Thank you employees for helping at the "Kids Christmas Movie"
Hello my Absentee Shawnee people!

The cold and wet weather is making a slow entrance here in Shawnee. It’s at this time of year when our Emergency Manager and Maintenance staff look at how prepared the tribe is and what steps might need to be taken to ensure the safety of tribal members, staff and visitors coming onto the tribal complex grounds. The tribe does follow E-AS-2013-103, a Severe Weather Policy, passed by resolution on December 30, 2013. This policy provides guidance to employees during extreme weather conditions. If a tribal closure is to occur 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. I, as the Governor, and/or my designee, will report to channels: Channel 4, 5, 9, Fox 25, Radio – KTOK 1000; KOKC 1520 AM. Through this policy we have established key personnel from certain departments who are required to report to work so that essential functions of the tribe are maintained. Our Executive Committee will check on the welfare of elders in their respective areas and Tribal police will also assist with these welfare checks. The key departmental staff, under this policy, is: Tribal police; Emergency Manager; Director of Maintenance or designee; Controller; Procurement Director; MIS Director; Team of tribal health staff as designated by the Executive Director of Health.

The Executive Committee approved the annual employee Thanksgiving dinner to be held this year on November 25th in the Thunderbird Entertainment Center (Casino) Event room in Little Axe, OK. This was partially sponsored by the AST Employee Committee who provided the meat. The side dishes, salads, breads and desserts were donated by our different program departments (employees). This year a commemorative Pendleton was given to Reta Harjo, a 25 year employee, and several raffles were held, by the AST Employee Committee, with proceeds to go back into the Employee Committee fund. Human Resources were present and asked that employees sign in. After the lunch employees could then leave for the day and the tribe gave them the remainder of the afternoon off. This gave employees an opportunity to prepare for their own Thanksgiving meals or to get an early start on their Christmas shopping. We are thankful for our committed employees and what they do for the tribe and our people.

GENERAL COUNCIL, THE CONSTITUTION AND LEADERSHIP

As indicated in my December 2015 newsletter article you, my tribal members, had stated during the October General Council that some changes in our finance department were greatly needed. Thanks to the commitment of our Human Resources department we were able to take needed action to remove the Controller. The Assistant Controller, Genevieve Foster, a CPA since 2012, with a bachelor’s degree from Palawan State University in Puerto Princesa City, Phillipines continues to serve as the tribes Assistant Controller. It is my hope that Mrs. Foster will assist the Treasurer to meet her sole constitutional duties of managing Finance:

1. All expenditures should be reviewed and approved or disapproved by the Executive Committee before payment;
2. Keeping and maintaining an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements and reporting the accurate amounts of each account to the Executive Committee at
Jeff Gibson had purchased – jeans. In the Lt. Governor’s December newsletter he indicated from his perspective, putting our internal issues in the general public makes the tribe look very incompetent’. I believe that when you are a leader that you are putting issues into the public eye when you do them. The embarrassment is not the tribes as he stated it was. It is to those who did not uphold their oath to their office, to those who do not uphold their duties and responsibilities to their Office and mismanage and/or abuse their role as elected leaders. I agree on one thing he said ‘...hurt the four thousand plus members of this tribe...’” as elected leaders are to follow the letter of the law and when they don’t, as several past and present elected leaders haven’t, then the tribe and its members pay the price for that. If the Lt. Governor and his staff believe I ‘seek and destroy’ then that is their right to a foolish opinion. My vision is to build a bigger and brighter future for our tribe and I abide by established tribal law, uphold my oath to my Office, follow the tribe’s constitution and work, to the best of my ability, each day to make progress.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS
Since my last report in the November newsletter I have attended the following meetings and/or events:

- **November 16** – Director Meeting/TEC Board Meeting – Little Axe, OK
- **November 17** – Native American Wellness Heart First Summit – OKC, OK
- **November 18** – Regular Executive Committee Meeting – Shawnee, OK
- **November 19** – OK Rural School Research Alliance – Norman, OK
- **November 20** – CTSA Monthly Board Meeting – Shawnee, OK
- **November 24** – Building Blocks Dinner – Shawnee, OK
- **November 25** – Annual Employee Thanksgiving Dinner – Little Axe, OK
- **December 1** - Oklahoma Council of Indian Education – Sulphur, OK
- **December 3** – Hearth Act Meeting – Ada, OK
- **December 4** – Discussion with Finance on Governor’s budget – Shawnee, OK
- **December 5** – White Turkey Band Meeting – OKC, OK
- **December 9** – USDA State meeting – met with Carol V. Crouch, Ph.D. of NRCS and Gary O’Neill, USDA State Conservationist
- **December 10** – Veteran’s Meeting – Little Axe, OK
- **December 15** – AST Health Board Meeting – Little Axe, OK
- **December 16** – Regular Executive Committee – Little Axe, OK

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

I hope that you and your family members had a safe and Merry Christmas and wish you each good health and happiness in 2016.

In Conclusion
I have 17 months left in Office and I find each day both challenging and full of possibilities.

My door is always open (unless I am in a meeting or at a meeting) and I welcome your visits.

Help me to make a difference – stand beside me and Let us Build for the Future (BFF) - united and together!

Thank you for your support.
Veterans Christmas

Tribal Rep. Kenneth Blanchard, Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe, and Walter Larney

Roy Charley

Frank Tiger
PREPARE NOW FOR WINTER DRIVING

Nov. 24, 2015 – With possible ice and snow in Oklahoma’s forecast, now’s the time to make sure you and your vehicle are ready for the weather. AAA estimates thousands of vehicles in the state are in need of preventive maintenance.

“During AAA’s Car Care Check-ups, the most frequent problems we find are under-inflated tires, dirty oil and low fluid levels under the hood,” said Chuck Mai, spokesman for AAA Oklahoma. “Taking action now can save trouble on down the road.”

To help motorists get ready, get set and go during this year’s winter driving season, AAA Oklahoma offers the following tips:

Get Ready: Before you drive long distances, check the weather conditions along your route. As a safety precaution, remember to bring a cellular phone and a winter driving kit that includes the following items:

- a flashlight with fresh batteries,
- a small snow shovel and brush,
- traction mats,
- an ice scraper,
- booster cables,
- a warm blanket,
- flares or triangle warning devices,
- heavy gloves,
- snacks and water,
- simple tools
- window washing solvent,
- paper towels
- and a first aid kit.

Get Set: Inspect your vehicle thoroughly before leaving your driveway. Ensure that your tires are properly inflated, fluid levels (including anti-freeze) are full, front and rear lights are operating, and belts and hoses are in good condition.

Keep in mind that one of the most common causes of cold-weather breakdowns is a weak or dead battery. Good indicators that your battery is weak and may need replacement include a starter motor that cranks the engine slowly when the ignition key is turned, or headlights that dim noticeably when the engine speed drops to an idle. If in doubt, have a qualified auto technician check it.

Go: Now that your vehicle has the green light, here are some winter driving tips to get you to your destination safely.

- When driving during slippery and icy conditions, slow down and keep a safe distance from other vehicles, minimize brake use and bear in mind that traction is greatest just before the wheels spin. Gentle pressure on the accelerator pedal when starting is the best method for retaining traction and avoiding skids.
- The most effective way to stop on ice and snow is to apply your brakes gently well in advance of the point where you intend to stop. With antilock braking systems (ABS), you may feel a pulsation in the brake pedal when coming to a stop. This means the system is operating as designed to prevent wheel lock up. Continue to apply firm pressure to the brake pedal until your vehicle comes to a complete stop.
- Keep your seatbelts fastened and make certain all passengers are securely restrained.
- When driving in falling snow or fog, lower your speed, use your low-beam headlights or fog lights and keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front of you.

AAA is North America’s largest motoring, leisure travel and safety advocacy organization with nearly 56 million members. A not-for-profit, fully tax-paying auto club, AAA Oklahoma serves its 389,000 Oklahoma members with emergency roadside assistance, auto travel counseling and a wide range of personal insurance, worldwide travel and financial services at branch offices across Oklahoma and online at AAA.com.
Menu subject to change  
2% milk served daily

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AST Complex Closed |
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| Beef Fingers  
Mashed Pot/Gravy  
Beets  
Bread/Grapes |
| Chili Dogs  
Onions, Chez  
Carrots  
Pineapples |
| BBQ Chicken  
Baked Beans  
Salad Bar*  
Bread |
| Baked Pot  
Chez, Onions  
Cauliflower  
Pudding |
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Sausage Patty |
| 10     | 11     | 12      | 13        | 14       | 15     | 16        |
| Smoke Sausage  
Mac n Chez  
Veggies  
Peaches |
| Chicken Noodle Soup  
Crackers  
Apple |
| Manwich  
Pickles  
Tater Tots  
Cookie |
| Turkey Pot Pie  
Biscuit  
Cafe |
| Cereal  
Muffin  
Fruit |
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| AST Complex Closed  
Martin Luther King Jr  
Day |
| Chicken Salad  
Lett, Tom  
Chips  
Mixed Fruit |
| Spaghetti  
W meat sauce  
Tossed Salad  
Green beans  
Bread Stick |
| Burrito  
Refried Beans  
Salsa  
Apricots |
| Scrambled Eggs  
Sausage Gravy  
Biscuits |
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| Chicken Patty  
Sandwich  
Lett, Tom  
Chips/Pears |
| Taco Casserole  
Tossed Salad  
Plums |
| Salmon Patty  
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Mand. Oranges |
| Beans  
Steakfries  
Onions  
Cornbread |
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Bacon |
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NOT GOING TO BE HOME!!!  
CALL AND LET US KNOW AT 405-275-4030  
EXT 6227 or 6270  
OR NOTIFY YOUR DRIVER

LUNCH SERVED MONDAY-THURSDAY  11AM TO 1PM  
BREAKFAST SERVED FRIDAYS  9AM TO 11AM

Happy New Year

Title VI Staff wishes everyone a Happy New Year!!!!

We hope and pray this year will be a good one for you. Forgive one another, spend time with family, take pictures, and be thankful for everything good or bad.

January 1, AST Complex will be closed and there will be no meal delivery or no meals served!!!  
January 18, AST Complex closed to observe Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Any questions or concerns you can contact us at 405-275-4030 ext. 6227
January 15: Snow Globes
February 19: Sunshine/Science Crafts
March 19: Dr. Seuss Crafts
April 16: Rainy Day Crafts
May 21: Percussion Instruments
June 18: Summer Fun in the Car
July 16: Crafts that Blast Off
August 20: Back to School Crafts
September 17: Pirate Crafts
October 15: Spooky Crafts
November 19: Squawking Turkey Crafts
December 17: Winter Wonderland Crafts
The Green Buffalo Company
At
Little Axe Bison Ranch
Tecumseh, OK

In Stock Items

**Buffalo Stew Meat**
1 pound packages
Vacuum sealed & Frozen
$12 each

**Ground Buffalo**
1 pound packages
Vacuum sealed & Frozen
$11 each

Items Available for Pre-order

**Buffalo Summer Sausage**
12 ounce roll
Vacuum sealed & Frozen
$12 each

**Buffalo Burgers**
Four 1/3 pound patties per package
Vacuum sealed & Frozen
$14 each

I would like to extend my most heartfelt gratitude to everyone for the uplifting thoughts, prayers, donations & flowers.

I am lucky & so thankful to know such a great group of folks!

Geraldine Abrams

thegreenbuffalocompany@gmail.com
(405) 287-8517
Providing quality bison products, made in Oklahoma!
AST Elders Council

Pictured is the AST Elders Council with Christmas baskets for home bound Elders

Shop With A Cop
December 8, 2015
Shawnee Walmart

AST Officers attending: Shawn E. Crowley, Jason Brinker, Ric Mantooth & Joe Abbiss
1. CALL TO ORDER:
Governor Butler-Wolfe called the Regular Executive Committee Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL:
Present at Roll Call: Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Lt. Governor Isaac Gibson, Jr., Secretary John R. Johnson, Treasurer Leah Bates, Representative Kenneth Blanchard

3. DECLARATION OF QUORUM:
Secretary Johnson made the Declaration of Quorum.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 21, 2015 RECM

Resolution approved: 3 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

B. A RESOLUTION

... E-AS-2015-62 TO TERMINATE BELINDA COLLINS, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Resolution approved: 3 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

C. A RESOLUTION

... E-AS-2015-63 AUTHORIZES THE EXPENDITURE OF TRIBAL FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND FOR THE FUTURE LOCATION OF THE TREATY TERRITORY FROM THE NETTIE MORELAND TRUST, AS DESCRIBED BELOW, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Resolution approved: 3 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

D. A RESOLUTION

... E-AS-2015-64 AUTHORIZING THE TRIBE TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OREGON ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE OREGON BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION ON BEHALF OF OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY (AS ATTACHED) AND DESIGNATING GOVERNOR BUTLER-WOLFE TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TRIBE, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Resolution approved: 3 in favor; 0 opposed; and 1 abstentions.

5. LEGISLATIVE SESSION

A. A RESOLUTION

... E-AS-2015-65 APPROVING AND ACCEPTING VINCENT CARLOS HERNANDEZ, ABERALDO M. GOMEZ JR., KARMAN ROSE DAYLIE TIGER, KOLLE RAYE SPONN, GRAYSON SHAWN PANTHER, ARYANA JAYAME TURNER, MINNIE BEAR DEAN AND LUCIE JAYE GIBSON AS ENROLLED MEMBERS OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA.

Secretary Johnson stated that all the individuals meet the constitutional requirements for enrollment. Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion for approval. Representative Blanchard made a motion to approve; motion seconded by Treasurer Bates. The following vote was recorded.

Gov. Butler-Wolfe: N/A
Lt. Governor Gibson: YES
Secretary Johnson: YES
Treasurer Bates: YES
Representative Blanchard: YES

Resolution approved: 4 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

B. A RESOLUTION

... E-AS-2015-67 REJECTS THE APPEAL MADE BY LEE WILLIAM RAYMOND OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE DUE TO INSUFFICIENT BLOOD DEGREE.

There being no questions, comments or concerns; Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion for approval; Lt. Governor Gibson made a motion to approve; motion seconded by Representative Blanchard. The following vote was recorded.

Gov. Butler-Wolfe: N/A
Lt. Governor Gibson: YES
Secretary Johnson: YES
Treasurer Bates: YES
Representative Blanchard: YES

Resolution approved: 4 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

V. ADJOURNMENT - Executive Session
There being no further business on the Agenda for the Executive Session, Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Representative Blanchard made a motion to adjourn; the motion seconded by Lt. Governor Gibson. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The Executive Session adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

VI. GOVERNOR’S REPORT

VII. RECOGNITION OF TRIBAL MEMBERS
Kathy Deere
Betty Winton
Jeff Gibson

VIII. ADJOURNMENT - Legislative Session
There being no further business on the Agenda for the Legislative Session of the November 18, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting, there being a quorum present by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Gibson: YES; Secretary Johnson: YES; Treasurer Bates: YES; Representative Blanchard: YES; Governor Butler-Wolfe: N/A.

Resolution approved: 4 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

IX. NEW BUSINESS: Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority

X. CERTIFICATION
I, John R. Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the above Minutes are a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, on December 16, 2015 at the Regular Executive Committee Meeting, there being a quorum present by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Gibson: YES; Secretary Johnson: YES; Treasurer Bates: YES; Representative Blanchard: YES; Governor Butler-Wolfe: N/A.

John R. Johnson, Secretary
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Signed this 16th day of December 2015.
PRESENT: Governor Edwin Butte-Wolfe
Lt. Governor Isaac Gibson, Jr.
Secretary John R. Johnson
Treasurer Leah Bates
Representative Kenneth Blanchard

ABSENT: Lt. Governor Isaac Gibson, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT: Sherry Jager
Genieva Foster
Alvin Barnes

VISITORS: Raymond Campbell

I. CALL TO ORDER:
Governor Butte-Wolfe called the Special Executive Committee Meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

II. ROLL CALL:
Present at Roll Call: Governor Edwin Butte-Wolfe
Lt. Governor Isaac Gibson, Jr.
Secretary John R. Johnson
Treasurer Leah Bates
Representative Kenneth Blanchard

Absent at Roll Call: Lt. Governor Isaac Gibson, Jr.

III. DECLARATION OF QUORUM:
Secretary Johnson made the Declaration of Quorum.

IV. SPECIAL BUSINESS:
GOVERNOR
A. A RESOLUTION: 
Authorizing and Ratifying the Approval of the Executive Committee Meeting, Fiscal Year 2016 and Fiscal Year 2017 Direct Cost Proposals.

There being no questions, concerns or comments, Governor Butte-Wolfe entertained a motion for approval. Secretary Johnson made a motion to approve; motion seconded by Representative Blanchard. The following vote was recorded:

Governor Butte-Wolfe / N/A
Lt. Governor Gibson / ABSENT
Secretary Johnson / YES
Treasurer Bates / YES
Representative Blanchard / YES

Resolution approved: 3 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

V. ADJOURNMENT - Executive Session
There being no further business on the Agenda for the Executive Session of the December 7, 2015 Special Executive Committee Meeting, Governor Butte-Wolfe entertained a motion for adjournment. Secretary Johnson made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Representative Blanchard. The following vote was recorded:

Governor Butte-Wolfe / N/A
Lt. Governor Gibson / ABSENT
Secretary Johnson / ABSENT
Treasurer Bates / ABSENT
Representative Blanchard / ABSENT

Resolution approved: 3 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

I. CALL TO ORDER:
Governor Butte-Wolfe called the Legislative Session of the Special Executive Committee Meeting to order at 10:17 A.M.

II. ROLL CALL:
Present at Roll Call: Governor Edwin Butte-Wolfe
Lt. Governor Isaac Gibson, Jr.
Secretary John R. Johnson
Treasurer Leah Bates
Representative Kenneth Blanchard

Absent at Roll Call: Lt. Governor Isaac Gibson, Jr.

III. DECLARATION OF QUORUM:
Secretary Johnson made the Declaration of Quorum.

IV. SPECIAL BUSINESS:
GOVERNOR
A. A RESOLUTION: 
Authorizing and Approving the Tobacco Compact with the State of Oklahoma and Authorizing Governor Butte-Wolfe to Execute and Effectuate on Behalf of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma (as Attached).

There being no questions, concerns or comments, Governor Butte-Wolfe entertained a motion for approval. Treasurer Bates made a motion to approve with amendments to the Tobacco Compact to clarify that the healthcare funds be re-credited to the Tribal Health Corporation; motion seconded by Representative Blanchard. The following vote was recorded:

Governor Butte-Wolfe / N/A
Lt. Governor Gibson / YES
Secretary Johnson / ABSENT
Treasurer Bates / ABSENT
Representative Blanchard / ABSENT

Resolution approved: 3 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

V. ADJOURNMENT - Legislative Session
There being no further business on the Agenda for the Legislative Session of the December 7, 2015 Special Executive Committee Meeting, Governor Butte-Wolfe entertained a motion to adjourn; Treasurer Bates made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Secretary Johnson. Following a unanimous vote the Legislative Session was adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

CERTIFICATION

I, John R. Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indian of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the above Minutes are a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indian of Oklahoma, on December 7, 2015. To the best of my knowledge, there being a quorum present by a vote of: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Gibson, yes; Secretary Johnson, yes; Treasurer Bates, yes; Representative Blanchard, yes; Governor Butte-Wolfe, N/A.

JOHN R. JOHNSON, Secretary
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Signed this 16th day of December, 2015.
B.

A RESOLUTION, EAS-2015-46
APPROVING THE AWARD TO INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR TRIBES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE SERVICES RELATED TO TUTORING AND DESIGNATING THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY AS THE CONTRACTING AGENCY FOR THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TRIBE, EFFECTIVELY IMMEDIATELY.

There being no questions or comments, Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion for approval. Secretary Johnson made a motion to approve; motion seconded by Treasurer Bates. The following vote was recorded.

Governor Butler-Wolfe / NA
Lt. Governor Gibson / ABSENT
Secretary Johnson / YES
Treasurer Bates / YES
Representative Blanchard / ABSENT

Resolution approved: 2 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

C.

A RESOLUTION, EAS-2015-47
HEREBY ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE TO CONDUCT THE 7TH SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA AS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015, 11:00 AM, AT THE THUNDERBIRD ENTERTAINMENT EVENT CENTER, NORMAN, OKLAHOMA.

There being no questions or comments, Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion for approval. Secretary Johnson made a motion to approve; motion seconded by Treasurer Bates. The following vote was recorded.

Governor Butler-Wolfe / NA
Lt. Governor Gibson / ABSENT
Secretary Johnson / YES
Treasurer Bates / YES
Representative Blanchard / ABSENT

Resolution approved: 2 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

SERECTERY

A.

A RESOLUTION, EAS-2015-48
APPROVING THE AWARD TO INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR TRIBES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SERVICES RELATED TO TUTORING AND DESIGNATING THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY AS THE CONTRACTING AGENCY FOR THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TRIBE, EFFECTIVELY IMMEDIATELY.

There being no questions or comments, Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion for approval. Secretary Johnson made a motion to approve; motion seconded by Treasurer Bates. The following vote was recorded.

Governor Butler-Wolfe / NA
Lt. Governor Gibson / ABSENT
Secretary Johnson / YES
Treasurer Bates / YES
Representative Blanchard / ABSENT

Resolution approved: 2 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

B.

A RESOLUTION, EAS-2015-49
APPROVING AND ACCEPTING KEEZHAH CORIN HAYSTON-WALKER, SUMMER DAWN TIGER, CARRIE ELLEN BARKER, SUE WENDY KEAGAN, DEE LAKE, MALACHI KANDONI DEEDEE, CORBIN LEE RAEKESSTRUP AND JOEL THOMAS SCARBERRY AS ENROLLED MEMBERS OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA.

Larry Buckley, Enrollment Director, stated all the applicants meet the constitution requirements for enrollment. Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion for approval. Treasurer Bates made a motion to approve; motion seconded by Secretary Johnson. The following vote was recorded.

Governor Butler-Wolfe / NA
Lt. Governor Gibson / ABSENT
Secretary Johnson / YES
Treasurer Bates / YES
Representative Blanchard / ABSENT

Resolution approved: 2 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

C.

A RESOLUTION, EAS-2015-50
GRANTING VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO CLARANCE JAMES LASSARGE

Larry Buckley, Enrollment Director, stated the following applicant requested a voluntary relinquishment due to dual enrollment. Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion for approval. Treasurer Bates made a motion to approve; motion seconded by Secretary Johnson. The following vote was recorded.

Governor Butler-Wolfe / NA
Lt. Governor Gibson / ABSENT
Secretary Johnson / YES
Treasurer Bates / YES
Representative Blanchard / ABSENT

Resolution approved: 2 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

TREASURER

A.

A RESOLUTION, EAS-2015-51
AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A CORPORATE CREDIT CARD FOR JOHN JOHNSON, SECRETARY OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA, EFFECTIVELY IMMEDIATELY.

There being no questions or comments, Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion for approval. Secretary Johnson made a motion to approve; motion seconded by Treasurer Bates. The following vote was recorded.

Governor Butler-Wolfe / NA
Lt. Governor Gibson / ABSENT
Secretary Johnson / YES
Treasurer Bates / YES
Representative Blanchard / ABSENT

Resolution approved: 2 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

IV. GOVERNOR’S REPORT

V.

RECOGNITION OF TRIBAL MEMBERS

VI.

ADJOURNMENT

there being no further business on the Agenda for the Executive Session, Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion to adjourn. Treasurer Bates made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Secretary Johnson. Following a unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

CERTIFICATION

L. John B. Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the above Minutes are a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, on October 23, 2015, at the Regular Executive Committee Meeting, the same being quorum present, by a vote of: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Gibson; YES; Secretary Johnson; YES; Treasurer Bates; YES; Representative Blanchard; YES; Governor Butler-Wolfe, N/A.

J. R. Johnson, Secretary

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Signed this 22nd day of October 2015.

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January 2016 Birthdays

Aguirre Perez, Mabel Beatrice
Alford Jr, Paul Leon
Alford, David Wesley
Alford, Sandra Kaye
Altman, Garrett Michael
Anderson, William Chase
Armstrong Frank Lee
Barber, Joseph Leroy
Barfield, Amanda Quammy
Barton, Brittany Lynn
Bates, Terri Elaine
Bayless, Jeffery Channing
Beach, Cary Sue
Bettelyoun, Kelan Chase
Blitz, Boston Warrior
Blakely, William Charles
Blanchard II, Aaron Gabriel
Blanchard III, Larry Dean
Blanchard, Anneliese
Blanchard, Bernice Starr
Blanchard, Cayla
Blanchard, Chelsey Kolesha
Blanchard, Chester Vernorn
Blanchard, Cory Eugene
Blanchard, Terance Blaine
Blanchard, Twyla Gayle
Boston, Nathan Daniel
Boyd, Ladarius Eugene
Bradley, Clarence Scott
Bragg, Ronald Lee
Brannon, Tyneeka
Bread, Clarissa Lm.
Brinson Jr, F E
Brokeshoulder, Sherri Dawn
Brown, David Wesley
Brown, Juniper Jane
Brown, Jennifer Renee
Brunnetti, Taylor Renee
Burkhart, Valarie Mae
Casteel, Annabelle Rai
Chisholm, Mark Wayne
Citty, Rebecca
Clark, Emily Ann
Coleman, Justin Ray
Collon, Danjel Michael
Condra, Karri Marie
Coon, Wynona Soat
Cope, Michelle Elton
Coriz, Matoka Marie
Cox, Michael Sage
Creamer, Maureen Janet
Creek, Bessie Lee
Cripps, Jimmy Mark
Crossley, Orin Linn
Crossley, Rachel Ann
Cruz, Reyna Jalyssa
Cutler, Breanna Kailee
Dankenbrinking, Melody Renee
Davis, Rhonda Jean
Day, Vivian Denise
Day, Zander Nicholas
Deer, Bradien Ariyahna
Deere, Christopher Lee
Deere, Clinton Jess
Delodge, Raymond Louis
Dibler Jr, Daymon Daniel
Draper, Shewonne Sharise
Eckles, Ethan Andrew
Ellis, Brandi Nicole
Ellis, Jackson Matthew
Ellis, Lisa Marie
Ellis, Ryan Mark
Felon, Kandice Nicole Grace
Fer, Orphie Jane
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Foreman Jr, James Louis
Foreman, Anthony Clayton
Foreman, Elijah Bryce
Foreman, Hunter Lynn
Freeman, Jerilyn Kay Barnett
Fritsch, Jaxon James
Fruit, Andrea Dee
Geissler, Jaret Paul
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Gibson, Gloria Lynne
Gibson, Jeremy Lee
Gibson, Jimmy Ray
Gibson, Ronnie Caleb
Gibson, Walter Ray
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Gonzalez, Xochitl Olivia
Goodman, Thomas Donald
Granstrom, Tyler Michael
Hall, Bonne Alaynn
Hamman, Stacie Berlyn
Hanson, Bentley Robert Jnr
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Hawk, Quinn Ryan
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Little Ake, John Al
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Little, Mia Rachelle
Little, Shea Alexis
Little, Sutton Keith
Little, Troy Don
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Littlebear Jr, Michael
Littlecreek, Catherine
Littlecreek, Kami Dawn
Livesey, Shannon Marie
Longacre, Nancy L. Warrior
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Longhorn, Tylee Raquel
Longhorn, Bruce Jerome Allen
Longhorn, Crystal Alaina
Longhorn, Garetta
Longhorn, Shawna Michelle
Longman, Caitlin Oteaka
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Lowry, Linda Diane
Mann Jr, Glenn Dale
Mann, Sr, Glenn Dale
Mann, Marc Andrew
Marquez II, Quentin Miles
Marriott, Cadence Sunay
Martin, Jared Webster
Martinez, Lanetta
Martinez, Nallyha Tewa
Martinez, Sam Littlecreek
Martinez, Winter Dawn
Masquat, Kinsley Rae
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Maxwell, Dioronde DaShawn
Maxwell, Jimmy Ray
Maxwell, Nellige Tiger
Mazzuco, Tiana Bright Path
McCorm, Talon Cole
McCready, Gabriel David
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McGirt, Travis Wade
McPherson - Khalil, Jessica Lynn
McPherson, Alan Lynn
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Pelps, Brandy Nicole
Perryman, Mary Ella
Pewenokit, Alta Rochelle
Poncho, Octavia Marie
Puckitt, Zesa Lou-An
Queen, Marlene Lucille
Rakestraw, Marihane
Ramirez II, Antonio
Ramirez, Joe Anthony
Ramora, Elonna Gail
Reed, Teresa June
Reeves, Sharon Annette
Riden, Cane Danielle
Ridenour, Logan Taylor
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Roberts, Ramona Lee
Robertson, Wanda LeJean
Robison, Tyrel Lane
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Rolette, Ty Clay
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Rye, Gail Marie Alford
Sam-Ruimveld, Bailey Sue Iesi Balaffi
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Seber, Jamie Nicole
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Shaffer, Christie Elaine
Shane, Keaton Wayne
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Shields, Adlahy Brook
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Sloot, CiCilia Ann
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Smith, Ryan James
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Snake, Barry Gabriel
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Soy, Christopher Jaye
Soy, Deric Brandon
Soy, Tana Louise
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Squire, Jimmy Dowell
Sruit, Adrien Miguel
Starr, Martin
Starr, Rance George
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Stewart, Glenn Alan
Stewart, James Clyde
Stone, Brian David
Stricklin, Victor Medrano
Stryker, Rodney Shane
Sullivan, Glenda Ann Little Axe
Surface, Ashley Katherine
Sutton, Santos Daniel
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Taylor, Nathan Wayne
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Tiger, Summer Dawn
Tiger, Wanda Little Axe
Tilley, Makiah Lynn
Toel, Ashlyn Reilly
Toney, Tegon Green
Torres, Fernando Jose
Torres, Rosa Marie
Treat, Joshua Steven
Turner, Timothy Jake
Tyner, Tonia Melanie
Uchida, Nolan Garrett
Valdivia, Thomas Lesley
Vallejos, Kesa La’ane
Villabos, Valentia Noella
WaPekeche, Eric Lynd
WaPepeh, Hazel Paez
Walker, Roger Steven
Warren, Tobin Shane
Warren, Zybelle Rose
Washington, Rebecca Marie
Watson, Daniel Owen
Watson, Julie Marie
Watson, Matthew Payden
Watson, Patrick Scott
Webb, Kelly Britt
White Thunder, Sheldon Thomas
White, Jesse Lee
White, Seth Wesley
Whited, Angela Kay
Williams, Joseph Billy
Williams, Joseph Bryan
Williams, Joshua David
Willoughby, Marcie Deann
Wilson, Aarion James Deer
Wilson, Cameron Lynn
Wilson, Alfa Louise
Wilson, Calvin Lee
Wilson, Christopher Dale
Wilson, Dean Owen
Wilson, Edward Wayne
Wilson, Faith Anne Marie
Wilson, James Francis
Wilson, Michael Eugene
Wilson, Stephen Edward
Wilson, Wesley Dean
Wise, Landon Kyle
Wolf, Brandy Diane
Wolf, Angelika
Wolf, Jim Jr.
Wolfe Jr, Houston Hugh
Womack, Kaleigh Patricia
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Wolfe Jr, Houston Hugh
Womack, Kaleigh Patricia
Woods, Jayla Marie
Wright, Phillip Lawrence
Wunderlich, Donna Jo
Wyatt, James Allen
Yandel, Leon Allen
Yeaphau, Michael Tyrus

Queen B,
Hope you have an awesome kind of birthday!! Because you are for sure, the most awesomest kind of sister!!
You’re also the creep of the two of us!
Love,
Baby sister Sheree

We hope you have a very Happy Birthday Auntie!!
Love,
Justin, Jil, Joplin, Rat & Izzy

Barbara Jo,
To my beautiful, ornery daughter, I wish you the Happiest Birthday ever!!
You make my heart happy just by being you!!
I love you always, Mom

Mom-B,
You picked me, but in return I gave all my unconditional LOVE!!
I Love You Now, Tomorrow and Forever!
Happy Birthday OLD LADY!
Love,
Bellesie Wellaie

Bernice Blanchard

Happy Birthday
Love: Ken, Leland, Sis, Rikki, MoesMae, Sheldon, Shelby, Shelsie, Jr, Leandra, Mack, Bryson, DaeDae, and Janson

Wishing my baby girl
Courtney Little Axe
HAPPY 22ND BIRTHDAY!!
We love you and are very proud of you.
Love,
Your dad and the Little Axe family

Happy 25th Birthday

Sheldon Thomas White Thunder

Love: DaeDae, Mom, Dad
Shelsie, Shelby, Justin, and Bryson.
2015 was a year to remember! We achieved much, and yet we have much more to do. We’ve seen steady increases in our customer/patient satisfaction rates, access to care and services, as well as a steady decline in patient complaints and concerns. Although no organization is perfect, the distinction of excellence lies within the culture of an organization and its ability to continuously improve processes and respond to their internal and external customers’ needs and concerns. The health system’s culture is on the right track, and I’m proud of the motivation, morale, and dedication our staff has to this health enterprise!

This past year we added several new providers, increased access to services more than any other time in AST Health System’s history in Dental, Primary Care, and Behavioral Health. Also, our Diabetic Health and Wellness as well as Physical Therapy and Contract Health (now renamed Purchase Referred Care by Congress) drastically increased their services, outreach, and patient access at both clinic locations. As the mantra states in health care, when you take care of the patient the revenue follows! Our third party revenue is also at historic highs, allowing us a near-term ability to accelerate our payment schedule to retire the Joint Venture debt for the Little Axe Clinic in years rather than decades at the present rate, which is projected to continue to grow! Making this important goal even more attainable is the refinancing of the interest rate for the health system’s Joint Venture at historically low interest rates, also allowing more accelerated payments on the debt.

The Zombie 5K Run held for the second year along with the annual health fair had record crowds and attendance by vendors at these events, which were a huge, growing success, mainly due to the dedication of our outstanding employees and tribal members! New equipment, state of the art technology, and improvement in patient through-put processes combined to increase efficiency, lower wait times, and increased access to services. The expansion of pharmacy hours along with the PlusCare Clinic initiative has provided our tribal members services – as identified through the annual community needs assessment (C.N.A.) conducted in 2014.

Accreditation of our health system is pending, with the final stage being set in mid-April with the on-site survey by the AAHC Team. This mark of distinction for our health system will certify our system as being in a unique, set apart category of excellence recognized by the healthcare industry as being a provider of quality healthcare verified through very in-depth assessments and skillfully applied industry standards of practice and evidence-based medicine. It is also extremely important to recognize the accomplishments of the health boards, LSWN and ASTHA, both being chaired by experienced, dedicated, AST Tribal members with significant healthcare industry and hospital experience. The Executive Committee has been instrumental in working together every time they’ve been needed by health to support all the successes we’ve achieved, and we all sincerely thank them for their kind, caring, and dedicated support in improving health care services and access to all of our patients and tribal members we serve!

Please take notice...recently, reported to us, one of our patients, who is a tribal member, was contacted by someone claiming to be with Blue Cross/Blue Shield and asking for personal information including their Medicare number. The call back number provided did not work, and the member felt uncomfortable with the request, as they had just signed up with the benefits mobile unit at the Little Axe Clinic. Please feel free to coordinate with our health system’s Patient Benefit Advocates (PBAs) if you think you are being targeted or solicited for information that does not seem right to you and allow us to help you verify or assist in verifying whether it is a legitimate request or not. Upon further review, this member did not have any items needing any attention, and it is suspected that it may have been an attempt to gain personal information. Always ask questions and call back to verify if you do not believe the request for information is appropriate or necessary based upon what you know about your status and coverage(s).

This tribal member was alert, and cautious, and succeeded in protecting their valuable information.

We are thankful and very proud of our outstanding star performers this month and thank them all for their contributions to our patients, their fellow employees, and the tribe! Employee of the month for health was Mr. Robert White Jr., facility support staff; the team of the month was the Mrs. Emily Key, Mrs. Sara Judkins, and NP Jamie Gonzalez for their partnership with the Casino in improving healthy menu choices. The special leadership recognition award was presented to both Jimmy Robertson and Manual Johnson, for assisting transportation with multiple patient transports on very short notice, assisting tribal patients with getting to their medical appointments unabated while short staffed in transportation. We have a wonderful team health, and they all make a difference for our health system and for the health and wellness of all of our patients!

Additional health related information:

- AST/Serviced Health System Native American Veterans: If you are currently receiving services with the area VA Medical Center, please contact us today to set up an appointment to have your services established with the AST Health System.

- If you need CPR training, please contact the AST Health System’s Public Health Office at (405) 447-0300 for scheduling and training opportunities.

- Contract Health Services (CHS) interactive phone menu helps patients access the most appropriate service provider by calling (405) 701-7951. This feature will speed up access to the patients seeking services and follow-up to their care. We also have Contract Health representatives available at our Shawnee location. Tribal members are able to call Ms. Flo Mann, LPN or Ms. Laurie Webber, LPN at (405) 878-5850.

- The AST Health System continues to improve its Customer Service. The Customer Service Line is (405) 701-7623. Please direct all complaints or compliments to this line for appropriate attention and/or response. Please be assured that this is the best way to have each situation addressed, with consistent updates from our Health Staff. After the investigations of all issues are complete, our Health Director or a Clinic Administrator will personally contact you with updates, decisions, or question pertaining to your case.

- The AST Anti-Bullying Prevention “HOTLINE” is (405) 701-7987 during work hours 8-5, M-F, and for added confidentiality or after hours you may contact Mrs. Dara Thorspe at either (405) 701-7992 or via cell (405) 481-0815 to start intervention assistance for tribal youth. If it is an emergency or someone is at risk of harming themselves or others, please contact 911.

- The Affordable Care Act Decision Tool continues to be a valuable tool with helping you decide what you need to do for compliance with the act. Please see the ACA tab at the ASTHA Health Program’s Website: http://www.asthealth.org/aca (Please visit our site today to find out what you need to do to protect yourself and your family!)

- Emergency After hour Pharmacy Access: If you experience an emergent issue after hours and receive a prescription that needs to be filled that same evening, AST Health has provided access for Tribal members only at three (3) approved Wal-green locations in Shawnee and Norman. You will need to submit your prescription and it is mandatory to identify yourself with your AST CDB card and other appropriate ID. Then they shall fill your prescription. You will have a 5-day limited fill on your prescription. Upon the first work/business day, you can have the remaining balance of your prescription(s) transferred to your AST pharmacy in either Shawnee or Little Axe, and they will fill your remaining balance. The three (3) AST Health approved Walgreen service locations are: 1427 North Harrison Street or at 600 Shawnee Mall Drive, Shawnee, Oklahoma or 615 West Main Street, Norman, Oklahoma. The Little Axe Health Center Drive-Thru Pharmacy is also available for emergency fills, for tribal members only, from: 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM Monday – Friday; 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday & Sunday and holidays from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM excluding Thanksgiving and Christmas.

- Social Media: You can follow the AST Health System on Facebook and receive the most current messages and announcements regarding your tribal health care.


Tribal Members please submit your resume and a letter of interest to be considered being placed on Health Board.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR HEALTH BOARD MEMBERS:
- There must be 2 tribal members with health care experience.
- All other directors must have sufficient professional experience in various fields (business, accounting, public service, law administration to contribute productively to the Board.
- Appointees shall have a background check and may not be a staff member or employee of the health care system.

THUNDERBIRD ENTERTAINMENT CENTER, INC. (TEC BOARD)

Interested Tribal Members to be considered for board position. Please send letter of interest and a resume.

QUALIFICATIONS:
- Must be eligible to obtain a gaming license from the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Gaming Commission and possess experience in gaming operations, business, finance, or law and of the following:
  - Degree in Business Administration, Accounting, Marketing, Law or an equivalent field (Bachelor’s degree or higher);
  - Minimum three (3) years’ experience in business management;
  - Minimum two (2) years’ experience in casino operations; or
  - Knowledge of federal Indian law, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, and related statutes and regulations

Please send letters and resume to Secretary John Johnson Office:
2025 South Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801
Email: johnraymond.johnson@astribe.com

Mission Statement
To promote the wellbeing of the “whole person” within the context of their culture.

A Single twig breaks but a Bundle of twigs is strong

Services
Supporting changes in the journey of life’s transitions. The following services are offered:
- Resource/referral information
- Crisis intervention
- Child, adult, family and couple/marital counseling
- Therapy and Support groups (TBA)
- Drug and alcohol assessments
- Anger management
- Depression screenings
- Sweat lodge
AFTER HOUR PHARMACY NOTIFICATION

The Walgreens located at 100 12th Avenue NE in Norman, OK is no longer contracted with the AST Health System to pay for after hour emergency prescriptions due to losing its 24-hour service status.

Tribal members may now take prescriptions to:

Walgreens
615 W. Main St
Norman, OK
(405) 573-5019

AST PHARMACY

When requesting refills, please provide 24 hour notice until pick-up. The most efficient method is to have your refill numbers ready when you call the Pharmacy, and use our automated system. Deliveries of controlled medications are not allowed.

If you would like to receive a text message to your cell phone when your medications are ready for pick-up, please alert the pharmacy staff and provide us with your current cell phone number. Please inform us of changes in address, phone number, insurance and other contact information (changes at registration do not flow to pharmacy).

If you have any questions at any time, feel free to call either Pharmacy or stop by and speak with one of our Pharmacy staff. We are happy to assist you with your pharmaceutical needs!

Hours of Operation:
Little Axe: Monday-Friday 8am-5pm
(7:30am-5:30pm Drive-Thru)
Phone-(405)292-9530
Shawnee: Monday-Friday 7am-5pm
Phone-(405)878-5859

We are open through the lunch hour!!

**BOTH PHARMACY DEPARTMENTS ARE CLOSED WITH THE CLINICS THE FIRST WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON OF EVERY MONTH TO COMPLETE ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES.**

Thank You,
AST Pharmacy Staff

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System
Behavioral Health Services

Office Hours
Monday-thru-Friday
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Little Axe Clinic
15951 Little Axe Drive
Norman, OK 73025
Ph. 405-701-7987

Shawnee Clinic
2029 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801
Ph. 405-878-4716

Services are offered through:
Little Axe Clinic & Shawnee Clinic for all Federally Recognized Tribes.

AST BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

For counseling information, contact:

Shawnee BH: Roberta Cooper (405) 878-4716
Little Axe BH: Rolanda Smith (405)701-7987

Women’s Health Center
Little Axe Health Center
Women’s Health Services
Located in the Primary Health Care

Providing & Promoting Preventative Health for All Women

Services include:
- Adult immunizations
- Breast & Pelvic Exams
- Mammogram Referral
- Bone Density Studies

Information about:
- Health Promotion
- Quitting Smoking
- Misuse of Alcohol and Drugs
- Nutrition
- Physical Fitness and Exercise
- Controlling Stress and Violence
- Prevention of Pregnancy
- AIDS and other Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System

15951 Little Axe Drive
Norman, OK 73025
405.447.0300 - Fax 405.701.7605
www.asthealth.org

Women’s Health Services
Little Axe Health Center
15951 Little Axe Drive
Norman, OK 73025
405.447.0300 - Fax 405.701.7605
www.asthealth.org
FYI: Contract Health Service News
Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health
The AST Contract Health Services Team are here to assist you
... follow the CHS Guidelines!
Get a copy of the CHS Guidelines and update your information

Emergency and Urgent Care Services

CHS for a currently enrolled AST member who resides in the defined catchment area who needs emergent or urgent care:

1. Call the On-Call nurse at (405) 447-0300 option 9 for “triage”.

2. Notify CHS on the next business day or within 72 hours after the ER visit. Notification does not assure authorization of payment. However, if you do not notify CHS within 72 hours, your bills will not be paid.

3. For AST members with no insurance evidence must exist that the visit was medically necessary. Medical priorities have been established for determineing which referrals can be authorized for payment.

4. For AST members with insurance, evidence must exist that a third party resource has made 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 CHS. You may leave bills at the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic.

Contract Health Services for AST members

with Insurance

CHS for a currently enrolled AST member who resides in the defined catchment area who has insurance such as Medicare or Private Insurance:

1. Complete CHS Patient Update form and update all information every 6 months.

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

3. Inform Provider/HealthFacility that AST CHS is secondary payer/payer of last resort.

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

Contract Health Services for AST members

without Insurance

CHS for a currently enrolled AST member who resides in the defined catchment area who 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. PRG staff and/or Benefit Coordinators can assist with the application process for alternate resources. Failure to exhaust available or potentially available alternate resources may result in denial of payment.

2. Complete CHS Patient Update form and update all information every 6 months.

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

4. Referrals for outside services must be sent to CHS. Services must be medically approved by an AST Health provider.

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 CHS. You may leave bills at the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic.

Contract Health Services
is conveniently located at
Shawnee Clinic-Building 16
and Little Axe Health Center

Shawnee Clinic
(405) 878-4702
Little Axe Health Center
(405) 447-0300

Debi Sloat
Glendine Blanchard
Sharon Ponkilla
Darla Gatzman
Jayne Werst
Flo Mann
Laurie Webber

Contract Health Direct Phone Line
405.701.7951
29.1 million people have diabetes. That’s about 1 out of every 11 people.

1 out of 4 do not know they have diabetes.

86 million people — more than 1 out of 3 adults — have prediabetes.

9 out of 10 do not know they have prediabetes.

Without weight loss and moderate physical activity, 15-30% of people with prediabetes will develop type 2 diabetes within 5 years.

Total medical costs and lost work and wages for people with diagnosed diabetes is $245 billion.

Risk of death for adults with diabetes is 50% higher than for adults without diabetes.

Medical costs for people with diabetes are twice as high as for people without diabetes.

People who have diabetes are at higher risk of serious health complications:

- Blindness
- Kidney failure
- Heart disease
- Stroke
- Loss of toes, feet, or legs
The Absentee Shawnee Diabetes and Wellness Department would like to share the new statistics on diabetes from the CDC. If you think you may have diabetes or may be at risk for diabetes, please contact us at 405-701-7977.

- Improved access to your health information
- Communicate directly with your clinic
- Request an appointment
...and more!

For more information on how you can register for the new AST “Follow My Health” Patient Portal, contact Patient Registration at Little Axe Health Center - 405.447.0300 or Shawnee Clinic - 405.878.4702

Register Now!!!
www.asthealth.org/patient-portal

New Patient Portal
Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System
Little Axe Health Center
Shawnee Clinic

Visit your app store and install the Follow My Health app

for real-time access to your health information

Did You Know??

The Absentee Shawnee Diabetes and Wellness Department would like to share the new statistics on diabetes from the CDC. If you think you may have diabetes or may be at risk for diabetes, please contact us at 405-701-7977.

Do’s and Don’ts of safe storage and disposal

Do Properly discard medications that are no longer Needed or that have expired.

Do Keep track of how many pills you have during the course of treatment.

Do Lock up medications that are at risk for being abused- ask your pharmacist or other healthcare professional if the prescription medication prescribed to you or a Household member has abuse potential.

DON’T Throw medication in the trash or flush down toilet.

DON’T Leave medications that are at risk for being abused in plain sight or in places that aren’t secure.

DON’T Repackage medication in unmarked containers.

“Over 57% Pott. Co. residents reported not storing their Meds in a locked, secure cabinet or box”

Need a place to dispose your unwanted/unused medications?

You can drop off your unwanted/unused prescriptions anytime at these locations:

Tecumseh Police Department
199 West Washington
Tecumseh, OK 74873

Shawnee Police Department
16 West 9th Street
Shawnee, OK 74804

Pottawatomie County Sheriff’s Department
325 North Broadway Ave
Shawnee, OK 74801

Cleveland County Sheriff’s Office
128 South Peters
Norman, OK 73069

Oklahoma University Police Department
2773 Monitor Ave
Norman, OK 73072

Norman Police Department
201 B West Gray
Norman, OK 73069

Moore Police Department
17 East Main Street
Moore, OK 73160

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Oklahoma SPF-TIG Project is funded by SAMHSA
(Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)
Masters’ Touch Benefit Concert and Donations by Members of CIBC
Cornerstone Indian Baptist Church
Little Axe, OK

The Christian Native American musical trio, “Master’s Touch”, and other Christian singers, musicians and groups did a benefit concert for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Indian Child Welfare Department on Saturday, December 5, 2015, at Cornerstone Indian Baptist Church. Donations of wrapped/unwrapped toys and monetary donations were taken for the children. This was the 2nd Annual benefit concert and had an attendance of 50+. Afterwards, food and fellowship were provided for all attendees. Cornerstone Indian Baptist Church appreciates the musicians, groups, singers, and community that attended the 2nd annual benefit concert for the AST ICW Department. May everyone have a blessed and joyous Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!
Tribal Representative Ken Blanchard has indicated that tribal members have inquired about our Tribal Emergency Response Team. Governor Butler-Wolfe requested putting this information in the newspaper to better inform tribal members who aren’t familiar with response team concept. This is a short overview of the team’s role and training.

**Process:**
When an emergency occurs at the tribe or its tribal communities, the tribal police receives the information and coordinates with the emergency manager. The emergency manager and response team’s commander work together to assemble the team to respond. The team members are called in by their commander to report to the command post and given instructions. The team will perform damage and injury assessment. This information will be reported to first responders when they arrive on the scene.

**Training:**
Response team training emphasizes safely "doing the most good for the most people as quickly as possible" when responding to a disaster. The team’s training curriculum for the basic course covers Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Disaster Medical Operations introduction, and Light Search and Rescue Operations.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Emergency Response Team has been trained to perform the following actions under the supervision and direction of the team commander during an emergency/disaster:

∑ The team will perform initial assessment of the scene and determine the appropriate course of action for team members and report to law enforcement, fire, or EMT's upon arrival;

∑ Safety assessment of the scene is made to ensure the safety of the team;

∑ First aid will be rendered until EMT's arrive on scene and assist in triage area;

∑ Fires suppression of small fires until the fire department arrives on scene;

∑ Searching for and providing rescue of victims as is prudent under the conditions;

∑ Once first responders have arrived the team will remain to assist as directed by the team commander and emergency manager.

If you have any questions about the team or disaster response, contact the Emergency Manager, Linda Day at (405) 740-1562 or email at lday@astribe.com

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CTSA Early Childhood Center is seeking to hire a part-time **NUTRITION TECHNICIAN** for our Shawnee Location

The Nutrition Tech will provide support to the Lead Nutrition Tech, including dish washing, cleaning, serving and basic meal preparation.

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Must pass background investigation for licensed child care programs
- Previous experience is preferred
- Food handlers certification is a plus

All applications accepted with preference given to qualified Native Americans and current/former HS/EHS parents

**Apply today:**
Applications accepted until position is filled

Employment Applications can be downloaded at: [www.ctsahheadstart.org](http://www.ctsahheadstart.org) (click on Forms)
or picked up at:
1535 North McKinley Avenue, Shawnee OK 74801

CTSA is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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CTSA Early Childhood Center is seeking to hire a full-time **Early Head Start Teacher** for our Shawnee Location

An Early Head Start teacher provides educational experiences to infants/toddlers in a classroom setting, using developmentally appropriate practices.

**Early Head Start Teacher Minimum Requirements:**
- Infant/Toddler CDA Credential or Certificate of Mastery in CD
- Previous work experience with young children
- Pass background investigation for licensed child care programs

All applications accepted with preference given to qualified Native Americans and current/former HS/EHS parents

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**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

Child abuse prevention has historically been and remains one of the most basic aspects of American Indian culture. The practices of prevention, though not labeled as such, are embedded in centuries-old spiritual beliefs, child-rearing methods, extended family roles, and systems of clans, bands, or societies. This natural system of child protection and child abuse prevention has been threatened over time by forced assimilation, relocation, externally imposed social services, alcoholism, and poverty, but the traditions and values have survived. The old teachings, values, and family systems are still at the core of that child maltreatment prevention in Indian country, but more formal community responses are also in place.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe has an Indian Child Welfare Department to ensure our tribal children’s rights are protected if they have a child abuse/neglect case being heard in the State Court System. ICW staff also work our own tribal cases on Trust land, or in our Tribal Court System. Our children are our Tribe’s future. Someday the journey that many of you have started will be completed by them. If you know of a child that is being physically, or sexually abused please contact the ICW Department at (405) 275-4030. If you do not want to give your name, you don’t have to do so. Sadly, there are things that not all of us are guaranteed in life when we are children. A healthy childhood free of dysfunction insures a foundation for education and success. Let us all do our part to insure our children have this foundation.

**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS OPEN TO ANY ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL MEMBER WHO IS IN NEED OF OUR SERVICES. THE AST INDIAN CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S GOAL IS KEEP TRIBAL CHILDREN WITH THEIR TRIBAL FAMILY WHENEVER POSSIBLE. IF ICW HAS TO REMOVE A CHILD FROM THEIR HOME TO ENSURE THEIR SAFETY, WE LOOK FOR TRIBAL FOSTER CARE HOMES. WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO ARE WILLING TO OPEN THEIR HOME TO NEGLECTED OR ABUSED AST CHILDREN. IF YOU ARE A TRIBAL MEMBER AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME AN ABSENTEE SHAWNEE FOSTER HOME PLEASE CONTACT:**

**JULIE WILSON/FOSTER CARE 405-878-4702**

Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect.

- Chief Seattle
Disability Benefits for Wounded Warriors

Military service members can get their disability claims processed quickly by Social Security.

Benefits available through Social Security are different than those from the Department of Veterans Affairs and require a separate application.

The expedited process is used for military service members who become disabled while on active military service on or after October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs.

www.socialsecurity.gov

or call toll-free, 1-800-772-1213
(for the deaf or hard of hearing, call our TTY number, 1-800-325-0778)
ASTHS’ ANNOUNCES INSURANCE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Norman, Oklahoma – The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System (ASTHS) is excited to announce a new pilot insurance program for eligible Absentee Shawnee Tribal members. The ASTHS will purchase health insurance for an eligible AST member, who is eligible for tax subsidies, from the Marketplace health exchange or for Medicare eligible AST member for a Part C or D supplemental plan.

The commencement of this program, will begin with a small pool of participants for the 2016 calendar year. Those who were considered were chosen based on available information and criteria such as:

- Must be an enrolled AST member; and
- Must live within the AST catchment area; and
- Utilization of current ASTHS services; and
- Their anticipated utilization of ASTHS services; as well as
- Anticipated contract health usage.

The goal of this project is to provide better access to timely care for AST tribal members. In turn, this will assist ASTHSA to defer some of the high cost of healthcare to a designated insurance plan carefully selected for the participant. Each participant will work with an ASTHS navigator to help guide them through this process, learn their benefits and terms of participation.

If you would like to know more about this program, please contact Ms. Connie Bottaro, Patient Benefits Advocate, or Ms. Sharon Ponkilla, LPN, at 405.447.0300 at the Little Axe Health Center.
DENTAL EMERGENCY CLINIC
START DATE ANNOUNCED

Norman, Oklahoma – The Dental Department at the Little Axe Health Center would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year and announce our new Emergency Dental Clinic day. The clinic will be Monday mornings from 8:00 AM -11:30 AM starting January 25, 2016. There will be consideration to expand these hours in the future to include Wednesday and Friday time slots.

Check in will be from 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM and patients will be evaluated on a first come first serve basis for the need of emergency treatment. Only a certain number of patients will be able to be seen that day. The number of patients seen will be determined by clinic availability and based on the type of emergency and treatment needed. Some patients may not be able to receive treatment that day depending on the needs of others and type of emergency.

The last patient will be seen at 11:30 AM. Patients who have suffered trauma or have a present infection will be considered before others. Patients of record will also be considered before new patients.

For more information or to make an appointment, please call (405)447-0300.
**History:**

The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Vocational Rehabilitation Program has provided vocational services to American Indians with disabilities for twenty years and counting, with Transition Services at six years. Our mission is to develop specialized services to American Indian students with disabilities currently making the transition from high school to work or achieving a post-secondary education.

**Services we can provide:**

We assist with testing fees (ACT, SAT), provide work clothing for new jobs, tuition assistance, assistive devices such as hearing aids, walkers, wheelchairs, eye glasses, along with physical and mental evaluations.

**Qualifications:**

You must be a member of a federally recognized tribe, a junior or senior in high school and must reside in one of the Iowa Tribe VR services area counties. You must also provide documentation from your doctor or physician noting your disability.

**COUNTIES served by ITOVR**

- KAY
- NOBLE
- PAWNEE
- PAYNE
- POTAWATOMIE
- LINCOLN
- LOGAN

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**Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Vocational Rehabilitation**

P.O. Box 728
Perkins, OK 74059

Phone: 405-547-2402 ext 168
Toll free: 1-888-336-4692
Fax: 405-547-1090
E-mail: Christa Tsotaddle, Transitional Counselor
csotaddle@iowanation.org

"See the Person, Not the Disability"
Elders Council

If you have a family member that is 55 or older and resides in a nursing home, assisted living or is homebound, contact Meredith Wahpekeche at (405) 760-2601 or Betty Watson at (405) 637-5806.

The Elders Council has a limited number of Christmas Baskets that will be distributed. They will need your name, address and phone number for delivery.

ATTENTION 55 YEARS OR OLDER

You are invited to join Absentee Shawnee Elders’ Council

If you are 55 years and older, we invite you to come and join us. We would like you, AST elders who have recently or who will be turning 55 years, to come check us out at either the AST Resource Center in Little Axe or the Title VI Building in Shawnee. We love to visit, eat and fellowship with each other so we invite you to come.

The AST Elders Council meet the third Saturday of each month, 10 AM to Noon with a potluck lunch. The meeting sites alternate each month between the Resource Center in Little Axe and the Title VI Building in Shawnee. PLEASE CALL FOR MORE INFO:


Below is our Purpose Guideline:

**PURPOSE:** It shall be the responsibility of the Elders Council to define and make known to the Executive Committee, any economic and social needs of the Elders, to promote the delivery of supportive services, including health, nutritional services, personal care, chore services, and transportation. To provide guidance for the membership, Absentee Shawnee Tribe government on matters of history, tradition, and culture. We encourage elder participation and endeavor to strengthen connections among the tribal community nationwide. To promote and provide cultural enrichment programs to children and youth. To generate unity among tribal members and to support other programs that benefit the Absentee Shawnee Tribe (amended 03-12-2011).

We have a general fund budget that is allocated to the Elders Council for monthly expenses and we do monthly fund raising activities to sponsor activities that the Elders participate in throughout the year. We have sponsored and participated in these activities throughout the years:

- Veterans’ November Pow Wow
- Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners
- Indian Child Welfare Christmas Gifts
- First Inaugural Ball for Newly Elected Officials
- 6 Nations of Canada, “Tecumseh” play
- Tecumseh Frontier Days
- Shawnee Christmas Parade
- OKC Red Earth Parade
- Thunderbird July 4th Pow Wow
- Crow Fair Pow Wow

We recently sent a support letter for the Tribal Incentive grant and we are in the process of an ANA grant for the Shawnee language. These are just a few of the activities, the list is long and diverse.

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Absentee Shawnee Elders’ Council

2016 AST Elders’ Council Meeting Dates and Places

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Note: These dates & places are subject to change.
Tribal Housing Improvements Application

The Tribal Housing Improvement Program’s goal is providing sanitary, safe, and decent housing for its members by utilizing the following criteria to select the most “in need” tribal members with homes that are in disrepair but are still suitable for rehabilitation. All applicants must meet the eligibility requirements and criteria which is approved by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

THIP list all applicants by a priority list:

a. Handicapped/Disabled and Elderly
b. Income
c. Family Size/Overcrowded Living Conditions
d. Condition of Home

Other Programs available:

• Sanitation Facilities Assistance Program

Applications need to be completed and all necessary documents attached before the application will be processed.

Applications are available online on the website: www.astribe.com.

Submit completed application to:

Office of Environmental Health & Engineering
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801
Absentee Shawnee Tribe Complex
Office of Environmental Health & Engineering, Building 13
If you have any questions, you can reach us by phone at (405) 214-4235

THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & ENGINEERING (OEH&E)

The principal role of OEH&E is to raise the health status of our tribal members to the highest possible level by providing services in the area of water and wastewater. To qualify for a water well and/or septic system, the applicant must be an enrolled Absentee Shawnee Tribal member and reside within one of these six counties; Pottawatomie, Cleveland, Oklahoma, Payne, Lincoln, or Logan, provide land ownership by verification such as a Warranty Deed or Notarized Lease Agreement through the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Reality Department. Proof of income is not required.

The services we provide are: new water wells, renovation of a water well, new city or rural water connections, replacement of city or rural water service lines, new wastewater septic systems, renovation of septic systems, new city sewer lines/renovation of city sewer lines and water treatment systems as needed. We are not funded to perform annual pumping of septic tanks. That service is considered part of home maintenance.

If you are having water or wastewater issues or building a new home and need services please come by our office and fill out an OEH&E application for assistance.

If your home is under the management of any housing authority and has not been paid off, you do not qualify for assistance. Applications for this program are available online at www.astribe.com and at the OEH&E building.

Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SERVICES
PLEASE CALL (405) 273-1050 OR COME BY OUR OFFICE
LOCATED AT 107 NORTH KIMBERLY IN SHAWNNE, OK.
WEBSITE: WWW.ASHOUSINGAUTHORITY.COM
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Chrissy Wiens  
Little Axe Resource Center |
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Buster Bread  
Little Axe Resource Center |                |                    |                  | Zumba! Part 2  12:00 p.m.-12:45 p.m.  
Chrissy Wiens  
LITTLE AXE HEALTH FACILITY |                  |                  |                  |
| Strength Training Circuit  5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  
Buster Bread  
Little Axe Resource Center | Aerobic Training Circuit  5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  
Buster Bread  
Little Axe Resource Center |                |                  | HIIT (Interval Training)  2:30 p.m.-3:15 p.m.  
Buster Bread  
LITTLE AXE HEALTH FACILITY | |

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

*Zumba! Part 2* - Fitness, fun, and dance. Learn advanced Zumba dance moves to get your heart rate pumping!

*Circuit Training* - A time efficient training system aimed at developing strength through pre-determined training stations.

*Chair Exercise* - Low impact strength training utilizing a chair.

*Cardio Kickboxing* - Aerobic training using kickboxing techniques to engage and strengthen the cardiovascular system.

*High-Intensity Interval Training* - An time efficient interval training system aimed at developing cardiovascular and muscular strength.

**Absentee Shawnee Fitness**

**Diabetes and Wellness**
Honoring Our Past
With Promise for Our Future

LIFE is Beautiful
Living Meth Free

Little Axe Health Center
Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System
15951 Little Axe Drive
Norman OK, 70326
405-447-0300

Shawnee Clinic
Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System
2029 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee OK, 74801
405-878-5850

The AST Health System values ALL feedback.
We will listen....

*Patient Advocate Jim Robertson 405-447-0300
*Customer Service Line 405-701-7623
*Patient Questionnaire located in each of our clinics or on our website www.ASTHEALTH.ORG

National Suicide Prevention
1-800-273-8255 (TALK)

ABSOLUTE SHAWEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEPARTMENT

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocacy
The AST Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Programs are on-call 24 hours per day to provide emotional support, advocacy and crisis counseling to survivors at hospitals, police stations and throughout the legal system. The programs also serve as a resource center to the community by offering educational information and referrals.

Transitional Housing
The AST DV Transitional Housing Program serves victims of Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault. Participants have up to six months to obtain education and job skills needed to begin a new life.

Court Advocacy
Assists survivors with domestic violence court related costs (when funding is available) and appearances as well as filing for emergency protective orders (EPO) or restraining orders.

Shelter Placement Assistance
The Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s Domestic Violence Program works with other shelters within Oklahoma in order to help victims obtain safe housing. Emergency transportation for the victim and children may also be available.

Housing and Utility Assistance
Assists victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or dating violence in emergency situations. This assistance may allow for a victim to either receive housing or utility assistance.

Referral Assistance
Assists with providing community resources to those who are in need of additional services outside the scope of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s Domestic Violence Program.

Community Outreach
The Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s Domestic Violence Program offers educational trainings, informational displays, and community events in order to provide more awareness to both Tribal and Non-Tribal communities.

For any questions regarding any of the above services please contact the Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s Domestic Violence staff at (405) 273-2888.
What Does Oklahoma’s Child Restraint Law Mean for You?

Effective November 1, 2015

A child under eight (8) must be properly secured in a child passenger restraint system. The law previously applied only to children under age six (6).

- **0-2 years:** Must be in a rear-facing car seat until at least two (2) years of age, or until the child reaches the weight or height limit of the car seat.

- **2-4 years:** Must be in a car seat until at least four (4) years of age.

- **4-8 years:** Must be in a car seat or child booster seat until at least eight (8) years of age unless the child is taller than 4’9”.

- **8 years or taller than 4’9”:** Must be in a seat belt.

For more information and recommended best practices in child passenger safety, visit ohso.ok.gov
MyDNA was created to empower Native teens and other young people who may encounter pressure of drugs and alcohol or for those who are struggling with addiction right now. Our goal was to target the young adult, teenage and youth population, through the use of social media, websites and alternative activities. We will be promoting healthy lifestyle through various events; these are to be campaigns which will motivate our young people into choosing good, beneficial habits instead of bad ones! We will be running monthly contests to highlight those youth who jump on board with the MyDNA campaign and will promote their healthy living example by showcasing what their alternative activity is. “It is not my heritage or my history. To submit my life and my strength to a substance that has no intention other than to cause me harm is not my natural instinct. Nor is it in my DNA. I was born, by nature, into strength, tenacity, and an innate ability to overcome, no matter how dire the circumstance. These are the characteristics that are in my blood and that wrote my history, I will take ownership in that history and will commit to writing the next chapter with integrity and a promise to uphold the very values that made it possible for my generation to exist today.”

Check out our website at www.mydna.rocks for more information or contact Kasey Dean at 405-701-7993.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe would like to thank the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board for their funding of the SPF-TIG Project.

A tribal member may file for office, January 1 to January 10 (excluding Weekends and Holidays.) Hours to file are 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon) 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 2016.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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**ELECTION COMMISSION**

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Fee amount: Basic Fee (Executive Committee $500.00 and Election Commission $125.00) plus cost of $40.00 for Drug test and $25.00 for Driver’s License Verification (MVR.)

QUALIFICATIONS:
A) An enrolled member of the tribe.
B) An eligible voter for purposes of voting in tribal elections.
C) Must be twenty-one (21) years of age on the date of the election for which he/she desires to be a candidate.
D) Physically reside within the following counties: Cleveland, Pottawatomie, Oklahoma, McClain, Garvin, Pontotoc, Seminole, Lincoln, or Okfuskee.
E) In cases where a prospective candidate has been convicted of a felony, such person shall not be eligible for consideration as a candidate until at least five (5) years have passed following completion of the penalty for such conviction(s).
F) Not more than one (1) member of an immediate family shall be elected to the same tribal elective body except when running as a candidate for the same elective position.

Consult the Election Ordinance for Specific/Additional Qualifications.

**Tax Collections**

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TOTAL TAXES: $184,495.04 | $166,897.43 | $316,207.37 | $286,653.15 | $239,701.89 | $313,564.51 | $299,927.29 | $194,481.17 | $227,767.25 | $242,799.07 | $250,162.20 | $0.00 | $2,652,566.37 | 100%               |

**Miscellaneous**

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TOTAL COLLECTIONS: $184,800.04 | $167,022.43 | $316,327.37 | $286,745.65 | $239,794.39 | $313,709.51 | $230,072.29 | $194,731.17 | $227,932.25 | $242,864.07 | $250,277.20 | $0.00 | $2,654,276.37 | 100%               |
Building Blocks News...

We hope everyone had a merry Christmas!! All of our teachers and children were very busy in December with holiday art projects, learning Christmas songs, and preparing for our Christmas program. We would like to thank all of those who attended and showed support to the children and the staff. Everyone worked very hard to make it a special occasion. Our teachers also put together classroom Christmas parties. Thank you to all of the families that contributed snacks to the parties and to those who were able to join us. A special ‘Thank you’ to Evan Austin for being Santa at our Christmas program and our class parties!! He even distributed gifts to each of the children. They loved it!!

Building Blocks currently has 42 children enrolled. With the completion of the holiday season, we are in the process of enrolling children from our waiting list. If you are interested in placing your child on our waiting list, please contact the center at (405) 878-0633. We can email or fax you a waiting list application. We are open to the public, but preference is given to Native American children.

Thank you, Heather Presley Director

Dates to remember:

Friday, Jan 1st Closed for New Year’s Day
Monday, Jan 18th Closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
**Little Axe After School Program 2015-2016**

**Come join us at the AST Resource Center!!!**

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

**Open to All Middle School and High School Students**

**Open to Absentee Shawnee Tribal Students K-5 with a C.D.I.B.**

Everything is offered with no charge...Little Axe bus will transport students to the AST Resource Center on Peeby Road and parents are responsible for picking students up by 6:00pm.

**Duration:** Starts August 31st and will run through the school year.
  Monday-Thursday, 2:45pm-6:00pm

For more information and sign up please contact Blake Goodman at (405) 364-7569

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**Absentee Shawnee Tribe Of Oklahoma**

**After School Program - Shawnee**

2025 S. Gordon Cooper
Shawnee, OK 74801
P: (405) 878-0633 F: (405) 878-0156

The AST After School Program (ASP) - Shawnee has opened as of August 13, 2015. We will be accepting children who are in Kindergarten up to 12 years of age. We will be able to pick up from Shawnee or Tecumseh schools only. The cost is $25 per child per week. This fee will be able to help with transportation costs, snacks and supplies the children may need.

We will only be open when the schools are open. At this time we will not provide services for school breaks including fall, winter, spring and summer breaks. The ASP-Shawnee will have tutors on hand to provide assistance with homework. We do have spots available; if you are interested please feel free to contact Briana Ponkilla at Briana.ponkilla@astribe.com or (405) 878-0633.

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**Education Department**

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

These are brief descriptions of current programs. Program guidelines are available in hard copy at the Education Department office or for download at [www.astribe.com](http://www.astribe.com).

- **Academic (K-12) Program**: assists with academic related expenses, and a portion of funds can be used for school-related athletic program expenses. Program has a maximum funding limit for the academic year.
- **Zahn Program**: established from a trust fund, program can help with some graduation expenses, and awards two (2) incentives: one for GED recipients and one for High School graduates. Program has a maximum amount of funding for graduation expenses.
- **Lob Training Adult Education Program**: funds for vocational training at accredited vocational institutions. Program has a maximum funding limit for the calendar year or per program.
- **Higher Education Education Incentive Award Program**: funds for undergraduate degrees, one associate or bachelor degree, at any accredited college or university. Funding levels are determined based upon grade point average and full-time or part-time status.
- **Graduate Scholarship Program**: funds for one master’s degree or one doctoral degree, and can fund one graduate admissions test. This program has funding levels based upon full-time and part-time status.
- **Big Jim Youth Award Program**: annual incentive for High School Seniors for Academic Achievement and Athlete of the Year. Deadline for application submission is March 31st of each ear.

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

All applications and guidelines are available at [www.astribe.com](http://www.astribe.com). Click on Services and select Education.

For more information, please call Tresha Spoon at (405) 275-4030, Ext. 6242 or 1-800-256-3341 or email to tresham@astribe.com.
Personal Banking:

AllNations Bank offers a wide range of products and services to meet today’s consumer demand including our AllNations Bank Free Checking Account; Savings Account; Certificate of Deposit Accounts; Individual Retirement Accounts; Money Market; Now Accounts & Consumer Loans including Auto, Boat and more. AllNations Offers Free ATM/Debit Card with each personal account that can be used at our Shawnee OK Drive Up ATM. In addition, we offer a wide selection of Safe Deposit Boxes for rent at competitive prices.

Contact Us for Details As Follows:
Calumet Office - Gene Davis or Dixie Smith 405-893-2240;
114 E Main, Calumet, OK
Shawnee Office - Gene Davis or Amber Alexander 405-273-0202;
2023 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK

Business Banking:
In addition to our Commercial Checking account, AllNations Bank offers a wide range of products and services to meet today’s business needs including all types of Commercial and Small Business Loans; Merchant Services; Night Depository Drop & More.

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Banking Hours:
2023 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK 74801
Lobby Hours 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Monday - Friday
Drive In Hours 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Monday - Friday
Saturday: 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon
Native American youth are facing a crisis. These children are being removed from their homes and placed into the child welfare system at rates much higher than any other population. Native American children are often placed in homes outside of their families, tribes, and Native American culture and this all contributes to significant social problems. The story of Native American people is a complicated one marked by significant trauma and atrocities. Often times this trauma consisted of the removal of abuse which happened to these young and vulnerable children in many of these schools resulted in overwhelming intergenerational trauma and unresolved grief. This trauma which interrupted the ability to parent has led directly to the most current social problems that plague Native American communities today including alcohol/drug abuse, domestic violence, child abuse, sexual abuse and parenting deficiencies. All of these problems have contributed to the break-down of the family unit, leading to the removal of large numbers of Native American youth from their families. The journey of healing and breaking the cycles which have been put in place by the historical trauma experienced by generations of Native Americans requires that the cultural identity for so long denied to these children be returned. Native American youth have two distinct influences, that of their family of origin and that of their caregivers. Absentee Shawnee Tribal Foster Care is in need of homes for children that are in our child welfare system. Your participation in being a foster parent helps to ensure that these children have positive connections to their culture. This interaction helps these children nurture a positive sense of identification as a Native American. By being willing to do this, you can be a valuable part of the healing journey that will help strengthen this next generation of Absentee Shawnee children; in turn, helping those children become the parents that their children will need them to be. Our children are our future, what will we have our future be?

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE CHILD WELFARE
405-878-4706 (ext. 133)

In order to receive payment, all the above must be turned in to the state. On CE processed state payment will be issued.

Foster Care Payments are as follows:

- 0-5 age $14.73 day $441.97 month
- 6-12 age $17.12 day $513.57 month
- 12 and over $19.30 day $579.13 month

Foster Care caseworker training involves completing a bachelor's degree program in social work through a college or university. Students take courses in psychology, abnormal psychology, sociology, economics, ethics, child welfare policies and complete a supervised internship.

The child's Foster Care Worker needs to be a partner with the foster parents to ensure that each child receives the full spectrum of services provided and/or arranged by the Department.

Some aspects of this relationship include the following:

- Sharing information on an ongoing basis regarding the child's individual needs, family situation and adjustment to the foster home
- Encouraging the foster parents to participate in the total service planning process
- Providing the foster parents the opportunity to discuss the child's progress and any unmet needs which they assess
- Providing the foster parent with information, support, guidance and referrals to other professionals on the child's behalf
- Helping the foster family, when necessary, to identify and obtain services for the foster child; e.g., medical, educational
- Ensuring that the foster family, on the child's behalf, has access to all financial resources available to the child while in foster care.

A Foster Care Worker works in conjunction with Tribal Courts, Tribal Law Enforcement, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and other county services. Indian Child Welfare's goal is to ensure the safety of our tribal children when they placed in foster care. The homes that our tribal children are placed in must complete Child Welfare Background Check, OSBI Background Check, Income Verification, Home Study, and a Physical. Our AST foster homes are licensed by our Foster Care Committee.

SOCIETY OF NATIVE AMERICANS OF OKLAHOMA
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 73801.
2016 Holiday Schedule

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby establishes Holidays for Calendar Year 2016 as set out herein.

CERTIFICATION

We, Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Governor and John Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify this Resolution No. E-AS-2015-71 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on December 16, 2015, there being a quorum present, by vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Gibson: YES, Secretary Johnson: YES, Treasurer Bates: YES, Representative Blanchard: YES, Governor Butler-Wolfe’s vote, if required, NA.