



"Among the Shawnee"

# The Absentee Shawnee News

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## Seminole State College-NASNTI Hosted 'Native Women Power' Special Guest Speaker-AST Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe



Front row L To R: Happy Frejo, Kendell Frazier, AST Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe,  
Back Row: Unknown, Melanie Harjo and Kay Wallace.

**General Council Meeting Oct 28th, 10:00 a.m.**  
**@ New AST Health Multi-Purpose Building, Shawnee, OK**

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



**Edwina Butler-Wolfe**  
**Governor**



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**Lt. Governor**



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**Representative**

Monthly Executive Committee meetings can be watched online at [astribe.com](http://astribe.com)

## Governor's Report

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

I hope everyone is doing well. As you know our area schools have started their 2017 – 2018 school terms. While our students are getting back on track with the new school year, the Horseshoe Bend After School Program will start after the Labor Day Holiday beginning September 11, 2017. Students from Oklahoma Baptist University (OBU) will be back to tutor at the Horse Shoe Bend Center. If any of our tribal member students are in need of some extra help in their studies please notify: Tresha Spoon, Education Director, to set up tutoring sessions. It is my goal to see every Absentee Shawnee school age child be successful! When our tribal students succeed our Tribe becomes stronger.

In last month's newsletter I reported that I attended the 2017 National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) Summer Legislative Summit held in Washington, D.C. Also in attendance was Leslie Tanyan, Executive Director of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Gaming Commission. The purpose of the legislative summit was to provide a forum for tribal leaders to engage Congress on Indian Country's legislative priorities. A number of Congressman and Senators spoke to the issues facing American Indians in the United States. There were several tribal leaders outside of Oklahoma that attended as well along with other gaming representatives. Listed below are few of the issues affecting Indian Country that was discussed at the summit:

### ***Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act***

Chief Boyd, CEO and Principal of TBE Architects, summarized the main issues that were discussed at the NIGA Summer Legislative Summit. According to Boyd, The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in 2004 overturned three decades of its own precedent and stated that tribal gaming facilities were under the National Labor Relations Act. In addition, the courts have upheld that decision. The result of NLRB's decision is that Indian tribes are the only form of government in the United States not exempt from the National Labor Relations Act. The Senate and the House are now considering the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act (TLSA) which is all about maintaining tribal sovereignty as established in the Constitution (Boyd, Chief. "Politics Takes Center Stage at NIGA's 2017 Summer Legislative Summit". Aug. 2017, pp.14).

According to Ernie Stevens, NIGA Chairman, "Tribal Leaders need to continue to press Congress to enact the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act, which will amend the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) to treat Indian tribes as every other

sovereign in this Nation. The effort is not anti-labor. It is solely part of our mission to strengthen tribal sovereignty" (Stevens, Ernest L. "NIGA Summits Empower the Voice of Indian Country". Aug. 2017, pp.16).

### ***New Markets Tax Credit and Low Income Housing Tax Credit***

Boyd also stated Tribes should urge Congress and the Administration to provide tribal governments with direct access to the New Markets Tax Credit and Low Income Housing Tax Credit programs, among other federal initiatives.

Direct access to these programs will spur public-private partnerships to help rebuild Indian Country infrastructure, small business development, and help address longstanding housing needs in Indian Country. (Boyd, Chief. "Politics Takes Center Stage at NIGA's 2017 Summer Legislative Summit". Aug. 2017, pp.14).

The most important part of this summit was the importance of tribes being vocal with this new administration and ensuring Indian Country is heard on any issues that affect us.

### ***Other Topics***

Opioid addiction was discussed because of people overdosing, abusing and becoming dependent on opioids. Indian Country is currently battling this problem. Tribes must be vigilant to educate tribal members of this problem and strive to implement programs to help fight opioid abuse.

The pros and cons of medical marijuana were discussed during the summit with many people advocating the use of it in Indian Country. Representative Mark Wayne Mullin discussed his opposition to legalizing marijuana on the federal level. I am sure that we will hear more as time passes.

During the two day session, there were 21 Congressman and Senators addressing tribal leaders and other tribal representatives in attendance about the concerns and issues the new administration must pay attention to when working with Indian Country. The overall goal was to educate this new administration on the importance of tribal sovereignty and upholding trust and treaty obligations.

### ***Meetings attended for July and August***

July

21st 9:00 a.m. United Indian Nation of Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas (UINOKT) held at Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Tribal Headquarters Anadarko, OK.

24th – 26th Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association (OIGA) Conference at the Cox Convention Center.

31st 9:00 a.m. Executive Committee Exit Audit Meeting with Baker Tilly Audit Firm  
11:00 a.m. Graduation for student internship program (Health)  
1:00 p.m. Finance Training with Baker Tilly

August

4th AST Day (Absentee Shawnee Tribe) Tribal Offices Closed and Health Clinics

7th Special Executive Committee Meeting

8th 10:00 a.m. Teachers Service Meeting at McLoud Public School. Tresha Spoon, AST Education Director was in attendance at the meeting.

2:00 p.m. Bank Meeting- EC, Bank Board and AG's

9th Tinker AFB Tour- Sec. Johnson, Treas. Bates, Rep. Johnson, Phillip Ellis, Victor Flores and Governor Butler- Wolfe.

10th 10:00 a.m. Presentation by Robert Weaver Insurance (RWI).

11th 9:00 a.m. Jim Thorpe Academy, Shawnee, OK

15th 2:00 a.m. Shawnee School Administration Building, Shawnee, OK

16th 10:00 a.m. Regular Executive Committee Meeting

17th 11:00 a.m. Seminole State College- Speaker at the Native American Symposium- Native American serving Nontribal Institutions program at Seminole State College (NASNTI).

### ***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.

#### **Conclusion**

My door is always open (unless I happen to be at or in a meeting) and I welcome your visits. Help me to make a difference – stand beside me and Let us Build for the Future (BFF) - unite and together!

Thank you for your support!

*-Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe*



***Governor Butler-Wolfe and Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, California Democrat***



# Executive Committee visits Tinker AFB

Executive Committee would like to thank the following people for their time of making our visit to Tinker AFB productive:

Lt. General Lee K. Levy II, Commander  
Air Force Sustainment Center

OC-ALC/OMO  
Donald Satterlee, MPA  
Building 3001

76 Maintenance Support Group  
Kelly Butler  
Building 3001

76 Maintenance Support Group  
Joel Clay  
Building 3001

76 Maintenance Support Group  
Melanie Johnson  
Building 3001

We would like to thank Eastman Switch (Kelly) for arranging and making this tour possible for the Executive Committee.



L to R: John Johnson, Anthony Johnson, Leah Bates, Victor Flores, Isaac Gibson, Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Audrey Tilley, Treasurer, and Leslie Jones, Secretary Tinker Inter Tribal.



L to R: Anthony Johnson, Isaac Gibson, John Johnson, Lt. General Lee K. Levy II, Leah Bates, Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Victor Flores.

## SHAWNEE CLINIC LOBBY PHARMACY HOURS



Shawnee Clinic Lobby hours for regular prescription fills & refills are from 7a.m.-5 p.m. Due to reduced staff after 5 p.m., Pharmacy is limited to Shawnee Clinic Extended Hour patients and AST member Emergency Room discharge (limited) fills, please.

*Thank you.*

## SHAWNEE CLINIC PHARMACY HOURS NOTICE



Shawnee Clinic Lobby and Drive-thru hours for regular prescription fills & refills are 7a.m.-5 p.m. The Extended Hours Pharmacy is **limited** to Shawnee Clinic Extended Hours patients and AST member Emergency Room discharge (limited) fills only. *Thank you.*

# Building Blocks



We are growing by leaps and bounds!! We've had quite a few new children start attending in every age group. However, we still have openings available. Please feel free to refer anyone you know who may be looking for child care currently or in the future. We welcome visitors to come take a tour. Ideal times would be before 11:00 a.m. and after 3:00 p.m.

On July 27, 2017, we had our first of three DHS visits that will occur during our 6-month permit period. It went great! We had zero non-compliance issues. You can visit [www.childcare-find.okdhs.org](http://www.childcare-find.okdhs.org) to view visit results on any facility, including ours. Just type Building Blocks in the box for Facility Name, then type in 73026 in the Zip Code box, and click on the Search button. Our facility will be displayed. When you click on our facility name, a Summary of Facility Monitoring report will appear. This page will describe any noncompliance, plan of correction, and date of correction.

We had our monthly fire drill on 7/25/17 @ 10:44 a.m. We have 14 staff and 21 children present. The children were in their classrooms. Complete evacuation off all children and staff took less than 1 minute.

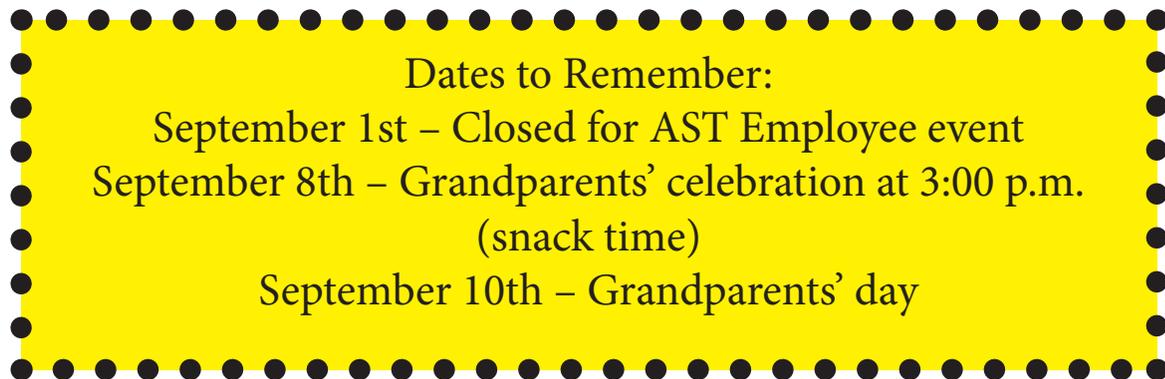
We had an unexpected fire "drill" on 7/28/17 when some popcorn got burned in the employee breakroom microwave. This happened in the 1 o'clock hour. All of the children were napping. There was no real danger, but we didn't realize that immediately. Therefore, we evacuated the building and the fire department came out. They checked the breakroom microwave and the area. Then we were cleared to go back inside.

It proved to be a blessing in disguise, as we found some weaknesses in our evacuation plan, especially because it was unplanned and occurred at naptime. We realized that the Toddler class needs more assistance than the Infant class, because the Infant class has evacuation cribs. Therefore, Chef Suzy will be one to assist the Toddler class in future evacuations. Upon review of the video, I'm extremely happy to report that the 4's/5's class had an evacuation time of 52 seconds. Ms. Diana and Ms. Julie had 11 sleeping children when the fire alarm sounded. They woke each one, got them lined up, grabbed their emergency backpack, and exited the building within that time. Additionally, the Infants had 3 babies and evacuated in about 45 seconds. WAY TO GO!!

Our monthly tornado drill was conducted on 7/31/17. We had 14 staff and 26 children present. All went very well. The children were calm and walked with their teachers to the tornado shelter. Everyone was accounted for and no one cried.

Thank you,  
Billie Thompson  
Building Blocks III Director  
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# SECOND WIND TOBACCO CESSATION PROGRAM

Session Name	Date	Time
Session 1: Understanding basic tobacco facts	September 26, 2017	2:00-3:00pm
Session 2: Exploring factors that contribute to smoking	October 3, 2017	2:00-3:00pm
Session 3: Coping skills and relaxation techniques	October 10, 2017	2:00-3:00pm
Session 4: Identify potential danger situations	October 17, 2017	2:00-3:00pm
Session 5: Building personal support networks	October 24, 2017	2:00-3:00pm
Session 6: Long-term benefits with ending commercial tobacco use; and certificate of participation	October 31, 2017	2:00-3:00pm

Location: Little Axe Health Center  
Behavioral Health Conference Room

Facilitator: Marvin Smith, LPC/LADC, Therapist

Contact Information: LA BH 405-701-7987



# Elders Corner

Greetings to all! With summer coming to a close and as we approach the fall season, days will get shorter and the temperatures will drop, but we will rejoice that FOOTBALL and BASKETBALL are once again on the menu. And, of course, how could we forget about “hunting season”—so wear your bright colors and avoid the thick forest. Who knows maybe some kind hunter might provide some venison for the Elders’ luncheon. For myself, I would like to see a bit of bison meat on the menu—wouldn’t that be special. Well so much for the food and sporting!

The Elders Council has been planning events that will carry through to the end of 2017. The Elders will have a fundraising event at the October General Council. The fundraiser will include a raffle for several high-value items and a 50/50 drawing. Raffle tickets will be sold at 3 tickets for \$5.00. Members will be selling the raffle tickets prior to the General Council and at the General Council. The EC strives to provide good value for your price to enter the drawing—what can be better than taking a chance on winning a high-value item and supporting a group that delivers value for their own work; value to the tribe as well as the community. Help us make this fundraiser a success.

Our first guest speaker is scheduled for the August meeting. Maria Lee from Life Safety Monitoring will talk about the company’s products and its services. The company’s services provides 24/7 emergency response support. This includes advantages for seniors and can help seniors remain independent in their own homes. For the September meeting, we will host two guest speakers from; 1) OKHCA, Living Choice and 2) AARP. I am currently on the hunt for a speaker covering the topic of genealogy and how to start a family tree. Plans are to host guest speakers at each monthly meeting. Topics will vary and I hope to build a schedule that can be shared in our monthly Elders Corner.

As usual, we will host our annual Thanksgiving and Christmas luncheons at our regular monthly meetings and planning is underway. We are also organizing preparations for the Christmas baskets and Christmas candy sacks. More information to come later.

I enjoy ending my articles with quotes that are thought provoking. Many of the quotes will come from famous leaders and I hope everyone enjoys them. I offer the following: If we open a quarrel between past and present, we shall find that we have lost the future.

Until next time,  
Atheda Edwards-Fletcher,  
Secretary



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AMERICAN INDIAN ALUMNI SOCIETY  
2017 F. BROWNING  
PIPESTEM  
BENEFIT GOLF SCRAMBLE**

**FRIDAY  
OCT. 20  
2017**

7:30AM Check-In  
8:00 AM Shotgun Start

\$100 Per Person  
\$400 Per Team of 4

**REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE  
FRIDAY  
OCT. 13, 2017**

**WESTWOOD PARK  
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Norman, OK 73069**

Proceeds to toward the F. Browning Pipestem Memorial Scholarship at the Univeristy of Oklahoma and the OU American Indian Alumni Society Operations

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FOR REGISTRATION FORM**

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# ASTHS September 2017 Monthly Update

Fall is almost here! As we close out the summer, we are excited about back-to-school, the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> Annual AST Run for Your Life Zombie 5K, and the continual expansion of our services and access to health programs – all to serve you better every day! As we prepare for the fall season, please remember to practice proven hygiene and infection control procedures such as frequent hand washing, getting your annual flu shot, limiting your public exposure if you should become ill with a fever, and encouraging others to adhere to these protocols as well. It is our responsibility as a health system to be the example of infection control for our patients, community and loved ones.

The inaugural 2017 AST Health System Internship Program was an unequivocal success. We hosted a graduation luncheon for our six AST young men and women, who successfully completed rotations throughout the health system. The internship program aligns with our strategic plan of investing in our young tribal members through education, mentorship, and the creation of career opportunities through service to the tribe's overall health. We are extremely proud of these emerging young professionals and hope we see them again in our health system as they continue with their education and career goals.

The health system's administrative leadership team and health board members attended the AST Leadership Dinner on the evening of Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Key tribal organizational leaders, both past and present, attended this honorary event. A recent health employee morale event was held at the Bricktown Ballpark on August 26<sup>th</sup>. In addition to ASTHS employees, our esteemed health board members and executive committee members also joined in on representing our tribe's commitment to tribal health and wellness.

Elder care and advanced aging concerns such as fall risk, monitoring loved ones who live alone, and homebound health care, remain critical priorities to the tribe and the health system. The health system has and shall continue full partnership with the tribe in serving and coordinating medical care for any tribal member with a homebound medical need that falls within the scope and authority of our health and wellness system. In August, the ASTHA/LSWN Health Boards Chairman, Mr. Switch, and the Executive Director, Mr. Rogers, both updated the tribal elders about our various health programs, both implemented and developing, and how these efforts serve to improve health care delivery to the tribe's elders and members. **If you know any tribal member who is homebound and needs medical assistance, please contact our health administration office at (405) 701-7621 and we will be happy to assist with the best possible resources and coordinated care.**

The health system's most valuable resource—our people—again displayed outstanding service to our tribal health system! I am extremely proud of our outstanding star performers this month, and thank them all for their contributions to our patients, their fellow employees, and the tribe!

## August Employees of the Month

Employee of the Month  
Team of the Month  
Special Leadership Award

Laurie Webber, Shawnee Clinic Contract Health  
Little Axe Radiology Staff  
Dr. Anita Blick-Nolan & Cindy Lonsbury

Despite personal trials and adversity, these dedicated health team members demonstrated unwavering strength of character while delivering unsurpassed compassionate service to our patients. Our health system employees continue to accomplish remarkable feats for our patients and one another. I can't say it enough, thank you all for your continued commitment to making a positive impact in the health and lives of all our health system's patients!

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



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## September 2017 - Scheduled Closings

DATE:	TIME(S) CLOSED:	LOCATIONS:
Mon., Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup> (Labor Day)	All Day	All AST Health facilities CLOSED <u>except</u> PlusCare Clinic. It is <u>OPEN</u> 9 AM to 5 PM (last patient at 4:30 PM).
Wed., Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup> (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed of month)	Noon to 5 PM	All AST Health facilities CLOSED -Shawnee Clinic re-OPENS at 5 PM till 9 PM (last patient at 8:30 PM). -PlusCare Clinic re-OPENS at 5 PM till 9 PM (last patient at 8:30 PM).
Fri., Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> (Professional Staff Training)	All Day	All AST Health facilities CLOSED -Shawnee Clinic re-OPENS at 5 PM till 9 PM (last patient at 8:30 PM). -PlusCare Clinic re-OPENS at 5 PM till 9 PM (last patient at 8:30 PM).

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\*In the event of a weather cancellation or delay affecting health services, **please call ahead**.

Little Axe Health Center at (405) 447-0300, Shawnee Clinic at (405)878-5850 or PlusCare at (405)447-0477

\*\*Health closures/delays are posted on the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health Facebook wall "Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health", Twitter @ASTHealth and on ASTHS website at [www.asthealth.org](http://www.asthealth.org).



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## BRING US YOUR USED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT!!!

The AST Health System is accepting used durable medical equipment items for re-use.

We can shine up that old walker, wheelchair, cane, or CPAP breathing machine and make it serviceable again.

Drop off your un-used item(s) at Little Axe or Shawnee Physical Therapy Departments.

**For more information, call 405-447-0300 (Little Axe) • 405-878-5850 (Shawnee)**

# LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER OPTOMETRY ANNUAL BENEFITS & DISCOUNTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Any additional products/charges outside of the allowed benefit schedule must be paid for by the patient.** For example, patients who do not require corrective lens but chose to get colored contacts or non-prescription sunglasses these will be at their own expense. All charges will need to be paid for in advance following the payment guidelines posted in the office.

**NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

\*No combining of discounts allowed

\*Insurance benefits must be exhausted first before discounts can be applied.

Patient's co-pay portion cannot be discounted.



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# OPTOMETRY

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**NEW LOCATION: In the PlusCare Building by Thunderbird Casino**

# Realty Department

## Reminder:

- All trust land transactions must come through the Realty Office.
- Sales and/or any other trust land transactions must be authorized by the Realty Department and approved by the BIA.
- Any trust land transactions not involving the Realty Department are invalid.
- Please keep addresses current with the Office of the Special Trustee for Indians @ 1-888-678-6836. This will allow proper notification to be made to landowners on new leases and other information.
- Please keep addresses current with the Absentee Shawnee Enrollment Department. This allows the Realty Department to cross-reference landowner addresses with the OST.
- lease visit [www.indiantrust.com](http://www.indiantrust.com) whereabouts unknown/Oklahoma/Absentee Shawnee Tribe, to see if you or your relatives are on this list.
- Gift deed transactions will take time to get approved from the BIA.
- Negotiated sales must follow the proper procedures to ensure the transaction is considered for approval.
- A family member of a deceased landowner must initiate the probate process.

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

## PROBATE MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Emergency Management

## School & Campus Preparedness

### Parents Urged to Have Back-To-School Plans

Children can be especially sensitive to the emotional stress of an emergency. Parents can help prepare children by including them in the planning process and answering their questions about safety. Make sure your children take part in your preparation process.

Students from pre-kindergarten through college soon will head back to school. As families prepare for the new academic year, parents are encouraged to include emergency preparedness in their back-to-school plans.

Emergencies can occur any time of the day or night, including when children are in school. The start of a new school year is the perfect time to make sure parents know your school's plans for keeping students safe during an emergency and discuss with your child about those plans.

Here are several back-to-school planning tips for parents of school-aged children, including:

- Find out where children will be taken in the event of an evacuation during school hours.
- Ensure your emergency contact information is updated and is on file at your child's school.
- Pre-authorize a friend or relative to pick up your children in an emergency and make sure the school knows who that designated person is.
- Teach children with cell phones about 'Text First, Talk Later. Short, simple text messages, such as "R U OK?" and "I'm OK," are more likely to get through than a phone call if phone service is disrupted following an emergency. As phone congestion eases, you can follow up with a phone call to relay more information.

Students headed off to college also need to be prepared for emergencies. Many college campuses offer email and text messages to alert students of potential dangers, such as severe weather and other threats. Encourage your college student to sign-up for such alerts. Some colleges also provide alert messages for parents so they also are aware of potential dangers on campus. In addition, make sure your student knows the emergency plans for their dorm or apartment building.

#### Contact information:

Emergency Management Coordinator can be reached at the Tribal Police Department 405-275-3200, cell phone number 405-740-1562, and at this email address: [lday@astribe.com](mailto:lday@astribe.com)



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## WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICES

There is a welcoming  
place for women.



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

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# DAYTON REGION'S WALK OF FAME ANNOUNCES 2017 HONOREES



**TECUMSEH (1768-1813)**

Shawnee Chief Tecumseh was among the 7 honorees announced at the Walk the Walk event in the Wright Dunbar Historic Business District on May 12<sup>th</sup> 2017. He is the first Native American to be inducted into Dayton Region's Walk of Fame. The other Honorees are; Oscar and Marjorie Boonshoft, Brigadier General Benjamin O Davis Sr. , Cathy Guisewire, The Honorable David L. Hobson and Allison Brooks Janney.

The Honorees will be celebrated at a luncheon on **Thursday, September 28, 2017** at the Sinclair Conference Centre.

Since 1996, over 160 outstanding individuals and groups and their contributions to the Miami Valley have been memorialized at the September event and with granite stones on West Third Street in the Wright Dunbar Historic Business District between Broadway and Shannon and along Williams Street.  
*Info by –Lisa Grigsby*

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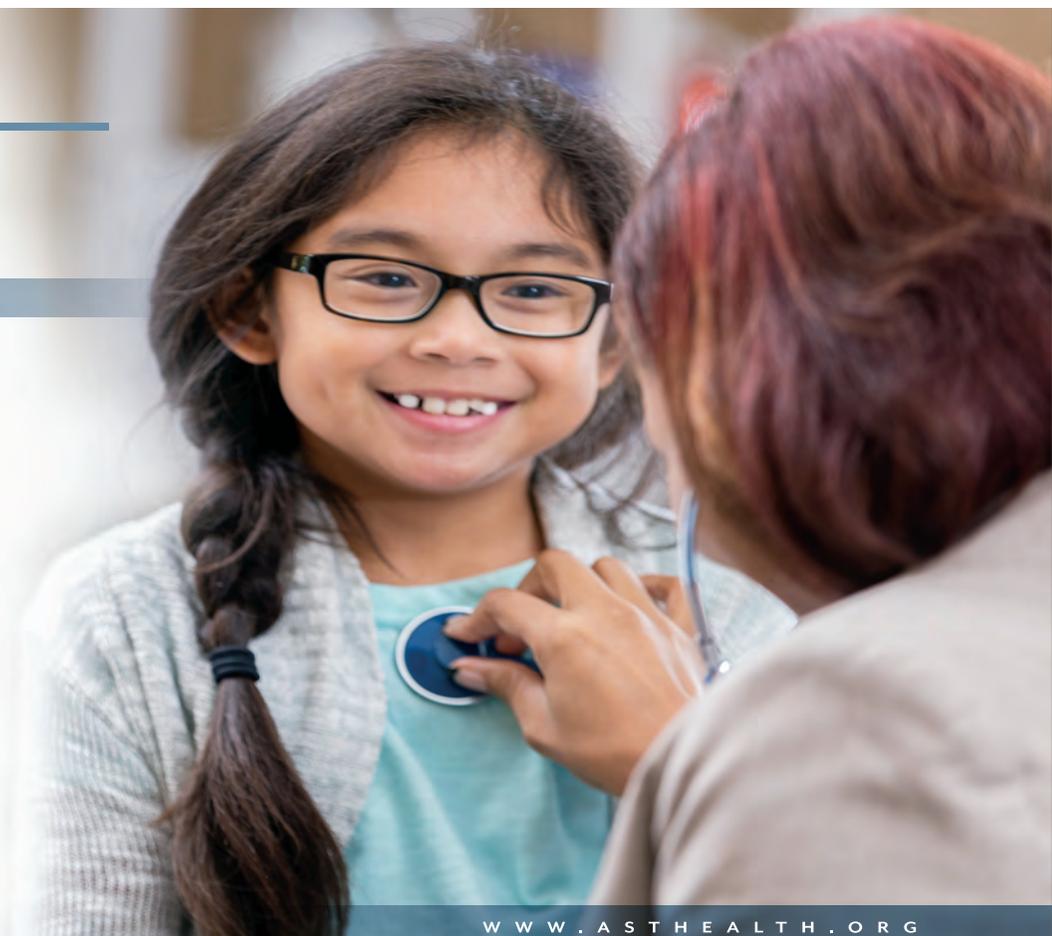
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# Tax Collections

FY-2017

## YTD TAX COLLECTIONS (through 8/31/2017)

TAX CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	% OF TAXES COLLECTED
Sales (6%)	\$1,050.71	\$10,504.68	\$6,327.41	\$1,249.55	\$11,726.12	\$5,626.42	\$5,788.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42,273.10	2.47%
Gaming % of free cash	\$250,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,450,000.00	84.76%
Employee (1%)	\$7,658.64	\$21,213.62	\$11,265.34	\$7,924.08	\$15,147.53	\$15,133.49	\$13,042.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$91,385.11	5.34%
Severance (8%)	\$3,310.81	\$831.89	\$867.28	\$658.59	\$4,176.63	\$1,052.37	\$2,297.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,194.84	0.77%
Motor Vehicle	\$11,861.13	\$16,062.81	\$19,746.67	\$11,107.82	\$14,387.88	\$13,723.64	\$12,730.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$99,620.91	5.82%
Tobacco Refund	\$2,216.22	\$690.73	\$649.57	\$974.45	\$773.32	\$3,795.17	\$3,787.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,886.94	0.75%
<b>TOTAL TAXES</b>	<b>\$276,097.51</b>	<b>\$249,303.73</b>	<b>\$188,856.27</b>	<b>\$121,914.49</b>	<b>\$296,211.48</b>	<b>\$339,331.09</b>	<b>\$237,646.33</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,709,360.90</b>	
Miscellaneous	\$516.46	\$212.50	\$138.10	\$140.30	\$85.15	\$125.15	\$220.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,437.81	0.08%
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$276,613.97</b>	<b>\$249,516.23</b>	<b>\$188,994.37</b>	<b>\$122,054.79</b>	<b>\$296,296.63</b>	<b>\$339,456.24</b>	<b>\$237,866.48</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,710,798.71</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 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

# Enrollment Department

## -Membership Ordinance Community Meeting Dates-

Please join us for some informational meetings on what needs to be amended in the membership ordinance. These meetings are to inform tribal members and allow them to ask all the questions they would like about the rough draft of the membership ordinance.

**September 9th from 10 AM to 12 PM at Little Axe Resource Center**

If you have any questions about the meeting please feel free to contact the Enrollment Department.

### *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.*



#### **Who are the children in need?**

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

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# September 2017

2% milk served daily

Menu subject to change

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 French Toast Sausage Patty Fruit	2
3	4 Labor Day AST Complex Will be Closed	5 Beef Fingers Mashed Pot/Gravy Beets Bread/Apricots	6 Chicken Strips Mashed Pot/Gravy Veggies Plums	7 Enchilada Casserole Mexi-Corn Salad Bar*	8 Ham English Muffin Boiled Egg	9
10 Happy Grandparents Day	11 Pork Chop Veggies Bread Mandarin Oranges	12 BBQ Chicken Coleslaw Pot. Salad Bread/Peaches	13 Baked Zita Tossed Salad* Greenbeans Pudding	14 Beef Tips Rice Carrots Fruit	15 Scrambled Eggs Biscuit Sausage Gravy	16
17	18 Manwich Tator Tots Veggies Orange	19 Baked Potato Chez, onions, ham Broc n Chez Pudding	20 Title VI will be closed Attending OKC State Fair	21 Chicken Pot Pie Veggies Biscuit Applesauce	22 Bagel Cream Chez Cereal	23
24	25 Ham Scalloped Pot Veggies Bread/Mixed Fruit	26 Beef Stroganoff Veggies Tossed Salad* Pineapples	27 Chicken Fajitas Bell Peppers & Onions Tortilla Pears	28 Beans w Ham Steakfries Onions	29 Scrambled Eggs Bacon Toast Hashbrowns	30

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OCTOBER 27TH

**ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION**

**Absentee Shawnee Tribe Community Meeting**

**AST Health Multi-Purpose Building**

**Shawnee, OK**

**September 30<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.**

**Purpose:**

**Potential business for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.**

**Federal Contracting, Department of Defense (DOD)  
Aerospace, Manufacturing and Data.**

**Presentation by:**

**Burke Thorpe**

**Davis Thorpe Company**

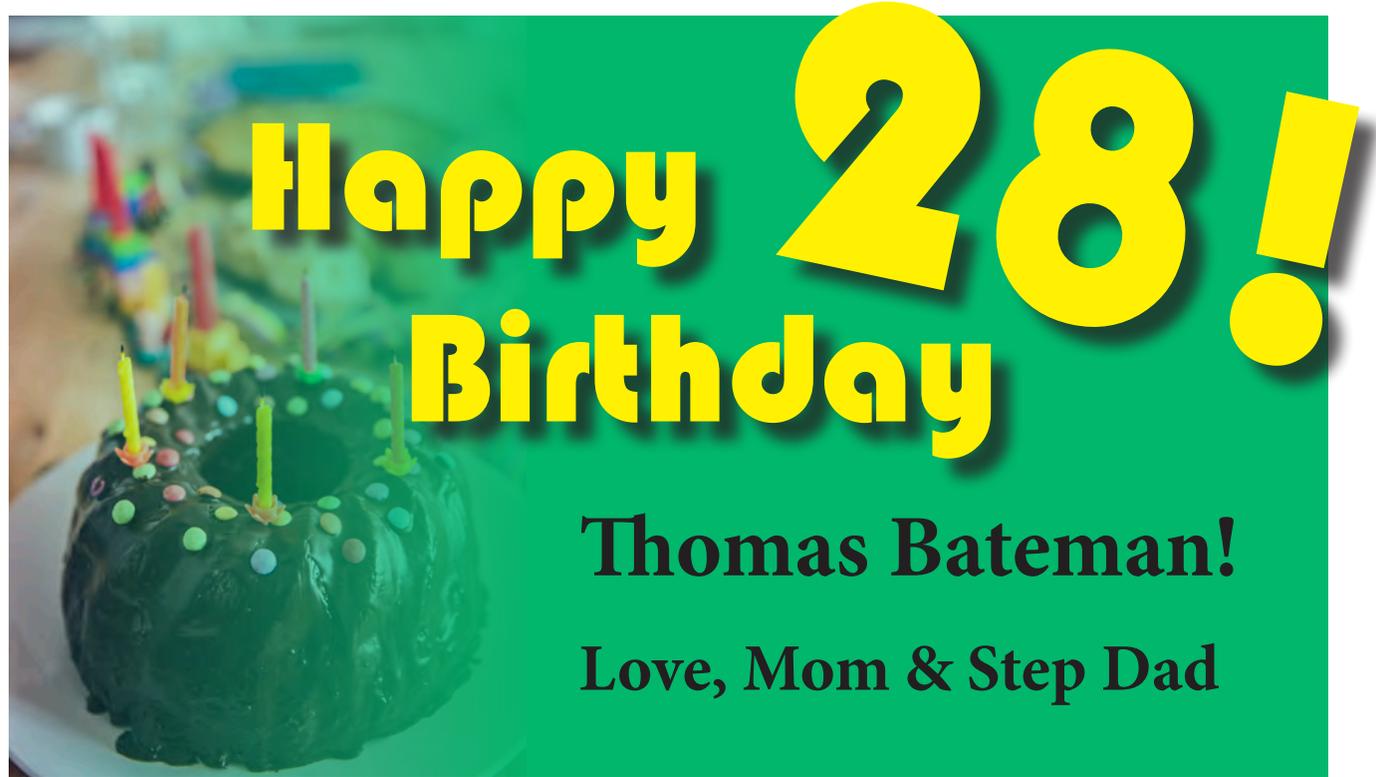


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# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS 2017

FullName	Thompson, DeShayla Tamia	Armstrong, Darrell Lynn	Warrior, Levi Stafford	Little Axe-Sadongei, Carolyn
Mann, John Edward	Hood, Malacki David Weslyon	Johnson, Sandra Kay	Garza Jr., Gary Don	Burns, Natasha Brooke
Elmore, Christa Ann	Bates, Charles Edward	Warrior Sr., Manuel Anthony	Nance, Kameron Jace	Creek, Vanessa Fire
Sherrill, Jocelynn Elyssa	Salisbury, James Haydyn	Switch, Eastman Kelly	Watkins, Mickaela Marie	Berry, Shane Tecumseh
Nance, Jada Karyn	Morrell, Kristy Ann	Ruimveld, Shawn Wade	Valdivia, Ronald David	Olivas, Elijah Tiger
Tiger, Gladys Jean	Whitecloud, Raqueal Amae	Hill, Amanda Nicole	Blanchard, Summer Gail	Gregory, Samuel Edwin
Frazier, Rickie Dewayne	Cortez, Stephen Kaleb	Westberry, Amanda LeJean	Haumpy, Talia Sharee	Little, Christina Kathaleen
Gilman, Peter Howard	Cobell, Julee Rae	Combs III, Frederick Cecil	Bradley, Ernest Timothy	Little Charley, Paige Marie
Morris, Brandon Zachary	Soap, Jakobi Christopher	McGirt, Douglas Burton	Ryan, Danielle Marie	Gouge, Ashlynn Jean
Johnson, Lyndsey Marie	Winrow, Rickie Dawn	Bosquez, Emilia Marie Nicole	Wylie, Vickie Teresa	Tiger, Clementine Cecilia Rose
Valdivia, Joseph Enrique	Fritsch, Jady Mark	Tullius, Kaley Mariah	Blanchard Sr., George Melvin	Deer, David Joel
Wilkerson, Tammy Lynn	Pack, Trace Matthew	Ongaco, Alexandra Renee'	Jacobs, Mary Theresa	Coon, Ella Kay
Larney, Darrell Scott	Proctor, Noah Gene	Alford, David Paul	Hobia, Kamryn Aurora	Hurst, Brian Keith
Clinesmith, Brooklyn Makay	White III, Charles Daniel	Reeves, Marian Louise	Fuentez, Cruzito Damacio	Williams, Sonja Barbara Gosney
Hill, Dreyton Scott	Treece, Daniel Ray	Norton, Jai'Ahnna Anjali	Watson, Betty Lou	Bellin, Chance Andrew
Thompson, Darian Andrew	McKinney, Lucia Jade	Littlebear, Kianna Carolyn	Josytewa, Dakota Daniel	Powell, Wesley Lynn
Martinez, Leo Littlecreek	Martin, Juston Allen	Killian, Angelic Marie	Gibson Jr., Isaac	Bullock, Valerie Yolanda
Hall, Christayl Rachell	Roberts, Jimmy Dean	Ellis, William Bryant	Jimerson, Tyrone Dremain	Jones, Tsegan Araujo
Schmitz, Tana Marie	Powell, Robert M	Johnson, Eryn Edward	Carlson III, Dennis Roy	Whims, Ethan Bradley
Brown, Addilynn Emmalee	Charley, Garry Joe	Spriggs, Helen Wyatt	Blanchard, Craig Lewis	Limon, Justine Danielle
Harjo Jr, Benjamin	Bump Sr., Richard Dewitt	Cypret, Norman Wayne	Maxfield, Katherine Elizabeth	Vazquez, Tyler Keith
Smith, Kristi Dawn	Nelson Jr., James Bradley	Murry, Stevey Raynae	Spoon, Eric Louis	Little Jim, Jason Webster
French, Jeffery John	Leupp, Lenora Little Creek	Louvier, Natasha Renee	Arms, Michael Brandon	Tsoodle, Teri Kaye
Gillespie, Tamara Sue	Hadjiconstantinou, Openia Sue	Spybuck, Justice Evan	Lee, James Stacey Chang-Sun	Medina, Jocelyn Adylene
Laplant, Raymond Lowell	Haley, Shirley Frances	Ponkilla, Timothy James	Kowitz, Trentyn Mikal	Elam, Marquese Dashawn
Bellin, Jack Matthew	Littlecreek, Joshua Dwight	Cody, Donna Noreen	Longman, Shea Michael	Gibson, Edna Faye
Spybuck, Kase Brennon	Mauldin, Charlotte Vada Renia	Clark, Nathan Allen	Kaseca, Kristin Nikole	Garretson, Cody Ronald
Blanchard, Reuben Caleb	Panther, Raymond Dale	Crosswhite, Hunter Raven	Wahpekeche, Meredith York	Alaee, Sheila Sepideh
Tascier, Samuel Ethan	Schnell, Jennifer Christine	Kelly, Kellie Marie	Woods, Anna Marie	Barnard, Katrina Tate
Thorpe, Keenan Allen	Stoliby, Sean Ryan	Creek, Ralph Samuel	Blanchard, Paulette Louise	Switch, Mrs. Lana Iris
Mann, Ethan Coe	Wahpekeche, Silas Kane	James, Billie Jane	Morris, Raymond Ray	Tiger, Alisha Lynn
Downs, Debra Ann	Whitecloud, Bluesky Rain	Charley Whatley, Maddisson Noel	Wilburn, Joshua Wayne	Coddington, William Luther
Cuellar, Ronald Lee	Kirby, Emma Grace	Blocker, April Dawn	Burnett, Darrell Wayne	Winter, Tammy Lyn
Walsh, Malissa Lisa Renee	Ellis, Richard Bryant	Neske, Christopher Hugh	Whited, James Aaron	Johnson, Brandon W. C.
Monk, Riley JaLisa	Carpenter, Cynthia Marie	Thorpe, Lorrie Ann	Butcher, Sallie Elizabeth	Rowan, Cobie Mae
Ferrell, Melinda Kay	Carlson, Daniel Ray	Thorpe, Rachel Danielle	Blanchard Jr., Leland Dale	Johnson, Locy Lee Jace
Kickapoo, Roy Matteson	Mack, Zander Luis	Arellano, Brayden Joe George	Tiger, Terrance Nathan	Houston-Fenix, Lexus Nicole
Gibson, Jennifer Michelle	Harjo Jr., Burton Thomas	Longhorn, Juanita Louise	Blanchard Jr, Reuben Caleb	Hicks, Angelia Jean
Jacobs, Kasiana Marie	Prettyman, Faith Grinell	Little Axe, Brittany Elaine	Walley, Breanna Joy	Morton, Lisa Marie
Johnson, Ki'Arra Joy	Atwood, Stephen Jacob	Allen, Tasia Lynn	Sloat, Garrett Davis	Porambo, Anthony Thomas
Lopez, Angela Michelle	Ruiz, Kathlene Luiza Mae	McGirt, Vincent Carlos	Johnson, Brady James	Blanchard, Jacob Dakota
Simpson, Julian Elliot	Barriga Jr., Rogelio Alberto	Thorpe, Melanie Lea	McMahan, Ashley Rae	Longman, Anthony Lamont
Ellis, Eric Wade	Lockner, Krin Kimberly	Bowens, Kendra Rachelle	Starr, Meranda Lynn	Creek, Josephine
McPherson, Jeremy Lee	Beaver, Matthew David	Smith, Larry Dale	Miller, Esperanza	Shaver, Jordin Lei
McFarland, Marissa Lucille	Washington, Nicholas Shane	Wilson Jr., Darrell Gene	Deer, Brandon Jeremy	Little Jim, Charles Kerwin
Sloat, Colby Trae	Yones, Amber Marie	Snake, Jana Rachelle	Masquas, Jaylen Nathaniel	Sloat, Alec Duane
Ellis, MaKenzie Rae	Kelly, Gayla Ann	Houston, Michael	Thompson, Carter Dane	Arms, James Louis
Shaver, Brittney Nicole	Squire, Takota Lynn	Ortiz, Mariella Raelynn	Ponkilla, Edmond Lee	James, Zachary Lee
Blanchard, Consuela Sirena	Haumpy Jr., William Allen	Yeahpau, Jeri Maye	Harvey, Shelia Lynn	Burns, Alex J
Brinkoetter, Karen Kay	Tiger, Darryl Dean	Colungo, Redena Sue	Winter, Tara Ann Nicole	Barnes, Jordan Tylor
Blankenship, Fabian Mae	Palacios, Phyllis Diana	Mayfield, Destiny Renee	Lowe, Aria MaRae	McClung, Helen L Burkhart
La Plant, Ryan Zachary	Harris, Suzy Diane	Hixon, Carson Lee	Foster, Linda Jean	Wilkerson, Lawrence Anthony
Masquas, Jace Gabriel	Nelson, Telisa Renee	Washington Jr., Eric Sean	Lowe, Caden Elijah	Little Axe III, Troy Lee
Ganaway Jr., Mark Terrell	Little Axe, Jason Randall	Leedom, Donna Jeanne	Tiger, Phyllis Gail	Bruner, Rhiannon Lydia
Tiger, Mary Augustina	Switch, Susan LeAnn	Bateman, Thomas Albert	Lassiter, Mia Angelina Kayleigh	Johnson, Lewis Allen
Foreman, Stefany Elayne	Burns, Constance Darlene	Switch, Isaac Jay	Deer, Jalen Dean	Nice, Hunter Eli
Sampson, Sharon Louise	Kilmer, Aldon James	Wilson, Patrick Loyd	McAnally, Amber Chantel	Warrior Jr., Lucian J.
Carnes, Haley Ann Marie	Johnson, Santana Little Bear	Grass, Brooklynn Rayne	Serena, Gary Allen	Edgmon, Jeorgia Annabella
Panther III, William	Tyner, Marcus Charles	Williams, Kuruk James	Olinger, Stephen Garrett	Williams, Christopher John
Purcell, Jason Lee	Sharpe Jr., Chevis Shenold	(Spybuck) Longman, Emily R	Livey, Mckinzy Diane	Poston, Teresa Sue

Pierce, Mahkinlee Allyn  
Spoon, Kenneth Lee  
Graham, Thomas Wendell  
Jordan, Wendi Renee  
Terres, Paula Ailene  
Tiger, Dion Henry  
White, Nina Renee  
Cravens, Goldie Ann  
Lowe, Brian James  
Spoon, Dakota Austin  
Williams, Taren Janea  
Tiger, Christopher Neal  
Duncan, Carolyn Ann  
Culwell, Bryson Gene  
Hale III, Phillip Wayne  
Longhorn-Dees, Aireanna Belle  
Thorpe, Grace Janette  
Shupe, Josh Michael  
Daniel, Dana Laree`  
Watson, Jo Ann Spybuck  
Dibler, Bobby George  
Blanchard, Chael Harper  
Langston, Zachary Daniel James  
White, Susan Nicole Olivia  
Downey, Cheyenne Rena  
Cargo, Odessia Lynn  
Gibson, Justin Ryan Hill  
Martinez, Brandon Paul  
Kaseca, Paul Daniel  
Torres, Hector Gene  
Squire, Shawneecey Jordawna  
Applegate, Jason Grant  
Kmatz, Jacob Alexander  
Winter, Brendan James  
Ochoa, Florence Pauline  
Morton, Myla Brook  
Routledge-Hunt, Brandi Faye  
Longman, Jordyn Christian Spybuck  
Bittle, Kyli Rose  
Manley, Sue Ann Burkhart  
Chisholm, Milford Wayne  
Soap, Wilson Lee  
Watkins-Long, Natalia Grace-Christine  
Ruimveld, Shacoda Louis





# ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL HEALTH SYSTEM

## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

### Health Community Needs Assessment-2017

**Norman, Oklahoma** –The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System (ASTHS) will publicly make available its annual health Community Needs Assessment on September 5, 2017. The goal is to learn about the public health needs of our AST community and to strategically define programs to better serve you. Survey participants may choose to complete a survey either by paper or electronic version. Survey participants must be 18 years of age to complete and one survey per person, please.

#### **TO COMPLETE A PAPER VERSION OF THE SURVEY**

Available paper versions of the AST Health survey will be located at:

1. Shawnee Clinic (ADM Receptionist Desk & Patient Benefit Advocates)
2. Little Axe Health Center Administration (Receptionist Desk & Patient Benefit Advocates)
3. Title 6-Shawnee
4. Title 6-Resource Center (Little Axe)
5. AST Optometry (PlusCare building)
6. PlusCare Clinic (Patient Registration)

#### **TO COMPLETE AN ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE SURVEY**

Available electronic versions of the AST Health survey can be obtained by:

1. Calling Mrs. Aly Miller, AST Health Project Manager, at (405)878-5850 or email her at [amiller@astribe.com](mailto:amiller@astribe.com) and she will forward to you the survey link (must have active email address); or
2. Follow the Survey Monkey link provided through the Demand Force patient newsletter email system.
3. Electronic versions will be available on the AST Health website at [www.asthealth.org](http://www.asthealth.org) on the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health Facebook wall.

Please be aware all answers are anonymous and the electronic format allows for only one submission per IP address. If you should have any questions please feel free to contact Mrs. Miller at the information provided above. In advance, thank you for your time and as always, we strive to better our service to you.

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# ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE TAX COMMISSION

2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive  
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## NEW REGISTRATIONS

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

**\*TRIBAL MEMBER MUST BE PRESENT FOR ALL NEW REGISTRATIONS\***

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

## RENEWALS

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

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

## 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

## ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEPARTMENT

### Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocacy

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

### Transitional Housing

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

### Court Advocacy

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

### Shelter Placement Assistance

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Domestic Violence Program works with other shelters within Oklahoma in order to help victims obtain safe housing. Emergency transportation for the victim and children may also be available.

### Housing and Utility Assistance

Assists victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or dating violence in emergency situations. This assistance may allow for a victim to either receive housing or utility assistance.

### Referral Assistance

Assists with providing community resources to those who are in need of additional services outside the scope of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Domestic Violence Program.

### Community Outreach

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Domestic Violence Program offers educational trainings, informational displays, and community events in order to provide more awareness to both Tribal and Non-Tribal communities.

For any questions regarding any of the above services please contact the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Domestic Violence staff at (405) 273-2888.



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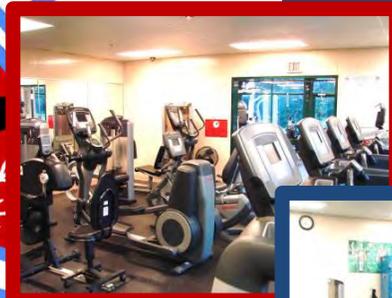


Buster Bread  
Fitness Manager



Chrissy Wiens  
Physical Activities Specialist

# The Absentee Shawnee Diabetes and Wellness



## Fitness Facility Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday

6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

## Fitness Facility Weekend Hours of Operation

Saturday

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Brandon Goodman  
Fitness Technician

The AST Diabetes and Wellness Fitness Center provides state of the art fitness equipment to help you reach your fitness goals. The AST Fitness Center is available to AST Diabetes Program patients, all Native Americans and their household family members, and the AST employees. Our goal is to provide appropriate and educational fitness training to all AST diabetes patients while promoting a safe, fun, and positive experience. Take some time to come by and visit the Diabetes and Wellness Fitness Center today! For more information, please contact Buster Bread or Chrissy Wiens at (405) 364-7298.



McKenna Watson  
Fitness Technician

## AST Diabetes and Wellness Program

The goal of the diabetes and wellness program is to provide a supportive resource to tribal members who are currently diagnosed with diabetes, or at risk and seeking information and/or support for diabetes and personal health. The program will offer guidance on healthy lifestyle changes such as eating healthy, exercise tips including workout classes with our two certified trainers, and keys to reducing stress.

The AST Resource Center fitness room hours are:

Monday-Friday 6:00am - 9:00pm

Saturday 9:00am - 3:00pm

Sunday CLOSED

For more information on the many exciting opportunities available for our tribal community please call our clinic at 405-701-7977 or visit our website at [www.asthealth.org](http://www.asthealth.org) (Then navigate to our Diabetes and Wellness section under the services section.)



# September



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>CLASSES</b>	<b>CLASSES</b>	<b>CLASSES</b>	<b>CLASSES</b>	<b>CLASSES</b>
<u>Zumba Fitness</u> 6:15 a.m.-7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Strength Circuit</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>Strength Circuit</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>Body Blast Dance Fitness</u> 12:00 p.m.-12:45 p.m. Chrissy Wiens LITTLE AXE HEALTH FACILITY		
				<u>Calisthenics Camp</u> 2:30 p.m.-3:15 p.m. Buster Bread LITTLE AXE HEALTH FACILITY
<u>Strength Circuit</u> 5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Buster Bread Little Axe Resource Center		<u>Aerobic Circuit</u> 5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Buster Bread Little Axe Resource Center		

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

"Body Blast Dance Fitness"- Burn calories by moving your body through a variety of fun and aerobic dance styles.



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



"Calisthenics Camp"- Develop strength, body control, and functionality for recreation or activities of daily living. Camp calisthenics uses body-weight exercises to develop and improve muscular fitness.

**Absentee  
Shawnee Fitness**

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

**Diabetes and  
Wellness**

# Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Vocational Rehabilitation Program

**"See the Person Not the Disability"**

Juniors



Seniors

**History:**

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

**Services Than Can Be Provided:**

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

**Qualifications:**

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

**Counties We Serve:**

Kay, Noble, Pawnee, Payne, Pottawatomie, Lincoln, and Logan

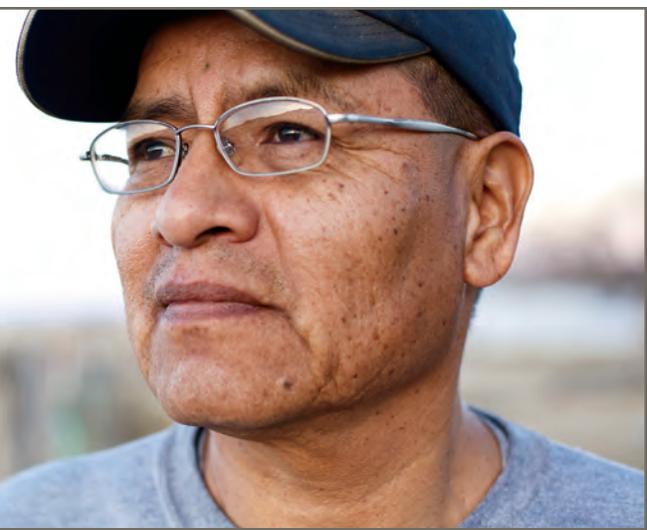
Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma  
Vocational Rehabilitation Program  
P.O. Box 728  
Perkins, OK 74059



Contact: Christa McClellan  
Phone: 405-547-5721  
Toll Free: 1-888-336-4692  
E-mail: cmcclellan@iowanation.org

WE ARE ON THE INTERNET: [www.bahkhoje.com](http://www.bahkhoje.com)

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voice  
be heard.



Ne-Hi-Ki-Wa-Sa-Pa. *We listen.*

It is our mission to provide quality health care. To do this, we need some help from you. Share your needs, concerns and care experiences. **Call patient advocate Jim Robertson at 405.447.0300 or Customer Service at 405.701.7623.** Complete a Patient Questionnaire in one of our clinics or online.

*Together, we will fulfill our mission.*

**LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER**  
15951 Little Axe Dr.  
Norman, OK 73026  
405.447.0300

**SHAWNEE CLINIC**  
2029 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.  
Shawnee, OK 74801  
405.878.5850

**PLUSCARE CLINIC**  
15702 East State Highway 9  
Norman, OK 73026  
405.447.0477



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**HEALTH SYSTEM**  
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## ONLINE PATIENT PORTAL → for our Little Axe Health Center and Shawnee Clinic

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



Install the app on iPhone or Android for real-time access to your health information



SHAWNEE CLINIC 405.878.5850 or 877.878.4702 (TOLL-FREE) | LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER 405.447.0300

# How Alcohol Can Affect Your Body Composition



PUBLISHED ON JULY 26, 2017 BY CONTRIBUTING AUTHOR TO INBODY USA MARKETING

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If you begin a conversation about alcohol, you're likely to get a chorus of varied opinions.

Your one friend swears that her daily glass of red wine will **ward off cardiovascular disease**, even if it's at the expense of her six pack abs. Meanwhile, your gym buddy has a zero-alcohol policy in an effort to remain as lean as possible and avoid the dreaded "beer belly".

**Is it really possible to consume alcohol and still maintain a healthy body weight and composition?**

The answer is somewhat complicated and likely depends on your ultimate goals.

To delve a little deeper into the relationship between alcohol and body composition please source the entire article at:

<https://www.inbodyusa.com/blogs/inbodyblog/how-alcohol-can-affect-your-body-composition? ke=c3dhcmRlBkBhc3RyaWJlMnVbQ%3D%3D>

Or, contact your Diabetes & Wellness Team, **701-7977**.

## What's the bottom line?

Can alcohol be included as part of a healthy diet without considerably deterring the drinker from achieving the body they want and work so hard for?

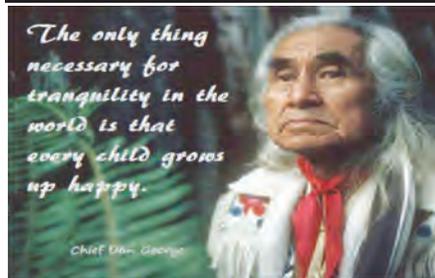
The answer is **yes!**

For optimizing weight and body composition, research shows that it is more important and beneficial to **keep overall calories under control** than to worry about alcohol being stored as fat.

When consuming alcohol, try to remember the following:

1. The metabolism of alcohol **DOES** affect fat metabolism but likely not more than other macronutrients. That said, **try to avoid excess calories** while to avoid fat storage and if drinking regularly, be sure to account for alcohol in your usual calorie intake.
2. If you're trying to maximize your time spent in the gym and minimize the effects that a six-pack might have on your six pack, you might want to **limit sugary mixers and cocktails** and when choosing **beer, stick to lighter versions**.

# FOSTER CARE



**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)

**"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).

# 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](http://www.astribe.com)

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

# OILS

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

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

Contact information:

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



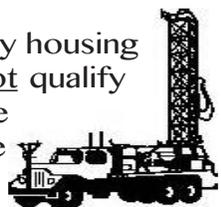
## THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & ENGINEERING (OEHE&E)

The principal role of OEHE&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 OEHE&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](http://www.astribe.com) and at the OEHE&E building.



Absentee Shawnee Tribe  
Behavioral Health Services



WHITE BISON, Inc.  
A Cultural Approach to Personal Recovery  
Substance Abuse

# Wellbriety Group Meetings

**Facilitator: John Soap, LPC**

**Beginning September 14, 2017 5:30pm-6:30pm**

**Every Thursday at the Shawnee Multipurpose Building  
(east of the Shawnee Clinic, Bldg. 16)**

**For further information, contact:**

**Shawnee Behavioral Health Services: John 405-878-4716**

**Little Axe Behavioral Health Services: Dara 405-701-7987**



## 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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# Finance Department - August Report

## Mid-year budget review

- In July the finance department completed their mid-year budget review. The purpose of a mid-year budget review is to review:

- o current year budget status,
- o previous 6 month performance specific to budget spend,
- o challenges and opportunities, and
- o projection out to year end.

All departments of all AST entities were asked to review their budget and project out any unusual expenditures for the remainder of the year. As tools to help our directors make effective decisions, each department director is provided their monthly budget report and their general ledger report. A new budget dashboard showing the fiscal year has been rolled out to some departments. It is anticipated that all AST departments will have this third financial tool by 2018.



## AST Budget Calendar Cycle

*Our AST budget calendar cycle which outlines key goals for the specific month(s).*

## Grants

- In July a Financial Grant Management training was held specific to educate our Department of Justice (DOJ) grant recipients what to expect and how to prepare for an Office of Inspector General (OIG) audit. In addition to OIG investigations, the OIG conducts audits to determine whether cost claims under DOJ grants were allowable, supported, and in accordance with applicable laws regulations, guidelines, and grants terms and conditions. The training provided information and resources to guide the attendees step-by-step through an OIG audit and provided specific guidance as to the financial grant management requirements.

- The training focused on aspects of financial grant management including:

- o Detailed and summary accounting records
- o Federal Financial Status reports
- o Draw down
- o Payroll time and effort reports
- o Financial risk assessments
- o Direct Cost sampling and testing financial controls
- o Inventory requirements
- o Contractor compliance
- o AST currently has the following DOJ grants: Domestic Violence, Violence Against Women, COPS Equipment, Justice System and SORNA (sexual offenders).

## Audit

- On July 31st, Baker Tilley presented to our EC the finalized 2016 audit report. The auditors outlined their internal control considerations and discussed their tests of compliance. The audit report showed NO findings which means:

- o No significant accounting practices were outside of internal policies

# Finance Department - August Report



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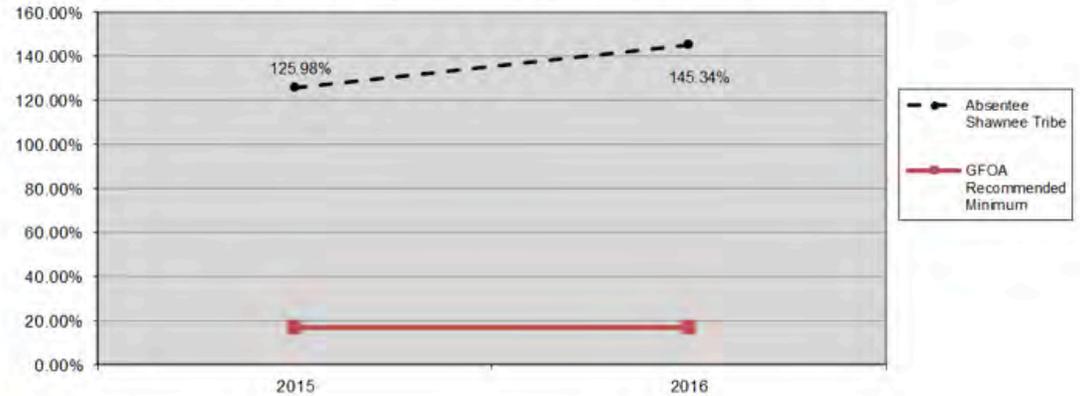
Unrestricted General Fund Balance

\$ 14,997,602

Unrestricted General Fund - Fund Balance as % of General Fund Expenditures

145.34%

Available General Fund Balance as a Percentage of Expenditures



AST's audited general fund financials in comparison to 2015. The graph outlines the positive growth in the AST's general fund balance. All general fund dollars are obligated to general fund department budgets and programs. The graph represents financial growth of fund balance respective to the percentage of general fund expenditures.

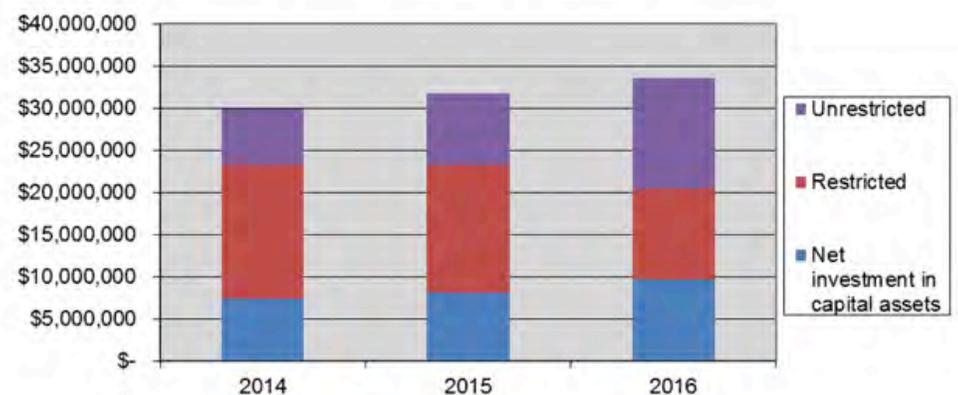
Net Position Trends



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ANALYSIS OF NET POSITION



Our health system's strong financial performance and growth over three years (2014-2016). The analysis of net position outlines unrestricted, restricted and net investment in capital assets. Because of the increase in third party collections, there is a positive growth trend on health's unrestricted dollars. Because of improvements and additions to health services, there is a positive growth trend on net investments in capital assets.

- o No transactions were found that were both significant and unusual as it pertains to accounting policies
- o Financial statement disclosures were consistent and clear
- o No difficulties in performing the audit
- o No audit adjustments
- o No corrected misstatements
- o No disagreements with management
- o No material weaknesses or deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting
- o No instances of noncompliance
- o No relationships affecting auditor independence
- The finance department along with the health system finance team did a terrific job over the last 4 months during the audit process.

## Fraud training

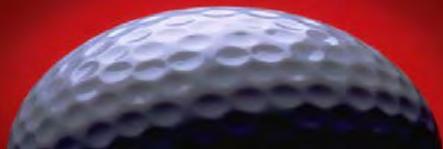
- On July 27th, a fraud training class was held for AST departments. Fraud is a wrongful or criminal deception intended to result in financial or personal gain. Occupational fraud is the use of one's occupation for personal enrichment through the deliberate misuse or application of the employing organization's resources or assets. The class provided the following training:

- o fraud overview and basics,
- o fraud in property and procurement,
- o fraud in travel, and
- o credit card fraud.

- In conjunction with the EC, the finance department is leading the AST initiative on our internal fraud policy & procedures and fraud education to all directors and employees. There will be continued and recurring fraud training for all AST employees.

- Financial controls to help protect AST assets include:

- o annual audit,
- o segregation of duties,
- o inventory controls, and
- o policies and procedures outlining internal financial controls.



F. Browning Pipestem Memorial

## ANNUAL BENEFIT GOLF SCRAMBLE

- I would like to enter the **AIAS Golf Scramble** / \$100 per person or \$400 per team of 4  
**Entry Fee Includes:** Green Fee, Golf Cart, Raffle Ticket and Lunch **Deadline October 13, 2017 - NO**  
**entries accepted day of scramble**

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION** 7:30 a.m. Check-In / 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start – Scramble Format

**Contact Name/Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- I would like **GOLD LEVEL Sponsorship - \$3,000**  
**Includes:** Company signage displayed on 3 holes/Eight player entry fees/3 extra raffle tickets  
 per player/Recognition at awards presentation
- I would like **SILVER LEVEL Sponsorship - \$1,500**  
**Includes:** Company signage displayed on 2 holes/Four player entry fees/2 extra raffle tickets  
 per player/Recognition at awards presentation
- I would like **BRONZE LEVEL Sponsorship - \$750**  
**Includes:** Company signage displayed on 1 hole/Four player entry fees/1 extra raffle ticket per player/  
 Recognition at awards presentation
- I would like **HOLE Sponsorship - \$200**  
**Includes:** Company signage displayed on 1 hole – Businesses may sponsor more than one hole
- I would like to **DONATE** items for the **Golf Gift Bags/Door Prize Drawing** to promote my business to the  
 players. 75 gift bags will be assembled with identical contents, please plan on donating 75 of the identical item for the bags (koozies, rain  
 ponchos, golf tees or balls, coupons, water bottles, etc.) **Door prize drawings occur at the awards dinner, donated items have included: dvd**  
**players, and other electronics, golf gift certificates, restaurant gift certificates, retail gift certificate, concert/event/game tickets and more.**

### **TEAM PLAYERS**

Please Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

### **PLEASE ACCEPT**



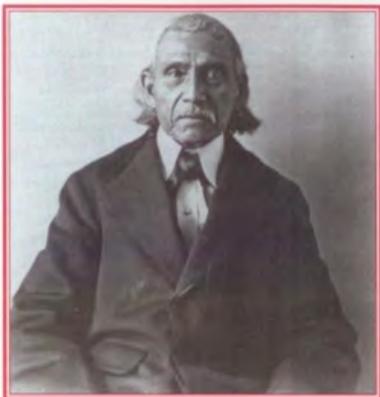
- My enclosed check (make payable to) **OU Foundation – American Indian Alumni Society** for \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- My credit card as payment for **registration** and **sponsorship** totaling \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card payments must be made at the OU Alumni Association Office or by calling (405) 325-3453

Mail checks to: OU American Indian Alumni Society – Attn: Noetta Harjo – 900 Asp Ave Ste. 427 – Norman, OK  
73019

Contact Noetta at [noetta.harjo@gmail.com](mailto:noetta.harjo@gmail.com) for more information.

# Education Department



*Tribal Leader—Big Jim*

In May 2016, the Big Jim Youth Award Selection Committee identified the tribal youth who were to receive these prestigious awards for their High School Academic and Athletic performance. The selection committee for these awards consisted of individuals who are either educators, coaches, or affiliated in these areas or to the area of higher education within the state of Oklahoma. None of the members of the selection committee were Absentee Shawnee Tribal members. This was incorporated into the program to maintain fairness to all of the applicants.

The Big Jim Youth Award Program was open to all Absentee Shawnee High School Seniors within the 50 United States. “The purpose of these awards is to recognize the outstanding contributions of our tribal youth and to promote excellence in academics and athletics in high school and beyond” said Tresha Spoon, Educational Director of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.



Academic Achievement, \$1000.00 Scholarship  
Athlete of the Year, \$1000.00 Scholarship

## ***Matthew Drew Ellis***

Shawnee, Oklahoma

Parents: Kevin Ellis and Mary Ann Ellis

Attending: University of Central Oklahoma, Fall 2017

Major: Physical Education/Health

Accomplishments: All-Conference Basketball 2015, 2016, 2017  
Oklahoma Native All State Association Games 2017

Essay: “My accomplishments come from always working hard, always doing things the right way, and never giving up...I had to step up early and help lead the team to one of its best seasons ever...The training I have been through for my sport shows countless hours upon hours of hard work. It shows that hard work really does pay off...I now have the knowledge to follow my dreams and know how to be patient and trust the process of it all.”

Academic Achievement, \$1000.00 Scholarship  
Athlete of the Year, \$1000.00 Scholarship

## ***Koryne S. Coddington***

Corona, California

Parent: William Coddington and Vicky Coddington

Attending: Delaware State University, Fall 2017

Major: Biology, Nursing

Accomplishments: Triple Crown Championship, 2010  
League Champions 2015  
Participant in PGF Nationals, Orange County, CA 2013-2016

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# Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority



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- Lease to Own Homes
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- Over Income AST member Down Payment & Closing Assistance
- College Housing Assistance
- Home Rehab Program
- Storm Shelter Assistance
- Transitional Housing
- Over-Income Rental Housing

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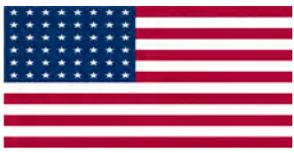


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# White Turkey Band Of Absentee Shawnee 's Veterans Pow-wow



Saturday, November 4, 2017

Thunderbird Casino @ Event Center



**M.C.: Kelly Switch**

**Head Singer: Mike Kihega**

**Head Gourd: Micheal Tsotaddle**

**Head Lady: Alexis Tanyan**

**Head Man: Troy Tilley**

**Arena Director: Jeremy Johnson**

**Co-Host: Absentee Shawnee Tribe Color Guard Association**

**Invited Color Guards: Sac & Fox Color Guard**

**Seminole Nation Honor Guard**

**All Veterans and Veteran Organizations Invited**

**All Club, Tribal and Organization Princesses invited**

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

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

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

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

**Raffles and  
Cake Walks**



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



# CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES NEWS

The AST Contract Health Services Team is here to assist you.

Please follow the CHS guidelines.  
Keep a copy on hand  
and update your information.

## EMERGENCY AND URGENT CARE SERVICES

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

1. Call the On-Call nurse at 405.447.0300, option 9 for triage.
2. Notify CHS on the next business day or within 72 hours after your ER visit. Notification does not assure authorization of payment. However, if you do not notify CHS within 72 hours, your bills will not be paid.
3. For AST members with no insurance, evidence must exist that your visit was medically necessary. Medical priorities have been established for determining which referrals can be authorized for payment.
4. For AST members with insurance, evidence must exist that a third-party resource has made the determination such services were "emergency care" or "urgent care." Such evidence may include payment from private insurance.
5. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to CHS. You may leave bills at the Little Axe Health Center CHS office or the Shawnee Clinic CHS office.

## CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES FOR AST MEMBERS WITH INSURANCE

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

1. To complete existing CHS patient updates, please visit Patient Registration at either the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic during regular hours of operation.

For new AST tribal members, to become established for CHS services, please make an appointment to see the New Patient Coordinator/PBA at either the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic during regular hours of operation.

2. Notify CHS at least 48 hours prior to appointment date for a Coordination of Benefits (COB) to be sent to the provider.
3. Inform provider/health facility that AST CHS is a secondary payer/payer of last resort.
4. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to CHS. You may leave bills at the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic.

## EASY ACCESS

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

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday  
Closed on Holidays

All facilities closed the first Wednesday of the month from Noon to 5pm.

## CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES FOR AST MEMBERS WITHOUT INSURANCE

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

1. You must apply for all resources available to you, such as: Medicaid, Medicare, Worker's Compensation, Vocational Rehabilitation, auto insurance and other personal injury or liability coverage. CHS staff and/or Patient Benefit Advocates can assist you with the application process for alternate resources. Failure to exhaust available or potentially available alternate resources may result in denial of payment.
2. To complete existing CHS patient updates, please visit Patient Registration at either the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic during regular hours of operation.

For new AST tribal members, to become established for CHS services, please make an appointment to see the New Patient Coordinator/PBA at either the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic during regular hours of operation.

3. You must utilize the services provided within AST health clinics prior to being referred out.
4. Referrals for outside services must be sent to CHS. Services must be medically approved by an AST Health provider and/or CMMR Committee.
5. An appointment will be scheduled, and a COB will be sent to the outside provider.
6. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to CHS. You may leave bills at the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic.

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

### BILLING & PAYMENT INQUIRIES

Little Axe Health Center & Shawnee Clinic

Glendine Blanchard, CHS Coordinator  
Darla Gatzman, CH Technician  
Chelle Foreman, Medical Claims Examiner  
Lena Carol, CH Technician  
Kareena Deere, CH Technician/Medical Records

### REFERRAL MANAGEMENT

Little Axe Health Center

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

### REFERRAL MANAGEMENT

Shawnee Clinic

Flo Mann, CH Specialist, AST Patients/LPN  
Laurie Webber, CH Specialist, IHS Patients/LPN  
Carrie Stanley, CH Specialist, Medicaid patients/  
Medical Assistant

### LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER CHS

405.701.7951 (Please follow voice prompts)  
405.447.0300 (Secondary)

### SHAWNEE CLINIC CHS

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	Diabetes .....	360-0698
	Pharmacy.....	292-9530
	Resource Center .....	364-7298
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