***NOTICES***

**MASK DISTRIBUTION**

The AST Office of Emergency Management still has masks available for tribal members. They can either be picked up at the checkpoint Monday – Friday 8 am – 4:30 pm or they can call Assistant Emergency Manager Levi Walker at 275-3260 to request masks to be mailed to them if they would like.

Chad Larman
Emergency Manager

**AST Health System**

now is providing a 24/7 COVID Health System 24 Hour LIVE CORONAVIRUS (COVID19) Information Number: (405) 695-1757

**50th Semi -Annual General Council Meeting POSTPONED**

**NOTICE**

Weekly Drive-Thru COVID19 & Antibody Testing

Little Axe Health Center 405.447.0300

COVID-19 Drive-thru testing available on Tuesdays from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

ANTIBODY testing available on Thursdays from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm

Shawnee Clinic 405.878.0580

COVID-19 Drive-thru testing available on Wednesdays from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

Testing is open to public. Remain in your vehicle.

Bring proper identification.

For Antibody Testing... Wear a mask

Be prepared to have blood drawn. Those not being tested will not be allowed entry into the clinic.

Testing is available to anyone ages 10 and older.
Governor’s REPORT
JOHN R. JOHNSON
AST Governor

Greetings Tribal members,

The newly elected Executive committee members were sworn in on July 9, 2020. Please join me in welcoming Treasurer Blanchard and Representative Miller. Also, congratulations Lt. Governor Kenneth Blanchard on your re-election. I am ready to begin working together to move our Tribe forward.

Many of you are following our planning for CARES funding distribution. I am pleased to announce on Tuesday, July 21, the Executive Committee passed a resolution approving Phase 1 of our CARES plan. These projects are for emergency response needs with high priority being placed in the areas of healthcare, tribal projects and emergency management. The total approved for this initial phase is $13,815,110. Also, the COVID-19 numbers continue to rise across Oklahoma. Community spread continues to be an issue. To protect our employees and tribal members, the Executive Committee has agreed to mandate the wearing of masks while on the tribal complex. Again, we made this decision to help protect the health and well-being of those we serve. Additional information about the mandate can be found on our Facebook page or website.

Currently, the tribal complex will revert back to Phase 1. We encourage our Tribal members to conduct business over the phone or by email. If you must come to the tribal complex, please call and make an appointment with the department prior to visiting. Tribal members will be allowed on campus for appointments only.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I would also like to extend our sincere condolences to the family of Sherman Tiger. We extend our deepest sympathies during this time of loss. Sherman was a longtime AST employee of nearly 9 years, and he was active with our election board. His presence at the complex will be missed. Lastly, please continue to follow CDC guidelines during this ongoing pandemic. These guidelines are here to help you protect yourself and others. Wear a mask, wash your hands, and try to maintain a social distance from those not within your own household. Please stay safe.

Governor John Johnson

Lt. Governor’s REPORT
KENNETH BLANCHARD
AST Lt. Governor

Thank you for the support and votes in our recent Tribal Election. As your re-elected Lt. Governor my pledge to all is to continue providing professional respectful representation as experienced in the past and I will also continue my open door policy.

Consortium for the newly elected Treasurer, Joseph Blanchard and Representative, Alicia Miller. They bring many years of Tribal Government experience. I am looking forward to working with them as a team.

Due to the current covid-19 epidemic, we are taking every precaution to keep the virus from affecting our tribal staff and their families more than it has already.

The Executive Committee has weekly planning discussions to update information and activities of the tribe. In the upcoming weeks and months there will possibly be some changes on how to provide improved services to the tribe.

Rita Hajo who has provided over twenty five years of service in many positions throughout the tribe has recently decided to retire; we will miss her and the services she provided as an employee. We wish her the best and to enjoy her retirement.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe has lost Sherman Tiger a member, employee in the media department and friend to many. I have got to know Sherman as a loyal and dedicated traditional person, who never refused to help anyone that asked for his assistance. Most of all my staff and I will miss our most respectful and close lunch partner.

Wear your masks in public, constantly wash your hands or sanitize and social distance 6 ft. apart.

Well wishes and Good Health to all.

Respectfully,
Governor

Treasurer’s REPORT
JOSEPH BLANCHARD
AST Treasurer

Hello Tribal Members,

It is with great joy and excitement I write to you today. I have completed my first two weeks as your newly elected Treasurer. I have taken time out of each day to meet with Directors, employees, and most importantly, you, the membership. If anyone would like to sit down and have a discussion, I ask anyone to call my office and set a date and time, so that I don’t double book myself. This will allow me to dedicate the necessary amount of time to address your concern(s).

During this time frame, I’ve had multiple meetings with the other Executive Committee members in Round Table discussion, monthly EC meetings, Special EC meetings; and teleconference calls with our audit firms in Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas. Essentially, anything related to Departments under my oversight and my Constitutional fiduciary responsibilities, I’ve taken the initiative to reach out to each appropriate program or organization.

The Treasurer position is unique when compared to the other elected positions because of credentialing, Signatory Authority, and the transition period required to update for the banks, auditing firms, and investment account agencies.

Recently, I notified membership through Facebook the issues related to individuals not receiving their Welfare Fund in a timely manner. Applications were held up in the update for the banks, auditing firms, and investment account agencies.

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Friday, July 24, 2020. If you get a chance, you know one of the ladies in Enrollment or Finance, give them a shout out for staying the course and maintaining professionalism during an anxious and stressful time.

Finally, I want to say, “Thank you!” to our membership for giving me this opportunity to be of service to our People. It definitely is not a position to take lightly and I will do everything in my power to be helpful to our Tribe. I am hopeful, once the dust begins to settle and everyone understands how we propose to move forward, this new era of enlightenment, communication, and transparency will produce the just reward we’ve all been waiting for.

Please do not hesitate to contact me and share advice, concerns or questions at: (405) 275-4030, Ext 6280; work cell: (405)695-1487; or send an email to: jblanchard@astribe.com

I appreciate your time and look forward to visiting with you soon.

Respectfully,
Joseph H. Blanchard

Secretary’s REPORT
Ezra DeLodge
AST Secretary

Tribal Members,

I hope all is well with everybody, and we are all staying safe during these trying times. It is times like these we as the EC need to come together and work for the safety and well-being of our nation. Rest assured we are working as best we can to make sure we are providing every service possible for you the tribal member.

Please follow CDC guidelines which are; wash your hands frequently, practice social distancing and wear your mask, when in public. Unfortunately, this pandemic we are in will be around for the foreseeable future, but if we all do our part we can overcome this terrible virus.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact my office, and I will gladly make time to listen to those questions or concerns.

Respectfully,
Secretary

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Call 405-596-1279 or Fax 405-596-0221
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I would like to begin with extending my deepest condolences to the family of Sherman Tiger. He was a proud Traditional Absentee Shawnee, a long time tribal employee, a member of the Election Commission and most importantly he was a brother, uncle, cousin, father and a grandfather. His passing was unexpected and a shock to us all. He will be missed by many.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express a heartfelt ne yi wa (Thank you) for your support in June’s Annual Election. I greatly appreciate the confidence you have bestowed upon me by electing me as your Tribal Representative. I am equally honored to be a part of the historically first full 4-year term Executive Committee. I foresee great strides moving the tribe forward and a push for greater transparency.

As of this article, I have been in office not quite two weeks. I participated in two Executive Committee meetings (one monthly and one special), health board meeting and several internal meetings, and COVID-19 has taken an unsurmountable time, effort and concern for almost every aspect of tribal operations. I have to applaud many of our AST and ASTHS employees for their continued flexibility and dedication to show up for work, put in the effort and hours to serve our tribal people.

Each week, the COVID-19 positive cases continue to rise at the national, state and local levels. It is my sincere hope you are taking measures to protect yourself and family. We have tragically lost one tribal member to this pandemic and I truly do not want to lose any more. With this being stated and as a priority for the health and safety of tribal members and staff, the Executive Committee decided to return to Phase 1 of the AST COVID-19 Recovery/Reopening Plan beginning on Monday, July 27, 2020 until further notice. Phase 1 is currently outlined as follows:

- The AST Complex will open to essential staff ONLY for normal hours of operation. No Travel Allowed.
- Employees are to maintain six feet between each other while working and supervisors should adjust schedules or work areas to accommodate.
- All staff on campus will need to wear assigned PPE (mask) when within 6 ft of another individual.
- There will be only one entrance and exit at the complex manned by AST Police that will perform temperature checks on each employee. No socializing in groups of 10 or more. Supervisors should encourage telework, virtual meetings.
- All tribal members need to continue to shelter in place remotely, if able.

Tribal members who require tribal services shall utilize the processes set in place prior to the appointment driven allowances made under Phase 2 such as calling the department, using USPS mail and/or e-mailing. Essential personnel will be available to assist you. This concludes my monthly report and I will be providing you more robust articles in the months to come. Please stay healthy, please stay safe.

Ne yi wa. (Thank you)

Alicia (Aly) Miller
Tribal Representative

REPRESENTATIVE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
2023 SCOTTISH TARTAN DRIVE
SHAWNEE, OK 74801

July 20, 2020

Ho wa se ke ka! (Good day)

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The following are the Resolutions passed through July 21, 2020.

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS:

E-AS-2020-40
ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 15, 2020

A RESOLUTION DULY PROPOSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA HEREBY AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($2,576,197.00) FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020 TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE CY 2017-2020 MULTI-YEAR FUNDING AGREEMENT AMENDMENT (ATTACHMENT)

L-AS-2020-17
ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 21, 2020

A RESOLUTION DULY PROPOSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA HEREBY AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A CORPORATE CREDIT CARD FOR JOSEPH BLANCHARD, TREASURER OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,000.00, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS:

L-AS-2020-15
ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 15, 2020

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA HEREBY AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING TO CHANGE BANK ACCOUNT SIGNERS ON ALL BANK ACCOUNTS; ALL INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS AND ALL BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS ACCOUNTS FOR THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA TO INCLUDE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS: LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR KENNETH BLANCHARD, SECRETARY EIZA DELODGE, TREASURER JOSEPH BLANCHARD, AND REPRESENTATIVE ALICIA MILLER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

L-AS-2020-16
ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 21, 2020

A RESOLUTION DULY PROPOSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA HEREBY AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A CORPORATE CREDIT CARD FOR ALICIA MILLER, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,000.00, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Cultural Preservation Update

The Cultural Preservation Department has continued to carry out essential day to day operations to ensure the department continues to function properly. To ensure the safety and protect the health of all, the gift shop has implemented the following 5 safety protocols which will be in effect once the complex opens to visitors:

1. All are required to cover their mouth and nose with PPE (masks) when shopping in the Gift Shop.
2. Occupancy Control – for your safety and the safety of our employees, we are limiting the number of customers in the gift shop.
   a. Only 2 customers will be allowed in at a time.
   b. No children allowed.
3. Avoid close contact (Social Distance)
   a. Please keep 6 feet between you and other customers
4. Use hand sanitizer as often as possible
5. Sorry... NO public restroom is available. Temporarily closed due to COVID-19.

The library is currently closed to all visitors. Ms. Casey Wilson, the Librarian, currently is working remotely. Over the past month, she has been in contact with other libraries and is working on protocols that will ensure the safety and protect the health of all visitors. More information will follow in the future.

The THPO program has continued working both remotely and in the office to make sure federal projects do not go un-reviewed. Ms. Devon Brokeshoulder, the THPO Specialist, continues to answer all incoming teleconference calls with different federal agencies.

In response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, extensions to all grants were applied for within the department. The extensions were granted, and all grants have been extended for another year to ensure the department is given the opportunity to best utilize and expend awarded funds to the fulfillment of the department’s goals.

On July 15th, the department received some good news. The library was selected by the Institute of Museum and Library Services to receive funding. Currently, the department is waiting to hear if the applications for the THPO grant and the ANA Language grant were selected to receive funding. Your concerns are important to us. We thank you for the continued support of our department as we continue to make changes to our programs, in order to provide the best service to our Tribal community. My door is always open so please feel free to contact me, Carol Butler, at 405-275-4030 ext. 6245 or cbutler@astribe.com.

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We remain here to serve you!

For Your Visit PLEASE...
- Wear a mask, including a homemade mask
- Use available sanitizers and hand washing
- Allow time for entry due to safety screening measures
- Wear a mask
- Call ahead
- Wear a mask
- Use available sanitizers and hand washing

We resume normal hours June 1st

LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER
405.447.0300
8am–5pm Mon–Fri
(First patient accepted at 7:30am)
(First patient accepted at 7:30am)
(First patient accepted at 7:30am)
(First patient accepted at 7:30am)

LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER PHARMACY
405.292.9300 REFILL LINE
7:30am–8pm Mon–Fri
9am–5pm Sat & Sun

PLEASANCE CLINIC
405.447.0477
8am–8pm Mon–Fri
9am–5pm Sat–Sun

SHAWNEE PRIMARY CARE
405.878.3580
8am–5pm Mon–Fri

SHAWNEE WALK-IN CLINIC
405.878.3580
8am–5pm Mon–Fri
9am–5pm Sat (last patient accepted at 4:30pm)
Closed Sunday & Holidays

SHAWNEE PRIMARY CARE PHARMACY
405.878.3579 REFILL LINE
7:30am–8pm Mon–Fri
9am–5pm Sat (last patient accepted at 4:30pm)
Closed Sunday & Holidays

NOTICE

COVID-19 Drive-thru testing available on Tuesdays from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm
ANTIBODY testing available on Thursdays from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm

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COVID-19 Drive-thru testing available on Tuesdays from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm
ANTIBODY testing available on Thursdays from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm

SHAWNEE CLINIC, 405.878.5850
COVID-19 Drive-thru testing available on Wednesdays from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm
Testing is open to the public. For testing inquiries please call: 405.695.1787.
*Note: If it is raining or adverse weather, testing will not be conducted.

PHARMACY REMINDER
As we are in uncertain times, we are doing our best to reduce your exposure to COVID-19. We understand you are not only concerned about your health and safety but your safety and the health of others. For the health and safety of you and your family, we have the following measures in place for your convenience.
- To help us better serve you please call in 24 hours in advance for prescription refills.
- When your medication refills are ready you will receive a text or automated call to inform you.
- Please ensure your info is correct with pharmacy and request you get notifications for medication refills.
- Please wait for the pharmacy notification that your refills are ready, for pick up before joining the drive-thru line.

Little Axe Health Center: Pharmacy: 405.292.9300
Shawnee Clinic Pharmacy: 405.878.1684

We are sorry about your wait!
What should I do if I am in close contact with someone with COVID-19 but am not sick? You should monitor your health for fever, cough and shortness of breath. If your symptoms are very mild, you should stay at home and away from other people. If you have any of the following conditions that may increase your risk for a serious infection—age 60 years or over, are pregnant, or have medical conditions—contact your physician’s office and tell them that you were exposed to someone with COVID-19. They may want to monitor your health more closely or let you know for COVID-19.

If you do not have a high-risk condition but want medical advice, you can call your healthcare provider and tell them that you were exposed to someone with COVID-19. Your healthcare provider can help you decide if you need to be evaluated in person. There are certainly no medications to treat COVID-19. If you have a medical emergency and need to call 911, notify the dispatch personnel that you may have been exposed to COVID-19. If possible, put on a facemask before emergency medical services arrive or immediately after they arrive.
Pre-diabetes means your blood glucose (sugar) is higher than normal, but not yet diabetes. Diabetes is a serious disease which can cause heart attack, stroke, blindness, kidney failure, or loss of toes, feet or legs.

The good news is… Type 2 diabetes can be delayed or prevented in people with pre-diabetes through lifestyle programs. Come be a part of this awesome program that has been proven to prevent diabetes!

Cut Your Risk In Half

This program gives you:

- Free weight loss coaching from certified Lifestyle Coaches to guide and support you
- Help with being more physically active and managing stress
- Tools for healthy eating, free cooking demos
- Free Fit-Bit for participation and attendance
- Free scale for home weighing
- Virtual group meetings weekly via ZOOM
- Supportive materials provided, as needed.

Do you qualify for this program?

- 18 years of age or older
- BMI of 25 or greater
- A1C range: 5.7%-6.4%
- Previous diagnosis of Gestational Diabetes
- Fasting labs greater than 100 mg/dl
- Random lab greater than 130 mg/dl

For more information or to put your name on the list contact:
Absentee Shawnee Tribe Diabetes and Wellness Program
400 South Gordon Cooper Drive
Lisburn, OK 73436
405-701-7977
E-mail: lharrington@astribe.com

TRIBAL OPIOID RESPONSE GRANT/PUBLIC HEALTH PRESENTS INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DRIVE-THRU EVENTS:

WHEN: AUGUST 31, 2020
WHERE: Little Axe Health Center Circle Drive
TIME: 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

AND

WHEN: AUGUST 17, 2020
WHERE: Horse Shoe Bend
TIME: 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

PLEASE STAY IN VEHICLES

Opioid educational material, medical lock boxes, and disposable medication bags will be distributed.

For more information please call Crystal Springer at cspringer@astribe.com or 405-561-7833.
NOT GOING TO BE HOME!!!
CALL AND LET US KNOW AT 405-275-4030
EXT 6227 or 6270
OR NOTIFY YOUR DRIVER

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

Title VI UPDATE
AUGUST!!! CAN YOU BELIEVE IT!!!  KEEP OUR SCHOOL KIDS SAFE!! REMIND THEM TO WASH THEIR HANDS, WEAR THERE MASKS, USE HAND SANITIZER AND EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE HAPPY TO SEE THERE FRIENDS NO HUGS!!!
WE WILL CONTINUE DOING THE MONDAY DRIVE THROUGHS AND HOMEBOUND DELIVERY ON MONDAYS ALSO - UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
WE KNOW YOU GET TIRED OF THE FROZEN MEALS – WE ALSO OFFER SHELF STABLE MEALS: IT’S A FIVE DAY MEAL BOX THAT CONSIST OF CHILI, BEEF VEG SOUP, TOMATO, VIENNA SAUSAGES OR LASAGNA, BEANS N’ WEEENEY, CHILI, CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS, RAVIOLI OR CORN BEEF HASH, LASAGNA, POTATO & HAM, RAVIOLI, CHICKEN & RICE - IT ALSO HAS JUICE BOXES AND SNACKS AND DRY MILK.
WE HOPE EVERYONE IS KEEPING SAFE. WEAR YOUR MASK IF YOU HAVE TO GET OUT, WASH YOUR HANDS, AND USE YOUR HAND SANITIZER.
ANY CONCERNS OR COMMENTS YOU CAN CALL US AT 405-275-4030 EXT 6227 OR EMAIL ME AT dowings@astribe.com

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
2023 South Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74804
405-275-4030

Title VI
Early Nutrition Program

Dear Absentee Shawnee Tribe Members,

For many years the Title VI Program has provided food to Title VI on-reservation students. We are updating the guidelines. The Title VI grant provides food as supportive services and in order to provide supportive services you must be a participant in the Title VI Program.

Guidelines:

1. Absentee Shawnee Member
2. Must be 5 years of age or older
3. Must be an Absentee Shawnee Member, have a current state list form on file with the Tribal Office
4. Must provide proof of residency to the case manager
5. Has special needs
6. NO RENTAL PROPERTY WILL BE MOWED

As a Title VI Member, as long as you are within the guidelines you can get your application and turn in your applications to the Title VI Department. As stated on the application: Maintenance will only mow and weed cutapplicants lawn. Maintenance will mow every two (2) weeks weather permitting. Also, the maintenance workers will not trim trees, shrubs, and will NOT mow any items that are in the way of cutting your lawn.

This year we are trying to get an early start in our grass mowing list.

Any questions you can reach me at 405-275-4030 ext. 6227 or email me at dowings@astribe.com

Thomasing Dowings
Title VI Case Manager

The following are the requirements for this program:

1. Must be an Absentee Shawnee Member
2. Must be 5 years of age or older
3. Must be an Absentee Shawnee Member, have a current status form on file with the Tribal Office
4. Must provide proof of residency on the application
5. Has special needs
6. NO RENTAL PROPERTY WILL BE MOWED

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe Maintenance Department will ONLY mow and weed cut applicants lawn. Maintenance will mow every two (2) weeks, weather permitting. Also, the maintenance workers will not trim trees or shrubs.

If you have any questions, please contact Dowings at (405) 275-4030 ext. 6227.
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Child Care Development Fund Programs
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK, 74801
(405)432.8411 FAX: (405)878-0156

AST Newsletter- Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Programs
August 2020

We hope you and your family are doing well. Due to this unprecedented national health emergency we have been doing what we can to keep the CCDF grant in compliance and learning about what we can do to assist families in this pandemic. We are still accepting applications for AST Child Care Assistance if you need child care assistance and would like to apply. The application is on the AST website under Services/Child Care. We offer assistance to any Native child with a CDIB who live in our service area of Cleveland, McClain, Oklahoma and Pottawatomie Counties. The parents or guardians must meet certain income guidelines but we would encourage anyone to apply. We can also offer services for families who are unemployed with a three (3) month job search eligibility period. The families can choose any OKDHS Licensed Child Care Provider that is convenient for them.

We also offer a Relative Home Provider care type for a relative who lives in a separate residence can care for an eligible child. RHPs will be approved and tribally licensed based on their application, passing a background check and home inspections. RHPs will have to meet certain guidelines and follow tribal standards for care including child to provider ratios. RHPs will also be subject to monitoring visits and best practices through AST Licensing and Monitoring guidelines. We will have the application and guidelines on the AST Website under the Services/Childcare page. Applicants who wish to utilize the RHP will need to be eligible for AST Child Care prior to RHP approval. Please contact me or LaNora Buswell, CCDF Specialist, if you have any questions.

The opening of the After School Program has not been determined as of this date. We hope to have the program back open with different options in place to go along with what the schools are doing. We will post more information as we know the details.

If you are interested in any of these programs or have any questions please feel free to contact me or LaNora Buswell at the number above or by email, astchildcare@astribe.com.

Ni yi wa! (Thank you)

Building Blocks has been back open since June 15 for our enrolled children of our AST Employees. We currently have 17 children on our enrollment and 18 employees. Since we have been back we have painted all of our rooms. The teachers enjoyed painting their classrooms with the colors they picked and then redecorating them. It looks really nice in the building with the new paint. Also, while we were out our new Air Conditioning units were finished being installed. Just in time for the temperatures outside to heat up, we have cool air inside.

We are so excited to be open and being able to serve our AST employee’s children. We are waiting for COVID-19 to get better with fewer cases out there so that we can welcome back our other enrolled children. Right now that date is still unknown! If you are interested in putting your child on our waiting list, please call us and we will email you a waiting list application. We offer assistance to any Native child with a CDIB who live in our service area of Cleveland, McClain, Oklahoma and Pottawatomie Counties. The parents or guardians must meet certain income guidelines but we would encourage anyone to apply.

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Our goals through the CCDF grant, Building Blocks enterprise and the After School Programs is to provide quality child care to Native and non-native children in our communities. We do this by our innovative ideas on curriculum and staying abreast of all training and requirements to maintain higher levels of care. We strive to be the best and be better than the best every day.

If you are interested in any of these programs or have any questions please feel free to contact me or LaNora Buswell at the number above or by email, astchildcare@astribe.com.

Be Safe, Building Blocks II Employees!

Building Blocks Child Development Center
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801
(405)878-0633 FAX: (405)878-0156

Here is our two year old room in Building Blocks II with the new paint and decorations.

We also painted the Big Room and rearranged it.
Sherman L. Tiger
July 2, 1965 ~ July 21, 2020

Sherman L. Tiger, 55, lifelong resident of Little Axe, Oklahoma passed from this life Tuesday, July 21, 2020 in Norman. He was born July 2, 1965 to Henry and Dorothy (Kaseca) Tiger in Lawton, Oklahoma. Sherman was raised in the Little Axe area and graduated with the class of 1983 from Noble High School. He earned his associate degree from Haskell Indian Nations University. He worked as a press printer for many years and was currently employed with the Absentee Shawnee Tribe as the media coordinator. Sherman was a proud member of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. He loved going to stomp dances, flea markets, auctions; and especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Dorothy Tiger; 2 sisters, Nora Tiger and Ruby DeLodge; and 1 brother, Henry Tiger, Jr. Survivors include his 3 daughters, Susan Tiger of Norman, OK, Alisha Tiger of Wanette, OK and Stormy and Luis Dominguez of Midwest City, OK; 3 sons, Terrance Tiger, Joseph Tiger and James Tiger, all of Norman, OK; 12 grandchildren; 1 sister, Frances Blanchard; 2 brothers, Raymond Tiger and Eugene Strickland; and numerous extended family and friends.

The Tiger family would like to say Ne yi wa for all the contributions for our Dad, Sherman. He always helped our AST people. We would also like to say a special Ne yi wa to the following;

Glenn Mann and Family
Absentee Shawnee Tribe
AST Maintenance
Kevin Williams
Entire Little Axe Community
White Turkey Band
Thunderbird Casino
AST Representative Alicia Miller
AST Lt. Gov. Ken Blanchard & Assistant Diane Ponkilla
AST Secretary Ezra DeLodge

In uncertain times unexpected changes may occur for the safety and wellness of our patients. Here are ways to find out about our closures and updates:

- Check our website asthealth.org
- Following us on Facebook "Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System" & "Absentee Shawnee Tribe"
- Call registration to ensure your phone number is up to date in our system & request you are enabled for text alerts
- Calling ahead to the facility: Little Axe- 405.447.0300, Shawnee-405.878.5850, & PlusCare-405.447.0477
- Current patients can sign up for the Healow app to check their appointment statuses and receive notifications (use practice code: JEDEBD, if you need assistance call patient registration) o SEE HEALOW INFORMATION ADDED

Looking for Foster Parents

"SHARE YOUR HEART, SHARE YOUR HOME"
AST ICW is looking for those who have a loving heart to become foster parents. If you are interested in becoming a foster parent please contact
AST ICW at 405-395-4490

ABSOLUTE SHAWNEE TRIBAL MEMBERS
APPLYING FOR TRIBAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE (T.E.A.)
(ONE TIME TANGIBLE PAYMENT TO US$100 PER RESIDENT)

- ENROLLED ABSOLUTE SHAWNEE TRIBE
- 60 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER
- RETIREE BILL IN YOUR NAME AND ONER'S NAME (NAME MUST BE SHOW ON BILL)
- TOTAL INCOME MUST NOT EXCEED 100% OF FEDERAL INCONE GUIDELINES

- SOCIAL SECURITY AND SUIDENIM FINGINS IN THE RESIDENCE
- EARNED INCOME BEYOND THE RESIDENCE
- COMPLETE ALL REQUIREMENTS BEFORE SUBMITTING TO SOCIAL SERVICES

APPLICATION ALSO ONLINE: www.astribe.com

Have application completed and all required documents before submitting to Social Services

With healow you can:

- View lab results online.
- View immunization records online.
- Send and receive messages securely.
- Access your family’s health information with a single app.
- Book appointments online.
- Get statements and receipts online.
- Make payments online.

Setting up healow

Step 1
Download the healow app from Apple Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android phone).

Step 2
Search your practice by entering practice code – WELAH.

Step 3
Enter your portal username and password to log in.

Step 4
Set up PIN security to access your health record.
A VERSATILE COPY OF THIS CARD MUST BE ATTACHED FOR EACH MEMBER
FOR MINORS: A COPY OF LEGAL CUSTODY/GUARDIANSHIP PAPERS (IF APPLICABLE)

*** ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS MUST HAVE A COMPLETED APPLICATION***
INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

GENERAL WELFARE RELIEF FUND APPLICATION

The Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma has declared that a General Welfare Emergency does exist due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. All Adult tribal members who are eighteen (18), on or before June 1, 2020, will be eligible for $3000.00 to the list above.

I hereby certify that I have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to the list above.

Name: 

Signature: 

Parent/Guardian Signature: 

ALL DISBURSEMENTS WILL BE HANDLED ACCORDINGLY AND IN A TIMELY MANNER.

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE

Statement of CARES Act Funds

The EPA defines a “disadvantaged site” as a site and the surrounding area that experiences environmental or economic distress, or where the attainment of environmental or economic benefits is hindered by the presence of existing environmental or potential presence of hazardous waste, environmental justice, communities, or where substantial dislocation, displacement, or other adverse impacts are experienced.

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ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE - SHAWNEE DEPARTMENT EXTENSIONS (405) 275-8055

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**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE**

Date Received: 

Financed Verified: 

Amount Paid: 

Date Paid: 

Enrollment Verified: 

Family Name: 

# of Children: 

Verified Child Enrollment: 

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