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The Absentee Shawnee News

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THE 2ND ANNUAL INDIAN EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE DAY



On April 21, 2016 at The 2nd Annual Indian Education Legislative Day held at the State Capitol. The Absentee Shawnee Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe, gave opening remarks to the crowd.

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@astribc.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.

Executive Committee



Edwina Butler-Wolfe
Governor



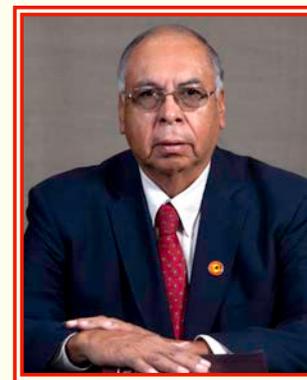
Isaac Gibson
Lt. Governor



John Johnson
Secretary



Leah Bates
Treasurer



Kenneth Blanchard
Representative

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

Governor's Report

Hello my friends, neighbors, relatives and Tribal members at large!

We continue to have mild weather here in Shawnee with bouts of rain and somewhat humid days. I've noticed that trees are covered with green leaves and spring flowers are in full bloom. It is good to see the greenery after the lingering cold, brittle winter we had. This seasonal change brings with it the tornado season and that is always a potential challenge.

As you saw in last month's newsletter the Election Commission submitted their unofficial results. These were 'unofficial' at the time as a Protest had been submitted by Ken Blanchard. The Election Commission ruled on that protest and it was determined that he hadn't submitted enough support documents. It is my understanding that Representative Blanchard has submitted an appeal to the Supreme Court and we will see what our tribal court system rules. For the newly enrolled tribal citizen or for those who may not be aware of how our court system is set up we have a district court with one full time (24/7) judge who hears criminal and all civil cases with the exception of bankruptcy and probate. There are two alternate judges that serve in both the District and Supreme Court. The Supreme Court is comprised of three judges and hears cases appealed from the District Court.

Last month I shared with you that due to revenue failure in the State of Oklahoma our public educators and educational systems were

facing issues that, in my opinion, should be deemed a 'State of Emergency'. Many Oklahoma counties met this challenge by passing bonds in an effort to offset the financial burden the state is facing and to meet the needs found in their respective communities. This, to me, is a short term and costly solution for a long term problem that would be best resolved through federal and state level legislation. It also appears that our state is getting ready to shift from nationally being 49th in its pay level, for teachers, to 50th. We need State government to give education and health more consideration. We need to make it clear that our children and their education matter and this can be done by paying teachers fair market salaries, ensuring the core curriculum being taught in schools is culturally enriched with Native American history and traditions and that our children are in safe and secure learning environments.

Facebook and social media forums are in large part, the result of the millennial age group and advanced technology. These media/communication forums can be useful tools if used in a manner that is productive and constructive. Currently our tribe doesn't have a Communications Policy in place or we could ensure that the propaganda released by certain of our elected body was done in a non-judgmental and professional manner. So, for those of you who use Facebook, I encourage you to consider your words carefully as the world is watching and

certain agencies actively monitor these website exchanges. What you say on a Facebook site can be meaningful or harmful and I strongly encourage you to be cautious.

Executive Committee - Oversight Responsibility

Over the past few months many of you have asked which Executive Committee member should you communicate with when you have a concern with a Department? Below I have listed each Executive Committee members designated oversight responsibility.

As **Governor** I have:

- Indian Health Service (not the Health Corporations) – funding and self-governance
- Gaming Commission
- Afterschool Programs
- Education
- Public Safety – BIA Law Enforcement, Emergency Management, Fire, Safety Officer
- CCDF – Building Blocks
- Media

The **Lt. Governor** has:

- Maintenance
- BIA Transportation/ROADS
- OEH/OEP

The **Secretary** has:

- Enrollment
- Indian Child Welfare
- TERO
- Domestic Violence
- Title VI

- Social Services – Clothing, Burial
- Veterans
- Tribal Switchboard Operator/Receptionist – the individual who answers incoming calls and directs them.

The **Treasurer** has:

- Finance
- Grants
- Management Information Services (MIS)
- BIA Realty & Probate
- Procurement

The **Representative** has:

- Culture/Language
- Human Resources

The question has been posed as to how many vehicles does the tribe currently own and/or operate? The tribe owns/operates approximately 137 vehicles with three of these currently not operating. The two departments with the most vehicles is Maintenance with 54 vehicles and the Police Department with 21 (1 isn't working).

Who has these? Please see the attached table indicating which Departments have vehicles. It is unclear to me why Maintenance has so many vehicles assigned to it. This many vehicles in operation increases our Insurance premium costs. If a driver has tickets or has no license or is driving a vehicle without a tag or insurance may lead to placing the tribe in a position of liability. Recently I learned that an employee took a vehicle home and it caught fire at their residence. It is unclear if it was reported to our insurance or if it was a loss to the tribe. The tribe must monitor its costs and its liabilities.

Court Actions of Note - Jeff and Isaac Gibson

On April 12th a court hearing was held for Lt. Governor Isaac Gibson, Jr. and former Representative Jeff 'J.W.' Gibson, whose counsel of record is Gary Pitchlynn. The tribe's Special Prosecutor, Housley Couch, entered no pleas at this hearing. Neither of the Gibson's appeared in Court. A Preliminary status review hearing date is set for May 23rd. Both Gibson's are being tried for embezzlement, fraudulent use of a credit card, misusing public monies, unlawful official action, and criminal conspiracy.

Building Blocks III - Daycare

Over the past 4 years a daycare center has been in the process of being built in the Little Axe community. The former Representative and his daycare consultant entered into what appears to be unauthorized agreements with an architectural firm and a construction company to build the Building Blocks III daycare.

When I came into Office I was faced with personnel issues in the daycare program and with concerns about the daycare center. The architectural firm being used for this project created a beautiful, but flawed, daycare facility plan. This flaw was pointed out to the architect by the OEH Director, Ken Jones, who had been tasked with this project by both the Lt. Governor and I as the OEH Director's salary is partially budgeted from my IHS program funds and OEP which is the Lt. Governor's. It was due to Mr. Jones project analysis that the kitchen design flaw was found and corrected by the architectural firm. This correction came at a great cost to the CCDF grant - approximately \$180,000. The difficulties continued as the construction group took direction, not from me or my staff or from OEH but from the Lt. Governor's Office. The Lt. Governor's Office mismanaged the parking lot project which led to: a TWO year delay in opening the daycare facility; liens being placed against the facility and potentially costly, orally agreed upon, change orders. To resolve this I, the CCDF Project Coordinator, the OEH Director, my Senior Policy Analyst, and most recently the Attorney General, has been diligently working to sort out all of the issues.

As of this date we have sent checks to the construction firm, asked that liens be removed from the daycare so that it can be opened, communicated with the Lt. Governor's BIA Specialist to discern what oral agreements he made and which change orders he actually authorized, passed an Executive Committee resolution which allows for a landscaping bond to be purchased for the parking lot and are now entering into mediation to determine what other costs are due.

Other Topics/Expressions

Happy Birthday & Anniversary

To those who have had a birthday or anniversary I extend my warmest regards.

Condolences

To those families who may have lost a family member this month I extend my deepest condolences to you and your family.

Maintenance

Over the years since I took Office I have frequently spoken about the need of a Master Maintenance Plan being developed with tribal priorities being established by the Executive Committee for our current buildings and for you, our tribal people, to have equal opportunity to get needed repairs done on your homes. I can't begin to tell you how frustrating it is to see our

buildings falling apart. This week pieces from my ceiling had to be removed AGAIN. This is for the umpteenth time since I took Office and yet this is only a small concern compared to others on the campus. We have programs in buildings that look like a good, strong wind would blow them down. We have buildings that have roof leaks, toilets and sinks that need replaced, an archaic elevator, flooring that needs removed and replaced, walls needing scrapped and painted, wiring and electrical outlet needs, plumbing concerns, yet with all of these tribal complex and program needs the Lt. Governor sends our Maintenance staff out to go 'help the State Parks Department' according to his unpublished General Council Report, as the State doesn't have the resources we do. I hope you see the irony in that. So, if the Lt. Governor and/or his Office have entered into contracts and/or agreements with Lake Thunderbird or the Oklahoma State Parks Department those are not under Resolutions that I am aware of and I am at every Executive Committee and General Council meeting. This continues to be a pattern of behavior for the Lt. Governor and his staff – entering into unauthorized agreements that place the tribe in positions of liability that cause disruptions in needed services.

Over the three years I have been in Office there are only a handful of Maintenance workers that continue to provide maintenance in our buildings and I express my gratitude and thanks to you.

In Conclusion

I have 13 months left in Office and I find each day eventful and full of possibilities.

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 for your support.

Representative's Report

Greetings Tribal Members:

I would like to express my deepest condolences to the families of the recent deceased Tribal Members and to wish a speedy recovery to the Tribal Members who have fallen ill. I would also like to wish my staff a Happy belated Birthday: Cultural Preservation: Leonard Longhorn (April 05) and Administrative Assistant: Diane Ponkilla (April 18).

I enjoyed visiting with everyone, especially those Tribal Members who have traveled a great

distance to be with us and have a good time. Also, I enjoyed the calm atmosphere of the business portion of the meeting getting the important facts before passing judgement.

I listened to a Tribal Member who had expressed displeasure with tribal employees driving tribal vehicles, using the Tribe's gas card, using tribal gas for casino trips, bowling outings and golf tournaments.

Without pointing a finger, it's obvious to the populace which elected official allows this abuse of the Tribe's resources.

We can change this abuse at the next election by putting people in office who have the Tribe's best interest at heart and not the type of people who have their own selfish agenda for the next twenty-four months.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The mission of the Human Resource Department is to recruit, retain and develop a highly competent workforce that supports the core goals, vision and values of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe offers wonderful benefits for their employees: BlueCross/BlueShield, Delta Dental, VSP (Vision), Prudential Life and Short Term Disability Insurance, 125 Plan, EAP (Employee Assistance Program), AFLAC and a 401K Retirement Plan that is matched up to 5%. Absentee Shawnee Tribe is an outstanding employer and genuinely cares about their employees.

Currently Absentee Shawnee Tribe has 12 employment positions open, however to view a full listing please visit our website at www.astribe.com.

If you have any questions regarding the Human Resources Department please call Cheri Hardeman at (405) 275-4030 ext. 6252.

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Employment Positions

Title	Division	Location	Type	Internal Public	Posted	Closing	Reports To
Project Coordinator	AST Police	Shawnee	Part Time	Public	04-07-16	Until Filled	Police Chief Sr. Policy Analyst
Assistant Teacher	Building Blocks Child Dev. Ctr.	LittleAxe	Full Time	Public	07-23-15	Until Filled	Director
Floater	Building Blocks Child Dev. Ctr.	LittleAxe	Full Time	Public	07-23-15	Until Filled	Director
Floater	Building Blocks Child Dev. Ctr.	LittleAxe	Part Time	Public	07-23-15	Until Filled	Director
Floater	Building Blocks Child Dev. Ctr.	Shawnee	Full Time	Public	07-23-15	Until Filled	Director
Master Teacher	Building Blocks Child Dev. Ctr.	LittleAxe	Full Time	Public	07-23-15	Until Filled	Director
Teacher	Building Blocks Child Dev. Ctr.	LittleAxe	Full Time	Public	07-23-15	Until Filled	Director
Food Prep Assistant	Building Blocks Child Dev. Ctr.	LittleAxe	Part Time	Public	07-23-15	Until Filled	Director
Teacher	Building Blocks Child Dev. Ctr.	Shawnee	Full Time	Public	02-18-16	Until Filled	Director
Assistant Director	Building Blocks Child Dev. Ctr.	Shawnee	Full Time	Public	04-14-16	Until Filled	Director
Gift Shop Manager	Cultural Preservation	Shawnee	Full Time	Public	04-12-16	Until Filled	Cultural Preservation Dir.
Director of MIS	MIS	Shawnee	Full Time	Public	03-30-16	Until Filled	Tribal Treasurer
Realty Specialist II	Realty	Shawnee	Full Time	Public	12-23-15	Until Filled	Realty Director

Forward Completed Absentee Shawnee Tribe applications with resume to:

*Absentee Shawnee Tribe
Human Resources Department
2025 South Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801
Fax: 405-273-2710
Email: HR@astribe.com*

Tax Collections

FY-2016 YTD TAX COLLECTIONS (Thru 3/21/16)

TAX CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	% OF TAXES COLLECTED
Sales (6%)	\$6,629.54	\$5,925.93	\$6,695.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,250.97	2.87%
Gaming % of free cash	\$100,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$550,000.00	81.91%
Employee (1%)	\$20,005.91	\$10,776.88	\$7,398.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38,181.37	5.69%
Severance (8%)	\$2,266.67	\$1,609.65	\$460.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,337.10	0.65%
Motor Vehicle	\$10,173.81	\$16,449.81	\$16,519.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43,143.49	6.43%
Tobacco Refund	\$7,107.73	\$1,052.86	\$7,697.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,858.47	2.36%
TOTAL TAXES	\$146,183.66	\$285,815.13	\$238,772.61	\$0.00	\$670,771.40									
Miscellaneous	\$223.45	\$145.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$668.45	0.10%
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$146,407.11	\$285,960.13	\$239,072.61	\$0.00	\$671,439.85	100%								

BUILDING BLOCKS



Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Building Blocks C.D.C.
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, Ok. 74801
P: (405)878-0633 F: (405)878-0156

Our Muffins for Moms event was a huge success!! All of the children enjoyed eating breakfast with their mothers. Thank you to all the moms who were able to participate. We hope that all of the moms had a wonderful Mother's Day!

We will celebrate Father's Day in the month of June. We invite the fathers of our children to join us for breakfast in celebration of Father's Day on Friday, June 17th when we have Donuts with Dad!

Building Blocks currently has 48 children enrolled. We are in the process of enrolling children from our waiting list. If you are interested in placing your child on our waiting list, please contact the center at 405-878-0633. We can email or fax you a waiting list application. We are open to the public, but preference is given to Native American Children.

Thank you,
Heather Presley
Director



AST TRIBAL POLICE



The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Police Department's patrol fleet now has a new look! We have added graphics for greater visibility and identification.

Anyone with information concerning suspicious or criminal activity is encouraged to contact the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Police Department at (405)275-3200.



Honoring Our Past With Promise for Our Future

LIFE is Beautiful Living Meth Free



National Suicide Prevention

1-800-273-8255 (TALK)



Absentee Shawnee
Health Systems
Shawnee & Little Axe

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WILDFIRE SAFETY

Basic safety tips: If you see a wildfire and haven't received evacuation orders yet, call 9-1-1. Don't assume that someone else has already called. If ordered to evacuate during a wildfire, do it immediately- make sure and tell someone where you are going and when you have arrived. To find out what alerts are available in your area, search the Internet with your town, city, or county name and the word "alerts." If you or someone you are with has been burned, call 9-1-1 or seek help immediately; cool and cover burns to reduce chance of further injury or infection.

Prepare your home: Regularly clean the roof and gutters, Maintain an area 30' away from your home that is free of anything that will burn such as wood piles, dried leaves, newspapers and other brush, connect garden hoses long enough to reach any area of the home and fill garbage cans, tubs or other large containers with water; review your homeowner's insurance policy and prepare/update a list of your home's contents

Fire weather watches = dangerous fire weather conditions are possible over the next 12-72 hours

Steps to take: Turn on your tv/radio for the latest weather updates and emergency instructions; know where to go; if you are ordered to evacuate know the route to take and have a plan of where you will go, check in with your friends and family. Keep your car fueled, in good condition, and stocked with emergency supplies and a change of clothes.

After a Wildfire: Return home only when authorities say it is safe. For several hours after the fire, maintain a "fire watch." Check and re-check for smoke, sparks or hidden embers throughout the house, including the roof and the attic. Use caution when entering burned areas as hazards may still exist, including hot spots, which can flare up without warning. Evacuate immediately if you smell smoke.

ARE YOU READY FOR SEVERE WEATHER?

The more you prepare in advance, the easier it will be to do the right thing, protect your family and have a calmer experience. Things to be thinking about:

1. Storm shelter cleaned out and ready for use?
2. Flashlights and Batteries?
3. Weather Radio programmed and working?
4. Checking local forecast at least daily?
5. Family aware of the plan and what to do?
6. What about your pets?

While there's nothing we can do to stop dangerous weather from affecting us, there are things we can do to stay safe when the weather turns nasty. Weather safety and survival - no matter what the hazard - depend on the following key items:

KNOW THE HAZARDS

Be aware of the hazards that you might face during a weather event.

KNOW WHEN TO EXPECT DANGEROUS WEATHER

Monitor forecasts and information from experts at your local National Weather Service Forecast Office.

PAY ATTENTION

To all watches, advisories and warnings affecting you.

HAVE A PLAN TO STAY SAFE

Think about it before it happens and be ready to act to survive.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Smoke Alarms – the Red Cross is providing smoke alarms for tribal members' households. If your smoke alarm is five years or older (or if you don't remember how long its been since it was installed), or if you don't have a smoke alarm, please contact the Tribal Police or Emergency Manager and provide your name, physical address of your residence, contact number and number in household. We will add your name to our list and you will be notified when the alarms are ready to be installed. Red Cross will be training teams to install the smoke alarms at the homes. Contact information: Tribal Police Department 405-275-3200, Emergency Manager 405-740-1562 or email lday@astribe.com.

Understanding Severe Thunderstorm Risk Categories					
THUNDERSTORMS (no label)	1 - MARGINAL (MRGL)	2 - SLIGHT (SLGT)	3 - ENHANCED (ENH)	4 - MODERATE (MDT)	5 - HIGH (HIGH)
No severe* thunderstorms expected	Isolated severe thunderstorms possible	Scattered severe storms possible	Numerous severe storms possible	Widespread severe storms likely	Widespread severe storms expected
Lightning/flooding threats exist with all thunderstorms	Limited in duration and/or coverage and/or intensity	Short-lived and/or not widespread, isolated intense storms possible	More persistent and/or widespread, a few intense	Long-lived, widespread and intense	Long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense
					
• Winds to 40 mph • Small hail	• Winds 40-60 mph • Hail up to 1" • Low tornado risk	• One or two tornadoes • Reports of strong winds/wind damage • Hail ~1", isolated 2"	• A few tornadoes • Several reports of wind damage • Damaging hail, 1 - 2"	• Strong tornadoes • Widespread wind damage • Destructive hail, 2" +	• Tornado outbreak • Derecho
* NWS defines a severe thunderstorm as measured wind gusts to at least 58 mph, and/or hail to at least one inch in diameter, and/or a tornado. All thunderstorm categories imply lightning and the potential for flooding. Categories are also tied to the probability of a severe weather event within 25 miles of your location.					
National Weather Service			www.spc.noaa.gov		

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE	911	Police, Fire, Ambulance
HEARTLINE EMERGENCY	211	State of Oklahoma
TRIBAL POLICE	405-275-3200	Absentee Shawnee
TRIBAL EMERGENCY MANAGER	405-740-1562 (Cell)	Absentee Shawnee
SHERIFF	405-273-1727	Pottawatomie County
CITY POLICE	405-273-2121	Shawnee
CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	405-273-5272	Shawnee
COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.	405-273-2157	Pottawatomie County
SHERIFF	405-701-8888	Cleveland County
CITY POLICE	405-321-1600	Norman
HEALTH DEPT.	405-749-1591	Cleveland County
OG&E	405-272-9595 1-800-522-6870	Report Power Outage
CANADIAN VALLEY	405-382-3680	Power Outage
DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	1-800-522-0206	State of Oklahoma
HIGHWAY PATROL	405-425-4385	Road Conditions

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE (ICW)

This article testifies to the need of tribal foster homes to provide temporary care for Absentee Shawnee children. We need homes that will respect the culture of our children and accept them as they are. We seek to find homes that will not only provide for the basic needs of our children but will also keep them tied to their culture. The AST Foster Care Program is actively looking for Tribal Foster homes.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. -- Two members of the Navajo Nation have sued The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, alleging the church placed Native American children in Mormon foster homes where they were sexually abused and that LDS leaders did not take adequate steps to protect those children. The lawsuit, filed in Navajo Nation District Court on March 22, names The Corporation of the President of the LDS Church, The Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of the LDS Church, LDS Family Services and the LDS Church itself. The allegations stem from a foster care program formerly carried out by the LDS Church and its subsidiaries called the "Indian Placement Program" or the "Lamanite Placement Program" (LPP). The two plaintiffs, a brother and sister, state they and another sibling experienced abuse while in the program in Utah from 1976-1983. "It was kind of a series of ongoing sexual abuse situations of varying degrees while in this program," said Craig Vernon, one of the attorneys for the plaintiffs. The brother, fictitiously named in the lawsuit as "RJ" to protect his privacy, reportedly suffered abuse that included fondling, sexual molestation and rape during his years in the program. According to the suit, RJ was placed in an LDS home in Oak City, Utah in 1978 at the age of 10, where he was allegedly sexually molested on several occasions by an older stepbrother. The boy was removed from the home after he disclosed the abuse, and the next year he was placed with another family in Utah--where the lawsuit states he was again molested by an older foster-brother. After the boy said he again reported the abuse to Church leaders, he was placed with another family in the LPP, where he was again allegedly abused and also witnessed the alleged abuse of a younger sister. He said he reported the abuse to the Church, but this time, the Church sent him back to live in that same home where the reported abuse occurred. The sister, fictitiously named "MM" in lawsuit documents, was placed in an LDS home in Utah in 1976. The girl was allegedly raped by a friend of her stepbrother, who was 40 years old at the time. A few years later in 1983, after being placed in a different foster home in Centerfield, Utah, MM said she was again allegedly abused sexually, this time by her foster-father. The lawsuit alleges the LDS Church did not take reasonable steps to protect the children--even after abuse was reported. "The problem is, when they reported this to LDS social services, we don't believe that the police was ever contacted," Vernon said. "First and foremost, that's what needs to happen." Abuse needs to be reported to police," Vernon said. The lawsuit seeks damages for the injury caused to the plaintiffs, though no amount is specified. And, Vernon said, the plaintiffs want to see the LDS Church write a formal apology for harms caused and to restore Navajo culture, which they allege was damaged by years of efforts to assimilate native children into white, Mormon culture.

The lawsuit states Mormons believe Native Americans were "cursed" with dark skin for wickedness, and the lawsuit alleges Mormons felt a cultural and religious duty to convert Native American children and immerse them in white, Mormon culture as a way to redeem their prophetic destiny. As such, thousands of Navajo children like the plaintiffs were baptized into the LDS Church and relocated to live with white, Mormon families through the LPP.

**THE AST FOSTER CARE PROGRAM IS ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR TRIBAL FOSTER CARE HOMES
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: JULIE WILSON 275-4030 EXT. 6376**

ELECTION COMMISSION

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE ELECTION COMMISSION
OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS
PRIMARY ELECTION MARCH 19, 2016

This is to announce the **OFFICIAL** results for the March 19, 2016 Primary Election for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. This Election was held on the above date pursuant on the Constitution and the Election Ordinance. All votes were counted at the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Lt. Governor (2 Year Term)

Kenneth Blanchard 206 Votes

Isaac Gibson, Jr. 233 Votes

Representative (2 Year Term)

Rick Little Axe, Sr. 61 Votes

Anthony "Tadpole" Johnson 207 Votes

Sherman Tiger 172 Votes

Treasurer (2 Year Term)

Leah Bates 130 Votes

Scott Miller 96 Votes

Twila Parker 141 Votes

Kathy Deere 75 Votes

ELECTION COMMISSION

Election Commissioner (3 Year Term) No One Filed

Election Secretary (3 Year Term) No One Filed

Commission Member #1 (3 Year Term)

Mary Birdtail 1 Votes

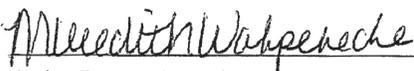
REFERENDUM QUESTION

YES 275 Votes NO 80 Votes

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

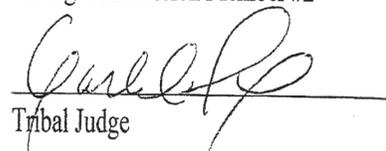

Election Commissioner


Acting Commission Member #1


Acting Deputy Commissioner


Acting Commission Member #2


Acting Election Secretary


Tribal Judge

Date: 3/31/16

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

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

I, _____, hereby certify that I am or will be an Eligible
(Print Name)
Voter of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe on or before June 18, 2016. I cannot physically be present to cast my Vote at the **June 18, 2016 Run Off Election**, therefore, I am requesting an Absentee Ballot be mailed to me at the following address.

Name (please print): _____
(first) (middle) (maiden) (last)
Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

CDIB#: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

All **REQUESTS** must be returned to the Election Commission by the deadline of
May 29, 2016

Mail to:

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

Fax to:

Fax # (405) 273-1337 **(Do not fax to any other fax #)**

Phone: (405) 275-4030 ext. 6271

Toll free number 1-800-256-3341 ext. 6271

Deliver in Person to:

Election Commission Office located in the Tribal Court Building

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

ELECTION COMMISSION USE ONLY

Received: _____ Approved: _____ Disapproved: _____

If Disapproved (reason): _____

Denial Letter Mailed: _____ Ballot Mailed: _____

Election Commission/Representative

AST HEALTH SYSTEM - MAY 2016

AAHC Accreditation is over! The health system has endured on a long journey to accreditation, and April was the culmination of years of effort and perseverance by the staff. The health system will not know for several weeks the actual score, but the surveyors were extremely impressed with the professionalism, dedication, and pride the health system's staff showed them during the accreditation review last month. During the summation, the health system's programs and services were repeatedly described as "best seen to date" and "best program ever reviewed by the team" as well as using words such as "Outstanding," "Excellent," and "Fabulous" to describe the policies and procedures and programmatic oversight of all major and minor graded areas! I'm extremely proud of the health system and all of the employees for their efforts and dedication towards making our "prevention, progress, and pride" theme a reality! This is what the health system has strived to achieve for all of our patients in our health and wellness journey, to include our employees who actively participate in health and wellness activities to keep themselves health, strong, and vibrant to better serve our patients and be examples to their families and communities. The Executive Committee, and the health boards, especially Mr. Melpherd Switch's leadership as chairman, has been instrumental in maintaining a consistent focus on both the tribal members and other serviced patients, as well as assuring the viability of all programs offered by the health system remain actively staffed, current, and professional at all times.

Additional health related information:

- **PlusCare Clinic** has 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. 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 and health insurance card(s), if available. The location is 15702 East State Highway 9, Norman, OK (former Little Axe Clinic-near Thunderbird Casino/Norman). The phone number is (405) 447-0477. Hours of operation are M-F 9 AM to 9 PM M-F 9 AM to 9 PM, Saturday and Sunday 9 AM to 5 PM and holidays are 9 AM to 5 PM (excluding Thanksgiving and Christmas).
- **Emergency Dental Clinic** is available every Monday from 8 AM to 11:30 AM 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/Service 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

In addition to the flurry of accreditation activities, the Diabetes and Wellness program held their Easter Egg Walk/Run on Saturday, April 2nd at the Little Axe Health Center. They had approximately 50+ participants and volunteers who ventured into the cool, spring morning to complete their run/walk. All did a great job!

Once again, our team of excellent employees rose up and shined brightly for our 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 for health was Robert White, LittleAxe; Team of the Month: Mr. Chris Larkin, Compliance Officer; Mr. John Kammerzell, Facilities Director; Mrs. Michelle Wollenzin, RN, Quality Director; Mrs. Marla Throckmorton, RN, CMPE, Deputy Director; Ms. Elise Grein, RN, Nursing; Mrs. Jennifer Harmon, Finance Director; Mrs. Tammy Peery, Credentialing; Mr. Jim Robertson, Patient Advocate; Mrs. Dayna Dick, Health HR; Mrs. Autumn Felton and Ms. Chelsea Cope, Mrs. Jennifer Wells, Operator; Mrs. Aly Miller, Strategic Communications/Marketing; Mrs. Alyssa Campbell, Health Attorney; and Mr. Switch, Board Chairman. Special Leadership Award: Mr. Darrel Longhorn. The health employees continue to accomplish outstanding feats for our patients and for each other, taking care of our internal and external customers/patients. They all make a difference for our health system and for the health and wellness of all of our patients!

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 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.

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

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

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

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

Little Axe Health Center

Women's Health Services
Located in the Primary Health Care

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
405.447.0300 • Fax 405.701.7605
www.asthealth.org



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL MEMBERS

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.astribe.com

**HAVE APPLICATION COMPLETED AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATIONS BEFORE
SUBMITTING TO SOCIAL SERVICES**

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



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 **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](http://www.facebook.com/ast.environmental.programs)





BENEFITS ASSISTANCE SERVICE (BAS)

INCARCERATED VETERANS

CAN A VETERAN RECEIVE VA BENEFITS WHILE IN PRISON?

It is important justice-involved Veterans are familiar with VA benefits including what VA benefits they may still be eligible to receive, what happens to the benefits they are already receiving if they become incarcerated, and what program are available to assist them with reintegrating back into the community once released from incarceration. VA can pay certain benefits to Veterans who are incarcerated in a Federal, State, or local penal institution; however, the amount we can pay depends on the type of benefit and reason for incarceration. This fact sheet provides information about the benefits most commonly affected by imprisonment.

HOW WILL IMPRISONMENT AFFECT VA BENEFITS?

Despite the circumstances, some justice-involved Veterans may be eligible for VA benefits (i.e.), disability compensation, disability pension, education and training, health care, home loans, insurance, vocational rehabilitation and employment, and burial.

VA DISABILITY COMPENSATION

VA disability compensation payments are reduced if a Veteran is convicted of a felony and imprisoned for more than 60 days. Veterans rated 20 percent or more are limited to the 10 percent disability rate. For a Veteran whose disability rating is 10 percent, the payment is reduced by one-half. Once a Veteran is released from prison, compensation payments may be reinstated based upon the severity of the service connected disability(ies) at that time. Payments are not reduced for recipients participating in work release programs, residing in halfway houses (also known as "residential re-entry centers"), or under community control. The amount of any increased compensation awarded to an incarcerated Veteran that results from other than a statutory rate increase may be subject to reduction due to incarceration. Compensation benefits are not reduced if imprisoned for a misdemeanor.

Disabilities determined by VA to be related to your military service can lead to monthly non-taxable compensation, enrollment in the VA health care system, a 10-point hiring preference for federal employment and other important benefits. Ask your VA representative or Veterans Service Organization representative about Disability Compensation, Pension, Health Care, Caregiver Program, Career Services, Educational Assistance, Home Loan Guaranty, Insurance and/or Dependents and Survivors' Benefits.



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

VA DISABILITY PENSION

If you are imprisoned in a Federal, State, or local penal institution as the result of conviction of a felony or misdemeanor, your pension payment will be discontinued effective on the 61st day of imprisonment following conviction. Failure to notify VA of a Veteran's incarceration could result in the loss of all financial benefits until the overpayment is recovered.

EDUCATION BENEFITS

Beneficiaries incarcerated for other than a felony can receive full monthly benefits, if otherwise entitled. Convicted felons residing in halfway houses (also known as "residential re-entry centers"), or participating in work-release programs also can receive full monthly benefits. Claimants incarcerated for a felony conviction can be paid only the costs of tuition, fees, and necessary books, equipment, and supplies. VA cannot make payments for tuition, fees, books, equipment, or supplies if another Federal State or local program pays these costs in full.

APPORTIONMENT TO SPOUSE OR CHILDREN

All or part of the compensation not paid to an incarcerated Veteran may be apportioned to the Veteran's spouse, child or children, and dependent parents on the basis of individual need. In determining individual need, consideration shall be given to such factors as the claimant's income and living expenses, the amount of compensation available to be apportioned, the needs and living expenses of other claimants as well as any special needs, if any, of all claimants.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT APPORTIONMENT:

- VA will inform a Veteran whose benefits are subject to reduction of the right of the Veteran's dependents to an apportionment while the Veteran is incarcerated, and the conditions under which payments to the Veteran may be resumed upon release from incarceration.
- VA will also notify the dependents of their right to an apportionment if the VA is aware of their existence and can obtain their addresses.
- No apportionment may be made to or on behalf of any person who is incarcerated in a Federal, State, or local penal institution for conviction of a felony.
- An apportionment of an incarcerated Veteran's VA benefits is not granted automatically to the Veteran's dependents. The dependent(s) must file a claim for an apportionment.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR VA MEDICAL CARE WHILE IMPRISONED?

Incarcerated Veterans do not forfeit their eligibility for medical care; however, current regulations restrict VA from providing hospital and outpatient care to an incarcerated Veteran who is an inmate in an institution of another government agency when that agency has a duty to give the care or services.

VA may provide care once the Veteran has been unconditionally released from the penal institution. Veterans interested in applying for enrollment into the VA healthcare system should contact the nearest VA healthcare facility upon their release.

VA PROGRAM FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS

The Health Care for Re-entry Veterans (HCRV) Program is designed to help incarcerated Veterans successfully reintegrate back into the community after their release. A critical part of HCRV is providing information to Veterans while they are incarcerated, so they can plan to reentry themselves. A primary goal of the HCRV program is to prevent Veterans from becoming homeless once they are reintegrated back into the community.

VETERANS JUSTICE OUTREACH (VJO) INITIATIVE

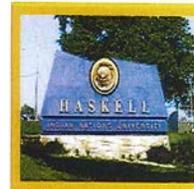
The VJO initiative is designed to help Veterans avoid unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and extended incarceration by ensuring eligible justice-involved Veterans receive timely access to VA health care, specifically mental health and substance use services (if clinically indicated) and other VA services and benefits as appropriate.

WHEN WILL VA BENEFITS BE RESUMED?

Veterans may inform VA to have their benefits resumed within 30 days or less of their anticipated release date based on evidence from a parole board or other official prison source showing the Veteran's scheduled release date.

Your award for compensation or pension benefits shall be resumed the date of release from incarceration if the VA receives notice of release within one year following release. Depending on the type of disability, VA may schedule you for a medical examination to see if your disability has improved. You will need to visit or call your local VA regional office for assistance.

Note: You are considered to have been released from incarceration if you are paroled or participating in a work release or half-way housing program.



HASKELL INDIAN NATIONS UNIVERSITY



NOW Accepting Applications
For
Fall 2016

Deadline for applications is June 1, 2016

For more information, visit Haskell Indian Nations University website at www.haskell.edu.

**Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Maintenance Department
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801
(405) 275-4030**

Grass Mowing Application

The following are the requirements for this program:

1. Must be an Absentee Shawnee Tribal Member
2. Must be 65 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.

Any Questions contact Rita Harjo at (405) 275-4030 ext 6249

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ MESS PHONE: _____

FINDING DIRECTIONS TO HOME:



2% milk served daily

Menu subject to change

2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Ham Sweet Pot Veggies Bread/Mixed Fruit	3 Chicken Broc & Rice Casserole Tossed Salad* Tropical Fruit	4 Smoked Sausage Cabbage Cornbread Apricots	5 Taco Casserole Ranch Beans Salsa Apple	6 Biscuit Sausage Gravy Scrambled Eggs	7
8 	9  BBQ Pork Sandwich Pot. Salad Pickles, Onions Mandarin Oranges	10  Goulash Okra Bread Peaches	11 Chicken Strips Mashed Pot/Gravy Brussel Sprouts Pudding	12  Roast Red Pot Carrots Roll/Cake	13 Oatmeal Sausage Patty Toast	14
15	16 Hamburger LTOP French Fries Ice Cream	17 Chicken Stir-Fry Egg Roll Pineapples	18 Beef Tips Noodles Tossed Salad* Veggies Jell-O	19 Pinto Beans Steakfries Cornbread Crisp	20 Biscuit Sausage Gravy Scrambled Eggs	21
22	23 Beef Fingers Mashed Pot/Gravy Broccoli Applesauce Bread	24 Pork Chop Mac & Tom Bread Mixed Fruit	25 Baked Chicken Wild Rice Veggies Pears	26 Kraut & Wieners Green Beans Bread Cookie	27 Pancakes Bacon Fruit	28
29	30 	31 Fish Coleslaw Hushpuppies Pudding				

NOT GOING TO BE HOME!!!
CALL AND LET US KNOW AT 405-275-4030
EXT 6227 or 6270
OR NOTIFY YOUR DRIVER



LUNCH SERVED MONDAY-THURSDAY 11AM TO 1PM
BREAKFAST SERVED FRIDAYS 9AM TO 11AM

May 5,



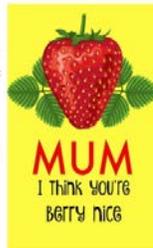
May 30th,



Lest We Forget. Overseas War Secretaries' conference wearing a silk poppy pinned to her coat and distributed over two dozen more to others present. In 1920, the National American Legion adopted it as their official symbol of remembrance.

May 8th

A Mother
IS SHE WHO CAN
TAKE THE PLACE
OF ALL OTHERS,
BUT WHOSE PLACE
NO ONE ELSE
CAN TAKE.



Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who *died* while serving, while Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans.

As the days will be getting warmer, the homebound will need to put an ice pack in their containers to have a meal left for them if you're not going to be home. The Drivers will not leave a meal!!!

May 9th



May 12, Armed Forces Day



Any questions or concerns please feel free to call us at 405-275-4030 x. 6227

2016 Employee BLS HCP CPR



Date	Time	Location
January 19, 2016	09:00am to 12:00pm	Conference Room B
February 2, 2016	09:00am to 12:00pm	Conference Room B
March 8, 2016	09:00am to 12:00pm	Conference Room B
April 12, 2016	09:00am to 12:00pm	Conference Room B
May 10, 2016	09:00am to 12:00pm	Conference Room B
June 14, 2016	09:00am to 12:00pm	Conference Room B
July 12, 2016	09:00am to 12:00pm	Conference Room B
August 9, 2016	09:00am to 12:00pm	Conference Room B
September 13, 2016	09:00am to 12:00pm	Conference Room B
October 11, 2016	09:00am to 12:00pm	Conference Room B
November 8, 2016	09:00am to 12:00pm	Conference Room B
December 6, 2016	09:00am to 12:00pm	Conference Room B

Please call Kathy at 7997 or email me at kheldenbrand@astribe.com or Call Gloria at 7600 or email her at gseeley@astribe.com or Call Deidre at 7190 or email her at dyarbrough@astribe.com



Our next generation is depending on you.

MAKE TIME. SAVE THE DATE.

“Health Awareness for All Generations:
Focus On The Next Generation”

1 p.m.-4 p.m. • Friday, July 15, 2016
Little Axe Health Center
15951 Little Axe Drive • Norman, Oklahoma

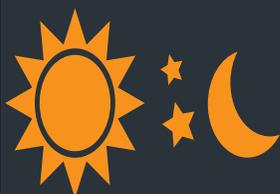
Our legacy depends not only on those who have come before us. But on those who will follow in our footsteps, too. Which is why this year's third annual Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System Health Fair will celebrate the good that comes from taking care of our youth. With health screenings and information, a cultural dance demo, kids' entertainment and exhibits, raffle drawings and more. **Join us on July 15!**
For more information, contact Public Health at 405.447.0300.



WWW.ASTHEALTH.ORG

PROTECT YOURSELF from MOSQUITO BITES

Mosquitoes spread chikungunya, dengue, and Zika viruses.



Mosquitoes that spread chikungunya, dengue, and Zika are aggressive daytime biters. They can also bite at night.

Use insect repellent.

Look for the following active ingredients:

- DEET • PICARIDIN • IR3535
- OIL of LEMON EUCALYPTUS
- PARA-MENTHANE-DIOL

Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants or use insect repellent. For extra protection, treat clothing with permethrin.



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

For more information:

www.cdc.gov/chikungunya • www.cdc.gov/dengue • www.cdc.gov/zika

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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

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.

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE TAX COMMISSION

2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801
(405) 275-4030 • Fax: (405) 214-4225

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.

TALKING LEAVES JOB CORPS 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



Tours Every Thursday at 9:45 a.m. (Except for Major Holidays)

Talking Leaves Job Corps Center
5700 Bald Hill Rd
Tahlequah, OK
74465

... 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
- Facilities Maintenance
- Office Administration
- Nurse Assistant/Home Health Aide

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

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

TAG PRICES

1-4 YEARS	\$85
5-8 YEARS	\$75
9-12 YEARS	\$55
13-16 YEARS	\$35
17- OVER YEARS	\$15

PENALTY

\$0.25 A DAY

SCRABBLE CLUB

Wordy people, unite! Challenge fellow wordsmiths to a lively game of Scrabble and keep your vocabulary honed.

Every 4th Tuesday of the month from 6:30pm-7:30pm

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For Adults



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Join us as we build and learn about science with hands-on experiments and takeaways! Parents encouraged to participate!

January 3 - Electricity & Magnetism
February 7 - Machines
March 6 - The Sound of Science
April 3 - Air Pressure
May 1 - Bubble Science
June 5 - Fossils

July 3 - Rocketry
August 7 - Science of Magic
September 11 - Engineering
October 2 - Spooky Science
November 6 - Polymer Science
December 4 - Temperature



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Children Reading to Dogs

EVERY 2nd & 4th THURSDAY 6:30PM

Join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30PM for Children Reading to Dogs! Children will develop their reading skills and make a lifelong friend by reading to trained therapy dogs. All dogs and owners have completed therapy dog certification.



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Absentee Shawnee Tribe Of Oklahoma
After School Program - Shawnee
2025 S. Gordon Cooper
Shawnee, OK 74801
P: (405) 878-0633 F: (405) 878-0156



The AST After School Program (ASP) - Shawnee has opened as of August 13, 2015. We will be accepting children who are in Kindergarten up to 12 years of age. We will be able to pick up from Shawnee or Tecumseh schools only. The cost is \$25 per child per week. This fee will be able to help with transportation costs, snacks and supplies the children may need.

We will only be open when the schools are open. At this time we will not provide services for school breaks including fall, winter, spring and summer breaks. The ASP-Shawnee will have tutors on hand to provide assistance with homework. We do have spots available; if you are interested please feel free to contact Briana Ponkilla at Briana.ponkilla@astribe.com or (405) 878-0633.



Little Axe After School Program 2015-2016

Come join us at the AST Resource Center!!!



- ✚ Free Tutoring in all subjects!
- ✚ Games and activities!
- ✚ Delinquency Prevention!
- ✚ Healthy Lifestyles!



Open to **All Middle School and High School Students**

Open to **Absentee Shawnee Tribal Students K-5 with a C.D.I.B.**



Everything is offered with no charge....Little Axe bus will transport students to the AST Resource Center on Peebly Road and parents are responsible for picking students up by 6:00pm.

Duration: Starts August 31st and will run through the school year. Monday-Thursday, 2:45pm-6:00pm



For more information and sign up please contact Blake Goodman at (405) 364-7569





Congratulations

Absentee Shawnee tribal members Courtney Little Axe and Anthony Porambo recently attended the American Indian Business Leaders national conference held this past April 7-9 in Tempe, Arizona.

They competed for their respective schools and came away with honors. Mr. Porambo's student chapter from Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado, won second place in the business plan competition.

Ms. Little Axe's student chapter from The University of Montana-Missoula won fourth place in the business plan competition. However, Her student chapter was voted chapter of the year at this year's national conference. Coincidentally, her student chapter won chapter of the year at the 2015 national conference also. The families of these individual tribal members are very proud of their accomplishments.

OKLAHOMA INDIAN LEGAL SERVICES, INC. (OILS)

Attorneys will provide free will preparation services for eligible tribal members who own interest in Indian Trust or Restricted Land.

WILL PREPARATION CLINIC

May 20, 2016 - Friday

10:00a.m – 3:00pm

@

**Absentee Shawnee Tribal Court
Shawnee, Oklahoma**

Call Norma for an appointment time-slot @ 1-800-658-1497 (8-5pm)

****You must have an appointment to meet with an attorney***

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Thank You

Appreciate and thank you for supporting and voting for me in the March Primary Election. I want to express my gratitude to everyone taking their time out of a busy Saturday and if voted absentee to send in their ballots. It was very much appreciated. Hope and pray all 18+ years old tribal members will vote in the Run-off June election for the candidates who standby our Tribal Constitution, Oath of Office, Ethics Code, and Future Progression for the Absentee Shawnee People!

May God Bless You, Kathy Deere

MAY 2016 BIRTHDAYS

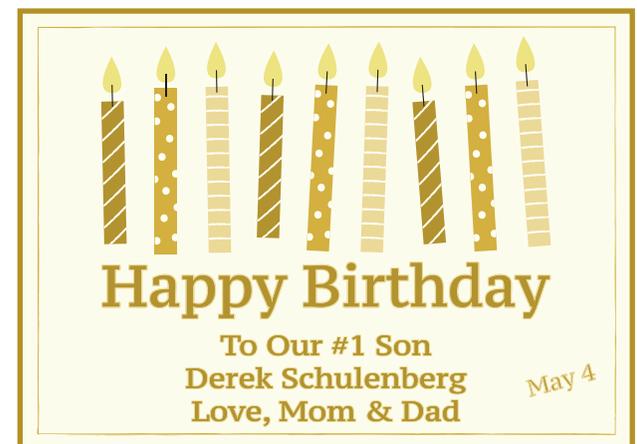
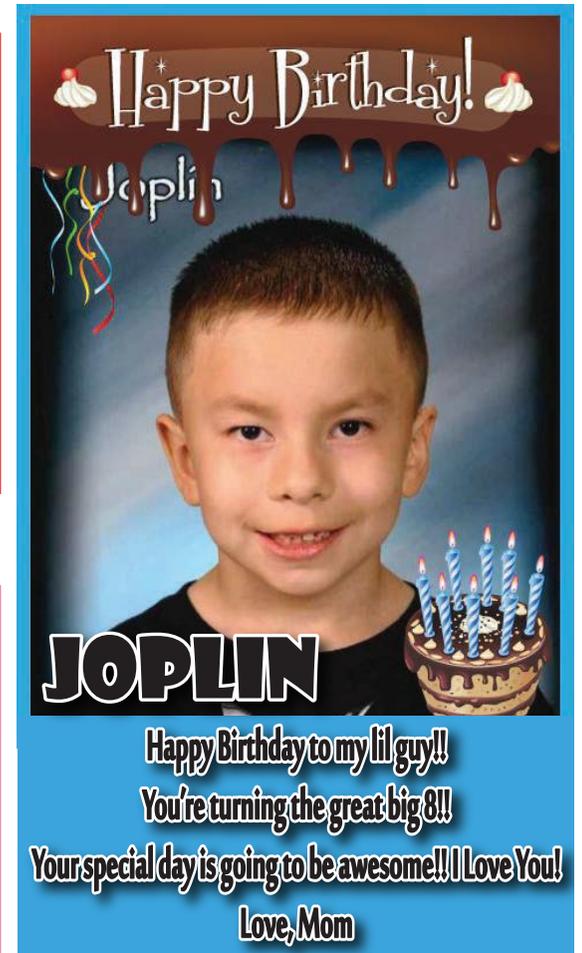
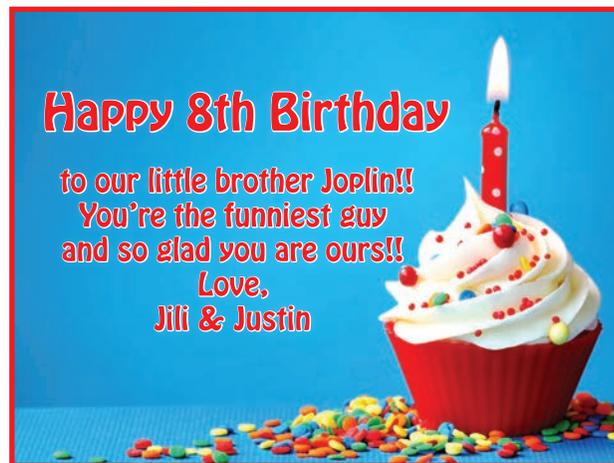
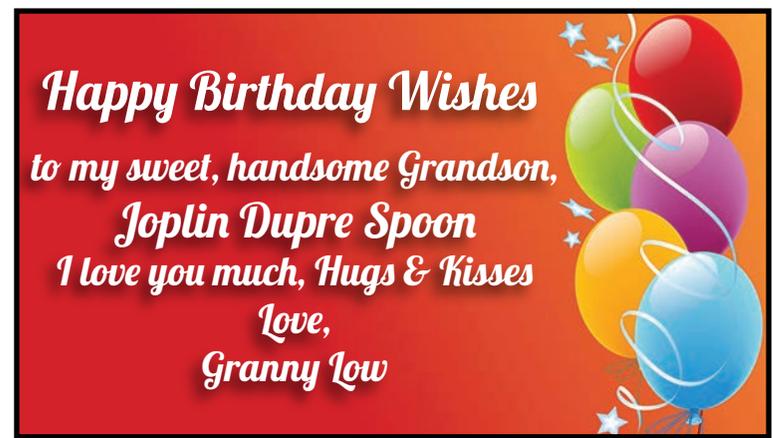
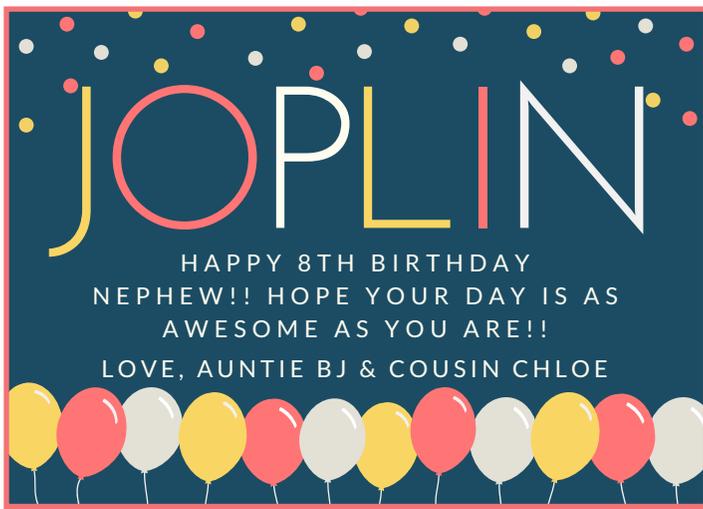
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 Grass, Larra Marie
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MAY



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CLASSES	CLASSES	CLASSES	CLASSES	CLASSES
<u>Zumba Fitness</u> 6:15 a.m.-7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Circuit Training</u> 6:15 a.m.-7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Cardio Kickboxing</u> 6:15 a.m.-7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Circuit Training</u> 6:15 a.m.-7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Zumba Fitness</u> 6:15 a.m.-7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center
<u>Chair Exercise for Elders</u> 12:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m. Buster Bread Little Axe Resource Center		<u>Aerobic Circuit</u> 12:00 p.m.-12:45 p.m. Chrissy Wiens LITTLE AXE HEALTH FACILITY		
				<u>Tabata (Beginner/Intermediate)</u> 2:30 p.m.-3:15 p.m. Buster Bread LITTLE AXE HEALTH FACILITY
<u>Circuit Training</u> 5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Buster Bread Little Axe Resource Center		<u>Circuit Training</u> 5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Buster Bread Little Axe Resource Center		

Fitness sessions will be available every Friday at the Little Axe Health Center

"Aerobic Circuit"- A time-efficient training system aimed at maintaining and improving cardiovascular fitness using a variety of body movements.



Absentee Shawnee Fitness

"Zumba Fitness"- Fitness, fun, and dance. Learn Zumba dance moves to get your heart rate pumping!

"Chair Exercise for Elders"- Low-impact strength training utilizing a chair for elders and beginner fitness levels.

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



"Tabata Training"- An intense and time-efficient training system aimed at developing cardiovascular and muscular strength/endurance.

Diabetes and Wellness



The AST SPF-TIG program coordinator, Ms. Kasey Dean, attended the National RX Summit in Atlanta GA, where they were presenting over their naloxone initiative. One of the guests in attendance at the RX Summit was President Barack Obama. President Obama held a panel discussion in which the AST SPF- TIG program was invited to sit in on where he announced new initiatives and thanked the efforts being done right now to currently fight opioid abuse/misuse epidemic spreading across the United States. Picture to his right was the moderator Dr. Sandjay Gupta, Chief Medical Correspondent for CNN.



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/Health Facility 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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Laurie Webber

**Shawnee Clinic
(405) 878-4702**

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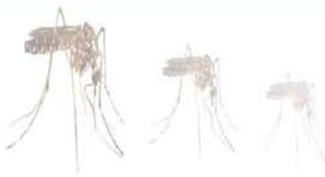
Darla Gatzman



Jayne Werst

Help Control Mosquitoes that Spread Dengue, Chikungunya, and Zika Viruses

Bzzzz.



Aside from being itchy and annoying, the bite of an infected female mosquito (*Aedes aegypti* or *Aedes albopictus*) can spread dengue, chikungunya, or Zika viruses. People become infected with dengue, chikungunya, or Zika after being bitten by an infected mosquito.

- Female mosquitoes lay several hundred eggs on the walls of water-filled containers. Eggs stick to containers like glue and remain attached until they are scrubbed off. When water covers the eggs, they hatch and become adults in about a week.
- Adult mosquitoes live inside and outside.
- They prefer to bite during the day.
- A few infected mosquitoes can produce large outbreaks in a community and put your family at risk of becoming sick.

Protect Yourself, Your Family, and Community from Mosquitoes

1. Eliminate standing water in and around your home:

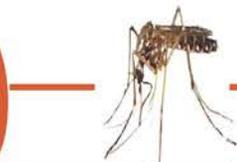
- **Once a week**, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out items that hold water, such as tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, flowerpots, or trash containers. Check inside and outside your home.
- Tightly cover water storage containers (buckets, cisterns, rain barrels) so that mosquitoes cannot get inside to lay eggs.
- For containers without lids, use wire mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito.

2. If you have a septic tank, follow these steps:

- Repair cracks or gaps.
- Cover open vent or plumbing pipes. Use wire mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito.

3. Keep mosquitoes out of your home:

- Use screens on windows and doors.
- Repair holes in screens.
- Use air conditioning when available.



Put plants in soil, not in water.



Drain water from pools when not in use.



Recycle used tires or keep them protected from rain.



Drain & dump any standing water.



Weekly, scrub vases & containers to remove mosquito eggs.

4. Prevent mosquito bites:

- Use an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellent with one of the following active ingredients. All EPA-registered insect repellents are evaluated to make sure they are safe and effective.

Active ingredient	Some brand name examples*
Higher percentages of active ingredient provide longer protection	
DEET	Off!, Cutter, Sawyer, Ultrathon
Picaridin, also known as KBR 3023 , Bayrepel , and icaridin	Cutter Advanced, Skin So Soft Bug Guard Plus, Autan (outside the United States)
IR3535	Skin So Soft Bug Guard Plus Expedition, SkinSmart
Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or para-menthane-diol (PMD)	Repel

* Insect repellent brand names are provided for your information only. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services cannot recommend or endorse any name brand products.

- Always follow the product label instructions.
- Reapply insect repellent every few hours, depending on which product and strength you choose.
- Do not spray repellent on the skin under clothing.
- If you are also using sunscreen, apply sunscreen first and insect repellent second.
- Treat clothing and gear (such as boots, pants, socks, and tents) with permethrin or purchase permethrin-treated clothing and gear.
 - Treated clothing remains protective after multiple washings. See product information to find out how long the protection will last.
 - If treating items yourself, follow the product instructions carefully.
 - Do **not** use permethrin products, intended to treat clothing, directly on skin.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.



Keep rain barrels covered tightly.



Weekly, empty standing water from fountains and bird baths.



Keep septic tanks sealed.



Install or repair window & door screens.

Mosquito Bite Prevention (United States)



Not all mosquitoes are the same. Different mosquitoes spread different viruses and bite at different times of the day.

Type of Mosquito	Viruses spread	Biting habits
 <p><i>Aedes aegypti</i>, <i>Aedes albopictus</i></p>	<p>Chikungunya, Dengue, Zika</p>	<p>Primarily daytime, but can also bite at night</p>
 <p><i>Culex</i> species</p>	<p>West Nile</p>	<p>Evening to morning — do not bite at night</p>

Protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites

Use insect repellent

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Protect All the Skin You're In

- ☀️ Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States, yet most skin cancers can be prevented.
- ☀️ Every year, there are 63,000 new cases of and 9,000 deaths from melanoma—the deadliest form of skin cancer.

Ultraviolet (UV) exposure is the most common cause of skin cancer. A new CDC study shows that the majority of Americans are not using sunscreen regularly to protect themselves from the sun's harmful UV rays.



In fact, fewer than **15% of men** and fewer than **30% of women** reported using sunscreen regularly on their face and other exposed skin when outside for more than 1 hour.

Many women report that they regularly use sunscreen on their faces but not on other exposed skin.

Choose sun protection strategies that work.

Use broad spectrum sunscreen with SPF 15+ to protect any exposed skin.



Seek shade, especially during midday hours.

Wear a hat, sunglasses and other clothes to protect skin.



Sunscreen works best when used with shade or clothes, and it must be re-applied every two hours and after swimming, sweating, and toweling off.



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

VOTE FOR TWILA O. 'LONGHORN' PARKER ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TREASURER

Hello, to all my friends, neighbors, relatives and tribal members who I've been to visit and have heard from in regard to the ongoing election process. Now let me visit with you a moment on what I have heard time and again and that is "what is wrong with the tribe?" Here are a few that you have stated:

- When you call there is no one either answering your call or responding to the concern.
- You are not certain which department you need to talk to about your question.
- And after you 'finally' reach someone in a department the person you are talking to doesn't seem to know how to answer or direct your call.

I have heard these concerns expressed time and again by you and know how frustrating it can be. I find it useful to carry around the tribal newsletter and when I need to communicate on a question I look up the extension number that is listed for departments and staff within those departments. But, why should we have to do that, right? Currently there isn't a method or process to handle the recurring questions and complaints. This is one area I can assist with if I am elected as I strongly believe that when a tribal member has a question or concern you should be able to get it answered and/or 'fixed'. This is but one of the many processes that is not working within our tribal system at this time.

Let's look at why these processes aren't being corrected. First, many of these problems are created by a lack of dedicated leadership and placing an elected official into an Office they may not understand what are all the processes and the work involved to getting them resolved. Some departments within the tribe are functioning with "ghost employees" with the elected official who has oversight responsibility of a department not being in Shawnee at tribal headquarters. Instead you might find these elected officials at home or some other location which means they are not accessible to tribal staff or tribal people to answer and address concerns and/or questions. In our Constitution it states tribal business will take place at tribal headquarters. So the actions of certain elected officials is unconstitutional and creates a backlog of business being conducted. Second, every decision to be made for our tribe has a potential financial impact on the tribe's finances and resources. When our tribe fails to carefully consider the merit of an action and/or make timely decisions this can have a negative impact on the tribe's financial future forecast. This is why it is critical that the tribe strategically plans for short and long term priorities and that clear, concise reports of the tribe's finances and revenue streams are given out.

At the April 2016 General Council meeting a report was given out by the Treasurer and the Lt. Governor. This 'report' was NOT IN THE GENERAL COUNCIL BOOKLET and was provided as a last minute hand out. This was probably done to ensure there would be no questions and let me encourage you to review this 'report' and prepare your questions. Here are a few things that I noticed:

- The way the colored graphs were presented was not informational and was misleading about our revenue, assets and current available funds.
- In prior year reports fund amounts were listed on the same page with the totals. The way the 'Report' was illustrated meant you would need a separate sheet of paper to figure them out.
- If you looked at the Thunderbird Entertainment Center graph there was a \$150,000 difference between Expenses and Revenue. This means we are very close to a 'Revenue Failure' and aligns with what the GM, Jason Greenwalt, stated about revenue being down due to the economic shortfall across the state. He advised there is a "bust in oil prices and loss of revenue". GM, Jason Greenwalt, also stated his accounting staff were having problems and weren't trained for accounting.
- Upon review of the Angus Cattle Report on the Expense & Sale Breakdown on Purchases & Sales - \$149,706.94 why place the sales amounts in the Expense part as that should be Revenue?
 - This part of their 'Report' did not mention the man hours or the person or persons assigned to take care of the cows and the cost of that work.
 - On the Profit & Loss Cattle report if you take Expenses - \$113,037.16 - subtract it from Total Revenue of \$80,896.04 we have a negative -\$32,141.12.
 - If you look closely there is a disclaimer placed in small print in the corner of the page indicating that NOT all expenses are included. This means that there are non-disclosed costs about the cattle project.
- This project needs to be audited with all former, current and projected costs considered before continuing it any further.
- As a cost cutting measure it may be time to get out of the cattle business or to consider what Zack Butler said, "there was assistance from USDA and other programs on how to properly manage a ranch business".
- In 2012 at General Council it was indicated that if the Cattle Ranch Business was managed correctly the Tribe could have over 200 head of cows in a couple of years.
- This revenue generating project is not being managed well as it appears there is no accounting on how many cattle were sold, what the market prices was for those cattle and where the funds went.
- As-to-this-date it is unclear as to what equipment has been purchased for the cattle operation and who maintains that inventory list; it has been stated that Maintenance employees are being used for the cattle operation with those man hour expenses coming from the Maintenance budget.

To those who work at the Tribal headquarters there seems to be NO tracking of what type of activities the maintenance department staff are being used for and how many man of those hours are devoted to actual on call maintenance calls or grass cutting. This information should be provided to General Council so that we are aware of how that \$1 million dollar budget of Maintenance is being used.

In conclusion how many people have heard where there is smoke there is fire? Our financial system is a tragedy in the making and unless a change in leadership occurs we may have NO FINANCES left in the bank to do the business of the Tribe. It's time for a change. Vote for me! I will make sure you have detailed, clear and concise reports. I will make certain you know the true picture of our Tribe. I will help our tribe make a difference by finding new revenue sources, maintaining our current assets, managing our budgets in conjunction with departmental needs. We don't need a DICTATOR, like our current Treasurer, we need a leader who is honest and ethical and has experience in budgeting with NO Bankruptcy issues.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE, VOTE FOR CHANGE! JUNE 18, 2016! VOTE TWILA PARKER, TREASURER!

AST TRIBAL RESOLUTIONS

EXECUTIVE

RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2016-22

ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 20, 2016

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE TO FINALIZE NEGOTIATIONS AND EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH OPTION TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY BILLY GENE CROW AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF TRIBAL FUNDS FOR SAID LEASE AGREEMENT WITH OPTION TO PURCHASE AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2016-10.

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 Tribe's Executive Committee 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 the constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority, and;

WHEREAS, the Tribe was originally interested in entering into a contract to purchase certain real property, surface only, owned by Billy Gene Crow located at 47910 Hwy. 3, Shawnee, OK. 74801 (Subject Property"), and;

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2016 during a duly called meeting, the Executive Committee passed Resolution No. E-AS-2016-10, which authorized the Governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe to complete negotiations and to execute a contract for the purchase of the Subject Property, and;

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee, having performed preliminary due diligence including meeting multiple times with the owner and/or owner's representative, inspecting the site, considering the use and benefit of renting and/or purchasing the Subject Property, and agreeing on a tentative amount, believe it is in the best interest of the Tribe to authorize the Governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe to complete the negotiation and execution of a lease agreement with option to purchase the Subject Property, and further authorized the expenditure of Tribal funds for said lease agreement with option to purchase.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby authorizes the Governor to complete the negotiation and execution of a lease agreement with option to purchase the Subject Property, and further authorized the Office of the Attorney General to assist in negotiating, preparing, reviewing, and finalizing the lease agreement with option to purchase and to assist in due diligence and other activities related to the potential purchase.

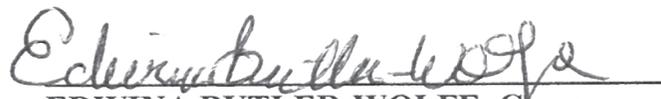
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorizes the expenditure of tribal funds for the following purposes related to the lease agreement with option to purchase the Subject Property including monthly lease payments and costs associated with investigations, inspections, and reviews related to the potential purchase of Subject Property.

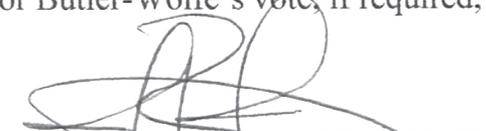
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the option to purchase under the lease agreement may be exercised only by a separate resolution authorizing the purchase and corresponding expenditure of tribal funds for such purpose, duly approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. E-AS-2016-10 is hereby rescinded.

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-2016-22 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 April 20, 2016, 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: ABSENT, Representative Blanchard: YES, Governor Butler-Wolfe's vote, if required, NA.


EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE, Governor


JOHN R. JOHNSON, Secretary



EXECUTIVE

RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2016-23

ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 20, 2016

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE IN COORDINATION WITH THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT AS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 TRIBAL HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (THSGP) AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR TO EXECUTE THE THSGP APPLICATION AND NEGOTIATE ANY CHANGES REQUIRED BY THE FUNDING AGENCY.

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 Indians 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 amended, repealed, superseded, rescinded or nullified by separate action of this body, and;

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

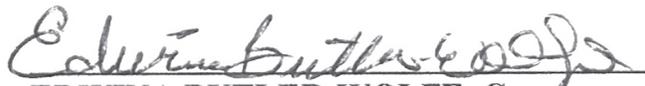
WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is offering assistance through the Fiscal Year 2016 Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP) to, inter alia, federally recognized Indian Tribes, who have elected to carry out the requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Program, and;

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Division of Public Safety, Emergency Management Program desires to develop, implement, and improve the Tribal Member's security in times of emergencies by using the grant funds to purchase equipment and provide personnel to substantially implement the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorizes the Governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe in coordination with the Chief of Police of the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Police Department, as necessary, to apply for the Fiscal Year 2016 Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP) and further authorizes the Governor to execute the THSGP application and negotiate any changes required by the finding agency.

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-2016-23 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 April 20, 2016, 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: ABSENT, Representative Blanchard: YES, Governor Butler-Wolfe's vote, if required, NA.


EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE, Governor


JOHN R. JOHNSON, Secretary



EXECUTIVE

RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2016-24

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

April 20, 2016

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA HEREBY AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY TO COMPLETE THE CLAIM THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY INQUIRY FORM AND THE CORPORATE AUTHORIZATION FORM TO RECLAIM PROPERTY ASSOCIATED WITH THE OKLAHOMA STATE TREASURER, UNCLAIMED PROPERTY DIVISION (CLAIM NO. 658463) AND FURTHER REQUIRING THAT UPON RECEIPT OF SAID UNCLAIMED PROPERTY, THE TREASURER DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE APPROPRIATE TRIBAL ENTITY(IES).

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 Indians 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 the constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority, and;

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2016, Oklahoma State Treasurer Unclaimed Property Division issued a notice to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe to reclaim certain property or funds associated with the following accounts: OG&E Electric Services, Medline Industries, Inc., General Electric Company, SimplexGrinnell LP, and International Game Technology, and;

WHEREAS, to recover said property, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe must complete an Unclaimed Property Inquiry Form and Corporate Authorization Form to be sent to the Oklahoma State Treasurer Unclaimed Property Division, and said forms provide for certain certifications from the Tribe regarding books, records, and financial matter, and;

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma provides that all tribal records, minutes, documents, and correspondence of the Executive Committee be maintained by the Secretary, and;

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 4 of the Constitution of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma provides that the Treasurer shall be custodian of all monies and related bookkeeping functions that come under the jurisdiction of the Tribe, and;

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee believes it is in the best interest of the Tribe to authorize and direct the Secretary to complete the Unclaimed Property Inquiry Form and Corporate Authorization Form to reclaim property associated with the Oklahoma State Treasurer Unclaimed Property Division (Claim No. 658463) and further authorize and direct that, upon receipt of said unclaimed property, the Treasurer identify, and make distribution(s) to, the appropriate tribal entity(ies).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma hereby authorizes the Secretary to complete the Unclaimed Property Inquiry Form and Corporate Authorization Form to reclaim property associated with the Oklahoma State Treasurer Property Division (Claim No. 658463) and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon receipt of said unclaimed property, the Treasurer identify, and make necessary distribution(s) to the appropriate tribal entity(ies) based upon the account associated with the unclaimed property.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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-2016-24 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 April 20, 2016, 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: ABSENT, Representative Blanchard: YES, Governor Butler-Wolfe's vote, if required, NA.


EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE, Governor


JOHN R. JOHNSON, Secretary



EXECUTIVE

RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2016-25

ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 20, 2016

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA APPROVING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF JENNIFER SLOAN FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM EXPIRING APRIL 20, 2017, TO THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE EDUCATION COMMITTEE, 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, Jennifer Sloan has expressed interest in serving and being re-appointed to the Education Committee, and;

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee feels that Jennifer Sloan will serve the Education Committee in a manner that is in the best interest of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby approves the re-appointment of Jennifer Sloan for a (2) two year term expiring April 20, 2017 to the Absentee Shawnee Education Committee.

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-2016-25 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 April 20, 2016, 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: ABSENT, Representative Blanchard: YES, Governor Butler-Wolfe's vote, if required, NA.


EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE, Governor


JOHN R. JOHNSON, Secretary





Choose Your Cover

What is sunscreen?

Sunscreen filters out the sun's dangerous UV (ultraviolet) rays. These invisible rays can cause skin cancer. Some skin cancers can cause death if not found and treated early.

Who should wear sunscreen?

People of all skin colors can get skin cancer from the sun's UV rays. Those who are most likely to get skin cancer from these rays have:

- Lighter natural skin color.
- Skin that burns, freckles, gets red easily, or becomes painful from the sun.
- Blond or red hair.
- Blue or green eyes.
- A family member who has had skin cancer.

Also, people who spend a lot of time outdoors, either for work or play, are more likely to get skin cancer from UV rays.

Which sunscreen should I use?

Use a sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 15 or higher. Sunscreens come in many forms, including ointments, creams, gels, lotions, wax sticks, and sprays.

Follow the directions on the package for using a sunscreen product on babies less than 6 months old. All products do not have the same ingredients; if your or your child's skin reacts badly to one product, try another one or call a doctor.

When do I need to apply sunscreen?

The sun's UV rays can damage your skin in as little as 15 minutes. Put sunscreen on before you go outside, even on slightly cloudy or cool days. Don't forget to put a thick layer on all parts of exposed skin. Get help for hard-to-reach places like your back.

Sunscreen wears off. Put it on again if you stay out in the sun for more than 2 hours, and after you swim or do things that make you sweat.



Sunscreen for Your Sun Day



Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention

Information from Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System's Public Health Department

What is skin cancer? It is the most common form of skin cancer in the U.S. There are three types of skin cancer. Basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas are the most common and highly curable. The third type, melanoma, is most dangerous and is responsible for the most skin cancer related deaths.

Skin cancers are caused by the skin being exposed to ultraviolet light (UV rays). UV rays are actually the sun's radiation. UV rays also come from tanning beds and sunlamps. The UV rays break through the skin, which serves as the body's first line of protection. Once they break through the barrier of the skin they can alter the skin cells (melanocytes). Have you ever seen someone who worked outside their entire life, or someone who tans a lot and their skin is leathery? These are both signs of premature aging of the skin. Skin cancer can also result from this because of having too much exposure to the sun's harmful UV rays.

What are the risk factors? Some people will be more likely to get skin cancer, especially if they have a light natural skin color or skin that reddens, burns, or freckles easily, blue or green eyes, blonde or red hair, a personal or family history of skin cancer, a history of using tanning beds, prolonged exposure to the sun through work and play, or having certain types of moles.

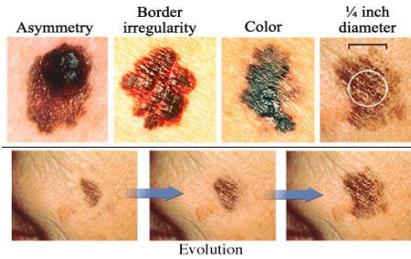
Tanned or sunburned skin is a response to the skin being injured by UV rays. When the UV rays break through the skin and reach the inner layer the melanocytes produce more of the pigments that color the skin when they are hurt which causes the skin to appear darker. So, a tan does not always indicate good health.

According to data from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), in 2012 Native Americans had the second highest incidence of skin cancer diagnoses among all ethnicities in the U.S. Having darker skin does not protect you from the sun or reduce your risk for skin cancer.

What are the symptoms? The most common sign of skin cancer is a change in your skin. Whether it be a new growth, a change in a mole, or a sore that doesn't heal, all are signs and symptoms of skin cancer.

The easiest way to remember the signs is the A-B-C-D-E's of melanoma.

- **A**symmetrical, or uneven-if you divide the mole or spot in half the two sides are not even
- **B**order-the border is irregular or jagged
- **C**olor-the color is uneven.
- **D**iameter-the mole or spot is larger than a pea
- **E**volving-the mole or spot has changed or grown in the past few weeks or months.



<http://www.webmd.com/melanoma-skin-cancer/abcs-of-melanoma-skin-cancer>

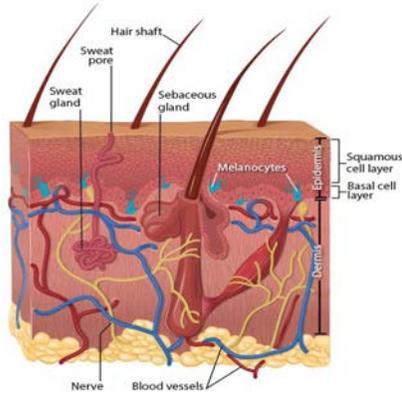
Can I reduce my risk? The most important and easiest thing you can do to reduce your risk of skin cancer is to protect yourself from harmful UV rays all year long and especially in the summer. UV rays are most hazardous during the hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and in the late spring and early summer in our area. UV rays are not only present during beautiful, sunny days but also on cloudy days. Any kind of indoor tanning-tanning beds, tanning booths, and sunlamps-also expose you to UV rays.

The CDC recommends that you use these easy options for protecting yourself from UV rays:

- Stay in the shade during mid day hours
- When in the sun, wear clothing that covers your arms and legs
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat to shade your face, head, ears, and neck
- Wear sunglasses that wrap around your face and block both UVA and UVB rays
- ALWAYS wear sunscreen and make sure it has an SPF (sun protection factor) of 15 or higher with both UVA and UVB protection
- Avoid indoor tanning.

Always talk to your health care provider if you have any questions or concerns about any changes in your skin. Make an appointment to visit in the office if you notice any signs and symptoms of skin cancer and remember your A-B-C-D-E's. Have a safe and happy summer!

Source: <http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/skin/index.htm>

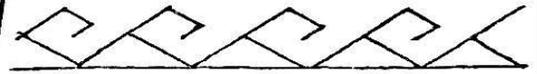


(http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/skin/images/skin_basic_large.jpg) Basal cell carcinoma begins in the basal cell layer of the skin. Squamous cell carcinoma begins in the squamous layer of the skin. Melanoma begins in the melanocytes, which are the cells that make melanin, the pigment that gives skin its color.



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE JUNIOR OLYMPICS

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For more information, please contact the Absentee Shawnee Diabetes and Wellness Fitness Program at 405-364-7298

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Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma

History:

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



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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- Shawnee Center: Center Supervisor-
Sherry Marsh (405) 275-4870 Stacey Osborne (405)
878-5820
1535 N McKinley, Shawnee 74801 1533 N
McKinley, Shawnee 74801
sherrym@ctsahheadstart.org

Cushing Center: Center Supervisor- **Norman Center: Center Supervisor-**
Wava Anderson (918) 225-1029 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:
POTTAWATOMIE, PAYNE, LINCOLN, & CLEVELAND
NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAM (ALL ACCEPTED)

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.

ABSENTEE SHAWEE 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.

Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority



Programs Available

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

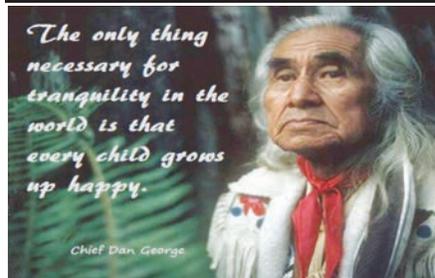
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WEBSITE: WWW.ASHOUSINGAUTHORITY.COM

FOSTER CARE



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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)

"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.

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 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.

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.

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).



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