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New Representative Sworn In



Left Photo: Election Commissioner John Little Axe swears in DeWayne Wilson as the new Representative. Right Photo L-R: The AST Executive Committee Representative DeWayne Wilson, Lt. Governor Ezra DeLodge, Governor John Johnson, Secretary Alicia Miller and Treasurer Joseph Blanchard.

At the Regular Executive Committee Meeting on June 23rd, DeWayne Wilson was sworn in as the new Representative. His appointment fills the vacancy left after Lt. Governor Kenneth Blanchard passed away March 12th. The appointment of Wilson comes after an extensive candidate search.

The Executive Committee is excited to work with the new Representative. They look forward to the contributions that he will bring to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

Executive Committee Honors Eldest Tribal Members



Left Photo L-R: AST Tribal Elders Pauline Johnson and Al Murray Smith. Right Photo Back Row L-R: Representative DeWayne Wilson, Treasurer Joseph Blanchard, Governor John Johnson, Lt. Governor Ezra DeLodge and Secretary Alicia Miller. Front: AST Tribal Elders Pauline Johnson and Al Murray Smith.

During the June 23rd Regular Executive Committee Meeting, an official Proclamation was made honoring the oldest male and female Tribal members. Al Murray Smith, 92 and Pauline Johnson, 95 were also presented with Pendleton blankets.

Governor John Johnson said “Elders are a wealth of knowledge, wisdom and keepers of our customs. As our Tribe continues to grow, let us not forget the ones who came before us. It is imperative that we learn from their experience.”

AST Complex Moves to Phase 3

On Monday, June 7th, the Absentee Shawnee Complex moved to Phase 3 of the COVID-19 Recovery Plan.

All employees and visitors are strongly encouraged to wear a mask. Temperature checks will still be required of employees and visitors. Appointments are encouraged. Front doors to each of the business buildings will be open from the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



GOVERNOR
John Johnson



Lt. GOVERNOR
Ezra DeLodge



SECRETARY
Alicia Miller



TREASURER
Joseph Blanchard



REPRESENTATIVE
DeWayne Wilson



LT. GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Ezra DeLodge, AST Lt. Governor

Tribal Citizens,

I hope all is well and we are all doing our best to stay cool with the arrival of summer. Also, we must continue to practice mask wearing and social distancing, we are still very much in a pandemic. If you have not got your vaccine please do so, if it is something that concerns you please do your research to better understand how the vaccine works don't let others pressure you based off irrational thinking. Please do not let your guard down and continue to adhere to CDC guidelines and stay safe. I'd like to offer words of encouragement to those who might be struggling during these hard times

and offer my thoughts and prayers for those who have lost loved ones.

With my appointment, to the Lieutenant Governor position, it is my promise to represent the tribe in a positive way. I will work to the best of my abilities to move the tribe forward. I feel we should always strive to get better every day. I feel it is important that we strive to always to do better and to better serve our tribe. By the time this reaches you we should have our new Tribal Representative on board and have a complete Executive Committee. I welcome the opportunity to work with the new Representative and the rest of the EC in providing more opportunities and services to you the tribal members.

I have heard the request and will

work diligently to communicate and provide the necessary updates within the Lt. Gov. Office oversight. I can tell you it has been a lot of catch up with current projects and newly established ones. Lt. Governor's office has oversight of the Maintenance Dept., Self-Governance (BIA) Dept., BIA Roads Program, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering (OEHE), Youth Camp, Forestry Eradication and the newly formed Agricultural Department.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me by email ezrad@astrobe.com, call my office 405-275-4030 x 6253 or cell 405-432-0733.

Respectfully,
Lt. Governor DeLodge

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Alicia Miller, AST Secretary

Ho wa se ke sa ke!

In early June, the tribal complex went officially into Phase 3 and we are open to the public. It has been good to see more tribal folks at the tribal complex again. I want to thank all of those who were able to make it out to the June's reconvened General Council meeting at the Thunderbird Casino on Saturday, June 19, 2021, and the monthly EC meeting held on Wednesday, June 23, 2021.

After waiting what seemed like forever, the tribe was notified on June 7th by the U.S Treasury regarding the tribe's first portion of the Fiscal Recovery Funds of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$22,464,864.99. These funds are based on the certified enrolled membership count of the tribe. The EC announced there will be a one-time lump sum assistance payment of \$3,000 to tribal members (application process will apply). The EC held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, June 30th to pass this assistance resolution. The program details and announcement of the opening and closing dates will be communicated to tribal members by newsletter, website, mailers, and social media. There will be planned in-person events for those who need assistance with the application submission. Applications will need to

be submitted by the receiving tribal member, custodial parent of tribal youth or child, power of attorney for tribal member or guardian of tribal member to receive this benefit. Please be prepared to provide legal documents during the application process.

There has been a flurry of activity as we wind down a few of the CARES projects. Finally, the spring rains have subsided where the concrete padding has been poured for the Elders/Veteran's modular building here on the tribal complex. There will be a little more work required for the tax commission modular install and our departments have been working feverishly to get this all accomplished. We also concluded a successful utility assistance program and the tribe had overwhelming participation. It is good to see these programs come to realization for the tribal membership's benefit.

It was the EC's honor to make an official proclamation (during the monthly June meeting) honoring our AST eldest male and female members, Mr. Al Murray Smith and Mrs. Pauline Johnson. They are reservoirs of experiences and insights. We cherish our elders and their very presence enhances our AST community.

We were also fortunate to meet with some of our former AST Governors at a recent gathering. Our purpose in doing so - we recog-

nized they maintain great institutional knowledge of our tribe. We discussed important topics/issues they faced then to which we still face today...such as land into trust, gaming, health, land acquisitions and more. We felt their past efforts have gotten us where we are today and we gained insight from their experiences. This will aid us as we strategically move the tribe forward. It was a good day.

We also formally recognized Mr. George Blanchard Sr. in his efforts to preserve the Shawnee language. For years, he consistently has been involved in language preservation efforts not only within our tribe and with our members but also with our Shawnee brothers and sisters in the northeast part of the state. We appreciate him and all that he has done to date. Ne yi wa sir!

The weather is turning much warmer and the summer holidays are upon us. Please everyone drink plenty of water, check on your elders when there are hot temperatures outside, safe travels for those who travel and continue to be cautious for we are still in the midst of a pandemic.

I hope you have a productive July and si li no ke ka no la.

Alicia Edwards Miller
Tribal Secretary
(405) 287-5247

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joseph Blanchard, AST Treasurer

Hello members, friends and family,

Wow! Can you believe how quickly time is flying? For many of us, it is that time of year for watermelon and cantaloupe; I will certainly be getting my fill before Fall. For others, it is a time for vacations, camping trips, or other outing events. A quick word of caution and advice: Please drink plenty of water to maintain hydration levels and apply sunscreen to prevent sunburn.

By the time of this writing, the Spring General Council will have reconvened and concluded. Do not buy into the negativity or doom and gloom that others have suggested. CHANGE does not happen overnight and many of the issues our Tribe has, have been in existence for several years or decades. I am but one person with ideas on how to improve and make the Tribe better. I appreciate the words of advice and

encouragement. We are embarking on a trail that will be difficult but with your continued support, we will arrive at our destination with proper planning and preparation.

Of the programs and departments under my oversight, all submitted reports and data for their activities. The one which gave me the most concern since coming into office has been AllNations Bank, which I serve as the Liaison. Stephen Smith, President and CEO, gave comments on the Bank and its operations. I thought it was a good analysis and lets us know where we are at in their progress. Today, we have interaction and involvement from the Executive Committee, at a level never before seen.

Last month, staff and I prepared the application to request **American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA)** relief funds. Our Tribe received in excess of \$22 million, which is based on our membership numbers. In April, I provided a suggestion that

we treat these dollars as a grant and spread it out over the full three (3) year time span. The online survey produced member results which prefer the "one-time" versus "annual" distribution. Announcements will be forthcoming on the schedule and timeline. The deadline for the 2nd portion has been extended into July and we will submit once we receive authorization. As a reminder, this will be based off our Employee count, operational costs, and loss of revenue.

Since the Tribe has reopened to the Public, you may now come onto the Complex to visit with your elected leaders. I recommend calling ahead for an appointment, which guarantees you're on the schedule.

Do not hesitate to give me a call or come see me to discuss your issues or concerns. Until next month.

Ne yi wa!
Joseph H. Blanchard



ASTHS July 2021 Monthly Update

Why Are No-Show Appointments a Big Deal Anyway?

We are all so very busy getting on with life in the recovery phase of the pandemic today. With the fast pace of life and taking care of our families, we need to remember and be diligent on the important things we learned and valued during the pandemic – our health, and the health of our families, the tribe, and our communities! Patients who fail to show up to scheduled appointments or cancel at the last minute - giving the AST Health System no opportunity to fill the appointment slot - are often referred to as “no-shows.” A no-show appointment results in loss of time and money for the health system, and disrupts continuity of care for other patients. Patients who schedule clinic appointments, and fail to keep them, have a negative impact on other patients needing care, impacts health system negatively in productivity, and not failing to mention the obvious, leaves a medical professional ready to take care of you running idle.

The financial impact is not relieved by same-day appointments. The size of the problem varies nationally, but industry experts state “no-shows” negatively impact not only financially and from a resource management perspective, but also negatively impact the patient experience and quality of life of the patient by not receiving routine medical screenings, preventative oral health exams and cleanings, as well as the other services which we experience “no-shows” for in the healthcare field today.

The American Medical Association policy says a doctor may charge for a missed appointment - or for failing to cancel 24 hours in advance in the private sector - if the patient is fully advised that such a charge will be made. Otherwise, it comes down to a notice to you, your justification for canceling, and if the doctor's office is serious about enforcing their no-show policy. Fortunately for our patients, we do not, and would not, and cannot, ever entertain charging patients for no-show appointments, as this is not an authorized charge we can charge as an I.H.S. ITU entity; however, it is bad for business and for any tribal health program and although it may seem like a small thing, it actually has a huge cumulative negative impact. If you can help us with this effort, we will commit to helping you, help us, make a better patient experience for you and your healthcare needs!

7 Ways We Try to Reduce Patient No-Shows to Serve You Better:

1. Make reminder calls.
2. Set up automatic reminders.
3. Keep and manage a wait list.
4. Don't wait to reschedule your no-shows.
5. Some patients need extra reminders.
6. Be proactive with your schedule.
7. Have a written policy that is enforced upon repeat offenders.

Please join us in congratulating our July Monthly Employee Award Winners this month! We are proud of all of our professionals and team players, for all they do daily to make our programs succeed and take care of our patients!

July 2021 Health Employee Awards of the Month

Employee of the Month: Monica Green, Dental Hygienist
Team of the Month: AST Dental Native Oral Health Network (NOHN) Team
Special Leadership Award: Andrea Myers, Patient Benefit Advocate



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

July Awareness Month:

Park and Recreation and UV light
By: Brittany Mills, MA Public Health

Depression is on the rise and spending time in nature can improve your mental health and physical well-being. Whether you are growing food, planting flowers or exercising outside it enables you to feel more relaxed, improves your mood, helps you be more active and reduces stress. Parks, greenways and trails enable people to live a healthy lifestyle.

Modern life today requires an intense amount of focus that can lead to a cognitive overload. This can lead to stress and inability to function effectively. Being outside in a green space in nature and the visual exposure of trees and flowers calms the nervous system and restores the mind to think rationally. Spending time in parks can improve individual's mindset for academic performance, work days and over all well-being.

While parks and recreation are beneficial for physical and mental health, they also bring families together to provide quality time and improve social skills. Families can go for a peaceful walk or bike ride along the scenic trails, have picnics, bird watch or plant a garden or grill a hotdog. Engaging in these activities creates families bond to be stronger and happier.

With summer in full swing it is vital to protect yourself from Ultra Violet light exposure. UV radiation is the highest where the sun rays are its strongest, which is at noon on a clear sunny day. According to American Cancer Society an estimated 5.4 million basal skin cancers are diagnosed annually and nearly 3.3 million are diagnosed with squamous cell skin cancer annually. Native Americans get diagnosed with skin cancer less often, but have more complications and more frequently pass away from it than non Hispanic whites. Summer can be fun and relaxing spending time with loved ones and enjoying the outdoors but it is vital to protect your skin from UV light.

There is no greater opportunity for people to feel and experience spiritual renewal, cultivate a healthy lifestyle and create stronger family bonds by partaking in activities outdoors. Since 1985, America has celebrated official Parks and Recreation month and it also represents the awareness of Ultra Violet safety and skin cancer to spread the word of its harmful effects. This month can fulfilled with fun events, healthy lifestyle and self-care at scenic Parks and Recreations; make sure to protect your skin while making happy memories this July.



Vitamins have the power to strengthen and protect you!

Foods contain a lot of vitamins and each do a specific job inside our bodies. Together, vitamins can help us grow and develop, as well as protect us from damage and disease.

Extra Extra!
• Folic Acid is most important for pregnant women. This is so that their babies' brains and spines develop normally
• Vitamin C only hangs around for a few hours. So we need to replenish supplies every day.
• Vitamin D partners with the mineral calcium to build and strengthen bones
• Vitamin K is also made in different forms in the intestines

Nutrition Corner

AST DIABETES AND WELLNESS PROGRAM

Vitamins Have Superpowers

Vitamin A: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Super Power: Enhanced Eyesight• Power Source: Carrots, Squash<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yellow or Orange Colors of Fruits and Veggies	Vitamin B1: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Code Name: Thiamin• Super Power: Brain Power• Power Source: Beans, Fish
Vitamin B2: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Code Name: Riboflavin• Super Power: Energy• Power Source: Chicken	Vitamin B9: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Code Name: Folic Acid• Super Power: Making Cells and DNA• Power Source: Spinach, Asparagus
Vitamin C: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Super Power: Fighting Disease• Power Source: Citrus Fruits, Peppers, Strawberries	Vitamin D: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Super Power: Skeletal Strength• Power Source: Fish Oil, Eggs
Vitamin E: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Super Power: Protecting Cells• Power Source: Nuts, Seeds	Vitamin K: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Super Power: Stopping Bleeding• Power Source: Broccoli, Sprouts

Healthy Balance!

- Having too little of a vitamin, otherwise known as a deficiency, can make us feel unwell.
 - Example: Too little of vitamin D can cause conditions such as osteoporosis or rickets. Rickets is found in children and is when the leg bones become soft, weak and curved. Osteoporosis is essentially an adult form of rickets.
- It is possible to overdose on some vitamins. Therefore, too much can be just as dangerous as too little. These vitamins are typically vitamins A, D, E, and K.
 - Example: Too much vitamin D can cause kidney damage.

Pharmacy Reminder



3 WAYS TO REFILL YOUR PRESCRIPTION
Call us with your prescription number ready at:
Little Axe Pharmacy- 405.292.9530
Shawnee Pharmacy- 405.878.5859



Request refills on the go using the Rx2Go app for your mobile device!



Visit our website for quick and easy access at:
www.asthealth.org/request-rx-refill

Pharmacy Refill Requests:

Refills can be REQUESTED:

- NON-controlled medications – 7 days before you run out of your prescription.
- Controlled medications – 3 days before you run out of your medications (unless otherwise directed by provider)

Refills should be processed and READY for pick up after 2 business days (M-F). This allows us time to order medications that may be out of stock. Medication delivery to our pharmacy doesn't occur on the weekend.





Under 65? Apply for SoonerCare With New Medicaid Expansion.

AST Tribal Health System and the Oklahoma Health Care Authority are pleased to announce effective July 1, 2021, Oklahoma is expanding Medicaid for adults ages 19-64 with incomes at or below 138% of the federal poverty level. **Per Purchased Referred Care guidelines, all patients under 65 years old, whether insured or uninsured, must apply for Medicaid Expansion benefits effective July 1, 2021 to help augment the cost of tribal healthcare services.** Help yourself, help your tribe and see if you and your family will qualify to get coverage at no cost to you or your tribe.

Program rules and continuity of care necessitates completion of an annual application for benefits to assure services are covered, even if ASTHS patient is already insured.



TO APPLY:
SoonerCare
www.mysooner.org

WE CAN HELP
Contact a Patient Benefit Advocate
Little Axe Health Center **Shawnee Clinic**
405.447.0300 405.878.5850
www.asthealth.org



Working Together to Serve Our Veteran Warriors

VA Healthcare Services at ASTHS

- ✓ Primary Care Medical Services
- ✓ Behavioral Health Services
- ✓ Service-Connected Disabilities
- ✓ Dental Services
- ✓ Vision Services

VA disability assessments and re-assessment exams and VA Compensation and Pension Exams must be scheduled at a VA facility.

Did You Know?

American Indian and Alaska Native Veterans now have increased health care options through reimbursement sharing agreements with the VA, and you can choose to seek care through VA or through the ASTHS Tribal Health System for your VA healthcare needs? These agreements mean more resources are available to support the collective health and wellness of tribal veterans.



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VA Benefits

ASTHS Patient Benefit Advocates and our local area VA Native American Nurse Navigator can help tribal veterans navigate VA benefits for which they may be eligible, such as health benefits, disability, pension, education and training, NA housing loans, survivors' benefits, and more.

OKC VA Native American Nurse Navigator:
405.456.3808

Apply for VA Health Benefits:
800.827.1000

Apply for VA Benefits:
855.488.8441
www.va.gov

Little Axe Health Center
405.447.0300

Shawnee Clinic
405.878.5850



Caring for...AMERICAS HEROES

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A \$0 COST HEALTH PLAN UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN.

Help yourself, help your tribe and see if you will qualify for coverage that will provide you and your family with immediate access to specialized healthcare at no cost to you or your tribe.

Did you know? The American Rescue Plan (ARP), recently signed into law by President Biden, increases and expands eligibility for cost-savings programs under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in the form of premium cost assistance for individuals enrolled in Health Insurance Marketplace plans.

The premium assistance is in the form of a IRS Advance Premium Tax Credit taken in advance of the tax year, lowering or eliminating health insurance premiums for lower-and middle-income families. Signing up for a low-or-zero cost health plan allows tribes to receive reimbursement for services, which frees up more dollars to help those who are not eligible for cost-savings programs, helping Purchased Referred Care dollars go further.

Native Americans must apply for all available resources, if eligible, to help augment the cost of tribal healthcare services.

TO APPLY:

www.healthcare.gov
1.800.318.2596

WE CAN HELP
Contact a Patient Benefit Advocate
Little Axe Health Center **Shawnee Clinic**
405.447.0300 405.878.5850
www.asthealth.org



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AllNations Bank

AllNations Bank announces added benefits for Absentee Shawnee Tribe members!!

Last year we partnered with the Oklahoma Native Assets Coalition, Inc. (ONAC) to establish the **Simply Safe Account**. This account makes banking accessible to everyone. AllNations Bank was the first Native American owned bank to offer this account, a certified Bank On account by The Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund. **Simply Safe Account** features are listed below:

- A debit card that honors the Absentee Shawnee Tribe – issued to AST members.



- Low balance to open
- Low monthly fee (**Fee is now waived for AST members**)
- Free direct deposit
- Free debit card
- Free online banking, bill pay & mobile app
- Free online monthly statement (\$2.00 fee for a paper statement)
- No overdraft fee (This is a check-less account. Account transactions are limited to Withdrawals at the Teller Window, Debit Card and ATM transactions, Online Bill Pay, Online or Mobile banking transfers.)

For any other questions about the Simply Safe Account features and benefits, please call AllNations Bank at 405-273-0202. Or go to our website www.anbok.com to download a new account application form and start banking with your Simply Safe Account today!



2023 Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801
FDIC Insured

NOW HIRING

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Roads Program

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe is seeking temporary construction laborers to help create a substantial economic impact in our community and assist the Roads Program with construction and road projects. This opportunity is to provide contract employment opportunities for qualified citizens. Interested individuals must be able to:

- Climb, crouch, push, pull, reach, stand, engage in repetitive motions, communicate, hear and see including color, depth perception and clarity.
- Must be able to lift 75lbs
- Must be able to work in extreme environments including in climate weather (extreme heat, cold, and unfavorable conditions) as needed

General qualifications are as follows current CDL preferred, general knowledge of construction work experience preferred, and oral and written communications skills. As required a valid OK Driver's License, able to pass background check and pre-employment screenings. Contract Labor will be paid hourly with no benefits, hourly rate will range between \$15-\$20 an hour pending qualifications and experience.

If interested please submit a letter of intent to KymberlyH@astribes.com or contact Kym Hazlett with the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at 405-275-4030 ext. 6325 with any questions or concerns.

Title VI



2% milk served daily Menu subject to change

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Chicken Patty Sandwich LTOP/Chips Apple Slices	2 Grits Sausage Patties Fruit	3
4	5 AST Closed in observance of Independence Day	6 BBQ Chicken Broccoli Bread Apricots	7 Baked Zita Veggies Tossed Salad* Cake	8 Salmon Patty Coleslaw Peas Mixed Fruit	9 Scrambled Eggs Sausage Gravy Biscuit	10
11	12 Salisbury Steak Mashed Pot/Gravy Brussel Sprouts Peaches	13 Burrito Spanish Rice Refried Beans Pudding	14 Grilled Chez Sandwich Veggie Soup Mandarin Oranges	15 Pork N Pot. Green Beans Apricots	16 Boiled Eggs Bacon Toast Blueberries	17
18	19 Cold Cut Sandwich LTOP Yogurt	20 Spaghetti w meat sauce Tossed Salad* Garlic Toast/Pears	21 Tamale Refried Beans Salsa/Chips Jell-O	22 BBQ Pork Sandwich Pot. Salad Orange	23 Scrambled Eggs Sausage Gravy Biscuit	24
25	26 Beef Fingers Mashed Pot/Gravy Cauliflower Applesauce	27 Chicken Fajita Tortilla Salsa Pineapples	28 Pinto Beans w Ham Zucchini n Tom. Cornbread Peaches	29 Tuna Sandwich Baked Chips Fluff	30 Cereal Toast Sausage Patties Fruit	31 2021
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		

Thank You



Front Row L-R: Johnnie Mae Bettelyoun, Lisa Harrington, Donna Butler, Keira McCrary and Chrissy Wiens. Back Row L-R: Ted Watson, Guy Kowena and Robert Schoolfield.

As the Title VI Director, I am so thankful for this group here so proud of them!!! They have been here from day 1 and Lisa, Chrissy and Keira it's going to be hard to not to see them every Monday starting June 21, 2021.

We are so happy to see everyone!!! Keep drinking your water, wear sunscreen and keep cool!!!

Dos Owings
Title VI Director

TITLE VI ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

During this COVID 19 PANADEMIC: TITLE VI IS ONLY OPEN ON MONDAYS

Mission Statement:

To provide a nutritional meal five days a week to our tribal members and other tribe affiliated members 55 or older who live in the jurisdiction. We also provide supportive services to members.

Requirements for the Title VI Program

- CDIB card from a federally recognized tribe
- 55 years or older
- Spouses of eligible elders
- Complete an intake form
- Individuals with disabilities who reside at home with older individuals eligible for services

HOMEDELIVERED MEALS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS:

Elders should only be on the home delivered meal program if they are unable to leave their homes without great difficulty. Their inability to leave home may be because illness, disability, or general fragility. They may be home bound because they cannot ride comfortably in an available vehicle for the time it takes to get to the congregate site because of their fragility.

CONGREGATE MEAL SITES:

TITLE VI ELDERS WILL DRIVE THRU UNTIL FUTHER NOTICE.

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex Building #9, Shawnee Ok

Congregate Meals are served on Mondays Only- 10 am to 2 pm

Title VI Staff

Thomasine Owings, Title VI Director
Lula Bettelyoun, Cook
Donna Butler, Assistant Cook/Driver
Robert Schoolfield, Driver/Maintenance
Ted Watson Jr, Driver/Kitchen Assistant
Guy Kowena, Driver/Kitchen Assisitant



Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma

2025 South Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801-0381

Title VI
Elderly Nutrition Program

Dear Absentee Shawnee Tribal Members

For many years The Title VI Department has provided gas to mow your lawns. We are updating the guidelines. The Title VI Grant provides gas as supportive services and for us to provide supportive service you must be a participant in the Title VI Program.

Guidelines:

1. Absentee Shawnee Member
2. Must be 55 years and older
3. Must be an Title VI Member, have a current intake form on file (FY-2021)
4. Must provide Proof of Residency (utility bill – in the applicants name)
5. Handicap/Disabled
6. NO RENTAL PROPERTY WILL BE MOWED

As a Title VI Member as long as you are within the guidelines you can put in your application and turn in your applications to the Title VI Department. As stated on the application: Maintenance will only mow and weed eat applicants lawn. Maintenance will mow every two (2) weeks weather permitting. Also, the maintenance workers will not trim trees, shrubs, and will NOT move any items that are in the way of cutting your lawn.

This year we are trying to get an early start on our grass mowing list,

Any questions you can reach me at 405-275-4030 ext. 6227 or email me at dowings@atribe.com

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Thomasine Owings
Title VI Director



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 ____ DEMENTIA
____ DIABETES ____ CHRONIC PAIN ____ HEARING AID ____ CHOLESTEROL ____ BLOOD PRESSURE

PRIMARY TRANSPORTATION ____ Own Car ____ Friend ____ Public Trans. ____ Senior Tran's ____ Family

PROSTHETIC DEVICES ____ 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 _____

EMAIL _____

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Title VI Department
2025 S Gordon Cooper Dr
Shawnee OK 74801
405-275-4030

CDIB # _____

Grass Mowing Application D.O.B. _____

The Following are the requirements for this program:

1. Must be an Absentee Shawnee Member
2. Must be 55 years and older
3. Must be an Title VI Member (have an current intake form for the current year 2021)
4. Handicap/Disabled
5. Must provide Proof of Residency (utility bill must be in applicant's name)
6. NO RENTAL PROPERTY will be mowed

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe Maintenance Department will ONLY mow and weed eat applicant's lawn. Maintenance will mow every two (2) weeks, weather permitting. Also, the maintenance workers will not trim trees or shrubs.

If you have any questions, please contact Dos Owings at (405) 275-4030 ext. 6227

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ MESSAGE PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

FINDING DIRECTIONS TO HOME:

*DISCLAIMER

Maintenance will not move any items that are in the way of them mowing your yard so if you are able or can get some help in getting your yard cleaned, will be very much helpful in maintaining your yard.

Cultural Preservation Department

The Cultural Preservation Department has continued to carry out essential day to day operations to ensure the department continues to function properly. Currently, all staff members are available full time in the office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Gift Shop
We are happy to announce the gift shop is now open to all customers for in-store shopping! However, we are asking that all individuals wanting to shop call and make an appointment with Mrs. Merry Rodriguez, the Gift Shop Manager. She can be reached at (405) 275-4030 ext. 6310.

We have two locations for your shopping. Our Shawnee Gift Shop is located at the complex in the Cultural Preservation building, and our Little Axe Gift Shop is located in the lobby of the Little Axe Health Center. We are open in Shawnee Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and once a month, usually at the end of the month, in Little Axe from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Further, to ensure the safety and protect the health of all, the Gift Shop has implemented the following 5 safety protocols that we ask visitors to follow:

1. All are required to cover their mouth and nose with PPE (masks) when shopping in the Gift Shop.
2. Occupancy Control – for your safety and the safety of our employees, we are limiting the number of customers in the gift shop.
 - a. Only **2 customers** will be allowed in at a time
3. Avoid close contact (Social Distance)
 - a. Please keep 6 feet between you and other customers
4. Use hand sanitizer as often as possible
5. Sorry...**NO** public restroom is available. Temporarily closed due to COVID-19.



We continue to make progress in new inventory. Some of the new merchandise can be seen in the pictures to the left and right. We also have new shipments from such companies as Pendleton en route to the gift shop.



In addition to the new products, we still have a few Pendleton and Minnetonka items on sale. So, if you haven't been in our store recently, please make an appointment and come have a look at our merchandise.



Library
We are happy to announce that we have opened the library to the public! However, like the Gift Shop, we ask that you follow all the protocols mentioned above, and that you call Ms. Casey Wilson, the Librarian, to make an appointment. She can be reached at (405) 275-4030 ext. 6416.

In conjunction to opening to the public, we are still working on using OverDrive to get our collections online, and it will be available shortly. This system will give our patrons access to a large collection of titles as well as access to exclusive titles unique to the tribe. It will allow us to expand our reach and engage more patrons. Please reach out to the Librarian if you have any questions.

On June 14th, Ms. Wilson traveled to CTSA Head Start in Shawnee and presented the program Read for Adventure to the youth. She read them the book “Juniper’s Butterfly Garden–A Small Start for a Better World” after which all youth received a voucher, for up to 4 people, redeemable for free admission to the OKC Zoo. We are excited to announce that we offered this experience to a total of 80 families at CTSA, and overall offered this program to over 100 families. To learn more about the program and for a list of participating libraries, visit www.okczoo.org/readforadventure.

THPO
The THPO Program continues to make great strides and advancements. The THPO staff has steadily been receiving Section 106 projects from various Federal Agencies. Over the past month, the THPO Department has received 131 new Section 106 projects for review. In conjunction with receiving projects, 72 projects have been consulted on. The THPO Department has also taken part in numerous teleconference calls.

FCC/TCNS
In lieu of the shutdowns from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the incoming workflow of new and modified telecommunications projects has been steady for the TCNS program. The THPO Specialist, Ms. Ashley Brokeshoulder, has been busy reviewing, researching and given recommendations to the telecommunications industry. Over the past month, she has received 117 new telecommunications facility projects for review. In conjunction with receiving projects, she has reviewed, researched and gave recommendation for the clearance of 102 telecommunications projects.

UPCOMING EVENTS
The Cultural Preservation Department, in conjunction with the gift shop re-opening, is currently holding a Summer Days Giveaways. For every \$20 spent in the gift shop between June 1st and July 31st, your name will be added to the wheel for a chance to win 4 different prizes. So, please come and shop!

Also, please be on the lookout on the website and Facebook page for a new class flyer. For the month of July, the Library plans to sponsor a ribbon skirt class. For more information, please contact Cultural Preservation.

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

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE CULTURAL PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:



SUMMER DAYS GIVEAWAYS



CUSTOMERS EARN ONE (1) ENTRY PER EVERY \$20 SPENT AT AST GIFT SHOP. PROMOTION RUNS BETWEEN JUNE 1ST THROUGH JULY 31ST. FOUR DRAWINGS WILL BE ON AUGUST 2ND, 2021.

SHOP TO WIN ONE OF FOUR GIVEAWAY BASKETS!

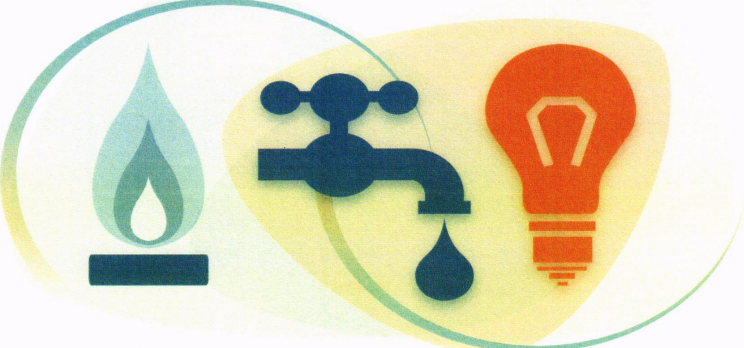
Layaway purchases are excluded from giveaway drawings. Winners will be contacted via information provided per entry. Winners must pick up their gift baskets at the AST Gift Shop by August 13th, 2021.



Let us help...

With one of your Cooling/ Heating/Water bill
Through the LIHEAP or LIHWAP Assistance Programs
If you live in Pottawatomie or Cleveland counties
And enrolled with any federally recognized tribe.

LIHEAP - Heating / Electric
LIHWAP - Water



Applications can be picked up at the Social Service Department or printed off the website of the Absantee Shawnee Tribe. For any questions please call:

Social Service Department
(405) 878-4723
Fax: (405) 273-7938
Email: awilson@astribes.com / NEdwards@astribes.com

Absantee Shawnee Tribe's Domestic Violence Department



Our mission is to:
Eliminate violence in Native Country and to strengthen Native families to end the cycle of violence.

We help with:
Domestic Violence
Sexual Assault
Dating Violence
Stalking
Sex Trafficking

Our services are confidential and include:
Safety Planning
Emergency Assistance
Court Advocacy
Shelter Placement Assistance
Referrals

Must be intimate partner related violence and the victim must be fleeing the home/situation

Who we serve:
Natives and non-Natives
LGBTQ2S+
Any Religion
Any income level
EVERYONE

Where we serve:
Because we are federally funded we get to serve all populations within our *service area, which includes Cleveland, Oklahoma and Pottawatomie counties.

*If you are AST and outside the service area, please call our office and we will see what we can do to help you.

Contact Us:
Office Line 405.273.2888
Fax 405.273.1192
Webpage <https://www.astribes.com/domestic-violence>
Link to intake <https://www.astribes.com/forms/victim-intake>
 @ASTRisingWarrior
For emergencies call 911 or AST PD @ 405.275.3200

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

Alaee, Brandon Keith
Alberty, Langston Deshun
Alford, Bruce Douglas
Alford, Louella Ann
Alford, Zachary Reid
Almanza, Marcel Andres
Armstrong, Robert Brent
Aschtgen, Ginna Lyn
Ashley, Skylor Georgeann
Bailey, Brooke Lynn
Barber, Kristin Lynn
Barbosa, Talia Jade
Barriga, Elias Micah
Bateman, Willow Shoshana Rain
Bayliss, Billy Ray
Bayliss, Katherine Anne
Bear, Bonnie Jean
Beaver, Rodney Gene
Berry, Ryan Jennings
Birdtail, Mary Evelyn
Bittle, Lillian Kay
Bittle-Tsoodle, Arminda Lee
Blackbear, Tegan Quinn
Blackburn, Virginia Rae
Blanchard, Brian Keith
Blanchard, Clayton Lee
Blanchard, Eric Leon
Blanchard, Henry R.
Blanchard, Jamin Dalton
Blanchard, Kason Ryan
Blanchard, Kyerra MaKyla Raye
Blanchard, Nicholas Adam
Blanchard, Virginia Adele
Blood, Colby Lee
Bogue, Aimee Rochelle
Bonham, Virginia Doreen
Bonicelli, Julie Alice
Booth, Randall David
Botone, Lisa Lucille
Bowens, Aarion Tremain
Bradley, Edward H.
Brady, Sharon Kay
Breeding, Hollis Joshua
Brinson, Nicholas Henry
Brocksmith, Ethan James
Brown, Elijah Christopher
Brown, Samuel David
Brown, Tristan John
Bryce, Anita Jean
Bryce, Jacob Desmond
Buckley, Brandon Michael
Buckley, Christopher Maurice
Burkhart Sr, Arthur Elliott
Butler, Donna Ellen
Butler-Wolfé, Beverly Edwina
Byers, Marilyn
Byers, Shawn Deeon
Byington, Michelle Hope
Canales, Alexis Marie
Carlisle, Kamdyn Lareign
Carlson, Tyellissa Lynn
Case, Melissa Susan
Citty, Leon Keith
Citty, Steven Keith
Ciulla, Tina Faye
Clark, Andrew Michael
Coddington, Corey William
Collett, Savanna Len
Colungo, Darrell Dean
Combs, Robert Paul Dwight
Conces, Arya Nicole
Conner, Daniel Paul
Coody, Erin Melody
Cook, Joshua Caleb
Cox, Jennifer Renee
Craig, Kayla Shawnee
Crossley, Cathleen Danielle
Cruz Oviedo, Noah
Cruz, Mr. Cameron Jacob
Cummings, Juleah Leslie
Davis Jr., Anthony Louis
Davis Jr., Edward Leroy
Davis, Adley Reese
Davis, Bryar Nicholas
Davis, Jocelyn Paige
Davis, Zachary Blake
Day, Jennifer Ann
Deer, Derrick Wesley
Deer, Elnora Levearn
Deer, Ethan Mack
Deer, Jaden Brandon
Deer, Kensington Jaide
Deer, Marissa Caitlin
Deere, Angelina Renee
Delodge, Ezra Manuel
Dennison, Daniele
DeOliveira, Shelly Marie
Detert, Heather Jo
Dixon, Abryana Elizabeth-Marie
Doussett, Calvin Cecil
Dyer, Aria May
Ellingsen, Shirley Mae
Ellis, Andee Nicole
Ellis, Charlotte Lynn
Ellis, Chet Herbert
Ellis, Christian Nathaniel

Elmore, Amanda Brook
Engler, Emily Laiken
Farmer, Christine Bobbie
Felton, Zachary Douglas
Fields, Jameson Alan
Finch, Lillian Shea
Foley, Clayton Shane
Foreman Snake, Amber Lynn
Foreman, Amper Len
Fowler, Cheyenne Deneau
Freeman, Eugene Bryce
French-Hawk, Tracie Lynn
Fritsch, Jerod Wayne
Frye, Williamscott Thomas
Gatzman, Darla Juyne
Gatzman, Vannessa Kay
Gibson, Alan Gerard
Gibson, Donald James
Gibson, Elvis Glenn
Gibson, Gary Lloyd
Gibson, Ryan Edmond
Gibson, Tyler Glen
Gilcrease, Maedia Jean
Gilmore, Linkin Thomas
Gomez Jr., Abelardo M
Gonzales, Gabriella Noel
Gonzalez, Memphis Lee
Goss, Angel Marcus
Goss, Veronica Mae
Graham, Jackie
Granstrom, Karsen Renee
Greeley, Sarah Fawn
Gurrola, Daniel Alberto
Gutierrez, Devin Anthony
Harjo, Jeanette Marie
Harjo, Sharon Melody
Harjoe, Sonja Denise
Haumpy, Ma-Yia Rahjanae
Haumpy, Seelah Grace
Hawk, Connor Evan
Haymond, Trisha Lynn
Headrick, Sara Brianne
Helvy, Alta Jean
Henshaw, Allen Shawn
Hernandez Thorpe, Genesis Kay
Hernandez, Daezi Viay
Herndon, Martin Clyde
Herrera, John Anthony
Herrera, Michael Lee
Herrod, Jordan Leann
Hibdon, Konner Brian
Hicks, Anna Marie
Hicks, Braylon Angus
Hill, Chealsie Lynn
Hockemeyer, Jordan Alec Christopher
Hood, Dallas James
Hood, Elaina Rae
Hood, Matthew Dean
Hood, Piri Reis
Howe, Reign Phil
Hyde, Donovan Russell
Hyde, Lester Clark
Hyde, Thurston Robard
Ibarra, Lya Lynette
Irvin, Benjamin Raymond
Jackson, Kyree Dru
Johnson, Amanda Shaye
Johnson, Amber Dawn
Johnson, Ashley Briann
Johnson, Austin Lee
Johnson, Debra Jean
Johnson, George Lewis
Johnson, Grant Scott
Johnson, Jeremiah Justin
Johnson, Jessie Colt
Johnson, Kyle Dylan
Johnson, Nikki Renee
Johnson, Noreen Dottie
Johnson, Rita Jo
Johnson, Stacey Lynn
Johnson, Steven Boyd
Johnson, Tillman Earl
Johnson, Velma Jo
Jones, Donna Kay (Ellis)
Jones, Teresa Ann
Judkins, Dyllon Garrett
Kaniatobe, Karen Faith
Kaseca, April Eve
Kaseca, Kanynnn Leiann
Kaseca, Kevin Lynn
Kaseca, Russell Franklin
Keese, Mckinzey Faye
Keith, Andrew Richard
Keith, Brandon Dowe
Kennedy, Lindsey Marie
Key, Braisley Saranda
Kickapoo, Christopher Kerry
Kirby, Lindsay Diane
Kirby, Steven Wayne
Kitchen, Isaiah John Lucas
Krackenberger, Derek Henry
Krauss-Bates, Chante'l Emily
Kupczynski, Cora Ashley
Lackey, Toni Dion
Laplant, Gemma Nikole
Larney, Kathryn Jon-Nicole

Larney, Nathaniel Roy
Larson, Sekoenatha Keegan
Leatherman, Scarlett Elaine Olivia Jean
Lewis, Cierra Dawn
Little Axe Jr., Danny
Little Axe, Charlie Pratt
Little Axe, Graci Raquel
Little Axe, Jerry James
Little Charley, Louise
Little, Tony Wayne
Little, Zoe Michelle
Little-Sheppard, Zoretta Denise
Littlecreek, Ephraim Jhames
Littlecreek, Josephine Taylor
Littlecreek, Mychal Shawn
Lockhart, Ann
Long, Jordan Lee
Longhorn, Bradley Brian
Longhorn, Ewell Gary
Longhorn, Lee Allen
Longman, Annabelle Marie
Longman, Ashley Nicole
Longman, Clayton Dean
Longman, Kristopher Morgan
Longman, William Ashton
Lovins, Wesley Jacob
Lowe, Wyatt James
Lowrance, Rusty Haze
Mack, Felix Wayne
Mack, Kaenan Dale
MacK, Malayah Jean
Mackey, Monica Sue
Marquez, Quentin Miles
Marshall, Kalanii Marie
Martin, Robyn Alexa
Martinez Jr., Chad Mikel
Martinez, Alyson Jo
Martinez, Izabella Maria
Martinez, Jalon Maverick
Martinez, Jasmine Nicole
Martinez, Stephanie Diane
Masquat, Milania Che'Lee
Matthews, Amber Mary
Maxwell, Alex Ryan
Mayo, Lindsay Destiny
McBride, Wyatt Dean
McCoy, Violet Christine Harry
McCulloch, Erin Corrine
McGee, Michael Shannon
McMahan, Jayden Thomas
McPherson, Erica Nicole
Merrell, Sean Allen
Meshquekennock, Thomas Lee
Michaelson, John Edward
Miller, Tina Mae
Mitchell, Chloe Ann Sarae
Mohawk, Mckenzi Jeanne
Molenhour, Dylan Cole
Moore, Miles Thomas Michael Joseph
Morton, Colette Ellen
Morton, Darrell Jackson
Morton, David Arthur
Nail, Cullen Chase
Neuens, Kathy Marie
Nguyen-Rojas, Tyler Van
O'Dell, Cody Dewayne
Onzahwah, Alecia Joann
Oster, Sharon Sue
Pack, Camryn Lorraine
Pack, Kristyn Bailey
Panther, Chad Phillip
Parks, Keelym Damir
Patton, Qwentis Adarryl
Patty, Twana Marie
Pawpa, Sandra Lorene
Pederson, Rena Little Axe
Peetoom, Joshua Lawrence
Peetoom, William Ryan
Pena, Eric
Perez-Vargas Jr., Juan Manuel
Pfeiffer, Donna Kay
Phillips, Kristian Parker
Pickens, Teddy Ray
Pine, Jaime Ann
Pine, James Francis
Pine, Kaseon James
Pine-Chapline, Isabella Roseanne
Pitner, Sylvia Sue
Polecat Jr., Leroy
Ponce, Autumn Dawn
Ponkilla, Carol Ann
Ponkilla, Debra Jaclyn
Pope, Cree Breeann
Puckitt, Klete Wade
Pugh, Tiffany Ranae
Quiroz, Nina Gail
Ramirez, Antonio Omar
Ramirez, Ashton Kobe
Ramirez, Sawyer Ridge
Ramirez, Tenetke
Rapp, Amelia Irene
Reid, Rebecca Claire
Ricketts II, Jarrod Keith
Rigney, Sylvan Layne
Roach, Drew Wilson
Robertson, Leland Scott

Robison, Caleb Asher
Robison, Christopher Charles
Rodas Lopez, Monica Leree
Rolette, David Grayson
Rolette, Makaila Lynn
Ross, Annette Renee
Ross, Gary Willis
Runsabove, Wade Mitchell
Sampson, Brayden Louis
Sanchez, Kaleho Yosef
Schulenberg, Esteline Sloan
Schwarz, Loretta Jean
Serena, Lisa Lynn
Shane, Vivian Louella
Shawnee, Coltin Dale
Shawnee, Derrick Joel
Sheely, Padme Leann
Shelton, Anthony Pharrell
Shirk, Deborah Ann
Sills, Patricia Kay
Simpson, Shirley Florence
Sims, Vikki Ann
Slayton, Lester Allen
Sloat-Starnes, Da'Nahl James
Smith, Caden Robert
Smith, Caylea Anna
Smith, Curtis Alan
Smith, Katherine Danene
Smith, Kenneth Lee
Smith, Lauren Ashlee
Smith, Leslie Anne
Smith, Lori Beth
Smith, Luke Alan
Snake, Brandon Matthew
Snake, Gerald Kendall
Soap, Austin Jay
Soap, Crystal Diane Moonlight
Soap, Devin Elijah
Solis, Allan Jesus
Spoon, Raelee Grace
Spoon, Ramona Gaye
Spriggs, Chanoa Irene
Spybuck Jr., James Cody
Spybuck, Morganne Faith
Stanley Jr., Denny Atine
Starr, David Martin
Starr, Sheila Renee
Stephens, AnnaMarie Gene
Still, Elijah Noel
Sutton, Sierra Dawn
Switch, Kathern Suzzete
Switch, Samuel Tiger
Switch, Vogel Carroll
Talton, Daveon Lee
Tarbox Jr., Matthew Clayton
Taylor, Lena Elaine
Tharp, Deborah Lynne
Thomasee, Lawrence Cy
Thompson, Cheyenne Jada
Thornhill, Taryn MacKenzie
Thorpe, Cyrus James
Thorpe, Jarrett Scott
Tiger Sr., Leonard Gene
Tiger, Cheryl Renee
Tiger, Francis Allen
Tiger, Hermione Essence
Tiger, Mariah Lanay
Tiger, Sonya Marie
Tiger, Stephanie Nicole
Tiger, Susan Rochelle
Tiller, Shavonne Lynn
Uchida, Micheal Gene
Vasquez, Rebecca Faye
Vega, Lorenzo Antonio
Villanueva, Jorden Lee
Wahpepah, Joshua Gordon
Wakolee Jr., Brandon David
Wakolee, Bernard Wilson
Wallace, Cierra Shawnae
Wallace, Timothy Scott
Warrior, Daniel Adam
Warrior, Donna Carol
Warrior, Hopawaka'Tepwe Norbbie
Warrior, Marti Inez
Warrior, Samuel Norbbie
Wasley, Brenden Salvatore
Watson, Brian Keith
Watson, Jamie Ann
West, Christian Lane
White Jr., Charles Daniel
White, Logan Riley
White, Thomas Wayne
Whitebird, Shelby Gail
Williams, David Arlen
Williams, Jalyn Anissa
Williams, Melanie Marie
Williams, Orin Ray
Willingham, Deidra Marie
Wilson, Justin Dean
Wilson, Marcus Allen
Wolf Jr., Aaron Paul
Wolf, Nevaeh Annalise
Wood, William Thomas James
Worley, Tehia Jane
Yates, Katie Ann



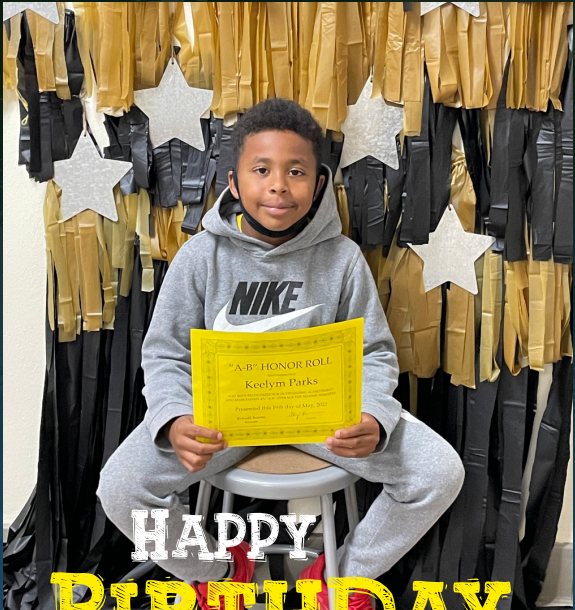
Happy Birthday

Happy 18th Birthday to Dylan Cole Molenhour. To the firstborn grandson and great-grandson. Grandpa and I are very proud of you and your accomplishments. Enjoy your special day!!

Love,
Grandpa and Grandma Felton

Happy 18th Birthday, Dylan Cole Molenhour!
We are very proud of you and We love you!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Lexi & Logan, Dylan Matthew, Derek and Emma



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

Happy 9th Birthday Keelym!!!
We Love you Mom, Bubb and Sissy



Happy Birthday to my Niece Katherine (Sissy)!!
From, All your Family Members in T-Town
We Love You!!



The family of our beloved son, brother, father & best friend Victor Shane Lowe would like to give our gratitude to the tribe for all they did for us/him during this most difficult time. We will miss him forever. Thank you to social services, AST Police Dept. the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority and all those that sent prayers, condolences, food, and flowers for our family.


The Lowe, Haney, Winter Families

Former Governors Honored at Meeting



On June 23rd, the Executive Committee hosted some of the former AST Governors at the Multi-Purpose Building. The former Governors' were also presented with Pendleton blankets. The current and former leaders discussed issues concerning the tribe, many of them the same issues the former Governors' dealt with.

Top Left Photo: Scott Miller and Governor John Johnson. Top Right Photo: Leroy Ellis and Governor John Johnson. Left Photo: Edwina Butler-Wolfe and Governor John Johnson.



AST Tax Preparation

The Free Tax Preparation Season has ended for this year.. The tax season started on February 13, 2021 and ended May 15, 2021. We served 132 tax fliers and saved them \$33,254 dollars in tax filing fees. We only had a few volunteers due to the Covid-19 pandemic but the volunteers we had were willing to come and help file tax returns. Thank You Volunteers for Your Time.

Photo: Seated Dena Baker and Tina Ontiveros. Back Row L-R: Gregory Reading, Jan Raft and Stella Little. Not pictured Bobby Stone, LaNora Buswell, Eileen Pearce.

AllNations Bank Awards Scholarships



Pictured L-R: Joseph Blanchard, AST Treasurer, Cindy Sims, AllNations Bank – Shawnee Branch Manager, Coree Johnson, AST Tribal Member and Steve Smith, AllNations Bank – President.

Recently AllNations Bank and Bank President Steve Smith awarded 2 scholarships to AST Tribal Members graduating to help further their education. AllNations Bank President Steve Smith awards Tribal member Coree Johnson with a \$1,000 scholarship. Johnson is a graduate of Norman High School. Congratulations!!!



Pictured L-R: Madelyn Steves, AST Tribal Member and Steve Smith, AllNations Bank – President.

Recently AllNations Bank and Bank President Steve Smith awarded 2 scholarships to AST Tribal Members graduating to help further their education. AllNations Bank President Steve Smith awards Tribal member Madelyn Steves with a \$500 scholarship. Steves is a graduate of Epic Charter School. Congratulations!!!

Education Department

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

- Academic (PK-12) Program:** assists with academic related expenses, and a portion of funds can be used for school-related athletic program expenses. Program has a maximum funding limit for the academic year.
- Johnson O'Malley Program:** assists Absentee Shawnee tribal members enrolled in any of our nine (9) school districts: Tecumseh, Bethel, Earlsboro, Wanette, Asher, South Rock Creek, Macomb, Dale, and Little Axe.
- Zahn Program:** established from a trust fund, program can help with some graduation expenses, and awards two (2) incentives: one for GED recipients and one for High School graduates. Program has a maximum amount of funding for graduation expenses.
- Job Training Adult Education Program:** funds for vocational training at accredited vocational institutions. Program has a maximum funding limit for the calendar year or per program.
- Higher Education: Education Incentive Award Program:** funds for undergraduate degrees, one associate or bachelor degree, at any accredited college or university. Funding levels are determined based upon grade point average and full-time or part-time status.
- Graduate Scholarship Program:** funds for one master's degree or one doctoral degree, and can fund one graduate admissions test. This program has funding levels based upon full-time and part-time status.
- Big Jim Youth Award Program:** annual incentive for High School Seniors for Academic Achievement and Athlete of the Year. Applications are available and accepted beginning January 1st and the deadline for application submission is March 31st of each year.

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

Attention:

Applications for fall 2021 must be received or postmarked by June 15, 2021.

All applications and guidelines are available at www.astribc.com. Click on Services and select Education.

For more information, please call (405) 275- 4030, Ext. 6242 email Tresha Spoon at tresham@astribc.com


Little Axe Afterschool Program

Emergency Management

Emergency Preparedness with Levi Walker

May 20, 2021





AST High School Seniors

Graduation Stole Request Form

The information you provide below will be used to contact you regarding your form, where your stole will be sent to, or scheduling a time for you to pick up a stole. Make sure the information is current. If your contact information changes after you submit your form notify the Education Department immediately. We will not be responsible for lost stoles, stoles being sent to incorrect addresses, or the inability to schedule a pick up time.

****Stoles will be available on a first come, first served basis.****

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How would you like to receive your stole? ☐ Pick up ☐ Mail

*If picking up a stole, you will be called to schedule a pick up time.

Required documents:


Verification

- Class schedule: 12th grade enrollment

Tribal Enrollment Card

- Copy (must be the updated card)

Education Department
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801
405.275.4030 Ext. 6242
405.273.7938 (fax)
tresham@astribc.com



College/Vocational

Graduation Stole Request Form

The Executive Committee will be sponsoring graduation stoles for 2021 College and Vocational graduates. The information you provide below will be used to contact you regarding where you would like your stole to be sent or scheduling a time for you to pick up a stole. Make sure the information is current. If it changes after you submit your form contact the Education Department immediately. We will not be responsible for lost stoles, stoles being sent to incorrect addresses, or the inability to schedule a pick up time.

****Stoles will be available on a first come, first served basis.****

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How would you like to receive your stole? ☐ Pick up ☐ Mail

*If picking up a stole, you will be called to schedule a pick up time.

Required documents:

Verification

- Copy of college application for graduation

Tribal Enrollment Card

- Copy (must be the updated card)

Education Department
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801
405.275.4030 Ext. 6242
405.273.7938 (fax)
tresham@astribc.com

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Building Blocks C.D.C.
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801
(405) 878-0633
Fax:(405) 878-0156



Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Building Blocks C.D.C.
16051 Little Axe Dr.
Norman, OK 73026
(405) 360-2710
Fax: (405) 360-2726

Building Blocks II

July 2021 Newsletter

Our children are excited about Summer. We began Splash Pad play during the week of June 7th. The classrooms each have a day that they get to take the children out on our Splash Pad.



Father’s Day was June 20th and the children made special gifts for their Dads. June 20th was also the First Day of Summer. Remember to drink lots of water, apply sunscreen and stay in the shade when possible. Also, remember to keep in contact with your elderly relatives and neighbors. We all need to have a safe summer.

July 4th is Independence Day. Building Blocks will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day. Have a safe holiday.



July 19th is National Ice Cream Day- Enjoy a yummy ice cream.

We have an employee of the month each month. Sarah-Anne Scott is our Employee of the Month for June. Congratulations!



We are now open to the public and accepting waiting list applications. Please call us to see if we have an opening for your child. We accept children 6 weeks through Preschool (4 Year olds).

Building Blocks is in search of employees. Please call for an application or visit astribes.com. We need Master Teachers, Teachers, Floaters, Housekeepers, and Custodians.

Our teachers do wonderful bulletin boards for our center. They have done several Summer Bulletin Boards...



Building Blocks III



CTSA Head Start

We have three locations that provide services: Shawnee, Stroud, and Cushing.

Shawnee and Stroud have Early Head Start programs (for children 0-3 years old) and Head Start programs (for children 3-5 years old). Shawnee and Stroud also have a child care program after hours called CCDF.

Cushing has a Head Start Program (for children 3-5 years old)

If anyone is interested in an application they may download one form our website at www.ctsaheadstart.org. You can also email us or swing by one of our centers and pick up an application outside the doors.

If you have further questions please contact the Enrollment Manager Madison Walker at 405-275-4870 or madisonw@ctsaheadstart.org

Also, we would like people to know that we are hiring for our Shawnee location as well. We are in need of Head Start Teachers, Early Head Start Teachers, and Child Care staff. If anyone is interested in employment they would need to contact our HR Manager Sonya Birdshead at 405-275-4870 or sonyab@ctsaheadstart.org.

NOTICE



The Tax Collection report can be found by logging in to the Tribal Member Login section on the Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s website (www.astribes.com).

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE – SHAWNEE DEPARTMENT EXTENSIONS (405) 275-4030

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