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## PROGRESS IN ACTION



### MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING PARKING LOT IN SHAWNEE

"Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning"

In late May of 2019 we moved the Self-governance department under the Office of the Treasurer. One of the primary reasons was the lack of action and follow-through. Each department and program should be providing services to our members and the communities we serve. In the absence of action and progress, intended benefits for our tribe and our members are stripped away.

The parking lot for the multi-purpose building is just one example. It has been in a perpetual planning phase for 3 years. It has been a need that has been requested from our AST Health System, our elders, many members and requested at General Council on multiple occasions. My office, through the collaborative efforts of many departments, have shown continual growth and progress towards completing the task. I am happy to report that the parking lot is ahead of schedule and I anticipate a completion date in late August. The parking lot

will have handicap accessibility and parking, veteran's parking, multiple entrances/exits and have ample LED lighting. Progress reveals that you have been sticking to the actions that produce results that will ultimately get you closer to your desired outcome. The Office of the Treasurer, inclusive of the departments and programs under my oversight, will continually strives towards incremental progress and forward action in order to benefit the tribe, our members and our enterprises.

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## Thunderbird Casino Anniversary Celebration



**July 5th and 6th - 15700 OK-9 Norman, OK Thunderbird Casino Anniversary Celebration.** Pictured Left to right: 1. Phillip Coon, Seminole Color Guard 2. Taren Williams 3. James Wilbanks 4. Jason Bender, Commander 5. Mark Rogers 6. Twila Parker 7. Josh Whatley, Offutt, Nebraska 8. Alex Fish, Seminole Color Guard 9. Walter Larney, Vice Commander 10. David Johnson 11. HMD: Ryan Longhorn 12. HLD: Sadie Littlecreek

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**Grand Entry at the Thunderbird Casino Festival.** 1. Mark Rogers 2. Phillip Coon, Seminole Color Guard 3. Twila Parker 4. Jason Bender Commander 5. Josh Whatley, Offutt- Nebraska 6. Alex Fish, Seminole Color Guard 7. David Johnson

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OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC APOLOGY TO AST HEALTH SYSTEM**

At the April 2019 General Council meeting, Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe included in the General Council report unfounded and false accusations against the AST Health System and the Office of the Treasurer. Governor Butler-Wolfe also released false accusations against our AST Health System Executive Director, Mark Rogers. The AST Health System, included with the April General Council minutes, a response to the false accusations. The AST Health System response addressed each false accusation and provided untarnished information stating facts. Moreover, in the June 2019 Absentee Shawnee newsletter, Treasurer Ellis released an independent report from our auditor, Baker Tilly, that clearly disputed one of these false accusations. The political tactics used to smear the professionalism and the integrity of Mr. Rogers is bullying and reflects poorly on the Office of the Governor. To date, the anonymous accusations brought forth from Governor Butler-Wolfe have not been substantiated, independently verified, or claimed by any person. It can only be presumed that these accusations were intentionally fabricated. The AST Health System and Mr. Rogers have filed a formal complaint citing years' long documented incidents of a sustained hostile work environment against Governor Butler-Wolfe. The majority of the Executive Committee agrees with the complaint signed by all five (5) AST Health System board members and the Executive Director. Therefore, the tribe issues a formal apology to the AST Health System and publicly reprimands the Office of the Governor under Edwina Butler-Wolfe.

The Office of the Governor and all elected officials should provide an example of leadership, foster collaboration among its operations and activities, and further the tribe's goals. Bullying, intimidation, and harassment through slander reveals weak leadership. All of our operations and activities represent multi-million dollar ventures. Falsely and maliciously attacking the very operations and activities that we should be building and strengthening undercuts every member of the tribe and taints our tribe's reputation. The majority of the Executive Committee and the AST members have higher expectations for the Office of the Governor. Consequently a leader that seeks to create turmoil and dissent within the tribe negatively impacts all of us. It's the expectation and hope of the majority of the Executive Committee that the leadership of the tribe has higher standards among its members and makes decisions that benefit the tribe as a whole.

  
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**Treasurer, Absentee Shawnee Tribe**

  
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**Representative, Absentee Shawnee Tribe**

  
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**Secretary, Absentee Shawnee Tribe**



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Edwina Butler-Wolfe  
Governor



Kenneth Blanchard  
Lt. Governor



John Johnson  
Secretary



Phillip Ellis  
Treasurer



Atheda Fletcher  
Representative

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Governor’s Report

Lt. Governor’s Report

Treasurer’s Report

By AST Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe  
405 275-4030, Ext: 6308  
405 481-0397 Cell Number (tribal)

Hello Tribal People!

The hot Summer weather is well underway now and hopes everyone is watching the hot temperature and drinking plenty of water. The months are going by fast and before everyone realizes, it will be time for school to start back into session. There have been a few calls of why we closed the Horse Shoe Bend After School Program, one of the reasons is that there was a few that was attending the center and that’s due to more activities that was offered after school at North Rock Creek School. As the high school is open we will be taking another look at the after school program. There may be a need to re-open the center. Briana Ponkilla, CCDF Coordinator at Building Blocks and I will be monitoring it closely as school starts up.

GAMING COMPACT WITH THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Like to report on the Gaming Compact as most of you are aware that the compact is due to expire on January 1, 2020. I have been reporting of this issue for over a year during my third administration and now the time is here and we the Tribes are facing this issue today. All 39 Tribes in Oklahoma did receive a letter from Governor Kevin Stitt on July 5, 2019. In the letter Governor Stitt is asking of renegotiating the Compact and was advised that the Compact will not automatically renew. Untrue, the language of the Compact implies, if no new compact negotiations are agreed upon between the Tribes and the State, the current Compact shall automatically renew for successive additional fifteen year terms.

The Governor had indicated in his letter that our Compact terminates on January 1, 2020, but he has failed to mention the evergreen provision of the Compact in Part 15 B. In which the Governor needs to understand that we view that evergreen provision as operative and extends the Compact for an additional fifteen year term.

Governor Stitt’s renegotiating approach is to increase the exclusivity fees that tribes pay to the State of Oklahoma on monthly bases. By increasing the fees it will hurt the size of our Tribe it will take away services that we provide for you our tribal people. It will not only decrease or dissolve the services but it will show to the Tribes that the State is unwillingly to take interest in our Tribal Government as Sovereign Nations.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe signed the compact with the State of Oklahoma on January 27, 2005. In the last 15 years we have paid \$6.6 million dollars in exclusivity fees to the State. Combining both the Norman and Shawnee Casino we employ 155 employees presently in which 27% are Absentee Shawnee Tribal people, 18% of other tribal affiliation and non-tribal 55%.

The Absentee Shawnee Executive Committee will continue to be active in this important issue as it will play a big part in our Tribes future. A few Oklahoma Tribes

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By AST Ken Blanchard  
Lt. Governor

I hope all Tribal Members are in good health and spirits:

Everyone should be taking their hot weather precautions and checking on our elderly family members, children and pets. Making sure they have adequate cooling and plenty of water.


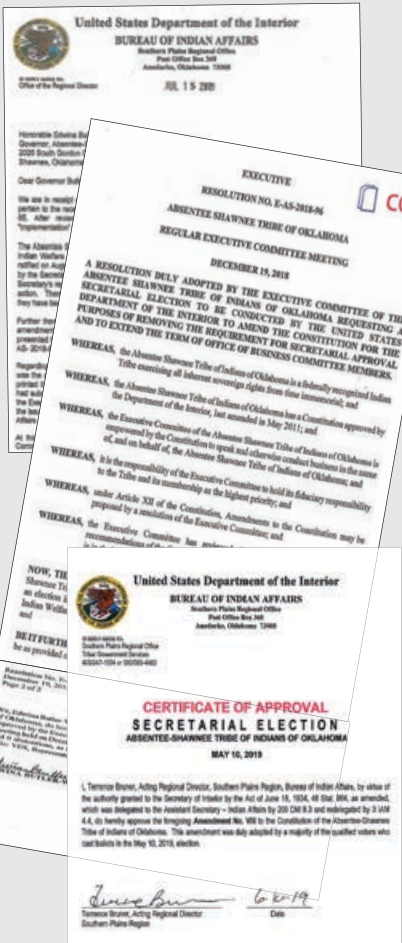
These past few months have been a challenge to comprehend with the Secretarial Election on May 10, 2019, Annual Election on June 15, 2019 and Special Meetings. I have been doing plenty of reading, researching and contacting the Bureau of Indian Affairs for clarification. I have attached the results of the Secretarial Election, Bureau of Indian Affairs response, AST Election on June 15, 2019 results and Resolutions passed on a Special Meeting called by the Secretary, Treasurer and Representative. All documents attached are available to Tribal Members to request and view.

Resolution No. E-AS-2019-44 passed April 27, 2019 Shifted oversight of the BIA/Self-Governance Department for the Lt. Governor to the Treasurer. My duties and oversight are Tribal Housing Repairs, Grass Mowing and IDC Maintenance Department. The Lt. Governor’s GF budget is a very limited budget along with limited staff for working directly with Tribal Members. As time moves on I hope for understanding, cooperation and working for the same goal we as the Executive Committee were voted to do.

Any questions or concerns contact me on (405) 617-4104 or my Executive Admin. Asst. Diane at (405) 617-4105.

Ken  
Lt. Governor  
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

FULL Size Documents on page 4-5



By Phillip Ellis, AST Treasurer

**BIA UPDATE**  
In May 2019 I requested an independent audit to complete a performance review of our BIA Roads program for FY 2017 and FY 2018. In their report, they found the following:

- Only 3 of the 26 approved routes were worked on during 2017.
- Only 1 of the 17 approved projects were worked on during 2018.
- The program was allowed to procure goods and services that circumvented our procurement processes.
- Minimal supervision and accountability was provided over the program.
- BIA funded assets and tribal equipment was improperly check out and improperly used.
- BIA vehicles and equipment were found improperly stored at personal residences.

A full report of the findings has been presented to the Executive Committee. My analysis of the report is that accountability for the program was severely lacking, progress was minimal, and assets were inappropriately utilized. If we are to expect better outcomes, then improvement in accountability & transparency in transportation decision-making must happen. Accountability and transparency happens when decisions are not unilateral, but done in a collaborative and team mindset. It is the intent of the Office of the Treasurer to ensure that the services and actions in our transportation programs provides benefits to our tribe and our members.

- Action Items Include:**
- Michael Deer was hired on as the BIA Roads Manager. He will have responsibility for the roads and transportation budget. He will report to the Director of Self Governance. Currently he meets with my office on a weekly basis to provide updates on projects and trainings.
  - Monthly reviews of the Transportation Improvement Plan priorities listing.
  - Controls have been placed to ensure that the procurement office is included on all purchases.
  - Controls have been placed on BIA roads equipment to ensure they are not housed at personal residence.
  - We are currently looking for an experienced Director for Self-Governance.

Absentee Shawnee Tribe							
BALANCE SHEET - AST Gov't Funds Balance Sheet							
As of 6/30/2019							
	ASTHA	BIA Fund	General Fund	IHS Fund	Non-Major	TAX COMM	Total
ASSETS							
Cash and Cash Equivalents	26,613,086.73	10,044,571.00	13,178,901.08	535,634.03	924,971.29	5,248,758.75	56,545,922.88
Investments	0.00	0.00	3,069,362.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,069,362.16
Due From Other Funds	(191,748.48)	(27,440.51)	239,103.48	125.46	(16,483.40)	(3,556.55)	0.00
Other Receivables	206,020.73	247.50	436,084.41	0.00	1,986.50	2,427,424.15	3,071,763.29
Due From Tribal Enterprises and Component Units	0.00	0.00	1,257,949.50	0.00	0.00	(66,705.00)	1,191,244.50
Grants Receivable	(9,971.04)	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,387.76	0.00	14,416.72
Inventory	141,238.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	141,238.62
Prepaid Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prepaid Payroll Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prepaid A/P Expenses	5,348.53	7,281.98	64,389.63	0.00	(206.14)	0.00	76,814.00
Total Prepaid Expenses	5,348.53	7,281.98	64,389.63	0.00	(206.14)	0.00	76,814.00
Capital Assets	4,533,470.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,533,470.41
Total ASSETS	31,297,445.50	10,024,659.97	18,245,790.26	535,759.49	934,656.01	7,605,921.35	68,644,232.58
LIABILITIES							
Accounts Payable	65,759.39	2,530.27	48,992.02	0.00	22,112.61	0.00	139,394.29
Accrued Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
401 (k) Retirement Payable-After Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	136,135.15	27,618.41	(93,488.08)	5,532.10	65,705.54	4,735.09	146,238.21
Total Accrued Expenses	136,135.15	27,618.41	(93,488.08)	5,532.10	65,705.54	4,735.09	146,238.21
Due to Other Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deferred Revenue	0.00	7,587,590.43	0.00	0.00	143,270.06	0.00	7,730,860.49
Notes Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total LIABILITIES	201,894.54	7,617,739.11	(44,496.06)	5,532.10	231,088.21	4,735.09	8,016,492.99
FUND BALANCES - Net Position							
Fund Balance - Net Position	18,285,880.30	219,134.74	17,243,615.36	555,108.30	995,384.86	6,440,963.37	43,740,086.93
Current Year Activity							
YTD INCOME	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	12,809,670.66	2,189,786.12	954,460.96	(24,880.91)	1,159,778.35	16,796,998.12	16,796,998.12
Total Current Year Activity	12,809,670.66	2,189,786.12	954,460.96	(24,880.91)	1,159,778.35	16,796,998.12	16,796,998.12
Total FUND BALANCES - Net Position	31,095,550.96	2,408,920.86	18,198,076.32	530,227.39	703,567.80	7,600,741.72	60,537,085.05
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES - Net Position							
	31,297,445.50	10,026,659.97	18,153,580.26	535,759.49	934,656.01	7,605,476.81	68,553,578.04

Report continued page 4



# Secretary's Report

By John Johnson, AST Secretary

Hello Tribal Members,

Let me start by saying I have received many phone calls from concerned tribal members regarding our most recent election. I am just as concerned and am at a loss as to why this has drug on for so long. I have asked the Election Commission to be transparent as possible and let the tribal members know what is going on. But I have yet to see any definitive communication from the Election Commission. A majority of the tribal members are very concerned with the lack of action from the Election Commission, and frankly, so am I. I have honestly and fairly won both the primary election and the run-off election, by a large margin. I have asked the Election Commission, why they haven't certified the election? The Election Ordinances do NOT allow the Election Commission to stop an election or allow them to NOT certify the election. It is the responsibility of the Election Commission to hold an election and certify our tribal election with a swearing in ceremony. But this has not happened! I am disappointed and extremely frustrated as to the cowardly, political tactics used to disrupt our tribal election process.

Clearly Edwina Butler-Wolfe and our old tribal AG, William Norman with Hobbs Straus, did not have the best interest of the tribe when introducing the Secretarial Elections. In fact they both stated in an Executive Committee meeting and at the April General Council that the secretarial election would NOT interfere with the tribal elections. Obviously they were lying and have been lying to all of us. The resolution voted on by the Executive Committee did not include wording that the new Executive Committee terms would be effective immediately. Additionally, our Constitution Revision Committee never submitted item "B" for the secretarial election. All 3200 eligible tribal members did not receive a packet? After correcting the Eligible tribal members list twice, the eligible voters list was then given directly to William Norman who personally drove down to the BIA in Anadarko and persuaded the BIA to quickly hold the Secretarial Election. William Norman, as the AG for the Tribe, failed to tell them that the Tribe was in the middle of elections and that we were going into Election runoffs. To quote an email from William Norman was received on December 19, 2018 at 5:30p.m., "THE BIA WILL GENERALLY AVOID SCHEDULING A SECRETARIAL ELECTION AT THE SAME TIME AS TRIBAL ELECTIONS. THE BIA'S ELECTION OFFICIALS WILL ASSEMBLE AND MAIL A SECRETARIAL ELECTION NOTICE 30-60 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION TO ALL PERSONS ON THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST. "As the AG for the tribe, what was the main reason for pushing the Secretarial election so quickly, was it for personal gain or one body of the Executive Committee? Both Edwina Butler-Wolfe and our old AG deceived the Executive Committee and all our tribal people. I regret not seeing through their deception and not addressing this issue sooner. I am and will always continue to work in the best interest of the tribe.

In response to the Governor's report: July 2019

The same issues of negativity keep coming up from Edwina. Every past and present report made by Edwina Butler-Wolfe is always about what she doesn't like; what EC member did what; what key positions non-native employees hold, etc. She brings up old cases that have been thoroughly investigated. So, tell me how and why any of those things are relevant to moving the tribe forward. Her bullying tactics are unnecessary and should not be created by the Governor of the Tribe. In her report, I have never seen anything she has done for the tribe. She has been in office for 6 years and I have not seen any real growth or any positive direction that she has lead us in. Our bank under her oversight has crumbled. She has no economic development she can point to. She hasn't displayed any leadership skills that have benefited our tribe. Ask her and you will find she has

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EXECUTIVE



RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2018-96

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

DECEMBER 19, 2018

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA REQUESTING A SECRETARIAL ELECTION TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION FOR THE PURPOSES OF REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT FOR SECRETARIAL APPROVAL AND TO EXTEND THE TERM OF OFFICE OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

- WHEREAS,** the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial; and
- WHEREAS,** the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of the Interior, last amended in May 2011; and
- WHEREAS,** the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma; and
- WHEREAS,** it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to hold its fiduciary responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and
- WHEREAS,** under Article XII of the Constitution, Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by a resolution of the Executive Committee; and
- WHEREAS,** the Executive Committee has reviewed the Constitution, along with the recommendations of the Constitution Review Committee, and has concluded that it is in the best interest of the Tribe to request a secretarial election to approve certain constitutional amendments.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma formally requests that the Secretary of the Interior conduct an election in accordance with regulations promulgated pursuant to Section 3 of the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of June 26, 1936 (49 stat. 1967) for the purpose of amending the Constitution; and


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the text of the proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be as provided on Attachment A and Attachment B hereto.

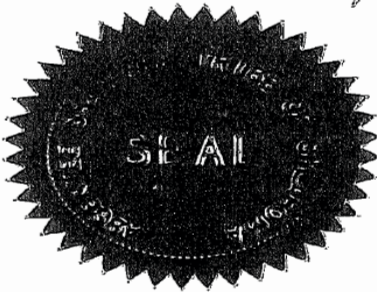
Resolution No. E-AS-2018-96  
December 19, 2018  
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## CERTIFICATION

We, Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Governor and John R. Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify this Resolution No-E-AS-2018-96 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on December 19, 2018, there being a quorum present, by vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Blanchard: YES, Secretary Johnson: YES, Treasurer Ellis: YES, Representative Fletcher: YES, Governor Butler-Wolfe's vote, if required, NA.

  
EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE, Governor

  
JOHN R. JOHNSON, Secretary



## United States Department of the Interior BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Southern Plains Regional Office  
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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
Office of the Regional Director

JUL 15 2019

Honorable Edwina Butler-Wolfe  
Governor, Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma  
2025 South Gordon Cooper Drive  
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801

Dear Governor Butler-Wolfe:

We are in receipt of two Executive Committee resolutions submitted by Yvonne Ponkilla of your staff that pertain to the recent Secretarial election. These resolutions are Resolution E-AS-2019-64 and E-AS-2019-65. After reviewing these documents, it appears there is a misunderstanding regarding the "implementation" of ratified constitutional amendments.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma constitution was established under Section 3 of the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of June 26, 1936 (25 USC 5203). Article XII – Amendments of the Constitution was ratified on August 9, 1988. This article clearly states that amendments to the constitution are first approved by the Secretary of Interior and then becomes effective if ratified at an election conducted pursuant to the Secretary's regulations. Once any amendment is ratified, then it is effective immediately without any further action. There is no constitutional provision for Executive Committee implementation of amendments once they have been duly ratified.

Further there is no constitutional provision that permits the Executive Committee to reject a duly ratified amendment. Therefore, proposed Amendment B, now designated Amendment VIII, is in effect as it was presented to the Tribe's voters. The purported action by the Executives Committee set out in Resolution E-AS- 2019-65 effectively denies the tribal members right to participate in their government.

Regarding the language of Amendment VIII, the language that was presented to the voters on the ballot was the original language submitted by the Tribe to request the Secretarial election. Once the ballot was printed it was reviewed again to assure that it was worded exactly the same as the Executive Committee had submitted. There was ample time from the calling of the election to the mail out of the registrations for the Executive Committee to withdraw proposed Amendment B. At no point did the Tribe or its officials raise the issue that the language of Amendment B, as shown on the ballot, was "incorrect". The Bureau of Indian Affairs under its regulations had to prepare the ballots exactly as set forth by the Tribe.

At this time, Amendments VII and VIII are both operational and in effect regardless of the Executive Committee's action.

With the Bureau of Indian Affairs being removed from the Tribe's procedure, Amendment VIII may now be changed by another amendment presented at a tribal referendum worded as the Executive Committee wants. Until that time, though, Amendment VIII is constitutionally in effect.

Copies of this letter are being provided all members of the Executive Committee for their information.

Sincerely,

  
Regional Director





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**CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL**  
**SECRETARIAL ELECTION**  
**ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA**  
**MAY 10, 2019**

I, Terrence Bruner, Acting Regional Director, Southern Plains Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs, by virtue of the authority granted to the Secretary of Interior by the Act of June 18, 1934, 48 Stat. 984, as amended, which was delegated to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.3 and redelegated by 3 IAM 4.4, do hereby approve the foregoing **Amendment No. VII** to the Constitution of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma. This amendment was duly adopted by a majority of the qualified voters who cast ballots in the May 10, 2019, election.

  
Terrence Bruner, Acting Regional Director  
Southern Plains Region

  
Date

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no plans for the future of our tribe. The only thing she has is negativity, bad business practices and unprofessional leadership.

She also talks about doing away with the 3 signatures to move business forward. To clarify, our Constitution states 3 signatures are required to do business. Edwina Butler-Wolfe is aware of what the EC is trying to do or what the plans are. If she doesn't like the plan or it isn't her idea, she just refuses to hear them. That is not a leader, those are actions of a spoiled child. Every meeting that has been held are all informal meetings to go over issues, corresponding documents or business deals. That is the purpose of a committee to discuss issues, ideas and business proposals and get everyone on the same page.

At one time, these meetings were being held, every Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. but I'm not sure why she decided she didn't want to hold these meetings as her duty as the Governor. She stated "it being the duty of the Governor to have general supervision of the affairs of the Executive Committee and to perform all duties pertaining to the office of the Governor" then do these duties, attend the meetings, then you would know and have an input. Everything that is passed by resolution, contract or business proposal has went across her desk some way or another. Tell me how the Governor of "our" Tribe can easily cancel these informal meetings then complain to tribal members that she doesn't have any idea what is going on. She does know she just doesn't want to acknowledge it. She has one mind set and that is self-gain. Every month her report states she attends all these meetings but what information is brought back to the tribe pertaining to the meetings. I ask you again, what information do you get from reading her articles? These articles are unnecessary, and they do not pertain to tribal business. Is that what tribal members really want to hear? Do you really want to know the gossip and rumors that are going on? How about you ask why the Horseshoe bend afterschool program closed; why there are so many complaints on Building Blocks; or why All Nations Bank is not progressing. Why don't you ask her these questions? It is your right to know. Your questions and concerns need to be answered.

Our people have spoken and have clearly elected me as our tribe's new Governor. Edwina Butler-Wolfe should leave on positive terms, not be asked to leave. A true leader would and should step down with grace, rather than fight to keep her position through deceit.

You're newly elected Governor,  
John Johnson

Election Commission

"The Election Commission denied the Governor's Protest. The matter is currently under review by the Tribal Court. The Election Commission will not take any further action until the Court rules.

**Yvonne D. Ponkilla**

**From:** Bruner, Terrence <terrence.bruner@bia.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 03, 2019 9:13 AM  
**To:** Yvonne D. Ponkilla  
**Cc:** Sherycel; James Schock  
**Subject:** Proposed Resolution

Ms. Ponkilla,

Sherry Lovin, Regional Tribal govt Services Officer, gave me a copy of a Notice of Special Meeting dated July 1, 2019 which indicates that the Executive Committee may adopt a resolution that "implements" Amendment A of the recently ratified constitutional amendments and rejects Amendment B. The information I'm sharing with you is advisory only and based on the regulations and the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act.

The applicable law and regulations do not permit the Tribe to reject a validly approved and ratified amendment. If the Executive Committee were to adopt the proposed resolution, the BIA would not be able to recognize it. Legally Amendments A and B are both were in effect on the date of the Secretarial election. Neither one requires tribal implementation.

If there should be any question over the interpretation or application of these amendments. it should be resolved by the appropriate tribal forum or court. It must be noted that any tribal forum cannot void or declare unconstitutional a duly ratified constitutional amendment.\

I hope that this information is useeful.

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# Representative’s Report

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Greetings Tribal Members:

Since my last article, I have been engaged in many different activities—some that require strategic planning; some that will promote the Absentee Shawnee tribe; some that celebrate our culture and traditions; and some that bridge gaps in our day-to-day operations. All of these activities cover a broad range of topics and are projects or activities that are required to build our tribe and its operations.

Cultural Preservation. The Cultural Preservation Department staff have been working extremely hard and delivering big to our tribal members! The “can” making class, “ribbon

skirt” making class and “moccasin” making class have all been a big success. Thanks to all participants who supported and participated in these classes. The CP staff truly enjoys sharing their time and work with all tribal members and will continue to bring classes that can be enjoyed by all tribal members.

The Stomp Dance Demonstration with Camp Nikoti and CCDF Summer Youth Programs was a huge success. CP’s goal is to ensure that we pass down to our children songs and dances so that each generation can learn about our culture and traditions. The CP staff sewed late into the night before the event making ribbon skirts for the youth to wear as they participated in the stomp dance. Thanks to all the leaders who participated and helped to make this a successful event. Also, everyone was treated to lunch--Indian Tacos!! A job well done by all!

of trees from the target construction area started on June 24. Once the trees have been removed, geotechnical soil testing and surveying will be performed. These environmental testing reports are required by the structural engineer in order to complete the work for the entry gate, cabins and shower house foundations. Once these are completed, the final cabin and gate layouts can be proposed and further design work for OEC power lines, septic piping, lagoon design and installation can be initiated. Gaming Commission. I am undertaking a full review of the Gaming Commission Department. My goal is to improve the performance and deliverables. I am in the process of amending the Gaming Ordinance. The primary change is to improve the Ordinance whereby all five (5) Executive Committee members are the ultimate decision makers—not just one EC member. With these changes, there will be a fair and consistent process

for making important decisions. Since the Gaming Commission’s offices are located in Little Axe (off campus), it has not had a connection or the ability to access the IT services provided by the tribe. I have started the process to bring the Gaming Commission online at the tribal complex so that the Gaming Commission can receive all electronic services and communications expediently. This will greatly improve the overall work functions and efficiencies conducted by the Gaming Commission.

Other. It was a great honor to be invited to attend RADM Meeks’ retirement in Oklahoma City. RADM Meeks was responsible for the provision of comprehensive healthcare services to one of the largest and most diverse IHS service populations. He was a great champion and supporter of our Absentee Shawnee Health System. We wish him well as he embarks on a much deserved retirement.

**Quote:** *The task of the leader is to get their people from where they are to where they have not been.*



Youth attendees, Employees and Leaders

The Shawnee News Star visited Cultural Preservation and interviewed Andrea, Devon and myself about the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. The primary focus of the interview was the preservation of the Shawnee Language and what is being done to preserve our Shawnee Language. We discussed the grants that CP is pursuing that will help in the building of a solid language program; CP’s youth outreach; and CP’s efforts to engage local schools. Devon Frasier talked about the Language Bingo. The SNS reported was very interested in this approach for sharing the Shawnee language with the youth. The SNS will be interviewing several other local tribes and once she has completed all interviews, an article will be printed in the SNS. Be on the lookout for this article—but it may be a few months before it goes to press!

Andrea, Devon and I traveled to Tulsa to attend the Gilcrease Museum’s NAGPRA Consultation. The agenda included the history of the museum, collections, NAGPRA implementation, goals, objectives, ethnographic, CUI inventories and examinations. We examined the museum’s Shawnee inventory and other Native American items of interest. It was a real privilege to view and touch many of these wonderfully preserved artifacts. The Gilcrease Museum has a wonderful facility equipped to preserve and protect all of the collected artifacts. Gilcrease Museum is owned by the City of Tulsa, which is partnered with the University of Tulsa to steward the museum. The museum will be undertaking a \$75 million expansion.

Human Resources. The HR Director, Elizabeth Snow, will be providing a detailed report in this issue on her department’s activities. In summation for CP and HR--In business, it is important to find people you can

count on. The HR staff and CP staff are those reliable employees. Thanks for all your hard work.

Economic Development. I am so very pleased to support ASEDA in its Hemp Pilot Project. ASEDA staff is striving to bring economic development to the forefront. This project has such a strong upside potential for our tribe. We need to diversify and this is just one step on a long road that will bring progress to our tribe. Secretary Johnson, Treasurer Ellis and I whole heartedly support and back ASEDA.

Assisted Living Action Committee. It appears there were several attempts to undertake a project for an Assisted Living Center many years ago. Researching past records indicates that no feasibility study was ever conducted. This is a vital element for funding purposes and needs assessment. The Assisted Living Action Committee conducted an RFP and undertook review of 11 companies to perform this work. In the June Executive Committee meeting, a resolution was passed to fund a feasibility study for an Assisted Living Center. I am pleased to announce that we have engaged a firm to conduct the feasibility study and work will begin in the next few days. It is anticipated that the study will take 6 to 9 weeks to complete.

Youth Camp. The RFP to select a construction company to complete Phase II has been completed. Etters Construction, Norman, OK, won the bid. Ken Jones, Director of OEH, and Etters Construction are currently meeting with the design team and various professionals who will be working to complete Phase II. The redesign of the bathhouse and cabins has been completed, and this redesign provided an improvement to increase the number of campers that can be housed from 120 to 132. The removal



Andrea Ellis-Harrison, Casey Wilson, Atheda Fletcher, John Raymond Johnson



Mark Rogers, John Raymond Johnson, RADM Meeks, Atheda Fletcher

**AST Health Fair.** I attended our annual AST Health Fair in Little Axe. The health fair is designed to educate the community about specific health issues with the goal of promoting better health and obtaining a healthier life style. The clinic continues to grow and provide these opportunities to promote good health to tribal members, employees and the community. Thank you to all of the clinic employees who worked so hard to provide this health fair for everyone!



Youth participating in the stomp dance.





AST Youth



AST Tribal Members at the UNITY Banquet Dinner- from left to right: Lita Gibson (18), Tegan Blackbear (13), Kaiya Almanza (13), and Jessica New Moon (24)

**AST Youth** attend the Annual National United Native Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Conference in Orlando, Florida July 3-8th. United Native Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) is a national organization that was created in 1976 to address the national crisis of Native American suicide for youth between the ages of 14 and 24. The Many Nations Youth Council is an UNITY affiliated independent youth council out of Norman, Oklahoma. The youth council is advised by AST tribal member, Sacha Almanza. Over

15 tribes across the Oklahoma and other states are represented within the council. Among the 12 active members, four AST youth were sponsored by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe to attend the conference. Lita Gibson (18), Jessica New Moon (21), Tegan Blackbear (13), Kaiya Almanza (13) were sponsored by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe to attend. The conference offered opportunities for social, spiritual, mental, and physical growth through workshops, leadership activities, cultural sharing, and spiritual healing in a supportive and encouraging environment. Through this opportunity youth are encouraged to take positive change and leadership skills back their communities to make a difference. Over 1500 Native Youth across the United States were in attendance.



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have already sent letters to the Governor on rejecting the renegotiations to the Compact. A letter is being composed on behalf of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe and we will share with you the Tribal People in the next newsletter. We will stand with other tribes on no renegotiations with Compact.

Governors July Meetings

- 2nd 10:00 am CTSA Meeting Construction
- 4th Tribal Office Closed
- 5th 10:00 am Special Executive Committee Meeting
- 8th 9:00 am CTSA Monthly Board Meeting
- 11th 2:00 pm CTSA Audit Preparations for annual audit at Finley & Cook
- 16th 11:00 am OIGA Meeting in OKC – Gaming Compact
- 17th 10:00 am Regular Executive Committee Meeting

EXPRESSIONS

For those families who may have lost a loved one this month, I offer my sincere condolences to you and your family on your loss.

CONCLUSION

As the Tribes in Oklahoma are in for a battle with this Gaming Compact it is vital that we the Executive Committee work together and not fight with one another. We need to fight together and make sure our Tribal People (and that is you) are taken care of and do our job as elected leaders. Treasurer Ellis and I have talked on moving forward and looking at a clean slate. I do believe he truly means it and I am willing to move forward as a whole of 5 elected leaders.


I appreciate Tribal Members that have come by my office or called with their concerns. My door is open unless I am in a meeting or attending a meeting elsewhere. My office is open and not behind locked doors.

Help make a difference and stand beside me and let us empower each and everybody to build for a better future.

Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe  
405 275-4030, Ext: 6308, Office Number  
405 481-0397 Tribal Cell Number

Health Fair





ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL

HEALTH SYSTEM

Prevention. Progress. Pride.

August 2019 – Scheduled Closings

Dates Closed:	Time(s) Closed:	Locations:
Wed., August 7 <sup>th</sup> (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed of Month)	Noon to 5 PM	All AST Health facilities CLOSED -Shawnee Clinic OPEN at 5 PM until 8 PM (last patient at 7:30 PM). -PlusCare OPEN at 5 PM until 8 PM (last patient at 7:30 PM).
Fri., August 30 <sup>th</sup> (AST Day)	All Day	ALL AST Health facilities CLOSED

\*In the event of a predicted severe weather forecast, please call ahead for possible health system closure or delay:  
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 & on ASTHS website at [www.asthealth.org](http://www.asthealth.org)



ASTHS August 2019 Monthly Update

The 6th Annual Health Fair was another huge success and well attended again this year! We especially thank all of our vendors, employees, staff, and tribal members as well as our patients who came out and made this another great event for our community! Special thanks to our EC elected leaders, the AST Veterans Association, Tribal Dancers and Drummers, Mr. Jim Robertson for his tribal prayer, and everyone else who came out to support their health programs and attended the event. We especially thank also the tribal elders for a huge turn out and for their unwavering support of the health programs! Fall is right around the corner and summer will be coming to an end soon (or we hope so with the heat and humidity this year)! We’ll be getting ready for back to school, the Zombie Run 5K in October again at the lake, and continue to expanding our services and access to health programs - all to serve you better every day! We continue to add new specialists to our staff! This makes it both more convenient to access specialty care on-site as well as save contract health funds for help covering other needs of our AST tribal patients, thus allowing the primary care providers to better manage care of their assigned patients onsite and with our new electronic health record. We completed our 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Health Internship Program this year which culminated with a graduation ceremony and program honoring our graduates with their families, the EC, and Health Boards. We are looking forward to next year’s program!

We continue to work with the other Health Program Directors in the Shawnee Service Unit (SSU) as a Coalition to improve patient care and experiences for our area and our patients with best practices and innovative cooperation on community health programs. We appreciate the leadership and support of the AST Tribe and other tribes in working together to better all of our programs and services in our area and with collaboration on future grants and other efforts for the SSU!

We are always thankful and very proud of our outstanding star performers, and thank them all for their contributions to our patients, their fellow employees, and the tribe! Employee Awards and awardees are listed below. The AST Health System always strives to make your health its top priority, and you all make a difference for our health system and the health and wellness of all of our patients!

Health Employee Awards of the Month for July 2019


Employee of the Month  
Team of the Month  
Special Leadership Award

Paul Tessman, IT Infrastructure/Admin  
Health Fair Planning Team  
Luis Almanza, Specialty Clinic Program Manager



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





AST member 9 yrs old Joshua Foreman completed a prestigious Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Program recently with the support of the health system and the health boards. Young Josh Foreman was the youngest student ever sponsored from Tecumseh within this National Program to expose students to mathematics and science programs via the STEM effort at student outreach for bright students with a focus upon developing their interest, and their potential, in future STEM careers, including medicine. Pictured are: Grandparents, Leonard and Serena Foreman and brother Jacob Foreman providing an impressive project presentation to the Health Boards meeting on 16 July 2019 upon his return from his STEM program. The health programs continue to aggressively invest interest, time, and effort in developing AST and area Native American talent with a drive for medicine and health programs to reinvest in our local tribal communities, growing our talent locally for the future.

It's That Time Again

# Back To School

Starting the new school year can be a time of great excitement and anxiety. Here are some teacher-approved tips to calm your child’s fears (and your own).

1. Meet the new teacher. Take advantage of the school’s open house or back to school night.
2. Tour the school. Helping to familiarize your child with their classroom, desks, cafeteria and even the playground helps to avoid a nervous stomach on the first day.
3. Connect with friends. I always try to encourage parents to have their children’s friend’s parents’ phone numbers to schedule outings to refresh friendships before school starts.
4. Tool up. Obtain the school supply list and go on a shopping trip with your child-hint: get those extra credit items if you are able to. It can come in handy.
5. Ease into the routine. Avoid first day chaos by practicing routines a few days in advance. Set alarm clocks and go through the morning ritual. Routines help children feel comfortable and this will help make first day so much smoother.

Hope some of these help and let’s go out there and make it a great school year!  
Ann Marie Passarella LPC and LADC  
MSPI Outpatient Therapist, Behavioral Health

Title VI

# August!!!

Wow almost Christmas time!! Hope everyone is having a good safe drinking plenty of water stay inside as much as possible summer.  
**August 30 is AST Day** and we will be close, no meals will be delivered or served and September 2 we will be closed for Labor Day, no meals will be delivered or served  
**No Bingo this month!!!**  
Any questions or concerns please feel free to call us at 405-275-4030 ext 6227




Absentee Shawnee Health Fair on July 12, 2019!  
Jason Bender, Commander

## Healthy and Ready to Return to School

### Oklahoma City Indian Clinic hosted its annual Children’s Health Fair


OKLAHOMA CITY- Oklahoma City Indian Clinic (OKCIC), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit clinic providing health and wellness services to American Indians in central Oklahoma, hosted its annual Children’s Health Fair on Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13. Over the course of two days, OKCIC saw over 240 children aged 4-11. They received age appropriate immunizations, fluoride treatments, sports physicals, head checks, school supplies, and health, hearing and vision screenings. “We like to help take the stress out of checkups by creating an easy and positive experience, ” Dr. Jennifer Williams said, OKCIC’s Pediatric Medical Doctor. The Children’s Health Fair also had interactive activities, including an inflatable obstacle course and a petting zoo. Additionally, OKCIC Children’s Health Fair received visits from the Oklahoma City Fire Department and the Rolling Thunder Book Bus. “Our goal is to create a fun environment where children want to come by incorporating exciting activities with essential health care,” Williams said. “This creates satisfaction for both parents and kids. The kids have fun interactions and the parents get their children’s annual checkups complete.” OKCIC would like to thank all our community partners and patients, including: Tinker Federal Credit Union, Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oklahoma, Safe Kids Coalition, Infant Crisis Services, Metropolitan Library, Potawatomi Tribe Foster Care, Nurses Service Organization, and Captain Supertooth. About Oklahoma City Indian Clinic Oklahoma City Indian Clinic was established in 1974 to provide excellent health care and wellness services to American Indians in central Oklahoma. The clinic staff cares for more than 19,000 patients from over 200 federally recognized tribes every year. American Indians can receive a range of services, including medical, dental, pediatrics, prenatal, pharmacy, optometry, physical fitness, nutrition, family programs and behavioral health services. For more information, please call (405) 948-4900 or visit [www.okcic.com](http://www.okcic.com).




# August

2% milk served daily

Menu subject to change

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Chicken Salad Sandwich Veggies Apricots	2 Oatmeal Sausage Patties Boiled Egg	3
4	5 Riblet Corn Tossed Salad* Plums	6 Spaghetti w meat sauce Green Beans Garlic Bread Pears	7 Smoked Sausage Pepper and Onions Salad Bar Mixed Fruit	8 Baked Potato Chez, Ham, Onions Broc n Chez Pudding	9 Scrambled Eggs Sausage Gravy Biscuit	10
11	12 Salisbury Steak Mashed Pot/Gravy Veggies Prunes	13 Chef Salad Ham, Eggs, Chez Pineapples Cottage Chez	14 BBQ Pork Sandwich Tator Tots Mandarin Oranges	15 Chicken Breast Wild Rice Veggies Lemon Meringue Pie	16 Boiled Egg Bacon Banana Nut Muffin	17
18	19 Cold Cut Sandwich LTOP Cucumbers Ice Cream	20 Cabbage Stew Cornbread Cookie	21 Turkey Dressing Greenbeans Cranberry Sauce Crisp	22 Beans Steakfries Cornbread Tomatoes	23 Scrambled Eggs Sausage Gravy Biscuit	24
25	26 Fried Chicken Mashed Pot/Gravy Veggies Roll/Orange	27 Beef Tips Noodles Veggies Peaches	28 Fish Coleslaw Mac n Chez Applesauce	29 Cereal Boiled Egg Toast Ham	30 AST DAY AST Complex closed	31
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	



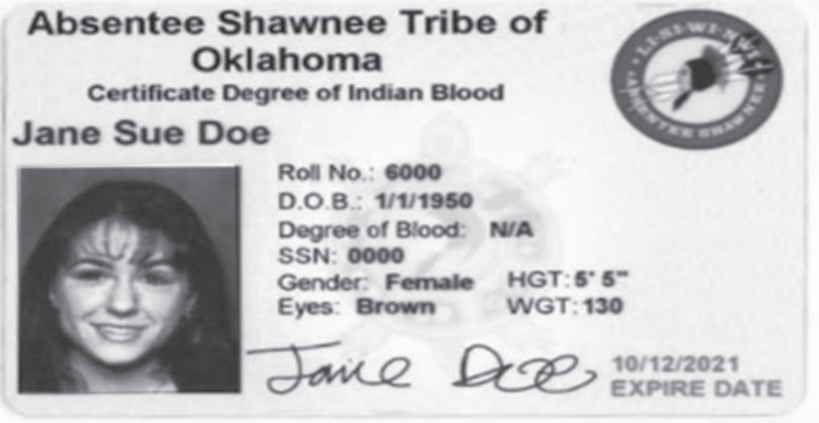
## Absentee Shawnee Tribe

2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive  
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801  
Phone: 405-275-4030, ext. 6311 or 6225  
Fax: 405-273-793

Dear Tribal Member:

Before we can process the clothing applications this year, you will need to get a new CDIB card from enrollment. Please give enrollment a call and request a new card for your child’s School Clothing Application. You can call them at (405) 275-4030, ext. 6292 or 6288. After a new CDIB cad has been received, you can give Social Service a copy of the card or request enrollment to give school clothing a copy. I have attached a copy of the new CDIB card.

New CDIB Cards!  
Update yours today!



If you have any questions, please give the school clothing department a call.

Thank you,

Absentee Shawnee Tribe  
School Clothing Department



# Galloway named Chief of Staff for Oklahoma DHS

OKLAHOMA CITY – Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS) Director Justin Brown has named Samantha Galloway Chief of Staff. Galloway most recently served as Executive Director of Oklahoma Community-based Providers (OCP), the statewide association of providers who serve Oklahomans with developmental disabilities.

“Samantha’s skill set is unrivaled, and the fact that she is driven to use these skills for the benefit of those in the most need is a testament to her high moral code and her selfless approach to service,” said Brown. “The agency is honored to have her depth of experience to serve alongside thousands of other dedicated team members, and we are all undoubtedly stronger and better positioned to help those in need because of her commitment to DHS.”

Galloway is a familiar face at DHS. She began her career in 2005 as a Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) case manager before serving as DHS legislative liaison until 2016.

“My career has been spent almost exclusively in human services,” said Galloway. “Returning to DHS is truly like coming home for a season. The work we do each and every day at DHS must be focused on the person we are serving, whether it is a person with a developmental disability trying to live and work in their community, a family in need of support towards stabilization, a child in need of protection, or a senior in need of supports to remain safe and healthy in their home. We are here for service, period.”

Galloway provides strategic counsel about agency priorities with an emphasis on transparency and customer service. She works with Director Brown to implement successful outcomes and strengthen relationships with DHS providers who help the agency serve vulnerable Oklahomans.

“I have had the pleasure of spending a considerable amount of time with Justin as he prepared to become the new DHS Director,” said Galloway. “It was through those interactions that I became fully confident that he has the competency and heart to lead DHS.”

Galloway is a past Executive Director of Washington (Parish) Economic Development in Bogalusa, Louisiana and former Director of Community Services at the Center of Family Love in Okarche, Oklahoma.

She earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Speech Communication from Southeastern Louisiana University. Galloway began her duties as Chief of Staff June 17.



## THE TRIBAL LIBRARY IS NOW ARCHIVING PHOTOS!

Come to the Cultural Preservation Building and have your pictures scanned *and handed right back to you.*

## Together we can make a living history.

*We would like to film our people’s history in their own words and keep it here at the library for future generations to be able to access, and learn from.*

For more information  
**Casey Wilson 405-275-4030 ext. 6416**  
email: [cwilson@astribe.com](mailto:cwilson@astribe.com)

### ELDER INTAKE FORM

TODAY’S DATE \_\_\_\_\_ REFERRAL SOURCE \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ MALE \_\_\_\_ FEMALE \_\_\_\_ VETERAN \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

SINGLE \_\_\_\_ MARRIED \_\_\_\_ DIVORCED/SEPARATED \_\_\_\_ WIDOWED \_\_\_\_ WIDOWER \_\_\_\_

SPOUSE’S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE’S DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF EMERGENCY CONTACT (1) \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF EMERGENCY CONTACT (2) \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY LANGUAGE ENGLISH \_\_\_\_ TRIBAL \_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

HOUSING \_\_\_\_ HOUSE \_\_\_\_ APARTMENT \_\_\_\_ COMMUNITY HOUSING \_\_\_\_ OTHER EXPLAIN \_\_\_\_\_

COMPOSITION \_\_\_\_ LIVES ALONE \_\_\_\_ LIVES WITH SPOUSE \_\_\_\_ LIVES WITH FAMILY/FRIENDS \_\_\_\_ OTHER EXPLAIN \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD \_\_\_\_\_ WHO HELPS \_\_\_\_\_

HEALTH HISTORY \_\_\_\_ ASTHMA \_\_\_\_ ALZHEIMER’S \_\_\_\_ ARTHRITIS \_\_\_\_ CANCER \_\_\_\_ DEMINTIA \_\_\_\_ DIABETES \_\_\_\_ CHRONIC PAIN \_\_\_\_ HEARING AID \_\_\_\_ CHOLESTEROL \_\_\_\_ BLOOD PRESSURE

PRIMARY TRANSPORTATION \_\_\_\_ Own Car \_\_\_\_ Friend \_\_\_\_ Public Trans. \_\_\_\_ Senior Tran’s \_\_\_\_ Family

PROSTHETIC DEVIECS \_\_\_\_ Walker/Cane \_\_\_\_ Wheelchair \_\_\_\_ Hearing Aid \_\_\_\_ Glasses \_\_\_\_ Dentures \_\_\_\_ None

ARE YOU ENROLLED WITH A DIFFERENT TITLE VI PROGRAM? \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO

IF YES, NAME OF PROGRAM & WHERE LOCATED: \_\_\_\_\_

HEALTH CONCERNS \_\_\_\_\_

SERVICES CURRENTLY BEING RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_

## Honoring Our Past With Promise for Our Future

## LIFE is Beautiful Living Meth Free

## National Suicide Prevention

# 1-800-273-8255 (TALK)

Absentee Shawnee Health Systems  
Shawnee & Little Axe



# Mowing Applications are Open!

Dear Absentee Shawnee Tribal Members


For many years The Title VI Department has provided gas to mow your lawns. We are updating the guidelines. The Title VI Grant provides gas as supportive services and for us to provide supportive service you must be a participant in the Title VI Program Guidelines:

1. Absentee Shawnee Member
2. Must be 55 years and older
3. Must be an Title VI Member, have a current intake form on file (FY-2019)
4. Must provide Proof of Residency (utility bill–in the applicants name)
5. Handicap/Disabled
6. NO RENTAL PROPERTY WILL BE MOWED

As a Title VI Member as long as you are within the guidelines you can put in your application and turn in your applications to the Title VI Department.

As stated on the application: Maintenance will only mow and weed eat applicants lawn. Maintenance will mow every two (2) weeks weather permitting. Also, the maintenance workers will not trim trees, shrubs, and will NOT move any items that are in the way of cutting your lawn.

Any questions you can reach me at 405-275-4030 ext. 6227 or email me at [dowings@astribe.com](mailto:dowings@astribe.com)



Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma  
Title VI Department  
2025 S Gordon Cooper Dr  
Shawnee OK 74801  
405-275-4030

Grass Mowing Application

CDIB # \_\_\_\_\_

D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

The Following are the requirements for this program:

1. Must be an Absentee Shawnee Member
2. Must be 55 years and older
3. Must be an Title VI Member (have an current intake form for the current year 2019)
4. Handicap/Disabled
5. Must provide Proof of Residency (utility bill must be in applicant's name)
6. NO RENTAL PROPERTY will be mowed

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe Maintenance Department will **ONLY** mow and weed eat applicant's 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 Dos Owings at (405) 275-4030 ext. 6227

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ MESSAGE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

FINDING DIRECTIONS TO HOME: \_\_\_\_\_

\*DISCLAIMER  
Maintenance will not move any items that are in the way of them mowing your yard so if you are able or can get some help in getting your yard cleaned, will be very much helpful in maintaining your yard.

### VACCINES FOR TEENS

Keep your adolescent vaccinations up to date

Kids grow out of many things, but vaccines aren't one of them. Every year in the U.S., 2.5 million people die from vaccine-preventable diseases. Because adolescents are at risk for many of these serious diseases, immunization is especially important. Ask your healthcare professional about all recommended vaccines to protect your child.

Did you know that in the U.S.:

14 million people are infected with human papillomavirus (HPV)—mostly teens and young adults—leaving them vulnerable to associated cancers later in life?

21% of all meningococcal disease cases are preteens, teens, and young adults, ages 11–24?

Up to 200,000 people are hospitalized annually due to flu-related complications?

There were an average of 200,000 cases of pertussis each year before the Tdap vaccine was available, and since then, cases of the disease have decreased more than 80%?

80% decrease

CDC-recommended vaccinations for adolescents:

AGES	Every year	flu vaccine
11-12 years	• HPV (2 doses) • Meningococcal ACWY • Tdap	
13-15 years	• Meningococcal ACWY (if not previously vaccinated)	
16 years	• Meningococcal B* • Meningococcal ACWY booster	
17-18 years	• Td booster every 10 years	

## Absentee Shawnee Behavioral Health

# STRENGTH OF TRADITION PROJECT

Funded through SAMHSA Native Connections Grant in providing support by:


- Extending an out outreach through community partnerships to increase awareness of Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention in the community.
- Increasing the participation of youth, parents, tribal leaders, and health providers in developing mental health service and treatment options based on the cultural values and practice of the Native community.
- Easing the impacts of substance use, mental health illnesses, and trauma in native communities.
- Supporting youth as they transition into adulthood.

If you would like to know more about this program, please contact us!

Linda Gouge  
Grant Coordinator  
(405)701-7988

Little Axe Health Center  
Li-Si-Wi-Nwi Health, Inc.  
15951 Little Axe Drive  
Norman, OK 73026

Victoria Andrews  
Grant Assistant  
(405)701-7995





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## 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




### Office of Environmental Health & Engineering

## Brownfield Tribal Response Program

What is a Brownfield?



Do you have land that you want to use for a business, park, or for cultural purposes, but are worried about possible contamination? If so, you may have a Brownfield site.



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."


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 you have a Brownfield site that you would like to develop, 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](mailto:AST.Environmental.Programs@astribe.com)


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## Absentee Shawnee Housing

### 2019 PROGRAMS



- Low Rent Housing
- Lease to Own Housing
- \$5,000 Down Payment & Closing Assistance –AST Members ONLY
- College Housing Rental Assistance
- Over Income Lease to Own Housing
- Over Income Rental Housing
- Home Rehab Assistance – AST Members ONLY




FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SERVICES

PLEASE CALL (405) 273-1050 OR COME BY OUR OFFICE

LOCATED AT 107 NORTH KIMBERLY IN SHAWNEE, OK.

WEBSITE: [WWW.ASHOUSINGAUTHORITY.COM](http://WWW.ASHOUSINGAUTHORITY.COM)

Absentee Shawnee Tribe  
Behavioral Health Services



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

## Wellbriety Group Meetings

Facilitator: John Soap, LPC

Every Thursday 5:30pm-6:30pm

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



Tax Commission

Fiscal Year 2019 - YTD Tax Collections (through 6/30/2019)

TAX CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	% OF TAXES COLLECTED
Sales (6%)	\$15,159.46	\$6,077.15	\$6,493.92	\$281.15	\$7,957.40	\$12,864.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$48,833.20	2.92%
Gaming % of free cash	\$250,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300,000.00	77.61%
Employee (1%)	\$11,753.43	\$11,899.70	\$11,971.43	\$16,436.01	\$8,133.19	\$18,649.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$78,843.57	4.71%
Severance (8%)	\$0.00	\$3,007.53	\$2,016.58	\$2,574.50	\$1,190.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,788.64	0.52%
Motor Vehicle	\$15,068.14	\$14,524.56	\$20,576.88	\$15,171.04	\$18,086.25	\$18,124.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$101,551.63	6.06%
Motor Fuel Taxes (Qtrly.)	\$43,765.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,615.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$83,380.60	4.98%
Tobacco Refund	\$8,835.92	\$8,098.21	\$7,795.54	\$7,228.12	\$10,015.42	\$10,704.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$52,677.62	3.14%
TOTAL TAXES	\$344,582.06	\$243,607.15	\$248,854.35	\$281,306.31	\$295,382.29	\$260,343.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,674,075.26	
Miscellaneous	\$130.15	\$82.50	\$170.00	\$212.50	\$260.00	\$152.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,007.65	0.06%
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$344,712.21	\$243,689.65	\$249,024.35	\$281,518.81	\$295,642.29	\$260,495.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,675,082.91	100%

Now Accepting Credit/Debit

Effective May 1, the tag office will be accepting credit/debit cards. Please note: a convenience fee of 2.75% will be added.

Enrollment

Please, Update Information with the Enrollment Office

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Enrollment office has a list of names of the addresses that need to be updated within the Enrollment office. If you know any of the names listed, please have them also contact the office. If your name appears on the lists and is already updated, please disregard at this time. Thank you for all of your help!

Aaron Aguinaga	Justin Coleman
Adam Witt	Justin Hemphill
Adrianno Carlson	Kaitlin Woods
Alannah Fenner	Katherine Winter-Engrav
Alecia Reading	Katrina Banard
Alex Little Creek	Kendra BOWENS
Alisa Bradshaw	Klay Rodas
Amanda Mendoza	Kyree Williams
Andrea Bustamante	Laura Littlebear
Andrea Lemke-Rochon	Leila Gibson-Hicks
Angelina Howe	Leo Martinez
Anthony Bettelyoun	Lindsay Masquat
Anthony Frazier	Lisa Ellis
Anthony Littlebear	Lowana Jacobs
Anthony McBride	Luke Smith
Anthony Shelton	Mahnee McKinney
April Brister	Manuel Warrior
Bobby Armstrong	Marcus Sullivan
Brandi Slayton	Margaret Scrapper
Brandon Alae	Marissa Hough
Brandon Neese	Mark Ganaway
Brett Littlebear	Mark Johnson
Briana Santa Cruz	Mary Charley
Brooke Larson	Maureen Creamer
Brooke Slayton	Megan Groves
Bryce Dankenbring	Melissa Mack
Caden Lamb	Melloney Charley
Calvin Littlebear	Melody Dankenbring
Cameron Little Creek	Michael Kowitz
Camille Tiger	Michael McGee
Carl Boston	Michael Sloan
Carolyn Bullard	Michelle Combs
Carrielynn Johnson	Michelle Mayo
Casey Switch	Michelle McBroom
Caylen Ahtone	Michelle Schmidt
Chad Holznagel	Misty Morton
Cheryl Little Charley	Mychal Little Creek
Chet Edwards	Myles Bullen
Chloe Brocksmith	Myles Mossbacher
Christal Rapos	Necon Warrior
Christopher Bryant	Nicholis Rathbun
Christopher Deer	Nycole Mitchell
Clarence Bradley	Pamela Sullivan
Clinton Coriz	Paul Littlebear
Cochanna Brown	Phillip Wright
Cody Granstrom	Preston Spoon
Connie Januszewski	Rachel Morton
Cora Creamer	Randall Brokesoulder
Dana Daniel	Raymond Panther
Dane Johnson	Rebecca Alford
Daniel Josytewa	Rebecca Horsechief
Darrel White	Richard Hood
Darrell Armstrong	Richard Johnson
Darrin Mack	Rusty Lowrance
David Littlebear	Ryan Puckitt
Deana Williams	Ryan Wood
Deborah Shirk	Sammi Little Creek
Denny Stanley Jr.	Samuel Warrior
Dusty Armstrong	Sara Morton
Dylan Weaver	Sarah Parker
Dyllon Judkins	Sarney Camp
Elizabeth Presson	Shea Longman
Eva Arms	Shedrick Brown
Fawntayne Johnson	Shelby Bethell
Gabriella Doussett	Shelby Wood
Gerald Buckley	Sky Maxfield
Gerald Rochon	Skylar Galloway
Ginger De La Campa	Skylor Ashley
Ginger Temple	Sonia Rich
Ginna Aschtgen	Stephen Cortez
Haley Speck	Stephen Rochon
Hannah Morton	Stephen Turney
Heather Milburn	Stephen uchida
Henry McEwin	Steven Evans
Jake New Moon	Stone Sloan
Jalen Foreman	Tasha Balch
James Bond	Tasha Wright
James Houston	Tava Larney
Jason Alexander	Terry Bradley
Jennifer Blood	Thaddeus Alford
Jennifer New Moon	Thomas J. Moore
Jennifer R. Cox	Thomas Valdivia
Jeremiah siSmith	Tiffany Sullivan
Jesse Mann	Tillman A. Johnson
Jesse White	Tillman E. Johnson
Jessie Wilson	Tonia Tyner
Joacob Gregory	Tyler Wunderlin
John E. Petty	Verna Dospapas
John Herrera	Wayne Delodge
John Morgan	Whitney Warrior
Jonah Beartusk	William Kirby
Jordan Moore	William Wyatt
Jordan Morris	
Joshua Ferrer	

“Harmonious Migrations” - Puppets Share Indigenous Knowledge

Crazy Horse, SD– July 25, 6:30 pm in the Mountain View Room, Heather Henson’s puppeteers will present “Harmonious Migrations” a playful exploration of the coexistence between people and cranes.

“Harmonious Migrations,” featuring Indigenous puppeteers, explores the interconnectivity of the elements in the environment as they relate to cranes. This workshop will illustrate how Native people of North America participate in the same planetary dance as the crane and all creations. Through storytelling and puppets this troupe highlights environmental education and traditional ecological knowledge. For more information contact: Cultural Programs Manager, culturalprograms@crazyhorse.org, phone 605-673-4681, ext. 286.

About Crazy Horse Memorial

Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation’s mission is to honor, protect, and preserve the culture, traditions, and living heritage of the American Indians of North America. The Memorial fulfills its mission by continuing the progress on the world’s largest mountain sculpture, acting as a repository for Native American artifacts, arts and crafts through THE INDIAN MUSEUM OF NORTH AMERICA® and THE NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL CENTER®; by establishing and operating THE INDIAN UNIVERSITY OF NORTH AMERICA®, and when practical, a medical training center for American Indians

Save the date!

Apron Workshop

August 10, 2019 2 pm –5pm

Please Register with the Cultural Preservation Department by contacting Cultural Preservation Director Andrea Ellis Harrison at ext. 6245.



2029 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee Ok 74801 Phone: 405-275-4030 Fax: 405-878-4711 E-mail: aeellis@astribe.com

LAST Opportunity to Update

Enrollment would like to have this last opportunity to update information that is issued out to the tribal members that have not updated within Enrollment. We are working diligently on updating everyone and seeking out to anyone that needs help or information on doing so. The Enrollment Department is also working on upcoming events to encourage tribal members to update to the new CDIB card. Once again we would like to thank you for your help working with the Enrollment Department.



Absentee Shawnee Tribal Taxes

A variety of tribal taxes are currently assessed and collected by the Absentee Shawnee Tax Commission to generate revenue used by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe (“the Tribe”) to benefit our Tribal Members. These tribal taxes, their due dates and reporting and payment requirements are outlined below. If you have questions or need assistance with your tribal taxes, please contact the Absentee Shawnee Tax Commission by phone or at the address found at the bottom of this document. You can also visit our website for more information.

Sales & Lodger's Tax

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe levies a **6% Sales Tax** on the gross receipts of anyone engaging in business within the Tribe’s jurisdiction, including receipts from:

- Performing services
- Selling tangible personal property
- Leasing or renting tangible personal property, lodging or hotel rooms
- Admission fees to any place of recreation or entertainment

An additional **5% Lodger’s Tax** is imposed on gross taxable rental receipts from hotels, motels, resorts, lodging houses, or other premises occupied for fewer than 30 days. **Both Sales and Lodger’s Taxes may be passed on to consumers.**

Severance Tax

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe levies an **8% Severance Tax** on the gross market value of all oil and gas products severed from the land within the Tribe’s jurisdiction. The tax is not levied upon any Indian royalty payments.

To calculate the **Severance Tax**, you must first calculate the volume of oil and gas products separately, as outlined in the table below. Multiply the total volume of each by their gross market value, then subtract any allowable Indian Royalty Deduction to arrive at the total taxable amount. Multiply the total taxable amount by 8% to arrive at the amount of tax due.

Total Product Volume

×

Gross Market Value

=

Indian Royalty Deduction

=

Total Taxable Amount

Total Taxable Amount

×

8%

=

Total Severance Tax Due

How to Calculate Total Oil Volume	How to Calculate Total Gas Volume
The total volume of severed oil taxable products—before any deductions are taken for processing, transportation, industry-standard shrinkage, etc.—is measured either according to current contracts of sale between the operator/producer and the purchaser; or in barrels of 42 U.S. gallons of 231 cubic inches per gallon, at a temperature of 60° F, per U.S. Geological Survey regulations.	The total volume of severed gas taxable products is measured at the wellhead—before any deductions are taken for processing, transportation, industry-standard shrinkage, etc.—in units of 1,000 cubic feet (MCF) and corrected to standard temperature and pressure, per U.S. Geological Survey regulations.

Possessory Interest Tax (PIT)

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe levies a **1% Possessory Interest Tax** on the value of property that is being leased within the Tribe’s jurisdiction, including:

- Interests held under lease
- Interests held under an easement or right-of-way, including all improvements, equipment, fixtures and other tangible personal property held or used by the taxpayer in connection with the taxable use of such realty

The **Value of Leased Property** is determined on the date of acquisition, and on January 1 of each year thereafter, according to the method for determining market value under the Oklahoma Statutes and regulations (68 OS § 2802).

Vehicle Registration & Taxation

Enrolled Absentee Shawnee Tribal Members residing in Oklahoma have the option of registering their vehicles with the Tribe, including all passenger automobiles, motorcycles, motorized bicycles, farm trucks, and commercial and recreational vehicles. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe imposes a **1.25% Vehicle Excise Tax** on the retail purchase price the first year a vehicle is registered, plus a **\$10 Lien Processing Fee** on all vehicles that are financed, which is paid to the Absentee Shawnee Tax Commission rather than to the State of Oklahoma.

Vehicle Purchase Price

×

1.25%

+

Vehicle Tag Price

+

\$10 Lien Processing Fee

=

New Vehicle Registration Fee

**Vehicle Registration Tags** can be obtained in person from the Absentee Shawnee Tax Commission office at the address below. Tag prices vary depending on the age and type of vehicle; please contact the Absentee Shawnee Tax Commission for specific vehicle tag pricing.

Earnings Tax

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe levies a **1% Earnings Tax** on earnings paid to anyone employed within the Tribe’s jurisdiction, which means that all employers within the Tribe’s jurisdiction are required to withhold 1% of each employee’s gross earnings each pay period.

**Employee Notification:** Employers must report to the employee, on pay stubs or in writing, the amount of earnings tax withheld each pay period. They must also disclose the full amount of earnings tax withheld and paid to the Absentee Shawnee Tax Commission on an annual basis. Employers must maintain employee timesheets and payroll records for three years.

Application for Registration (PIT)

All businesses within the Tribe’s jurisdiction that hold possessory interests must submit an Application for Registration (PIT) to the Absentee Shawnee Tax Commission. There is no fee. Updates only need to be submitted if there is a change in information.

PIT General Property Summary / Detailed Property Value Report Forms

The value of possessory interests must be reported to the Absentee Shawnee Tax Commission each year by January 15.

PIT Tax Reporting & Payment

Possessory Interest Tax must be reported and paid to the Absentee Shawnee Tax Commission by no later than February 15 each year.

Lien Processing Fee - \$10

Vehicles that are being financed are also subject to a \$10 lien processing fee, which is paid to the Absentee Shawnee Tax Commission rather than to the State of Oklahoma.

New Vehicle Registration: Required Documents

- Valid Oklahoma driver’s license
- Proof of insurance
- CDIB/Enrollment card
- Notarized vehicle title
- Notarized bill of sale or purchase agreement
- Lien Entry Form (if you are making payments)
- Lien Release Form (if previous owner had lien)

Annual Vehicle Registration Renewal: Required Documents

- Valid Oklahoma driver’s license
- Proof of insurance
- CDIB/Enrollment card
- Previous year’s vehicle registration

Earnings Tax Reporting & Payment

Earnings Tax returns are due from employers to the Absentee Shawnee Tax Commission by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month following the month in which the tax was withheld.

Absentee Shawnee Tax Commission 2025 S Gordon Cooper Drive | Shawnee, OK 74801 P: 800.256.3341 or 405.275.4030 | F: 405.214.4225

Office Hours and Website Monday-Friday, 8 am - 12 pm; 1 pm -5 pm www.astribe.com/tax-commission-and-tag



# ASEDA Report

David Deer  
ASEDA Projects Coordinator  
Cell: (405) 430-6018  
Office: 405 275-4030 ext. 6263

Greetings and blessings to all, we hope this report finds you in good health and spirit.

## EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT

On June 24, 2019 ASEDA, Inc. formed a partnership with Native American Hemp, LLC. and applied for a 2019 industrial hemp license to grow hemp pursuant to the requirements of the **Oklahoma Industrial Hemp Pilot Program**. ASEDA, Inc. is excited to announce it received notification of a full application approval on July 15, 2019 placing us at the forefront in Indian Country of this booming and lucrative industry.

Seed has been purchased and field preparations such as mowing and plowing have been completed to plant a 10-acre test crop at the Hardesty property. Native American Hemp Chief Operations Officer Aaron Fournier says “ASEDA’s groundbreaking industrial hemp project is an innovative enterprise that will help diversify the Tribe’s economic base and create jobs for Tribal Members, while at the same time providing significant environmental benefits by cleaning and enriching the soil and removing carbon from the air. It’s a tremendous example of how a Tribe can undertake forward-thinking business activities and lead an industry, while staying true to traditional values and being protectors of the land.” We are very excited to work with the team from Native American Hemp to get this project started and developed into an economic success.

ASEDA is very appreciative of the teamwork and help it has received from the various Tribal departments to get the project moving. We would also like to recognize Secretary/Governor Elect John Johnson, Treasurer Phillip Ellis and Representative Atheda Fletcher for not only taking time to attend the meetings and presentations but for fully supporting our efforts to move forward. A big thank you to all! Be looking out for more updates as the project progresses.

## 8a UPDATE

We are a little behind for hitting some target dates on our 8a timeline but we continue to progress toward completing the registration and application process to become certified for government contracting. To date all registrations



*Pictured: Before and after field preparation of the Hardesty property for the Oklahoma Industrial Hemp Pilot Program crop.*

are complete except for the approval of our CAGE codes which is backlogged due to a high volume of registrations and a recent crash of the site. Once the codes are approved the application will be completed and submitted to SBA for approval.

**GRANT OPPORTUNITY ASEDA,** Inc teamed up with the accounting firm Baker-Tilley to pursue its first grant opportunity by submitting an application for the Native American Business Development Institute (NABDI) Grant on July 1, 2019. The objective of the NABDI grant is to enable tribes to conduct a feasibility study on the viability of an economic

development project, opportunity, enterprise, business or technology. This will help weigh risks to determine whether a project is worth pursuing. Feasibility studies also empower tribes to make informed decisions regarding their economic futures by distinguishing viable economic opportunities from investments and enterprises that have a high likelihood of failure. This will also be useful down the line for third-party due-diligence documentation for our Tribe and ASEDA, Inc. when seeking capital, federal or state grants, or other kinds of funding for a project. Awards for the NABDI grant averaged \$33,333 in 2018. Our list consisted of six properties for the application to

conduct the feasibility study on, those are:

- Hardesty Property
- Lillard Pipe Property
- Tecumseh Square Property
- Earlsboro Property
- Kickapoo Street Property
- Union Street Property

We feel very confident working with Baker-Tilley that an award letter will be coming soon and so be looking for updates in future editions of your newsletter. Thank you to all who assisted knowledge and expertise to help complete the application. God bless the Absentee Shawnee Tribe and Members.

Let your voice be heard.



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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.

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405.447.0300

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Shawnee, OK 74801

405.878.5880

PLUSCARE CLINIC

15702 East State Highway 9

Norman, OK 73026

405.447.0477

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Reminder: Deadline for Each issue is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month!



OPIOID/HEROIN AWARENESS COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Bureau of Indian Affairs

Office of Justice Services

Division of Drug Enforcement

3100 West Peak Boulevard

Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401

Phone: 918-781-4650

OPIOIDS/HEROIN IN INDIAN COUNTRY

September 19, 2019

10:30 a.m - 12:00 p.m.

Hosted by AST Tribal Opioid Response (TOR) Grant

Please contact for questions or information Crystal Springer, TOR Grant Coordinator (405) 701-7987 or email [cspringer@astribe.com](mailto:cspringer@astribe.com)

To be held at the following location:

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health Multipurpose Building

2029 James L. Edwards LN

Shawnee, OK 74801

The Opioid/Heroin in Indian Country will include:

> Identification and Effects of Opioids/Heroin drugs

> Fentanyl and causes of overdoses

> Combating opioids/heroin at the community level

> Investigation and Prosecution of Opioid/Heroin drug cases

This community outreach will consist of the OJS Division of Drug Enforcement and United States Indian Police Academy presenting information on the opioid/heroin trends we are seeing around the country that may effect your reservations in the future. DDE would like to hear from attendees on the opioid/heroin trends they are seeing in their specific areas, what is currently being done to address the drug issues and what they feel they need to address them.

This seminar should be attended by community members, tribal employees, community stakeholders and law enforcement staff. If you have any questions, please contact the United States Indian Police Academy office at (575) 746-5641. We look forward to visiting with you.



AST DIABETES AND WELLNESS

1970 156th Ave. NE Norman, Oklahoma // 405-364-7298





Classes currently offered at the Resource Center

Aerobic and Strength Circuits


High-Intensity Interval Training

Zumba Dance Fitness

Cardio Kickboxing

FITNESS CLASSES

AT THE RESOURCE CENTER



Free exercise classes offered Monday-Friday

(5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. class available on Monday and Wednesday only)

6:15 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

A Diabetes prevention initiative provided by the Absentee Shawnee Diabetes and Wellness Program (405) 364-7298 or (405) 701-7977 or [bbread@astribc.com](mailto:bbread@astribc.com)/[cwiens@astribc.com](mailto:cwiens@astribc.com)



ICW

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 for more information.








AST Diabetes and Wellness Program

Free Healthy Cooking Demo

Join us at 2pm on August 15th, 2019 at the AST Diabetes and Wellness Kitchen.

Free Recipe Cards and Samples Provided.

Questions? Call 405-701-7977



A slight change in times, the same great care.



NEW HOURS STARTING IN JULY.

In July, our Shawnee Walk-in Clinic, PlusCare Clinic and pharmacies will begin NEW hours of operation. We think this will help us be even more efficient in our services. And as always, we're here for you.

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8 a.m.- 8 p.m. Monday-Friday (Last patient accepted at 7:30 p.m.)

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday (Last patient accepted at 4:30 p.m.)

SHAWNEE WALK-IN CLINIC

8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday (Last patient accepted at 7:30 p.m.)

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday (Last patient accepted at 4:30 p.m.)

LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER PHARMACY

7:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

SHAWNEE PHARMACY

7:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday


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

All will be closed the following holidays: New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Rolanda Smith 405.701.7987

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Nido P. Tomagos, M.S.

Division of Visual Services

Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist III

405-574-1704



Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services

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[ltomagos@okdrs.gov](mailto:ltomagos@okdrs.gov)





# Thunderbird Casino Anniversary Celebration



All enjoy the festive events at Thunderbird Casino Anniversary Celebration, July 5- 6, 2019 15700 OK-9 Norman, OK

PHOTO BY Sherman Tiger- Absentee Shawnee Tribe Media Department



The Miss & Junior Miss Indian Oklahoma Pageant Contestants are judged on personal interview, essay, traditional dress, traditional talent, platform, and an impromptu question.

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# AST Diabetes and Wellness Fitness Tips



## Outdoor Exercise & Heat Stress



Summer is here and I know many of us been longing for summer exercise! Whether it is at the lake skiing, tubing, walking, biking at the park, playing sports, or even working in the garden, it is important to prepare yourself for the heat. Exercising in the heat can be risky if you are not careful. Heat Stress can be very dangerous and can cause problems with your health. If your body isn’t use to the heat try to slowly adjust to the heat by gradually increasing the time you spend in it. Below are some real heat stress issues to pay attention to, such as heat stroke, heat exhaustion, dehydration, and some other less Severe, but preventable health problems such as heat cramps, fainting, and prickly heat rash that may also occur while exercising in the heat.

### Heat Stroke: (Medical Emergency)

When heat stroke occurs the body’s heat regulating system breaks down under stress and sweating stops. Unless the person receives quick treatment, death could occur.

**Symptoms:**

- No sweating (or may be sweating profusely)
- High body temperature (105° or more)
- Hot, dry, flushed skin
- Confused, delirious behavior
- Loss of consciousness or coma

**First Aid:**

- **Immediately call for medical help, and then begin first aid treatment**
- Move the victim to a cool place
- Cool the victim quickly by giving a cool bath (sponge with cool water and by fanning).
- Treat for shock
- Offer a conscious person half a glass of water every 15 minutes

### Heat Exhaustion: (Medical Emergency)

This is a serious disorder that develops when the body loses fluid through sweating.

**Symptoms:**

- Sweating profusely
- Weakness
- Clammy Skin
- Dizziness
- Pale or flush face
- Nausea

**First Aid:**

- Move the person to the shade or a cool place.
- Have person lie on their back with feet elevated.
- If conscious, give half a glass of water every 15 minutes.
- Get medical help
- Rapid heartbeat and breathing

### Dehydration:

Dehydration occurs when you lose more fluid than you take in and your body doesn’t have enough water to carry its normal functions. If you don’t replace lost fluids, you may become dehydrated.

**Mild Symptoms:**

- Dry, sticky mouth & thirst
- Sleepiness or tiredness
- Headache, dizziness, feeling lightheaded
- Decrease urine output or constipation
- Dry skin

**Severe Symptoms:**

- Little or no urination
- Sunken eye’s and no tears, if crying
- Shriveled or dry skin
- Low blood pressure
- Fever
- In serious cases, loss of consciousness or delirium

### Heat Cramps: (Mild Disorder):

A good rule is to drink a half glass of water every 15 minutes for an hour if you experience this.

**Fainting:**

This happens when your body is having trouble coping with heat. This can be very dangerous because you can get hurt by falling down.

- Always have a person with you when you exercise in the heat.
- Always bring water and a light snack
- If you have health issues like diabetes or heart problems, wear a medical alert bracelet so other know how to help.

**Prickly Heat:**

Is a rash that develops when sweat cannot evaporate. Sweat ducts become clogged and sweat glands become inflamed.

So Continue to exercise and do outdoor activities but just be aware Heat Stress because you may not realize any of these symptoms until it’s too late. Heat Stress can alter your coordination, lessen concentration, reduce strength and alertness, and make you very irritable.

**Drink 10-16 ounces (a glass) of cold fluid 15-30 minutes before working out.**

Continue to do so every **15 minutes** during exercise, and maybe even add a small beverage with some electrolytes, potassium, or even a little sodium if you seem to be sweating a lot to prevent dehydration.

All of us at the AST Diabetes and Wellness Fitness Center encourage you to be active and safe this summer. So, go exercise and have fun but don’t forget to take

breaks to hydrate and remember to listen to your body. Children and the elderly may become dehydrated faster than normal, so keep an eye out for that. You can’t do your best if you don’t feel your best! Remember exercise is very important to keep a strong and healthy body. If you don’t want to be in the heat, swing by the AST Fitness Center and work out indoors. We offer indoor fitness classes such as Circuit Training, Strength/ Aerobic Training, HITT, Core–N–More, Zumba, and Cardio Kickboxing at the AST Little Axe Resource Center and Little Axe Health Clinic.

**Call Chrissy or Buster today and find out more information at (405) 364-7298 Ext 1.**

## Life Recovery Shawnee

### A Christ-centered Addiction Recovery Support Group

Every Tuesday 7 PM  
Open Door Church of God  
1200 N. Tucker St.  
Shawnee, Oklahoma

Call Ty Thorpe at 405-833-7366 for more information

## PURCHASED REFERRED CARE NEWS

The AST Purchased Referred Care Team is here to assist you.

### Protect Your Family with THE HPV VACCINE

HPV IS A COMMON DISEASE AND CAN HAVE serious consequences

IN THE U.S...

Approximately **79 MILLION** people have been infected with HPV

**14 MILLION** new HPV infections occur every year

**80%** of sexually active people will contract HPV over their lifetime

BEING INFECTED WITH HPV CAN LEAD TO...

CERVICAL CANCER  
GENITAL CANCER  
THROAT CANCER  
ANOGENITAL CANCER  
GENITAL WARTS

### PROTECT BOTH YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS FROM CANCER WITH THE HPV VACCINE

#### PROTECT YOUR DAUGHTER

Each year, there are **12,000 CASES OF CERVICAL CANCER** leading to **OVER 4,000 DEATHS IN WOMEN**

#### PROTECT YOUR SON

Each year, there are **9,300 CASES OF HPV-RELATED CANCERS IN MEN**

## THE HPV VACCINE

It is important to protect your child from the disease early.

**THE HPV VACCINE CAN...**

**ONLY PREVENT** infections, **NOT TREAT THEM**

Reduce Risk of HPV-related cancers **BY UP TO 99%** when fully protected with the recommended doses

Prevent your child from **SPREADING HPV** to future sexual partners

### THE HPV VACCINE IS SAFE AND EFFECTIVE

Clinical trials and ongoing research have shown the HPV vaccine’s protection remains strong for at least **10 YEARS.**

There is no evidence to suggest this level of protection changes over time.

Since the vaccine was licensed, **ONLY 0.0003%** of patients reported side effects – and most of those were “non-serious” symptoms such as headache, nausea and dizziness.

The recommended age to receive the HPV vaccine is 11 or 12, however it is not too late for 13-26 year olds to get vaccinated as well.

**11-12 YEAR OLDS** develop a higher level of the protective antibody that the body generates after immunization, compared with older adolescents and young adults. This may result in longer lasting immunity.

**You are the key to HPV cancer prevention.**

Get your child vaccinated at the recommended age of 11 or 12 years, to protect them and their future partners from contracting HPV.

IMMUNIZATION for WOMEN  
Immunizationforwomen.org/HPV/patients

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

Please follow the PRC guidelines. Keep a copy on hand and update your information. To update your patient information, please see patient registration.

### SHAWNEE CLINIC PURCHASED REFERRED CARE HAS MOVED.

We are now located in **SHAWNEE CLINIC (BLDG. 17)**  
Our phone numbers have NOT changed.

### EMERGENCY AND URGENT CARE SERVICES

PRC for a currently enrolled AST citizen 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 PRC 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 PRC within 72 hours, your bills will not be paid.
3. For AST citizens 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 citizens 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 PRC. You may leave bills at the Little Axe Health Center PRC office or the Shawnee Clinic PRC office.

### PURCHASED REFERRED CARE FOR AST CITIZENS WITH INSURANCE

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

1. To complete existing PRC patient updates, please visit Patient Registration at either the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic during regular hours of operation.
2. Notify PRC 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 PRC 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 PRC. You may leave bills at the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic.

### PURCHASED REFERRED CARE FOR AST CITIZENS WITHOUT INSURANCE

PRC for a currently enrolled AST citizen 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. PRC 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 PRC patient updates, please visit Patient Registration at either the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic during regular hours of operation.
3. For new AST tribal citizens, to become established for PRC 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.
4. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to PRC. You may leave bills at the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic.

### EASY ACCESS

Purchased Referred Care is conveniently located in Little Axe Health Center and in Shawnee Clinic, Building 17.

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.

### IMPORTANT CONTACTS

#### BILLING & PAYMENT INQUIRIES

Little Axe Health Center & Shawnee Clinic

Glendine Blanchard, PRC Director  
Daria Gatzman, PRC Specialist  
Lena Carroll, Claims Processor  
Jennifer Wells, PRC Technician  
Kareena Deere, File Clerk

#### REFERRAL MANAGEMENT

Little Axe Health Center

Debi Sloat, PRC Deputy Director/RN  
April Parton, PRC Health Specialist/LPN  
Jayne Werst, PRC Specialist, Medicaid Patients  
Melinda Ferrell, PRC Specialist

#### REFERRAL MANAGEMENT

Shawnee Clinic


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

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

SHAWNEE CLINIC PRC  
405.878.5850 (Primary)  
405.878.4702 (Secondary)

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# Absentee Shawnee Tribe Child Care Development Fund Programs

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*“Lifelong Learning Begins Here.”*



Program Services:

- Building Blocks Child Development Center II- Shawnee, OK- Tribally Operated Child Care Center
- Building Blocks Child Development Center III- Little Axe, OK- Tribally Operated Child Care Center
- AST Child Care Subsidy Program- Child Care Assistance
- AST After School Program- Horseshoe Bend Community- After School Care
- AST After School Program- AST Complex, Shawnee- After School Care

- For information about these services please visit the AST website at [www.astribe.com/Childcare](http://www.astribe.com/Childcare)
- Contact information:
  - ✕ BBCDCII-Shawnee (405)878-0633 Email: [ecrawford@astribe.com](mailto:ecrawford@astribe.com)
  - ✕ BBCDCIII- Little Axe (405)360-2710 Email: [rebeccaj@astribe.com](mailto:rebeccaj@astribe.com)
  - ✕ AST Child Care Subsidy (405)432-8411 Email: [briana.ponkilla@astribe.com](mailto:briana.ponkilla@astribe.com)
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# EXTREME INFLATABLE TEAM RELAY

**September 14, 2019**

**Little Axe Health Center**

**15951 Little Axe Drive, Norman**

**Adult, Youth, Teen or Family Teams!**

**Bracket style - Single Elimination**

**Registration closes May 30th**

**Starts at 9:30 am!!**

**[kdean@astribe.com](mailto:kdean@astribe.com) for more info!**

**Find us on FB @ MyDNAROCKS**



Each team is allowed 1 substitute team member.

Participant 1 name: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

Participant 2 name: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

Participant 3 name: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Participant 4 name: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Substitute name: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ **Team Style:** Family Youth Adult Teen **For more information contact 701-7993 Contact us immediately if your team needs to drop out.**

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ I, grant my child, permission to participate in the Absentee Shawnee Extreme Inflatable Relay. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry I waive all claims for myself, and my heirs against the sponsors, co-operating groups and any individuals associated with this event and will hold them harmless for any and all injuries which may result my participation. I hereby give my permission for my participation or my child's participation. I hereby give permission to the event sponsors to use my name and image without limitation or obligation. I certify that those participating are physically fit for this event and understand the risks involved by participating in this event. **Event hosted by MYDNA & Diabetes & Wellness**

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# IMPORTANT NOTICE!

The Criminal Court Dockets have moved from  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday afternoons at 1:30pm**  
**to 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday mornings 9:00am.**

## 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.

## ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS!!!

The approved Legislative Resolution No. L-AS-2018-17 has been duly adopted by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma Authorizing and Approving an increase in the Burial Assistance amount for qualified and approved members to **six thousand dollars and no cents (\$6,000.00)**, effective October 1, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact the Social Service Department at (405) 275-4030, ext. 6225 or 6255. All the changes will be posted to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's web site under service + Social Service.

When mailing in your application for any assistance through the Social Service Department, Please DO NOT send original CDIB, Drivers License and Social Security cards. Please attach copies of your ID's only; if you are in the office copies will be made. Absentee Shawnee Tribe is not responsible for lost ID's in the mail. If you have any questions, please call **(405) 275-4030, ext. 6225 or 6255.**

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**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.



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Human Resources .....	275-1468
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