

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE

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OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE

December 2020

NEWS

Complex remains closed; open to essential staff

On November 23, The Absentee Shawnee Tribe reverted back to a modified Phase 1 of the COVID-19 recovery plan. Emergency Manager Chad Larman explains what that means for Tribal members.

"The modifications will include having employees working in split shifts so that if one person becomes positive it does not affect the entire department. Building Blocks will also stay open for employee's children so they may continue to work." Larman said.

He went on to clarify that even though the complex is closed, the Tribe is still open. Emergency Management is putting up two quad mailbox stands that Tribal members can place applications or documents inside. The mailboxes will be labeled with department names. The boxes will be placed in front of the police department. This will be a safe and secure ways Tribal members can make sure departments receive their paperwork.

"The tribe will continue to keep employees working to keep the

Tribe's services operational." said Larman

The Executive Committee made the decision to revert back to Phase 1 due to the increased cases of COVID-19 in Pottawatomie and Cleveland counties. Over the past two weeks there have been significant increases in new cases and active cases in our counties.

Larman went on to say, "Hospitalizations are up and currently the ICU in Shawnee in full and having issues trying to find beds for patients. At one point 82 patients in our service area were being held in the ER because they did not have a bed available for them."

How long we will remain in this phase remains to be seen. Emergency Management is keeping a close eye on the data and will make recommendations to the Executive Committee as they see fit. If Tribal members aren't sure what phase the Tribe is currently working in, they can always call the complex.

Larman had one final recommendation. The 3W's. Wear a mask. Wash your hands. Watch your distance.



Absentee Shawnee Tribal complex is currently closed. Only essential staff are allowed on campus.

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma COVID-19 2nd General Welfare Relief Fund

On behalf of the Absentee Shawnee tribe of Oklahoma, the Executive Committee in response to the COVID-19 pandemic has issued COVID-19 2nd 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 COVID-19 2nd General Welfare Relief Fund will be for enrolled Absentee Shawnee tribal members. All AST adult tribal members who are eighteen (18) and older will receive \$1,000.00. All AST tribal member children 17 and under will receive \$500.00. The COVID-19 2nd General Welfare application is one per tribal member. Please give up to 30 days for processing.

COVID-19 2nd General Welfare Application Acceptance: Monday, November 9th, 2020

COVID-19 2nd General Welfare Eligibility:

- Must be an enrolled member of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma on or before June 1st, 2020
- Must have a copy of AST tribal members current CDIB card (attached to application)
- Must have a completed COVID-19 2nd General Welfare Relief fund application
 All applications MUST BE SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11ST, 2020

COVID-19 2nd General Welfare Required Documents:

- Completed COVID-19 2nd General Welfare Relief Fund application
- Copy of updated CDIB card

COVID-19 2nd General Welfare Application Submission Options: NO FAXES

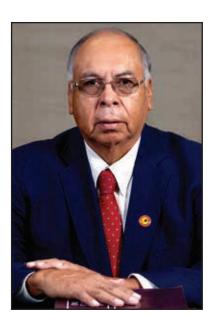
- By mail to AST Enrollment Department, 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801
- By AST website electronic application (www.astribe.com under the CARES tab)
- By appointment with AST Enrollment Department
- By email to genwelfarerelief@astribe.com

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Executive Committee



GOVERNOR John Johnson



LT. GOVERNOR Kenneth Blanchard



SECRETARY Ezra DeLodge



TREASURER Joseph Blanchard



REPRESENTATIVE Alicia Miller



Governor's REPORT

JOHN JOHNSON **AST Governor**

Greetings,

The holidays are quickly approaching and we continue to watch the raising numbers of COVID-19, the complex will remain in Phase II. This means no visitors will be allowed on the complex unless you have an appointment. If you need to make an appointment please contact the department in which you have business with.

The EC passed a resolution on October 28th 2020 for a second General Welfare Relief Fund to help tribal members that have been affected by COVID-19. Enrolled adult tribal members (18 years or older on or before June 1st, 2020) will receive \$1000 and enrolled children will receive \$500. Please see the website for more information on how to apply. The deadline for applications is Friday December 11th, 2020.

The governor's office will be hosting a drive- by Christmas party/event for all AST children ages 0-17. This event will take place on December 12th 2020 from 10am to 1pm at the Shawnee Tribal Complex. Bring your child's updated CDIB card and your child will receive a gift. I can't wait to see all of tribal children at this event.

In November the tribe lost a long time employee. Julia Serena was a Building Blocks employee for the last 15 years. We send our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mrs. Serena.

With all the holiday festivities approaching I encourage all tribal members and employees to take safety precautions while traveling or visiting family. With the COVID-19 numbers continuing to rise, please wear your mask and social distance as much as possible.

Happy Holidays,

Governor Johnson

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

GREETINGS TO ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS.

I HOPE MY REPORT FINDS EVERYONE IN GOOD HEALTH AND STAYING SAFE. BE SURE TO WEAR YOUR MASK, WASH YOUR HANDS, SANITIZE FREQUENTLY AND TELL YOUR YOUNG ONES DON'T BE COMING AND GOING AROUND A LOT OF PEOPLE . WE HAVE LOST ELDERS TO THIS TERRIBLE VIRUS, SO I ASK JUST BE SAFE ABOUT EVERYTHING YOU DO AND THE

WE HAVE TWO EMPLOYEE TRANSFERS AND ONE NEW HIRE WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE LT. GOVERNOR DEPARTMENT. FROM FINANCE WE HAVE KIMBERLY HAZLETT AS THE SELF-GOVERNANCE BIA DIRECTOR AND FROM TITLE VI IS CYNTHIA CARPENTER FILE CLERK FOR LT. GOVERNOR AND MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT. CYNTHIA HAD TO MAKE A HARD DECISION BUT I AM GLAD TO HAVE HER IN MY DEPARTMENT. ALSO, CLAYTON MARTINEZ IS OUR NEW MAINTENANCE

SHOULD YOU NEED TO DO ANY BUSINESS WITHIN MY DEPARTMENT OR ANY DEPARTMENT BE SURE TO CALL FIRST AND SET UP AN APPOITMENT SO WE CAN LET EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NOTIFY THE CHECK POINT. THIS IS FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF THE AST EMPLOYEES

I HOPE EVERYONE TURNED IN YOUR APPLICATIONS FOR ALL THE COVID-19 RELIEF FUND PROGRAMS UPON YOUR ELIGIBILITY. WE AS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE ARE DOING THE BEST WE CAN TO SERVE THE TRIBAL MEMBERS.

I WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND BE SAFE, STAY WARM.

IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS, QUESTIONS OR JUST NEED TO TALK, FILL FREE TO CALL ANYTIME. (405) 275-4030 EXT. 6253 OR (405) 617-4104

KENNETH BLANCHARD, LT. GOVERNOR

Representative's REPORT

Alicia Miller AST Representative

Ho wa se ke sa ke! (Good day!) I cannot believe it is the last month of 2020. This year has definitely had its ups and has also had its many downs. The coronavirus has created many challenges for the Absentee Shawnee people, from the young to the elderly. I hope 2021 brings us, individually, better health and better personal and economic growth.

The surge of the coronavirus here in the State of Oklahoma and within our AST community has grown exponentially. The vaccine is a major emphasis nationwide as well as here in Oklahoma. The Indian Health Service and other tribal affiliates have been hosting many webinars, conference calls and issuing correspondence on roll out plans for the vaccine. There are also attempts to gauge how tribes plan to issue the vaccine within each respective community. Federal agencies indicate the news is encouraging about two vaccines which both are awaiting emergency approval from the FDA. I understand the (historical Native) perspective and caution that surrounds taking a new vaccine and the rush to push it through channels without the rigors of fully vetted studies. Each of you will need to decide individually about taking the vaccine (or not). Until it is available, please be sure to continue to protect yourself by washing your hands, social distance, wear a mask, cover coughs and sneezes, clean and disinfect areas... all the efforts to prevent from getting and spreading COVID-19. As we close out 2020 here at the tribe and at the time I am writing this article, we are still waiting on the full level of transition activities of the President-elect. Personally, I am excited to see expanded and supportive opportunities for tribes and hopefully see tribes economically flourish under

this Presidency. Tribes are waiting to hear if the Treasury CARES Act funds deadline will be extended beyond 12/30/2020, but again, as of the writing of this article we are still anticipating the end of December to be the deadline. In the meantime, the 2nd General Welfare Relief is in full swing of accepting applications. Within 1 week of opening the program, half of the tribal population had submitted their applications. I hope the support helps you in this time of unprecedented need. Please be mindful, the deadline to submit an application is Friday, December 11, 2020 and it is one application per tribal member. Just a quick update regarding the website redesign, my office and the MIS department will be spearheading this effort. I am excited to move into a better user-friendly format especially for the continuous communications regarding the pandemic and other tribal activities.

Red Earth is hosting its annual Treefest at Northpark Mall (OKC) this year from November 18th through January 3rd, 2021. The Absentee Shawnee Christmas tree is beautifully decorated (by the AST Cultural Preservation Department). The tree displays beautifully handmade ornaments and boasts colors that reflect the colors of our tribal emblem. If you happen to find yourself in the area, be sure to stop by and view the AST Christmas tree and other tribally decorated trees.

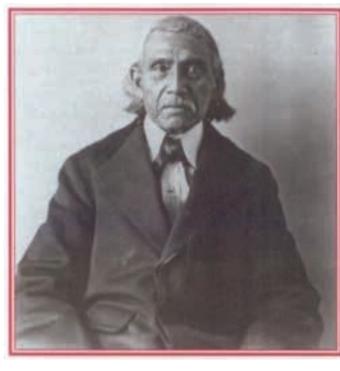
My sincerest wish for you and your family - is to have a happy, safe and healthy "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year". Ne yi wa! (Thank you!)

Alicia (Aly) Miller Tribal Representative Cell: 405.287.5247 Email: aliciam@astribe.com



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BIG JIM YOUTH AWARDS



Tribal Leader - Big Jim

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

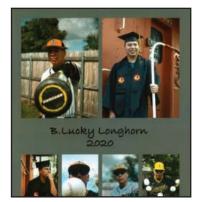
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the program had to make adjustments this year. With the past several months of experience and learning new ways of doing things we anticipate being able to go back to our usual process with some modifications. The next application window will be open beginning January 1, 2021.

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

2020 Big Jim Youth Award Recipients



Blaine Bennett



B. Lucky Longhorn



Kylee Deer





Micco Little

Alissa Morgan



State Runner Up Stevi Johnson



Tribal member Stevi Johnson, a sophomore at Norman North High School, helped her team finish as State Runner-Up at the 6A Cross Country State Championships held in Edmond on November 4. The team qualified for State by winning the Regional Championship in Norman on October 24.

Blaine Bennett Kylee Deer Micco Little B. Lucky Longhorn Marleigh Merrell Alissa Morgan DeShayla Thompson Oklahoma State University Oklahoma State University University of Arkansas University of Oklahoma University of Oklahoma Colorado State University Williams Baptist University



DeShayla Thompson

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.

For more information, please call me at (405) 275-4030, Ext. 6242 or 1-800-256-3341 or email me at <u>tresham@astribe.com</u>.

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Elders News

The Tribal Elders had a meeting and conducted a Raffle Drawing that was started on February 15, 2020, which was the last time the Tribal Elders met. The items pictured in the picture were the prizes.

(Note: Microwave was not included!)

- 1. Ladies Shawl-Angelina Deere
- 2. Native Print Blanket & Pillow Shams-Kareena Deere
- 3. Little Axe Throw-Mark Rogers
- 4. Little Axe Throw-Irene Garza
- 5. Little Axe Throw-Wanda Tiger
- 6. Girls Shawl-Jennifer Sloan

Congratulations to all the people who won and thank you to everyone who participated in Raffle Fundraising event.

Twila Parker



ATTENTION

The following departments now have a direct line

ENROLLMENT - (405) 481-8650 SOCIAL SERVICES - (405) 878-4723 TAX/TAG AGENCY - (405) 481-8600



Sign up for alerts about emergencies and other important community news!

By signing up for the **AST Emergency Alert Program**, we can provide our members and employees with information quickly. You will receive alerts on severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, evacuations, and other critical matters.

Sign up is easy and you can receive the alerts wherever you specify!

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 - Go to www.astribe.com
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- On the menu bar, hover on Government
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- Under Offices and Teams click on Emergency Management
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- Click on the AST Emergency Alert Program banner and follow the prompts to enroll today!

*Please note, you may choose the type of notifications/alerts you would like to receive.

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Elders Emergency COVID-19 Procedures

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe issued a declaration of State of Emergency on March 18, 2020 based on the state-wide spread of the Covid-19 contagious virus. incoming information provided by the National Task Force out of the White House it is projected to last in the year of 2021 as it spreads unchecked through the nation.

- 1. Therefore, due to the contagiousness of Covid-19 virus having the most damaging effect on Native Americans populations who are elderly, diabetic, asthmatic and have other underlying symptomatic health conditions. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe is still at the Phase II due to the continuing rise in numbers of population of infection in the state. Phase II is Tribal Offices are open to all tribal members by appointment only. No other incoming visitors are allowed on campus. All Absentee Shawnee Tribal Elders are urged to stay at home, restrict being in groups of people, maintaining a social distance always, wearing a face mask, clean your hands often and using hand sanitizer. All Tribal Members age 65 and over with symptomatic long-term health issues are shown to be at risk of the most severe damage to their health
- 2 Now therefore, be it resolved the elected officers of the Absentee Shawnee Elders Officers of Twila Parker, President, Bill Bayliss, Vice-President, Rita Robertson, Treasurer and Secretary, Shirley Adkins shall be endowed with administering and making financial decisions through Officers Meetings. These Officers Only Meetings will occur no more then once a month and shall be held on the third Saturday at 10:00 a.m. At a location to be announced that is deemed to be safe and sanitary for the Elders Officers to meet in a group of four maintaining all recommended safety procedures. Due to the fact the Elders Officers are planning and organizing of our time and efforts to undertake the financial decisions of administering the Elders financial monies budget and with the fiduciary duty to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. This is for our fellow Tribal Elders since due to the Covid-19 virus restriction of meeting in groups. We shall maintain an open line of communication to the tribal Elders by providing written reports that shall be published in the tribal newsletter monthly.
- 3 Therefore, the Elders officers have planned an Officers Meeting on November 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tribal Community Center on Highway 9. To finish the Fundraising Raffle started on February 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the tribal Community Resources Building in Little Axe
- 4 Therefore, the original Elders Guidelines will be Waived until such time in the future when the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Elders are no longer at risk of mortal danger from the Covid-19 virus. This will be for the remaining months of September, October, November and December of 2020. Therefore, the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Elders Officers will be assuming the fiduciary duties of administering and dispensing the Tribal Elders monies. There has been a need to meet, make decisions regarding the budget and work on submitting a 2021 Elders Budget to the tribal finance department and to the Tribal Treasurer, Joseph Blanchard on September 30, 2020.
- 5 The Tribal Elders Officers have administered our budget monies to pay for the picture frames ordered earlier this year from Hobby Lobby to display the pictures of past tribal Elders of the Year. Which are to be displayed in the Little Axe Clinic in a selected area
- 6 Due to the continuing time investing in planning, organizing and attending the Officers Meetings to best serve the Tribal Elders Membership. The Elders Officers will be paid their \$100.00 regular meeting stipend including the past September 19, 2020 Meeting which is to finish our past business that was started and then put on hold to due to Covid-19 virus danger.

Also, due to the restrictions of no regular monthly meetings of the Elders General Membership it seems the best way to benefit the members of the Elders would be to pay out a payment of \$100.00 for hardship assistance. This is also to take the place of the annual dinners that took place at Thanksgiving and the Christmas dinner that our Elders was provided.

- 7 Therefore, the Tribal Elders Officers shall continue to meet and make timely decisions to safeguard the Elders Officers monies that comes out of the budget monies provided by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe for their Tribal Elders. The Elders Officers are also looking to the future needs of the Elders as we shall be moving out of the trailer into our new building provided by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Elders Officers are working to provide for the future needs in the year 2021 may the new year see the diminishment and demise of the Covid-19 contagious virus
- 8 As Tribal Elders Officers we remain open for comments, suggestions and just conversation on what the Tribal Elders Officers are hoping to accomplish for the Elders membership. These procedures were established after consultation with Treasurer, Joseph Blanchard on the budget and meetings with Lt Governor, Ken Blanchard, who has oversight of the Elders. After these joint consultations it was apparent of a critical need of emergency procedures for the Tribal Elders due to the contagious Covid-19 virus.
- 9. Effective as of this date- November 14, 2020

Twila Parker, President 405-229-8052 Bill Bayliss, Vice-President 405-200-2682 Rita Robertson, Treasurer 405-535-8870 Shirley Adkins, Secretary 405-778-9353

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Cultural Preservation

The Cultural Preservation Department has continued to carry out essential day to day operations to ensure the department continues to function properly. Currently, four staff members are available daily in the office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. These staff members include the Director, the THPO Specialist, the Administrative Assistant, and the Gift Shop Manager. The Librarian and THPO are currently working remotely Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Gift Shop

The Gift Shop is currently closed to all visitors except tribal members and employees. In accordance with the Tribe's protocols, those individuals wanting to shop need to make an appointment with the Gift Shop Manager 24 hours in advance to allow enough time to notify emergency management. However, 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.
- b. NO children allowed.
- 3. Avoid close contact (Social Distance)
- a. Please keep 6 feet between you and other customers
- 4. Use hand sanitizer as often as possible
- 5. Sorry...NO public restroom is available. Temporarily closed due to COVID-19.

We have placed decals on the floor to help with social distancing. We have also installed plexiglass and hand sanitizer stations.

During the last month, the Gift Shop Manager, Mrs. Merry Rodriguez, has been working diligently to refill the current stock. We have an assortment of new AST logo bearing merchandise, such as face masks, available for purchase. We also have new shipments from Pendleton and Nu Trendz. In addition to the new products, currently, we are still running a 20% sale on last season's Pendleton products and Minnetonka Shoes. So, please call and make an appointment to come shop with Mrs. Rodriguez. She can be reached at (405) 275-4030 ext. 6310.

Library

The library is currently closed to all visitors. Ms. Casey Wilson, our Librarian, is still working with other libraries on protocols that will ensure the safety and protect the health of all visitors.

THPO

Our THPO Program continues to make great strides and advancements. Section 106 projects have been steadily coming. Over the past month, the THPO, Ms. Devon Frazier, has received 200 new Section 106 projects for review. In conjunction with receiving projects, she has consulted on 150 projects. The THPO 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 137 new telecommunications facility projects for review. In conjunction with receiving projects, she has reviewed, researched and gave recommendation for the clearance of 92 telecommunications projects.

Upcoming Events

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The Cultural Preservation Department will be holding a Twelve Days of Christmas Giveaways. For every \$20 spent in the gift shop between December 1st and 21st, your name will be added to the wheel for a chance to win 12 different prizes. We will begin drawing for winners on December 7th and the last drawing will be on December 22nd. The flyer for the event can be found in the newsletter as well as on the website and tribal Facebook page.

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





HASKELL INDIAN NATIONS UNIVERSITY TO REMAIN ONLINE LEARNING THROUGH 2021 SPRING SEMESTER

Haskell will continue to provide online courses and support services to students through the 2021 Spring Semester. We explored the possibility of allowing a select group of students to return to campus for the spring semester; for example, we considered allowing only seniors or our Athletic teams to return. With the high numbers of COVID-19 escalating throughout Indian country, however, it would require one asymptomatic student to return to campus and the safety and health our entire campus community would be jeopardized, which would result in shutting down this university again. In addition, a high number of our

faculty and staff are at risk due to a variety of pre-existing underlying medical conditions or age. Keeping our students, staff, and faculty safe is of the upmost importance and our mission at Haskell. Juniors and seniors in all BIE High Schools are invited to take classes online through our new Dual Enrollment Program. Ensure that you contact your high school liaisons or advisors to confirm your high school is currently set up with Haskell. All fees are waived for our BIE high school students. Again, you can take up to 18 units at "no cost to you" prior to your high school graduation which are transferrable to Haskell or any other university you aspire to attend.

We have an online orientation training program for all of our new students to help you learn how to take our classes online, connect with other students and instructors, how to take exams, or attach reports and papers for grading. Everything is designed for your success. Our instructors are the best and they take a lot of time with each student, their needs and questions.

Students can also contact our Admissions Office at 785-749-8454 or the Registrar at 785-749-8440 with any questions. Let our folks know that you are a new (or interested) Dual Enrollment student when you call and they will take all the time that you need to answer questions. Students, you must be at least 16 years old and have a high school GPA of at least 2.5. You will also need permission from parents/guardians and your high school advisor or principal. Another excellent resource to contact would be your Director of Education, Tresha Spoon at 405.275.4030 Ext. 6242.

High School Administrators: our new full-time Haskell recruiting team resides and works in Oklahoma for those BIE high schools aspiring to sign our Memorandum of Understanding and join our Dual Enrollment initiative. Contact Kendra at 405-650-0051 or at Kendra@WeThePeople-consulting.com as they do have a computerized MOU to forward to you for your review. This is a Native American, female owned company, of whom we are very proud to be working with. Kendra and her colleagues are the best in the business so don't hesitate contacting her with your questions.



Haskell Indian Nations University Dr. Ronald Graham, President

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Indian Child Welfare Child Protective Services

Season's Greetings! This month ICW is bringing awareness to Child Protective Services.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe CPS investigates and records all referrals of alleged abuse and neglect of Absentee Shawnee children that live on trust land. CPS works with local and federal agencies to investigate the abuse or mistreatment of Absentee Shawnee children residing outside the Tribes jurisdiction. The primary responsibility of CPS is to assess the safety of the child and take the appropriate action to protect and promote the best interest of the child.

Reports of suspected abuse and neglect come from all different sources. Oklahoma Law requires that ANYONE who had reason to believe that a child has been abused or neglected by a parent or caretaker to report this information to the proper authorities. Callers can remain anonymous. The Child Abuse Hotline number for the State of Oklahoma is 1-800-522-3511.

Child Protection Services - Frequently Ask Questions

Question	Answer
If an Indian child is removed by the State, will that child be in the custody of the State?	Children removed by a State agency are placed in the custody of that particular state, however, if the child is Indian the tribe as concurrent jurisdiction with the state.
Can the family being investigated request that Absentee Shawnee Tribe Indian Child Welfare do the investigation instead of the State?	No. The family may request Absentee Shawnee Tribe Indian Child Welfare to be present during the investigation. However, the location of the family's residence will determine who has jurisdiction.
Does the State and Absentee Shaw- nee Tribe Indian Child Welfare investigate Indian families together or separately?	If the family lives on AST trust land, Absentee Shawnee Tribe Indian Child Welfare is the only party that can investigate the allegations. If the family lives on State Land the State is primarily responsible for the investigation but the tribe may conjointly participate.
If the State is investigating an Indian family how will Absentee Shawnee Tribe Indian Child Welfare know the family is being investigated?	The State is required under law and contracts to provide Absentee Shawnee Tribe Indian Child Welfare with any and all information regarding the investigation of an Absentee Shawnee child.
Can the state place a child with relatives?	Yes. According to federal and most state law, the prospect for kinship placement must be explored immediately upon the child entering the custody of the state and if a feasible kinship placement is found the state must place the child in the home of a relative exclusive to all other placements.
Will the state place an Indian child in a non-Indian foster home?	Federal law requires that an Indian child be placed in an Indian foster home. If at the time the child is removed there is not an Indian home available for immediate foster care placement, the Indian child could be placed in a non-Indian foster home on a short-term basis for the safety of the child.



For more information about the Child Protective Services please contact the ICW office at 405-395-4490 or email us at ICW@astribe.com.

FROM THE ELECTION COMMISSION:

The Filing Period for Elective Office in 2021.

A tribal member may file for office, January 1 to January 10 (excluding weekends and holidays.)

Hours to file are 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Potential candidates please consult the Election Ordinance for the procedures and qualifications when running for elective office.

The following positions will be open for the Elections to be held in 2021.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Position	Filing Fees	Term
Governor	\$590.00	** Two (2) Years
Tribal Secretary	\$590.00	** Two (2) Years

**NOTE: 2-year Terms with the possibility of a 4-year term pending Constitutional Ratification which has not taken place yet.

ELECTION COMMISSION

Position	Filing Fees	Term
Deputy Commissioner	\$215.00	3-Year Term
Election Secretary	\$133.00	1-Year (Unexpired Term)
Commission Member #1	\$215.00	3-Year Term
Commission Member #2	\$174.00	2-Year (Unexpired Term)

Disclaimer: This election may be affected by pending litigation. Any required changes will be published in the newspaper as soon as possible.

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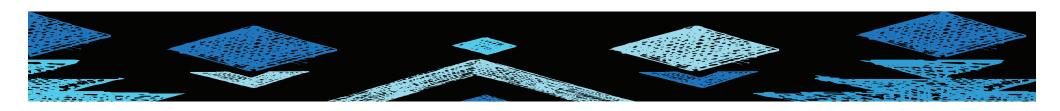
Building Blocks C.D.C. 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, Ok. 74801

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After lots of renovation Building Blocks II is ready for reopening. We are opening for our enrolled children of AST employees on Monday, November 16, 2020. 2020 has been very interesting with lots of things happening due to COVID-19 and our building floods. We were closed twice due to COVID-19 and had extended days of closure to children with the flooding in our building. We are excited to be reopening and looking forward to Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays approaching.

With the renovations to our building, we replaced sheetrock, painted and replaced tile to 4 of our classrooms and our Big Room. The rooms look amazing! On December 4, 2020 we will be getting new cabinets installed in these 4 classrooms. Also, in June we had painted our other 4 classrooms and they look awesome also! On November 20, 2020 we are receiving our new classroom furniture and learning materials from Lakeshore. They are going to bring everything for our classrooms and set them up for us. We will be starting to implement our FrogStreet Curriculum in our classrooms when we reopen. It is all exciting and we can't wait for the fun with the children to begin.

Have a Happy and Safe December!





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Norman, OK 73026
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Building Blocks III CDC Received new playground equipment







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The spread of COVID19 has increased significantly and times are very challenging at present for us all. As more people are exposed, some of our services may be degraded due to being on quarantine, which impacts our operations overall to everyone. To date, we have been blessed and thankful to have had enough resiliency in withstanding the effects of COVID19 quarantining upon our patient services, and have continued to service our communities with minimal impacts. The last few months have been challenging that level of service we all have become accustomed to and continued increases in infections and spreading of the COVID19 virus will eventually degrade our services significantly at some point, as it has the entire health care landscape in Central Oklahoma in recent weeks. Awareness and use of safety precautions and CDC guideline compliance are more crucial now than ever! Remember: "Your mask protects me, my mask protects you."

Please follow our COVID-19 page on the Health System Website as well as follow us on Facebook and the AST Tribe's Government Page for the latest information regarding access to services and support. Let's continue to work together to defeat COVID-19 in our Native American and surrounding communities by protecting our most vulnerable population, our Elders and our other high-risk populations! With the COVID19 Immunization effort on the forefront of everyone's minds, ensure you get your seasonal flu shot first if you are planning on taking the two-series COVID19 Immunization that is planned on being available in our health system by either the end of the year at the soonest or early next year. This two-series immunization for COVID will be provided several weeks apart from the initial vaccination, so it is imperative once you start the vaccine you finish it to receive its full effect and protection!

Proudly we recognize our outstanding star performers, and thank them all for their contributions to our patients, their fellow employees, and the tribe, especially during our unprecedented times! Employee Awards and awardees are listed below for recognition of outstanding efforts with ensuring great customer service to our patients and other employees/staff (both the External/Internal Customers)! 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 –

"THANK YOU" for all you do!

ASTHS December 2020 Monthly Update

December Health Employee Awards of the Month

Employee of the Month: Quentin L. Creek, AST Health Security Officer, LittleAxe Clinic

Team of the Month: Melinda Ferrell, PRC, Catherine Wright, Transportation, Skyla Lowe, PBA,

Autumn Felton, HR, and Tomih Noley, Admin

(They worked together for the Tribe

and Health Employee Committees making things better

for us all during these tough times)!!!

Special Leadership Award: Dr. Elizabeth Saladin, Darla Gatzman, PRC, and Alison Davis, Dental

(They Completed the Chickasha Rock Island 27 Mile Bike Ride as a Team)!!!

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



Everyone Can Make the Holidays Safer

Traditional holiday gatherings with family and friends are fun but can increase the chances or spreading of COVID-19 or the flu. The safest way to celebrate this year is with people in your own household. Consider visiting with extended friends and family virtually. If you do host an event, or attend an event, remember the three Ws: (1) Wear your mask; (2) Watch your distance. Stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you; And (3) Wash your hands. Together, we can keep our tribal community more healthy this holiday season.

If you host an event or travel please...





WATCH YOUR SPACING





CompleteCare Home Health

CompleteCare Home Health is a subsidiary of ASTHS and has recently become a Five-Star rated home health agency, according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). Medicare- certified home health agencies are analyzed based on a star rating system. Each agency's performance is based on several indicating factors of care and improvement in patients including: medication management, improvement in patient mobility, and hospitalizations while in the agencies care. A five-star rating is the highest any agency can receive.

We do not take this honor lightly, CompleteCare Home Health is dedicated to our patients and families. Our trained professionals go the extra mile and make the extra home visits, or calls to the physicians to ensure our patients receive the highest quality of care. Our staff is passionate about home care and they ensure that our patients receive quality care specific to their needs. We are not a cookie cutter agency, we are an extension of your health care family here at ASTHS.

If you are wondering when is the right time for home health care, we are here to help. While every situation is unique, CompleCare Home Health is dedicated to helping you understand your choices and stay informed so that you can make the right decision for you or your loved one.

A recent hospitalization or an acute chronic illness that requires professional monitoring can be difficult for families to manage on their own. Our team of experienced caregivers work closely with your physician and family to provide optimal healing in the ideal environment – your home.

During this extreme health crisis in the world, you can rest assured that CompleteCare Home Health is here for you and will safely, accurately and professionally provide you the care you need. If you are unsure if you qualify please give our office a call for a free assessment of needs. Our staff will walk you through step by step to help ensure you get the care you or your loved one needs. Medicare pays 100% of the home health benefit and most insurances are accepted.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Chrys Ranells, CCHH DON @ 405.701.7085.

Wear a mask Wash your hands Watch your distance

SCHEDULED CLOSINGS

DECEMBER 2020/ JANUARY 2021

Dates Closed:	Hours Closed:	Locations:
Wednesday, December 2 nd <u>Every 1st Wednesday each</u> <u>month</u>	Noon-5PM	All AST Health Facilities CLOSE at Noon PluseCare and Shawnee SameDay OPEN at 5PM until 8pm (last patient at 7:30 PM)LA pharmacy and Shawnee pharmacy OPEN at 5PM until 8PM.
Wednesday, December 23 rd	All Day	-LA Health Center (LAHC), Shawnee Clinic CLOSE at NoonShawnee SameDay & PlusCare Clinics OPEN 8AM-5PM last patient at 4:30 PM)LA & Shawnee Drive-Thru Pharmacies OPEN 8AM-5PM.
Thursday, December 24 th <i>Christmas Eve</i> All Day		Christmas Eve- All AST Health Facilities CLOSED
Friday, December 25 th Christmas Day	All Day	Christmas Day- All AST Health Facilities CLOSED
Friday, January 1 st New Year's Day	All Day	New Year's Day- All AST Health Facilities CLOSED

- Don't forget to request medication refills before closure: LAHC Pharmacy 405.292.9530/Shawnee Pharmacy 405.878.5859
- In the event of a predicted severe weather forecast, please call ahead for possible health system closure or delay: LAHC 405. 447.0300/ Shawnee Clinic 405. 878.5850/ PlusCare 405. 447.0477
- Health closures/delays are posted on the *Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System* on Facebook and on ASTHS website at www.asthealth.org.
- Please remember the 1st Wednesday of each month our facilities are closed from noon to 5PM. PlusCare & Shawnee Clinic OPEN 5pm until 8PM (last patient at 7:30PM).

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Birthdays

Adams, Alexis Pearl Adams, Misty Dawn Aguirre, Carlos Eriberto Alaee, Beverly Jo Alford, Blake Tyler Alford, Larry Dean Allen, Annabelle Marie Anderson Reading, Alecia Dawn Armstrong, Hobart Atabaigi, Roberta Lynn Atkinson, Joshua Dean Atwood, Crystal Dawn Avers, Delana Sue Ballard, Debra Ann Bates, Aria Belyn Bates, Howard Eugene Bender, Maecie Raelene Benish, Madelyn Katherine Berry, Dakota Trah Bierd, Jamie Chereese Bigpond, Bobby Gene Blackburn, Elliott James Blackburn, Leland Paul Neasbitt Blackshire, Everleigh Sue Blanchard, Ashley Gabrielle Blanchard, Camenah Joe Blanchard, Crystal Raylene Blanchard, Erika MaCale Blanchard, Johnathan Cole Blanchard, Mya Aileen Blanchard, Sustina Marie Bond, Delsin Wyatt Bradley, Micah Joel Bradley, Phillip Monroe Bradshaw, Mitchell Bryan Breeding, Matthew Thad Breeding, Woodlyn Saige Brokeshoulder, Elk Eli Brokeshoulder, Glenda Mae Brokeshoulder, Katrina Sue Brokeshoulder, Vickie Robin Brophy, Callie-Kaye Ellice Brown, Braxton Gilbert Brown, Charlotte Elaine Brown, Cochanna Christine Bruner, Mason Harjo Bryant Jr., Robert Wesley Bryant, Andrea Gail Buffington, Alecia Lucinda Bui, Noreen Fav Bui, Wiley The Bullen, Shelly Lisa Bump, Tonya Lynn Butler, Wosey Jane Byers, Sherry Levon Byington, David Adam Calladitto, Annika Mone'L Carpenter, Whitney Rochelle Chafin, Sierra Nicole Charley Whatley, Marrissa Ashley Chisholm, Keegan Conner Cloud, Cain Allen Coddington, Emily Elizabeth Coddington, Krystal Renee Cody, Dakoda Hunter Coffee, Larry Ben Colbert, Braylon Dean Colungo, Wilma Wildena Conner, Robert Neal Coon, Vannessa Rae Cooper, Beverly Rose Cortez, La Donna Marie Cravens, Christopher Dale Creek, Jaxon Lee Creeping Bear, Bobby Crenshaw, Christian Lee Crenshaw, Mila Elle Crosswhite, Donna Elaine Crow, Kimberly Kay Cruz, Debra Ann Csoma, Amber Blanchard Cuellar Jr., Clifford Eugene Darrington, Taliyah De' Vine Daugherty, Samuel Edwin Davis, Guenevere Tess Davis, Holly Ann Davis, Julius Alexander Davis, Rex Keith Davis, Serenity Jean Day, Anthony Lee Day, George Michael Deer, Alena Rose Deere, Alyssia Lynn Deere, Gabriel Xavier Deere, Kathleen Ann Deere, Tavia Mi'Zhinga Delodge, Dexter Lee DeLodge, Genesis Octavia Delodge, Wayne Lee Douglass, Christian Jayce

Downs, Che` Kyle

Duran, Anthony George Ellis Jr., Michael Frank Ellis, Ciara Renee Ellis, Jessica Marie Ellis, Justin Lee Ellis, Matthew Drew Ellis-Harrison, Andrea Layne Elsloo, Lyla Lee Embery, Isaiah Dwayne Engledowl, Alexia Michelle Engler, Alicia Diane Evans, James Steven Evans, Steven E Felton, Aiden Michael Florick, Krista Leann Foreman, Carole Jean Foreman, Elysabeth Lesleigh Foreman, Zelda Mae Fowler, Joanna Marie Frye, Zoe Ann Fullbright, Debra Jean Galloway, Daisy Jade Galloway, Kory Damien Galloway, Skylar Matthew Garretson, Christopher Ronald Garretson, Janis Marie Gibson Jr., Jeremy Lee Gibson, Davanee Mina Paralee Gibson, Garret Henry Gibson, Lita Danielle Gibson, Willie Ray Gibson, Zoli Layne Gonzalez-Freed, Anthony Wayne Goodwin, Alissa Mae Gouge, Jace Joaquin Graham, Jordan Michael Grant, Jayden Dewayne Grass, Billie Jean Grass, Gage Owen Griego, Aiyanna Che'la Gurrola, Arturo Jr Guzman, Ginger Gaile Hackbarth, Riley Rain Hadjiconstantinou, Ty Lucas Hall, Sarah Jean Hanson Jr., Andrew Joseph Jin Harjo, Laketa Kaye Hartley, Carolyn Curtis Harvey, Lisa Michelle Harvey, Nevaeh Nicole Hatcher, Wade Jeffrey Haumpy Sr., William Allen Hawk, Jordyn Marie Hayes, Jackson Elias Haymond, J-Lynn Lanea Hernandez, Landon Jayse Herrera, Precious Lara Hicks, Layla Cleona-Louise Hill, Dominick Allen Hill, Keevan Jones Hixon, Eli James Holt-Belvin, Brittani Maelynne Hood, John Michael Huckaby, Mary Louise Tyner Huerta-Carrillo, Jaenny Denaya Innis, Quanah Guy Isaac, Frances Jane Jackson, Cheyenne Marie James, Constance Logan James, Gregory Dale Jantz, Evan Blake Jimerson, Magan Christina Johnson III, Fauster Calvin Johnson Jr., Anthony David Johnson, Brodie Wade Johnson, Bryan Mack Johnson, Camille Marie Johnson, Fawntayne Catara Johnson, George Benjamin Johnson, James Christopher Johnson, Kayla Ryan Johnson, Marlene Jane Johnson, Steve Allen Kaniatobe, Guy Willis Kastl, Scott Christopher Keith, Blake Garrett Kennedy, Deborah Leigh Kennedy, Kolton Clint Kent-Larney, Flora Jean Kilmer, Sandra Lynn Kishketon, Malaki Allen Kisor II, Jesse Devon Klein, Madelynn Grace Kringlen, Faibian Eugene Lalehparvaran, Lilah Parvin Lamb, Caden James Charley

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Fiscal Year 2020 - YTD Tax Collections (through 10/31/2020)

TAX CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	% OF TAXES
Sales (6%)	\$7,499,91	\$8.834.40	\$13.276.94	\$3.782.80	\$0.00	\$3.215.94	\$4,056.92	\$3.961.02	\$3.985.05	\$14.804.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$63.417.16	2.87%
Gaming % of free cash	\$250,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$306,522.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,606,522.00	72.82%
Employee (1%)	\$18,216.80	\$19,868.77	\$8,424.95	\$22,071.85	\$4,440.11	\$13,792.86	\$15,149.85	\$9,105.56	\$13,437.32	\$22,056.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$146,564.98	6.64%
Severance (8%)	\$3,817.67	\$0.00	\$4,177.14	\$0.00	\$746.04	\$0.00	\$1,524.92	\$3,032.87	\$0.00	\$7,423.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,722.29	0.94%
Motor Vehicle	\$14,622.24	\$15,652.41	\$9,718.02	\$14,375.66	\$15,329.57	\$28,960.40	\$27,799.05	\$15,763.32	\$18,396.24	\$15,033.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175,650.88	7.96%
Motor Fuel Taxes (Qtrly.)	\$43,922.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38,779.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,188.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$116,890.30	5.30%
Tobacco Refund	\$8,640.57	\$7,320.64	\$6,906.11	\$6,651.73	\$4,373.24	\$9,270.15	\$10,594.56	\$7,442.15	\$7,145.74	\$5,766.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$74,111.07	3.36%
TOTAL TAXES	\$346,719.85	\$251,676.22	\$242,503.16	\$335,661.52	\$24,888.96	\$55,239.35	\$93,313.46	\$239,304.92	\$242,964.35	\$371,606.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,203,878.68	
Miscellaneous	\$874.50	\$69.15	\$119.00	\$76.00	\$201.00	\$152.00	\$182.00	\$120.00	\$252.40	\$215.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,261.35	0.10%
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$347.594.35	\$251.745.37	\$242.622.16	\$335.737.52	\$25.089.96	\$55.391.35	\$93,495,46	\$239.424.92	\$243.216.75	\$371.822.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.206.140.03	100%

Congratulations 2020 Absentee Shawnee graduates

Blaine M. Bennett Shawnee High School

Caileah A. Blanchard Shawnee High School

Bryson Culwell Muenster High School

Kylee T. Deer Heritage Hall

Austin C. Ellis

Tecumseh High School

Alyssa K. Ferrell Epic Charter High School

Jaysan B. Gibson Verdigris High School

Tyler Gibson Norman High School

Marissa Gouge

Tecumseh High School Elizabeth L. Hall

Woodward High School

Bailey M.S. Henderson Bethel High School

Jaydell C. Little Axe Colstrip High School

Micco D. Little

Aledo High School

B. Lucky Longhorn

Tecumseh High School

Marleigh J. Merrell

Shawnee High School

Alissa A. Morgan Noble High School

Taylor P. Nelson Little Axe High School

Katelyn L. Self

Tecumseh High School

Daelin S. Stacy Mangum High School

DeShayla T. Thompson Edmond Santa Fe HS

Joaquin N. Wahpekeche Tecumseh High School

Jaylen N. (Masquas) Walker Tecumseh High School

M. Payden Watson Bethel High School

Adilynn M. Wilson Nevada High School

Lux O. Kickapoo-Johnson

Shawnee High School

Taya Sloan

Canadian High School

Zachary A. Takacs Ironwood High School

Troy L. Little Axe III Miami High School

Stacie F. Blanchard

Sandia High School

Matthew Copeland Shawnee High School

Undergraduate Students:

Koryne S. Coddington

Arizona Western College

Kayla S. Craig

Central Washington University

Lydia Longhorn

East Central University

Amber Lewelling

University of Central Oklahoma

Jaycie T. Melton

University of Oklahoma Health Sciences

University of Oklahoma

Connor Edwards

Caleb Little Jim

Kansas State University

Mikayla Whitten University of Tulsa

Graduate Student:

Jeffery Crossley

Texas A&M University

(Note: The list of graduates is contingent upon official transcript submission)



NOTICE

Note from the Media Director

I have recently taken over the media department and I would like to cover more tribal news and items that will directly impact tribal members. The media department now has oversight of the website and social media. I hope you're following the Absentee Shawnee Tribe on Facebook. Going forward, media will be responding to all messages and comments on Facebook. Too often, Tribal members reached out via Facebook and those comments and messages went unread. If you would like to see something covered or know of something newsworthy, please let me know!

Mindy Longhorn Media Director (405) 598-1279 (work) (405) 617-6226 (cell) Mindyl@astribe.com





HAPPY 18TH BIRTHDAY DAKOTA "BEAR" LITTLE CHARLEY WE LOVE YOU SON, MOMMA, DAD (DARROL), HUNTER, & WILLIE. **AUNT MELINDA AND FAMILY AUNT PAIGE AND FAMILY.**



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL MEMBERS

APPLYING FOR TRIBAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE (T.E.A)

(A ONE TIME YEARLY PAYMENT OF \$150.00, PER RESIDENCE)

LIGIBILITY

- 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)

- 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

APPLICATION ALSO ONLINE: www.astribe.com

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

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	Kim Porter	Marla Massey	
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5	Secretary Ezra DeLodge 6289	Tina Fixico	Taylor Carter
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Rep	Taylor Kinley 6240	Conf. Room	Alicia Engler
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