursing would like to congratulate Alan on his hard work and dedication to pursue a healthier lifestyle without commercial tobacco use!

The Second Wind classes consist of a 1-hour class that meets every other week for 12 weeks for a total of 6 classes. Classes are held at both Little Axe and Shawnee Clinics. Each class focuses on behavioral skills that can successfully equip the participants to quit using commercial tobacco. Participants have the option to choose to quit cold turkey or with the use of a pharmaceutical aid such as nicotine patches, gum, lozenges, Zyban, or Chantix. The AST providers work with the patients to decide which pharmaceutical aid will be best for each patient who chooses to use a pharmaceutical aid. Research shows higher success rates when combining tobacco counseling with pharmaceutical aid for tobacco cessation.

If you are interested in participating in the Second Wind Tobacco Cessation Program, you may see your AST provider or contact Public Health Nursing at (405) 447-0300. You may also call the national tobacco quit line at 1-800-QUIT-NOW to receive free tobacco counseling or nicotine patches, lozenges or gum.

DISABILITY BENEFITS FOR WOUNDED WARRIORS

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 become 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**)

IF YOU'D LIKE TO SUBMIT AN AD OR ARTICLE:

Give us a call at (405) 598-1279 or (405) 481-0558 or send us an e-mail to stiger@astribe.com

**ALL ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT MONTH'S
ISSUE ARE DUE BY THE 15th OF THE
CURRENT MONTH**

**UNFORTUNATELY, WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT ONE PICTURE
PER BIRTHDAY PERSON, NOT PER BIRTHDAY WISH.**

AST HEALTH SYSTEM - AUGUST 2015

The AST Health System just held its annual health fair on Friday, July 31st this year and it was a fun-filled event again this year. The AST Health System has been extremely busy this summer with several community events and activities. Between the blood drives, pow wow support, the annual health fair, expansion of services as the Shawnee Clinic, and other events and activities – it all has been a very exciting summer!

The Health Systems' PlusCare Clinic (after hours clinic) continues to increase patient volume, and we are thankful to our employees and staff in the health system for making this a successful avenue for opening up more access. A recent visit with the Federal Government's Health System Resources Administration (HRSA) and CLIA with both the Federal and State Government went extremely well; we were found to be in compliance with all expectations and procedures for our provider loan repayment programs and the laboratory. Shawnee Clinic's Physical Therapy is full swing as well as the mammography service at the Little Axe Health Center.

We are always very proud of our outstanding star performers this month and thank them all for their contributions to our patients, their fellow employees, and the tribe. Employee of the month for health was Mr. John Kammerzell, Health System Maintenance Director; the team of the month was the Maintenance Staff. The special leadership recognition award was presented to Mrs. Chasity Zachary, Dental Office Manager. Wonderful job gang, you all make the health system work for our tribal members and patients alike!

A few other key bits of information for this month:

- **AST/Serviced Health System Native American Veterans:** If you are currently receiving services with the area VA Medical Center, please contact us today to set up an appointment to have your services established with the AST Health System.

- **If you need CPR training,** please contact the AST Health System's Public Health Office at (405) 447-0300 for scheduling and training opportunities.

- **Contract Health Services (CHS) interactive phone menu** helps patients access the most appropriate service provider by calling (405) 701-7951. This feature will speed up access to the patients seeking services and follow-up to their care. We also have Contract Health representatives available at our Shawnee location. Tribal members are able to call Ms. Flo Mann, LPN or Ms. Laurie Webber, LPN at (405) 878-5850.

- **The AST Health System** continues to improve its Customer Service. The Customer Service Line is (405) 701-7623. Please direct all complaints or compliments to this line for appropriate attention and/or response. Please be assured that this is the best way to have each situation addressed, with consistent updates from our Health Staff. After the investigations of all issues are complete, our Health Director or a Clinic Administrator will personally contact you with updates, decisions, or question pertaining to your case.

- **The AST Anti-Bullying Prevention "HOTLINE"** is (405) 701-7987 during work hours 8-5, M-F, and for added confidentiality or after hours you may contact Mrs. Dara Thorpe at either (405) 701-7992 or via cell (405) 481-0815 to start intervention assistance for tribal youth. If it is an emergency or someone is at risk of harming themselves or others, please contact 911.

- **The Affordable Care Act Decision Tool** continues to be a valuable tool with helping you decide what you need to do for compliance with the act. Please see the ACA tab at the ASTHA Health Program's Website: <http://www.asthealth.org/aca> (Please visit our site today to find out what you need to do to protect yourself and your family)!

- **Emergency After hour Pharmacy Access:** If you experience an emergent issue after hours and receive a prescription that needs to be filled that same evening, AST Health has provided access for Tribal members at three (3) approved Wal-green locations in Shawnee and Norman. You will need to submit your prescription and it is mandatory to identify yourself with your AST CDIB card and other appropriate ID. Then they shall fill your prescription. You will have a 5-day limited fill on your prescription. Upon the first work/business day, you can have the remaining balance of your prescription(s) transferred to your AST pharmacy in either Shawnee or Little Axe, and they will fill your remaining balance. The three (3) AST Health approved Walgreen service locations are: 1427 North Harrison Street or at 600 Shawnee Mall Drive, Shawnee, Oklahoma or 615 West Main Street, Norman, Oklahoma.

- **Social Media:** You can follow the AST Health System on Facebook and receive the most current messages and announcements regarding your tribal health care.

**Absentee Shawnee
Tribal Health System
Behavioral Health Services**



Office Hours

**Monday-thru-Friday
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

Little Axe Clinic 15951 Little Axe Drive Norman, OK 73025 Ph. 405-701-7987	Shawnee Clinic 2029 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, OK 74801 Ph. 405-878-4716
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Services are offered through:

Little Axe Clinic & Shawnee Clinic for all Federally
Recognized Tribes.

AST BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

For counseling information, contact:

Shawnee BH:	Roberta Cooper	(405) 878-4716
Little Axe BH:	Rolanda Smith	(405) 701-7987



**Women's
Health**



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Women's Health Services
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**Providing & Promoting Preventative Health
for All Women**

Services include:

- Adult immunizations
- Breast & Pelvic Exams
- Mammogram Referral
- Bone Density Studies

Information about:

- Health Promotion
- Quitting Smoking
- Misuse of Alcohol and Drugs
- Nutrition
- Physical Fitness and Exercise
- Controlling Stress and Violence
- Prevention of Pregnancy
- AIDS and other Sexually Transmitted Diseases



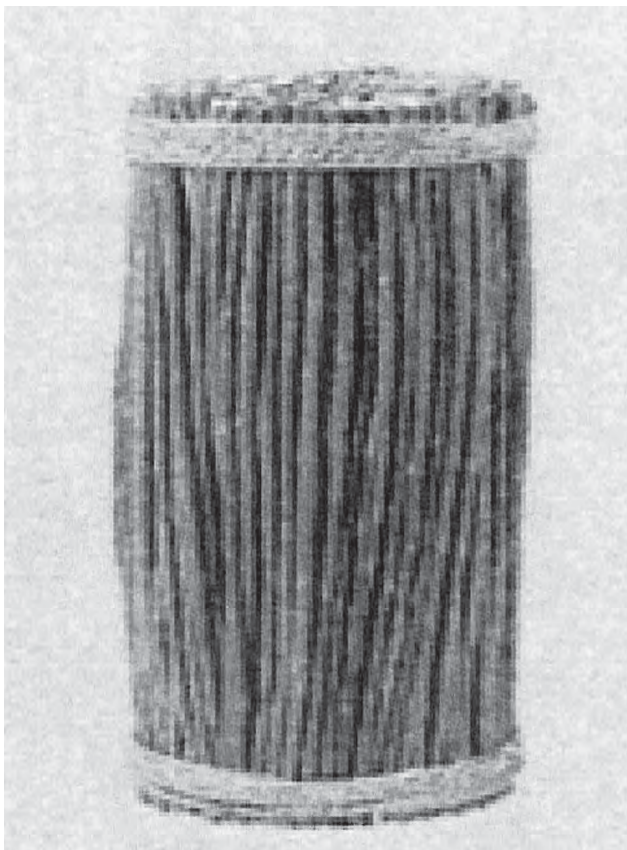
Women's Health Services
Little Axe Health Center
15951 Little Axe Drive • Norman, OK 73026
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Mission Statement

To promote the wellbeing of the "whole person" within the context of their culture.

**A Single twig breaks but a
Bundle of twigs is strong**



Services

**Supporting changes in the journey of life's
transitions. The following services are offered:**

- Resource/referral information
- Crisis intervention
- Child, adult, family and couple/marital counseling
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- Drug and alcohol assessments
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FYI: Contract Health Service News

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health

*The AST Contract Health Services Team are here to assist you
... follow the CHS Guidelines!*

Get a copy of the CHS Guidelines and update your information

Emergency and Urgent Care Services

CHS for a currently enrolled AST member who resides in the defined catchment area who needs emergent or urgent care:

1. Call the On-Call nurse at (405) 447-0300 option 9 for "triage".
2. Notify CHS on the next business day or within 72 hours after the ER visit. Notification does not assure authorization of payment. However if you do not notify CHS within 72 hours, your bills will not be paid.
3. For AST members with no insurance evidence must exist that the visit was medically necessary. Medical priorities have been established for determining which referrals can be authorized for payment.
4. For AST members *with* insurance, evidence must exist that a third party resource has made determination such services were "emergency care" or "urgent care" (such evidence may include payment from private insurance).
5. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to CHS. *You may leave bills at the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic.*

Contract Health Services for AST members *with* Insurance

CHS for a currently enrolled AST member who resides in the defined catchment area who has insurance such as Medicare or Private Insurance:

1. Complete CHS Patient Update form and update all information every 6 months.
2. Notify CHS at least 48 hours prior to appointment date for a (COB) Coordination of Benefits to be sent to provider
3. Inform Provider/HealthFacility that AST CHS is secondary payer/payer of last resort.
4. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to CHS. *You may leave bills at the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic.*

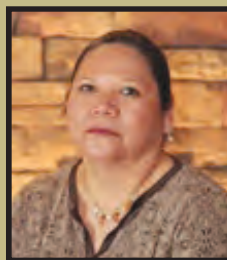


Contract Health Services for AST members *without* Insurance

CHS for a currently enrolled AST member who resides in the defined catchment area who does not have insurance:

1. You must apply for all resources available to you such as: Medicaid, Medicare, Worker's Compensation, Vocational Rehabilitation, Auto Insurance and other personal injury or liability coverage. PRC staff and/or Benefit Coordinators can assist with the application process for alternate resources. Failure to exhaust available or potentially available alternate resources may result in denial of payment.
2. Complete CHS Patient Update form and update all information every 6 months
3. You must utilize the services provided within the AST health clinics prior to being referred out.
4. Referrals for outside services must be sent to CHS. Services must be medically approved by an AST Health provider.
5. An appointment will be scheduled and a COB will be sent to the outside provider.
6. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to CHS. *You may leave bills at the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic.*

Contract Health Services is conveniently located at Shawnee Clinic-Building 16 and Little Axe Health Center



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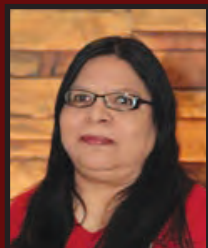
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From the Doctor's Notebook

If you have access to the internet, bring up Google and type in “old Indian pictures” as a search string. After the search returns the pictures, cull through them and just look at the Native Americans. You will find some profoundly beautiful people and something else. Virtually none of them are obese.

When we talk about your personal health it is important to begin at the beginning. The beginning in this case is proper nutrition and fitness. Many things in life cannot be planned or are unavoidable but this subject is a matter which is entirely under your control so - Let's talk seriously about obesity.

Obesity in native peoples is unfortunately endemic and as a provider dedicated to taking care of my Shawnee and other native patients, I feel it is my duty to do my part to educate all on this issue.

Some of the following information has been borrowed from the World Health Organization's (WHO) media web page. I will expand on this information to grow some informational articles that directly affect the health of patients seen by the AST Health System. This information is aimed specifically at our Native American population but also applies to anyone reading this article.

The WHO (not the rock group!) has put together the following very sobering facts and information upon which I will expand.

Key facts

- ☒ *Worldwide obesity has more than doubled since 1980.*
- ☒ *In 2014, more than 1.9 billion adults, 18 years and older, were overweight. Of these over 600 million were obese.*
- ☒ *39% of adults aged 18 years and over were overweight in 2014, and 13% were obese.*
- ☒ *Most of the world's population live in countries where overweight and obesity kills more people than underweight.*
- ☒ *42 million children under the age of 5 were overweight or obese in 2013.*
- ☒ ***Obesity is preventable.***

What is overweight/obesity?

Overweight and obesity are defined as abnormal or excessive fat accumulation that may impair health.

Body mass index (BMI) is a simple index of weight-for-height that is commonly used to classify overweight and obesity in adults. It is defined as a person's weight in kilograms divided by the square of his height in meters (kg/m²).

The WHO definition is:

- ☒ A BMI greater than or equal to 25 is overweight
- ☒ A BMI greater than or equal to 30 is obesity.

BMI provides the most useful population-level measure of overweight and obesity as it is the same for both sexes and for all ages of adults. However, it should be considered a rough guide because it may not correspond to the same degree of fatness in different individuals.

An individual's BMI is easily calculated and most medical facilities are equipped with electronic medical record systems that calculate that number automatically given one's height and weight. Each time you visit a medical facility you should ask the nurse who checks you in, or your doctor what your BMI is. Be careful, however, because BMI means different things to people of different body makeup. For an interpretation and understanding of your BMI ask your physician.

So why do we care about weight anyway? Obviously, being overweight contributes to increased morbidity (tendency to get disease) and mortality (tendency to die).

Let me explain that last thought a bit. A patient with diabetes has a moderate morbidity risk, which is the risk of immediate medical problems. The risk for mortality also increases to a degree based on the type of disease process and generally stems from the failure to address the morbidity associated with a disease progression. A person who simply ignores the doctor's orders about diabetes control, for instance has a higher risk or morbidity due to complications of diabetes – renal disease, heart disease, stroke risk, diabetic ulcers, etc. This increase in morbidity (disease) contributes to a higher mortality (death) risk, death due to heart attacks, strokes, renal failure. In other words increased morbidity generally leads to increased mortality.

The concepts go hand in hand. To be truthful with those reading this article, I have encountered more people in renal failure and on dialysis in the 2 ½ months that I have been at the Little Axe Clinic than all of my years in private practice. This is distressing to me, as a provider, because I know that renal disease is generally preventable when associated with underlying process such as diabetes and hypertension, for instance.

Bear in mind that when discussing various disease processes you must think in terms of the human body as an integrated system of finely tuned processes, the disruption of which throws other things off balance. It is virtually impossible to discuss modifiable factors such as obesity in isolation and you will find that we revisit many related subjects in the course of our discussions on health.

Now, back to obesity - Being overweight or obese brings on the risk of developing a number of disease processes, hence increasing morbidity and of course mortality. Those processes are, but not limited to the following –

Diabetes – unfortunately this seems to be a very big problem among Native American peoples as well as Hispanics. Increase risk of cardiovascular disease – this is related to the fact that when a human body gets too large for the heart to furnish adequate blood to vital organs things begin to die. Eventually the organism itself dies (mortality). Hypertension – This may be lumped under cardiovascular disease but is usually more prevalent early on than heart disease. Again, when considering the human body as a system of connected processes hypertension, or high blood pressure can eventually lead to cardiovascular disease, a global process.

Cancer – there are certain forms of cancer that are more prevalent in persons who are overweight or obese.

Osteoarthritis – or simply put, joint disease. Clearly this is a function of something we all know and love, gravity. A large person is going to put more strain on low back, hips, knees, and ankles simply due to sheer body mass being pulled down by gravity. Once joints begin to deteriorate function is lost and pain begins to set in. When pain sets in, people do not want to move, at least I don't! When you don't move more things begin to break down faster. As Grandma used to say – "When you rest, you rust." This process begins a downward spiral toward a point of no return.

An unfortunate thing to note here is that people who are overweight tend to have offspring who are overweight. The statistics on obesity among children are staggering. Simply put - it has reached epidemic proportions. I could get into all sorts of political, economic and cultural debates about this whole subject but that is not my purpose. My purpose is simply to raise your awareness. Being obese or even moderately overweight puts you at risk for a number of, simply put, bad things. Like many other things in life, you don't get to pick what thing is going to kill you before your time, to put it bluntly. However, dying of any disease process brought on by being overweight is a true tragedy.

"So what are you going to do about it Doc?" Well I'll tell you what I'm going to do. First off I am going to inform you, which I have just done and will continue to do. I will also fuss at you each time you come in to see me and you are gaining weight and you continue to smoke (another subject altogether) and your blood pressure is out of control, and your blood sugar is out of control.

So, how do I know you are going to come in to see me? Simply because most overweight people know they are overweight. They are going to come in because they can no longer tolerate feeling bad and they are going to ask – "Hey, doc, can you give me a pill to make me lose weight." The quick answer, which will be revisited in another article, is that no pill is going to make you do anything.

The other thing I'm going to do is this. You and I are going to agree first off that you are going to heed my advice and agree to work with me. A doctor-patient relationship is a two way street which we walk together. You also need to understand that my job is not to keep anyone alive. I have not been given, nor do I want that power. My job is to keep you from dying before your time. I do that by giving you benefit of all my expertise.

My purpose today is simply to give you something to chew on until we get down to talking about what you can do for yourself to lose weight and regain some semblance of health. In doing so, I feel a sense of urgency. The older we get, the less likely it is that effects of certain disease processes can be reversed.

With that in mind, let's continue our discussion next time. We have work to do folks!

I am Bruce Stafford, DO and I am your provider at the Little Axe Health Center.

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The *PlusCare* Clinic is an after hour acute care facility that will have the ability to treat non-life threatening illnesses and injuries on a walk-in basis (no appointment needed).

This service is extended to existing AST tribal members and other IHS eligible Native Americans who are the ages of 2 years and up. However, if you are a new (AI/AN) patient to our health system and are in need of our *PlusCare* services, please bring with you:

1. Your Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB); and
2. A second form of Identification (i.e. Driver's License or State ID); and
3. If available, health insurance card(s).

After your initial visit, you will be obligated to complete a follow-up visit with either the Little Axe Clinic or Shawnee Clinic to become an established patient.

PlusCare Clinic is located at:

15702 East State Highway 9
Norman, Oklahoma 73026
Phone: (405) 447-0477

Regular hours of operation:

- Monday through Friday 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- Saturday & Sunday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

*For holiday hours, please visit our website at asthealth.org or visit us on Facebook at Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health.

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe Child Protective Services accepts, investigates, and records all reports of alleged abuse and neglect of Absentee Shawnee children and provides protection to Indian children on Trust land. Child Protective Services also works with the Department of Human Services to investigate the abuse or mistreatment of Absentee Shawnee children residing outside Trust land. The primary responsibility of Child Protective Services is to assess the safety of the child and take the appropriate action to protect and promote the best interest of the child.

COURT ADVOCACY

The Absentee Shawnee Indian Child Welfare Department provides court advocacy in the Tribal and State systems for children and families. This advocacy is to help ensure AST children and families get the protections offered under the Federal Indian Child Welfare Act as well as any protections offered by the various state Indian Child Welfare Acts. ICW workers attend court hearings in person or by teleconference to be a voice for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe in the protection of AST children. ICW workers also provide the planning and linkage to services necessary for families who are working to correct the problems causing the initial removal of their child. This service is offered for Absentee Shawnee children nation-wide, whether or not they reside in the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's jurisdiction.

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS OPEN TO ANY ABSENTEE SHAWNEE MEMBER WHO IS IN NEED OF OUR SERVICES. THE AST INDIAN CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S GOAL IS KEEP TRIBAL CHILDREN WITH THEIR TRIBAL FAMILY WHENEVER POSSIBLE. IF ICW HAS TO REMOVE A CHILD FROM THEIR HOME TO ENSURE THEIR SAFETY, WE LOOK FOR TRIBAL FOSTER CARE HOMES. WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO ARE WILLING TO OPEN THEIR HOME TO NEGLECTED OR ABUSED AST CHILDREN. IF YOU ARE TRIBAL MEMBER AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME AN ABSENTEE SHAWNEE FOSTER HOME PLEASE CONTACT:

JULIE WILSON/FOSTER CARE 405-878-4702



Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect.

- Chief Seattle

AFTER HOUR PHARMACY NOTIFICATION

The Walgreens located at 100 12th Avenue NE in Norman, OK is **no longer contracted** with the AST Health System to pay for after hour emergency prescriptions due to losing its 24-hour service status. Tribal members may now take prescriptions to:

**Walgreens
615 W. Main St
Norman, OK
(405) 573-5019**

AST PHARMACY

When requesting refills, please provide 24 hour notice until pick-up. The most efficient method is to have your refill numbers ready when you call the Pharmacy, and use our automated system. Deliveries of controlled medications are not 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 and provide us with your current cell phone number. Please inform us of changes in address, phone number, insurance and other contact information (changes at registration do not flow to pharmacy).

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: Monday-Friday 8am-5pm
(7:30am-5:30pm Drive-Thru)
Phone-(405)292-9530
Shawnee: Monday-Friday 7am-5pm
Phone-(405)878-5859

We are open through the lunch hour!!

****BOTH PHARMACY DEPARTMENTS ARE CLOSED WITH THE CLINICS THE FIRST WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON OF EVERY MONTH TO COMPLETE ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES. ****

Thank You,
AST Pharmacy Staff

The Absentee Shawnee Diabetes & Wellness Fitness Center's Fitness Schedule



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE FITNESS



FITNESS CLASS SCHEDULE

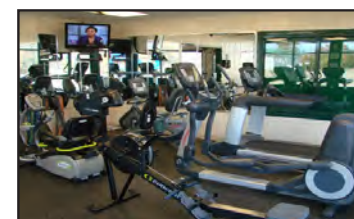
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Classes	Classes	Classes	Classes	Classes
<u>Circuit Training</u> 6:10 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Zumba!</u> 6:10 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Circuit Training</u> 6:10 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Cardio Kickboxing</u> 6:10 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Circuit Training</u> 6:10 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center
<u>Low Impact Chair Exercise</u> 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Buster Bread Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Tai Chi</u> 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Low Impact Chair Exercise</u> 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Buster Bread Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Tai Chi</u> 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	
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Chrissy Wiens
Diabetes and Wellness
Physical Activities Specialist



Buster Bread
Diabetes and Wellness
Fitness Manager



Location: 1970 I56th Ave. N.E. Norman, O.K. 73071
(405) 364-7298

For more information please visit our website at:
<http://www.asthealth.org/tags/fitness>

Fitness Hours:

Monday 6:00 a.m.— 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 6:00 a.m.— 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.
Thursday 6:00 a.m.— 7:00 p.m.
Friday 6:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.
Saturday/Sunday CLOSED



LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER

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MAMMOGRAPHY OFFERED AT LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER

The AST Health System is proud to announce that it is now offering mammography services at the Little Axe Health Center and is currently taking appointments. The opening of this new service yet marks another milestone in the health system's ongoing mission to continually improve and expand the health services offered for the Absentee Shawnee and all the AI/ANs we serve.

Patients do not need a physician's order for a screening mammogram; you are able to call and set up an appointment at your earliest convenience. You can also expect to receive results within 7-10 days, unless the Radiologist sees something, then the department will call you within 3 days. If you are having any symptoms like pain, swelling, lumps, etc., you will need to be seen first by your physician, before the mammogram. This is in order to receive a physician order for a diagnostic mammogram.

In preparation for the mammogram appointment, we please ask the patient to not wear the following:

- deodorant,
- powder, or
- lotion

Afterwards, there will be deodorant available in the changing room for you to use after the exam.

Mammography is located within the Radiology Department at the Little Axe Health Center and the staff mammographer is Ms. Lindsey Wallace. You can schedule an appointment with her by calling (405)701-7610 or (405)701-7620.

Ms. Wallace grew up in small town Perry, Oklahoma. She relocated to Oklahoma City for a while but has recently moved to the Newalla area with her family. Ms. Wallace has been doing x-ray, computed tomography (CT) and mammography for a combined of 21 years where she is also registered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologist (ARRT). Ms. Wallace recently joined the AST Health System and has been the coordinator in getting this service up to operational standards. We are fortunate to have her on board.

Mammogram Facts

- Mammograms are images of the breast tissue produced on X-ray film.
- Mammograms are the most efficient screening method to detect early [breast cancer](#).
- Monthly breast self-examination and regular doctor's examinations are combined with mammography for optimal breast [cancer](#) screening.
- An abnormal mammogram does not necessarily mean that a cancer is present other tests may be performed for further clarification of an abnormal mammogram.
- A normal mammogram does not exclude the presence of cancer



SHAWNEE CLINIC

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The AST Health System is proud to announce that it has expanded outpatient physical therapy services to the Shawnee Clinic. This is all in effort to effectively serve our Absentee Shawnees and AI/AN patients within the Shawnee and surrounding areas. We will begin scheduling appointments/seeing patients on Monday, August 3, 2015.

The physical therapy department hours are from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. The department's equipment includes: an elliptical runner, Nu-step, recumbent bike, Total Gym, treadmill, cable pulley system, dumbbells, leg weights, thera-bands, and an arm bike. There are several treatment tables and a private treatment room.

Services provided in the physical therapy department at both the Little Axe and Shawnee locations include: rehabilitation for orthopedic injuries, stroke rehabilitation, spinal dysfunction, neurological disease, post-surgical rehabilitation, sports injuries, spinal cord injuries, chronic pain, motor-vehicle accidents, and vestibular balance and dysfunction. Ultrasound, neuromuscular stimulation, manual therapy techniques and therapeutic exercise/activities are some of the treatments provided. Each patient seen in physical therapy receives an individualized home exercise program.

The Shawnee Clinic Physical Therapist is Ms. Kristin Wahpepah. Ms. Wahpepah is originally from the Shawnee area. She is a member of the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma; however, she is an Absentee Shawnee descendent. Ms. Wahpepah enjoys spending time with her family, especially her niece and nephew. She graduated from Dale High School, where she was involved in many different activities including basketball and softball. She then went on to attend Oklahoma State University where she received her Bachelor of Science in Journalism & Broadcasting: Sports Media and Public Relations. During that time, she was also completing pre-requisite courses to further her education. She went on to attend Langston University School of Physical Therapy where she spent the next 3 years studying physical therapy. In May, 2013, she graduated with her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. After graduation, she began her career with the Chickasaw Nation in Ardmore, Oklahoma. When Ms. Wahpepah learned of a physical therapy opportunity at the Shawnee Clinic, she jumped at the chance to move back home and begin working with the AST Health System.

Welcome Kristin!



The Absentee Shawnee Diabetes and Wellness Program



Junior Olympics



On Saturday, July 11th, 2015, the AST Diabetes and Wellness Program hosted the Junior Olympics at the Resource Center in Little Axe. Registered youth participated in a variety of Olympic style events to encourage fun and promote physical activity. Events included the standing long jump, running long jump, softball throw, free throw shooting, and the 50 yard dash. The Diabetes and Wellness Program would like to thank all of the parents and volunteers who came out to support the children during their activities.

Thank you!

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The AST Health System values ALL feedback.

We will listen....

*Patient Advocate Jim Robertson
405-447-0300

*Customer Service Line
405-701-7623

*Patient Questionnaire located in each of
our clinics or on our website
www.ASTHEALTH.ORG



Little Axe Health Center

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System
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Norman OK, 70326
405-447-0300

Shawnee Clinic

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System
2029 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee OK, 74801
405-878-5850

Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority



Programs Available

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- Lease to Own Housing
- Down Payment & Closing Assistance
- Storm Shelter Assistance
- College Housing Assistance
- Emergency Home Repair
- Over Income AST Member Down Payment Assistance

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SERVICES

PLEASE CALL (405) 273-1050 OR COME BY OUR OFFICE

LOCATED AT 107 NORTH KIMBERLY IN SHAWNEE,OK.

WEBSITE: WWW.ASHOUSINGAUTHORITY.COM

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEPARTMENT

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocacy

The AST Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Programs are on-call 24 hours per day to provide emotional support, advocacy and crisis counseling to survivors at hospitals, police stations and throughout the legal system. The programs also serve as a resource center to the community by offering educational information and referrals.

Transitional Housing

The AST DV Transitional Housing Program serves victims of Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault. Participants have up to six months to obtain education and job skills needed to begin a new life.

Court Advocacy

Assists survivors with domestic violence court related costs (when funding is available) and appearances as well as filing for emergency protective orders (EPO) or restraining orders.

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.

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.

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.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: JUNE-JULY 2015 REPORT

A. Tribal storm shelter program.

As of June 30, there have been 57 shelters completed for tribal members. The wet weather has slowed down progress for the past couple of months. Once the shelters have been completed, the homeowner will need to register their shelter with their local fire department. Notices have gone out to each homeowner as a reminder to take this important step. If you need help finding your local fire department contact the Emergency Manager at 405-740-1562.

B. Red Cross

We had a disaster declaration resulting from the May/June heavy rain and flooding. The Red Cross from Pottawatomie County was able to help tribal members with food, water, and temporary housing. These and other activities are a part of the Implementation Plan developed as a part of our MOU with Red Cross. The weather radios were a part of the implementation plan to serve our tribal communities. Training opportunities will also be available through the MOU.

C. Community Outreach.

Intertribal Emergency Management Coalition (ITEMC) - The ITEMC Annual Summit was held June 9-11 at the CPN Arena building. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe Emergency Management was able to support this event by providing the bags for the participants and items for the bags. The Summit had speakers from National Weather Service, FEMA Region VI, American Relay Radio League (ham radio operators organization), USGS-Earthquake Presentation, Department of Environmental Quality, Save the Children, OK Department of Homeland Security, OK County Department of Health-Ebola Presentation, Therapy Dogs International, and the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief services. The next ITEMC meeting will be in August hosted by Muskogee Creek Nation in Okmulgee, OK. FEMA Tribal Liaison will give a presentation on training available for tribal emergency management. Pottawatomie County Emergency Management – Participation in the “Whole Community” meeting as a partner by invitation of Don Lynch, Emergency Manager to Absentee Shawnee Tribe and Citizen Pottawatomie Tribe. Several meetings are scheduled for input on updating of Pottawatomie County’s Hazard Mitigation Plan.

D. Disaster Declaration/FEMA/OK State Emergency Management

FEMA declaration for the May 3-June 4 rain/flooding event allowed the Tribe to apply for reimbursement for damages incurred. The FEMA/OK EM held the applicant briefing and kickoff meetings to begin process for tribes and counties to apply for reimbursement.

The tribe had flood damage to buildings on the complex and the AST Housing Authority had 5 homes in Burning Wood Addition were damaged by flood. The tribe has applied for Public Assistance to receive assistance from FEMA. We also had two tribal member homes that were damaged by flood that have applied for individual assistance.

E. Training/Meetings/Events.

- ☒ FEMA Applicant Briefing, Disaster OK-DR-4222, June 15
- ☒ FEMA Kickoff Meeting, Disaster OK-DR-4222, June 29
- ☒ Pottawatomie County Emergency Management, Hazard Mitigation Update Meeting, June 30
- ☒ AST Tribal Pow-Wow July 3-4 – EM/PD Security and EM Services (worked with LA Tribal Clinic to have cooling station at Plus Care Clinic)
- ☒ FEMA Region VI - 4th Annual Preparedness Workshop/Regional Interagency Steering Committee Meeting, Rose State College, July 14-16
- ☒ Little Axe Health Fair, July 31, Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Team Attending

Have you ever received a random phone call and when you answered there was a pause for 2-3 secs and a message recording started? Well you've been randomly selected possibly by a robodialer! We'll get into details about that term soon. Phone fraud is a rising attack method that spans to international borders, enterprises, and industries. Nearly 1 out of 2,200 calls are fraud, which has increased 30% since 2013. This phone channel assailants use multipronged attacks, targeting consumers, retailers, and financial institutions simultaneously. The most efficient techniques these attackers use are robodialers point of origin is harder to trace back and they can work targeting simultaneous consumers. 1 in 6 phone numbers calling is a robodialer. 2.5 percent of U.S. phones receive at least 1 robocall every week. 86.2 million calls per month in the U.S. are phone scams.

Mobile phones are beginning to see this trend as the increase is climbing provided by the data below from 2011 to current. Consumer phone scams rely heavy on attacks casting on a wide net in scale wise. Phone fraud attacks seek the uninformed or vulnerable (e.g., the elderly, recent immigrants, young college students, etc.) One of the most common ways to exploit is by robocalling services. Attackers use tactics by messaging the consumer such as promising prizes, trips, free money, or other goods and services to get the consumer to interact. The more reported tactics are threatening messages, tellings consumers they're behind on taxes, missed jury duty, or arrest warrants.

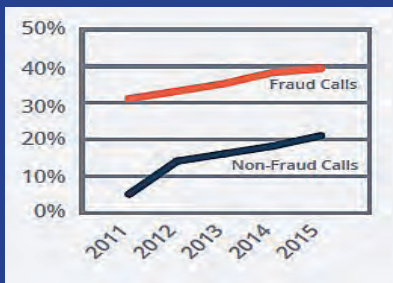


Figure 1.1

VoIP has played a factor for increases on fraud calls. Voice over IP (VoIP) has minimized or eliminated cost of phone calls, domestic and international. There has been recent evidence to suggest VoIP service is easier to steal than other kinds of telephony services as well. Attackers use VoIP lines for 53 percent of their calls, compared to 7.8 of the general public. VoIP is only as reliable as the underlying network security, if the existing network has security vulnerabilities exploits can occur.

Figure 1.2

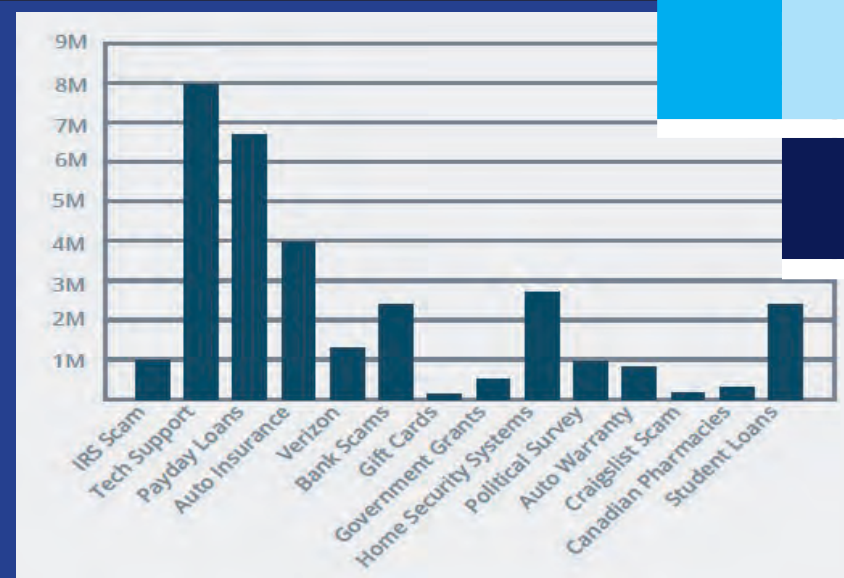
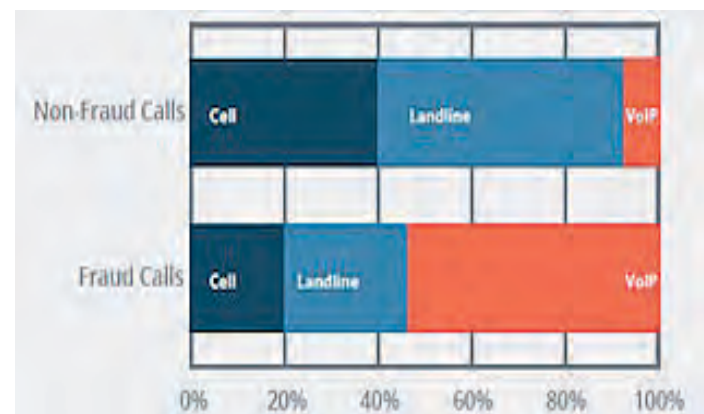


Figure 1.3

CONCLUSION

The best safe-guard you have is to simply hang up when a recorded message is being played, don't disclose any personal information. If you press any button, most likely it will lead to more robodialers. Most mobile phones like the iPhone can block calls from within the phone settings under Settings>Phone>Blocked. Android's can be found >call settings>my device>blocking mode. You can check to see if your phone provider or internet company has services to screen and block robodialers as well.

You can report any experience you've had to <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov> or by calling 1-888-383-1222.



Vocational Rehabilitation Transitional Services

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma

▶ History:

The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Vocational Rehabilitation Program has provided vocational services to American Indians with disabilities for twenty years and counting, with Transition Services at six years. Our mission is to develop specialized services to American Indian students with disabilities currently making the transition from high school to work or achieving a post-secondary education.

▶ Services we can provide:

We assist with testing fees (ACT, SAT), provide work clothing for new jobs, tuition assistance, assistive devices such as hearing aids, walkers, wheelchairs, eye glasses, along with physical and mental evaluations.

▶ Qualifications:

You must be a member of a federally recognized tribe, a junior or senior in high school and must reside in on of the Iowa Tribe VR services area counties. You must also provide documentation from your doctor or physician noting your disability.



COUNTIES served by ITOVR

- KAY
- NOBLE
- PAWNEE
- PAYNE
- POTTAWATOMIE
- LINCOLN
- LOGAN



Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Vocational Rehabilitation

P.O. Box 728
Perkins, OK 74059

Phone: 405-547-2402 ext 168
Toll free: 1-888-336-4692
Fax: 405-547-1090

E-mail: Christa Tsotaddle, Transitional Counselor
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"See the Person, Not the Disability"

FOSTER CARE

WHAT IS A FOSTER CARE WORKER?

Foster care caseworker training involves completing a bachelor's degree program in social work through a college or university. Students take courses in psychology, abnormal psychology, sociology, economics, ethics, child welfare policies and complete a supervised internship.

The child's Foster Care Worker needs to be a partner with the foster parents to ensure that each child receives the full spectrum of services provided and/or arranged by the Department.

Some aspects of this relationship include the following:

- Sharing information on an ongoing basis regarding the child's individual needs, family situation and adjustment to the foster home
- Encouraging the foster parents to participate in the total service planning process
- Providing the foster parents the opportunity to discuss the child's progress and any unmet needs which they assess
- Providing the foster parent with information, support, guidance and referrals to other professionals on the child's behalf
- Helping the foster family, when necessary, to identify and obtain services for the foster child; e.g., medical, educational
- Ensuring that the foster family, on the child's behalf, has access to all financial resources available to the child while in foster care.

A Foster Care Worker works in conjunction with Tribal Courts, Tribal Law Enforcement, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and other county services. Indian Child Welfare's goal is to ensure the safety of our tribal children when they placed in foster care. The homes that our tribal children are placed in must complete Child Welfare Background Check, OSBI Background Check, Income Verification, Home Study, and a Physical. Our AST foster homes are licensed by our Foster Care Committee.

Foster Care Payments are as follows:

0-5 age \$14.73 day \$441.97 month

6-12 age \$17.12 day \$513.57 month

12 and over \$19.30 day \$579.13 month

IN ORDER TO RECEIVE PAYMENT, ALL THE ABOVE MUST BE MET AND TURNED INTO THE STATE. ONCE PROCESSED STATE PAYMENT WILL BE ISSUED.

This is just a little information on what type of work a foster care worker performs on a daily basis. If you are interested in becoming a foster home, please call 405-878-4030 ext. 133.

Hello Everyone;

I hope that everyone is in good health, with all of the allergies and various respiratory problems that have going on. I know I am looking forward to the Spring weather that has come.

I have not gone on any travels here lately, due to the various problems that have been created by various Executive Committee members. I have been working on research looking in to the practices of the Department of Human Services and the methods that they have been using to place our children. I am also attempting to get an appointment with the Director of DHS and the Governor of the state of Oklahoma. Last year at the ICWA conference in Ft. Lauderdale, I attended the Attorney General's Advisory Committee on American Indian/Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence meeting where I gave testimony. This Committee held meetings in various states getting testimonies from various agencies, Law Enforcement, Tribal Leaders, ICW, and Educators concerning concerning our Native Children. My point to this is that the Attorney General and the Bureau of Indian Affairs have re-written the Guidelines concerning ICWA and from speaking with ICW workers here the State of Oklahoma, Department of Human Services have not looked at the new Guidelines and are continuing to make their own decisions with out including the families or the tribes. If anyone would like a copy of the new guidelines they may come by my office and we will provide a copy.

I have also have concerns about the Tribal Housing Authority, so that is more research , which may or may not be a good thing. There have been numerous complaints from tribal members and I would like to know if the guidelines are being followed. After I finish researching then I will speak with the Housing Board and start asking questions.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Easter. If anyone has any questions or would like to just come by to visit, or call, please do.

Home Number is 307-0954, 275-4030, ex. 6289
Thank you, and Be Blessed.

FOSTER CARE

Racial disproportionality is defined as the over-or under-representation of certain groups (e.g. racial/ethnic, gender, age) relative to the group's proportion in the general population. Reports conducted in 2008 showed that, compared to other groups, Native American children were:

- 3 times more likely to be referred to CPS
- 1.6 times more likely to be removed from their biological homes
- Twice as likely to remain in foster care for over two years
- Less likely to be adopted and more likely to be in guardianships
- Less likely to be reunited with their biological parents

The sad reality is that there are not enough culturally appropriate homes for these children, resulting in the placement of Native American children in homes that do not share their cultural heritage or traditions. We want to place "our tribal" children in our own homes, to do this we need tribal members to open their homes and their hearts. Are you willing to open your heart? Are you willing to open your home?

If so, please contact Julie Wilson ICW/FC/CPS 878-4702 (ext. 133).



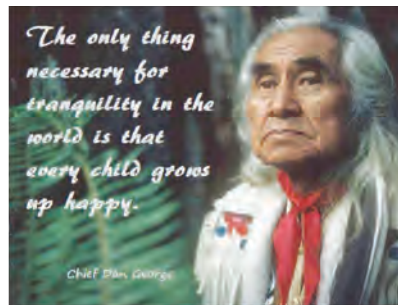
GOT LOVE?



FOSTER A CHILD

Native American youth have two distinct influences, that of their family of origin and that of their caregivers. Absentee Shawnee Tribal Foster Care is in need of homes for children that are in our child welfare system. Your participation in being a foster parent helps to ensure that these children have positive connections to their culture. This interaction helps these children nurture a positive sense of identification as a Native American. By being willing to do this, you can be a valuable part of the healing journey that will help strengthen this next generation of Absentee Shawnee children; in turn, helping those children become the parents that their children will need them to be. Our children are our future, what will we have our future be?

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE CHILD WELFARE
405-878-4702 (ext. 133)



The only thing necessary for tranquility in the world is that every child grows up happy.
CHIEF Dan George

Native American youth are facing a crisis. These children are being removed from their homes and placed into the child welfare system at rates much higher than any other population. Native American children are often placed in homes outside of their families, tribes, and Native American culture and all this contributes to significant social problems. The story of Native American people is a complicated one marked by significant trauma and atrocities. Often times this trauma consisted of the removal of abuse which happened to these young and vulnerable children in many of these schools resulted in overwhelming intergenerational trauma and unresolved grief. This trauma which interrupted the ability to parent has led directly to the most current social problems that plague Native American communities today including alcohol/drug abuse, domestic violence, child abuse, sexual abuse and parenting deficiencies. All of these problems have contributed to the break-down of the family unit, leading to the removal of large numbers of Native American youth from their families. The journey of healing and breaking the cycles which have been put in place by the historical trauma experienced by generations of Native Americans requires that the cultural identity for so long denied to these children be returned. Native American youth have two distinct influences, that of their family of origin and that of their caregivers. Absentee Shawnee Tribal Foster Care is in need of homes for children that are in our child welfare system. Your participation in being a foster parent helps to ensure that these children have positive connections to their culture which in helps nurture a positive sense of identification as a Native American. By being willing to do this, you can be a valuable part of the healing journey that will help strengthen this next generation of Absentee Shawnee children; in turn, helping those children become the parents that their children will need them to be. Our children are our future, what will we have our future be? Will you, as Absentee Shawnee member, do your part if you are able? If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, please contact Juliann Wilson ICW/CPS/FOSTER CARE at 275-4030, ext. 133.

"I don't **want** a family. I **need** one."
- Current Waiting Child

<<<NOTICE>>>

Currently there are three (3) openings on the Foster Care Board. If you are interested in serving on the board, send your letter of interest to Secretary Dawsey at the Tribal Complex, 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 73801.

