Newly Elected Officers Swearing In Ceremony

Friday, June 30th, 2017
AST Health System’s New Multipurpose Building
Shawnee, OK

Newly Elected AST Shawnee Tribal Officers (L-R): Election Commission Secretary - Sherman Tiger; AST Secretary - John Johnson; Election Commission Member #2 - Alicia Miller; AST Governor - Edwina Butler-Wolfe; Election Commissioner - John AL Little Axe.
Hello my Absentee Shawnee people!

I hope you are all doing well with this hot weather settling in our Great State of Oklahoma. It is an honor to represent the citizens of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. First, I would like to say I did travel to Washington, D.C. to attend the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) Legislative Summit and will have a more complete update in next month newsletter. Second, I would like to make a correction that I printed in last month newsletter article pertaining to the Shawnee Public Schools. I had indicated that there was not a Title VI Director employed and I do want to take this opportunity to correct that statement to say that there is a Title VI Director employed with Shawnee Public Schools. This is very good news. Further, as we approach the 2017-2018 school term I just want to inform our tribal members to call our Education Director, Tresha Spoon, 275-4030 Ext. 6242, with any questions or concerns about our own education services.

**DOI/BIA Listening Session - Tulsa, Oklahoma**

The purpose of this listening session was for tribal leaders to express their concerns on the reorganization of the Department of the Interior (DOI). It was noted that DOI had not been reorganized in some years. By reorganizing, it could possibly help streamline services to tribes and better fulfill the Federal Government's trust and treaty obligations. As we know, when new Presidential administrations come into office it takes time to see a potential benefit. At the meeting, I did express my concerns on the reorganization during this session and followed up with a meeting with our Self Governance/Roads Specialist, Mr. Scott Miller. Mr. Miller and I reviewed the material that I received during my attendance at the listening session. As a result, Mr. Miller did draft comments on behalf of the Tribe regarding the listening session and materials reviewed. As the Governor, I think that it is very important that our tribe take an active role in these sessions/consultations so that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe will be heard on important issues that affect Indian Country.

**Listed below are the meetings I attended:**

**JUNE 2017**

26th  CTSA Regular Monthly Meeting 9:00 am
     Thunderbird Entertainment Center, Inc. (TEC) Meeting 5:30 pm
27th  BIA Tribal Listening Session, Tulsa, Oklahoma 8:30 am – 12:30 am
29th  Met with Scott Miller, Self –Governance/Roads Specialist
30th  Swearing in Ceremony and Oath of Office 6:00 pm

**MAY 2017**

1st  White Turkey Meeting
3rd  Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex Closed
     10:00 am Meeting with tribal member
4th  Complex Closed
6th  Absentee Shawnee Housing Renewal Project Photo 9:30 am
JULY 2017

10th Directors Meeting: Executive Committee present: Governor Butler-Wolfe
Directors present: Media Department, ICW Department, Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority, Building Blocks II, Self-Governance/Roads Specialist, Enrollment, Courts, Education, Social Services, Police Department, Health Department, CCDF Programs, Gaming Commission.

14th AST Health Fair, Little Axe Clinic

17-19th National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) 2017 Summer Legislative Summit - Washington DC

Conclusion
As always my door is always open (unless I am in a meeting or at a meeting) and I welcome your visits.

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

Thank you,
Edwina Butler-Wolfe
Governor

Secretary’s Report

Dear Tribal Members,

I just want to give a brief update on the projects I have started. At Aprils General Council I introduced a new program called LaserFiche to my department and several other departments on the complex. As of today, the Secretary’s department is about half way of being complete. Once all the scanning is done and stored into LaserFiche, a portal will be set up for Tribal members to have access. This portal will give all Tribal Members access to any past and/or present Agenda’s, Resolution’s, Executive Committee Minutes, General Council minutes, boards and committees, etc. The goal to LaserFiche is for all departments to go paperless and give every tribal member access to everything stored within LaserFiche. My staff is working very hard to have everything scanned and entered in LaserFiche by the end of October 2017.

The next project I have been working diligently on is the opening of the Little Axe Convenience Store. I have made it my personal goal to re-open it as soon as possible, but in order to do so I had many hurdles to jump. The store was recently re-opened on May 26, 2017 and I can honestly say it is doing very good compared to where it came from. I hope the future of the store continues to thrive and do great. I am very pleased of the outcome. I appreciate everyone’s support and hard work.

My final project is to have an ice dispensary called Kooler Ice put in place by the convenient store. This should be available for use very soon. So be on the lookout for the new changes that are coming.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Neyiwa,
Secretary Johnson
Over the last quarter the Tribal Finance department has worked diligently on multiple tasks. The primary focus over the last three months was the completion of the annual overall tribal audit. The last 7 years, Bledsoe and Associates were hired to conduct the audit. Good business practice changes auditors every three years, so the Executive Committee passed a resolution in 2016 hiring Baker Tilly to conduct our audit. Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP is a full-service accounting and advisory firm that offers industry specialized services in audit, tax, and management consulting. Because they are a new auditor for AST, there was a greater learning curve between our entities and the Baker Tilly Auditors. However, on June 30th, our final audit was submitted with no findings. The audit team will meet with the Executive Committee and finance departments later in July to review the final audit. In addition to the audit, the finance team worked on the following projects and initiatives which have either been completed or will be completed:

### Financial Projects

- Reviewed current and new financial policies and procedures. Goal is to develop a new finance Policy & Procedure manual by Dec. 2017
- Process Improvement – Electronic Accounts Payable & Electronic Purchase Order research.
- Streamlined Grant budgets and proposal process

### Training & Education

- Financial leadership went to Self- Governance training.
- Training in fraud prevention.
- Sovereign Finance education on Project Financial Analysis.
- Accounting Software education - Abila MIP security and cloud upgrade.
- Accounting Rule changes for 2018.
- Finance cross-training and MIP Super-User plan to decrease training costs and improve continuity of financial service.
- Dept. of Justice Grant Education Training.

### Financial Initiatives

- Financial Transparency Initiative
  - Met with AllNations Bank to collect financial data – Ongoing
  - Purchased NetForum software to create a secure way to share financials online
- Mid-Year Budget Review for Tribal Departments, Health System and Casino
- Introduced and implemented a department budget scorecard in certain departments
- Created an employee training in-service guide on finance do’s & don'ts for grants
- AST C-Store
  - Conducted preliminary internal audit
  - Implemented financial controls & processes for c-store
  - Supported leadership on the restart of c-store
  - Reported Taxes and Cleared tribal store from potential legal burdens
- Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Association
  - Led the ASEDAA action team to restart ASEDAA focus and action
  - Created a project scorecard
- Developed an Indirect Cost Proposal training plan to bring process into the tribe - ongoing

The next quarter will become a time to review and update our process to help enhance and make the finance team more effective in providing services to tribal departments and tribal members. While we are finishing up our tribal budget mid-year review; August marks the start of our new budget planning cycle. We have implemented a few new processes and will continue to educate our directors on financial budgets. The action items listed above will spring board the finance department in addressing items into the next quarter.
Below shows the 2nd Quarter of how the tribe is tracking with their primary budget buckets (including Indirect Cost, BIA and General Funds).

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The AST Net Position is $65,524,113.18. The net position shows what the tribe is worth (assets and liabilities). The net position amount encompasses dollars that are spoken for and are in the budgets allocated to our tribal entities and departments.
The Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority is partnering with Community Renewal of Pottawatomie County to build a “Friendship House” on Absentee land as part of what they call the “Good Neighbor Project.” The Friendship House will sit on southeast corner of Bryan and Main, directly across the street from, Rolling Hills Addition the newest housing addition for Absentee Elders. When Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority Director, Sherry Drywater heard about Community Renewal’s Friendship House Initiative, she saw an opportunity.

The Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority provides vital services to the community like low rent housing, transitional housing, college housing assistance, home rehabilitation, and much more. It is their goal to provide excellence in service by being committed to improving the housing conditions and related social, educational and economic aspects which affect the overall living conditions of the Native American community. “I see a lot of families struggling and needing support” Drywater said, “and once I learned about Community Renewal and their focus on family and caring for your neighbors, I knew that was exactly the type of partnership the Absentee Shawnee Housing program needed.”

Friendship House is one initiative of Community Renewal where a home is built in an underserved neighborhood containing a large community room, where a Community Renewal staff member and his or her family live. Friendship House helps neighbors rebuild the caring infrastructure of that neighborhood and fosters beneficial relationships by working with local children, youth, and adults to help meet their needs while bringing valuable social services to the neighborhood. The Friendship House’s community room will provide after-school activities and a safe place for kids in the Horace Mann and Pleasant Grove neighborhoods, GED (Hi-SET) programs, adult literacy classes, and other service that meet the needs of the neighborhood. “The Friendship House will benefit not only the tribal families we work with in the neighborhood, but all the families who live within this community,” Drywater said.

Executive Director of Community Renewal, Brandon Dyer was thrilled to hear about The Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority’s vision for the Horace Mann and Pleasant Grove neighborhoods. “The Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority, through Mrs. Drywater’s leadership, wants to see these good, hard-working folks have what all of us want; a chance to live in a safe, caring community. No matter where we live, we do this by investing in meaningful relationships with our neighbors,” Dyer says. “The Friendship House will be a presence of support to neighbors already working hard to achieve this goal. Community Renewal is proud to partner with ASHA through the ‘Good Neighbor Project.’”

Fundraising is currently underway, with hopes to break ground in 2018.

FREE MUSIC LESSONS
Guitar • Bass • Piano • Drums
Available to all Native Americans w/CDIB#
For details, call Absentee Shawnee Behavioral Health
405-878-4716

Pictured (L-R): Mike Affentranger, Paula Waters, Maddi Roach, Sherri Thompson, Travis Flood, Maile Hopkins, Brandon Dyer, Sherry Drywater, David Henry, Jan Tipton, AST Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Michelle Briggs, Leroy Ellis, AST Secretary John Johnson and Roy Larney.
August 2017 - Scheduled Closings

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*In the event of a weather cancellation or delay affecting health services or if you are unsure if health is closed, please call ahead.*
Little Axe Health Center at (405) 447-0300, Shawnee Clinic at (405)878-5850 or PlusCare at (405)447-0477

**Also, weather closures/delays will be posted on the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health Facebook wall “Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health”, Twitter @ASTHealth and on ASTHS website at www.asthealth.org.

Tax Collections

**FY-2017**

**YTD TAX COLLECTIONS**

(Thru 6/30/17)

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**TOTAL COLLECTIONS** | $276,613.97 | $249,516.23 | $188,994.37 | $122,054.79 | $296,296.63 | $339,456.24 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $1,472,932.23 | 100% |
The 4th Annual Health Fair was a huge success and well attended this year. We especially thank all of our vendors, employees, staff, and tribal members as well as our patients who came out and made this a great event this year! Special thank you to: the AST Executive Committee, the AST Veterans, tribal dancers and drummers, Mrs. Pauline Wahpepah for her tribal prayer and the OKC Indian Princesses. We especially thank the tribal elders for a huge turn out and for their unwavering support!

Fall is right around the corner and summer will be coming to an end soon. We'll be getting ready for back to school, the Zombie Walk/Run 5K in October, and continue to expand our service and access to health programs - all to serve you better every day!

We continue to monitor elder care and high risk fall patients as well as homebound tribal members are always a concern to the Tribe and Health System. The health system remains a full partner with the Tribe in caring for and coordinating care for any tribal member that is homebound and has needs that we can help with or service within our scope and authority to do so as a health and wellness system. If you know of any tribal member who is homebound and needs assistance medically, please contact administration at (405) 701-7621 so we can assist as best as possible with resources or coordinate assistance for these members in need.

We continue to add new specialists to the staff to make it both more convenient to access specialty care on-site as well as save contract health funds. This avenue allows patient tests to be accomplished on-site and aid in the integration of the patient's health record for primary care providers to better manage for the care of the patients. We are especially excited to welcome our new Physiatrist, Dr. Danielle Zelnik, who will be running our new pain management clinic. Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R) physicians, also known as physiatrists, treat a wide variety of medical conditions affecting the brain, spinal cord, nerves, bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, and tendons. She is a great addition to our practice and the health system.

Thank you all for making our new staff feel welcomed and for using our services!

The health system's most valuable resource - our people – continues to display excellence for our tribal health system! I'm extremely proud of our outstanding star performers again this month, and thank them all for their contributions to our patients, their fellow employees, and the tribe! Employee of the month in July for health was Deidre Yarbrough, RN, Public Health Nurse and Health Fair Committee Chairwoman, for her incredible performance on the 4th Annual Health Fair event and other community event support to date; Team of the Month: Health Fair Planning Committee; and the Special Leadership Award: Michelle Wollenzin, RN, Public Health Director, for her leadership and engagement in servicing patients, community outreach, and grant support. The health employees continue to accomplish outstanding feats for our patients and for each other, taking care of our internal and external customers/patients. Thank you all for making an important difference in the lives and health of all of our health system's patients!

Additional health related information:

- **PlusCare Clinic/Little Axe area** has the ability to treat non-life threatening illnesses and injuries on a walk-in basis (no appointment needed). This service is extended to enrolled AST tribal members and other IHS eligible Native Americans who are the ages of 2 years and up. If you are a new (AI/AN) patient to our health system and are in need of our PlusCare services, please bring with you, your CDIB card, a second form of identification, social security card and health insurance card(s), if available. The location is 1550 2nd Street, Shawnee, OK (Little Axe Clinic) and 2029 South Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK (Driving Clinic near Thunderbird Casino/Norman). The phone number is (405) 447-0300.

- **Shawnee Clinic Extended Hours/Shawnee area** has the ability to treat non-life threatening illnesses and injuries on a walk-in basis (no appointment needed). This service is extended to enrolled AST tribal members, Native American Veteran’s, IHS eligible Native Americans, Medicaid/SoonerCare pediatric patients, and BCBS covered AST non-Native employees who are the ages of 2 years and up. If you are a new patient to our health system and are in need of our extended hours services, please bring with you, your CDIB card, a second form of identification, social security card and health insurance card(s), if available. The location is 2029 South Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK. The phone number is (405) 447-0300.

- **Emergency Dental Clinic** is available every Monday from 8 AM to 5 PM at the Little Axe Health Center. Patients will be evaluated on a first come, first serve basis and type of emergency care needed. Patients who have suffered trauma or present infection will be considered before other as well as established patients being considered before new patients. For more information, please call (405) 447-0300.

- **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 at either the Shawnee Clinic (405) 878-5850 or Little Axe Health Center (405) 447-0300.

- **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 at the Little Axe Health Center. 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.

- **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

- **Emergency After Hours Pharmacy:** 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 only 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.

- The Little Axe Health Center Drive-Thru Pharmacy is also available for emergency fills, for tribal members only, from: 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday & Sunday and holidays from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM excluding Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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

Since my last report, the Elders Council (EC) officers have concluded two surveys. The results are as follows. The surveys that the members selected as their most desired destinations were; Albuquerque Balloon Festival, a Cruise, Santa Fe Indian Market, Tecumseh Outdoor Drama, Heartland Flyer, and Washington D.C. We will now evaluate the costs associated with each trip so that we can assess whether it is economically feasible, i.e. affordable, to consider the trip. I hope to have some of the assessments done by the next meeting. The above trips are lengthy and will require substantial funding and planning. Fundraising by the elders is the major component that supports these trips and the members will be called upon to participate in our planned fundraising events to help support our trips. This does not omit the possibility of day trips and we hope to host a couple before years end. The second survey provided great ideas for speaker topics and the officers will move forward with the scheduling. As usual, we will continue to promote the AST tribe within and around our communities at various venues. Following are some of the activities and some general information that the EC members have been involved in during the past few weeks.

At the AST Health Fair on July 14, the EC hosted a registration and information booth. Our meeting attendance has generally been 20-25 members with 4-6 guests. The EC is striving to grow our membership and promote the EC. The Health Fair was well attended and our booth was visited by many attendees. We had many of our younger tribal members who are just short of 50 years old visit our booth and we encouraged them to join the EC when they attain the age criteria. We register 10 new elders at this event. In keeping with and promoting good health, the EC gave a healthy piece of fruit to elders who registered as well as a few who just visited our booth. We held a raffle for an outdoor grill and that was won by Diane Little Axe. We thank everyone who visited our booth. For those who registered, we hope to see you at our monthly meetings.

Last month, the members voted to have theme lunches for the remainder of the year—except for Thanksgiving and Christmas. A list of unique ideas to add some festive flair to our monthly meetings was provided to the group. The July 15 meeting luncheon theme was “Italian”. We had some really good Italian dishes prepared by our members. The August meeting theme will be “All-American Picnic”. As we move through the months, we look forward to having some very interesting luncheons! Thanks to all who participated in the “Italian” luncheon.

On July 6, several Elders attended the Stroud Powwow’s Traditional Night. Although the weather was hot and humid, the powwow was well attended. There were many campers, dancers and spectators from around the nation in attendance to enjoy the Shawnee songs that were sung as well as all other tribal songs. The discussion about this event brought up some very good ideas for gaining more insight and understanding of the Shawnee songs that were sung, i.e. the stories that the songs tell and the history behind the songs. We hope to soon host an activity that will encompass this topic.

Camp Nikoti 2017--Elder Council President, Meredith Wahpekeche, has dedicated much of her time over the last few weeks helping with the many children activities. Meredith and Rick Little Axe (EC Vice President), were planning to conduct two special activities 1) how to make fire with flint and 2) outdoor cooking utilizing Dutch ovens with the children, but due to tribal funerals, these activities were postponed—hopefully they can work them in before the end of the camp. I think Rick plans on having the local fire department on call during this flint and fire starting instruction! Good luck Rick!! Many events and programs rely on volunteers to help make its events successful. The EC encourages everyone to make a commitment and volunteer whenever and wherever possible. Come out and support our tribal events.

We were fortunate to have the opportunity to have Ms. Carly Dyer from AST Enrollment attend our July 15 meeting to go over the proposed changes and answer questions regarding the Membership Ordinance. We highly recommend that all tribal members attend the next two upcoming sessions that Carly has scheduled 1) Horseshoe Bend, August 12, 10am-12pm and 2) Resource Center, September 9, 10am-12pm. Be an informed tribal member! Please continue to check dates for these meetings as the dates have previously changed due to unforeseen circumstances, but as of this writing, this is the latest scheduled dates.

Thanks to all of the Elders who have participated and provided their ideas and suggestions. The officers are now in a position to start evaluating potential trips and events to present for consideration by the members. The feasibility of these activities will be determined by costs and the commitment by the members of the Elders Council.

I will leave you with a quote from the Great Chief Tecumseh, “When you rise in the morning, give thanks for the light, for the light, for your life, for your strength. Give thanks for your food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason to give thanks, the fault lies in yourself.” We, indeed, were lead by a wise and great man many years ago! Let us build on his legacy.

Until next time,
Athed Edwards-Fletcher, Secretary

ASEDA Board Members Needed

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe is looking for tribal members to fill all the positions of the board.

If interested contact the Secretary’s Office of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe at (405) 275-4030
This article explains (1) what actions you can take when the weather is extremely hot and (2) how to understand heat alerts from the National Weather Service that you could receive in your local area.

Heat kills by pushing the human body beyond its limits. In extreme heat and high humidity, evaporation is slowed and the body must work extra hard to maintain a normal temperature.

Key Safety Tips:
- Drink plenty of water; even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid drinks with caffeine. Persons who have epilepsy or heart, kidney, or liver disease; are on fluid-restricted diets; or have a problem with fluid retention should consult a doctor before increasing liquid intake.
- Never leave children or pets alone in closed vehicles.
- Check on family, friends, and neighbors who do not have air conditioning and who spend much of their time alone.
- Check on your animals frequently to ensure that they are not suffering from the heat.
- Go to a designated public shelter if your home loses power during periods of extreme heat. Stay on the lowest floor out of the sunshine if air conditioning is not available.
- Check the weather/listen to your NOAA Weather Radio for critical updates from the National Weather Service (NWS).

Safety Tips If You Have to Go Outside:
- Avoid strenuous work during the warmest part of the day. Use a buddy system when working in extreme heat, and take frequent breaks.
- Dress in loose-fitting, lightweight, and light-colored clothes that cover as much skin as possible. Avoid dark colors because they absorb the sun's rays.
- Protect face and head by wearing sunblock and a wide-brimmed hat.
- Postpone outdoor games and activities.
- Stay indoors as much as possible and limit exposure to the sun.

Additional Safety Tips:
- Eat well-balanced, light, and regular meals. Avoid using salt tablets unless directed to do so by a physician.
- Limit intake of alcoholic beverages.
- Avoid extreme temperature changes.
- Consider spending the warmest part of the day in public buildings such as libraries, schools, movie theaters, shopping malls, and other community facilities. Circulating air can cool the body by increasing the perspiration rate of evaporation.
- Download the FEMA App for heat advisories and safety tips.
- Text SHELTER + your ZIP code to 43362 (4FEMA) to find the nearest shelter in your area (example: shelter 12345).

Tips To Prepare Your Home:
- Install window air conditioners snugly; insulate if necessary.
- Check air-conditioning ducts for proper insulation.
- Install temporary window reflectors (for use between windows and drapes), such as aluminum foil-covered cardboard, to reflect heat back outside.
- Weather-strip doors and sills to keep cool air in.
- Cover windows that receive morning or afternoon sun with drapes, shades, awnings, or louvers. (Outdoor awnings or louvers can reduce the heat that enters a home by up to 80 percent.)
- Keep storm windows up all year.

Heat Related Terms:
Familiarize yourself with these terms to help identify an extreme heat hazard:
- Heat Wave - Prolonged period of excessive heat, often combined with excessive humidity.
- Heat Index - A number in degrees Fahrenheit (F) that tells how hot it feels when relative humidity is added to the air temperature. Exposure to full sunshine can increase the heat index by 15 degrees.
- Heat Cramps - Muscular pains and spasms due to heavy exertion. Although heat cramps are the least severe, they are often the first signal that the body is having trouble with the heat.
- Heat Exhaustion - Typically occurs when people exercise heavily or work in a hot, humid place where body fluids are lost through heavy sweating. Blood flow to the skin increases, causing blood flow to decrease to the vital organs. This results in a form of mild shock. If not treated, the victim's condition will worsen. Body temperature will keep rising and the victim may suffer heat stroke.
- Heat Stroke - A life-threatening condition. The victim's temperature control system, which produces sweating to cool the body, stops working. The body temperature can rise so high that brain damage and death may result if the body is not cooled quickly.
- Sun Stroke - Another term for heat stroke.
- Excessive Heat Watch - Conditions are favorable for an excessive heat event to meet or exceed local Excessive Heat Warning criteria in the next 24 to 72 hours.
- Excessive Heat Warning - Heat Index values are forecast to meet or exceed locally defined warning criteria for at least 2 days (daytime highs=105-110°F Fahrenheit).
- Heat Advisory - Heat Index values are forecast to meet locally defined advisory criteria for 1 to 2 days (daytime highs=100-105°F Fahrenheit)

Contact information:
Emergency Management Coordinator can be reached at the Tribal Police Department 405-275-3200, cell phone number 405-740-1562, and at this email address: lday@astribe.com
Reminder:

- All trust land transactions must come through the Realty Office.
- Sales and/or any other trust land transactions must be authorized by the Realty Department and approved by the BIA.
- Any trust land transactions not involving the Realty Department are invalid.
- Please keep addresses current with the Office of the Special Trustee for Indians @ 1-888-678-6836. This will allow proper notification to be made to landowners on new leases and other information.
- Please keep addresses current with the Absentee Shawnee Enrollment Department. This allows the Realty Department to cross-reference landowner addresses with the OST.
- Gift deed transactions will take time to get approved from the BIA.
- Negotiated sales must follow the proper procedures to ensure the transaction is considered for approval.
- A family member of a deceased landowner must initiate the probate process.

If anyone has any questions, please contact the Realty Department @ (405) 275-4030.

PROBATE MISSION STATEMENT

The primary mission of the Division of the Probate is to compile inventories of the Indian Trust Assets and family information, and to coordinate the timely distribution of trust assets with the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Land Titles and Records Office and the Office of Special Trustee.

The Division of Probate gathers information regarding decedent's family and property and prepares it for adjudication by the Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA). After OHA issues a probate order the Division works with other trust offices, such as the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians and the Land Titles and Records Office to distribute assets.

In order for this to happen, the family of the decedent will need to contact the Absentee Shawnee Real Estate Division (Probate) to start the probate process.

Should you have any questions, please contact Lea Tsotaddle at 405-275-4030 ext. 6248.

Notice of Farming and Grazing Lease Sale
To be held on August 28, 2017

Sealed bids for Farming and Grazing Leases Sale will be received in the office of the Realty Department until 10:00 AM, 28 August 2017. 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. For a complete list of available tracts, please visit, www.astribe.com.

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, August 28, 2017”. Mail all sealed bids to:

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

Further information concerning this advertisement may be obtained by calling (405) 275-4030 or writing to the above listed address.
The Cobell Settlement Deadline

The US District Court for the District of Columbia (the “Court”) has set November 27, 2017 as the final deadline for any Class Member or the heir of a Class Member to provide documentation so that payment can be made. The Court approved one exception in its Order, Class Member estates pending probate proceedings at the U.S. Department of Interior’s Office of Hearing and Appeals (“OHA”) as of November 27, 2017, will have their payments held until the OHA proceedings are finalized. Those payments will then be distributed to the heirs. All other documentation must be received by the Claims Administrator or postmarked by November 27, 2017. Should you have any questions about the types of documentation acceptable for payment or if you are a Class Member or heir to a Class Member and you have not received your check, please do not hesitate to call (800) 961-6109. Information can be found on the Indian Trust Settlement website: www.indiantrust.com

Please update your personal information or to find your IIM Account with the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians 1-888-678-6836.

AARON D CORIZ
ADAM J STEVES
AIMEE R ELLIS
ALBERT E MATNEY
ALBERTA D SPOON
ALEXANDER G HERNANDEZ
ALFORD ELLIS
ALICE CHISHOLM SWITCH
ALLIE ELLA SNAKE SNAKEMAN WEST
ALICE K CORPUS
ALEXANDER G HERNANDEZ
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DONNA N WHITE
DONALD R SPRIGGS
DONALD D SCHULENBURG
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DINA A LITTLE JIM
DELORIS A KASECA
DELISHA A DOUSSETT
DEBRA F WARRIOR
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DEANNA M TURNER
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DONNA N WHITE

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Who are the children in need?
- Native American children in custody of tribe or state.
- Native American children ages 0-17.
- Native American children in sibling groups.
- Native American children with special, physical, or emotional needs.
- Native American children mixed with another ethnicity.

TRIBAL FOSTER CARE HOMES ARE NEEDED FOR OUR TRIBAL CHILDREN

WILL YOU OPEN YOUR HOME TO A CHILD IN NEED?

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A FOSTER CARE HOME PLEASE CONTACT:
JULIE WILSON 275-4030 EXT. 6376
WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

KINDERGARTEN THRU 12TH GRADE CHILDREN: Enrolled tribal members who are attending a Certified School are eligible to make an application for assistance.

SPECIAL NEED CHILDREN: Tribal Members who are twenty-three (23) years old and under, and who are attending a Certified Special Needs School, such as but not limited to, school for the deaf, blind, or disabled are eligible to make an application for clothing assistance.

Applications are accepted January-December

For more information please contact the Social Service Department

405-275-4030 ext. 6255 or 6225
I apologize for not having our newsletter in last month, but here are the highlights for June:

We had our ‘Donuts for Dads’ breakfast on June 16th. We had 12 parents join us to celebrate Father’s Day with their children.

Our Threes and Fours/Fives classes attended a couple of fieldtrips in June. The Threes class visited the Jasmine Moran Children’s Museum and the Tecumseh splash pad. The Fours/Fives class visited the Oklahoma City Zoo, The Orr Family Farm, and the Myriad Botanical Garden, which included The Very Hungry Caterpillar playground and a splash pad.

**Highlights for July**

It’s been a busy month at Building Blocks III. We’ve been enrolling children and adding some to our waiting list for future start dates. We currently have 28 children actively attending daily. Our classrooms are very large so we do have immediate openings, for those needing care now, in all ages except our 4’s & 5’s classroom. We welcome anyone who is interested in our services to come take a tour and ask questions. Even if you just want to see the facility, please come by and take a look around.

The 3’s class enjoyed fieldtrips to the Okc Zoo and the Science Museum in July. While the 4’s & 5’s watched the movie “Home” at the Hornbeck in Shawnee, then stopped off for a Mazzio’s pizza lunch. August will bring more fieldtrips in the first 2 weeks, before school starts.

On July 13th, Magician Steve Crawford performed a magic show for us. This kiddos and teachers loved it! It was family friendly and full of laughs! There were plenty of “Oooh… Aaah” moments. And some of them got to be “assistants” for certain tricks. We will definitely be doing another magic show in the future.

**Dates to Remember:**

We will be closed on AST Day, which is Friday, August 4.

Parents can keep up with Building Blocks III (Little Axe) by liking us on facebook. We will post information regarding holidays, closings, classroom activities, as well as family events. We will also post pictures of fieldtrips and other fun things the kiddos do. (Parents must sign a permission form to allow their child’s image to be shared on facebook.)

Thank you,
Billie Thompson
BBIII Director

Like us on Facebook
Water play has been a regular occurrence at BBIII. With the temperature being so warm so early in the morning, the teachers have been taking advantage of the opportunity to do water activities on the playgrounds, before the extreme heat arrives. The children love it! Ms. Diana and Ms. Lisa in our 4’s & 5’s class set up an entire classroom outside for the morning water play. It included a water table, sandbox, art center, water sprinkler, and two bowls of Oobleck (a mixture of 2 parts corn starch and 1 part water). Everyone had a great time!
AUGUST 2017 BIRTHDAYS

Aguinaga, Joanna Stevens
Alaee, Deena Shabnam
Alford, Brandon Wayne
Alford, Donald John
Alford, Dylan James
Alford, Janene Flora
Allen, Zachary Jared
Almeida, Fallen Joe
Almazan, Lucy Joseline
Altman, Colson Charles
Anderson, Dakiah Ali
Anderson, Jared Russell
Aitwara, Haimoni Rull
Balaguer, Jana Renee
Ballard, James Weslee
Barbosa, Francisca Lazo
Barbosa, Natalie Cadence
Barnes, Alivna Lynn (Wilson)
Barnes, Jonna Kay
Barrett, Calby Jay
Barrett, Dina Melanie
Barrett, Joshua Deen
Beachem, Lois Marie
Beauregard, Kaitlin
Blanchett, Tinita Marie
Blanchard, CaiLeah Ann
Blanchard, Christopher Ray
Blanchard, Henry Benjamin
Blanchard, Jessica Marie
Blanchard, Kaylee Dawn
Blair, Bayla Marie
Blanchard, Leadra Danna
Blanchard, Luann Delores
Blanchard, Ruth Evelyn
Blanchard, Sandra Lynn
Blanchard, Stacie Faye
Blocker, Steven DeWayne
Bond, James Phillip
Boston, Sheila Marie
Boston, Sheldon Shannon
Bosworth, Donna Sue White
Box-Kessler, James Steven
Bradshaw, Karson Marie
Brady, Crystal Sue
Breath, Kilee Michael
Breed, Kiley Madison Michael
Breeding, Taylor Mae
Britt, Nathan Scott
Brooke-Sher-Iola Davis
Brooke, Riley Madisen
Brown, Teresa
Brown, Traci Lynn
Buckheart, Phillip Paul
Burgueta, Kary Joanne Joann
Byers, Dallas Landry
Camp, Samew
Campbell, Elizabeth Lee
Carao, Jadeta Daphna
Carison, Adriano McBride
Carter, Rosalind Willie
Casteel, Serenity James
Chambers, Diane Lynn
Chasholm, Aricia Sue
Chisholm, Daniel Kent
Chitty, Daniel Cale
City, Rachel Danace
Ciulla, Kavla Rena
Clark, Autumn Marie
Clinsmith, Jamie Lenea
Cod, Kristin Renee
Conley, Nicole Lynn
Cope, Vincent Michael
Coreland, Matthew Kyle
Cottrell, Lindsay Russell
Crowley, Alexcia Nicole
Crowley, Isabel Deanne
Crowley, Jessica Ann
Davis, Darrel Wayne
Dee, Travis William David
Delodee, Chevonne MacHelle
Dodds, Clayton Robert
Dominquez, Valerie Rose
Douverie, Sheila Ann
Draper, Darrel Dawn
Durmon, Patrick Duane
Edarmo, Kimberly Ann
Elizondo, Erron Blaine
Elkins, David Preston
Elmore, Braden Lee
Emberly, Lisa Marie
Engard, Randall Blake
Felton, Kai Neal Brave
Felton, Wyatt Cooper
Finch, Courtney Shea
Finko, Analiza Rochelle
Foreman Sr., Leonard Dewayne
Fowler, Sofia Evelyn
Frusher, Kendall trembling
French, Joseph Lee
Frye, Michele Renia
Fuentez, Adriana Esperanza
Galbon (Cocharne), Joyce Ann
Garretson, Shalynelle V.
Garrett, Zachary
Gibson, Jovon Caine
Gibson, Hicks, Leila Kay
Gibson, Ethan Leroy
Gibson, Marloa Lee
Gillmore, Tammy Kay
Gilmore, Cynthia Jaeven
Gonzalez-Freed, Alexa Faith
Goodman, Brandon Thomas
Gonez, Marissa Janell
Grainst, Brandon Thomas
Grav, Dora Estelle
Greenfield, David Glenn
Griffin, Armani De jour
Griffin, Corinne Sue
Hanes, Carolin Ann
Harmon, Melody Leean
Harr, Victor Raymond
Harr, Jason Michael
Harr, Kobi Lee
Harr, Tereesa Michele
Harr, Ashtley Nicole
Harve, Jason Scott
Harvins, Michael Dakota
Headley Jr., Abraham Lee
Hendricks, Rachale Anne Powell
Hernandez, Alicia Marie
Herrera Sr., Ruben Pilar
Herrera, Jennifer Marie
Herrera, Renee Christine
Hhrs, Lucas Aradel
Hill, Scotty Lee
Hollender, John Lennon
Hood, Ivon Joseph Wesley
Hood, Steven Mark
Houston, Jacob Lee
Huckaby, Richard Allen
Irvin III, William Jetson
Jackson, Amanda Christine
Johnson, Josiah Nicholas
Johnson, Dante Roman
Johnson Jr., Robert Anthony
Johnson, Janis Aisna
Johnson-Stevenson, Brvon Darius
Johnson-Stevenson, Marissa Kathryn
Johnson, Carrieynn Melissa
Johnson, Christina Michelle
Johnson, Crystal Faith
Johnson, Darrell Ray
Johnson, Tanya Dawn
Johnson, Devon Ray
Johnson, Robbin
Johnson, Ronnie Gene
Jordan, Betty Jean
Jordave, Daniel Dakota
Kastl, Richard Dean
Keith, Jaime Lee
Kennedy, Revocia Lea
Kennedy, Willie James
Kernell, Noelah Lee
Kilmer, Gregory Keith
Kinnaman, haciendo Daz
Kinnamam, Dustin James
Kirby, William Anthony
Koster, Keeleigh Jennifer
Lamb, Westom Bobby Claverton Charley
Langston, Nicole Leean
Larney, Jr., Nathaniel Roy
Larney, Lareya Rosita
Larney, Tava Dionna
Latham, Sloan, Stone Tecumseh Lee, Christother Ashton
Leedom, Daniel Clarkson
Liles, Tammy Galale
Little, Alexia Renae
Little, Andrea B J White
Little, Chasity Lynn
Little, Jamison Sloan
Little, Kimberle Jolene
Little, Mikah Dean
Little, Panther Sky
Little, Charlez, Tervon
Little, Tmmes,云思
Little, Jime, Lorneta Alex
Little, Earl Lynn
Little, Mark Anthony
Littlebeai, David Allen
Littlebeart, Patrick Dale
Littlecreek, Cameron Joseph
Littlefield, Lauretta
Littlehead, Montana Dane
Locke, Ericalee Dawn
Lozan, Kathleen June
Lonenden, Marilen Sue
Lonhorn, Gabriel Allen
Lonhorn, Keith Warren
Lonhorn, Patricia Marie
Lomane, Kirstane Paige
Loslie, Amy Laverne
Lovins, Jo Ann
Love, Trenton James
Mack, Devin Lee
Mack, Kyle Ricco
Mack, Tannia Amanda
Mann, Cecil Ray
Mann, McCann Allen
Mann, Michael Ray
Mann, Tracy Diane
Marquez II, Felice Herrera
Martha, Briana Michelle
Marshall, Laura Lee
Martinez Jr., Jose Martin
Martinez, Godchild Justice
Martinez, Tecumseh Joaquin
Masuas, Zarihade Jade
Mather, Charyl Ann
Mastuait, Lindsay Marie
Maxwell, Darrell Wayne
McBride, Caroline Sue
McBride, Michael Andrew
McPherson, Elaine Lee
McPherson, Joshua Alan
Megehee, Hunter Duke
Mekevisi, Kevin Charles
Miller, Stacy Elaine
Miller, Tommy Dean
Minesinger, Kenneth Scott
Mood, Meean Marie
Moore, Amanda Rene
Moore, Brian Dane
Moore, Christian Glenn
Morris, Nikolai William
Mossbacher, Myles Anthony
Mvers, Jerri Annette
Nees, Krystal Ann
Nelson, Korey James
Neuenschwalder, Alisha Denise
Noueal, Zalee Vee
Notuck, Roman Christopher Alan
Olivas, Lily Martha Ruth
Ortiz, Syla Loumae
Owens, Alisha Jane
Panther, Jessabian Rae Ann
Pashon, Tyston Nathanel Lee
Pearl, Roger Allen
Peetoom, Stephanie Dawn
Perkins, Troy Dylan
Presson, Elizabeth Ann
Puckett, Ryan Paul
Ramirez, Anzel Renee
Ramirez, Librado Bryan
Ramirez, Sirene Angel
Ramsey, Tycilla Renee
Rapp, Michael Lauren
Rarick, Keevly Danielle
Ridenour, Lesley Paige
Robinson, Natasha Ann
Robs, Owen Benjamin
Robins, Jr., Anthony
Rolette, David Wayne
Roller, David Lee
Roller, Susan Marzaret
Ross, James Edward
Ross, Janae Lee
Ross, Tasia Rene
Rosen, Cheyenne Michelle
Schofield, Thomas Marshall
Smith, Cristopher Doublas
Sloat, Lorraine Gail
Smith, Savid Leiah
Snake, Amber Laire
Spoon Jr., Steven Paul
Spoon, Alexis Chevonne
Spoon, Aysdia Shifare
Snowbuck, Thomas Matthew
Sprui, Kenten Dale
Sprue, Suzetta Ann
Starr, Ashley Ann
Starr, Eselia Mia
Starr, Jamie Dawn
Stobiov, Allen Monroe
Stricklin, Olivia Savon
Sullivan Jr., Thomas Lee
Susko, Kelbi Anne
Swenson, London Alane
Swenson, Owen Cruz
Switch, Cara Cameron
Swinh, Lalee Dunn
Talciich, Srema Marie
Thompson, DeKaville Talara
Thorne, Keaston James Guthrie
Thorne, Kera Nicole
Tieer Jr., Leonard Gene
Tieer, Cierra Akave
Tiger, Kaiah
Tiger, Mary Louise
Tobelt, Javauahne Charles
Tolbert, Jocelyn Renee
Tucker, Wessie Carmine
Tucker, Xavier Mena
Tullius, Ashley Nicole
Turn, Kendra Jean
Vauhn, Sandra Kay
Vehe, Carol Ann
Villalobos, Enrique Ivan
Wahpeche, Joaquin Noah
Wakeley, Brianna Moranz
Warrior Jr., Manuel Anthony
Warriore, Isaac Necon
Warriore, Lyda Annelle
Warriore, Samuel Adrian
Watson, Grezory Doyle
Wenholm, Tyson Riley
West, Randall Aaron
White, Darrel Lee
Whie, Michael Brooks
Whitfield, A. C.
Whitten, Tai Louise
Williams, Jr., Robert
Williams, Charlotte Virginia
Williams, Deana Michelle
Williams, Derrick Heath
Williams, Jennifer Lee
Williams, Kentis Lynne
Williams, Linda Lee
Williams, Jeannie Oldham
Wilson, Anthony Eugene
Wilson, Asa Lynch
Wilson, Chevenne Michelle
Wilson, Debra Ann
Wilson, Emily
Wilson, Espernai
Wilson, Mvsa Rose
Wilson, Sarah Madisen Jane
Wilson, Terry Blaine
Wilson, Tiffany Michelle
worow, Mya Lasta
Wright, Lucas Alan
Woods, Kaithlin Marie
Woodward, Anthony Emmett
Woodward, Blake Anthony
Yates, Trevor Todd Thomas
To my sugarbaby, LynnLei Kaseca

HAPPY 3rd BIRTHDAY!!!

We love you bunches,
Granny & Grandpa, Aunt Nikki and Uncle Pat

Happy 1st Birthday
Keeleigh J. Koster

We love you sweet girl
From,
Your Mom, Dad, Mimi &
Great Grandma Jenifer

Happy 2nd Birthday
Alexia Faith Freed
We love you!!
The Longman Family

Happy 3rd Birthday
LynnLei
We love you very much.
Love,
Mom, Dad,
Bubba and Sissy

Happy 18th Birthday!!
Kirstain “Page” Longman
We Love You!!!
Grams and Dad

Happy Belated 3rd Birthday!!!
Annabelle Marie Longman
We Love You!!!
The Longman Family

Happy Birthday
Henry Blanchard
Love Mom and Dad
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

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With Promise for
Our Future

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PLEASE CALL (405) 273-1050 OR COME BY OUR OFFICE
LOCATED AT 107 NORTH KIMBERLY IN SHAWNEE, OK
WEBSITE: WWW.ASHOUSINGAUTHORITY.COM

National Suicide Prevention
1-800-273-8255 (TALK)
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Saturday 9:00am - 3:00pm
Sunday CLOSED

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Buster Bread  
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| **Fitness sessions will be available every Wednesday and Friday at the Little Axe Health Center**

“Mini Bootcamp”- A full-body strength training program aimed to improve your muscular fitness and endurance.

“Couch to 5k”- A program to help develop your aerobic strength and endurance over 12-weeks. The program goal is to help participants complete a 5K distance by walking, jogging, or running.

“Circuit Training”- A time efficient training system aimed at developing strength through pre-determined training stations.

“Cardio Kickboxing”- Aerobic training using kickboxing techniques to engage and strengthen the cardiovascular system.

“Diabetes and Wellness”

Absentee Shawnee Fitness
White Turkey Band
Of
Absentee Shawnee ‘s
Veterans Pow-wow
Saturday, November 4, 2017
Thunderbird Casino @ Event Center

M.C.: Kelly Switch
Head Singer: Mike Kihega
Head Gourd: Micheal Tsotaddle
Head Lady: Alexis Tanyan
Head Man: Troy Tilley
Arena Director: Geremy Johnson
Co-Host: Absentee Shawnee Tribe Color Guard Association
Invited Color Guards: Sac & Fox Color Guard

Seminole Nation Honor Guard
All Veterans and Veteran Organizations Invited
All Club, Tribal and Organization Princesses invited

Special Straight Dance Contest in memorial of Herbert Switch United States Marine Corp. (open to all ages) by Kelly Switch

Special Women’s Southern Cloth Contest in Honor of Alexis Tanyan by Alexis Tanyan Family

Information Contact:
Gwen Switch 405-204-9612
Vendor Information:
Lana Butler 405-481-0155
(Leave Message)

Schedule:
2 P.M. Gourd Dance
5 P.M. Supper
6 P.M. Gourd Dance
7 P.M. Grand Entry
11 P.M. Closing

Raffles and Cake Walks

Sponsors not responsible for accidents or theft (security will be provided). Thunderbird Entertainment is an Absentee Shawnee Enterprise and is not responsible for Accidents or Theft
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 of 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 breakdown 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. 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**
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**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**

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In order to receive payment, all the above must be met and turned in to 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.
Adult WIA Program

Now accepting applications!!

Requirements include:

♦ Must be a member of a federally recognized tribe.
♦ Must be 18 years of age.
♦ Must live within the Absentee Shawnee Tribe service area.
♦ Can not be currently employed
♦ Must meet income guidelines

Several positions are available!

Applications can be found online at www.astribe.com or at the AST Social Service Department

For further questions please contact Linda Gouge 405-275-4030 ext. 6255
There is a welcoming place for women.

Studies show that women tend to ignore their own health while taking care of children and partners. But how can you take care of them if you don’t take care of you? Breast and pelvic exams, mammography referrals, bone density screenings and adult immunizations are beyond important. They make you healthier. Better. More able to do the hard work that women do.

LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER
15951 Little Axe Dr.
Norman, OK 73026
405.292.9530

SHAWNEE CLINIC
2029 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801
405.878.5859

Both pharmacies are closed the first Wednesday of every month from Noon-5 p.m.

24-HOUR EMERGENCY PHARMACY ACCESS
If you experience an emergency issue after hours and receive a prescription that needs to be filled that same evening, AST Health has provided access for Tribal members only at three (3) approved Walgreens 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 another appropriate ID. Then, they will fill your prescription. You will have a five-day limited fill on your prescription. Upon the first work/business day, you can have the remaining balance of your prescription transferred to your AST pharmacy in either Shawnee or Little Axe, and they will fill your remaining balance. The three (3) AST Health-approved Walgreens service locations are: 1427 North Harrison Street or at 600 Shawnee Mall Drive, Shawnee, OK or 615 West Main Street, Norman, OK.

LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER
15951 Little Axe Dr.
Norman, OK 73026
405.447.0500

SHAWNEE CLINIC
2029 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801
405.878.5850 - 1.877.878.4702 (Toll-free)

A guiding hand on your shoulder.

Life comes with its share of challenges. As individuals, family members, friends, there are times when we all need some help to clear our minds and better the days ahead. The resources are here; the people are kind. If you need us, please call us, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
**LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER OPTOMETRY**

**ANNUAL BENEFITS & DISCOUNTS**

**Absentee Shawnee Tribal Members with Vision Insurance:**

All enrolled Absentee Shawnee Tribal members who have vision insurance will have their insurance billed for the exam and any prescribed optical products. The Tribal benefit will be used for the remainder of the cost for prescription eye glasses or contact lens, not to exceed the $350.00 vision benefit through the ASTHS Contract Health Services. If the amount exceeds the $350.00 benefit, the Tribal member will be responsible for the out of pocket expense.

*If an enrolled Absentee Tribal Member with insurance chooses to see an outside provider they will be responsible for notifying ASTHS Contract Health Services (405.701.7951 or 405.878.5850). Their benefit within the Absentee Shawnee Optometry Department will only allow for the amount within the $350.00 that was left unused for the vision benefit year. (i.e. If you were seen December 31, 2016 your vision benefit year lasts until December 30, 2017.)*

**Absentee Shawnee Tribal Members without Vision Insurance:**

All enrolled Absentee Shawnee Tribal members who do not have vision insurance must use the Absentee Shawnee Optometry Department to receive their eye exam at no charge and their $350.00 tribal benefit for the cost of prescription eye glasses or contact lens. If the amount exceeds the $350.00 benefit the Tribal member will be responsible for the out of pocket expense.

**Absentee Shawnee Tribal Members who live outside of the catchment area:**

All enrolled Absentee Shawnee Tribal members who reside outside of the catchment area (Cleveland, Pottawatomie, Logan, Lincoln, and Oklahoma counties) may still utilize their tribal benefit only if they use the Absentee Shawnee Optometry department for their exam and/or prescription optical products. The allotted $350.00 will be used towards prescription eye glasses or contact lens. If the amount exceeds the $350.00 benefit the Tribal member will be responsible for the out of pocket costs.

*These patient will need to ensure they have updated their chart. This is to include updated HIPAA and consent forms.

**Additional products/charges outside of the allowed benefit schedule:**

Any additional products/charges outside of the allowed benefit schedule must be paid for by the patient. For example, patients who do not require corrective lens but chose to get colored contacts or non-prescription sunglasses these will be at their own expense. All charges will need to be paid for in advance following the payment guidelines posted in the office. NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED.

*No combining of discounts allowed*

*Insurance benefits must be exhausted first before discounts can be applied. Patient’s co-pay portion cannot be discounted.*

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**A Little Note from The Tag Office**

**Did You Know…..**

Any name changes that may occur (i.e. marriage, divorce, etc.) need to be updated through enrollment, **BEFORE** any new registrations or renewals can be processed.
Office of Environmental Health
Brownfield Response Program

What is a Brownfield?

The EPA defines a brownfield site as “...real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, controlled substances, petroleum or petroleum products, or is mine-scarred land.”

Do you possibly have a Brownfield site on your land?

Typical Brownfield Sites Include:

- Abandoned Factories/Buildings/Homes
- Burned Homes
- Buried Dump Sites
- Open Dump Sites
- A Large Amount of Tires
- Former Cattle Dip Pit Sites
- Barrels of Unknown Substances
- Old Service Stations
- Oil Storage Facilities
- Oil/Gas Well Sites
- Old Dry Cleaning Businesses

If it's possible that you have a Brownfield site on your property, or if you know of a possible Brownfield site, please contact:

Absentee Shawnee Tribe
Brownfield Response Program
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801
(405) 214-4235
AST.Environmental.Programs@astribe.com

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ast.environmental.programs
APPLYING FOR TRIBAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE (T.E.A)
(A ONE TIME YEARLY PAYMENT OF $150.00, PER RESIDENCE)

ELIGIBILITY
- ENROLLED ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE
- 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER
- UTILITY BILL IN YOUR NAME AND/OR SPOUSE’S NAME (SPOUSE MUST RESIDE IN HOME)
- TOTAL RESIDENCE INCOME (MUST NOT EXCEED A MONTHLY NET PAY OF $2,800.00)

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:
- SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS (ALL MEMBERS RESIDING IN THE RESIDENCE)
- CDIB CARDS (ALL MEMBERS RESIDING IN THE RESIDENCE)
- CURRENT UTILITY BILL AND/OR DISCONNECT NOTICE
- CURRENT 30 DAYS INCOME VERIFICATION (I.E. CHECK STUB, SOCIAL SECURITY, UNEMPLOYMENT, TANF, ETC.)
- UNEMPLOYED APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE SELF-CERTIFICATION FORM PROVIDED BY CASE WORKER

APPLICATION ALSO ONLINE: www.astride.com
HAVE APPLICATION COMPLETED AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATIONS BEFORE SUBMITTING TO SOCIAL SERVICES

OILS

Oklahoma Indian Legal Services will be at the Tribal Court House, Bldg. #3 each month on the 2nd Thursday from 9am-12pm.

Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS) is a nonprofit organization that provides free legal services to low income Native Americans in Oklahoma. To be eligible for services you must fall within OILS income guidelines.

Contact information:

Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS)
4200 Perimeter Center Dr., Ste 222
Oklahoma City, OK 73112
Telephone: (405) 943-6457
Telephone: (800) 658-1497
Facsimile: (405) 917-7060

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.astride.com and at the OEH&E building.
ATTENTION PARENTS!!!

CTSA EARLY HEAD START & HEAD START IS LOOKING FOR CHILDREN, AGES BIRTH TO 3 FOR OUR EHS PROGRAMS AND AGES 3 UP TO 5 FOR OUR HEAD START PROGRAMS!!!

Our goal is to meet the individual needs of all children, especially those with disabilities. If you have a child or know of a child that would enjoy a safe, interactive and engaging learning environment, please call or come by one of our locations today!

A fun and exciting program for your child to learn and grow! Our qualified and dedicated staff provide rich learning environments where parents are encouraged to volunteer! If you are interested in our program, please contact our office in your area to complete an application.

We look forward to sharing your child's learning years with you!

In our Shawnee location, we have two available options: Early Head Start (Birth to 3), & Head Start (3 up to 5). Both Norman and Cushing are strictly Head Start Programs (3 up to 5).

If you would like more information regarding our programs or to apply, please contact:
Shawnee Main Office: Enrollment Manager- Sherry Marsh (405) 275-4870 Stacey Osborne (405) 878-5820
1535 N McKinley, Shawnee 74801 1533 N McKinley, Shawnee 74801
sherrym@ctsaheadstart.org

Cushing Center: Center Supervisor- Wava Anderson (918) 225-1029
Norman Center: Center Supervisor- Amy Porter (405) 447-0381
111 W Vine, Cushing 74023 516 Iowa St., Norman 73069

Health/Mental Health/Disabilities Manager Melanie Williams (405) 275-4870
1535 N McKinley, Shawnee 74801

FAMILIES MUST LIVE IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES: POTAWATOMI, PAYNE, LINCOLN, & CLEVELAND.

NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAM (ALL ACCEPTED)

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A NATIVE EMPHASIS CENTER

Career Training at No Cost To Qualified Applicants!

- 16-24 years old
- Need Career Training/High School Diploma/GED
- Meet income guidelines
- No pending legal matters

... Job Corps could be for you!
(Bus travels to OKC each weekend)

For more information
Call 405.424.1927

Career Technical Training

- Clinical Medical Assistant
- Culinary Arts
- Electrical

Placement assistance for
Military, Advance Training, College, or Employment in Your Career

ARROWHEAD AUTOMOTIVE CENTER

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Must present CDIB card or tribal employee ID. Not valid with any other offers.

Isn't it time you got more from your repair shop? Experience the Arrowhead way of doing things.

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Arrowhead Automotive Center
1100 North Broadway Street
Tecumseh, OK 74873
(405) 598-6920
www.arrowheadautomotivecenter.com

Arrowhead Automotive Center is owned by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.
Grass Mowing Application

The following are the requirements for this program:

1. Must be an Absentee Shawnee Tribal Member
2. Must be 55 years or older
3. Handicap/Disabled
4. Must provide proof of residency
5. All trash, branches, debris must be cleaned out of yard

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe Maintenance Department will ONLY mow and weeds eat applicant’s lawn. Maintenance will mow every two (2) weeks. Also, the maintenance workers will not trim trees, shrubs, etc. NO RENTAL PROPERTY will be mowed.

If you have any questions, please contact Reta Harjo at (405) 275-4030 ext. 6249

NAME: __________________________________________

ADDRESS: __________________________________________

CITY: ________________ STATE: ________________ ZIP: ____________________

CDIB #: ________________ DOB: ____________________

HOME PHONE: ________________ MESS. PHONE: ________________

Finding directions to home:
________________________________________________________________________
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Please follow the CHS guidelines. Keep a copy on hand and update your information.

EMERGENCY AND URGENT CARE SERVICES

CHS for a currently enrolled AST member who resides in the defined catchment area and 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 your 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 your 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 the 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 CHS office.

EASY ACCESS

Contract Health Services is conveniently located in Little Axe Health Center and in Shawnee Clinic, Building 16.

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday
Closed on Holidays
All facilities closed the first Wednesday of the month from Noon to 5pm.

CHS for a currently enrolled AST member who resides in the defined catchment area and has Medicare or private insurance.

1. To complete existing CHS patient updates, please visit Patient Registration at either the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic during regular hours of operation.
   For new AST tribal members, to become established for CHS services, please make an appointment to see the New Patient Coordinator/PBA at either the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic during regular hours of operation.
2. Notify CHS at least 48 hours prior to appointment date for a Coordination of Benefits (COB) to be sent to the provider.
3. Inform provider/health facility that AST CHS is a 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.

CHS for a currently enrolled AST member who resides in the defined catchment area and 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. CHS staff and/or Patient Benefit Advocates can assist you with the application process for alternate resources. Failure to exhaust available or potentially available alternate resources may result in denial of payment.
2. To complete existing CHS patient updates, please visit Patient Registration at either the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic during regular hours of operation.
   For new AST tribal members, to become established for CHS services, please make an appointment to see the New Patient Coordinator/PBA at either the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic during regular hours of operation.
3. You must utilize the services provided within 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 and/or CMMR Committee.
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.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

BILLING & PAYMENT INQUIRIES
Little Axe Health Center & Shawnee Clinic
Glendine Blanchard, CHS Coordinator
Darla Gatzman, CH Technician
Lena Carol, CH Technician
Jayne Werst, CH Specialist, Medicaid Patients
Melinda Ferrell, PBA, Dental Referrals

SHAWNEE CLINIC CHS
405.878.5850 (Primary)
405.878.4702 (Secondary)

REFERRAL MANAGEMENT
Little Axe Health Center
Debi Sloat, CHS Coordinator/RN
Sharon Littlecreek, Patient Care Manager/LPN
Jayne Werst, CH Specialist, Medicaid Patients
Kelly Armstrong, CH Specialist, IHS Patients/LPN
Jennifer Wells, CH Technician
Melinda Ferrell, PBA, Dental Referrals

REFERRAL MANAGEMENT
Shawnee Clinic
Flo Mann, CH Specialist, AST Patients/LPN
Laurie Webber, CH Specialist, IHS Patients/LPN
Carrie Stanley, CH Specialist, Medicaid patients’ Medical Assistant

LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER CHS
405.701.7951 (Please follow voice prompts)
405.447.0300 (Secondary)

ARGENTINE SHAWNEE TRIBAL HEALTH SYSTEM
Let us help...

With your cooling bill this Summer
If you live in Pottawatomie or Cleveland counties and have a C.D.I.B. card you may qualify for the L.I.H.E.A.P Program

Come and apply
Starting in May thru September 2017

The L.I.H.E.A.P Program will pay for your Electric Bill

All applicants must meet the eligibility requirements and criteria which is approved by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

Department of Social Services
(405) 275-4030
Ext. #6225 or #6255

OPTOMETRY
15702 East State Hwy 9
Norman, OK 73026
Next to Thunderbird Casino in the PlusCare Clinic Building.

P: 405.447.0300  F: 405.701.7030  W: WWW.ASTHEALTH.ORG

Little patients, big care.

It’s so hard for a parent, grandparent or friend to see a child feeling puny. Sore throat, fever, stomach bug, croup. That’s why Little Axe Health Center and Shawnee Clinic have specialized pediatric physicians on staff to help you and your little ones.

With Dr. Anita Blick-Nolan and Dr. Ellen Squire at Little Axe, Dr. Pachneerat Chainakul at Shawnee Clinic. Both offices accept SoonerCare Native and non-Native patients (ages 0-19). If your child gets sick after hours, PlusCare Clinic and Shawnee Clinic’s same-day extended hours care is available for children beginning at the age of two.

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405.878.5850

PLUSCARE CLINIC
15702 E. State Highway 9
Norman, OK 73026
405.447.0477

Call for hours of operation. All facilities are closed the first Wednesday of the month from noon-5 p.m.

PREVENTION. PROGRESS. PRIDE.

WWW.ASTHEALTH.ORG
NEW REGISTRATIONS

- VALID OKLAHOMA DRIVER’S LICENSE
- VALID OKLAHOMA INSURANCE
- CDIB/ENROLLMENT CARD
- NOTARIZED TITLE
- NOTARIZED BILL OF SALE or PURCHASE AGREEMENT
- LIEN ENTRY FORM (if you are making payments)
- LIEN RELEASE FORM (if previous owner had lien)

*TRIBAL MEMBER MUST BE PRESENT FOR ALL NEW REGISTRATIONS*

Note: You may be asked to provide supporting documentation for verification purposes.

RENEWALS

- VALID OKLAHOMA DRIVER’S LICENSE
- VALID OKLAHOMA INSURANCE
- CDIB/ENROLLMENT CARD
- PREVIOUS YEARS REGISTRATION

*ANYONE MAY COME RENEW THE VEHICLE AS LONG AS THEY HAVE THE ABOVE LISTED DOCUMENTS FOR THE TRIBAL MEMBER*

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PENALTY

$0.25 A DAY
Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Vocational Rehabilitation Program

“See the Person Not the Disability”

History:
The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Vocational Rehabilitation Program has provided vocational services to American Indians since 1994, and transition services to students since 2009. Our goal is to develop and provide specialized services to American Indian students with a disability. We want to help these students that are making a transition from high school to work or who are seeking post-secondary education.

Services That Can Be Provided:
Depending on an individual’s needs and goals, will determine which services are best for you. However, some services that we can provide include testing fees such as SATs & ACTs, assistive devices, evaluations, and various other services.

Qualifications:
Must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe, a junior or senior in high school, and must reside in one of the seven counties served by the Iowa Tribe Vocational Rehabilitation Program. You must also provide documentation of your disability and this can include a doctor’s statement or the IEP or 504 plan from your school.

Counties We Serve:
Kay, Noble, Pawnee, Payne, Pottawatomie, Lincoln, and Logan

ONLINE PATIENT PORTAL
for our Little Axe Health Center and Shawnee Clinic

Need to schedule an appointment? Ask a question? View lab results?
Now, Little Axe Health Center and Shawnee Clinic patients can connect with their health records and care providers via our real-time, secure patient portal. Go to www.asthealth.org/patient-portal to register. For more help, call your clinic, and we’ll walk you through it.
Here for you, now more than ever.

EXTENDED HOURS:
9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday
NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED.

A child with a high fever. An ear infection. Flu. A blood sugar spike or fall. To take better care of you, Shawnee Clinic is now open extended hours on weeknights and additional hours on Saturday. We ask for your respect in understanding that these times are for people who need acute care immediately, not routine medical care. Last walk-ins will be accepted at 8:30 p.m. weekdays and 4:30 p.m. Saturdays.

Shawnee Clinic provides quality health care for people in our community. Sensitive, trusted, compassionate. You are at the heart of what we do.

SHAWNEE CLINIC
Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health Authority, Inc.

2029 South Gordon Cooper Drive | Shawnee, OK 74801
405.878.5850 or 1.877.878.4702 (TOLL-FREE)

Regular hours of operation: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. M-F.
Closed the first Wednesday of every month from noon-5 p.m.
Closed Sundays & holidays.

W W W . A S T H E A L T H . O R G

Care on your schedule, that’s the Plus.

AN AFTER HOURS ACUTE CARE FACILITY

HOURS OF OPERATION:
9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday – Friday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday – Sunday
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Holidays
(except Thanksgiving & Christmas)

PlusCare will be closed the first Wednesday of the month from noon-5 p.m.

First appointment - 9 a.m.
Last appointment - 8:30 p.m. Monday – Friday
Last appointment - 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday & Holidays

Minor illnesses and injuries—an earache, a sprain, the flu—can sneak up on you. That’s why PlusCare provides medical services for non-emergency conditions on a same-day, no-appointment necessary basis. PlusCare is available to AST tribal members and other IHS-eligible Native Americans who are ages two years and older.

At PlusCare, we’re dedicated to providing high-quality, clinic-based health care to members of our community. On evenings. On weekends. This is all for you.

PLUSCARE
Li-See-Wa-Nwi Health, Inc.

15702 East State Highway 9 - Norman, OK 73026
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