

# 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".

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](http://OBI.org) or call (405) 297-5700

Stephanie Comstock, RN Public Health



# AST Kids Christmas Party!



Kids of all ages had a great time Christmas bowling at the Firelake Bowling Center. (more photos pg 17)



L to R Seated Annie Wilson, Standing The AST Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Lt. Governor Ken Blanchard, Shelia Van Burnt, Diana Ponkilla, Clayton Martinez, **Sitting** Kristina Wahpepah, Shawnee Martinez, **Standing** Earl Lovins.

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ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE  
OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA  
2025 S. GORDON COOPER DR.  
SHAWNEE, OK 74801







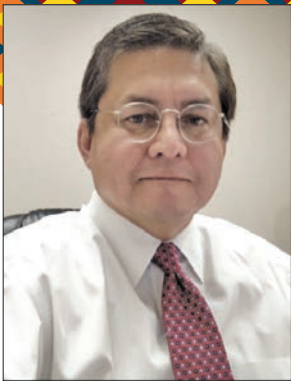
Edwina Butler-Wolfe  
**GOVERNOR**



Kenneth Blanchard  
**LT. GOVERNOR**



John Johnson  
**SECRETARY**



Phillip Ellis  
**TREASURER**



Atheda Fletcher  
**REPRESENTATIVE**

## 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 \$5,000.00 dollars for her 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 him as the Tribal Secretary and the federal government did not recognize Ezra as an official elected member of the Executive Committee due to the pending court case. On December 20, 2019 we 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 resolutions 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 was 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 officially 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 clear this issue up. 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 hosted 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 in 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 as January 1, 2020 approaches.

Oklahoma tribes decline Governor Stitt’s gaming compact extension proposal. Tribes pay the state between 4% and 10% to operate Class III gaming, which includes slot machines, roulette and craps. Tribes do not pay fees on Class II gaming, which is electronic bingo.

We the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe along with other Tribes in Oklahoma believe that the compact automatically renew, and we plan to continue operating normally on January 1, 2020. We will keep you updated as we receive dates.

Thank you,

Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe  
Tribal Cell number 405 827-2442  
(new number)

## Treasurer’s REPORT

Phillip Ellis  
AST Treasurer

To All,

I originally had a monthly newsletter prepared but due to the shifting situations occurring at the Tribe I felt that it wouldn’t be as informative as it could have been. Hopefully, soon, we will have some definitive answers to a number of lingering and outstanding questions that will lead to a more stable situation. However, on a different note, I have decided not to seek reelection in January 2020 and will finish out my term this coming summer. My family and other personal & professional pursuits have lead me to come to this decision.

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 s/he 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 30<sup>th</sup> 2001, background checks will be necessary for each 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.

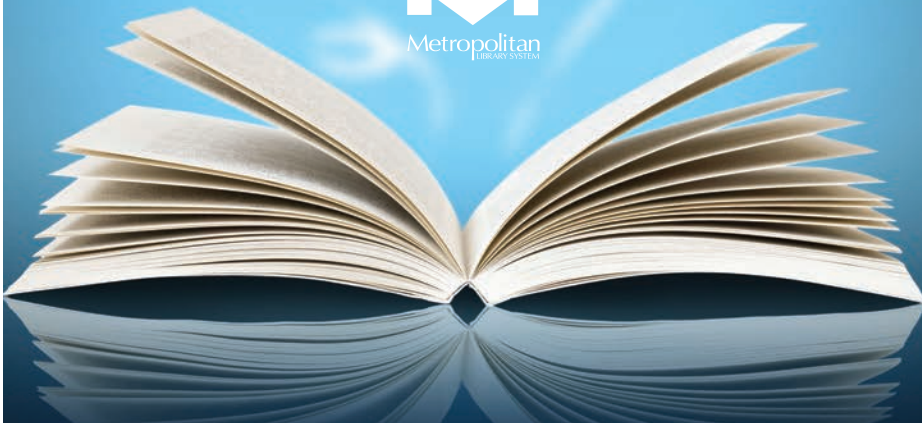

Applicants can apply by picking up the application with your letter of intent at the Secretary’s office.

METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM PRESENTS:

# BETWEEN THE COVERS BOOK CLUB

**Bold, edgy and suspenseful romance!**  
Come read *Between the Covers*, a Book Club with ❤️. Pick up a scavenger hunt questionnaire to test your knowledge about each month's book! Complete and return a correct questionnaire to the service desk for a reward!

3rd Saturday of each month @ 10am



Del City Library | 4509 SE 15th St. | 672-1377 | [www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org)

### THE Absentee Shawnee News



“Look Who is Reading The Official Paper of The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.”







# AST Veteran’s Participate in National Wreath Laying Ceremony



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.

YOUR VOICE FOR POSITIVE CHANGE





**SACHA ALMANZA**

2020 CANDIDATE FOR AST LT. GOVERNOR

I believe there is need for an Executive Committee who works together as a team for the progress of our people.

I support:

- \*transparency and effective communication among the EC.
- \*our economic development to sustain our future generations.
- \*initiatives to increase tribal leadership within our programs.
- \*initiatives to improve and increase programming that serve our community.






salmanza4@gmail.com

**BIO**

I am the daughter of Vera Gibson, and granddaughter of the late Cleona (Gibson) and late Johnny Mann of Little Axe.

My family and I reside in Little Axe, Oklahoma where we support our tribe's strong culture. I attended the University of Oklahoma and obtained a Bachelor's of Arts in Native American Studies. I also hold a Master's in Business Administration in Health Care Management.

As a director for over two years in our tribal health system, I have proven experience in leadership development and working collaboratively with leaders for positive change. I have taken great pride in serving our people and have been a vocal advocate supporting the hiring and development of AST tribal members in the professional setting. For the past 5 years I have volunteered my time as an advisor for a Native youth council in the Norman area to combat suicide which is prevalent among our Native Youth nationwide.




MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>CLASSES</b>	<b>CLASSES</b>	<b>CLASSES</b>	<b>CLASSES</b>	<b>CLASSES</b>
<u>Cardio &amp; Strength Training</u> 6:15 a.m.-7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Dance Fitness</u> 6:15 a.m.-7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Cardio &amp; Strength Training</u> 6:15 a.m.-7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Cardio Kickboxing</u> 6:15 a.m.-7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Cardio &amp; Strength Training</u> 6:15 a.m.-7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center
		<u>Core-N-More Wednesday</u> 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Chrissy Wiens LITTLE AXE HEALTH FACILITY		
<u>HIIT Monday</u> 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Buster Bread LITTLE AXE HEALTH FACILITY			<u>HIIT Thursday</u> 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Buster Bread LITTLE AXE HEALTH FACILITY	
Resistance Training 5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Buster Bread Little Axe Resource Center		Aerobic Circuit 5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Buster Bread Little Axe Resource Center		

**Fitness sessions will be available every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Little Axe Health Center.**


"Core-N-More" blends elements of balance, resistance training, and functional movements all in one to provide you with a full-body workout.

**Absentee Shawnee Fitness**



"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.

**Diabetes and Wellness**



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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  
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JANUARY 2020



Help Wanted

Special Projects Coordinator

2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee

**Patient Benefits Advocate** Little Axe Health Center 15951 Little Axe Dr. Norman, OK

**Licensed Pharmacy Intern** 2029 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, OK

**Dietitian** AST Shawnee Clinic 2029 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. / Shawnee, OK

**Patrol Officer Police Department** 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, OK

**Assistant Teacher** AST Building Blocks III 16051 Little Axe Dr. Norman, OK

**CW Director Indian Child Welfare** 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, OK

**Housekeeper** Public Maintenance 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, OK

**OEH/Environmental Director** Ofc. of Environmental Health 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, OK

**RN Case Manager** Little Axe Health Center 15951 Little Axe Dr. Norman, OK

**ICW/PSSF Worker Indian Child Welfare** 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, OK

**Desktop Support Analyst** 15951 Little Axe Dr Norman, OK

**Master Teacher** Building Blocks AST Building Blocks III 16051 Little Axe Dr. Norman, OK

**Security Guard** Health Little Axe Health Center 15951 Little Axe Dr. Norman, OK

**Grant Writer** Grants 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, OK

**Desktop Support Analyst** Information Technology 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, OK

**IT Network Administrator** Information Technology 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, OK

**Master Teacher** Building Blocks 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, OK

A complete list of opportunities, detailed information and a downloadable application are available at [www.astribe.com/employment](http://www.astribe.com/employment). Applications can also be picked up at the Human Resources Department located at the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex, 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK.

**SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND RESUMES TO** email: [HR@astribe.com](mailto:HR@astribe.com) fax: 405-273-2710 or mail to: Absentee Shawnee Tribe-HR Department 2025 South Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, OK 74801



ASTHS January 2020 Monthly Updates

We wish everyone a very Happy New Year! 2020 will be another exciting year of new services and opportunities for your health system to continue and service you with new technology, a growing list of Specialty Providers, and dedicated group of Primary Care providers ready to see you either in the clinics or at our after-hours clinics!

If you know of any tribal member who is homebound and needs assistance medically, including home health services, please contact administration at (405) 701-7621 so we can assist as best possible with resources or coordinate assistance for these members in need. Thank you all for making our entire staff and employees feel appreciated and for using all of our wonderful services!

Our health system's most valuable asset is our people! I'm always impressed with and proud of our outstanding star performers, and again this month, we thank them all for their contributions to our patients, their fellow employees, and the tribe! The health employees continue to accomplish outstanding feats for our patients and for each other, taking care of our internal and external customers/patients. Thank you all for making an important difference in the lives and health of all of our health system's patients!

December 2019 Employees of the Month:

Employee of the Month  
Team of the Month  
Special Leadership Award

Dr. Robert White, LittleAxe Staff Physician  
Shawnee/LittleAxe Patient Benefit Advisors  
Dr. Bruce Stafford, Deputy Medical Director

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

The Education Department

is seeking up to **three (3)** members to serve on the Education Committee.

**Please contact the Education Department** with any questions at [tresham@astribe.com](mailto:tresham@astribe.com) or **(405) 275-4030 Ext. 6242**

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL MEMBERS

APPLYING FOR TRIBAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE (T.E.A)  
(A ONE TIME YEARLY PAYMENT OF \$150.00, PER RESIDENCE)

ELIGIBILITY

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

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

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

APPLICATION ALSO ONLINE: [www.astribe.com](http://www.astribe.com)

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

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.

ASEDA ADMINSTRATIVE ASSISTANT



GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the position is to provide high-level administrative support by conducting research, preparing statistical reports, handling information requests and performing clerical functions such as preparing correspondence, receiving visitors, arranging conference calls and scheduling meetings.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Manage and maintain ASEDA Staff schedules and meetings.
- Communicates with media on needs for public relations activities inclusive of storylines, photo opportunities, etc.
- Creates and implements community related activities for presentations, mail-outs and other related informational needs.
- Prepare invoices, reports, memos, letters, financial statements and other documents, using word processing, spreadsheets, database, or presentation software.
- Read and analyze incoming memos, submissions, and reports to determine their significance and plan their distribution.
- Open, sort, and distribute incoming correspondence, including faxes and email.
- Prepare responses to correspondence containing routine inquiries.
- Perform general office duties such as ordering supplies and maintaining records.
- Traveling, on occasion, with and/or ASEDA Staff to various meetings.
- Make travel arrangements for ASEDA Staff.
- Other duties as assigned by ASEDA Staff.

EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor's Degree (preferred) and a minimum of two years of professional or technical administrative experience in business or public administration or an equivalent combination of education and experience, substituting one year of qualifying experience for year of the required education.

Must possess excellent written and verbal communication skills. Must have excellent computer skills.

Must be able to pass a criminal background check.

Native American Preference/EOE/Drug Free Workplace



Find  
SASQUATCH  
& win  
\$10,000!

Must be actively playing a slot machine with your Thundercard and have earned 25 same-day points to be eligible.



NORMAN

FRIDAYS • 7PM 8PM 9PM 10PM





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

SHAWNEE CLINIC  
PURCHASED REFERRED  
CARE  
HAS MOVED.

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

EMERGENCY AND URGENT  
CARE SERVICES

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

1. Call the On-Call nurse at 405.447.0300, option 9 for triage.
2. Notify PRC on the next business day or within 72 hours after your ER visit. Notification does not assure authorization of payment. However, if you do not notify PRC within 72 hours, your bills will not be paid.
3. For AST citizens with no insurance, evidence must exist that your visit was medically necessary. Medical priorities have been established for determining which referrals can be authorized for payment.
4. For AST citizens with insurance, evidence must exist that a third-party resource has made the determination such services were “emergency care” or “urgent care.” Such evidence may include payment from private insurance.
5. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to PRC. **You may leave bills at the Little Axe Health Center PRC office or the Shawnee Clinic PRC office.**

PURCHASED REFERRED CARE  
FOR AST CITIZENS  
WITH INSURANCE

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

1. To complete existing PRC patient updates, **please visit Patient Registration at either the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic** during regular hours of operation.  
  
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/ payer of last resort.
4. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to PRC. **You may leave bills at the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic.**

EASY ACCESS

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

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday  
Closed on Holidays

All facilities closed the first Wednesday of the month from Noon to 5pm.

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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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.
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.**

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

BILLING & PAYMENT INQUIRIES  
Little Axe Health Center & Shawnee Clinic

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

REFERRAL MANAGEMENT  
Little Axe Health Center

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

REFERRAL MANAGEMENT  
Shawnee Clinic

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

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

SHAWNEE CLINIC PRC  
405.878.5850 (Primary)  
405.878.4702 (Secondary)



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL  
HEALTH SYSTEM  
Prevention. Progress. Pride.



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.atribe.com](http://www.atribe.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.

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 2020.

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

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Education Department</h3> <p style="margin: 0;">2025 South Gordon Cooper Drive Shawnee, OK 74801</p>	Applications accepted: Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> –March 31 <sup>st</sup>  Finalists announced: May/June 2020
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(405) 275-4030 Ext. 6242    Toll free (800) 256-3341    Fax (405) 273-7938
[youthaward@astribe.com](mailto:youthaward@astribe.com)

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☐ \$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)

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**STUDENT INFORMATION**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(LAST)
(FIRST)
(MI)

Tribal Enrollment #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(STREET)
(CITY)
(STATE)
(ZIP)

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION**

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High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Guidance Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

(FIRST)
(LAST)

Sport: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

(FIRST)
(LAST)

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All Absentee Shawnee High School Seniors are eligible and encouraged to apply.  
 If applying for both Academic Achievement and Athlete of the year, Applicant must provide two (2) separate applications and sets of supporting documents.

Documents to be included with application:

- ☐ Official High School Transcript
- ☐ Tribal Enrollment Card (copy)
- ☐ Resume of Accomplishments and Activities
- ☐ Letter(s) of Recommendation (Educator/Coach/Tribal/Church)
- ☐ 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

## A man with grey hair, wearing a grey suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie, stands with his hands clasped in front of a large blue backdrop. The backdrop features the White House logo at the top, followed by the text "White House Conference on Supporting Contemporary Native American Veterans" in large white letters, and "November 19, 2019" below it. The man is also wearing a green lanyard with a badge around his neck.

Native American and Alaska Native Veterans, active duty service members, national guard and reservists, 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 and issued 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), Secretary Eugene Scalia (U.S. Department of Labor), Administrator Chris Pilgrimage (U.S. Small Business

Administration), and Assistant to the President Joe Grogan – and other panel participants from across the federal family addressed issues and priorities pertinent to all Native American veterans. The White House committed to continuing with engaging tribal leadership on issues like veterans benefits, housing, job training, entrepreneurship, and health/mental health and welcomes AST and other all tribe’s feedback on these important matters. The White House team emphasized that this is not a “check-the-box” exercise, but rather a continued commitment by the President and the 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 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/drug crisis and promoting telehealth, for example).



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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, Atheda Fletcher

Domestic violence is not  
a Native American tradition.



STRONGHEARTS  
Native Helpline

Need to talk? Get free help by calling  
**1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483)**  
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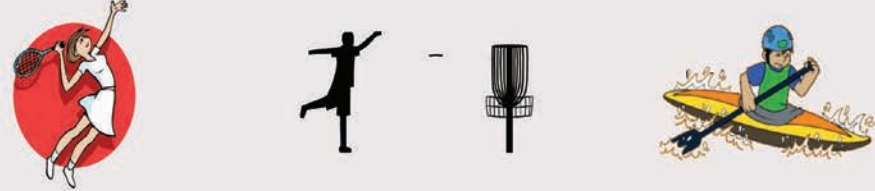


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AST Diabetes and Wellness Center has located  
some safe places for exercise to help you keep  
active this year to improve your overall health!

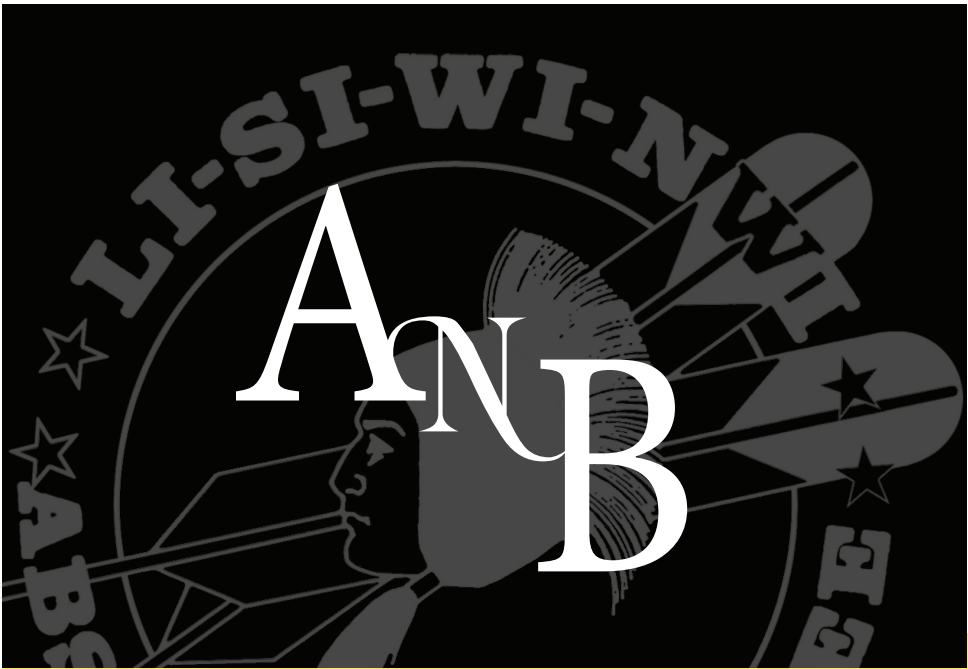
Many of us that live here in the small area of Little Axe have trouble finding a place to be physically  
active. Below we have provided some resources available to assist you in finding a variety of activities  
that will fit with your schedule, interest, or activity needs. Whether you are wanting to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



- **Thunderbird Lake** has on-site activities such as biking, walking Trails, canoeing , kayaking, rafting, fishing, swimming, archery, and more. They have many events scheduled for 2016!! Visit their website at [www.lakethunderbirdpark/travelOK.com](http://www.lakethunderbirdpark/travelOK.com) or contact Susie Snider at (405) 360- 3526.
- **The Little Axe Community Center** offers disc golf, softball fields, and occasionally, Zumba Classes. If you would like more information on the LA Community Center, please call Pam Sharp at (405) 292-9770.
- **Norman Oklahoma Paintball & ATV Field** is located 3 miles east of Thunderbird Casino, just south of Hwy-9. For more information go to [www.atvgames4x4@yahoo.com](mailto:www.atvgames4x4@yahoo.com) or call (405)409-0554 or (405) 360-5934.
- **Little Axe High School** has an outdoor running track and tennis court available for use when not occupied by school games or practices.



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(405) 701-7977 (LAHC)/(405) 364-7298 (Fitness)



NEW HOURS

Effective August 12, 2019

Drive Thru: M-W 9AM to 5PM  
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Lobby: 9AM to 4 PM

Shawnee (405) 273-0202

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# TAX PREPARATION

FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS, WIDOWS/WIDOWERS OF TRIBAL MEMBERS & EMPLOYEES

NO CHARGE!

Individuals meeting the Low-to-Moderate income threshold for tax year 2019 are \$56,000. 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 following forms: 1099, W-2, 1099R,
- Medical and dental expenses,
- Last year’s taxes and receipts for any charitable donations.

Tax services will be held each Thursday, 5:30 pm-8:00 pm and each Saturday, 9:00 am-12:00 pm starting January 30, 2020 thru March 28, 2020.

## TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT:

Call the Tribal Representative’s Office and speak with Jennifer to schedule a time.

(405) 275-4030 Ext. 6240 or (405) 915-3322 (cell)

TAX COMMISSION  
~ TAG AGENCY ~

## NOW ACCEPTING Credit/Debit

Effective May 1 2019, the tag office will be accepting credit and debit cards.

Please note: a convenience fee of 2.75% will be added.



## UNITED for OKLAHOMA

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe has partnered with United For Oklahoma to educate Oklahomans on the critical role the tribes play in our state’s future.

These are the facts every Oklahoman must know.

Watch the videos and stay informed at:  
[UnitedForOklahoma.com](http://UnitedForOklahoma.com)



# Absentee Shawnee Tribal Taxes

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

## Sales & Lodger's Tax

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

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

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

## Severance Tax

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

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

Total Product Volume

×

Gross Market Value

×

Indian Royalty Deduction

-

Total Taxable Amount

=

Total Taxable Amount

×

8%

=

Total Severance Tax Due

### Application for Business License

All businesses located within the Tribe's jurisdiction must obtain a business license from the Tribe for a \$100 fee. The Application for Business License, available from the Absentee Shawnee Tax Commission, must be renewed each year by January 1.

### Sales & Lodger's Tax Reporting, Payment & Penalties

The Sales & Lodger's Tax return must be submitted to the Absentee Shawnee Tax Commission by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month. For example, for gross receipts collected from March 1-31, the tax return would be due 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 month, up to a total of 12% of the total tax due.

### Designation of Agent Form

A person responsible for meeting all obligations of the Severance Tax, including reporting and payment of the assessed tax, must be designated in writing. The necessary Designation of Agent Form is available from the Absentee Shawnee Tax Commission.

### Severance Tax Reporting & Payment

Reporting and Payment of the Severance Tax to the Absentee Shawnee Tax Commission is due within 45 days following the end of the calendar month in which the taxable product was severed. For example, if taxable products were severed in March, the tax return and payment would be due by no later than May 15.

## Possessory Interest Tax (PIT)

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

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

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

## Vehicle Registration & Taxation

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

Vehicle Purchase Price

×

1.25%

+

Vehicle Tag Price

+

\$10 Lien Processing Fee

=

New Vehicle Registration Fee

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

## Earnings Tax

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

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

### Application for Registration (PIT)

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

### PIT General Property Summary / Detailed Property Value Report Forms

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

### PIT Tax Reporting & Payment

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

### Lien Processing Fee - \$10

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

### New Vehicle Registration: Required Documents

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

### Annual Vehicle Registration Renewal: Required Documents

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

### Earnings Tax Reporting & Payment

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







# NOTICE

As of August 2019 Advertising Rates/Placement have changed for the Absentee Shawnee Newsletter.

The paper is no longer able to continue with free advertising space.

Thank you! Your continued support and understanding is a valuable assest!

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### Honoring Our Past With Promise for Our Future

**LIFE** is Beautiful  
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### National Suicide Prevention

**1-800-273-8255  
(TALK)**

Absentee Shawnee  
Health Systems  
Shawnee & Little Axe

Absentee Shawnee Tribe  
Behavioral Health Services



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

## Wellbriety Group Meetings

**Facilitator: John Soap, LPC**

**Every Thursday 5:30pm-6:30pm**

**Shawnee Multipurpose Building  
(east of the Shawnee Clinic, Bldg. 16)**

**For further information, contact:**  
**Shawnee Behavioral Health Services: John 405-878-4716**  
**Little Axe Behavioral Health Services: Dara 405-701-7987**



### 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.”



**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



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ast.environmental.programs


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


## Protect Your Family with THE HPV VACCINE

HPV IS A COMMON DISEASE AND CAN HAVE  
*serious consequences*


IN THE US...



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




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



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

BEING INFECTED WITH HPV CAN LEAD TO...



CERVICAL CANCER  
GENITAL CANCER  
THROAT CANCER  
ANOGENITAL CANCER  
GENITAL WARTS

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

### PROTECT YOUR DAUGHTER

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

### PROTECT YOUR SON

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

## THE HPV VACCINE

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

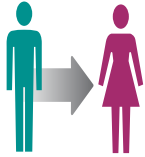
### THE HPV VACCINE CAN...



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



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



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

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

**11-12  
YEAR OLDS**

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

## 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.

## You are the key to HPV cancer prevention.

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



IMMUNIZATION for WOMEN  
Immunization Information for OH-Gyns and Their Patients

Immunizationforwomen.org/HPV/patients

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



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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.

# Thank You

AST ICW would like to take a moment and thank all the departments, volunteers, and businesses’ that have given their time and donations to make this Christmas party run smoothly. ICW truly appreciates the selfless efforts by everyone to help remind the children and families that care for them every day that we truly care. Your generosity extends not only through you giving but also through the help you gave during the event. Once again, AST ICW appreciates making this event so much fun!!

Reagan Abbiss  
ICW Director

## Absentee Shawnee Tribe Child Care Development Fund Programs



*La-pe-we-ki-wa ho-ge-wa-pe-fa-yi mi-ti-ge*  
“Lifelong Learning Begins Here”

### PROGRAM SERVICES

**Building Blocks Child Development Center II** - Shawnee, OK Tribally Operated Child Care Center - main goal is to provide each child with a safe environment as well as a hands-on experience to learning about our surroundings, environment and family values.

**Building Blocks Child Development Center III** - Little Axe, OK Tribally Operated Child Care Center -main goal is to provide each child with a safe environment as well as a hands-on experience to learning about our surroundings, environment and family values.

**AST Child Care Subsidy Program** - Child Care Assistance

**AST After School Program**- Horseshoe Bend Community - After School Care

Through our Building Blocks centers we are able to provide the best quality of care they would get at a larger city center. We follow all of the guidelines of the state so Native American families can use the assistance from the state as well.

**AST After School Program** - AST Complex, Shawnee - After School Care

For information about these services please visit the AST website at [www.astringbe.com/child-care](http://www.astringbe.com/child-care)



**Contact information:**  
**BBCDII** Shawnee (405) 878-0633  
Email: [ecrawford@astribe.com](mailto:ecrawford@astribe.com)  
**BBCDIII** Little Axe (405) 360-2710  
Email: [rebecca@astribe.com](mailto:rebecca@astribe.com)  
**AST Child care Subsidy** (405) 432-8411  
Email: [briana.ponkilla@astribe.com](mailto:briana.ponkilla@astribe.com)  
**AST ASP - HSB** (405) 432-8411  
Email: [lanora.buswell@astribe.com](mailto:lanora.buswell@astribe.com)  
**AST ASP** - Shawnee (405) 432-8411  
Email: [lanora.buswell@astribe.com](mailto:lanora.buswell@astribe.com)

## Looking for Foster Parents



### “SHARE YOUR HEART, SHARE YOUR HOME”

AST ICW is looking for those who have a loving heart to become foster parents. If you are interested in becoming a foster parent please contact AST ICW at **405-395-4490** for more information

*Pendleton Teton*

*Minnetonka Sandals are on clearance while supplies last!*

*Handcrafted native products from all over!*

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Monday-Friday 8AM - 5PM  
&  
Little Axe  
Tuesdays and Thursdays 8AM - 12PM  
Open payday Fridays-8am-5pm  
Please call 405-275-4030 for additional details

## Absentee Shawnee Housing



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

### FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SERVICES

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

LOCATED AT 107 NORTH KIMBERLY IN SHAWNEE, OK.

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





# Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s Building Blocks III Child Development Center

At the Building Blocks located in Norman we currently have 32 children enrolled. We currently have 16 staff members and we are in the process of setting up interviews for more. We do currently have 20 children on our waiting list with hopes to enroll them all as soon as possible. We are currently hiring for multiple positions. If you are interested in becoming a team member with us please visit our website at [astribe.com](http://astribe.com), or you can receive a paper application at our location. We do ask all applications be turned in at H.R. on the Shawnee Tribal Complex.

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!





## LITTLE AXE

### After School Program 2019/2020

Join us at our New Location @ Brendle Corner



- Free Tutoring in all subjects!
- Games and activities!
- Delinquency Prevention!
- Healthy Lifestyles!

Duration: Starts August 19th and will run through the school year.

Monday-Thursday, 3:45pm-6:30pm

**Open to All students in Middle School and High School**


**Open to Absentee Shawnee Tribal Students K-5<sup>th</sup> with a**



**EVERYTHING IS OFFERED WITH NO CHARGE....LITTLE AXE BUS WILL TRANSPORT STUDENTS TO BRENDLE CORNER COMMUNITY BUILDING LOCATED OFF HIGHWAY 9, JUST EAST OF 192<sup>ND</sup>. PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PICKING STUDENTS UP BY 6:30PM.**

For more information and sign up please contact Blake Goodman at (405) 364-7569 or [bgoodman@astribe.com](mailto:bgoodman@astribe.com)





## ELDER INTAKE FORM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

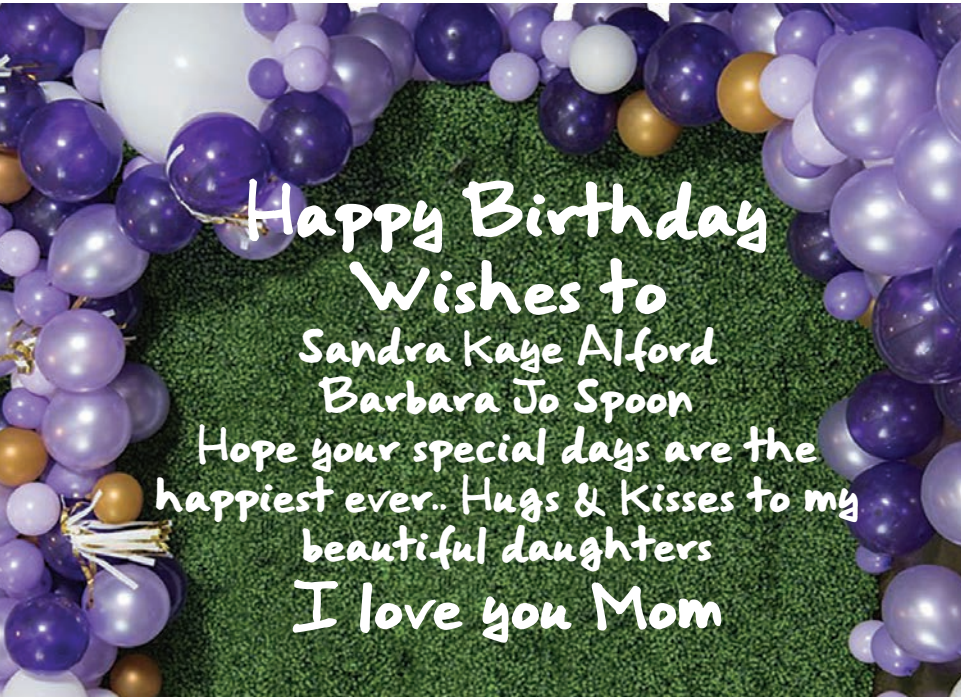




# Happy 17th Birthday Braelyn!

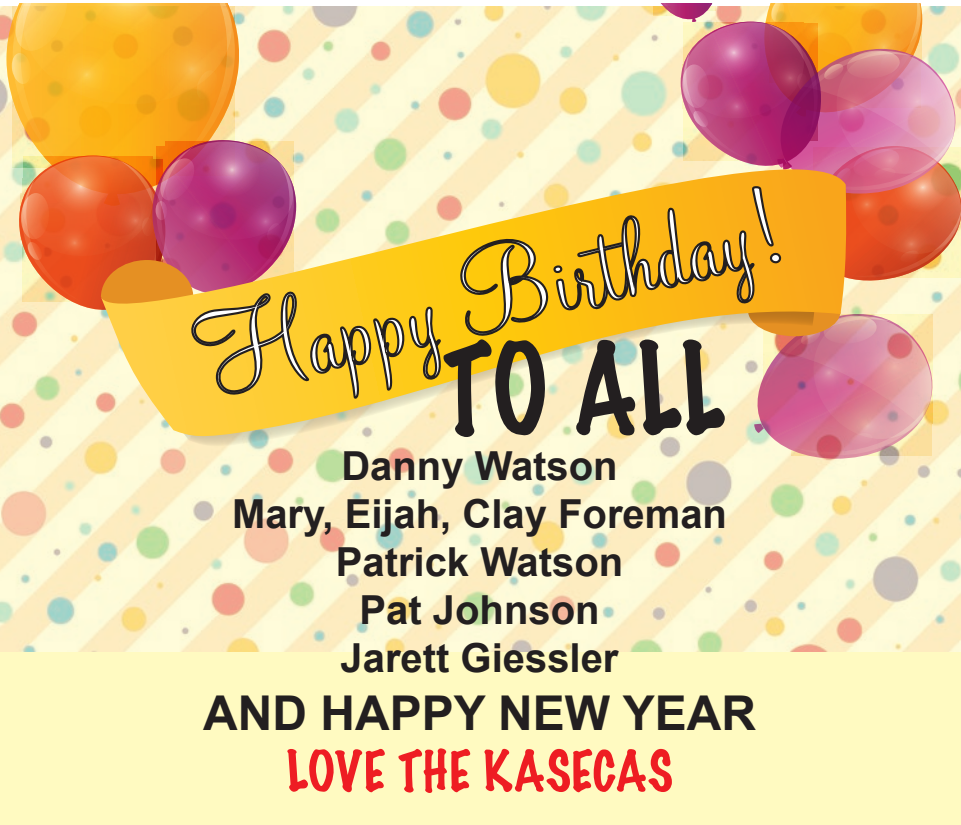
Love you to the moon and back beautiful!  
-Love, Marissa






# Happy Birthday Wishes to

Sandra Kaye Alford  
Barbara Jo Spoon  
Hope your special days are the happiest ever. Hugs & Kisses to my beautiful daughters  
I love you Mom



# Happy Birthday! TO ALL

Danny Watson  
Mary, Eijah, Clay Foreman  
Patrick Watson  
Pat Johnson  
Jarett Giessler  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR  
LOVE THE KASECAS



# Happy Birthday

to my Nephew  
Jimmy David Meek  
I hope everythings good in Melbourne.  
I love you, Your Auntie Sadie



## Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services

Visual Services      www.okdrs.gov

Providing a variety of free services to blind and low vision Oklahomans!

What we do:

- Provide blind and low vision job seekers with assessments and services to obtain skills and accommodations needed for successful employment.
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# HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY

To My

# CREEP

OF A SISTER!  
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LOVE YOU MUCH!!  
LOVE THE BABY SISTER




# Aunt BJ

# Happy, Happy 50th!!

We love you so very,  
very much  
Love Joplin,  
Jiliyan, Justin





# Jiliyan

Happy, Happy Belated 15th Birthday to my Beautiful Daughter!!  
You've grown into such a wonderful, smart, funny, Amazing young lady!  
And I'm so very proud to have you as my only girl!!  
Always Always  
I love you  
Love Mom

# Granddaughter Jiliyan

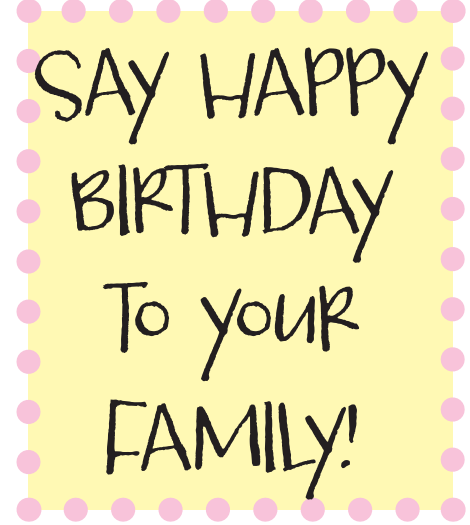
You've made me so proud of the young woman you've become!!  
!! Hope your Birthday was especially a Happy one!!  
I love you so very much  
Love XOXO  
Granny

# Jiliyan


Happy Belated 15th Birthday to my wonderful, Beautiful Niece!! Keep up all the hard work your doing at school and you'll go far in your dreams!!  
Love-Auntie B+C+D

# Jiliyan

Happy Birthday to our Pretty, Awesome sister!!  
We love you very much!!  
Hope your day was as speical as you are to us!!  
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