January - Blood Donation Month

Did you know that 1 blood donation has the potential to save 3 lives? It is estimated that every 2 seconds someone is going to need blood and there is no substitution for human blood. Yet only about 10 percent of the US population donates annually. The main reason most people give for not donating blood is simply, “I didn’t think about it.”

January is National Blood Donor month. Let’s draw attention to blood donation and send a GIANT Thank You to all those who have donated in the past and intend to donate in the future! If only one more percent of all Americans would give blood, blood shortages would disappear for the foreseeable future. So if you are a healthy adult who is at least 17 years old, and at least 110 pounds you may donate whole blood every 56 days, or every two months and begin a habit of saving lives. Blood Drives hosted by companies, schools, places of worship and civic organizations supply roughly half of all blood donations across the U.S. So the next time someone in your community sets up a blood drive, Sign up and Save a Life!

For more information or to find a location to donate, visit OBI.org or call (405) 297-5700

Stephanie Comstock, RN Public Health

Christmas Tradition: ‘Shop with a Cop’

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Governor’s REPORT
Edwina Butler-Wolfe
AST Governor

Hello Tribal People

Hope everyone had a peaceful holiday and fellowship with family and friends. Like to start out with my arrival back in office as the Governor on December 10, 2019, I came into the Governor Office with new office furniture and a new tribal vehicle that Secretary John Johnson had purchased during his time as Governor. He purchased over $4,000.00 dollars of furniture and is assistant was spending over $3,000.00 dollars on furniture but her furniture was cancelled when I once took office. The tribal vehicle was over $17,000.00 dollars. There are a couple of major concerns while John Johnson was Governor and one is the tribal resolutions that were passed during the months of October and November of 2019 and also concern of documents that was signed by John Johnson as Governor and Ezra Delodge as the Secretary. The federal government did not recognize John as Governor but did recognize Ezra as an official elected member of the Executive Committee due to the pending court case. On December 20, 2019 the Executive Committee called a Special Executive Committee Meeting to clean up some resolutions pertaining to the new tribal enrollment we also made correction to the resolution of bank signatures and the Absentee Shawnee 2020 Holiday Calendar. One other major issue was the 2020 AFA (annual funding agreement) with the BIA (Bureau Indian Affairs). The AFA funds programs such as; Social Services, Education, Law Enforcement, Reality, Road Program, Indian Child Welfare again due to the federal government (BIA) not recognizing John as the Governor of the Tribe, the Tribe was in jeopardy of not being funded for 2020. John submitted his signature on documents for funding on October 14, 2019 to the BIA. The documents were returned to the tribe on October 30, 2019 for corrections due to signatures being signed in the wrong places on the documents and to have documents corrected and signed by the only recognized Governor for the Tribe so that the funds would be available as soon as possible.

Lt. Governor Blanchard and I have had numerous calls to the BIA in Anadarko and Washington DC to the governor in Oklahoma. On December 26, 2019 I hand delivered all documents to BIA Southern Plains Regional Office in Anadarko. We are in hopes that the tribe will be able to draw down the funds soon when funds are made available to the Tribe.

GAMING COMPACT UPDATE
On December 19, 2019 Lt. Governor Blanchard and I attended the Tribal Leaders round table discussion Tribed by Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association (OIGA) at the River Spirit Casino in Tulsa, Oklahoma. There were 32 tribal leaders in attendance of the state’s 35 gaming tribes. The round table discussion was the governor’s request to extend the compact and negotiations to August 31, 2020. Governor Stitt believes that the compact expires January 1, 2020 and that Class III gaming will be illegal without another agreement. The governor is seeking higher fees from the tribes in exchange for additional exclusivity to the gaming industry, which could include sports betting.

Governor Stitt said the extension was offered to protect the parties’ legal positions and to provide legal certainty about casinos’ operations and we plan to continue operating the compact automatically renew, absent a State or Tribal license. Each Committee Member shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age and legally capable of entering into a binding contract.

To All,

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Treasurer Phil Ellis

NEW FOSTER CARE LICENSING COMMITTEE QUALIFICATIONS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(a) A Committee Member may be a member of the Tribe.
(b) No person shall be barred from serving on the committee because she is an employee, or operates a Foster Home under a State or Tribal license.
(c) Each Committee Member shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age and legally capable of entering into a binding contract.
(d) No person who has been convicted of a felony or other crime involving embezzlement, fraud or moral turpitude shall serve on the Foster Care Licensing Committee. As of May 30th 2001, background checks will be necessary for new and/or reappointed existing committee member.
(e) Each Committee Member shall take an oath to support and defend the constitution, rules and regulations of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.
(f) It is strongly recommended each Committee Member complete the application process to become an Emergency Protective Foster Home and therefore be licensed through the Tribe.

Applicants can apply by picking up the application with your letter of intent at the Secretary’s office.

Treasurer’s REPORT
Phil Ellis
AST Treasurer

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Executive Committee

January 2020

Edwina Butler-Wolfe
LT. GOVERNOR

John Johnson
SECRETARY

Phil Ellis
TREASURER

Atheda Fletcher
REPRESENTATIVE

Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe of The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.
Representative’s REPORT

Greetings Tribal Members:

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! Enjoy the holidays.

Wrapping up 2019 is always a dash to finish line with budgeting and reporting. As we surge into 2020, let us focus on making everything better of the New Year. Unity and prosperity for our tribe should be our primary goal for the New Year! Following are some of the activities that I have participated in since my last report:

• I traveled to Chickasha with the Elders Council members to see the Christmas Lights and eat at Jake’s Rib. Lighhts were beautiful and food was great! All Elders had a great time.

• On December 3rd, I attended the AST Economic Impact Luncheon. It was such a great event! Members of the state legislature, county commissioners, city leaders and community leaders all praised the economic impact report and was thankful for our tribe’s efforts of the economic impact report.

• Participated in the Patient Family Advisory Committee meeting. The committee members continue to work collaboratively with the clinic staff to help strengthen our cultural sensitivity.

• I attended the Native American Christmas Market, Arts and Craft Sale held at the AST Shawnee Complex on December 6. The use of art has been used as a form of expression in the Native American way of life for hundreds of years. This event provides opportunity for our Native American to share their beautiful art. What a great event. Thanks to all that made this event possible.

• On December 7, I attended the Tribal Advisory Committee meeting. As an elected official, I believe it is my duty to attend these meetings.

• On December 14, myself and John Johnson helped Meredith Wahlgrenke and LA CC staff with the Potato Give-A-Way at the Little Axe Community Center. Although it was cold, this was a great opportunity to visit with many tribal members and local community members.

• Also, I attended the ICWm Christmas Party on the evening of December 14. It was such a pleasure to see the children’s excitement! Reagan Abbas and her staff worked very hard to pull this wonderful event together for our tribal families. The generous contributions by McAlisters Deli, Valliance Bank, Firelake Bowling, Firelake Grocery, Homeland, Chic Fil A, Ada Coca-Cola, AST Cultural Preservation, AST Tax Commission and AST Media Department helped make this event memorable for the children and their families.

Wrapping up 2019 and looking forward to a great 2020!

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

Absentee Shawnee Behavioral Health STRENGTH OF TRADITION PROJECT

Funded through SAMHSA Native Connections Grant in providing support by:

• Extending an outreach through community partnerships to increase awareness of Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention in the community.

• Increasing the participation of youth, parents, tribal leaders, and health providers in developing mental health service and treatment options based on the cultural values and practice of the Native community.

• Easing the impacts of substance use, mental health illnesses, and trauma in native communities.

• Supporting youth as they transition into adulthood.

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

Linda Gouge
Grant Coordinator
405-730-4300
Ext. 6239
Cell: 405-287-5247
lrgouge@astribc.com

Victoria Andrews
Grant Assistant
405-739-1565

ELECTION COMMISSION:

The Filing Period for Election Office in 2020. A tribal membor may file for office, January 1 - January 10 (excluding weekends and holidays). Hours to be from 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 2020.

ELECTION COMMISSION

Filing Fees Term
Commission Chair $173.00 Term (Two) Years
Commission Member #1 (unexpired) $590.00 Four (4) Years
Commission Member #2 $215.00 Three (3) Years

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

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

Absentee ballot request

Vote by Absentee ballot or at the election center.

Mail in Absentee ballots must be postmarked no later than March 20, 2020.

Election Center:

Li-Si-Wi-Nwi Health, Inc.
10951 Little Axe Drive
Norman, OK 73026

Phone: 405-730-5247
Email: absentee@astribc.com

Election Center hours are:

Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Hours for voting are:

Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Please fill out EACH BLANK completely and return by the deadline.

Quote: Your future is created by what you do today not tomorrow!

Executive Committee

January 2020

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On December 14, 2019 at Pottawatomie County Courthouse with a Med-Evac Helicopter, Fire Truck and a Police Escort, Ceremony Laying Wreaths at Veterans Monument by Sheriff Booth and Governor’s Stitt’s Honor Guard. They also laid wreaths at Monument for Policemen Killed in the Line of Duty. This was a very moving ceremony. Walter Larney, Vice Commander rode down from OKC with the motorcycle riders with entourage bringing truck with wreaths. They left from 15th and Council in OKC at 9:00 a.m. in the morning. Another Ceremony and Speakers at Tecumseh Alumni Building with a flag ceremony. Recognition of all Veterans present. Jason Bender, Commander, Walter Larney, Vice Commander and Twila Parker, Administrative Officer. David Voyles, First Sergeant was at Shawnee Courthouse Ceremony but was unable to attend Ceremony in Tecumseh.

AST Veteran’s Commander Jason Bender, David Voyles, Sergeant at Arms, Twila Parker, Treasurer, and former AST Veteran’s Commander Walter Larney (not pictured), along with the Seminole Color Guard.

**Fitness sessions will be available every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Little Axe Health Center, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.**

**Cruise Training**
6:15 a.m.-7:00 a.m.
Little Axe Resource Center

**HIIT Tuesday**
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.
Buster Bread
Little Axe Health Facility

**Resistance Training**
5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Little Axe Resource Center

**Aerobic Circuit**
5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Buster Bread
Little Axe Health Facility

**Cardio & Strength Training**
6:15 a.m.-7:00 a.m.
Little Axe Resource Center

**Cardio Kickboxing**
6:15 a.m.-7:00 a.m.
Little Axe Resource Center

**Core-N-More Wednesday**
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Start your New Year off right and join us for a free cooking demo and BINGO...

When: Thursday, January 9th at 2pm

Where: AST Diabetes & Wellness Kitchen at Little Axe Clinic

Free Recipe cards and samples provided!

Questions? Call the AST Diabetes & Wellness Program at 405-701-7977

HEALTHY COOKING DEMO

January 2020
ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS WITH AST HUNTING & FISHING PERMITS!
The Tribe has entered into a lease agreement of the Earlsboro Property. Hunting & Fishing will NOT be permitted throughout the duration of the lease. Permit holders will receive written notification when the lease expires and hunting & fishing activities can resume.
PURCHASED REFERRED CARE NEWS

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

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

SHAWNEE CLINIC PURCHASED REFERRED CARE HAS MOVED.

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

PURCHASED REFERRED CARE FOR AST CITIZENS WITH INSURANCE

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

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

For new AST tribal citizens, to become established for PRC services, please make an appointment to see the New Patient Coordinator/PBA at either the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic during regular hours of operation.

2. Notify PRC at least 48 hours prior to appointment date for a Coordination of Benefits (COB) to be sent to the provider.

3. Inform provider/health facility that AST PRC is a secondary payer/Coordination of Benefits to be sent to the provider.

4. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to PRC. You may leave bills at the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic.

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EMERGENCY AND URGENT CARE SERVICES

PRC for a currently enrolled AST citizen who resides in the defined catchment area and needs emergent or urgent care.

1. Call the On-Call nurse at 405.447.0300, option 9 for triage.

2. Notify PRC on the next business day or within 72 hours after your ER visit. Notification does not assure authorization of payment.

3. For AST citizens with no insurance, evidence must exist that your visit was medically necessary. Medical priorities have been established for determining which referrals can be authorized for payment.

4. For AST citizens with insurance, evidence must exist that a third-party resource has made the determination such services were “emergency care” or “urgent care.” Such evidence includes payment from private insurance.

5. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to PRC. You may leave bills at the Little Axe Health Center PRC office or the Shawnee Clinic PRC office.

PURCHASED REFERRED CARE FOR AST CITIZENS WITHOUT INSURANCE

PRC for a currently enrolled AST citizen who resides in the defined catchment area and does not have insurance.

1. You must apply for all resources available to you, such as: Medicaid, Medicare, Worker’s Compensation, Vocational Rehabilitation, auto insurance and other personal injury or liability coverage. PRC staff and/or Patient Benefit Advocates can assist you with the application process for alternate resources. Failure to exhaust available or potentially available alternate resources may result in denial of payment.

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3. You must utilize the services provided within AST health clinics prior to being referred out.

4. Referrals for outside services must be sent to PRC. Services must be medically approved by an AST Health provider and/or CMMR Committee.

5. An appointment will be scheduled, and a COB will be sent to the outside provider.

6. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to PRC. You may leave bills at the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic.

EASY ACCESS

Purchased Referred Care is conveniently located in Little Axe Health Center and in Shawnee Clinic, Building 17.
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday
Closed on Holidays
All facilities closed the first Wednesday of the month from Noon to 2pm.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

BILLING & PAYMENT INQUIRIES
Little Axe Health Center & Shawnee Clinic
Gloindine Blanchard, PRC Director
Darla Gatzman, PRC Specialist
Jennifer Wells, PRC Technician
Kareena Deere, File Clerk

REFERRAL MANAGEMENT
Little Axe Health Center
Debi Sleut, PRC Deputy Director/RN
April Patton, PRC Health Specialist/LPN
Jaye West, PRC Specialist, Medicaid Patients
Melinda Ferrell, PRC Specialist

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

LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER PRC
405.701.7951 (Please follow voice prompts) (Primary)
405.447.0500 (Secondary)

SHAWNEE CLINIC PRC
405.878.5850 (Primary)
405.878.4702 (Secondary)
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405.878.4702 (Secondary)
AST Education Department:
Big Jim Youth Awards

We will begin taking applications for the 2019-20 Big Jim Youth Awards on January 1, 2020. High school seniors of both genders within the 50 United States are eligible to apply for these awards for the 2019-2020 school year. Applications will be accepted from January 1 to March 31, 2020 by US mail or email, official transcripts must be mailed. The official application form will be available in December 2019 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 2020 semester. The scholarship must be used for the fall 2020 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 by the Education Department.

We encourage ALL Absentee Shawnee High School Seniors to apply.

Award recipients will be recognized as the 2019-2020 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

AST Health Director Selected to Attend Special White House Veteran’s Meeting

Native American and Alaska Native Veterans, active duty service members, national guard and reserves, and State, local and tribal veterans champions came from around the United States to join the White House Conference on Supporting Contemporary Native American Veterans in November. The White House acknowledged the long legacy of Native American military service by issuing a new Presidential Proclamation on National Native American Heritage Month, 2019. Several briefings and discussion with Vice President Mike Pence, Senior Administration Officials – including Secretary Robert Wilkie (U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs), Secretary David Bernhardt (U.S. Department of the Interior), and Governor Kristi Noem (South Dakota). The White House team emphasized that this is not a “check-the-box” exercise, but rather a continued commitment by the President and Administration to build and foster relationships with Tribal Leaders and communities from across the country around important issues. In March 2019, for example, President Trump announced the formation of a Presidential Task Force to investigate abuses in the Indian Health Service, the White House Announced a Presidential Task Force on Protecting Native American Children in the Indian Health Service System. A report from the Task Force is forthcoming. On May 3, the President issued a Proclamation recognizing Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives Awareness Day to raise awareness around the injustices committed against our most vulnerable populations. The White House and Administration also remain committed to promoting impactful policies and outcomes around infrastructure development (broadband, energy development, etc.), workforce/ economic development initiatives (opportunity zones), and healthy communities (combating the opioid crisis and promoting telehealth, for example).

Issues come back to us not being delivered.

Make sure your address is correct! Don’t miss a minute of tribal news and information! Anyone needing to be on the mailing list Please Call!

Mailable Address update form on pg 18
Domestic violence is not a Native American tradition.

Need to talk? Get free help by calling 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) available daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CST.

Callers reaching out after hours may connect with the National Domestic Violence Hotline by selecting option 1.


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AST Tribal Elders Christmas Baskets

Standing: Sadie Lowe, John Shopteese, Twana Spybuck-Patty, Wanda Shopteese, Stella Little, Trudy Pickens, Darryl Tiger
Kneeling: Meredith Wahpekeche, Altheda Fletcher

AST Diabetes and Wellness Center has located some safe places for exercise to help you keep active this year to improve your overall health!

Many of us that live here in the small area of Little Axe have trouble finding a place to be physically active. Below we have provided some resources available to assist you in finding a variety of activities that will fit with your schedule, interest, or activity needs. Whether you are wanting to just change it up with different activities, or scenarios, these resources are available to you for physical activity!

- Thunderbird Lake has on-site activities such as boating, walking, Trails, canoeing, kayaking, rafting, fishing, swimming, archery, and more. They have many events scheduled for 2020! Visit their website at www.littleaxetribalwetlandtrust.org or contact Suise Seidel at (405) 360-3525.
- The Little Axe Community Center offers disc golf, softball fields, and occasionally, Jamboree Classes. If you would like more information on the UA Community Center, please call their office at (405) 784-8750.
- Norman Oklahoma Park and Rec Field, a located 5 miles east of Thunderbird Castle, just south of Hwy 4. For more information go to www.normanok.gov/parks or call (405)429-5318 or (405) 380-3864.
- Little Axe High School has an outdoor running track and tennis court available for use when not occupied by school gene or practices.
Individuals meeting the Low-to-Moderate income threshold for tax year 2019 are $58,000. Individuals meeting these criteria are eligible for free Income Tax Filing, Form 1040 & 1040A.

Schedule an appointment and bring all tax documentation. Documents needed are:

- Photo identification for each adult.
- Social Security Cards for all individuals to be listed on the tax return.
- Last year’s taxes and receipts for any charitable donations.
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Sales & Lodger’s Tax

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe levies a 8% Sales & Lodger’s Tax on the gross receipts of any person engaging in business within the Tribe’s jurisdiction, excluding receipts from:

- Renting services
- Selling tangible personal property
- Leasing or renting tangible personal property
- Selling intangible personal property
- Admittance fees to any place of recreation or entertainment

An additional 8% Lodger’s Tax is imposed on gross taxable rental receipts from hotels, motels, resorts, lodging houses, or other premises occupied for fewer than 30 days. Both Sales and Lodger’s Taxes may be passed on from hotels, motels, resorts, lodging houses, or other premises occupied for fewer than 30 days.

Severance Tax

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe levies a 8% Severance Tax on the gross value of all oil and gas products severed in the Tribe’s jurisdiction. The tax is due within 45 days following the calendar month in which the taxable product was severed. For example, if taxable oil and gas products were severed in March, the tax return and payment would be due by no later than May 15.

To calculate the Severance Tax, first you must calculate the volume of the oil and gas products severed, as outlined in the table above. Multiply the total volume of each by their gross market value, then subtract any allowable deductions, and the remainder is the taxable product. To calculate the Severance Tax, you must first calculate the volume of the taxable product by 8% to arrive at the amount of tax due.

Possessory Interest Tax (PIT)

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe levies a 1% Possessory Interest Tax (PIT) in the area of possessing any area within the Tribe’s jurisdiction including:

- Trees
- Wood
- Minerals
- Building materials in or on any mineral property
- Fish and wildlife located in the taxable area

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe Enact Code 9-13-2003 authorizes a fee of $1.00 on the gross value of the taxable area.

Revenue from the Absentee Shawnee Tax Commission is used to benefit our Tribal Members. These tribal taxes, their due dates and reporting and payment requirements are available at the Absentee Shawnee Tax Commission office. You can also visit our website for more information.

Sales & Lodger’s Tax Reporting & Payment

The Sales & Lodger’s Tax return must be submitted to the Absentee Shawnee Tax Commission no later than the 15th of the month following the calendar month in which the taxable sales or receipts were made. For example, the tax return due on March sales must be submitted by April 15. Businesses that fail to file and pay this tax on time will be assessed 12% annual interest on the total amount due, plus a penalty of 2% of the tax due per time will be assessed 12% annual interest on the total amount due, plus a penalty of 2% of the tax due per time will be assessed 12% annual interest on the total amount due, plus a penalty of 2% of the tax due per

Severance Tax Reporting & Payment

Filing a hardcopy Severance Tax return is no longer required. Instead, the tribe will accept is due within 45 days following the calendar month in which the taxable product was severed. For example, if taxable oil and gas products were severed in March, the tax return and payment would be due by no later than May 15.

Vehicle Registration & Taxation

The Absentee Shawnee Tax Commission is the only source of sales tax, which is imposed on all vehicles registered in the Tribe’s jurisdiction. The sales tax is imposed on all vehicles registered in the Tribe’s jurisdiction at a rate of 8% of the gross value of the taxable vehicle.

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How to Calculate Total Oil Volume

How to Calculate Total Gas Volume

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Behavioral Health Services

WHITE BEAR, INC.
A Cultural Approach to Personal Recovery
Substance Abuse

Wellbriety Group Meetings
Facilitator: João Soag, LPC

Every Thursday 5:30pm-6:30pm
Absentee Shawnee Group Meeting
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For further information, contact:
Shawnee Behavioral Health Services: Joao 405-878-4716
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PROTECT YOUR FAMILY with THE HPV VACCINE

HPV IS A COMMON DISEASE and can have serious consequences

IN THE US...

- Approximately 72 MILLION people have been infected with HPV
- 14 MILLION new HPV infections occur every year
- 80% of sexually active people will contract HPV over their lifetime

BEING INFECTED WITH HPV CAN LEAD TO...

- CERVICAL CANCER
- GENITAL CANCER
- THROAT CANCER
- ANOGENITAL CANCER
- GENITAL WARTS

PROTECT BOTH YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS from CANCER with the HPV VACCINE

PROTECT YOUR DAUGHTER

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

PROTECT YOUR SON

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

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THE HPV VACCINE

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

THE HPV VACCINE CAN...

- Protect your family from new infections
- Not treat them
- Reduce risk of HPV-related cancers by up to 99%
- Prevent your child from spreading HPV to future sexual partners

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THE HPV VACCINE IS SAFE and EFFECTIVE

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

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

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

THE HPV VACCINE CAN...

- Prevent women from getting cervical cancer
- Prevent men from developing genital warts

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You are the key to HPV cancer prevention.

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

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Immunization for women.org/HPV/patients

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Office of Environmental Health & Engineering Brownfield Tribal Response Program

What is a Brownfield?

The EPD 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-scared 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
- Burned Dump Sites
- Ground Water Sites
- Open-Dump Sites
- A Large Amount of Tires
- Former Cattle Dip Pit Sites
- Banned of Hazardous Substance
- 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 Management Program 2005 S Gordon Center Dr, Shawnee, OK 74801 (405) 214-4233

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Newsletter Deadline For February is Jan 15th
AST Ezra DeLodge, Reagan Abbiss. Alicia Wade and Melissa Turner of Alliance Bank, OKC.

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We celebrated our Christmas program at the Little Axe Resource Center on Friday, December 13th, 2019. We had about 100 people in attendance that night as we celebrated Christmas together. The children sang some of our favorite Christmas carols, acted out different Christmas finger plays, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas in sign language. Our staff served a warm chili dinner with some of our favorite holiday desserts. Our children made center pieces, wall art, and ornaments for decorations.

Santa attended our Christmas Party on December 19, 2019 and handed out gifts to each student. The children enjoyed building snowmen out of white powered donuts, snowball fights with fake snowballs, and created keepsakes for parent gifts. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful caring community to work in.

Thank you everyone, for letting us care for your most precious gifts of all!
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