



The Absentee Shawnee News



"AMONG THE SHAWNEES"

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1st Annual American Indian Domestic Violence Awareness Day of Unity



Front row l-r: Melissa Lopez, Jackie Denny
Back row l-r: Heather Napier, Cheri Hardeman,
Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Kimberly Stephens

Thursday
October 2nd, 2014
2nd Floor Rotunda
Oklahoma State Capital
Ceremony 10 am to 12 pm



GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2014 AT 10 A.M.

LITTLE AXE RESOURCE CENTER

WE HOPE THAT ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Edwina Butler-Wolfe
Governor



Issac Gibson
Lt. Governor



Vera M. Dawsey
Secretary



Leah Bates
Treasurer



Kenneth Blanchard
Representative



Hello my Absentee Shawnee people!

The Oklahoma City Fair recently came and with it our cooler autumn weather. In my youth I thought that when the Oklahoma City fair came to town then the temperature would cool and the rains begin. I hope that each of you had the opportunity to enjoy the fair this year if you were so inclined.

Let me begin by saying that since coming into Office I have been open about my ideas, goals, and concerns on our Tribe's operations, programs, businesses and within the elected body. We, as a people, need for progress to occur and with your help and prayers this can happen.

Our Little Axe joint venture grant, plan and health facility being built in 2010 is a wonderful illustration of what can happen when leaders work with staff to make a way for progress. Yes, there are glitches – such as the Little Axe clinic making enough third party revenue to pay their own loan payments without the assistance of the Shawnee clinic; retaining professional level staff; marketing services and getting access to care. Progress comes with a price and our Little Axe clinic may at times be a concern but it is still the architectural jewel of the Tribe. This beautiful facility was created through the laborious efforts of former leaders, staff and Indian Health Service who had a vision of a brighter future for our people. I was part of the team that made that effort and am proud of that major accomplishment. However, I didn't (and still don't) agree with the method used to put the facility into place or the loan term language that allows a 'partial' waive of our tribal sovereignty. At the time that language was put into place I was not a tribal leader as I am today. I want progress to occur and it

takes planning, financial means and ethics to get actions done and done in a good way. Sometimes being both progressive and ethical means making difficult choices and that is why you elected me as you know I hold to both.

Special Note:

This month I, along with 15 other Oklahoma tribal leaders, had the opportunity to meet and speak with U.S. Supreme Court, Associate Justice, Sonia Maria Sotomayor at the Oklahoma Justice Center in Oklahoma City. I was able to voice our concerns that we currently face with the City of Shawnee on the taxation and de-annexation issues. She listened and expressed concern.



Tribal Operations & Oversight Responsibilities

Health System

I have concerns about the Health Board(s) action and inaction on financial aspects of the clinic, its operations and its personnel. In the near future I will be assigning a staff person to provide input and get clarity at all meetings that involve financial and budgetary actions.

Finance

In the years prior to the former Governor's administration it was expected that all funds regardless of their source (grant, BIA, IHS, etc.) would be executed through resolution by the Executive Committee. Somehow, over the past 5 years this process changed and our Finance department only requests the IHS, BIA, Indirect Cost and General Fund budgets to be approved. This is not an acceptable practice and one that must look at changing to retain stability in our budgets.

Now that our recent elections are over we have a new Treasurer in place. Our constitution gives this official a great responsibility of ensuring that those financial actions that occur within the tribe are accurately and consistently maintained based on general accounting principles and procedures. Based on constitutional requirements and the need to ensure our assets are duly protected I will be requesting the Treasurer be bonded in amount relevant to our assets.

Purchasing and Procurement

Our travel policies and procedures require either updating and/or enforcing due to recent travel abuse. Our constitution indicates that elected officials may be required to travel based on the responsibilities of their Office and the duties they are relegated. Regrettably, I learned this week that this process must not be clear to the tribe's Secretary as she has traveled nationally over 20 times and uses funds pulled from other program budgets (and this is apparently being allowed by Finance). It is unclear, to me, as to why this official uses the Tribe's resources to travel extensively when she appears unable to make Executive Committee meetings and must be unaware of her oversight responsibilities. We, as elected leaders, should be diligent in fiscal management and not abuse the power and privilege you, our people, have given to us. The practice of travel abuse must stop and I will seek clear direction on how best to resolve these types of concerns.

City of Shawnee

The City of Shawnee put new City Commissioners into place the first week of September. Gary Vogel,

Ward I; Lesa Shaw, Ward 5; Michael Dykstra, Ward 6. Apparently this change did not correct the issues of the City as Commissioner Keith Hall continued his apparently biased efforts toward Tribes in the area. Due to City Commissioner Vogel abstaining from the vote on the detachment issue Hall was able to get passed language allowing the Pottawatomie County Election Board to put the issue of detaching to a city wide vote. This is a problem. We now have uninformed citizens making the decision on whether the Absentee Shawnee and Citizen Potawatomi Nation lands should be detached. The actions of Hall are neither forgivable nor forgettable as our tribe will be impacted regardless of the outcome of that ballot vote. On October 5th this issue will come to a vote. I ask that you and your extended families vote 'NO' to detach as we do not want to be forced to take action.

At the September 15th meeting City Commissioner Shaw made an attempt to 'heal' the concern between tribes and the City, Shaw placed an item on the agenda that read 'Discussion, consideration and possible action on a proposal to defund all legal fees and expenses associated with the City's ongoing disagreements with our Native American neighbors.' Hall then retaliated by placing his own agenda item on that read: 'Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding possible conflict of interest between commission members and Tribal Nations, including the retention of outside counsel to investigate and render an opinion to the Commission.' This expressed language led to the 'confusion' cited in the Shawnee News Star newspaper and to the write up in the County Wide News. The 'defunding' item was tabled till October 6th where the issue will come up again. It's my understanding that the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has petitioned the City of Shawnee to de-annex their land prior to the October vote to detach.

Conclusion

I have 8 months to go. My door is always open (unless I am in a meeting) and I welcome visits.

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

Thank you for your support.



RESOLUTIONS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

Greetings Tribal Members,

As I've mentioned previously, Economic Development is a concern due to lack of adequate revenue generated by the Tribe.

Grant funding is fine for startup purposes, but to sustain these activities requires the Tribe to supplement these programs, especially those that are not required to generate income for sustainability.

We have a number of unoccupied buildings that are not generating income by standing idle. It is my intention to bring before the full Executive Committee the issue that we should lease these structures out to business entities requiring extra space for their activities.

The Tecumseh Square area is another part of the Tribe's holdings not generating income. This too will take a collaborative effort and commitment by the full Executive Committee to solve this issue.

I am starting to hear from interested individuals who approach me about serving on our boards. I consider this a plus for the Tribe. We need qualified individuals to serve in this capacity to support our efforts to progress the Tribe's interests.

I want to hear from you on ideas that you feel are important and will respond to your written inquiries in the following month's newsletter.

To contact me at the Tribal Complex, please write to:

Representative Ken Blanchard
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801

Or by phone at: (405) 275-4030 Ext. 202.

Respectfully,
Ken Blanchard

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

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS:

E-AS-14-43 09/17/14

Establishes the 74th Semi-Annual General Council Meeting for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma be set for Saturday, October 18, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Resource Center in Little Axe, Oklahoma.

E-AS-14-44 09/17/14

Authorizes and approves the grant agreement with the American National Red Cross to assist qualified Absentee Shawnee Tribal members obtain a storm shelter (as attached) and designates Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe as the Tribal official with the signature authority to execute the agreement on behalf of the Tribe, effective immediately.

E-AS-14-45 09/17/14

Recognizes, affirms, and/or ratifies the appointment of Victoria Armstrong, John E. Fryrear, Tresha D. Spoon, Twila O. Parker and Gina Gray to the Absentee Shawnee Development Corporation Board of Directors. (Community Development Financial Institute "CDFI")

E-AS-14-46 09/17/14

Approves and accepts Ashlynn Nevaeh Panther, Mark Joseph Johndrow-Boston, Riley JaLisa Monk, Jaxon Eugene Monk, Hayden Loa Martinez and Takota Sun Larney as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

E-AS-14-47 09/17/14

Grants membership relinquishment of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to Lucas Andrew Herrod, a minor, provided he is accepted into the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma.

E-AS-14-48 09/17/14

Approves the appointment of Dara Thorpe to the Absentee Shawnee Foster Care Licensing Committee for a Three (3) year term effective September 17, 2014 and expiring September 17, 2017.

E-AS-14-49 09/17/14

Approves the appointment of Glenna Jones to the Absentee Shawnee Foster Care Licensing Committee for a Two (2) year term effective September 17, 2014 and expiring September 17, 2016.

FY-2014
YTD TAX COLLECTIONS
(thru 8/31/14)

RUN DATE:
09/19/14

TAX CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	% OF TAXES COLLECTED
Sales (6%)	\$5,532.03	\$5,205.95	\$6,535.34	\$5,180.06	\$6,870.96	\$4,397.76	\$6,237.06	\$9,715.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,674.65	2.59%
Gaming % of free cash	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,600,000.00	83.43%
Employee (1%)	\$10,095.26	\$602.94	\$22,804.85	\$4,159.08	\$3,805.88	\$24,535.57	\$3,805.02	\$13,537.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$83,346.24	4.35%
Severance (8%)	\$8,940.31	\$7,025.79	\$6,689.81	\$7,561.69	\$8,985.65	\$10,246.81	\$8,556.30	\$6,767.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$64,774.30	3.38%
Motor Vehicle	\$13,670.11	\$11,971.21	\$14,216.75	\$11,780.39	\$9,804.65	\$15,890.15	\$17,011.63	\$14,773.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$109,118.38	5.69%
Tobacco Refund	\$9,303.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,303.52	0.49%
TOTAL TAXES	\$297,541.23	\$274,805.89	\$300,246.75	\$178,681.22	\$329,467.14	\$105,070.29	\$135,610.01	\$294,794.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,916,217.09	\$1,916,217.09
Miscellaneous	\$600.00	\$130.00	\$65.00	\$350.00	\$80.00	\$140.00	\$85.00	\$195.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,645.00	0.09%
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$298,141.23	\$274,935.89	\$300,311.75	\$179,031.22	\$329,547.14	\$105,210.29	\$135,695.01	\$294,989.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,917,862.09	100% \$1,917,862.09

No reports submitted for Finance Department, Financial Consultant,
and the Cultural Preservation Department.

Police Department October Monthly Newsletter September Activities

This month the following activities and/or events occurred:

- ☒ Investigator, Jason Brinker was instructor of A1404 Driving Session 2, September 16-19, 2014 at C.L.E.E.T in ADA, Oklahoma.
- ☒ Absentee Shawnee Tribe behavioral health and the tribal police department will be having a Drug Take Back at the Shawnee Mall September 27, 2014, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cases/Calls

As of September 26, 2014 AST PD had a total of:

- 57 Cases logged
- 78 Incoming Calls
- 1 Community Service Client



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



Building Blocks News...

October 5th – 11th is Fire Prevention Week. We are in the process of planning activities to teach the children about fire safety, as well as schedule a visit from the Shawnee Fire Department.

We will host an open house on *Friday, October 24, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.* This is a chance for all parents to meet with their child's teacher, get to know other staff members that help care for their children on a daily basis, and meet other parents. Teachers are currently compiling items to create a portfolio for each child in their classroom. This event is also open to the community. Refreshments will be served.

Our teachers will once again bring the children around to trick-or-treat the complex. As you know, the Executive Committee schedules the date for this event. The children had such a great time last year. We hope to be able to visit all departments and show off all of our cute, little monsters again!

We currently have 56 children enrolled, 29 of which are Native American. We have a waiting list for each of our classrooms and are currently enrolling children on these lists. We are always accepting waiting list applications for both Shawnee and the much anticipated Little Axe center. These may be picked up at our Shawnee location or we can email/fax them to you. Please call Building Blocks at (405) 878-0633 if you have any questions.

Dates to Remember:

Friday, October 24: Open House from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Thank you,
Billie Thompson
Director

Horse Shoe Bend After School Program

The Horse Shoe Bend after school program started on September 8, 2014. Due to the Coordinator position being vacant, my staff and I have been rotating through the after school program until someone is hired to take over the daily duties. We currently have 15 students enrolled and average 10 to 12 students per day. We do have our Oklahoma Baptist University students back: Rebecca Tyler, Haley Nickerson, Chelsea Cannedy, Meagan Bauth, and two new OBU Students, Walker Cross and Kelly Burton. We are very fortunate to have these individuals as our tutors here in the after school program, as each one shows leadership and a willingness to take on the responsibility of working with each student.

Our hours of operation for this program are
2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

North Rock Creek School will start their own after school program under a 21st Century Grant and it will be open to all students, Monday thru Friday, from the time school ends until 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. This program will take place sometime in October. I have discussed this opportunity with Mr. Blake Moody, Superintendent of North Rock Creek School, and how we could work together to offer both programs to our students. This will give students the opportunity to utilize one or the other after school program. I am very excited to see that schools are looking for better ways to give students opportunities to seek extra help in their studies.

If you should have any questions or concerns, I may be reached at 405-275-4030, Ext. 188 or at 405-481-0397.

Thank you,
Governor Butler-Wolfe

2% MILK SERVED DAILY

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

TITLE VI MENU

OCTOBER 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Title VI Closed for Food Show Homebound Sack lunch on Sept. 30th	2 Chicken Breast Wild Rice Veggies Roll/Crisp	3 Grits Ham Toast Fruit	4
5	6 BBQ Sandwich Pot. Salad Cake	7 Goulash Squash Garlic Bread Cookie	8 Northern Beans/Ham Spinach Cornbread Plums	9 Meatloaf Mashed pot/Gravy Black-eyed Peas Pears	10 Pancakes Sausage Patty Tropical Fruit	11
12	13 Frito Chili Pie Onions/Chez Cookie	14 Pork Chops Stuffing Green beans Fruit	15 Smoked Sausage Cabbage Veggies Bread/Fruit	16 Chicken Strips Mashed Pot/Gravy Veggies Jell-O	17 Biscuit Sausage Gravy Scrambled Eggs	18 General Council 10am Little Axe Resource Center
19	20 Chef Salad Eggs, Chez Crackers Mandarin Oranges	21 BBQ Chicken Baked Beans Veggies Bread/Peaches	22 Spaghetti w/meat sauce Green Beans Breadstick Salad Bar*	23 Tamales Spanish Rice Chips/Salsa Apple	24 Cereal Sausage Patty Toast Fresh Fruit	25 WORLD PASTA DAY October 25th
26	27 Hamburger Lett, Tom, Onion, Pickle Tator Tots Pudding w/ cookie	28 Beef Tips w/Noodles Veggies Cookie	29 Baked Pot. Chez, Onion, Ham Veggies Sour Cream Mixed Fruit	30 Fish Mac & Chez Hushpuppies Tossed Salad* Pudding	31 English Muffins Ham Scrambled Eggs	

**NOT GOING TO BE HOME!!!
CALL AND LET US KNOW AT 405-275-4030
EXT 169 OR NOTIFY YOUR DRIVER**

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

Just a little bit of information!!!

 October 3, World Smile Day
 October 15, Global Hand Washing Day
 October 25, World Pasta Day
 October 28, National Chocolate Day
 October 31, HALLOWEEN

TITLE VI PICTURES FROM THE SAC & FOX TRIBAL CONFERENCE

AND OLYMPICS



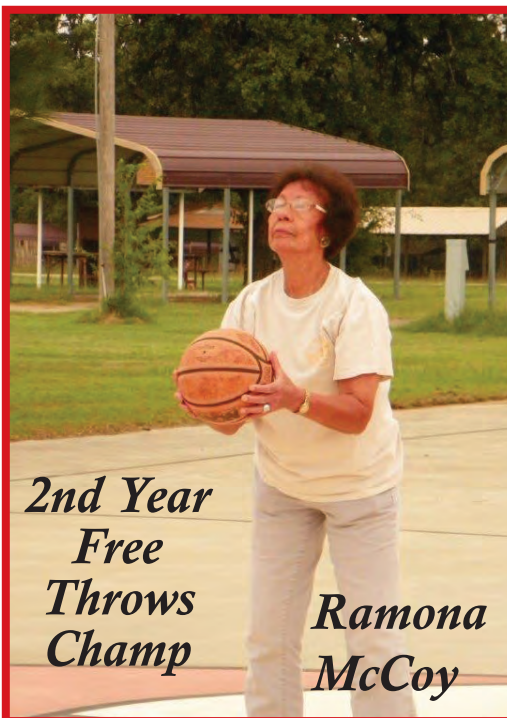
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Horseshoes



Free Throws

Softball Throws





Stretching before the big game!



Bean Bag Toss



Reta Harjo



GOVERNOR'S SPOTLIGHT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

SERGEANT SCOTT WILSON



Sgt. Scott Wilson was raised in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. After high school he went onto to attend the University of Oklahoma. Scott started his law enforcement career in 1992 with the Oklahoma Capitol Patrol. Prior to joining the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Police Department in 2008, he was employed at the FAA.

Thankyou Sgt. Wilson, for your dedication and the professionalism you offer.

Let's Build For the Future (BFF)!

GOVERNORS SPOTLIGHT EMPLOYEE

Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe will be working with the six program department that she has oversight over and will monthly select an employee that is deemed to have contributed to their program and to the Absentee Shawnee tribe. The attributes to be considered are: Contributions to the community and the Tribe; leadership; performance and work ethic; teamwork. It is the intent of the Governor to recognize tribal employees who do a remarkable job and might not otherwise get recognized for their contributions. This special employee recognition program will be highlighted under my Office as the SPOTLIGHT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH program.



THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE

SPONSORED BY
THE AST SPF PROGRAM
/DIABETES AND WELLNESS PROGRAM

RUN FOR YOUR LOBB ZOMBIE S3 R00P

for ages 10+

OCTOBER 25TH, 2014

PRE-REGISTER FOR A FREE SHIRT
RACE BEGINS AT 10:00 A.M.

Open to the public!

LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER



COSTUME CONTEST

VOLUNTEER AS A ZOMBIE

FREE EVENT
FREE EVENT
FREE EVENT

KIDS COSTUME WALK

For more info, please contact Kasey Dean at 405-701-7993 or Buster Bread at 405-364-7298

FUNDED BY SAMHSA GRANT
#1U795SPO15620-03



Car Seat Safety Checkup



Limited Car Seats, Native Americans with in AST service area & one per child.

Where: **Absentee Shawnee Tribe**

2025 S. Gordon Cooper, Shawnee, OK

Date: **October 28, 2014**

Time: **6 pm to 8 pm**

For more information call:

Rosie Tall Bear at 405-701-7601

Did you know 9 out of 10 car seats are used incorrectly?

Proper use of your child's car seat can mean the difference between life & death. Tragedy can be avoided by following these simple rules:

Car Seat Basics:

- ◆ Use the vehicle seat belt or lower anchors to install car seats. Do not use both unless allowed by both the car seat manufacturer & the vehicle owner's manual.
- ◆ If a forward-facing car seat is being installed with lower anchors, a top tether must be used. Always use top tethers, when available, to install forward-facing car seats.
- ◆ Car seats should be installed snugly & not move more than one inch when checked at the belt path.
- ◆ Harness straps should be tight enough so that webbing cannot be pinched at the shoulders
- ◆ **Never** place a rear-facing car seat in front of an active air bag.
- ◆ Carefully read & follow the installation instructions for all car seats.
- ◆ Consult your vehicle owner's manual for seat belt & car seat installation information
- ◆ Children under the age of 13 should ride in the back seat.

Women's Health

Services provided
at Shawnee Clinic
405.878.4702
Schedule an
appointment

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



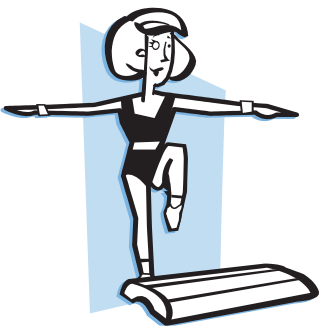
Injury Prevention Program

The Mayo Clinic and the Center for Disease Control & Prevention say that if you're physically active it may help prevent you from falling. The following activities: Walking, chair exercises and Tai Chi, can improve your leg strength, balance, coordination and flexibility. Remember to check with your doctor before starting any of these activities!

Here are some tips on how to stay safe while getting back into the spring of things.

- Be sure to warm-up and cool down when appropriate.
- Wear protective gear - i.e. bike helmets, wrist & elbow guards, pads, etc.
- Rest, especially when your muscles are tired
- Prevent "overuse" injuries (i.e. stress fractures, tendonitis, or inflamed joints) by not overdoing exercise.
- Condition your body before jumping into new activities at full force.

For more information contact: Rosie Tall Bear at 405-701-7601
Little Axe Health Center



STORM SHELTER APPLICATIONS

The Tribe received a grant from Red Cross to provide storm shelters for tribes who were affected by the May 2013 tornadoes in Pottawatomie, Cleveland, and Oklahoma Counties. The grant agreement between the Tribe and Red Cross has been formalized and approved by the Executive Committee by resolution at their regular meeting on September 17, 2014. The grant allows for 92 shelters to be provided to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. The Red Cross has indicated that rental property is not eligible for storm shelters, only for those tribal members who own or are buying their home and can provide documentation that the home is in the tribal member's name. You must provide also submit copy of your AST CDIB card with your application.

We are now ready to take applications from tribal members who live in those three counties mentioned above. The Lt. Governor and Treasurer has compiled a list of tribal members who have been on a waiting list for quite some time that will be provided a shelter, but there are still spaces available for others who would like to apply.

The application is included in the newsletter, on the website astribe.com, and hard copies will be available at the Tribal Complex receptionist area. The deadline for applications is October 31, 2014 by COB (5:00 p.m.). Please mail your applications to Absentee Shawnee Tribe, 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK 74801. If you have questions, please call Emergency Manager work cell phone number (405) 740-1562.



Absentee-Shawnee of Oklahoma Storm Shelter Application

INSTRUCTIONS

Please fill out this application completely. If a section does not apply to you please mark as NA. A signature is required to complete this application. Once the application is completed send the application, including the required documents, to:

Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801

Also remember to include a copy of your valid CDIB and a copy of your Warranty Deed along with this application.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name

Mailing Address

Physical Address – If Different from Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Home Phone Number

County

Secondary Phone Number (Cell)

CDIB Number: (Attach copy of Tribal Enrollment card)

E-Mail Address

LOCATION OF HOME IF IN A RURAL AREA

Directions To Home*
Include North South (NS)
and East West (EW) County
Road Numbers and
911 Number, If Applicable

HOME INFORMATION (Check One Only) (Attach copy of Warranty Deed)

- New Home
 Existing Home
 Manufactured Home

What Type Of Shelter Do You Prefer* (Check Only One)

- Inside Garage
 Outside Under Ground
 Outside Above Ground

Was Your Home Impacted By Severe Weather Incident Period: May 18, 2013 thru June 2, 2013

- Yes
 No

If yes explain what the damages were:

HOMEOWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

- The homeowner consents to obtain and provide copies of all construction permits, if applicable, and for contacting OKIE for the marking of any underground lines and/or public utilities prior to installation of the storm shelter.
- The homeowner grants permission for the Absentee-Shawnee Trib and its representatives to enter upon or across lands of the homeowner for the purpose of carrying out the project.
- The homeowner will assume responsibility for minor soil settlement, if any, around installed shelter after the installation of the shelter is complete and equipment has been removed from the site.
- Once the warranty has expired the homeowner will assume responsibility for the maintenance and repair, if needed, of the storm shelter.

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION (read carefully before signing and dating in ink)

I certify that all of the answers given are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and they are made in good faith. This certification is made with the knowledge that the information will be used to determine eligibility to receive storm shelter assistance, and that false or misleading statements may constitute a violation of eligibility requirements.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

(Print Name)

(Sign Name)

Date

"For Office Use Only"

Date Application Was Received:

Shelter Installation Date:

Shelter Inspection Date:

Shelter Inspection Approval Date:

Vendor Payment Date:

Vendor Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

License:/Permit: _____

Diabetes Support Group

The AST Diabetes & Wellness Department will be hosting a
Diabetes Support Group

Anyone is welcome to attend!

We encourage anyone with the following to join us:

- . Type 1 Diabetes
- . Type 2 Diabetes
- . Pre-Diabetes
- . Metabolic Syndrome
- . At Risk for Diabetes
- . Family Member with Diabetes

This event will be a chance for anyone that has been affected by diabetes to come together and talk with other people that know what you are feeling.



WHEN:

**Tuesday October 21st,
2014
5-7 PM**



WHERE:

AST Resource Center

Spots available to the first 20 people!

Please contact the Diabetes Dept. for more info and to sign up!

405-701-7977

ekey@astribe.com

**Light snacks and drinks
will be provided**



Pumpkin Carving Contest!
1st Place: Free T Shirt
2nd Place: Free Water Bottle
3rd Place: Free Lunch Bag



October Birthdays

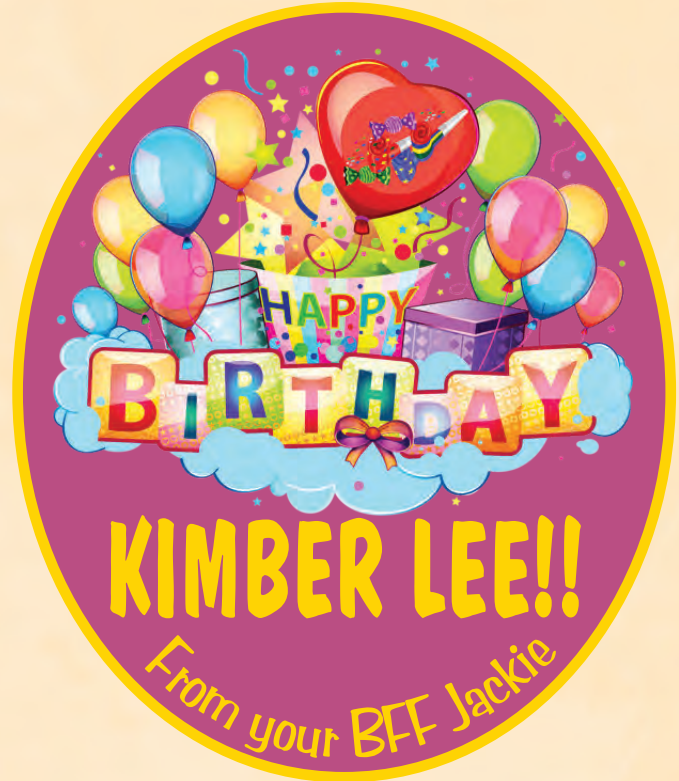
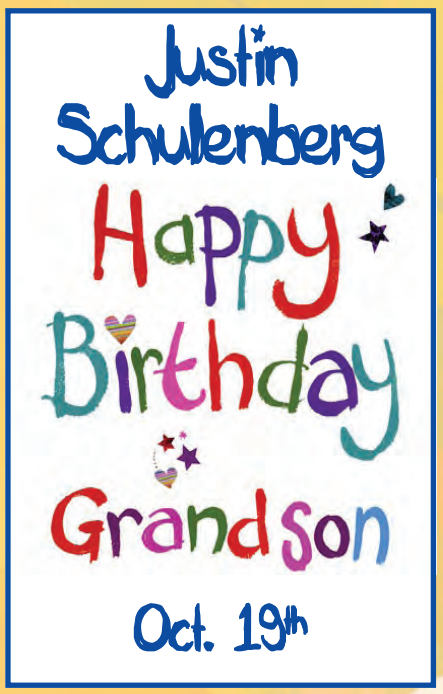
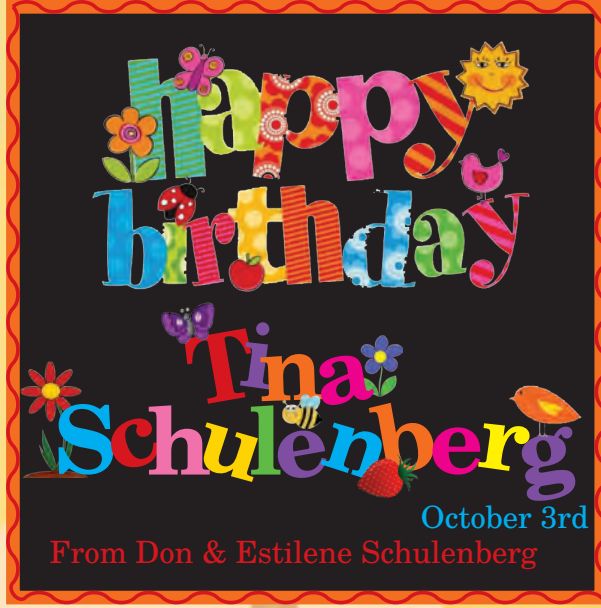
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Elizabeth Clark – x170

Rachael Lankford – x111

Little Axe Office

(405)447.0300

Leo Teafatiller – x7638

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*

Contract Health Services for AST members *with* Insurance

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

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

**Contract Health
Direct Phone Line
405.701.7951**

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 any alternate resources for which you may be eligible - Medicare, Medicaid, SoonerCare, insurance, etc.
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 with Rhonda Kaseca at the Shawnee Clinic and Glendine Blanchard at the Little Axe Health Center.*

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 with Rhonda Kaseca at the Shawnee Clinic and Glendine Blanchard at the Little Axe Health Center.*



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 107 North Kimberly
 P.O. Box 425
 Shawnee, OK 74802-0425
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Down Payment Assistance Program for Over Income AST Tribal Members

This program is to provide Over-Income enrolled Absentee Shawnee Tribal members only with affordable homeownership financing opportunities. The Over-Income Down Payment Assistance will include payment of reasonable closing cost associated with the first mortgage and the ASHA's second mortgage with the remainder of the money going toward the down payment. The maximum amount for each homeowner is \$5000.00.

Eligibility

- Applicant must be eighteen (18) years of age
- Must be enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe with gross incomes over 100% of the median income adjusted for family size to apply
- Applicant must be first-time homeowner
- Primary residences only
- Property must be located within the state of Oklahoma
- Must be approved for home loan
- Dwelling Unit must pass all Housing Quality Standards inspection as well as Environmental Inspection

For more Program Information, please contact Kimberly Vermillion at Ext. 260.

Absentee Shawnee Housing



Introduction

The information being provided is to help families understand what programs are offered through the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority and how to apply. Our programs target low income Native American families who need housing assistance. The programs currently being provided are Rental, Lease to Own and Down Payment Assistance.

Application Process

Our process begins with the completion of our housing application. When completing the application be sure and answer all the questions that pertain to you and sign all attached forms. If you should have any questions regarding the application; call or come by our office and ask our staff in the Programs & Admissions Department and they would be glad to assist you.

The application will also require documents to be attached in order to complete the process; which are:

- ✦ Photo I.D.
- ✦ CDIB Card
- ✦ Social Security Card
- ✦ Birth Certificate
- ✦ Marriage License/Divorce Decree/Custody Decree (if applicable)
- ✦ Declaration of Section 214 (form is included with application)

Each household member must provide a birth certificate, social security card and CDIB card (if enrolled in a federally recognized tribe). The Housing Authority will conduct a criminal background check and credit check on all adult household members over the age of 18. A home visit is the final step in completing your application.

Waiting List

A letter will be mailed out once your application has been approved notifying you of the date your name was placed on the waiting list. It is very important to stay in contact and notify the Housing Authority anytime changes occur in income, household composition, or contact information.

In the event that your name is next in being offered a home; you will be notified by letter or phone. Annual Updates required to remain on the waiting list.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

**107 N. Kimberly
 Shawnee, OK 74801
 P.O. Box 425
 Shawnee, OK 74802-0425
 Phone: 405-273-1050
 Fax: 405-275-0678
 Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.**

Eligibility for each program has income requirements; please be sure and review the current income limits on your application. We will not be able to process your application if you do not meet the income criteria.



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 TIPLINE 405-273-1249

Low Rent Housing

Our low rent housing program is provided to families in need of housing in the Shawnee and Tecumseh area. Rental houses are furnished with kitchen appliances, central heat and air, and mini blinds all throughout.

In the Shawnee area, the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority has two elderly/handicap communities. These areas have fully and partial handicap accessible units. A laundry facility is located in the community for tenant use only.

Tenants in our rental program are provided services through our Maintenance Department; if any maintenance issues should arise you would contact the Housing Authority and a crew member will come and do the repair.



Lease to Own Program

The Lease to Own Program is available for any Native American family who has met our requirements and would like to purchase a home through the Housing Authority. The homes offered are ones currently in inventory and owned by the Housing Authority.

This program is designated for income eligible families who have been renting but now feel they are ready for the opportunity to purchase their own home. The application is the same as the rental; accept the income requirements are different. Be sure and specify when completing your application, that you are applying for the Lease to Own Program. If you have substantial rental history and meet the income requirements, your name may be placed on the waiting list.

Down Payment Assistance Program

This program offers a one-time grant of up to \$20,000 to assist with down payment and/or closing cost to purchase a home and is designed to make home mortgage payments more affordable

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must be eighteen (18) years of age
- Must be Native American enrolled in a Federally Recognized Tribe, with priority given to enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to apply
- Applicant must qualify as a low-income family, and must meet minimum income guidelines
- Applicant must be first-time homeowner
- Primary residences only
- Must be approved for home loan
- Dwelling Unit must pass environmental inspection

- All applicants are required to attend a counseling class conducted by our Resident Counselor before signing a lease.
- Annual Recertification are required for Rental/Lease to Own programs
- Inspections are performed on our homes annually

- MONTHLY RENT IS CALCULATED BY YOUR INCOME
- OUR LOW RENT UNITS HAVE 1, 2, 3, & 4 BEDROOMS
- LEASE TO OWN HOMES HAVE 3 & 4 BEDROOMS

NEW RENTAL HOMES AVAILABLE!



Applications are now being accepted for families that are over the income limits for our IHBG funded programs. Please contact our Programs & Admissions Department for further details.

NOTE: There is limited homes available for this program.

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Absentee Shawnee Tribe

Recycling Program

“To Establish a recycling program for municipal waste planning, reduction, and Recycling”

The Office of Environ-
mental Health and Envi-
ronmental Program is
proud to announce the
start of a new recycling
program for the Absen-
tee Shawnee Tribe. The
recycling center is lo-
cated in the yellow
metal building adjacent
to the OEH Depart-
ment. The Absentee
Shawnee Tribe (AST)
Recycling Program Pro-
gram declares that waste
reduction and recycling
are the preferable to the

or processing of muni-
cipal waste, and that re-
moving certain materials



from the municipal
waste stream will de-
crease the flow of solid
waste to municipal land-
fills. AST Recycling Pro-
gram used the knowl-

edge and information
about recycling markets
and market demand as
well as information ob-
tained from various pub-
lications and the internet
to comprise an analysis
of material the recycling
program will address at
the start of the program.
AST Recycling Program
Plan establishes a goal
that, by year's end 2013,
at least 25 % of the recy-
clable material produced
by the Tribe will be re-
cycled.

Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle

The AST recycling Pro-
gram will initially focus
on the following waste
stream material; High-
Grade shredded paper,
Assorted office paper,

Phone books, Magazines,
Cardboard, Newspaper,
and Aluminum cans. As
the program and market
develops, other recycla-
bles will be sought.

There is a cost associ-
ated with recycling,
However, economic,
social, and environ-
mental benefits exceed
these cost.

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 at-
tached 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

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(for the deaf or hard of hearing, call our TTY
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FITNESS CENTER HOURS

Monday—Thursday
6:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

Friday
6:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday
CLOSED



The AST Diabetes and Wellness Fitness Center provides state of the art fitness equipment, including: treadmills, elliptical cross-trainers, recumbent bikes, free-weights, kettlebells, and isolation strength machines. The AST Fitness Center is available to all Native Americans and their household family members. AST employees are also



eligible for membership. The AST Diabetes and Wellness Fitness Center strives to deliver a well-trained staff that seeks to help clients reach their personal fitness and health goals. Our staff takes pride in providing appropriate and educational fitness training to all clients, providing guidance in developing a successful plan to help prevent or manage diabetes and/or other health conditions, and providing clients with a fun and positive experience working with our staff. Please take some time to come by and visit the AST Diabetes and Wellness Fitness Center today!

Recycling Containers Now Available

OEH now has recycling containers set up for public use. These recycle containers, which are cardboard only containers, are located on the south side of the Title VI building at the main complex and the other container is located at the northeast corner of the Little Axe Clinic.



We also have our mobile recycle container available behind the clinic here at the main complex. We are currently only accepting cardboard in this container as well.



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www.asthealth.org/patient-portal

New Patient Portal
Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System

Little Axe Health Center
Shawnee Clinic

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For more information on how you can register for the new AST **“Follow My Health”** Patient Portal, contact Patient Registration at Little Axe Health Center - 405.447.0300 or Shawnee Clinic - 405.878.4702

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Strong Today, Falls Free Tomorrow



The Caregiver Program and Injury Prevention Program held an Elder's Event on September 23, 2014 for National Fall Prevention Awareness Day. This event was held at the AST Resource Center in Little Axe. The event included a one mile walk, warm up exercises, games, educational information and door prizes! Our guest speaker was Toni Donahoo, Physical Therapist. She also provided balance assessments to the elders. Thanks to Public Health Nursing who provided Blood Pressure checks, AST Fitness & Diabetes Department.

If you would like more information about the Caregivers Program or Injury Prevention Program just give us a call at: Sharon Ponkilla, LPN at 405-701-7630 or Rosie Tall Bear at 405-701-7601.



With heartfelt gratitude...

We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, love, kindness and support given to us during our time of loss. A special thank you we give to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe for all of their assistance and to the wonderful friends and family that shared memories of our Mother that will live on forever.

From the children of Margaret Starr Ellis: Pamela, Tammy, Teri, Quinton Jay, Gail and her angels beside her Barry and Marian.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



We have all been touched by this devastating disease in one way or another. Our lives change and our hearts weigh heavy when we hear the words radical mastectomy, chemotherapy, radiation, or “nothing can be done at this stage”. So it is time we try hard to change the way we care for ourselves in prevention and early detection of cancer. This is not only a women’s disease, men are also at risk although less men develop this disease than women. Age is not a factor with this disease as it can happen to young and old alike.

Breast Cancer not only can take part of your body but could be what takes your life. It is up to the individual to determine whether to become the victim or the survivor.

The American Cancer Society has written Guidelines for Early Detection Of Cancer, which provides information on many forms of cancer related illness. The American Cancer Society offers this explanation of what cancer is and how it starts. Cancer is the general name for more than 100 diseases. Although there are many kinds of cancer, all cancers start because abnormal cells grow out of control. Untreated cancers can cause serious illness and death.

Cancer starts when cells in a part of the body start to grow out of control. Cancer cell growth is different from normal cell growth. Instead of dying, cancer cells continue to grow and form new, abnormal cells. Cancer cells can also invade (grow into) other tissues, something that normal cells can’t do. Growing out of control and invading other tissues are what make a cell a cancer cell. Cells become cancer cells because of damaged DNA. DNA is in every cell and it directs all its actions. In a normal cell, when DNA is damaged the cell either repairs the damage or dies. In cancer cells, the damaged DNA is not repaired, but the cell doesn’t die like it should. Instead the cell goes on making new cells that the body doesn’t need. The new cells all have the same DNA as the first abnormal cell does.

People can inherit abnormal DNA (it’s passed on from their parents), but most often DNA damage is caused by mistakes that happen while the normal cell is reproducing or by something in the environment. Sometimes the cause of the DNA damage may be something obvious like cigarette smoking or sun exposure. But it’s rare to know exactly what caused any one person’s cancer.

The American Cancer Society offers directions for taking control of your health and how to reduce your cancer risk:

Stay away from tobacco

Stay at a healthy weight

Get moving with regular physical activity

Eat healthy with plenty of fruits and vegetables

Limit how much alcohol you drink (if you drink at all)

Protect your skin

Know yourself, your family history and your risks

Have regular check-ups and cancer screening test

Yearly mammograms are recommended starting at age 40 and continuing for as long as a woman is in good health. Clinical breast exam every 3 years for women in their 20’s and 30’s and every year for women 40 and over. Women should know how their breast normally look and feel and report any breast changes promptly to their health care provider. Breast self exam is an option for women starting their 20’s. The American Cancer Society offers their number for questions or concerns about cancer: 1-800-227-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Public Health Nursing is asking that all employees show their support for all affected by Breast Cancer by wearing Pink on Friday October 17, 2014. If you have someone you want to remember please write their name down and pen it on the back of your shirt that day. Public Health Nursing will have a booth set up with information on Breast Cancer and Health so come by and pick up a brochure.

Let’s remember all who have been affected by Breast Cancer!!!!

Gloria K Seeley BSN, RN and Kristy McGuire RN Public Health Nursing Dept

October 1, 2014



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL HEALTH SYSTEM

Dear Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health Patient,

An Important Word About The Native American Tax Exemption Under The New Affordable Care Act Healthcare Law

As of January 1, 2014 every U.S. Citizen must have health insurance or risk facing a new health tax penalty when filing your taxes. Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System encourages all Native American patients, insured or non-insured, to take action as soon as possible and apply for their Native American Tax Exemption Number, as it is your right as a Native American. The tax exemption application is now available through the Health Insurance Marketplace.

If you do not file yearly income taxes (if you have too little income and are not required to file) or if you currently have insurance coverage for 9+ months during the 2014 calendar year, you will not have to take any additional steps (Medicaid, Medicare, VA, employer-sponsored or private insurance coverage).

You can visit with a Patient Benefit Advocate at Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic to see if you and/or your family qualify for Medicaid (state insurance coverage) or are eligible for an insurance plan on the Marketplace (insurance plans that began as a result of the Affordable Care Act) or you may choose to remain without insurance coverage.

If you choose to remain without insurance coverage and only use Indian health, you need to complete the attached Native American Tax Exemption form so that you can be “exempt” from the new mandatory insurance requirement and not receive a bill from the IRS.

This form should be completed for everyone in your household that is Native American and without insurance coverage (insurance such as Medicaid, Medicare, VA, employer-sponsored insurance or insurance through private insurance such as Marketplace plans). Native American documentation will need to accompany each household member you are applying for (See Step 5-“Documents To Support Your Application”). Complete the form and mail it to the address located in Step 4 at the end of the form. Turnaround time to process your application is approximately 4-6 weeks.

If you need assistance or have questions, a Patient Benefit Advocate can assist you.

Sincerely,

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System



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Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System
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SHAWNEE CLINIC
Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System
2029 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
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"Culture is Prevention Drum Project"

The Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative (MSPI), in cooperation with the Absentee Shawnee Behavioral Health Clinic and AST Cultural Preservation will begin drum making classes where the participants can learn to make pow wow drums, hand drums, sweat lodge drums and drum sticks. After we make the drums we will begin singing classes and learn our traditional songs and also learn how to compose new songs in Southern style, northern style, and hand drum round dance songs. We will have elders and adults that have lived culturally and spiritually with drumming and singing ceremonies as part of their daily walk on the Red Road (walking in prevention, sobriety, recovery, and wellbriety in the Native Way) come and be presenters to our participants (youth). We will work hard learning songs and will make 2 drum groups (northern and southern). We will use our sweatlodge to pray and ask for spiritual guidance while we learn sweatlodge songs. We will have talking circles learning about the medicine wheel and how culture and spirituality in our lives will help us stay away from alcohol and drugs. Once we have begun to learn songs we will let the drum group participants have fundraisers to raise money to travel to pow wows to sing. We will have our own Culture is Prevention Sobriety/Recovery Pow Wow. With the success of this Drum Project we can look to the future and keep it going with regalia classes and a stomp dance project for shell shakers. Contact John Soap at the Absentee Shawnee Behavioral Health Services at 405-878-4716. The Drum project classes will be at the Behavioral Health Conference room on Tuesday nights starting September 2, 2014.

On Saturday September 6, 2014 @ 2:00PM we want to invite all drummers and singers in the Shawnee/Tecumseh area for a meal and JAM SESSION to show our youth basic drum etiquette and how fun it is to sing and learn songs. Singers please bring hand drums and let's show these youth how to "make em dance!" This event will be behind the Behavioral health conference room.



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AST PHARMACY NEWS



- Upcoming Pharmacy Department closures are as follows:
 - ✓ October 1, 2013 for inventory
 - ✓ November 11, 2013 to observe Veteran's Day
- Deliveries of controlled medications are not allowed.
- Both Shawnee and Little Axe pharmacy locations fill prescriptions for members of all tribes, but outside prescription orders are restricted to Absentee Shawnee Tribal citizens with established charts.
- 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 a current cell phone number.
- When requesting refills, please provide 24 hours' notice until pick-up. We will need your refill number, located above your name on the prescription label, or the names of your medication in order to fill.
- Present **insurance cards each time** you pick up or drop off a prescription.
- Keep us informed of changes in address, phone number, 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: 8am-5pm (& 7:30a-5:30p Drive-Thru) Monday - Friday

- Phone - (405) 292-9530

Shawnee: 7am-5pm Monday-Friday

- 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,
Pharmacy Staff



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Saturday: 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon

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



Are you at risk for diabetes, have diabetes or know someone who does? Type 2 diabetes is the most common type of diabetes and affects millions of Native Americans. Many people are unaware that they have diabetes or pre-diabetes. Native Americans are twice as likely to develop

Type 2 diabetes than others. Some common signs and symptoms include:

- Frequent infections
- Blurred vision
- Cuts/bruises that are slow to heal
- Tingling/numbness in the hands/feet
- Recurring skin, gum, or bladder infections

Often people with type 2 diabetes have no symptoms.

Some ways to prevent and manage diabetes is through healthy lifestyle behaviors. One question that many people with diabetes or pre-diabetes often ask is "What can I eat?". The American Diabetes Association states that you do not have to be deprived or restricted. The key factors are learning what are the "superfoods", how much of it you can have and how often. Getting into the habit of eating a healthy diet helps you manage diabetes and prevent complications caused by diabetes.

The following foods are listed on the American Diabetes Association web site as "superfoods". Try to incorporate as many of these foods into your daily meal plan to enhance the nutrient content of your meals.

The foods listed have a low glycemic index (causes slower rise in blood glucose after eating) and provide key nutrients that are lacking in the typical western diet such as:

- calcium
- magnesium
- potassium
- vitamins A, C, and E.
- fiber

Beans, dark green leafy vegetables, citrus fruit, sweet potatoes, berries, tomatoes, fish high in Omega-3 fatty acids, whole grains, nuts, fat-free milk and yogurt. To learn more about eating these superfoods and recipes visit diabetes.org and sign up for Wellness and Healthy Eating classes at the Little Axe Clinic. Call Sidna McKane to sign up at 405 701-7977.

Source: American Diabetes Association at www.diabetes.org

FOSTER CARE

WHAT IS A FOSTER CARE WORKER?

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

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

Some aspects of this relationship include the following:

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

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

Foster Care Payments are as follows:

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

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

12 and over \$19.30 day \$579.13 month

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

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

Why do we need Indian Child Welfare?

Why do we need Tribal Foster Homes?

Foster-Care System Stretched Too Far

Recent news reports reported on July 2 that Sally Schofield, the foster mother of Logan Marr, was found guilty June 25 of wrapping the 5-year-old's body with 42 feet of duct tape during a "timeout," causing the little girl to suffocate.

Schofield could face up to 40 years in prison for the child's death.

"The child-welfare system failed Logan Marr in every possible way," said Richard Wexler, the executive director of the National Coalition for Child Protection Reform. "They failed her ... by ... ignoring her cries of abuse and they failed her by letting her die in that foster home."

Six weeks before she was killed, Logan was on a visit to her birth mother when, in the presence of a child-welfare worker hired to supervise the visit, she complained that her foster mother was hurting her. "She did this to me and I cried 'cause it hurts me," the child is heard saying on a videotape, although she isn't seen.

The truth is that we must protect our tribal children; we must protect them from a system that is overworked and in desperate need of an overhaul. We must have a voice in the child welfare system for our tribal children. As tribal child welfare workers there is not a day that goes by where we are not fighting for the rights of one of our tribal children and working to make sure that employees of the State are following OICWA and ICWA. Silence will not ensure the rights of this generation, or the next generation of Absentee Shawnee Children. The Absentee Shawnee Foster Care Program is in need of tribal foster care homes for AST children. A strong tribe must have a system in place to protect the youngest of its members when they need protection. If we do not have tribal foster homes, our Absentee Shawnee children go into State homes. We have not control over these homes; therefore, the children placed in these homes are more vulnerable. Some will say that no one can love their child as much as a parent, but when parents are unable to care for their children properly, we as a tribe need to be there for the children....We must love that child as their parent.

We use a Native American tradition of the talking stick. You sit and pass it around and whoever has the stick has to talk. Some people just hold it. Others really share.

Let us be a tribe that protects the youngest of our tribal members, let us just not say the words, but open our homes to those children who need us to protect them and offer them safety. If you are interested in becoming a foster parent please notify:

**Julie Wilson
AST/CPS/FOSTER CARE**

405-878-4702

The Child Welfare Department would like to welcome Glenna Jones and Dara Thorpe as new members of the Foster Care Committee. We appreciate their dedication and willingness to advocate for our children.

Preservation of American Indian culture starts with protection of our most precious resources -- American Indian children and families. Only when our children and families are healthy and happy can there be harmony in our world.

Problems Facing American Indian Children and Families

Today, 5.2 million American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) live in the United States

- American Indian children have the third highest rate of victimization
- American Indian/Alaska Natives have the highest rate of poverty of any other racial group in the nation
- In 2006, suicide was the leading cause of death for AI/AN males ages 10-14.
- A 2006 study found that, compared to other groups, AI/AN youth have more serious problems with mental health disorders.
- Alcohol-use disorders were more likely among American Indian youths than other racial groups.
- The AI/AN youth population is more affected by gang involvement than any other racial population.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Children often get lost in a system that is supposed to protect them when their parents can't take care of them. They need someone who can provide a home that is safe. They need their emotional needs met by an adult who can act as if they are their parent. These children need love, shelter, safety, and a place that they can belong, they need a home. They need to know that they are not alone. If you are able to provide these things to one of our tribal children please contact: 405-878-4702 (ext. 133) Julie Wilson ICW/FC.

FOSTER CARE

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

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

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

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



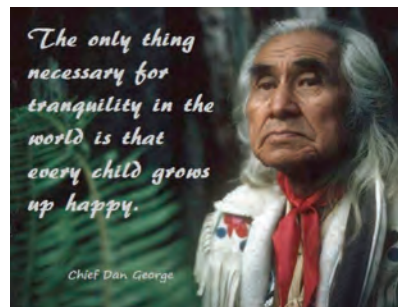
GOT LOVE?



FOSTER A CHILD

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

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



Native American youth are facing a crisis. These children are being removed from their homes and placed into the child welfare system at rates much higher than any other population. Native American children are often placed in homes outside of their families, tribes, and Native American culture and all this contributes to significant social

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

"I don't **want**
a family.
I **need** one."

- Current Waiting Child

<<<NOTICE>>>

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

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