The Absentee Shawnee Tribe hosted the quarterly meeting for the United Indian Nations of Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas (UINOKT) on January 17th in the Health Multi-Purpose Building. Many tribal leaders were in attendance, including: President Terri Parton, Wichita & Affiliated Tribes of Oklahoma; President Deborah Dotson, Delaware Nation of Oklahoma; Chairwoman Lori Ware, Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma; Secretary/Treasurer Donya Williams, Miami Tribe of Oklahoma; Governor Reggie Wassana, Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma; Governor Bill Anoatubby, Chickasaw Nation; Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel, Chickasaw Nation; Chief Craig Harper, Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma; Principal Chief Kay Rhoads, Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma; Council Representative Larry Joe Brooks of the Delaware Tribe of Oklahoma; Second Chief Norman Hilderbrand Jr., Wyandotte Nation of Oklahoma; President Bruce Pratt, Pawnee Nation; Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Absentee Shawnee Tribe; Vice Chairwoman; Minerals Council Member Margo Gray, Osage Nation, Secretary; and President Bruce Pratt, Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, Treasurer.

UINOKT is an inter-tribal organization of Native American leaders put in place to address current issues and protect sovereignty for all tribes. The committee includes former Chief George Tiger, Creek Nation, Chairman; Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Absentee Shawnee Tribe, Vice Chairwoman; Minerals Council Member Margo Gray, Osage Nation, Secretary; and President Bruce Pratt, Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, Treasurer.

More information on topics discussed can be found in the governor’s report.

The next meeting will be held April 18, 2019 in Oklahoma City.
Hello Fellow Tribal Members!!

Does anyone know when the partial Federal Government Shutdown will come to an end? Well, that is the BIG question that is asked of us as we start 2019. Ordinarily, Congress would have already passed a Spending Bill or a Continuing Resolution in the fall to fund federal agencies. Tribes and millions of Americans are put in the middle of this political battle, since President Trump stated he will not sign a spending bill or CR that does not included $5.7 billion dollars for a board wall. Some federal agencies remain operating and are considered essential, but employees in those agencies are not being paid. Indian Health Service and the Department of Health and Human Services are among those agencies operating, however the Department of Interior and BIA are not in operation currently.

Earlier this month I sent a letter to our Oklahoma Congressional Delegation expressing the Tribe’s concerns and to end the shutdown. Other tribal leaders have done the same and continue to express concern and the impacts of the shutdown on their respective tribes. As of January 18, 2019, I understand that Tribes receiving federal funds through funding agreements should have either received up to 22.47% base on 2018 appropriations or no funds for programs and services. We began receiving our percentage of BIA funds based on the 2018 appropriations, but once these funds are exhausted, secondary funds will have to be used until the shutdown has ended. Although Treasure Ellis has assured the Executive Committee that the shutdown has not immediately impacted the Tribe, the concern of funding those programs without federal funds remains. Our health system can operate on its Third-Party Revenue, but only for a certain period. Unfortunately, our BIA programs do not have the same secondary source of funds to operate with. A good number of programs funded through grants continue to receive their funding, due to the funds being allocated in cycles.

This shutdown does not only affect one political party or the other, it effect all of us. In the letter sent the to the Oklahoma Delegation, I stated we (the Absentee Shawnee Tribe) do not support the use of taxpayer dollars for an object that goes against the foundation on which the United States was created. I also stated that American Indians and Alaska Native are deeply affected by the lack of funds for IHS and BIA programs and services; and we should not be held hostage by unrelated political battles.

I encourage any tribal member impacted by the shutdown to contact the Executive Committee and your Congressmen and let us know how you have been affected. Below are the addresses for the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation:

Congressmen:
Congresswoman Kendra Horn
400 N. Walker
Suite 210
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Congressman Markwayne Mullin
1 E. Choctaw
Suite 175
McAlester, OK 74501

Congressman Kevin Hern
2448 East 81st Street
Suite 5150
Tulsa, OK 74137

Senators:
Senator James Lankford
1015 N. Broadway
Suite 310
Oklahoma City, OK

Senator James Inhofe
1924 S. Utica Ave
Suite 530
Tulsa, OK 74104

EAST CENTRAL UNIVERSITY
On January 8, 2019 Tresha Spoon, Education Director of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, and I met with Dr. Katricia Pierson, President of East Central University (ECU) in the AST Governors’ Conference Room. Dr. Pierson is reaching out for Tribal Partnership. The University has received funding for “Tribal Partnership’s to Help Native American Students Attain Graduation”. ECU received a grant from Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE), and is funded through the Lumina Foundation.

The East Central University program is called “Tribal Resources to Enhance Achievement and Completion in Higher Education (REACHE) Program.” Their mission is: Long-term effort to serve and retain American Indian/American Native (AI/AN) students from their initial college first-year experience to their launching into graduate education or a professional career.

ECU envisions the Tribal REACHE Program as a comprehensive plan for:
1. Engaging AI/AN students in enriching and culturally-relevant, first-year seminars and first year experience.
2. Providing experiential learning in the form of internships in career settings, particularly those relevant to their tribal affiliation needs.
3. Creating a Sovereignty Center on campus.

East Central University’s new program will need tribal input and expertise to develop and implement activities critical to the success of AI/AN students, develop and implement activities and services as well as provide resources that enrich the AI/AN students educational experience. Also develop and implement final year or launch activities critical to the post-attainment success of AI/AN students and create a Sovereignty Center for ECU AI/AN students.

ECU will host focus groups and other events that involve a Tribal Liaison, Elder(s), and other representatives.

Tresha Spoon will be working closely with the University and will keep our Tribal Members informed.

THE HONORABLE KENDRA HORN

On Saturday, January 12, 2019 a Swearing in Ceremony for The Honorable Kendra Horn United States Representative for Oklahoma’s Fifth District was at the Douglass High School, 900 North Martin Luther King Avenue in Oklahoma City. Tribal Leaders that attended was the Lt. Governor Gilbert Miles, of the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribe, Representative Fletcher and Governor Butler-Wolfe of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

INAUGURAL SWEARING IN CEREMONY

The Lieutenant Governor Blanchard and I attended the inauguration only, of Oklahoma’s 28th Governor J. Kevin Stitt and all statewide elected officials were sworn in during the ceremony on January 14, 2019 at the State Capital. The event was outside of the Capital and the weather was in the high 30’s and low 40’s. Tribal Leaders were informed to arrive at 9:30 A.M., with the event starting at 11:00 A.M. There were about 20 Tribal Leaders in attendance.

The Inaugural Dinner and Ball were held in the evening of the 14th at the Cox Convention Center, Renaissance Grand Ballroom. The Cost of tickets was $250.00 per person.

Inaugural Prayer Service was set for Tuesday, January 15, at 9:30 a.m. at the first Baptist Church, 301 N.E. 27th Street, Moore, Oklahoma.

Many events were planned across the state for the newly elected Governor Stitt.

UNITED INDIAN NATIONS OF OKLAHOMA, KANSAS AND TEXAS (UI-NOKT)

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe was the host to the United Indian Nations of Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas Quarterly Meeting. It was held on January 17, 2019 at the Health Multi-Purpose Building. The meeting was a success as there were many tribal leaders that attended. Those in attendance were:
President Terri Parton, Wichita & Affiliated Tribes of Oklahoma
President Deborah Dotson, Delaware Nation of Oklahoma
Chairwoman Lori Ware, Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
Secretary/Treasurer Donya Williams, Miami Tribe of Oklahoma
Governor Reggie Wassana, Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma
Governor Bill Anoatubby, Chickasaw Nation
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President Bruce Pratt, Pawnee Nation
Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Absentee Shawnee Tribe
Lt. Governor Kenneth Blanchard, Absentee Shawnee Tribe
Secretary John Johnson, Absentee Shawnee Tribe
Representative Atheda Fletcher, Absentee Shawnee Tribe

United Indian Nations of Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas Executive Committee:

Former Chief George Tiger, Creek Nation and Chairman UINOKT
Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Absentee Shawnee Tribe and Vice Chairwoman UINOKT
Minerals Council Member Margo Gray, Osage Nation, Secretary UINOKT
President Bruce Pratt, Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, Treasurer UINOKT

The Presenters and Topics that were discussed:

Update of the National Congress of American Indians, President Jefferson Keel, and Lt. Governor of the Chickasaw Nation

Cheyenne & Arapaho Governor Reggie Wassana Economic and Program Development

Jacob Tsoigh, National Indian Education Association

Counsel Walter Echohawk update on Pawnee Fracking Litigation

Sheila Morago, Executive Director Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association Update

Quinton Romannose, Executive Director Tribal Education Departments National Assembly

Many issues was brought up at this successful meeting. It was nice to network with tribal leaders.

The next UINOKT Meeting will be held on April 18, 2019 in Oklahoma City.

**EXPRESSIONS:**

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

**CONCLUSION:**

I appreciate Tribal Members that have come by my office or called with their concerns. My door is open unless I am in a meeting or attending a meeting elsewhere.

Help me make a difference – stand beside me and Let us Build for the Future (BFF)

Thank you.
Lt. Governor Reports

By Kenneth Blanchard
AST Lt. Governor

Good Day Tribal Members,

Hopefully, everyone is staying warm and healthy during these cold unpredictable days.

December has been a challenging month with budget planning, closing out of 2018, making changes within the Maintenance Department and completing the Tribal Housing Projects in place.

Without consulting the Lt. Governor’s Office our AST Representative took it upon herself to seek assistance from a Mr. Daniel J. Morse. Representative presented to me two (2) options recommended by Mr. Daniel J. Morse on January 11, 2018.

The following are the options:

1. Immediate Selling of Cattle: The gathering and processing of cattle prior to shipping to Oklahoma City stockyards will take two days, and require two men (my working partner and myself). The shipping of the cattle will require three semitucks. Estimate: $2500.00

2. Retaining Cattle for Spring Sale: If cows are retained to selling the spring, they will require worming with Safeguard Drench and infected with Ivomec Plus. The processing and administration of medication for the cows will take two days. The cattle will need to be fed with maintenance of 5 pounds of 20% cubes per cow, per day. They will also require 24 pounds of hay per cow, per day. Estimate:
   - Safeguard Drench - $400.00
   - Ivomec Plus - $800.00
   - Hay - $1/cow/day
   - 20% Cubes – 0.90 cents/cow/day
   - Total herd estimate on 100 cows for hay and cubes $190/day
   - Total labor for processing, working and medication cattle - $500/day

The Executive Committee agreed on Option one (1) the immediate selling of cattle.

On January 15, 2019 I submitted to the Secretary’s Office to be placed on the Agenda for the January 16, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting a Resolution to Sell the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Black Angus Cattle Operation. The Resolution passed 1 obtain and 3 yes.

The cattle in their present condition are not in shape to sell, plus at this time of year market prices are at its lowest. There have been four older cows die at the Earlsboro site. A stool sample was submitted to the vet whom recommended worming and vaccinating. At this time the Maintenance Staff are still caring for the cattle.

I have attended the following activities/meetings:

December 12, 2018 @ 6:00 pm - Veterans Dinner at the Warrior Room at Thunderbird Casino
December 13, 2018 @ 9:00 am - Southern Plains Fall Information Meeting at Embassy Suites OKC
December 20, 2018 @ 10:00 am – Child Support Meeting
December 20, 2018 @ 1:30 pm – Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma Child Support Court
Treasury Report

By Phillip Ellis
AST Treasurer

U.S. Government Shut Down
In light of the concerns among us regarding the U.S. Government shut-down, let me assure you there won’t be any immediate impact on our tribe’s governmental functions or services. Consequently, there are currently no plans to eliminate or suspend any operations, services, and employees; we prepared for something like this when I took office. I’m continually monitoring the situation in our nation’s capital and I’m committed to making sure all members and employees are informed, your questions are answered factually and not by rumor. However, if the situation in our nation’s capital persists then the Executive Committee (EC) will take the actions necessary to ensure our members, operations and services, and employees are prepared for any eventuality.

In-Direct Cost (IDC) Proposal – Submitted Earliest Ever
Our 2019 IDC proposal was submitted in January of 2019. Looking at the past history, this is the quickest it has ever been submitted. Extra kudos to the Tribal Finance and Health Finance teams for submitting our information in a very timely manner to Interior Business Center (IBC). Due to the U.S. government shut down, we will not hear from the IBC until the U.S. government opens back up.

2019 Balanced Budget / 2018 Close Out
A balanced budget is a budget in which revenues are equal to expenditures. We closed out our 2018 budget cycle this past January. The primary budgets that were given extra funding were the BIA budgets that were allowed to utilize their rollover dollars. Our 2019 budgets were rolled out to all directors in December. Our tribe does a very good job in making sure we do not have a budget deficit. Because of a renewed focus and the importance of economic development, our 2019 budget had multiple cuts through all programs in regards to general fund funding.

Early Start on Financial Audit
In December 2018 and January 2019, we had an early start on our 2018 audits. In our pre-audit meetings, we met with our audit team to review our capital assets from multiple programs, investment structures, and policies and procedures. Our tribal finances are becoming more complex and diverse. The earlier we start our audit process, the more opportunity we’ll have to clean up our financials, review our processes, and identify any opportunities for improvement. Again kudos to our Tribal Finance team for their proactive approach.

Economic Development Update
Over the past few months, members of my staff and I have been interacting with other tribes that have had great successes with their economic development enterprises. Economic development for our tribe is vital to push our tribe from “surviving” to “thriving”. We must learn from others and adapt their proven successful strategies that will benefit our tribe. My philosophy on economic development will be to not “recreate the wheel”, but rather follow what other successful tribes are doing to further our economic growth. Furthermore, we cannot chase after every economic development idea. We must diversify our strategies to include some low-risk, low return projects and some moderate risk, with greater return projects. However, all projects have risk, and in order to move our economic development forward, we have to be willing to take some risks. In the coming months, we will be rolling out multiple strategic economic development projects. I ask for our member’s support, patience, and faith on our economic development efforts. While I want to move us forward quicker, it’s financially prudent that we stagger our projects. The role of economic development for our tribe is to raise the quality of life for our members through job creation, more services and more resources. I will continue to fulfill my role by both assisting our tribe in experiencing economic gains and protecting our tribal assets.

End of Year Financials
Included in this report is the end of year financials (2018). Below is an analysis for the year and in comparison to 2017 & 2016.

TAX PREPARATION FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS, WIDOWS/WIDOWERS OF TRIBAL MEMBERS, & EMPLOYEES
NO CHARGE!

Call Kathy Deere for Appointment (405) 637-8248

The location for Tax Preparation is on the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex in Shawnee at the Multi-Purpose Building. The time will be every Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 8:00 P.M. and Saturday mornings from 9:00 to Noon except March 16th being Ea

Beginning Tuesday, February 05th, those meeting the Low-to-Moderate income threshold for FY2019, $55,000 Tax Year 2018 is eligible for free Income Tax filing, FORM 1040 & 1040A.

Please bring all tax documentation, Photo Identification for each adult, Social Security Cards for all people to be listed on the forms, 1099’s, W-2’s, 1099-R’s, medical and dental expense, last years’ taxes and receipts for any charitable donations.
February 2019

Executive Committee

**Major Funds**

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**Absentee Shawnee Tribe**

**BALANCE SHEET - EC Quarterly Report**

As of 12/31/2018

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Representative’s Report

Atheda Fletcher
Work PH: 405-275-4030 Ext. 6239
Cell PH: 405-287-5247
afletcher@astribe.com

Greetings Tribal Members:

I wish all Absentee Shawnee Tribal Members a happy and prosperous New Year. The beginning of the year is a great time for setting goals and making every moment of this coming year better than the last. I am eager to get started into 2019. In the past weeks, I have taken a step back to ensure that I have evaluated the possible challenges and ensure that our priorities are set so that we maximize our time and money. This is especially important at this time due to the government shutdown.

I am optimistic that all will be back on track soon and, if necessary, adjust our projects and goals accordingly. The following is a brief update since my last report.

Human Resources

In addition to HR staff’s day-to-day work, the main focus at this time is the new payroll implementation. Payroll is a business-critical operation and the new payroll system offers a variety of services that includes expanded HR data for analysis; payroll efficiency; critical tax processing and benefits management. Once this new system is up and running, we expect that payroll processing will be simpler; errors will be reduced; and the tracking of vital information will be more efficient.

In addition, the HR staff has successfully conducted the Savings Incentive Plan Open Enrollment. I hope that all eligible employees take advantage of this benefit that the tribe provides.

To start the year, I wish to give kudos to my HR staff that continues to provide top notch HR services to our tribal organization. Their work is challenging and they work tirelessly to enrich our work environment. I remind everyone that they must hire, onboard, pay, satisfy, motivate, manage, develop and help retain our employees. This is the short list for all that HR is charged with each and every day.

My HR staff is tasked with challenging goals for 2019, and I have confidence that this will be a successful year. Please provide your support to the HR staff as we progress through the New Year.

Cultural Preservation

The CP staff has been working diligently on a 2019 calendar of events. The programs and activities are for the benefit of our tribal members and community. Following are a few of the initiatives my CP staff is undertaking and/or managing.

FCC Issue - The Oklahoma tribes met on December 18, 2018 at the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum in Oklahoma City to discuss the pending lawsuit against the FCC. There will be a mid-summer hearing in June in Washington DC and there is hope that as many tribes as possible will attend. The main goal of these meetings is to share information about how each tribe is handling their TCNS projects and to obtain updates regarding the lawsuit status. Due to scheduling conflicts, no meeting will be held in January, 2019. Meetings will resume in February.

I attended the quarterly session of the United Indian Nations of Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas (UINOKT) where an update on the 106 consultation revenue loss was addressed. Many tribes are feeling the impact from the loss of revenue, but primarily feel that there is a genuine threat to the protection of our tribal cultural and religious resources. We will continue to be engaged and provide updates accordingly.

My CP staff will continue to provide the research services to the various entities and will continue to make efforts to collect outstanding revenue. Currently, uncollected fees are in excess of $500,000. I will continue to work with my CP staff in making strong efforts to collect outstanding fees owed.

Heritage Paraprofessional Program – Another important activity that my CP Director, Suhaill Nease, is pushing to organize is the engagement of the surrounding schools with this program. Our desire is to engage our tribal youth as well as all Native American youth in our community. We want the community to know that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe is working to develop our youth and make an impact. Ms. Nease, CP Director, will be in communications with local schools in order to gain tribal youth engagement for the Heritage Paraprofessional Program. CP currently has a participating agreement with the Monongahela National Forest in West Virginia and the Forest Service is set to begin its first project in May 2019. This program provides jobs for tribal members that are interested in historic preservation. We are hopeful that a representative from the U.S. Forest Service will be able to visit us within the first half of the year and make a presentation about this program. We will keep you updated.

Tribal Language – We continue to work on organizing language classes. This has proven to be a challenge, but we will not give up and will continue to seek ways to implement a successful language program. With half of the world’s languages at high risk of extinction in this century, and vast bodies of cultural knowledge already lost or endangered, preserving important cultural heritage materials is crucial, and it is not easy. The best way to preserve our cultural heritage is to share it with others. I will do whatever it takes to ensure that our culture, traditions and language survive for our children and our children’s children. Your support and help is vital.

Gift Shop – CP’s expansion of the Gift Shop to the Little Axe Clinic is proving to be a great success. As we progress through the year, we will be adding new merchandise and improving the appearance of the shop. Thank you customers for your patronage!

My CP staff is also entitled to kudos for their successful work. Their work matters!! They strive to preserve our traditions and heritage. They have renewed the CP building through their own hands-on work and have organized the department and material that has suffered from lack of proper care. They work to engage our youth and tribal members in activities and programs to enhance their lives. Thank you team for all your good work!

Economic Development

I will continue working to improve our economic development. I am currently working with EC members to push forward on various initiatives. We are building momentum—it just takes time and money!

As for the Youth Camp, we are presently reviewing the bids for the Phase II work. We are also reviewing various options with regard to specific camp activities and what is needed to enhance the camp. As we know, activities make a camp successful and exciting. We want to provide an experience that will make visitors return. I will provide a more detailed report as we being Phase II work.

In Closing

My door is always open to all tribal members. If you have any questions or have any issues that you need help with, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Quote: Cheers to a New Year and another chance for us to get it right!
From the Election Commission

The following tribal members have filed for Office in 2019:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Governor: John Raymond Johnson
Edwina Butler-Wolfe
Leroy Ellis
Dan Little Axe

Tribal Secretary: Twila Olene Longhorn Parker
Delana Deere
Ezra M. Delodge

ELECTION COMMISSION

Election Commissioner: John Al Little Axe
Election Secretary: Sherman Tiger

Member #1: None Filed
Member #2: James Cody Spybuck, Jr.

PLEASE fill out EACH BLANK completely and return by the Deadline.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

I, ________________________________, hereby certify that I am or will be an Eligible Voter of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe on or before March 16, 2019. I cannot physically be present to cast my Vote at the March 16, 2019 Primary Election, therefore, I am requesting an Absentee Ballot be mailed to me at the following address.

Name (please print): ________________________________
Address: ________________________________ City: __________ St: _______ Zip: _______
CDIB#: __________________________ Date of Birth: ________________
Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________

All REQUESTS must be returned to the Election Commission by the deadline date of February 24, 2019

Mail to:
Absentee Shawnee Election Commission
P.O. Box 741
Tecumseh, OK  74873

Fax to:
Fax # (405) 273-1337 (Do not fax to any other fax #)
Phone: (405) 275-4030 ext. 6271
Toll free number 1-800-256-3341 ext. 6271

Deliver in Person to:
Election Commission Office located in the Tribal Court Building

All eligible voters are entitled to vote either at the Polls or by Absentee Ballot. This form may be duplicated for your convenience.

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ELECTION COMMISSION USE ONLY

Received: ___________________ Approved: _______________ Disapproved: ___________

If Disapproved (reason): _______________________________________________________________________

Denial Letter Mailed: ___________________ Ballot Mailed: ___________________

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Election Commission/Representative
VOTE Governor Edwina Butler-Wolf for RE-Election

When I ran for office as your Governor six years ago, I was honored to be elected as Governor of this great tribe, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma. Since that day in June of 2013, I have put my heart into this position. The fight from day one to today only gets stronger because I fight for YOU, the proud tribal people of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

Together we have seen and made changes for the betterment of the Tribe. The success of the Tribe is the council people. You are the ones that make it happen. I am beyond grateful to work for you, the people. It has been an honor to gain your support these past six years while in office. As we continue into the future where tribal sovereignty is ever threatened by our local, state, and federal government politics, I would like to ensure our tribal rights and beliefs are kept safe and maintained for our youth and self-identity in this world.

These next two years, we have to stand together for our Tribe against those who do not want to follow policies, by-laws, and the constitution. Make people accountable for damages and losses done to our Tribe and seek better communication with local tribal governments. The future of our great tribal nation needs to attract sustainable businesses and empower our tribal citizens to pursue entrepreneurial ideas to make our culture stronger.

We, the elected officials, need to focus on the governmental duties of the Tribe, and let the ASEDAA, Inc. do what is intended for the board to do: to seek business opportunities for the Tribe.

VOTE MARCH 16, 2019

RE-Elect Edwina Butler-Wolf for Consistency and Stability for our Tribal Rights!
Delana Deere
Absentee Shawnee Tribal Secretary

Biography

Greetings! What a great opportunity it would be to work together with EC and our Programs to build positive changes to benefit our tribe. My name is Delana Deere, from the Turtle Clan, the daughter of Lloyd and Kathy Deere. My grandfather was Kenneth Floyd Little Axe and my grandmother was Estelline Washington.

My education, profession and volunteer experience prepared me to emerge as a driven leader with a background in coordinating, organizing and decision making. In May 2009, I graduated with a Bachelor’s of Art Degree in Cross-Cultural Studies with a Minor in Worship Arts from Oklahoma Baptist University. Currently, I work with the Native American community in the Oklahoma City Public Schools as an Education Advisor. In addition, my dedicated work to music earned a Nomination for Best Independent artist in the 2018 Native American Music Awards.

In the past, I volunteered my time to the Native American Youth Conference as Chairperson, Coordinator of the Indian Falls Creek Adult Bible and Skills Conference and Coordinate Musical Events.

In conclusion, my strengths in creative thinking, communications, clerical support, budgeting, multi-tasking, conflict resolutions, self-motivation, technical skills and energetic strong personality have developed me as a person that would be a great asset in striving to create those opportunities the tribe needs to move forward. It would be a great honor to serve you as your Tribal Secretary.

VOTE DELANA DEERE
February is another opportunity to highlight cardiac health and healthy heart awareness within our health programs for our patients and the community, as we also celebrate Valentine’s Day this month. Please ensure you are getting your annual checkup in the new year as well as taking your prescribed medications, maintaining appropriate diet and exercise – be here for your family and everyone else who depends upon you by taking good care of yourself! Our new electronic health record system continues to provide patients more control over their health care and increase the ability to interact with their providers. This new system required the revalidation of all currently registered patients, which went as smooth as possible given the efforts of a dedicated team and especially with our outstanding patients we service! Thank you for helping us continue to improve your care and services! The Healthy Business Award from the OK State Health Department was awarded again to the health system in 2018, further illustrating our continued ability to promote and advance health and wellness to our patients and community. We continue to sustain our nationally recognized Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) and actively are preparing for our third year re-assessment due this spring of 2019. We also continue unprecedented patient services expansion never before seen by your health system year to year, with more renovation projects and growth by the tribe, improving the facilities and business atmosphere desired by our patients! We are working closely with the Tribe’s Title 6 Meal program to increase collaboration and improve service delivery by integrating a more holistic approach between our health programs, grants, and the tribe. We will keep everyone update on this important effort of collaboration between the programs throughout this year as we explore the trial and study of process improvements together. Please continue to use your flu precautions as we are in another rough flu season this year as well as the possibility an extended flu season this year. We wish everyone a prosperous and very Happy New Year, and continued good health in this New Year – we are strong and great because of our patients, our staff, and the tribe - thank you for your dedicated support!

We are proud to announce that the AST Health System Employee of the Year is Toni Donahoo, AST Health System’s Physical Therapy Director! She was elected to represent the staff and employees by an at-large vote of the employees of the health system from the 12 eligible Employees of the Month Awardees from 2018. Congratulations Toni on a job well done, we all appreciate you very much!!!
Honoring Our Past
With Promise for
Our Future

LIFE is Beautiful
Living Meth Free

February 2019

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In the event of a predicted severe weather forecast, please call ahead for possible health system closure or delay:
Little Axe Health Center 405.447.0300 • Shawnee Clinic 405.878.5850 • PlusCare 405.447.0477

Health closures/delays are posted on the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health Facebook wall “Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health, Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic”, Twitter @ASTHealth and on the ASTHS website at www.asthealth.org.
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LITTLE AXE HEALTH FACILITY | | | | |
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5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  
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“Low-Impact Functional Fitness” - A low-impact exercise class that assists in improving body movement. Come train to defeat fatigue and improve your strength to better perform your daily activities.

“Circuit Training” - A time-efficient training system aimed at developing strength through a number of pre-determined training stations.

“Resistance Training” - Classic resistance training utilizing a variety of fitness apparatus, including resistance bands, dumbbells, kettlebells bodyweight exercises, and medicine balls.

“HIIT” - High-Intensity Interval Training alternates between intense training intervals and brief rest periods to give you an short and effective workout.

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

**Absentee Shawnee Fitness**

**Diabetes and Wellness**
Absentee Shawnee Tribe Auction

Highlights
- CARS & TRUCKS
- TRACTOR IMPLEMENTS
- FURNITURE
- POOL TABLE
- MOWERS
- GENERATORS
- FORKLIFT
- TRUCK BEDS
- GOLF CART
- DIESEL TANK
- MILITARY TRUCKS

&& MUCH MORE!!!
Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma has recently been selected to be in the Tinker Air Force Base Honorary Commanders Program. The Honorary Commanders Program was started in 1996 as COMMSTAR (Community Stars). The program was revised for 2016 as part of AFSC standardization renamed as the Tinker Honorary Commanders Program with class terms extended on an annual basis.

Governor Butler-Wolfe will be paired with a key leader from Tinker AFB for a year in which they will learn more about each other’s professional responsibilities and strengthen the bonds between the Air Force’s key military personnel and state and community leaders.

Throughout the term there will be multiple official Tinker AFB Honorary Commanders events involving the entire class as well as one-on-one activities with respective partners. Honorary Commanders are also invited to attend special events such as unit changes of command and the Star Spangled Salute Air Show.

The Honorary Commanders Program held the 2018 Graduation on January 24, 2019. The new 2019 inductees were presented their pins the same night and was met by their assigned leader from Tinker AFB. Governor Butler-Wolfe’s assigned officer is Brigadier General Christopher D. Hill. He is the Commander, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Complex. As the Commander, he leads a team of over 10,000 military and civilian professionals delivering combat power for America.
Twila Longhorn-Parker for Tribal Secretary

Hello, my name is Twila Longhorn-Parker, I’m the 4th oldest child of Ernest Frank and Vergie Longhorn of Rt. 2, Shawnee, Ok. Our home was located off of Garrett’s Lake road and located in Johnson, Oklahoma. There was 9 children in our family and we were all close as we lived in a 1 bedroom home. My dad was a World War II Vet and often talked to us about our duty to serve in the military as well. Which led to my younger brother Ewell Longhorn and I both served in the Air Force during the Vietnam era. The military was quite beneficial for me as it taught me discipline, duty and integrity to my assignment of job.

After the Air Force I got married to David (Rusty) Parker, we’ve been married for 40 years with 2 adult children. A son Shawn Parker who is employed at Tinker AFB in Midwest City and my married Daughter Queta McCuddy. My daughter has 3 sons Jacob 11, Stephen 4 and Gage 4 months 17 pounds.

A little information about my background I do have a education and I’m willing to share more information if anyone is interested in seeing my credentials. I’ve found with education for you to really benefit from learning principles and theories. A person really needs the common sense and problem solving abilities to fully benefit from a education. I have learned so much more from actual work experience such as the Department of Defense and from all my years as a Civil Service employee with the U.S. Post Office. One thing I learned was to learn the theories. A person really needs the common sense and problem solving abilities to fully benefit from a education. I have learned so much more from actual work experience such as the Department of Defense and from all my years as a Civil Service employee with the U.S. Post Office. One thing I learned was to learn the

In my capacity I functioned much like a paralegal as I had to gather all government records, list index, cite violation and then type it all out in a Grievance Format. I even participated in our week long Local Union Contract Negotiation and served on a Union Committee that met monthly with Post Office Labor Specialists on unresolved grievances.

Through my career even in the Military while stationed at Croughton England there was 10 Manuals in our station that always needed updating and have correction inserted then documented on a log. I volunteered to start doing the updating and correcting all of our Manuals and documenting this fact in a Station Log. There was a huge stacks in some In-Baskets as person assigned to it said, “it’s boring work”. So I ended up doing this additional job on slow nights and when our records were inspected the NCOIC informed the Inspector that I did it in my spare time. I received a Letter of Appreciation for my initiative.

I applied for a job with the IHS-PHS in Shawnee as a Dental Receptionist a new position in 1983. On this job I learned the proper handling of Medical Records from the Medical Records Director. I also learned what documentation was needed to be eligible for services and how to build a medical file. Then I noticed I recognized names of Tribal members deceased and files for non-eligible people. I begin to pull old records and box up. I was advised they burned old medical records. I researched the Federal Regulations on Handling of Medical Records and found there was a inventory list, certain kinds of boxes and tape. All medical files had to be listed and mailed to Ft. Worth Federal Records Archives. Not to mention we had to transport all 50 boxes to Fort Worth Depository which the Medical Records Director and I transported. We had to sign in our records and they provided us duplicates of all our transactions in 3 days time. Once the Area HIS-PHS Director Mr. Townsend was informed of all this I did receive a Cash Award and a Letter of Commendation for my efforts.

I did work in the Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe’s office for about 2 years and one of the main jobs I performed was purging really out of date records back to 1980’s. Once we determined what was really old we cleaned out 56 boxes that OEH disposed of. Organization was better attained and more current records could be better maintained.

I attended a Executive Committee Meeting on January 16, 2019 and it is apparent that our Administrative Policies are not current and not up to date. Such as no employee Policy participating on Committees. I suggested a “No win and No Loss Clause” meaning the qualified employee if they have the abilities and skills they should be considered for Committee positions. If that employee is contributing to the work culture, mission and the over all goals of the Tribe.

What happened in the meeting was a qualified employee who put in for a vacant Board position was held up because they had no clear cut policy on employees participating on committees. This is where if we had clear cut administrative policies they would have been able to figure out what to do. This employee has mastered her job and is able to do time management to perform in both positions. But it was tabled.

I feel from my past experiences and work procedures knowledge. This is why I’m running for the position of Tribal Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. We need to research all those boxes of Tribal Resolutions that we gathered from all those old files. Those Resolutions are all our past Tribal laws and they need to be verified if they are still current.

I would appreciate your support and your vote for me to help clean up these tribal records. I thank you for your time and attention.

Twila Longhorn-Parker
Contact: (405) 229-8052

Absentee Shawnee Tribe
Behavioral Health Services
Wellbriety Group Meetings
Facilitator: John See, LPC
Every Thursday 5:30pm-6:30pm
Shawnee Multipurpose Building (east of the Shawnee Clinic, Sthg. 16)
For further information, contact:
Shawnee Behavioral Health Services: John 405-878-4716
Little Axe Behavioral Health Services: Dara 405-701-7987
February 2019

Title VI

Title VI News...

February 1,
National Wear Red Day For Women is a massive national public awareness day the first Friday each February, urging women, people from all walks of life, businesses, towns, schools, the media, buildings and landmarks to “go red” and “glow red” to bring attention to the leading killers of women – heart disease and stroke.

February 2, Ground Hog Day
February 14, Valentine’s Day and we will have a Bingo!!
We will have a small bingo at the Shawnee site, in which means there will only be prizes for the bingo winners, if you have anything you would like to donate as a prize you are more than welcome to bring them and we will plan on having a small bingos alternating from Shawnee and Little Axe.

February 18th, AST Complex will be closed; Title VI will not be serving or delivering this day
Any questions or concerns please feel free to call us at 405-275-4030 ext 6227
The menu is on the website astribe.com

Absentee Shawnee Tribe – Severe Weather Policy effective December 2013 states:
2. PROVISIONS
a. Prior to normal starting time it will be announced on one of the local television or radio channels that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe is open and/or closed based on weather severity. The Governor, and/or designee, will report to these channels: Channel 4, 5, 9, Fox 25; Radio- KTKO 1000; KOCK 1520 AM. Formerly the policy has been that when schools in Little Axe and Shawnee are closed then employees would be allowed administrative leave. This policy seeks to clarify on procedures and gives the decision making process back to the Tribe.
b. On days when weather conditions worsen as the day progresses, the Governor or another Member of the Executive Committee may decided to close early. In such cases, a decision and an announcement will be made through email to all employees

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CALL AND LET US KNOW AT 405-275-4030
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OR NOTIFY YOUR DRIVER

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Wheeler, Leah J.
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Whittaker, Caiden Skye
Whittaker, Joshua Jay W.
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Williams, Brennan Marie
Williams, Kaylee Nicole
Williams, Kevin Bruce
Williams, Phoenixx Winter Ryne
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Wilson, Adam Lee
Wilson, Mariana Danyel
Wilson, Melvin Wayne
Wood, Ryan Ashley
Yamutewa, Chebon Dale

February 2019
Celebrations

BOARD POSITIONS
OPEN!

The following Departments are seeking candidates to fill Board positions:

**TEC BOARD - 2 POSITIONS**

**ASHA BOARD - ALL POSITIONS**

**GAMING BOARD - 3 POSITIONS**

**ASEDA - 3 POSITIONS**

**TAX COMMISSION - 1 POSITION**

Please contact the Secretary’s Office for information and applications.

(405) 275-4030 ext. 6275
Happy 18th Birthday!
We are so proud of you!
Love you always
Mom, Dad, Salem and all your families

Happy Birthday
Marvin Smith

TO OUR PAPA!
We love you to the Moon and Back!
Landyn & Ryder Cash

Happy Birthday!
You are the strongest, most loyal, funniest, and most determined man we know!
We love you with all our hearts and hope you have a great day.
Sherry & Jordan

Justin Tyler-
You made my heart so very happy 32 years ago!
Hope your day is as special as you are!
Love, Mom xoxo

Justin,
Happy Birthday to our big brother! Have a great day OLD MAN!
Love, lil sis Jili & lil brother Jop

Justin Tyler,
Happy Birthday to my AWESOME nephew!
Aunt loves you so very much!
Aunt B

Happy birthday to my awesome Grandson Justin Tyler Spoon
I’m so proud of you and I love you bunches and bunches.
Hugs and kisses to you.
Lots of love, Granny Low.

Share your Celebrations!!!

Call AST Media at 405-598-1279 or email your request to stiger@astribe.com by the 15th of the preceding month.
Only 1 picture can be used per celebration.

If you choose to visit our office and we are not present, please leave your requests in the mail box.
Happy Birthday to my beautiful nieces:

Chele and Stephanie

I wish you both a wonderful day
enjoy your families
Love Aunt Rhonda Kaseca

Happy Birthday Cousin! Hope it’s a great one! Love you!
Sherrie D

A Big Birthday Wish for my handsome nephew
Gregory Thomas Nail. I love you.
Your Auntie, Sadie

Happy Birthday Shelby Lynn White Thunder
Happy 27th birthday Shelby!
Love Mom, Dad, Shelsie, Sheldon, Nakiaus, and Bryson Dale.
Rikki Blanchard
Happy 40’ish Birthday
Love Sis, Tom, Shelsie, Shelby, Nakiaus and Bryson Dale.

Happy 55th Birthday
Leland Dale Blanchard
From Sis, Tom, Shelsie, Shelby, Sheldon, Nakiaus and Bryson Dale.

Happy Happy Birthday
Hugs & a Big Kiss to my brother,
Garland Charles Spybuck
I love you bunches.
Your sis, Sadie

Uncle Garland,
Happy Birthday to my AWESOME Uncle! May you have a great day!
Love, your nieces and nephews, Sherrie, Jiliyan, Joplin, Justin, Harvey xoxoxoxo

Happy Birthday Velma Blanchard!
You are the best Mom ever and I appreciate all your love and support over the years.
Love You always,
Marvin

Happy Birthday Velma Blanchard!

To my Sugar Babies
Kantynn, Lei Ann, & Lynn Lei
We love you as big as the sky!
Love, Granny and Grandpa K
Happy New Year to all!

The Afterschool Program at Horseshoe Bend was closed in January due to the lack of attendance for that location. If the need arises in the future we will look into reopening. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause families in that area. If families in that area have any questions or concerns they may contact me.

The Afterschool Program at Shawnee Complex has a waiting list for enrollment. This semester we will be open during out of school times to include school holidays but we will be closed when the Tribe is closed. In April we will begin taking waiting list applications for the Summer School Age Program. Please contact me or LaNora Buswell, ASP Manager, lanora.buswell@astribe.com if you have any questions regarding the ASP Shawnee or SSAP.

The CCDF Subsidy Program is still taking applications for child care assistance. Some eligible criteria for the AST Child Care Subsidy the child must have a CDIB card; the family must live within the AST Service area and get a denial letter from DHS for their State Child Care Subsidy; the guardian(s) must be working full-time with verifiable income or going to school full-time in pursuit of a degree up to a Master’s and complete an application. All eligibility requirements can be found in the application. Information regarding the child care subsidy can be found on the astrip.com website under Services and then the Child Care tab. You can also email or call me if you have any questions at 405.432.8411.

Both Building Blocks centers are accepting waiting list applications. The centers will enroll as spots become available so they are constantly working to get children enrolled. Both centers are also taking applications for staff to include Teachers, Assistant Teachers and Floaters. If you know of someone who has experience in child care or is interested in a career in the field please ask them to fill out an application. We try to be competitive to the local child care providers in salary and benefits.

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 at the number above or by email, briana.ponkilla@astribe.com.

Ni yi wa! (Thank you)
Briana Ponkilla
Exercise and Diabetes

Exercise is crucial when it comes to living a healthy lifestyle. For those individuals with diabetes, it is even more important to be active. There are great things to learn when you participate in an exercise program. Did you know that resistance weight training is a great for diabetes management? Or that you don’t have to participate in a marathon or swim miles to benefit from an exercise program? Incorporating exercise into your daily life will assist in preventing diabetes, as well as help to resist any long-term complications associated with diabetes. Here are basic some tips before you begin an exercise program:

• Make it a habit to check your sugar before and after exercise
• Listen to your body. Do not push through any pain.
• Fuel and refuel before and after your workouts
• Stay hydrated!
• Find enjoyable activities
• ALWAYS be active!
• Walk after meals
• Check your feet often before and after exercise

Get started!

Check your sugar often before and after exercise to help you to understand the effects of exercise on your body. Our bodies are all different and we may respond differently to exercise compared to others.

• If it hurts, don’t do it. Listen to what your body is telling you. Do not ignore physical pain, especially if you are diabetic.
• Good snacks before and after exercise includes a piece of fruit, a little bit of peanut butter, yogurt, cheese and crackers, small cup of oatmeal, half a peanut butter (no jelly) sandwich, etc.
• Always stay hydrated. Keep a water bottle filled with water, of course.
• Always start slow if you haven’t exercised in a long time. We all want to get started immediately but pace yourself and build up to increased exercise intensities.
• Remember to wear comfortable socks made for physical activity. Check your feet on a daily basis if you begin to exercise.

For any questions pertaining to diabetes and exercise, please contact the AST Diabetes and Wellness Program at 405-364-7298 (Resource Center). Information provided by www.livestrong.com and the AST Diabetes and Wellness Fitness Program.
ASEDA Report

ASEDA continues to set its sights on economic development opportunities within the 8(a) and HUB-Zone programs which set aside billions of federal contracting dollars each year for small disadvantaged businesses who become certified with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). A timeline has been created to strategically help us meet our goal of having an 8(a) certified company by the end of July 2019, the government shutdown will have some impact on this date so please continue to read the ASEDA monthly report in the tribal newsletter for updates and information regarding where we are at with the certification process.

ASEDA was able to visit with Procurement Counselor Berbon Hamilton again on 1/11/19 at the offices of the Tribal Government Institute located in Norman, Oklahoma. Valuable information and insight into 8(a) certification was gained and is being used to possibly expedite completion of the application by reducing research time for records needed to support the application. Registration for all the required business numbers and agencies is underway, the government shutdown will be a cause for delay with some registrations during this step; nevertheless, we are moving and action is happening to secure some of these federal contracting dollars that are basically designated for tribal entities.

Aggressive and specific timelines are in place for ongoing economic development projects, current property expansions/rebuilds and additions to our ASEDA business portfolio. The Executive Committee remains focused on business successes and opportunities that help support ASEDA to create economic prosperity for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe and its members.

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

ARE YOU OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE THAT IS GOING OUT WITH A PERSON WHO...

- is jealous, possessive, checks up on you or won’t accept breaking up? tries to control you by being bossy, making all the decisions, has to have it his/her way all the time?
- screams, yells, puts you down in front of your friends, tells you that you are stupid or ugly?
- scares you, makes you wonder if you have done something wrong to make him/her react like this?
- is violent, grabs, hits, pushes, or shoves you?
- pressures you for sex or tries to force you into having sex?
- has a history of bad relationships and blames the other person?
- abuses alcohol or drugs and pressures you to take them as well?
- keeps you from seeing or talking with family and friends?

For more information please contact the Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s Domestic Violence Department. If you or someone you know says “yes” to ANY of the above or if you have any questions you may contact someone at 405-273-2888 for help.

This project was supported by Grant No. 2015-TW-AX-0016 awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed in this publication/program/exhibition are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women.
Realty / Probate

Greetings!

As it was posted in the last month’s newsletter, there have been changes in the Realty Department. Allow me to introduce myself and our new staff. My name is Taylor Carter, and I am the new Interim Realty Director. I was hired on full-time in May of 2018 as a Realty Specialist for the department and was then selected as the Interim Director in December. I’m continuing to learn all the duties of Realty as in regards to Native American Tribal Land. I will be communicating with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for all matters regarding to Realty and will help you as a landowner in any way I can.

We recently hired two new people for our department, one is for Probate Specialist and the other is for the Realty Assistant.

Cara Usrey is our Probate Specialist and was hired at the beginning of the 2019 year. Cara has over 20 years’ experience in Public Real Estate, Records and Closings. She will be processing all the Probates that come into our department. She is currently learning the detail processes for Native American Probates and Realty.

Yeicca Gutierrez is our Realty Assistant and was hired in mid-November 2018. Yeicca has over five years’ experience with the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma in the Administration. She is already providing great day to day organization and customer service for our department.

Notice to the Tribe and all Tribal Members: The Realty Department works closely with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Anadarko. As the U.S. Government is still shutdown, our office will continue taking requests. Although limited, we will provide you with as much information as we possibly can. With our changes we are working towards obtaining our computer access to the BiA Network. Once our office has the access, we will be able to process your requests and projects in a timely manner. When the U.S. Government reopens, our department will be able to obtain information and provide updates as requested.

The Realty Department and Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS) will be putting on Wills, Trust, and Probate Clinics that are scheduled four times during the 2019 Calendar Year. These clinics are open to all tribal members to help tribal citizens prepare Wills and Probates to ensure that their estates are properly distributed.

The first clinic is scheduled for Wednesday January 30th, 2019, from 10 am – 3 pm @ the Multi-Purpose Building on the AST Complex in Shawnee, OK. If you are unable to attend the first clinic, the second clinic will be on Wednesday April 24th, 2019, from 10 am – 3 pm @ the Health Center Conference Room in Little Axe, OK. The following two clinics that are scheduled for later in the year are as follows:

Wednesday, July 31st, 2019 from 10 am – 3 pm @ Multi-Purpose Building, Shawnee, OK
Wednesday October 30, 2019 from 10 am – 3 pm @ the Health Center Conference Room in Little Axe, OK

Please call Stephanie Hudson @ 405-943-6457 to schedule for a one on one appointment at one of the following clinic dates. Lunch will be provided by the Office of the Treasurer.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 405-275-4030, or come by for an office visit.

The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Vocational Rehabilitation (ITOVR) Program has provided vocational services to Native Americans since 1994, and transition services to students since 2004. For year, our goal has been to empower Native American with disabilities, consistent with their individual strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, and informed choice, to prepare for the transition from school to work or post-secondary school.

**Program**

Transition Services help Native American high school junior and seniors with disabilities continue their education, train for a job and find a job after completing education.

You design your own customized Individualized Plan of Employment (IPE) with our help.

**Qualifications**

- Are you an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe?
- Are you a Junior/Senior in High School?
- Do you reside in our services area?
- Disability documentation from a Doctor, Physician or Mental Health Provider noting disability and impediments?
- An IEP or 504 Plan may be accepted

**Services**

- Counseling and Guidance about Training and Education after H.S.
- Assistive Devices (Hearing Aids, Walkers, Eyeglasses, Learning Devices, etc.)
- Transition Assistance
- Testing Fees (ACT/SAT)
- Work Clothing for New Jobs
- Career Assessments
- Physical or Mental Evaluations
- Resume Building, Interview Etiquette, etc.
- Other Various Services

**ITOVR**

ITOVR provide their services to any member of a Federally recognized tribe residing in the seven counties as shown in this image.

**ITO Service Area**

For more information contact:
Taylor McClain, Counselor
405-547-5721 x223 - 888-336-IOWA
tmclcllan@iowanation.org
Employee Spotlight

Our Cultural Preservation Director, Suhaila Nease, has worked for the Tribe since July 2016 and has been a great addition to the team. Her duties as director involve various different responsibilities within the department. Her main objective is to maintain direct oversight of all office staff and to research and utilize all resources available in order to aide tribal members in the growth of cultural preservation.

Suhaila maintains direct communication with her oversight and other staff in the office to share creative ideas to add growth to the department. She stays up to date on current issues that are pertinent to cultural and historic preservation. She writes all grant reports, budget justification narratives, close out reports, and maintains compliance of all grants in her department. In addition to grant budgets, she is also responsible for planning yearly general fund budgets.

One of her greatest strengths is her willingness to listen. She enjoys listening to the needs of tribal members and wants to create an environment aimed on what the people want to see. She feels that the department should be geared towards tribal participation and engaging tribal youth in all activities. She has made several connections within the U.S. Forest Service in order to bring awareness of potential career opportunities to the tribe.

In addition to overseeing all office staff, she assists them when needed to ensure all areas of the department are operating to its fullest potential. She also works with other departments, tribes, and agencies when planning and coordinating events. She welcomes all tribal members that are interested in teaching classes or that want to suggest ideas to contact the office.

Please watch for upcoming events in our Tribal newsletter and on the web. Stop in and check us out! Let us know how we can serve you. Please contact Suhaila at: snease@astribe.com 405-275-4030 Ext. 6345

Absentee Shawnee Tribe

Beading Classes

Date: Thursday, February 7 & 21, 2019 @ 6:00 PM
Location: Multipurpose Building, AST Shawnee Complex

Please contact Kim Billie to reserve your spot for classes.
405-275-4030 Ext. 6416

There is a welcoming place for women.

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

Little Axe Health Center
15951 Little Axe Dr.
Norman, OK 73026
405.447.0300

Shawnee Clinic
2029 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801
405.878.5850 - 1.877.878.4702 (Toll-free)
Attention:

Absentee Shawnee Realty Department has partnered with the Department of Interior to provide the following information to the tribal members!

**Fractionation: Inherited undivided interest**

- How reservation land is owned?
- Your Individual Trust Interest (ITI) Report: How to read it?
- Who is eligible to inherit your trust land and retain trust status?
- Your undivided interests of 5% or more: What happens if you pass away without a written will?
- Your undivided interest of less than 5%: What happens if you pass away without writing a will?

**Absentee Shawnee Tribe**

Located at the Multiple Purpose Building at the Shawnee Complex

On February 2nd, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Breakfast and Lunch provided by Absentee Shawnee Tribe Office of the Treasurer.
Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority

2018 PROGRAMS

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

PROGRAMS ARE DEPENDANT ON FUNDING AVAILABILITY

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SERVICES

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

LOCATED AT 107 NORTH KIMBERLY IN SHAWNEE, OK.

WEBSITE: WWW.ASHOUSINGAUTHORITY.COM

IF YOU’D LIKE TO SUBMIT AN AD OR ARTICLE:

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

ALL ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT MONTH’S ISSUE ARE DUE BY THE 15th OF THE CURRENT MONTH

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

Due to an error some inadvertent billing has occurred to tribal patients (AST and non-AST patients). Tribal patients WILL NOT have an actual bill for their services, and we regret any confusion this error may have caused. We appreciate your patience as we work to correct this situation.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding medical billing from our clinics please contact our Patient Advocate, Jim Robertson, who will be collecting information on any unresolved issues with this situation. Contact information for our patient advocate is (405) 701-7623.
IMPORTANT NOTICE!

The Criminal Court Dockets have moved from 2\textsuperscript{nd} Wednesday afternoons at 1:30pm to 2\textsuperscript{nd} Wednesday mornings 9:00am.
Office of Environmental Health & Engineering
Brownfield Tribal Response Program

What is a Brownfield?

The EPA defines a brownfield site as “...real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, controlled substances, petroleum or petroleum products, or is mine-scarred land.”

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

Typical Brownfield Sites Include:

- Abandoned Factories/Buildings/Homes
- Burned Homes
- Buried Dump Sites
- Open Dump Sites
- A Large Amount of Tires
- Former Cattle Dip Pit Sites
- Barrels of Unknown Substances
- Old Service Stations
- Oil Storage Facilities
- Oil/Gas Well Sites
- Old Dry Cleaning Businesses

If you have a Brownfield site that you would like to develop, or if you know of a possible Brownfield site, please contact:

Absentee Shawnee Tribe
Brownfield Response Program
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801
(405) 214-4235
AST.Environmental.Programs@astribe.com

Follow us on Facebook to view and comment on current and upcoming projects
www.facebook.com/ast.environmental.programs
### Absentee Shawnee Tribe Tax Commission

2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive  
Shawnee, OK 74801  
(405) 275-4030 • Fax: (405) 214-4225

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

*TRIBAL MEMBER MUST BE PRESENT FOR ALL NEW REGISTRATIONS*

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

#### Renewals
- VALID OKLAHOMA DRIVER’S LICENSE
- VALID OKLAHOMA INSURANCE
- CDIB/ENROLLMENT CARD
- PREVIOUS YEARS REGISTRATION

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

#### Tag Prices

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**Penalty**  
$0.25 a day

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**TOTAL COLLECTIONS**  
$224,602.93 | $338,181.01 | $258,931.10 | $240,238.07 | $194,104.93 | $227,638.48 | $240,555.87 | $228,772.63 | $263,132.65 | $283,914.75 | $301,047.93 | $266,582.90 | $3,067,703.25 | 100%
**Enrollment Department**

Enrollment would like to clarify on why we are updating our tribal enrollment card- CIDB. We have had a lot of questions on “Why” are we doing this. Basically we as a tribe are updating our Enrollment card because of the Identity Verification Process and following the Real ID Act. Attached is the Enrollment Office’s Identity Verification Process Information form for you’re to read and be aware of what it is. Enclosed you can read another form of Information that is necessary to be informed on, is the standalone Identification, Primary Identification and Secondary Identification form that the Enrollment Department can accept when updating your tribal enrollment card. Once again, thank you for working with us during the time of change in Enrollment and if there is anything we can clear up and help our tribal members understands, do not hesitate to call Enrollment.

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**Stand-Alone Primary Form of Identification**
- State ID Card or Driver’s License (no More than 3 months expired)
- Oklahoma Self Defense Act License (Concealed/Open Carry License) (no more than 3 months expired)
- United States Passport (no more than 3 months expired)
- Out-of-State Drivers License
- An identification document issued by the United States Armed Services (Issued by the Department of Defense); one of the following:
  - Military identification card
  - Military dependant identification card

**Primary Form of Identification (with a Secondary form of ID)**
- Birth Certificate
- FS-240 form: Consular Report of Birth Abroad

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**A Little Note from The Tag Office**

Did You Know.....

Any name changes that may occur (i.e. marriage, divorce, etc.) need to be updated through enrollment, BEFORE any new registrations or renewals can be processed.
AST Education Dept Now Accepting Applications for Scholarships

AST Education Department: Big Jim Youth Awards
We will begin taking applications for the 2018-19 Big Jim Youth Awards on January 1, 2019. High school seniors of both genders within the 50 United States are eligible to apply for these awards for the 2018-2019 school year. Applications will be accepted from January 1 to March 31, 2019 by US mail or email, official transcripts must be mailed. The official application form will be available in December 2018 at www.astribe.com under the Education Department. The $1,000.00 award is in the form of a scholarship to the college or university where the award recipient will attend for the fall 2019 semester. The scholarship must be used for the fall 2019 semester.

We will begin accepting applications for the following awards:
- Big Jim Academic Achievement Award (Male and Female)
- Big Jim Athlete of the Year (Male and Female)

Individuals are encouraged to nominate deserving high school seniors. You may nominate yourself. Please refer to the application for required documents. Eligible nominations will be judged by a panel of (non-AST) experts assembled specifically for this purpose. The intent is to bring together an unbiased group of experts to evaluate the applicants in an impartial and unbiased environment. Their decisions are final with respect to all matters concerning these awards. Awards will be announced in May/June 2019.

We encourage ALL Absentee Shawnee High School Seniors to apply.

Award recipients will be recognized as the 2018-2019 Big Jim Academic Achievement Award winner or the Big Jim Athlete of the Year. In addition to this recognition the award recipients will receive a $1,000.00 scholarship to be used towards their education and the advancement of their career.

Questions on these awards program should be addressed to:

Absentee Shawnee Tribe
Education Department
c/o Tresha Spoon
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801
405.275.4030 Ext 6242
youthaward@astribe.com

The Education Department is seeking up to five (5) members to serve on the Education Committee. Please contact the Education Department with any questions at tresham@astribe.com or (405) 275-4030 Ext. 6242.

Education Department
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
2025 South Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801
(405) 275-4030 Ext. 6242 Toll free (800) 256-3341 Fax (405) 273-7938
youthaward@astribe.com

Applications accepted: Jan. 1st –March 31st
Finalists announced: May/June 2019

□ $1,000 Scholarship Big Jim Academic Achievement Award (Male)
□ $1,000 Scholarship Big Jim Academic Achievement Award (Female)
□ $1,000 Scholarship Big Jim Athlete of the Year (Male)
□ $1,000 Scholarship Big Jim Athlete of the Year (Female)

STUDENT INFORMATION
Name: ___________________________ ___________________________ ___________________________
(LAST)                    (FIRST)                                       (MI)
Tribal Enrollment #: ___________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________________________________
(STREET)            (CITY)            (STATE)                             (ZIP)
Home Phone:  ( ) Cell Phone:  ( )
Email:

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION
High School Name:_________________________
City:_________________________ State:_________________________
Guidance Counselor: ___________________________
(FIRST) (LAST)
Phone #: ___________________________
Sport: ______________________ Position: ______________________
Coach: _______________________ Phone #: ______________________

All Absentee Shawnee High School Seniors are eligible and encouraged to apply.
Documents to be included with application:
□ Official High School Transcript
□ Letter(s) of Recommendation (Educator/Coach/Tribal/Church)
□ Tribal Enrollment Card (copy)
□ Resume of Accomplishments and Activities
□ 500-word Essay: How do you feel your accomplishments (knowledge/training) as well as your being an Absentee Shawnee Tribal member will influence your future plans?
□ Video (optional): no more than 10 minutes in length
APPLYING FOR TRIBAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE (T.E.A)  
(A ONE TIME YEARLY PAYMENT OF $150.00, PER RESIDENCE)

ELIGIBILITY

☐ ENROLLED ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE
☐ 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER
☐ UTILITY BILL IN YOUR NAME AND/OR SPOUSE’S NAME (SPOUSE MUST RESIDE IN HOME)
☐ TOTAL RESIDENCE INCOME (MUST NOT EXCEED A MONTHLY NET PAY OF $2,800.00)

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

☐ SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS (ALL MEMBERS RESIDING IN THE RESIDENCE)
☐ CDIB CARDS (ALL MEMBERS RESIDING IN THE RESIDENCE)
☐ CURRENT UTILITY BILL AND/OR DISCONNECT NOTICE
☐ CURRENT 30 DAYS INCOME VERIFICATION (I.E. CHECK STUB, SOCIAL SECURITY, UNEMPLOYMENT, TANF, ETC.)
☐ UNEMPLOYED APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE SELF-CERTIFICATION FORM PROVIDED BY CASE WORKER

APPLICATION ALSO ONLINE: www.astribe.com

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

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS!!!

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

When mailing in your application for any assistance through the Social Service Department, Please DO NOT send original CDIB, Drivers License and Social Security cards. Please attach copies of your ID’s only; if you are in the office copies will be made. Absentee Shawnee Tribe is not responsible for lost ID’s in the mail. If you have any questions, please call (405) 275-4030, ext. 6225 or 6255.
Resolve to be Ready - Make a Resolution for 2019 To Be Prepared

- Make an emergency plan, choose a safe place to meet and establish an out-of-town contact. Learn evacuation routes.
- Take a current photo of you and your pet together in case you get separated during a disaster.
- Get to know your neighbor and invite them to be a part of your emergency plan.
- Snap photos of important documents and save them in a secure place or online.
- Set up group text lists so you can communicate with friends and family during emergencies.
- Take a class in CPR and first aid.
- Keep and update emergency supplies; remember to include cash.
- Have back-up power sources available to charge devices in case of a power outage.
- Snap some pictures of your property for insurance purposes.
- Check your insurance coverage for disasters like floods, hurricanes, and earthquakes.
- Sign up for alerts and warnings. Download the FEMA app to get real-time alerts, safety tips and locate open shelters.
- Save for a rainy day! Start and grow your emergency fund.
- Financially prepare for the New Year. Find out how with the Emergency Financial First Aid Kit.
- Spend within your means. Use a personal budgeting worksheet to help plan for holiday expenses and beyond.
- Build up your savings. Put a small amount in your account the first of every month beginning January 1.

Get Tech Ready
- Download the FEMA app to get real-time alerts, safety tips and locate open shelters.
- Snap photos of important documents and save them in a secure place or online, make sure you can access them during an emergency.
- Set up group text lists so you can communicate with friends and family at the same time during emergencies.
- Download money saving apps to help you save for a rainy day.
- Have external power sources available to charge phones and other devices in case of a power outage.

Planning with Pets
- Take a current photo of you and your pet together in case you get separated during a disaster. #ResolvetobeReady PetPreparedness www.ready.gov/animals
- Search online today for local pet-friendly evacuation locations in case you need to evacuate.
- Update your pet’s microchip registration info so you can be contacted if your pet gets lost in a disaster. #ResolvetobeReady #PetPreparedness www.ready.gov/animals
- Put your name and contact information on your pet’s ID tag in case you’re separated in an emergency. #ResolvetobeReady PetPreparedness www.ready.gov/animals
- Remember to include your pets in your family's emergency plans.

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

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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HEART
(hoh-tay-hee)

FLOWER
(pah-pay-key-weh)

RED
(m’squah-wee)

BEAR
(m’kwah)

I Love You

ne ke ti qa la ma la
(nee-kee-tah-kway-lay-may-lay)

source: Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
https://www.estoo-nsn.gov/blog/2014/01/27/language-home-talk/