



THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE NEWS

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Thunderbird Casino Pow Wow Returns



Thunderbird Casino recently hosted their annual Anniversary Celebration, July 2nd-4th. The three day event featured a classic car show, Pow Wow, watermelon feed, live music and two fireworks shows. The celebration was canceled last year due to COVID. There was also a special drum contest named in the memory of Lt. Governor Kenneth Blanchard.

ARPA General Welfare Relief Fund



Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma ARPA General Welfare Relief Fund

On behalf of the Absentee Shawnee tribe of Oklahoma, the Executive Committee in response to the COVID-19 pandemic has established an **ARPA General Welfare Relief Fund**. The Executive Committee understands the impact this pandemic has had on our Absentee Shawnee tribal members and wants nothing more than to help serve our people.

The **ARPA General Welfare Relief Fund** will be for eligible enrolled Absentee Shawnee Tribal members. All AST tribal members on the roll as of June 1st, 2021 will receive a one (1) time payment of **\$3,000.00**.

ARPA General Welfare Application Acceptance: **Tuesday, July 6th, 2021**

ARPA General Welfare Eligibility:

- Must be an enrolled member of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma on or before **June 1st, 2021**
- Must have a copy of AST tribal members current CDIB card (attached to application)
- Must have a completed **ARPA General Welfare Relief Fund** application (one application per tribal member)
- All applications **MUST BE SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 2021**

ARPA General Welfare Required Documents:

- Completed **ARPA General Welfare Relief Fund** application,
- Copy of updated CDIB card,
- Copy of Parent(s) CDIB and State ID,
- Children living with Custodial Parent or Legal Guardian or an Out-of-home placement, must provide:
 - CDIB and State ID for the adult applying on child(ren) behalf; and
 - Custody Documentation (need minimum of 1 document indicating custody status)
 - Divorce Decree
 - Guardianship
 - Legal or Notarized Custody Agreement
 - Letter from Child(ren) School (Proof of Residency)
 - OKDHS Letter (TANF, Food Stamps, ect.)

ARPA General Welfare Application Submission Options: **NO FAXES**

- By snail mail to AST Enrollment Department, 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801
- By AST website electronic application
- By appointment with AST Enrollment Department
- By email to arpahelp@atribe.com

By signing, I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the ARPA General Fund guidelines. I hereby agree to submit all the necessary documentations and understand failure to submit could cause a delay in disbursement.

Signature _____ Date _____



Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma ARPA General Welfare Relief Fund

Self/Parent/Legal Guardian				
First	M.I.	Last	Maiden	
Address	City	State	County	Zip Code
Home/Cell Phone	DOB	CDIB No.	Who's applying? (Self, Parent or Legal Guardian)	
If applicable, (Custodial Parent or Legal Guardian or Out-of-home Placement's ONLY), please revert back to required documents on page 1.				
Minor Information				
There could be a thirty (30) day delay for ALL minors to review further information regarding his or hers application.				
First	M.I.	Last		
Address	City	State	County	Zip Code
Home/Cell Phone	Date of Birth	CDIB No.		
PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY				
** How has your everyday life been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic? **				
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic hardship (unable to make ends meet)	<input type="checkbox"/> Furlough from employment		<input type="checkbox"/> Daycare, school or any educational institute closure	
<input type="checkbox"/> Need of medical Supplies and/or equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Termination of employment or in ability to gain employment		<input type="checkbox"/> Considered high risk due to medical health and/or age	
<input type="checkbox"/> Need of food items			<input type="checkbox"/> COVID-19 symptoms resulting in quarantine	
PLEASE UNDERSTAND AND INITIAL INFORMATION BELOW				
____ I understand the information above is true and correct. If requested by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, I can provide documentation in support of my attestation of need. I also understand that if any of the above information supplied is found to be false, I can be required to return the payment assistance received.				
____ I understand I have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in ways which have caused or may cause myself and family members of my household to need the ARPA General Welfare Relief Fund .				
____ I understand that I am applying and accepting a one-time payment of \$3,000.00 from the ARPA General Welfare Relief Fund .				
____ I understand obtaining ARPA General Welfare Relief Funds under false pretense or illegally, may result in suspension of any future general welfare relief funds.				
Signature	Date			



GOVERNOR
John Johnson



Lt. GOVERNOR
Ezra DeLodge



SECRETARY
Alicia Miller



TREASURER
Joseph Blanchard



REPRESENTATIVE
DeWayne Wilson



GOVERNOR'S REPORT

John Johnson, AST Governor

Hello fellow tribal members,

I hope everyone is having a great summer. It is hard to believe it is August and the children will be returning to school in the next couple of weeks.

It has taken a little longer than expected but we are finally getting closer to opening the AST Food Bank. Falon Powell has been hired to serve as the Food Bank manager. Since being hired at the end of June, Mr. Powell has written the policies and procedures, employee handbook and had multiple interviews for the remaining positions at the Food Bank. Once staff is hired and vendors are set up we will inform every one of the ribbon cutting ceremony and the opening date. My staff and I have worked hard the last couple of

months to make this happen and we are excited to see it open.

On July 8th, 2021 the first modular building that was funded by the CARES Act arrived here at the Shawnee Campus. It has 6 offices, a conference room and a small break room. This building took place of an old worn out trailer that the Veterans and Elders shared.

As many of you may know, on June



LT. GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Ezra DeLodge, AST Lt. Governor

Tribal Members,

I hope we are all doing well, and safely enjoying our time as much as possible. I, like I assume most people, am tired of hearing about Covid. I miss those “normal” pre-Covid days, but we must remain vigilant and not let our guard down. Nonetheless we must continue to wear our mask and adhere to CDC guidelines. Again, I know I said it before; I encourage everybody to get vaccinated as soon as possible. If you have questions or are unsure, ask your healthcare provider and make an informed decision.

Forestry Eradication we are working on setting up new agreement(s) with BIA and hope to have those in place as soon as possible.

Agricultural Department we are currently in the process of putting out notice for lands which we hope to use, with Tribal Realty. We are looking to hire staff to further along the department. This department is still very much a work in progress.

Maintenance Dept. has been busy mowing, weed eating and edging around campus. They have a large volume of request for work orders from all depart-

ments on campus. A few examples are assembling furniture, rearranging office space/upgrades and disposing of items no longer needed. Moving into Phase III housekeepers are working hard to keep all buildings clean and sanitized, as much as possible.

BIA Roads Dept. has been developing and initiating the tribal Driveway Assistance Program. The process was slow starting out, but we are getting better every day. Currently, we have 43 active applications; we have 5 driveway projects that have been completed and 2 driveway projects that are near completion. The dept. has hired one additional contract laborer who has the expertise to move this project along. We are hopeful that our speed will continue to increase as we develop our program more and acquire better equipment.

Also, the dept. is working with Potawatomi and Cleveland Counties to determine county roads which are connected to both tribal citizens' land and tribal grounds, which we will be able to help fund construction and/or maintenance for. These future projects will provide high-quality roads for our citizens to enjoy.

OEH/E Dept. has collected, processed, and recycled 31 bales of shredded office paper and cardboard equaling roughly

23rd, 2021 Dewayne Wilson was sworn in as Representative for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. I would like to welcome Mr. Wilson to the Executive Committee and I look forward to working alongside him.

As I wrap up for this month, I would like to remind everyone to stay aware of the COVID increasing numbers. Please continue to follow all local and CDC guidelines.

24 tons of recyclable waste that has been diverted. Currently OEH has 128 Tribal Response, 106 Water Pollution, 319 Non-point Source Pollution, and GAP Grant applications have been submitted to EPA and awarded for FY 2021. OEH has been awarded \$85,000 for FY 21 for IHS funding for water and septic assistance in the amount of \$85,000. Our tribal utility operator position has been filled, but we still are in search of an Environmental Manager for EPA grants. We are currently in the process of completing the new environmental assessment for the construction of the new Police Safety Center.

BIA Self Gov. Dept. has received ARP funding the amount of \$2,389,383.00 to be used in Aid to Tribal Government (ATG), Housing Improvement Program, and Law Enforcement. We have also received \$392,727.68 in COVID Highway Infrastructure. We have various projects ongoing with the Youth Camp and some CARES Projects. This is not inclusive of the everyday task/jobs and reports that are being submitted as needed.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me by email ezrad@astrobe.com, call my office 405-275-4030 x 6253 or cell 405-432-0733.

Respectfully,
Lt. Governor DeLodge

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Alicia Miller, AST Secretary

Ho wa se ke sa ke!

As of late, it has been concerning to learn of the increases of COVID-19 cases, not just in Oklahoma, but in our surrounding area. We have also started to feel the effects of COVID-19 positives at the tribal campus. With this being stated, the tribe will continue to operate in Phase III but have modified to include that all visitors, including staff, must wear masks while visiting the tribal complex. We are also encouraging appointments to curtail any congregating in tribal buildings where a potential spread could occur if a (unknowing) positive individual were to be present. We are continuously monitoring the trends and are taking precautionary measures to protect all visitors and staff. After the CDC recommendations for vaccinated people was issued many felt the freedom of going without a mask. I almost forgot what it was like to go in public without a mask. It almost felt as if I was missing something. However, when I went without it, I felt some anxiety and continued to wear a mask even when in large groups, but within these past few weeks, I wear a mask majority of the time. I urge you to protect you and your loved ones, make wise decisions, please be vigilant and ask questions of your medical provider. The pandemic is not over...yet. I want to be able to see you and visit with

you when this pandemic is over, but we all need to do our individual part to make this possible.

The month of July started off with the repairing of an antiquated fire hydrant located between the Cultural Preservation building and the Governor's building. When the plumber came to assess the situation when we had a massive gusher spraying water into the air, the plumber stated the fire hydrant should be in a museum it was so old. In his 40 years of being a plumber, he had never seen one like it. As laughable as the comment was, the buried waterline adjoined to the fire hydrant was just as old, points to a critical need to address the aging utility infrastructure on the tribal complex. Fortunately, the water line was repaired, and I thank the maintenance department for staying during off hours to make sure the “fix it” project was completed.

Since the beginning of the year, the enrollment department continues to receive a record amount of membership applications. Enrollment is working diligently to complete applications in a timely manner (all the while completing ARPA application verifications). Since there has been a recent influx, my office along with enrollment opted to keep the most accurate of numbers by presenting a mid-year roll certification resolution at the July meeting. The Tribe has been asked by various (funding) entities to provide our most up to date tribal membership count as of late. So the tribe can receive the most benefit

for any potential future funding opportunities – I have opted to take such action and maintain the most accurate of numbers possible.

Schools will soon be back in session and the AST Education department will be hosting their annual school supply distribution – by appointment. Please contact Ms. Spoon and her staff for additional information regarding her upcoming event at (405)275-4030.

ARPA applications are currently being processed and checks have begun to be mailed out by the Finance department. The ARPA General Assistance program began accepting tribal member applications on July 6th and will continue to do so until October 29th, 2021. Within 2 weeks of opening the portal, the tribe received 3,300+ applications (roughly 73% of the tribal membership). Those are amazing numbers but with those amazing numbers, please have a realistic expectation that the applications will need to go through verifications before an actual check is cut and mailed out. There is an old saying, “good things come to those who wait”, right?!

Ne yi wa for taking the time to read my article, stay cool during these dog days of summer and I pray for good things for each of you.

Si li no ke ka no la.
Alicia Edwards Miller
Tribal Secretary
(405) 287-5247

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joseph Blanchard, AST Treasurer

Hello members, friends and family,

To begin, I want to reiterate the need for being proactive in this continuing battle with the COVID Pandemic. Now is not the time to be lax or complacent in your daily approach and how you interact with others. Information presented in recent discussion suggests numbers are beginning to rise again; this time with the Delta variant. One piece of data I received

says almost 100% of the viral deaths in our region are unvaccinated individuals. Another piece I will share says, if you have been vaccinated, your symptoms typically are of a lesser magnitude and duration. The AST Health System still provides testing and vaccines on Tuesday and Thursday at one of the facilities.

The next tidbit I'll share are comments made on *Social Media* regarding the **ARPA Funds** distribution. First and foremost, I advise our members to look at the source and who is sharing or making these assertions. Many of these situ-

ations could be handled differently but I will not engage in debate on the Forum. The last few weeks I have been answering questions related to supposed statements I said or actions made within my position as Treasurer. I am appalled people can make a post then the membership takes it as the truth and runs with it without verifying the information. Honestly, I've never been involved or seen this type of disruption or interference. As elected officials, we are tasked with acting, speaking, and administering on behalf of the People. *(Continued on Page 3)*

TREASURER’S REPORT (*Continued*)

Since the passing of the Distribution Resolution, Finance and Enrollment have been working to verify the application and complete the process. At the end of last week, there have been over **9** Check Runs and almost **700** checks were sent out by U.S. mail. The assumption the Treasurer is not supportive of helping members is completely **FALSE**. The People elected me to propel the Tribe forward and to be a good steward of the Tribe’s assets. I simply presented another option and supported that decision, which others of our community agreed with and wanted. I don’t have a reason to be hateful or spiteful to our People. The fact I have a differing opinion is not the issue.

Likewise, those same Elders and families have reminded me, “that’s why we put you there, to make the tough decisions some are shortsighted to see.” I have no agenda. I’m not trying to get elected or secure votes to get re-elected in 4 years. My promise was to help create and initiate change. Some disagree with me because it isn’t the change they want since it doesn’t benefit them personally. I make decisions based on the long-term impact

it will have for the greater good, the majority of our members. And for those who want to say, well we don’t plan for stuff like that. Let me repeat this simple statement. The Iroquois Confederacy believes, “In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations.”

For many years, as I sat on the sideline watching, here are a few things I learned. Our People have asked for educated leaders with skillsets to match. The one reason we have a hard time luring tribal members from industry is we do not have the financial resources to compensate them accordingly. Most individuals will not leave a job paying them \$40 to come work for \$25. Many of the jobs in our system are Grant-based and have specific requirements, thereby making many of our members ineligible. I can guarantee, as I discussed with my Directors and other coordinators across the Complex, we have a policy which states to give our members “preference” and to give every consideration for our people to learn and become employable. For jobs under my oversight, we make a concerted effort to recruit “qualified” members, especially our young folks in entry-level

positions. They are the next generation of leadership and it would be smart for them to learn from the ground up how things operate.

Another comment I’ve heard over the years, “All the EC does is bicker and fight amongst themselves, that’s why we can’t ever get anything accomplished.” In the regular world, Congress is led by Republican, Democrat, and Independent party members; here we have Conservative and Progressive leaders, which the majority of us are actually Moderates. In my first discussion with the EC when I took office last July, I made this statement: “We can continue to fight amongst ourselves and have a tumultuous next 3 years, or WE can put the BS aside and do what the People want...Move this Tribe forward and create a direction which ends in greatness. For once in our Tribe’s history, we have an EC willing to work together, to put aside personal feelings and advance our People.

When I came into office a year ago, several of the programs under Treasurer’s oversight were in disarray or not functioning at its greatest capacity. We have initiated the necessary change by: removing inexperienced or unskilled in-

dividuals; promoted from within; hired additional qualified employees; raised expectation levels; and continued to demand improvement. Even when we do well, we still strive to improve and become more efficient. There definitely is more cooperation across departments and programs.

I want to thank all of our employees and staff for their dedication and determination. During these trying times, they are still performing their functions in an unknowing, volatile atmosphere, putting themselves at risk to complete their associated job tasks. Often, it is a thankless job but I recognize their efforts.

Finally, as families shift their focus towards “Back to School” efforts, try to enjoy the remainder of what summer you have left and “Good Luck!” in the upcoming year. I look forward to continuing my efforts in support of our People.

Should you have any concerns, do not hesitate to call my office or send me an email.

Sincerely,
Joseph H. Blanchard

REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT

DeWayne Wilson, AST Representative

Hello Tribal Members,

I am very excited to be in office, I was sworn in on June 23rd , 2021 . I am still getting acclimated to life of the Office of Representative. I have been attending lots of meetings and learning more about the departments that are under my oversight.

These departments currently under my oversight are Human Resources, MIS, Cultural Preservation, Gaming Commission, and Self- Governance (HIS).

Presently, I am in the process of hiring an administrative assistant. I have interviewed numerous candidates and hope to hire someone soon. It was wonderful to see so many of our tribal members/ friends at the Thunderbird Casino Pow

Wow. It was nice to have this event since COVID shut it down last year. I hope everyone is taking their COVID precautions and Stay Healthy. The COVID numbers have been rising. The Executive Committee(EC) are presently looking to ways to assist our tribal members and employees during this time. As for the Executive Committee, we are looking and walking forward with positive opti-

mism and are working well with one another. I want to say “Thank You” to the Executive Committee for giving me the opportunity to serve.

I hope to have more to report next month as I learn more about my duties and responsibilities. Feel free to call my office (405) 275-4030 Ext. 6239 or email me, dewayne.wilson@astribе.com. My door is always open.

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE

Food Pantry

• Beginning on August 3rd, 2021 applications will be available online or requested via mail.

• Completed applications have to be turned in to the food pantry.

40210 Benson Park Rd
Tecumseh, OK 74873



AST FOOD PANTRY REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION



ALL applicants must submit the following items:

Number of family members	Total income for household
1	\$1,231
2	\$1,604
3	\$1,977
4	\$2,365
5	\$2,769
6	\$3,173
7	\$3,547
8	\$3,920
Each additional member	\$374

REQUIRED FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

- Tribal Affiliation Card (CDIB).
- Social Security Cards.
- Drivers License or state ID.
- Proof of income for the last six months.
- Proof of Residency (Must be in applicants name).

APPLICANT IDENTIFICATION IS REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF PICK UP



AST Food Bank Application

Please Print

Please fill out application completely. Incomplete applications will be denied.

Have a copy of all household member's CDIB cards, a utility bill for the household and proof of income.

Name of Head of Household _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Head of Household CDIB # _____

Total Number of Members in Household _____

List Name and Age of Members in Household:

_____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received _____

Family Name _____

Family Size _____

Color of Card Given _____

Copy of all CDIB Card _____

Copy of Utility Bill _____

Copy of Income Verification _____

Notes: _____

NOW HIRING


Absentee Shawnee Tribe
Roads Program

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe is seeking temporary construction laborers to help create a substantial economic impact in our community and assist the Roads Program with construction and road projects. This opportunity is to provide contract employment opportunities for qualified citizens. Interested individuals must be able to:

- Climb, crouch, push, pull, reach, stand, engage in repetitive motions, communicate, hear and see including color, depth perception and clarity.
- Must be able to lift 75lbs
- Must be able to work in extreme environments including in climate weather (extreme heat, cold, and unfavorable conditions) as needed

General qualifications are as follows current CDL preferred, general knowledge of construction work experience preferred, and oral and written communications skills. As required a valid OK Driver's License, able to pass background check and pre-employment screenings. Contract Labor will be paid hourly with no benefits, hourly rate will range between \$15-\$20 an hour pending qualifications and experience.

If interested please submit a letter of intent to KymberlyH@astribе.com or contact Kym Hazlett with the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at 405-275-4030 ext. 6325 with any questions or concerns.





ASTHS August 2021 Monthly Update

COVID-19: What You Need to Know Today

Currently Oklahoma is seeing an uptick of positive COVID-19 cases. According to the Healthier Oklahoma Coalition, it is sending more people to the hospital. The Delta Variant is in our state's communities and it is causing individuals to become ill. What is encouraging is that even though it may still cause those who have been vaccinated to become ill, it has prevented fatal complications. The mortality rate of vaccinated versus unvaccinated is clear, especially with the Delta Variant. At this time studies are continuing to be conducted to test the efficacy and effectiveness of the vaccine. Currently in Israel the efficacy for the vaccine has dropped to 64%, but the effectiveness has not. Meaning individuals that had been vaccinated, and who became infected and positive with COVID-19, their illness did not become so severe that it led to their death as a result. It is very important to note that those in Oklahoma who are currently hospitalized are almost all "non-vaccinated" individuals.

So what does this mean for us? It means that we should continue to do our due diligence in washing our hands, using hand sanitizer, wearing masks when and where appropriate, keeping our distance whenever possible, and completing the vaccine series. The clinic has all three vaccines and has scheduled evening clinics as well as clinics during the day that can assist individuals in obtaining the vaccine. Those who have not been vaccinated should not congregate or come in at all with others without a mask and proper social distancing. The risk of infection for immune compromised and organ transplant people in our communities is high, and amongst the many reasons the CDC directs healthcare workers to still wear masks in health systems, hospitals, and other patient care settings, such as dialysis centers and other related specialty clinics.

Completing the vaccine series will be the best way of protecting yourself, your family, and others from the virus. There are on-going studies regarding the need for boosters or not. As reported on the news, Pfizer will soon be seeking Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the use of a booster for their vaccination. However, until then we must operate with the information that we have now and continue to be vigilant in all we do to protect ourselves, our loved ones, and the Tribe. (A special 'thank you' to the AST Health System's Infection Control Officer Michelle Wollenzin, RN, for preparing this information).

Help me in congratulating our August Monthly Employee Award Winners this month! These outstanding professionals and team players lead the way in making our programs succeed and with taking care of our patients!

August 2021 Health Employee Awards of the Month

- Employee of the Month: Lisa Harrington, Diabetes Health & Wellness Director
- Team of the Month: AST Health System's Behavioral Health Team
- Special Leadership Award: Connie Bottaro, Patient Benefits Advisor (PBA)

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

Nutrition Corner

AST DIABETES AND WELLNESS PROGRAM

Let's Talk...Eating Out

We all enjoy eating out from time to time. Whether it is having a busy schedule or the simple fact that most people do not enjoy cooking every day, eating out is something we do on a regular basis. It only makes sense to find ways to incorporate healthy habits in our daily routines. Let's discuss a few ways we can live better, healthier lives when eating out.

- Check out healthier menu options ahead of time. Look on the restaurant's website or check them out on a free nutrition app like My Fitness Pal. These sources help you plan a meal before you even go to a restaurant.
- Many places offer healthy side options. Have the main entrée you've been craving, just sub the side item. Next time you are at Chick-fil-A, try a side of fruit instead of waffle fries.
- Most all restaurants, including fast-food chains, will allow you to modify the menu items to make them healthier. For example:
 - Request untoasted bun (saves 100 kcals)
 - Hold the salt on my fries (saves 500 mg of sodium)
 - Order salad dressing on the side (gen we eat less if it's on the side)
 - Ask for no butter on your veggies (yes, they still taste good)
 - Try mustard instead of mayo (or even dry)
 - Hold the cheese (you can survive without it)

Little changes have a big impact!

Order water.
Since most drinks have unlimited refills, you tend to drink more than you normally would at home. You can save 300+ calories just ordering water instead of soda.

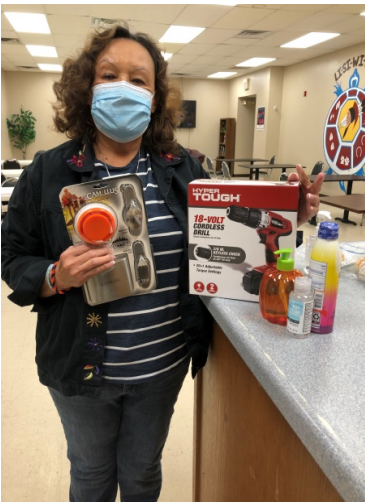
Order off the kids menu.
The smaller portion size allotted for kids is plenty of calories, even for an adult. Try ordering a Happy Meal instead of a Value Meal.

Hold the appetizers.
Yes, even those Cheddar Bay Biscuits can add up!

Take home half your meal.

OUR STEPS WINNERS!!! MAY 3 TO JUNE 14

Twila Parker 406,747 STEPS



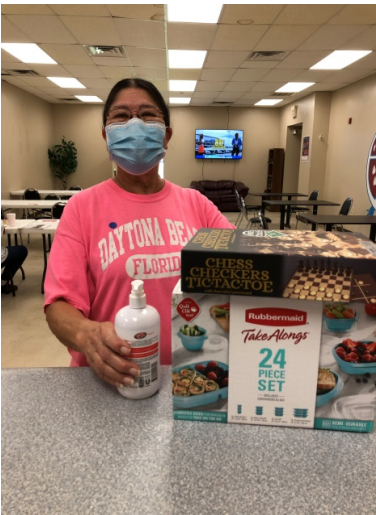
LILLIAN FIXICO 83,167 STEPS



RUTH BLANCHARD,
NOT PICTURED

JANICE THORPE LENA 55,621 STEPS

MARLENE ELLIS, 34,204 STEPS



Pharmacy Reminder

3 WAYS TO REFILL YOUR PRESCRIPTION

Call us with your prescription number ready at:
Little Axe Pharmacy- 405.292.9530
Shawnee Pharmacy- 405.878.5859

Request refills on the go using the Rx2Go app for your mobile device!

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

Visit our website for quick and easy access at:
www.asthealth.org/request-rx-refill

HEALTH SYSTEM
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Pharmacy Refill Requests:

- Refills can be REQUESTED:
- NON-controlled medications – 7 days before you run out of your prescription.
 - Controlled medications – 3 days before you run out of your medications (unless otherwise directed by provider)

Refills should be processed and READY for pick up after 2 business days (M-F). This allows us time to order medications that may be out of stock. Medication delivery to our pharmacy doesn't occur on the weekend.





Working Together to Serve Our Veteran Warriors

VA Healthcare Services at ASTHS

- ✓ Primary Care Medical Services
- ✓ Behavioral Health Services
- ✓ Service-Connected Disabilities
- ✓ Dental Services
- ✓ Vision Services

VA disability assessments and re-assessment exams and VA Compensation and Pension Exams must be scheduled at a VA facility.

Did You Know?

American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans now have increased health care options through reimbursement sharing agreements with the VA, and you can choose to seek care through VA or through the ASTHS Tribal Health System for your VA healthcare needs? These agreements mean more resources are available to support the collective health and wellness of tribal veterans.

VA Benefits

ASTHS Patient Benefit Advocates and our local area VA Native American Nurse Navigator can help tribal veterans navigate VA benefits for which they may be eligible, such as health benefits, disability, pension, education and training, VA housing loans, survivors' benefits, and more.

OKC VA Native American Nurse Navigator:
405.456.3808

Apply for VA Health Benefits:
800.827.1000

Apply for VA Benefits:
855.488.8441

www.va.gov

Little Axe Health Center
405.447.0300

Shawnee Clinic
405.878.5850



Caring for...AMERICA'S HEROES



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL
HEALTH SYSTEM
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www.asthealth.org



Under 65? Apply for SoonerCare With New Medicaid Expansion.

AST Tribal Health System and the Oklahoma Health Care Authority are pleased to announce effective July 1, 2021, Oklahoma is expanding Medicaid for adults ages 19-64 with incomes at or below 138% of the federal poverty level. **Per Purchased Referred Care guidelines, all patients under 65 years old, whether insured or uninsured, must apply for Medicaid Expansion benefits effective July 1, 2021 to help augment the cost of tribal healthcare services.** Help yourself, help your tribe and see if you and your family will qualify to get coverage at no cost to you or your tribe.

Program rules and continuity of care necessitates completion of an annual application for benefits to assure services are covered, even if ASTHS patient is already insured.



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL
HEALTH SYSTEM
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OKLAHOMA
Health Care Authority

TO APPLY:
SoonerCare
www.mysoonercare.org

WE CAN HELP

Contact a Patient Benefit Advocate

Little Axe Health Center
405.447.0300

Shawnee Clinic
405.878.5850

www.asthealth.org

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/SASP GRANT PRESENTS



WHITE BISON, INC.

A CULTURAL APPROACH TO PERSONAL RECOVERY FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE

WELLBRIETY WORKING LUNCH

Facilitated by: John Soap, LPC

EVERY THURSDAY VIA GOTOMEETING

[HTTPS://GLOBAL.GOTOMEETING.COM/JOIN/801887957](https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/801887957)

BEGINNING MAY 27TH, 2021

12:00PM-1:00PM

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Brendan (SASP Coordinator) or John (Facilitator/LPC) at (405) 878-4716

MEDICINE WHEEL & 12 STEPS



The medicine wheel and 12 Step program was developed to provide a culturally appropriate 12 Step program for Native American people. This program was developed by White Bison, based upon teachings of the Medicine Wheel, the Cycle of Life and the Four Laws of Change.

HOW THE PROCESS WORKS

The Medicine Wheel and 12 Step program is designed in a series of modules that enable people to meet their individual needs. Participants watch a video that explains Medicine Wheel teachings and apply them to their lives. In addition, participants share their insights and experiences in a talking circle. They also learn how to mind map their own innate knowledge around these teachings and then apply that knowledge to their daily lives and decision making processes. For those working through the program in a group setting (i.e. Circles of Recovery) very strong social and emotional bonds are created that help the individuals who participate to develop trust, autonomy, and other healthy feelings and thought patterns that will help them to grow emotionally, mentally, physically, and spiritually.

FOCUS

The focus of the program is on character and values. Thus each of the 12 Steps is presented from the perspective of the value that it reflects.

Step 1: Honesty
Step 2: Hope
Step 3: Faith
Step 4: Courage

Step 5: Integrity
Step 6: Willingness
Step 7: Humility
Step 8: Forgiveness

Step 9: Justice
Step 10: Perseverance
Step 11: Spiritual Awakening
Step 12: Service

TEACHINGS OF THE MEDICINE WHEEL

The Medicine Wheel is an ancient method for teaching important concepts about truth and life. Many Native American communities use a Medicine Wheel, although the colors and the symbols are different depending upon the culture. The purpose is the same in each culture. These teachings, when applied to one's life, have the power to influence significant change in attitudes, behaviors, values and intent. The Elders have shared a series of Teachings based upon the Natural Order of the way things should be. These are sometimes referred to as the "original instructions." These important Teachings are included in the Medicine Wheel and 12 Steps:

- 1.) 4 seasons of change
- 2.) 4 laws of change
- 3.) 4 directions of growth
- 4.) 12 principles for healthy living
- 5.) Reclaiming Our Power

- 6.) Medicine Wheel and 12 Steps
- 7.) Nature's Way: Principles, laws, and Values
- 8.) Cycle of Life
- 9.) 8 feelings for healthy development

- 10.) Comfort Zones
- 11.) The Two Thought System: Love and Fear
- 12.) The medicine wheel
- 13.) The laws of the unseen world.

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A \$0 COST HEALTH PLAN UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN.

Help yourself, help your tribe and see if you will qualify for coverage that will provide you and your family with immediate access to specialized healthcare at no cost to you or your tribe.



Did you know? The American Rescue Plan (ARP), recently signed into law by President Biden, increases and expands eligibility for cost-savings programs under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in the form of premium cost assistance for individuals enrolled in Health Insurance Marketplace plans.

The premium assistance is in the form of a IRS Advance Premium Tax Credit taken in advance of the tax year, lowering or eliminating health insurance premiums for lower-and middle-income families. Signing up for a low-or-zero cost health plan allows tribes to receive reimbursement for services, which frees up more dollars to help those who are not eligible for cost-savings programs, helping Purchased Referred Care dollars go further.

Native Americans must apply for all available resources, if eligible, to help augment the cost of tribal healthcare services. Program rules and continuity of care necessitates completion of an annual application for benefits to assure services are covered, even if ASTHS patient is already insured.

TO APPLY:

[Health Insurance Marketplace](http://www.healthcare.gov)
www.healthcare.gov
1.800.318.2596

WE CAN HELP

Contact a Patient Benefit Advocate

Little Axe Health Center
405.447.0300

Shawnee Clinic
405.878.5850

www.asthealth.org



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL
HEALTH SYSTEM
Prevention. Progress. Pride.

Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Domestic Violence Department



Our mission is to:
Eliminate violence in Native Country and to strengthen Native families to end the cycle of violence.

We help with:
Domestic Violence
Sexual Assault
Dating Violence
Stalking
Sex Trafficking

Our services are confidential and include:

Safety Planning
Emergency Assistance
Court Advocacy
Shelter Placement Assistance
Referrals

Must be intimate partner related violence and the victim must be fleeing the home/situation

Who we serve:
Natives and non-Natives
LGBTQ2S+
Any Religion
Any income level
EVERYONE

Where we serve:
Because we are federally funded we get to serve all populations within our *service area, which includes Cleveland, Oklahoma and Pottawatomie counties.

*If you are AST and outside the service area, please call our office and we will see what we can do to help you.

Contact Us:

Office Line 405.273.2888

Fax 405.273.1192

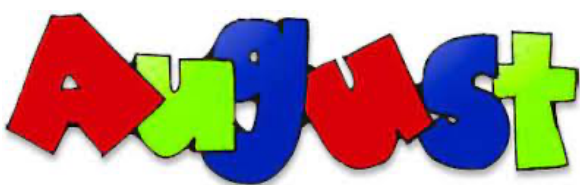
Webpage <https://www.astribes.com/domestic-violence>

Link to intake <https://www.astribes.com/forms/victim-intake>

@ASTRisingWarrior

For emergencies call 911 or AST PD @ 405.275.3200

Title VI



2% milk served daily Menu subject to change

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Baked Chicken Boiled Potatoes Veggies Apricots	3 Ham Wrap LTOP Cucumber Salad	4 Smoked Sausage Peppers & Onions Bread Choc. Chip cookie	5 Chicken Pot Pie Veggies Biscuit/Plums	6 Scrambled Eggs Sausage Gravy Biscuits	7
8	9 Egg Roll Stir Fry Veggies Pineapples	10 Ham Sweet Pot Turnip Greens Apple Slices	11 Goulash Squash Bread Pears	12 Chicken Salad Sandwich LTOP Baked Chips Mixed Fruit	13 Oatmeal Raisins Sausage Patties	14 National Code Talkers Day
15	16 Turkey Sandwich LTOP Baked Chips Cookie	17 Chef Salad Ham, Chez, Eggs Cottage chez Pineapples	18 Beef Tips & Noodles Mixed Veggies Jell-O	19 Baked Potato Chez, Ham Onions Broc. N Chez Pudding	20 Bagel Boiled Egg Fruit Cream Chez	21
22	23 Hot Ham & Chez Sandwich Chips Pickles/Onions	24 Soft Taco LTOC Spanish Rice Salsa/Mixed Fruit	25 Hot Dogs Pork n Beans Chez, Onions Mandarin Oranges	26 Lemon Peppered Chicken Wild Rice Tossed Salad* Peach Crisp	27 Scrambled Eggs Bacon Toast Fruit	28
29	30 Pork Chop Stuffing/Gravy Peas & Carrots Peaches	31 Roast Red Pot/Carrots Roll Applesauce				2021
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			

Almost time for school to start, time is going by fast. So enjoy your time with family, take pictures, drink your water, use your sunscreen, and be smart, buckle up and keep your phone charged!!

NATIONAL NAVAJO CODE TALKERS DAY

Each year on August 14th, National Navajo Code Talkers Day honors the contributions of the Native Americans who brought their unique abilities to the World War II effort. The day also highlights their impact on U.S. code and the Native American language that made it possible.

While code talkers were instrumental during World War II, the United States military used the Native American language in their coded messages before. During World War I, the Choctaw tribe's language was called upon to relate coded messages. One member integral in creating the military code was Philip Johnston. While he was not Navajo, Johnston did speak the language fluently. He also recruited the native speakers necessary to the Code Talker's success.

Initially, there were 29 Code Talkers, including Charlie Sosie Begay, Roy Begay, Samuel H. Begay, Eugene Crawford, Oscar Ilthma, and Lloyd Oliver, to name a few. However, that number would grow. Until 1968, the program remained classified. At that time, the United States presented the original 29 Navajo Code Talkers with Congressional Gold Medals. Additionally, the remaining Navajo Code Talkers were presented with Congressional Silver Medals.

NATIONAL NAVAJO CODE TALKERS DAY HISTORY

In 1982, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed National Navajo Code Talkers Day to recognize all the tribes for their contributions during the war. In his address, Reagan recognized other tribal nations for their contributions to war efforts, mentioning the Choctaw, Chippewa, Creek and Sioux by name.

TITLE VI ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

During this COVID 19 PANADEMIC: TITLE VI IS ONLY OPEN ON MONDAYS

Mission Statement:

To provide a nutritional meal five days a week to our tribal members and other tribe affiliated members 55 or older who live in the jurisdiction. We also provide supportive services to members.

Requirements for the Title VI Program

- CDIB card from a federally recognized tribe
- 55 years or older
- Spouses of eligible elders
- Complete an intake form
- Individuals with disabilities who reside at home with older individuals eligible for services

HOMEDELIVERED MEALS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS:

Elders should only be on the home delivered meal program if they are unable to leave their homes without great difficulty. Their inability to leave home may be because illness, disability, or general fragility. They may be home bound because they cannot ride comfortably in an available vehicle for the time it takes to get to the congregate site because of their fragility.

CONGREGATE MEAL SITES:

TITLE VI ELDERS WILL DRIVE THRU UNTIL FUTHER NOTICE.

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex Building #9, Shawnee Ok

Congregate Meals are served on Mondays Only- 10 am to 2 pm

Title VI Staff

Thomasine Owings, Title VI Director
Lula Bettelyoun, Cook
Donna Butler, Assistant Cook/Driver
Robert Schoolfield, Driver/Maintenance
Ted Watson Jr, Driver/Kitchen Assistant
Guy Kowena, Driver/Kitchen Assisitant



Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma

2025 South Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801-0381

Title VI
Elderly Nutrition Program

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:

- Absentee Shawnee Member
- Must be 55 years and older
- Must be an Title VI Member, have a current intake form on file (FY-2021)
- Must provide Proof of Residency (utility bill – in the applicants name)
- Handicap/Disabled
- 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.

This year we are trying to get an early start on our grass mowing list,

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

Thomasine Owings

Thomasine Owings
Title VI Director



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 ____ DEMENTIA
____ DIABETES ____ CHRONIC PAIN ____ HEARING AID ____ CHOLESTEROL ____ BLOOD PRESSURE

PRIMARY TRANSPORTATION ____ Own Car ____ Friend ____ Public Trans. ____ Senior Tran's ____ Family

PROSTHETIC DEVICES ____ 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 _____

EMAIL _____

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

CDIB # _____

Grass Mowing Application

D.O.B. _____

The Following are the requirements for this program:

- Must be an Absentee Shawnee Member
- Must be 55 years and older
- Must be an Title VI Member (have an current intake form for the current year 2021)
- Handicap/Disabled
- Must provide Proof of Residency (utility bill must be in applicant's name)
- 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.

Cultural Preservation Department

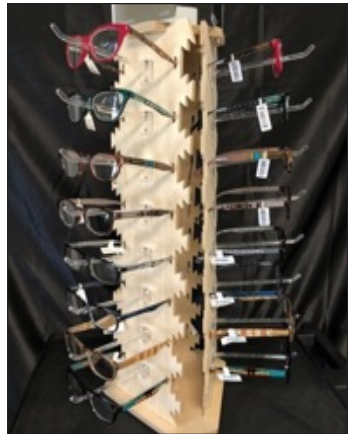
The Cultural Preservation Department has continued to carry out essential day to day operations to ensure the department continues to function properly. Currently, all staff members are available full time in the office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Gift Shop

We are happy to announce the gift shop is now open to all customers for in-store shopping! Since one of our protocols is to only allow 2 customers in the shop at a time unless they are shopping together, we ask that all individuals wanting to shop call Mrs. Merry Rodriguez, the Gift Shop Manager, before arriving. She can be reached at (405) 275-4030 ext. 6310.

We have two locations for your shopping. Our Shawnee Gift Shop is located at the complex in the Cultural Preservation building, and our Little Axe Gift Shop is located in the lobby of the Little Axe Health Center. We are open in Shawnee Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and once a month, usually at the end of the month, in Little Axe from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Further, to ensure the safety and protect the health of all, the Gift Shop has implemented the following 5 safety protocols that we ask visitors to follow:



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

We continue to make progress in new inventory. A new item we recently received in the gift shop is the featured Pendleton Readers that can be seen to the left. We also have new shipments of such things as shirts, blankets and chairs from several different companies en route to the gift shop.

In addition to the new products, we still have a few Pendleton and Minnetonka items on sale. So, if you haven’t been in our store recently, please make an appointment and come have a look at our merchandise.

Library

We are happy to announce that we have opened the library to the public! However, like the Gift Shop, we ask that you follow all the protocols mentioned above, and that you call Ms. Casey Wilson, the Librarian, to make an appointment. She can be reached at (405) 275-4030 ext. 6416.

In conjunction to opening to the public, we are still working on using OverDrive to get our collections online. This system will give our patrons access to a large collection of titles as well as access to exclusive titles unique to the tribe. It will allow us to expand our reach and engage more patrons. Please reach out to the Librarian if you have any questions.

Also, we are happy to announce that the library was approved for another year for the Read for Adventure program featuring the book Juniper’s Butterfly Garden–A Small Start for a Better World. After the book is checked out, free zoo passes will be issued to all participating families. If you have any further questions, please call the Librarian.

THPO

The THPO Program continues to make great strides and advancements. The THPO staff has steadily been receiving Section 106 projects from various Federal Agencies. Over the past month, the THPO Department has received 150 new Section 106 projects for review. In conjunction with receiving projects, 130 projects have been consulted on. The THPO Department has also taken part in numerous teleconference calls.

FCC/TCNS

In lieu of the shutdowns from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the incoming workflow of new and modified telecommunications projects has been steady for the TCNS program. The THPO Specialist, Ms. Ashley Brokeshoulder, has been busy reviewing, researching and given recommendations to the telecommunications industry. Over the past month, she has received 128 new telecommunications facility projects for review. In conjunction with receiving projects, she has reviewed, researched and gave recommendation for the clearance of 104 telecommunications projects.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION OUTREACH



At the end of June, two Cultural Preservation staff members, Ms. Casey Wilson and Mrs. Devon Frazier-Smith, traveled to Little Axe to present two different activities/presentations to the youth attending Camp Nikoti. On June 23rd, Ms. Casey Wilson presented Language Bingo to camp participants, and on June 30th, Mrs. Devon Frazier-Smith presented a culture PowerPoint presentation to camp participants.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Cultural Preservation Department, in conjunction with the gift shop re-opening, is still currently holding a Summer Days Giveaways. For every \$20 spent in the gift shop between June 1st and July 31st, your name will be added to the wheel for a chance to win 4 different prizes. So, please come and shop!

Also, please be on the lookout on the website and Facebook page for a new class flyer. Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts, we will be pushing the ribbon skirt class (sponsored by the Library) to the first week of August. For more information, please contact Cultural Preservation.

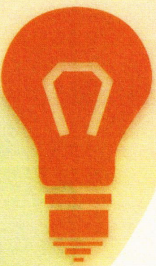
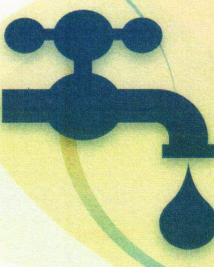

Your concerns are important to us. We thank you for the continued support of our department as we continue to make changes to our programs to better serve the Tribal community. My door is always open so please feel free to contact me, Carol Butler, at 405-275-4030 ext. 6245 or cbutler@astribes.com.



Let us help...

**With one of your Cooling/
Heating/Water bill**
Through the LIHEAP or LIHWAP Assistance Programs
If you live in Pottawatomie or Cleveland counties
And enrolled with any federally recognized tribe.


LIHEAP - Heating / Electric
LIHWAP - Water



Applications can be picked up at the Social Service Department or printed off the website of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. For any questions please call:

Social Service Department
(405) 878-4723
Fax: (405) 273-7938
Email: awilson@astribes.com / NEdwards@astribes.com

NOTICE



The Tax Collection report can be found by logging in to the Tribal Member Login section on the Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s website (www.astribes.com).

In last months issue of the Absentee Shawnee News, we inadvertently did not recognize former AST Governor’s Larry Nuckolls, Dan Little Axe, George Blanchard.

AUGUST

BIRTHDAYS

Aguinaga, Joanna Stevens
Alaee, Deena Shabnam
Alford, Brandon Wayne
Alford, Donald John
Alford, Dylan James
Alford, Janene Flora
Alford, Timothy Lynn
Allen, Zachary Jerald
Almanza, Favian Dae
Almanza, Lucy Jeslene
Altman, Colson Charles
Anderson, Dakiah Ali
Anderson, Jared Russell
Armenta, Aumarie Ann Jade
Atwara, Hawana Rain
Atwara, Rae Lynn
Balch, Tasha Jamie Renee
Ballard, James Wesley
Barbosa Jr., Francisco Lazaro
Barbosa, Natalie Cadence
Barnes, Alvina Lynn
Barnes, Jonna Kay
Barriga, Calib Jay
Barriga, Dana Michelle
Barriga, Joshua Deen
Beachem, Lois Marie
Bella-Heim, Katherine Ann
Benish, Hailey Grace
Berry, Michael Wayne
Billie, Gabriel Lamont
Blackbear, Kyler Jesse
Blancett, Tina Marie
Blanchard, Caileah Ann
Blanchard, Carson Eugene
Blanchard, Christopher Ray
Blanchard, Henry Benjamin
Blanchard, Jackson Jonathan
Blanchard, Jessica Marie
Blanchard, Kaylee Dawn
Blanchard, Leadra Danae
Blanchard, Luann Delores
Blanchard, Ruth Evelyn
Blanchard, Sandra Lynn
Blanchard, Stacie Faye
Blocker, Steven DeWayne
Blood, Jeffery Lee
Bond, James Phillip
Boston, Sheila Marie
Boston, Sheldon Shannon
Bosworth, Donna Sue White
Box-Kessler, James Steven
Bradshaw, Karsyn Marie
Brady, Crystal Sue
Bread, Eli Emery Michael
Bread, Kiley Madison Michael
Breeding, Taylor Mae
Britt, Nathan Scott
Brocksmith, Nicole Leeann
Brokeshoulder, Riley Ann
Brokeshoulder-Drags Wolf, Whirlwind
Brooks, Rosalind Janelle
Brophy, Conri Kaleido
Brown, Teresa
Brown, Tracy Lynn
Buckheart, Phillip Paul
Burggraf, Kyra Joanee Joann
Byers, Dallas Landry
Camp, Sarney
Cardwell, Wyatt David
Cargo, Elijah Lee
Carlson, Adrianno McBride
Casteel, Serenity Rai
Chambers, Diana Lynn
Chisholm, Anita Sue
Citty, Daniel Keith
Citty, Rachel Danece
Ciulla, Kayla Rena
Clark, Autumn Marie
Clark, Jonathon Jacob
Clinesmith, Jamie Lenea
Cody, Kristen Renee
Conley, Nicole Lynn
Cope, Vincent Michael
Copeland, Matthew Kyle
Cottrell, Lindsay Russell
Crowley, Aleycia Nicole
Crowley, Isabel Deanne
Crowley, Parris Rae
Cruz Oviedo, Famela Guadalupe
Cruz, Briel Lashelle
Curtis, Kenda Janae
Davis, Barbara Ann
Davis, Darrol Everett
Deere, Montana Christian Alex
Dees, Travis William David
Delaware, Corina Christine Hope
Delaware, Ian Lance
Delodge, Cheyenne MacHelle
Dodds, Clayton Robert
Dominguez, Valerie Rose
Downey, Sheila Ann
Draper, Daria Dawn
Durmon, Patrick Duane

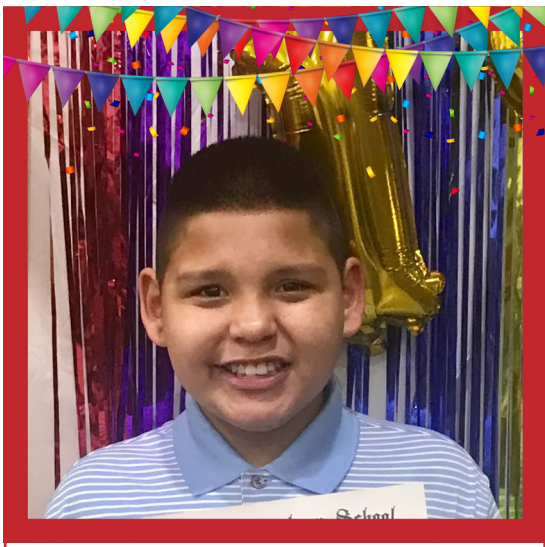
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Elkins, David Preston
Ellis, Sydney Jean
Elmore, Braden Lee
Embery, Lisa Marie
England, Randall Blake
Felton, Kai Neal Blaze
Felton, Wyatt Cooper
Finch, Courtny Shea
Fish, Canaan Caide
Fixico, Angela Rochelle
Foreman Sr., Leonard Dewayne
Fowler, Sofia Evelyn
Frazier, Kendell Terese
French, Joseph Lee
Frye, Michele Renia
Galyon, Joyce Ann
Garcia, Gabrielle Rose
Garretson, Shawnelle V.
Garretson, Zachary
Gibson Jr., Roy Gene
Gibson, Ethan Leroy
Gibson, Morgan Lee
Gillmore, Tammy Kay
Gilmore, Cynthia Jayden
Glover, Robi James
Gonzalez-Freed, Alexia Faith
Goodman, Brandon Thomas
Gouge, Marissa Janell
Granstrom, Brandon Thomas
Gray, Dora Estelle
Greenfield, David Glenn
Griffin, Armani De`jour
Griffin, Corrine Sue
Hale, Freyalyn Rayne
Haney, Carolyn Ann
Hanson, Melody Leann
Harjo Jr., Victor Ray
Harjo, Jason Michael
Harjo, Kolbie Lee
Harjo, Theresa Michelle
Harman, Serenity Leilani
Hart, Ashley Nicole
Harvey, Jaron Scott
Hastings, Michael Dakota
Hayes, Ginger Leanne
Heatley Jr., Abraham Lee
Hendricks, Rachel Anne Powell
Hernandez, Alicia Marie
Herrera Sr., Ruben Pilar
Herrera, Jennifer Marie
Herrera, Renee Christine
Herrod, Lucas Andrew
Hicks, Leila Kay
Hill, Scotty Lee
Hixon, Amanda Rene`
Holderness, John Lennon
Hood, Iyon Joseph Weslon
Hood, Steven Mark
Houston III, Gary Dean
Houston, Jacob Lee
Huckaby, Richard Allen
Huerta-Carrillo, Senia Katalea
Irvin III, William Jetson
Jackson, Amanda Christine
Jackson, Josiah Nicholas
Jackson, KeAuntre Darnae
Jimerson, Dante Romain
Johnson Jr., Robert Anthony
Johnson, Carrielynn Melissa
Johnson, Christina Michelle
Johnson, Crystal Faith
Johnson, Darrell Ray
Johnson, Desiree Cathonel
Johnson, Diana Kay
Johnson, Mahamanee Da`Vion
Johnson, Nicholas Ray
Johnson, Robin
Johnson, Ronnie Gene
Johnson-Banks, Airen Nicole
Johnson-Stephenson, Bryon Darius
Johnson-Stephenson, Marissa Kaitlynn
Joiner, Jocelyn Renee`
Jordan, Betty Jean
Josytewa, Daniel Dakota
Kaseca, Lynnnlei Renee
Kastl, Richard Dean
Keith, Jaime Lee
Kennedy, Rebecca Lea
Kennedy, Willie James
Kernell, Noah Lee
Kilmer Sr., Gregory Keith
Kinnamon, Alisha Dawn
Kinnamon, Dustin James
Kirby, William Anthony
Koster, Keeleigh Jenifer
Lamb, Weston Bobby Clayton CHarley
Larney Jr., Nathaniel Roy
Larney, Santana LaRay
Larney, Tava Dionne
Latham Sloan, Stone Tecumseh
Lawrence, Anna Victoria Ashes Leigh Marie
Lee, Christopher Ashton

Leedom, Daniel Clayton
Liles, Tammy Gayle
Little Axe, Angela Renae
Little Axe, Barbara J
Little Axe, Chastity Lynn
Little Axe, Jamison Sloan
Little Axe, Kimberly Jolene
Little Axe, Mikah Dean
Little Axe, Panther Sky
Little Charley, Eldon
Little Charley, Tyera Nicole
Little Jim, James Allen
Little Jim, Lorene Little Axe
Little, Earl Lynn
Littlebear, David Allen
Littlebear, Patrick Dale
Littlecreek, Cameron Joseph
Littlecreek, Richard Lloyd
Littlehead, Montana Dane
Locke, Ericalee Dawn
Logan, Kathleen June
Longden, Marilyn Sue
Longhorn, Gabriel Allen
Longhorn, Keith Warren
Longhorn, Patience Bruce
Longman, Kirstain Page
Lossie, Amy Laverne
Lovins, Jo Ann
Lowe, Trenton James
MacK, Adilynn Nina
MacK, Devin Lee
MacK, Kylan Cole
MacK, Trenden Derrick Lee
Mann, Cecil Ray
Mann, McCann Allen
Mann, Michael Ray
Mann, Stacy Diane
Marquez II, Felipe Herrera
Marquez III, Felipe Herrera
Marshall, Briana Michelle
Marshall, Laura Lee
Martinez Jr., Jose Martin
Martinez Jr., Juan Antonio
Martinez, Goodchief Justice
Martinez, Tecumseh Joaquin
Masquas, Zariyah Jade
Masquat, Cheryl Ann
Masquat, Lindsay Marie
Maxwell, Darrell Wayne
McBride, Caroline Sue
McBride, Michael Andrew
McPherson, Elana Rose
McPherson, Joshua Alan
Megehee, Hunter Buck
Megyesi, Kevin Charles
Miller, Stacy Elaine
Miller, Tommy Dean
Minesinger, Kenneth Scott
Molenhour, Derek Chace
Moody, Megan Marie
Moore, Brian Keith
Moore, Christian Glenn
Morris, Nikolai William
Morton, Rylee Raynell
Mossbacher, Lilly Francesca
Mossbacher, Myles Anthony
Moulton, Vera Mae
Myers, Jerri Annette
Neese, Krystal Ann
Nelson, Korey James
Neugent, Lailani Legacy Evawn
Neugent, Victoria Ann Louise
Neugent, Zaleah Vee
Novick, Roman Christopher Alan
Olivas, Lily Tiger
Ortiz, Syla Loumae
Owens, Alisha Janae
Panther, Jessalynn Rae Ann
Parsons, Trysten Nathaniel Lee
Peetoom, Stephanie Dawn
Perkins, Troy Dylan
Presson, Elizabeth Ann
Puckitt, Ryan Paul
Ramirez, Angel Renee
Ramirez, Librado Bryan
Ramirez, Sirene Angel
Ramsey, Tycilla Renee
Rapp, Michelle Lauren
Red Thunder, Pierce Eagle
Reynolds, Espersni
Rich, Sonia Elaine
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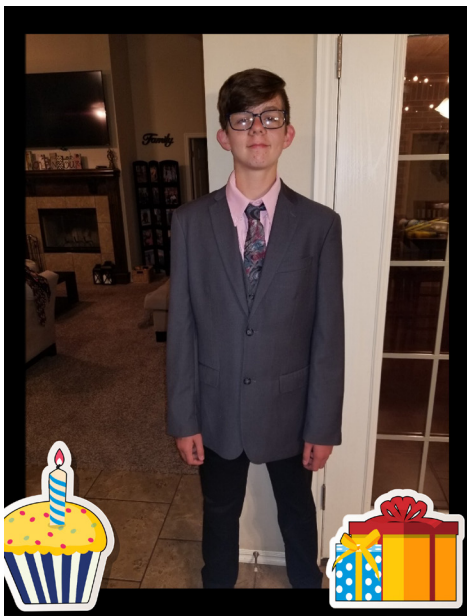
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**Happy Birthday
Kai Blaze!**
Grandpa and I love you
very much! You are in
our thoughts and prayers!
Love,
Grandma Felton



**Happy Birthday
Wyatt Cooper!**
Grandpa and I love you
very much! You are in
our thoughts and prayers!
Love,
Grandma Felton



**Happy Birthday
16th Birthday
Derek Chace!**
Grandpa and I love you
very much and wish you
the very best for the year!!
Love,
Grandma Felton



Tribal member Kevin Chebon Shane, 19, is the 2021 Ultimate Warrior Champion for the Crow Native Days. The event held in Crow Agency, Montana, featured a one mile run to the canoe dock, a 3-mile canoe race down the Little Big Horn River, a 10K run and finishing with a nine-mile bareback horse race on three different horses.

He is the son of Kenny and Joanna Shane of Crow Agency, MT and great-grandson of the late Ernest and Vergie Longhorn. Shane recently applied to the United States Military Academy, West Point.



**Happy 18th Birthday
K.D.**
**We love you Momma,
Lil Bubba and Sissy**

**Happy Graduation KD
we are all so proud of
you and we love you
from all your family**



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Election Commission

Tribal Members:

This is what has occurred since the General Council of April 2021 and June 2021. The April General Council, a motion was made to have an election for 2021. According to the Constitution and the Election Ordinance this would be considered a Special Election.

The process started June 1 for any tribal member to get a packet to run for Election Commission vacant positions. During the 10 day period to get a packet to file, only one tribal member filed to be a candidate.

The time between the April 2021 General Council and June 19, 2021 General Council, the Election Commission had a member resign. This left four Commissioners.

Because of only four commission members, the election commission could not do Election process business or have an Election. This was due to a Supreme Court Ruling that indicated that the Election Commission must have a Full Complement to do Election processes.

So the following might occur, if we do not get a person to come in and apply for an alternate position in the next several weeks:

- The person that filed will not be approved because we do not have a full complement (5 members).
- There will be no Election because we do not have a full complement (5 members).
- If this occurs the Election Commission will continue on with the remaining four members. The election Commission will still try to get people to apply for alternate positions. We have until January 1, 2022 to get a full complement to start the 2022 election process.

If you’re interested, please come by the Election commission office to apply to be an alternate. We need three alternates.

SEEKING ALTERNATES FOR ELECTION COMMISSION

**The Election Commission is seeking
individuals to serve as alternates.
Alternates must meet the requirements
listed in the Election ordinance.**

**If you are interested, please submit your
letter of interest to Election Commission
Via E-mail Election.Commission@astribe.com
Once we receive your letter of interest, we will
begin the process.**

Education Department

The following are current programs administered by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Education Department:

- Academic (PK-12) Program:** assists with academic related expenses, and a portion of funds can be used for school-related athletic program expenses. Program has a maximum funding limit for the academic year.
- Johnson O’Malley Program:** assists Absentee Shawnee tribal members enrolled in any of our nine (9) school districts: Tecumseh, Bethel, Earlsboro, Wanette, Asher, South Rock Creek, Macomb, Dale, and Little Axe.
- Zahn Program:** established from a trust fund, program can help with some graduation expenses, and awards two (2) incentives: one for GED recipients and one for High School graduates. Program has a maximum amount of funding for graduation expenses.
- Job Training Adult Education Program:** funds for vocational training at accredited vocational institutions. Program has a maximum funding limit for the calendar year or per program.
- Higher Education: Education Incentive Award Program:** funds for undergraduate degrees, one associate or bachelor degree, at any accredited college or university. Funding levels are determined based upon grade point average and full-time or part-time status.
- Graduate Scholarship Program:** funds for one master’s degree or one doctoral degree, and can fund one graduate admissions test. This program has funding levels based upon full-time and part-time status.
- Big Jim Youth Award Program:** annual incentive for High School Seniors for Academic Achievement and Athlete of the Year. Applications are available and accepted beginning January 1st and the deadline for application submission is March 31st of each year.

All funding is based upon the availability of funds at the time of application.

Attention:

Applications for fall 2021 must be received or postmarked by June 15, 2021.

All applications and guidelines are available at www.astribc.com. Click on Services and select Education.

For more information, please call (405) 275- 4030, Ext. 6242 email Tresha Spoon at tresham@astribc.com.



AST High School Seniors

Graduation Stole Request Form

The information you provide below will be used to contact you regarding your form, where your stole will be sent to, or scheduling a time for you to pick up a stole. Make sure the information is current. If your contact information changes after you submit your form notify the Education Department immediately. We will not be responsible for lost stoles, stoles being sent to incorrect addresses, or the inability to schedule a pick up time.

****Stoles will be available on a first come, first served basis.****

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How would you like to receive your stole? ☐ Pick up ☐ Mail

*If picking up a stole, you will be called to schedule a pick up time.

Required documents:

Verification

- Class schedule: 12th grade enrollment

Tribal Enrollment Card

- Copy (must be the updated card)

Education Department
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801
405.275.4030 Ext. 6242
405.273.7938 (fax)
tresham@astribc.com



College/Vocational

Graduation Stole Request Form

The Executive Committee will be sponsoring graduation stoles for 2021 College and Vocational graduates. The information you provide below will be used to contact you regarding where you would like your stole to be sent or scheduling a time for you to pick up a stole. Make sure the information is current. If it changes after you submit your form contact the Education Department immediately. We will not be responsible for lost stoles, stoles being sent to incorrect addresses, or the inability to schedule a pick up time.

****Stoles will be available on a first come, first served basis.****

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How would you like to receive your stole? ☐ Pick up ☐ Mail

*If picking up a stole, you will be called to schedule a pick up time.

Required documents:

Verification

- Copy of college application for graduation

Tribal Enrollment Card

- Copy (must be the updated card)

Education Department
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801
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Fellow AST members,

As a point of discussion at the most recent June 2021 General Council meeting, I felt that it was necessary to expression my opinion on the subject of the proposed AST health care expansion project. I’m expressing my personal opinion in an open letter to the membership in The Absentee Shawnee News rather than in some group chat on Facebook in order to capture a much wider audience because of the importance of the matter at hand.

Practically all of us AST members at some point in our lives will have a personal encounter with our health care system. Presently, as a result of outstanding management and appointing exceptional health board members over the years, our health care system has undoubtedly flourished over the past decade. Flourishing in such terms as building the Absentee Shawnee Little Ax Health Center, hiring and retaining excellent health care providers, adding a Specialty Services department to serve the unique needs of our members, adding addition services to already established departments (e.g., contact lens prescription & fitting), and providing much needed job opportunities for our fellow members. The list is long and positive. However, we’ve now arrived at a critical juncture in the future of our healthcare system where expansion is necessary in order to continue to meet our growing and increasing health care needs.


First, expansion itself has been a growing issue for a number of years. I personally can recall it being informally discussed in prior years due to the unimaginable and phenomenal growth at both the Little Axe and the Shawnee locations. Growth in terms of the number of patients seen, revenue & expenditures, services offered, etc. At some point in the recent past, both health management and the health board began earnest discussions on a future expansion or ‘investment’ of our health care system as a whole. They took the initiative of looking at the present landscape of our health care needs and then looked forward. That’s what a good and competent management team & board does and that’s what I expect them to do. I see nothing nefarious in them making decision or taking actions on our behalf. I believe that what some see as atypical is simply a competent management team and board actually working. We’ve become so accustom to incompetence and gridlock that when something or someone actual works on our behalf we assume ‘something must be wrong’.

Next, contracts. At this point, I see nothing out of the ordinary being executed or deviously done that would cause me concern. Going forward, with a project of this size and scope I feel confident that the necessary vetting and reviews will be done as they were in the 2009-2012 Joint Venture project.

Finally, use of 3rd party revenue. There are a number of unresolved issues related to the use of 3rd party revenue that is yet to be settled. Those unresolved issues not only affect our Tribe, but other Tribes/Nations within the state of Oklahoma. At this point in time, I feel that the most prudent position to take with our 3rd party revenue is to continue to use it as we currently are. Once further guidance is provided by competent authority then perhaps we can look at expanding use of those funds beyond their current use.

In conclusion, our health care system (Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System) is one of the only bright spots that our Tribe has continually had over the past decade; and it continues to shine. Can it do better? Of course. Can it improve? Absolutely. But it can only do better and improve if we as AST members corporately support this expansion project. A lot of the grunt work still lies ahead. Particulars still need to be determined and worked out. But in a nutshell, let’s move forward for our children, our elders, and our families’ future health care needs.

May God Bless,


Phillip S. Ellis, former AST Treasurer

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IN THE TRIBAL COURT OF
THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA 74801

IN THE MATTER OF:)
Nakiaus Sage WhiteThunder)
) JFA-2020-01
Minor Child.)

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING TO ADOPT WITHOUT CONSENT

TO: Christoff Kelsey Sage

You are notified that Sandra Lynn Blanchard has filed an application before the above-named court, praying that she will be allowed to adopt the minor named in the caption hereof without your consent.

Take notice that the application to determine your consent is not necessary for the completion of this adoption is on file with the Clerk of this Court. In the application it is alleged that:

- you have wholly failed to provide any support for the said minor child for more than one year next preceding the filing of the petition for adoption; and/or
- you have willfully refused or neglected to provide and contribute to the support of the minor child in substantial compliance with any decree of a Court of competent jurisdiction ordering certain support to be contributed.

therefore, your consent to the adoption is not necessary, and that the Petitioner is the proper party to adopt.

A hearing on the application to determine whether your consent to the adoption is necessary is set for 1:30 p.m., on the 28th day of September 2021 at the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Courthouse located at the Absentee Shawnee Nation Complex, 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

YOU ARE, THEREFORE, NOTIFIED THAT THE COURT WILL HEAR EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF AND IN OPPOSITION TO THE GRANTING OF THE APPLICATION AT THE TIME AND PLACE ABOVE SHOWN WHERE YOU WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE PRESENT AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT SAID TIME AND PLACE INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO OBJECT TO THE ADOPTION OF YOUR CHILD. YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING SHALL CONSTITUTE A DENIAL OF YOUR INTEREST IN YOUR CHILD WHICH DENIAL MAY RESULT, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE OF THIS PROCEEDING OR ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS, IN YOUR CHILD’S ADOPTION WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT THEREBY ULTIMATELY TERMINATING YOUR RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2021.


THE HONORABLE MAT THOMAS
Judge of the District Court

Approved as to form:

Yvonne Decker Galey, #15216
Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc.
4200 Perimeter Center Drive, Suite 222
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112
405-943-6457
Attorney for Petitioner, Sandra Blanchard



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

Building Blocks II



August 2021
Newsletter

The children tie-dyed t-shirts for the 4th of July. They also had parties on Thursday, July 1st for Independence Day.



The children love to go on walks around the complex. They especially like to see the horse in front of the main building. The four year olds went for a walk and took a picture with the horse.



All the children have fun exploring as they learn and grow. The 3 year olds enjoyed playing in the light and water table.

On August 4th at 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Extreme Animals will be at our center with neat animals for the children to see.



Our employee of the Month is Jamie Childress. Congratulations!



We are accepting waiting list applications for children ages 6 weeks through 4 Year Olds (Pre-K). If you are interested in enrolling your child in our center please give us a call or come by to see if we have an opening for your child.

Also, we are taking employee applications. We are still looking for Floaters, Teachers, Master Teachers, Housekeepers and Custodians. Come by to get an application or visit astribe.com to fill one out.

Building Blocks III

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Building Blocks C.D.C.
16051 Little Axe Dr.
Norman, OK 73026
(405) 360-2710
Fax: (405) 360-2726



Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Child Care Development Fund Programs
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, Ok. 74801
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AST Newsletter- Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Programs
August 2021

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

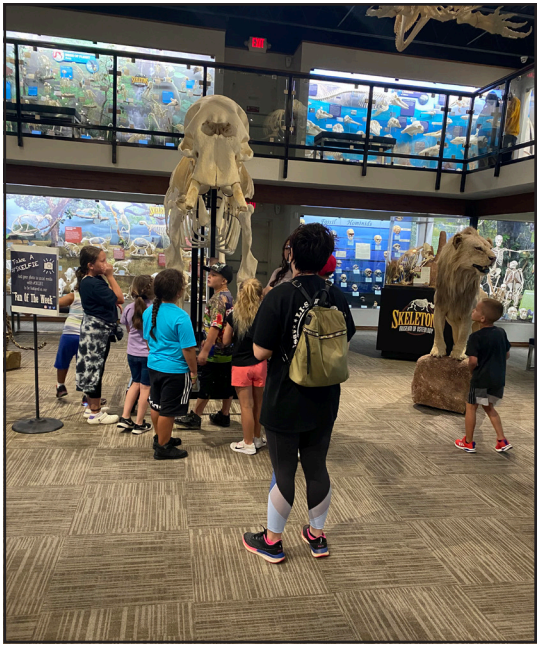
We are also still offering the Relative Home Provider care type where a relative who lives in a separate residence can care for an eligible child. We will have the application and guidelines on the AST Website under the Services/Childcare page. Applicants who wish to utilize the RHP will need to be eligible for AST Child Care prior to RHP approval. Please contact me or LaNora Buswell, CCDF Specialist, if you have any questions.

We have opened the Summer School Age Program (SSAP) in June and July. We were happy to provide care to a few children and we hope to provide care for more children next year. We will be opening up waiting list applications for After School Program-Shawnee care for Fall. If you would like to apply to be put on the waiting list please contact Heather Deatherage at Hdeatherage@astribe.com. If you or your family needs afterschool child care assistance outside of Shawnee, please contact us or apply through the child care assistance program and we can help find a provider that will be able to provide your child care needs.

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

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

Ni yi wa! (Thank you)
Briana Ponkill
CCDF Coordinator



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