Absentee Shawnee Tribe Recognized Among First Self-Governance Tribes

Albuquerque, New Mexico – On April 22, 2018, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma was recognized as being one of the first 14 tribes to sign a self-governance compact with the Department of Health and Human Services/Indian Health Service. The tribe was also recognized on April 24th as one of the first seven tribes to sign a compact with the Department of Interior/Bureau of Indian Affairs. This recognition was part of a celebration for the 30th anniversary of Tribal Self-Governance at the 2018 Tribal Self-Governance Annual Consultation Conference.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe compacted programs, services, functions and activities under the provisions of Title III, Demonstration Project, under Public Law 93-638 from both the Department of Interior in November of 1990 and Indian Health Service in 1994. Tribal self-governance is a result of Public Law 93-638, as amended, otherwise known as the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975. ISDEAA is a tribally driven initiative continued on page 6

Tribal Members:
The Run Off Election will be held on Saturday, June 16, 2018. The voting polls will be located at the Little Axe Resource Center on Peebly Road and at the Police Department building on the Tribal Complex in Shawnee, Oklahoma. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., at both locations. A sample ballot is published on page 5.
Governor’s Report

By AST Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe

Hello Absentee Shawnee Tribal Members

Summer is approaching fast, as the weather we are experiencing is very warm. Hope that everyone has had a chance to have their AC serviced before the hot weather settles in. Our maintenance department has been very busy with grass mowing.

I want to begin by talking about the travel that I have experienced the past month.

NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION:

Secretary Delodge, Treasure Bender and I traveled to Las Vegas to the National Indian Gaming Trade Show on April 17, 2018 and I returned home 12:25 am on Friday, April 20, 2018. The purpose of the travel was to get a better understanding of Ball and Dice and also Sports Betting. As you know the Ball and Dice Bill has passed and has been approved by the Governor of Oklahoma. Now, the AST Executive Committee will have to pass a resolution for approval for us to implement it into our Casinos. Then, it will be sent to the Department of Interior (DOI) for their approval and they will publish in the Federal Register. That’s how we will know it was passed by DOI. Here is a list of sessions that I attended while I was at the Tradeshow.

Employee Theft in the Gaming Industry – Schemes, Red Flags, Prevention, also Fraud.

Sports Betting in Tribal Country

Innovation in Skill Gaming: Where we’re at and where it’s going

Business and Politics of Cannabis: A Tribal P.O.V.

Women in Tribal Gaming

FRAUD

One of the sessions was a very interesting one and that was Fraud. Fraud was described as a Fraud Triangle which is Pressure/Incentive, Rationalization, and Opportunity.

Pressure/ Incentive – A situation that may prompt an employee to feel he/she needs to commit a fraudulent act. Such as: gambling debts, medical expenses, lifestyle wants, substance abuse, divorce or greed.

Rationalization – The person’s ability to reconcile his/her actions with common and/or personal interpretations of decency, morality, integrity and honesty. Such as: The fraud is for a noble cause; the individual “deserves” the additional pay; they are just ‘borrowing’ the money and have every intention of paying it back.

Opportunity – The circumstances that allow an employee to commit fraud with little or no chance of detection.

Such as: weak or non-existent internal controls, poor oversight.
You can observe, and be aware of, pressures and rationalizations – but you can control opportunities!

Some of the demographics of an employee:

The greatest fraud frequency: Ranges from age 36-45, employed 1-5 years, higher level, male, at least one college degree, works in accounting, no prior criminal background, median of $100,000 - $200,000.
Largest Frauds:

Ages 56-60, employed 10+ years, executive, postgraduate degree, male, no prior criminal background, median of $480,000.

Gender:

U.S. – 58% Male, 42% Female
Median - $156,000 Male, $89,000 Female.

The top five behavioral red flags:
Living beyond means;
Personal financial difficulties;
Unusually close with vendor or customer;
Control issues, unwillingness to share duties;
a “Wheeler-dealer” attitude.

This session was very in depth with fraud, schemes, red flags and prevention. I just shared a small portion of the session.

AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSULTATIONS:

Tresha Spoon, AST Education Director and I have been very busy with the schools consultations with the area schools. The Kickapoo Tribe, Citizen Potawatomi Nation and our tribe have teamed up together to take part in the consultations. I would like to thank those tribes for standing with us on these consultations.

Consultations are required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) that came into place in 2015. The public schools are to meet with tribal nations to report the spending of the federal funds the schools receive from the Federal Government. In Oklahoma there are 406 public schools that receive Title VI funds and 177 public schools that receive 40,000 dollars or more Title VI money. The entire state of Oklahoma receives 24 million of Title VI money.

Governor’s Meetings in the Months of April and May

April
16th  Webinar National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE) 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
1:00 pm Li Si WI NWI Shareholders Meeting

17th  Travel to Las Vegas National Indian Gaming Association Trade Show

18th  Las Vegas NIGA

19th – 20th  Traveled back to OKC. Arrived in OKC 12:30 a.m. Friday morning.

20th  12:00 pm Luncheon Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech, Legislative Shawnee Forward

21st  Elders Meeting – Little Axe

22nd  Travel to Albuquerque, New Mexico, Self-Governance Consultation Conference
30th Year Anniversary of being a Self-Governance Tribe.

23rd – 26th  Self-Governance New Mexico

26th  Travel back to OKC

27th  Lunch with Executive Committee - discussion of re-scheduling General Council Meeting.
And other discussions. Lt. Governor Johnson, Secretary De Lodge, Treasurer Bender.

29th  12:30 pm Charter School Meeting

30th  An 8:30 am Oversight breakfast meeting with Program Directors that I oversee.
10:30 am CTSA Meeting
5:30 pm TEC., Inc. Board Meeting
MAY

1ST
10:00 am - Meeting land into trust
12:00 pm - Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech Luncheon with Senator Lankford

2nd
10:00 am - McLoud Public School Consultation at the Kickapoo Tribal Complex
12:00 pm - Lunch at the Grand Casino Transportation Meeting
gave my comments
2:00 pm - Meeting with Small Company (Feasibility Study)

3rd
10:00 am - North Rock Creek School Consultation
11:30 am - Tecumseh School Parent Committee Meeting
3:00 pm - Law Enforcement Agreement State Capital
6:00 pm - Community Meeting Little Axe Resource Community Center

5th
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Absentee Shawnee Candidate Debate
Hosted by the White Turkey Band
Candidates:

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:

Ken Blanchard – Present
Andy Warrior – Not Present

TREASURE:

Phillip Ellis – Present
Leah Bender – Present

REPRESENTATIVE:

Atheda Fletcher – Present
Anthony Johnson – Not Present

7th
10:00 am - Meeting

8th
2:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting with Health Board
(INFORMAL NOT OFFICIAL MEETING) an information meeting

9th
6:00 pm Big Jim Award Meeting

16th
9:00 am - United Indian Nations of Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas Meeting

17th
10:00 am - Tecumseh Public School Consultation
2:00 pm - Meeting Linda Gouge and Dave Brave Heart, Tribal Tech, LLC

EXPRESSIONS

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

CONCLUSION

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

Help me make a difference – stand beside me and Let us Build for the Future (BFF). United and together!
Election

**SAMPLE BALLOT**

**BALLOT**

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
RUN OFF ELECTION
JUNE 16, 2018

**VOTING INSTRUCTIONS:** Cast your vote by placing an [x] or [✓] mark in the box next to the candidate of your choice.

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**MEMBERSHIP ORDINANCE REFERENDUM QUESTION**

On October 18, 2017 and February 1, 2018, the Executive Committee authorized, by resolutions E-AS-2017-70 and E-AS-2018-08, the following measure to be placed on the ballot for a referendum vote.

AST-GC-2018-01: This measure amends the Membership Ordinance approved by referendum on March 20, 1999 and Resolution E-AS-1999-43, to update the requirements for membership, membership applications, relinquishment of membership and appeals. This Membership Ordinance will make the blood quantum consistent with the Constitutional requirement of 1/8th and revise the application, relinquishment and appeal processes as approved by the Executive Committee through E-AS-2017-70. A yes vote will adopt the amendments to the Membership Ordinance as proposed.

YES [ ] NO [ ]

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FROM THE ELECTION COMMISSION:

**APPROPRIATE POLL BEHAVIOR**

According to the Election Ordinance Article VIII Section 1 – The official polling sites and adjoining Tribal Grounds are neutral grounds, therefore, there shall be no campaigning or loitering on Election Day by any person. It shall be the duty of the Election Commission to request that Tribal police, be present at each polling place and be responsible for maintaining order, prevent campaigning, and loitering during the election process.

In order to comply we suggest that you do not campaign in any fashion.

For Examples:

No: “vote for...” sticker on cars; campaign clothing; disbursement of campaign material; counseling as to who to vote for.

Do not loiter at poll site:
1. Arrive;
2. Register;
3. Vote;
4. Exit.

Unless there is a line each voter should be at the poll no more than 10 minutes, outside of voter booth. Each voter may take all the time they need to read the ballot to vote in the private booth but should not “visit” with Commissioners or other voters at the poll site.

Any visiting of voters must occur outside of the Poll Site and adjoining Tribal grounds.

Voting Polls close at 6:00 p.m. Voter has to be in line in order to vote.

**Policies and Procedures states:**

There shall be no campaigning on property of polling site. This includes signs, person to person, clothing, etc. or within 200 ft. of the polling site. (On Election Day all signs must be over 200 ft. away from the edge of tribal property that contain poll sites.)
Self-Governance

made possible through Congressional authorization and the federal government’s legal trust responsibility to federally recognized tribes. Self-Governance was proposed by Tribes who, twelve years after passage of P.L. 93-638 continued to be frustrated with the federal Indian bureaucracy as exhibited by the BIA and early IHS.

Self-Governance is fundamentally designed to provide Tribal governments with more control and decision-making authority over the federal financial resources provided for the benefit of Indian people. More importantly, Self-Governance fosters the shaping of a “new partnership” between Indian Tribes and the United States in their government-to-government relationships. The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975 provided the opportunity for Tribal governments to exercise their sovereignty with minimal federal intrusion and involvement.

Today, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe is compacted under Title IV and Title V of ISDEAA with all the rights and privileges granted up to and through P.L. 93-638, as amended. As a Self-Governance tribe, ISDEAA has helped to set the foundation for a stronger tribal government in allowing the Absentee Shawnee and other compacted tribes to determine their path.

Through compacts, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe can effectively redesign programs, services, functions, and activities to fit membership health and welfare needs. Funding agreements with the BIA and IHS allows for the tribe to provide services to its membership. The services the Absentee Shawnee Tribe has compacted from the DOI/BIA include: Education, Tribal Enrollment, Realty, Social Services, Indian Child Welfare, Law Enforcement, Tribal Court, and Tribal Roads. The tribe’s compact with HHS/IHS has allowed the tribe to provide an array of health services to the tribal membership. The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System has two clinics, two after hours clinics, Optometry department, Behavioral Health department, Physical Therapy, Public Health Nursing, Pharmacy, Radiology, Diabetes Program, health transportation, and Contract Health Service. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe has one of the most comprehensive health programs for a tribe its size in the United States. If it were not for the tribe’s participation in the Tribal Self-Governance Program, the Absentee Shawnee would not have control of our future.
Elder’s Corner

By Atheda Fletcher

Greetings!!

Well, April showers have past and May flowers are blooming! The weather was great for the Elders Council members’ day-trip to Muskogee and Chouteau on Saturday, April 28. But, unfortunately, bad freeze weather had the group change their original plans to attend the Azalea Festival to a back-up plan to visit the Five Civilized Tribes Museum in Muskogee.

Leaving early morning from Little Axe via Shawnee to our first stop, the Five Civilized Tribes Museum in Muskogee. This museum is dedicated to preserving the art, history and culture of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek) and Seminole Tribes. Members enjoyed a self-guided tour through two floors of artifacts, artwork and historical information for these five tribes. We were fortunate to see artwork featured in “Art Under the Oaks through two floors of artifacts, artwork and historical information for these Muscogee (Creek) and Seminole Tribes. Members enjoyed a self-guided tour through two floors of artifacts, artwork and historical information for these five tribes. We were fortunate to see artwork featured in “Art Under the Oaks

The Elders Council hosted two guest speakers at the April meeting:

1) Andy Warrior, AST Wildland Fire Resources, who spoke on prescribed burns.
2) Linda Gouge who provided information on a new grant, Native Connections, which targets youth. She invited the Elders Council members to co-partner in two upcoming events:

- Grant Oversight Director’s visit, May 17, 12-1:30 p.m.—members would meet the director and have lunch with him at the clinic in Little Axe. The goal-- Elders to share their thoughts and knowledge of the community.

- Amy Sturgis, Historian and Author of a book on Tecumseh, June 23, who will speak after the regular monthly meeting of the Elders Council.

Ms. Gouge stated that the main goal is to reach out to youths and get the youth connected with elders. It is anticipated that they will engage 1,500 youth throughout the year on various activities.

Additional items to report on are: 1) the members continue to work on the Guidelines, 2) the drawings for the shawls were conducted at the April meeting due to the postponement of the General Council. The winners were: Noel Whatley, Mia Little, Andi Porch, Lisa Levi and Betty Watson. Congratulations to these winners of such beautiful shawls.

The Elders Council members encourage all AST Tribal Members to vote in the upcoming election on Saturday, June 16.

My quote for this month is: Even if you are on the right track, you’ll get run over if you just sit there.

Having problems with mold in your home? Here are a few things you can do to fix the problem.

- Check for plumbing leaks. Fix any leaks as soon as possible.
- Ventilate your living space by running a fan or opening a window.
- Clean any moldy hard surfaces with detergent and water and dry completely.
- Replace any absorbent materials, such as ceiling tiles or carpet, if they become moldy.

Prizes:

- Two categories for the poster contest:
  1. 1st and 2nd place winners are selected for each age category (ages 12-17 and 18-24).
  2. 1st Place:
     - $50.00 Gift Card
     - AST Backpack with Art Supplies
  3. 2nd Place:
     - Movie Tickets (2) with a Gift Bag
- All entries will be displayed at different events.

How to register:

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Behavioral Health Services

Linda Gouge
405-701-7989
lindag@astribe.com

Victoria Andrews
405-701-7995
vandrews@astribe.com

This flyer was developed under a grant number SM080181 from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The views, policies, and opinions expressed are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect those of SAMHSA or HHS.
The AST Health System will be having preventative testing and other health awareness programs for Men’s Health Month in June this year, so please participate in the various programs to ensure you are staying abreast of the most current prevention and health programs available for the men in your family! The CDC has put out several warnings regarding the threat of diseases transmitted by mosquitoes, ticks, and fleas this summer, so please use appropriate repellents for your family and don’t forget your pets either! CDC officials have noted that, “the numbers on some of these diseases have gone to astronomical levels,” so being forewarned is being foretold. If you suspect any illness related to bites from mosquitoes, ticks, and fleas with outdoor activities, please see your family physician for appropriate testing and diagnosis. The health system will also be conducting the annual health fair on July 13th again this year and we are very excited for another year of health and wellness being showcased at our LittleAxe Clinic!

The internship program is in its second year for 2018, whereby Native American AST Tribal students will have the opportunity to experience the entire health system’s operations, work in a paid position throughout the summer months, and graduate the program with both work experience in the healthcare setting as well as a letter of recommendation from the health system for successful completion of the program. Graduation of the program culminates with a ceremony with parents and friends celebrating their accomplishment. The goal of the program is to attract tribal youth in high school or recently graduating high school into health career fields and professional careers by exposing them to these various health professions and helping them decide early on what may be of interest to them and vector them into a future within the health programs.

We are always thankful and very proud of our outstanding star performers, and thank them all for their contributions to our patients, their fellow employees, and the tribe! Employee Awards and awardees are listed below. The AST Health System always strives to make your health its top priority, and you all make a difference for our health system and the health and wellness of all of our patients!
Honoring Our Past With Promise for Our Future

LIFE is Beautiful Living Meth Free

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**June 2018 - Scheduled Closings**

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<td>All AST Health facilities CLOSED - PlusCare Clinic &amp; Shawnee Clinic Ext Hours will OPEN at 5p until 9p (last patient accepted at 8:30p)</td>
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* In the event of a predicted severe weather forecast, please call ahead for possible health system closure or delay: Little Axe Health Center at (405) 447-0300, Shawnee Clinic at (405)878-5850 or PlusCare at (405)447-0477

**Health closures/delays are posted on the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health Facebook wall “Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health”, Twitter @ASTHealth & on ASTHS website at [www.asthealth.org](http://www.asthealth.org)

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National Suicide Prevention

1-800-273-8255 (TALK)
EMERGENCY AND URGENT CARE SERVICES

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

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SHAWNEE CLINIC CHS
405.878.5850 (Primary)
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CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES NEWS

The AST Contract Health Services Team is here to assist you.

Please follow the CHS guidelines. Keep a copy on hand and update your information.

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From The Doctor’s Notebook:
Responsibility

Bruce Stafford, Diplomate ABFM, NBPAS
Deputy Medical Director
Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System

It is a privilege to work with some wonderful people, both colleagues and patients here at the Shawnee Tribal Health System. My work environment allows my patient care be more involved and to a deeper extent than I have ever done. I find this to be very satisfying. However, my relationships sometimes lead to much distress. I have a small character flaw, I worry …a lot, about my patients and this has led me to lose sleep at times.

I have never liked the idea of seeing a patient for a problem, giving them a pill and then in essence saying “see you later.” I alone have a panel of well over 600 patients (as do other colleagues). The physical conditions of those patients range from being absolutely healthy to being quite serious. The people with serious medical issues typically have a treatment needs list that is substantial.

The state of medical care in this country has forced doctors to see more and more patients while spending less and less time with them. This can be a recipe for disaster. I have said quite often to physicians I come into contact with outside of my work environment that I work in the greatest place in the world. I am afforded the luxury of spending time with patients and am able to get to know them in great detail; which is another benefit I have not experienced before.

As a patient, you seek medical care and we do our best to manage and care for you. There are many branches of medicine and different types of providers. For example, physician extenders work at times alongside physicians and in places like urgent care facilities. They see and things like treat sore throats, colds and the flu. Then, there are physicians who work in various areas of specialty in clinic like ours. When you come in to see me with significant high blood pressure for instance, I am going to get your history, your family history, your medication history and a host of things, including labs that will help me manage your high blood pressure. I am, of course going to do an exam that, in some cases can point to the reason for your problem. Sometimes, as the case may be a patient may be interested only in me dealing with an issue of immediate concern, or as we know it their “chief complaint.” They don’t want me to mention that their blood pressure is too high, or that they need a colonoscopy, or perhaps their blood sugar indicates diabetes. In one instance I had a patient get irritated with me for mentioning very poor dental health. When that occurs all I have to do is document that they do not wish me to address those things. My bases are covered and that patient is now left to their own devices. I will tell you in passing, that when in private practice years ago I had a patient flatly refuse to get a colonoscopy. He told me to my face -“I ain’t getting one of them.” I admitted him to the hospital 9 months later of colon cancer that by that time had become untreatable. I often wonder if I could have caught something in time. I lost sleep over that.

Once you have seen me you are now my patient. More than likely you are continuing to see me because you have confidence in what I do. The other part of this story is that YOU have a responsibility as well. When I treat a disease process it now becomes my responsibility to monitor your progress. When I issue a prescription for a medication to control, let’s say high blood pressure I will likely do labs to monitor things like liver function, kidney function and the like. This where you come in - I ask that you keep your contact information up to date so my nurse does not have call all over the country trying to track you down to tell you something important. I also expect that when I ask you to follow up in 3 months, 6 months, or whatever you will do that. In the last 30 days I have had been fired by 3 patients who did not like the idea that they were asked to come in for follow up in order to obtain refills on their medications. They, perhaps just do not understand that by issuing those medications or care instructions I am now responsible, at least in part for their outcome. No physician wants to hear that a patient has had to go to the ER because of a medication reaction or adverse effect because in many instances those things can be avoided with proper follow up and surveillance. I also expect you to go to the lab when those are ordered. You see, we cannot fully assess control of diabetes without surveillance labs.

Without belaboring the point let me just conclude by saying - when you come to see me or any of my colleagues the story does not end when you leave the clinic. Follow up means exactly that. It is your responsibility to return when asked. It is your responsibility to go to the lab when asked. It is your responsibility to keep your contact information current. If that is something you feel you cannot do all you need to do is inform your provider so a proper notation can be placed in your medical record. Please understand then why lack of responsibility on your part results in your medication not being refilled and there is a negative impact on your health picture. Don’t become someone I lose sleep over…

You’re getting a new Medicare card!
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You asked, and we listened. You’re getting a new Medicare card! Between April 2018 and April 2019, we’ll be removing Social Security numbers from Medicare cards and mailing each person a new card. This will help keep your information more secure and help protect your identity.

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• Make sure your mailing address is up to date. If your address needs to be corrected, contact Social Security at ssa.gov/myaccount or 1-800-772-1213. TTY users can call 1-800-325-0778.
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• Understand that mailing everyone a new card will take some time. Your card might arrive at a different time than your friend’s or neighbor’s.
Phillip S. Ellis for Tribal Treasurer - 2018

Over the past six months, I’ve written about myself and a variety of topics and issues that I’ve felt were important to our Tribe. Yet, those topics and issues are not inclusive of matters affecting our Tribe. Matters such as how to provide for our members outside the service area, allocation of our resources to best serve the needs of the AST organization and our members, protection of our federal funding, future compact negotiations, etc. are equally important; and the list goes on and on.

I sincerely believe that I have the background, skill set, and leadership ability to be a good treasurer, lead the departments under that treasurer’s office, and work collaboratively with others within the AST organizational umbrella. Equally important, is that I possess the ability to work with and communicate effectively with the private sector and outside governmental entities both of which will be vitally important in our future. I understand the need for our internal governmental operations to function properly and smoothly and I will work toward that goal. I understand the need to grow our economic development and for those operations that are flourishing to let them continue to flourish. I understand the need for our employees to feel secure in their positions and enjoy stability in their jobs. I do have the technical ability to perform as the treasurer but more importantly I believe what really separates me from the current treasurer is that I have the understanding, wisdom, judgement, and common sense to function as a member of the Executive Committee in matters and issues other than finance or accounting.

In summation, on June 16th, you’ll have the opportunity to vote for the future destiny of our Tribe. You’ll have a choice between two candidates for treasurer. Just two. The current treasurer, Leah Bender, and myself. Please consider each candidate’s qualifications for holding this specialized position. Please consider what each candidate for the treasurer’s position has written over the past five or six months. Please consider what each candidate for the treasurer’s position said at the AST forum on May 5th in Shawnee.

Sincerely,
Phillip S. Ellis
phillie2829@gmail.com
918-703-7528

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You’re invited to our annual Open House event!

Friday, May 25, 2018
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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FREE REFRESHMENTS      FUN GAMES      FACE PAINTING
AST HEALTH SYSTEM INFORMATION TABLE
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Shawnee History: Chief Hokolesqua “Cornstalk”

While not much is known about Hokolesqua’s early life, it is believed he was most likely born in Pennsylvania around 1720, and moved to Ohio in the 1730s during a large migration of Shawnee people.

Hokolesqua is described as handsome and charismatic. Many who witnessed his speeches call him one of the greatest orators of his time. His name means “blade of corn,” and thus was called “Cornstalk” by English speakers. He was respected by his people and his enemies alike as a great war chief, and is today considered among the most significant and influential chiefs in Shawnee history.

His first significant mention in history is in 1756, when he led raiding parties to attack English settlements and drive them out of Shawnee territory. It is said that the English welcomed the natives into their village and were promptly slaughtered.

He also sided with the French during the French and Indian War, and participated in Pontiac’s Rebellion in 1673. In 1764, Colonel Henry Bouquet seized several hostages, including Hokolesqua, to ensure the Shawnee would sign a peace treaty to end the rebellion. The Shawnee agreed to no longer oppose the English.

Despite this, violence continued between the two as English settlements appeared deeper into Shawnee territories. Being a man of his word, Hokolesqua attempted to ease tensions peacefully. On May 3, 1774, eleven members of Ohio Seneca-Cayuga were killed by a group of English colonists. The Seneca-Cayuga and Shawnee demanded retribution. Hokolesqua, however, promised protection to English fur traders, who were innocent of the crime.

Thirteen colonists were killed by a small band of warriors led by Seneca-Cayuga leader, Logan, in response to the eleven American Indian lives lost. Captain John Connolly, commander of Fort Pitt, prepared to retaliate with the support of Lord Dunmore, the royal governor of Virginia. While Pennsylvania militia entered Ohio Country and destroyed seven Seneca-Cayuga villages, Lord Dunmore sent 1,000 men to West Virginia to build a fort to attack the Shawnee. Hokolesqua sent 1,000 of his own warriors to drive Dunmore’s forces from the region, resulting in the Battle of Point Pleasant on October 10, 1774.

The Shawnee warriors were driven back, and Dunmore offered to talk peace. During peace negotiations, however, Virginia militia destroyed several Shawnee villages. The Shawnee quickly agreed to terms before there could be more bloodshed. They agreed to give up ownership of all lands east and south of the Ohio River, to return all white captives, and to not attack English colonists travelling on the river.

While Hokolesqua would honor this treaty for the remainder of his life, the majority of Shawnee did not. By 1777 the Revolutionary War was in full swing, and the British urged the Shawnee to take up arms against colonists to drive them out of their land. Hokolesqua and his son, Elinipsico, travelled to an American fort in Point Pleasant to warn them of the impending attack. While there, the Shawnee killed an American soldier, and Hokolesqua and his son were murdered in retaliation.

It is said that with his dying breath, Hokolesqua placed a curse upon the land, known as “Cornstalk’s Curse.” The curse is taken seriously by many and is blamed for a slew of natural disasters and unfortunate accidents that have seemed to plague the area over the centuries.
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Absentee Shawnee Tribe
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Lt. GOVERNOR
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Andrew Warrior for Lt. Governor

Dear Tribal Members,

My name is Andrew Warrior and I am a candidate the position of Lt. Governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. I have worked for the tribe since January, 2003 to present in several capacities, beginning as the Resource Center Director, then the Director of Cultural Preservation and for the last eight as the Project Coordinator for the Lt. Governor’s office. The focus of each of these positions was to guide tribal members in their search of assistance, educate the tribal members on how the tribe provides these services, and assist in the coordination of multiple departments to provide necessary services.

During my employment with the tribe, I have gained valuable knowledge of tribal operations, budget creation and management, and understand both the authorities and limitations of tribal and federal regulations to provide services to our tribal members. I have a full understanding of the duties and responsibilities of the Lieutenant Governor and those of the Executive Committee to uphold our tribal laws in accordance with our Constitution. It is a necessity for the Executive Committee to work together in this day and time with all the issues tribes face today. Working together will define the type of leaders and leadership the tribe needs and also project a positive direction for our tribal government.

I am asking for your vote on Saturday, June 16th. Your vote for me would ensure the continuation of the services that the Lt. Governor’s office currently provides. My ability to work with the other Executive Committee members will enable us to collectively generate opportunities to expand and create new services. Feel free to call me, (405)249-7357, or I will be more than happy to sit and visit with you, whenever and wherever.

Thank you for your support.

Andrew Warrior
An AED device is a transportable machine that restores an individual’s heart rhythm by sending an electric shock through the chest. These portable devices have the potential to save lives. According to the Oklahoma State Department of Health, heart disease is the leading cause of death in Oklahoma, accounting for nearly 1 in 4 deaths. Additionally, Dr. Edward Martin from the Oklahoma Heart Institute said 2009 data ranked Oklahoma as No. 3 in the nation for cardiovascular-related deaths.

“It gives us good opportunity — something that we didn’t have in place before, something we really didn’t have the money for, but it really makes our schools safer,” said Shawnee Public Schools’ PR and Communications Coordinator Brittany Watts.

The district averages 4,000 students, and school administration plans to place these potentially life-saving AEDs in schools and public spaces. Oklahoma is one of the leaders in AED awareness, with thanks to the efforts of Sen Susan Paddack, who pushed for Oklahoma AED legislation in the memory of two young boys who died during sports events at school. The Zachary Eckles and Luke Davis Automated External Defibrillators in Schools Act, passed in 2008.

According to La Rita Haffey R.N. MSN.ed the District Nurse Health Coordinator providing AED’s in our school district can more than double a victim’s chance of survival with early defibrillation. Only half of sudden cardiac arrest victims will initially need a shock, but all require high-quality CPR. The Zoll AEDs we purchased will guide rescuers in performing high-quality CPR and will deliver a shock if needed. The technology of this AED provides real-time feedback on rate and depth of chest compressions and supports rescuers with integrated text, voice, and visual prompts until EMS arrives. Having the AED’s ensures the safety of not only the students but the staff and visitors.

With the gracious donations we purchased 23 AED’s to cover 11 locations throughout the district. Installation of the units will begin next week. All Shawnee Public School staff will be trained on the use of the AEDs at the beginning of the 2018 – 2019 school year.

We cannot thank Absentee Shawnee Tribe for their generous donation to the Shawnee Public School District. Shawnee Public Schools provided $20,000 to fund this project along with $10,000 in outside funding.

Absentee Shawnee Tribe donates $5,000, helping the Shawnee Public School District place 23 automated external defibrillators (AEDs) across its campuses.
Summer Youth WIOA Program

Applications are available from Secretary’s office. You can also email the office to request an application be emailed or mailed to you. Applications are due by June 1st and the program is open to AST youth and young adults, ages 14-23; the program can also serve youth or young adult other members of federally recognized tribes. If you would like to request an application, please email Dr. Carolyn Dunn in the Secretary’s office (cdunn@astribe.com) or call at 275-4030 x 6306, or come by the office to pick one up.

American Red Cross Blood Drive June 11

Absentee Shawnee Tribe and the American Red Cross are hosting an upcoming blood drive. Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today!

The drive will be held on Monday, June 11th and located at the Absentee Shawnee Tribal complex: 2029 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK, 74801, in the Multipurpose building. Donations will be accepted from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

Download the Red Cross Blood Donor App on the App Store, Google Play or text BLOODAPP to 90999. Schedule appointments, get rewards and invite friends to join you on a lifesaving team.

For any additional information contact Courtney Plumley cplumley@astribe.com
Dear Absentee Shawnee Tribal Members:

I am appealing to each AST member to consider each candidate’s credentials and experience when making your decision on who to vote for in the upcoming AST election on June 16. Everything we care about as tribal members—our tribe’s future prosperity, protection of our heritage, culture and traditions, and the opportunities we want for our children and our children’s children depends on having the strongest possible leaders in place to secure the future of our tribe.

Since we can never be sure of what the future may bring, I believe that today’s leaders, more than ever, need to be able to navigate a challenging and ever changing environment to ensure that their tribal traditions, culture and sovereignty are protected. Therefore, we need our leaders to be highly committed and dedicated to performing the duties of the office for which they have been elected.

As a candidate for Tribal Representative, I was invited to participate in a Debate organized by the White Turkey Band. I attended with full anticipation of having to answer tough questions. I looked forward to debating my opponent, but alas, he did not show and did not inform the organizers that he would not participate. I believe this indicates a lack of respect for all tribal members and our election process. I further believe this is a pattern that occurs far too often in our tribal government. These types of events are held for the benefit of all tribal members. As candidates, it is our responsibility to show up and participate; provide information to tribal members; give tribal members the opportunity to speak about the issues that are of concern to them; ask questions about the candidate’s position on issues and to show their commitment and sincerity in their pursuit for the tribal position. I hope that by showing up and participating in this event, I have shown tribal members that I will not shy away from difficult things—they can count on me. I will not waiver in my duties and will always be committed to doing the right thing.

Take a look at other Oklahoma tribes that are thriving! Our tribe can be just as successful, but only if we have the right leaders in place. With the pace and complexity of business today, it is a significant challenge for tribal leaders to operate and sustain long-term success, especially if a leader does not possess business experience and skills. I am concerned that our tribe is stagnant and has fallen behind in every category that is needed for a tribe to be successful. If the practice of putting leaders in office that are lacking in basic business acumen continues, our Tribe will continue to fall short in the business arena. I have the experience and business skills that can help our Tribe and not just as the Tribal Representative but in all business areas of the tribe.

Leaders never hold leadership for themselves, they hold it on behalf of someone else—the tribal members! A leader is there to serve the people. Being a great leader involves doing the hard things that most people don’t want to do! And as a leader, guess what! They are accountable and should be held accountable.

**If elected, my promise:**
- I will diligently work to protect our language, traditions and culture!
- My door will always be open to all Tribal members; I will be transparent in all of my tribal business affairs; and I will listen to what Tribal members have to say.
- I will keep all Tribal members informed on the activities, projects and plans that are the responsibility of the Tribal Representative. I will provide progress reports, budgetary information and the activities conducted by Cultural Preservation and Human Resources.
- Upon immediately taking office, I will provide a complete analysis and update on all current operations and projects under the direction of the Tribal Representative.
- I will do everything within my power to improve the operations in every area for our Tribe. I possess the experience and skills to undertake this task and cooperatively work with other tribal leaders. It takes teamwork to be successful!
- I will be unbiased in all my decision-making. I will never make a decision based on anything other than the facts.

There are many challenges that our Tribe faces today and these challenges must be overcome through a higher level of cooperation and management. I will invest the time necessary to help establish clear goals and a firm direction for our Tribe. I will bring my business perspective to the Tribe.

As I have said previously, our Tribe has come to a critical crossroad. Never has it been more important to elect a person who can represent your voice; someone who will act in the Tribe’s best interest; go the extra mile to protect our heritage, culture, traditions, services and assets. I believe that I am capable of meeting the challenge. Please vote for me in the upcoming election.

Thank you,

Atheda W. Fletcher
athedafletcher@gmail.com
(405) 481-6939

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**June 2nd, 2018**

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Saturday, June 9
Program begins at 1 p.m.

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Head Gourd Dancer: Thomas Morris, Jr. (Air Force)
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6 p.m. Gourd Dance
7 p.m. Grand Entry

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Celebrations

June 2018

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Temple, Ginger Lee
Thorpe, Tyrone Guthrie
Tiger, Emma Kay
Tiger, Gerald
Tiger, Kwentyn Danyel
Tiger, Marisela Rose
Tiger, Nancy Rae
Tiger, Riley Eugene
Tiger-Onzahwah, Preston Zachary
Tillery, Lacey Rochelle
Tilley, Nolan Grant
Tolbert, Janis Lavonne
Turney, Stephen
Uchida, Bryson Harvey
Wahpepah, Brady Maverik
Wahpepah, Pauline White
Walley, Lowana Gale
Warrior, Andrew Keith
Warrior, Luana Christie
Warrior, Lydia Rose
Washington, Karen Rose
Washington, Matthew George
Washington, Tatum Stoney
Watkins, Fawn Lil’grass
Watkins, Freddie Lee
Watkins, Jalyne Alexis
Watson Jr., Gregory Doyle
Webb, Carter Ellis
Webb, Raven James
Wenholm, Lacey Alexandra
West, Emma Madeline
White, Xander Ralph
Whitethunder, Daelan Takye
Whitney-Coon, Davin Zane
Whittem, David J. J. Thomas
Wietelman, Ebaney Bionca Lynn
Williams, Braylie Audra
Williams, Brianna Shae
Williams, Ethan Beau
Williams, James Robert
Williams, Kaenon Cole
Williams, Kyree SaVaughn
Wilson, Adilyn Magnolia
Wilson, Hannah Mae
Wilson, Kaden Joseph
Wilson, Marvin Edward
Wilson, Michele Renee
Wilson, Shi Ann Delrae
Wilson, Wesley Sheldon
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Winrow Jr., Rodrick Donnell
Winter-Engrav, Katherine
Dorene
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Woff, Richard Ray
Wright, Shane Allen
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Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Vocational Rehabilitation

TRANSITIONAL SERVICES

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

PROGRAM

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

QUALIFICATIONS

• Are you an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe?
• Are you a junior/senior in high school?
• Do you reside in our services area?
• Disability documentation from a Doctor, Physician of Mental Health Provider noting disability and impediments?
• An IEP or 504 Plan may be accepted as proof.

SERVICES

• Counseling and Guidance about Training and Education after H.S.
• Assistive Devices (Hearing Aids, Walkers, Eye glasses, Learning Devices, etc.)
• Tuition Assistance
• Testing Fees (ACT/SAT)
• Work Clothing for New Jobs
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• Resume Building, Interview Etiquette,
• Other Various Services

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

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Congratulations Jamie!
Midwest City High School
2017-2018 Valedictorian!

Your Dad and I are so proud of all of your accomplishments in High School. Jamie is involved in the National Honor Society, Senior Class Treasurer, Bomber News, Student Council, Rotary, Spanish and German Club. She is also ranked 7th in her class. Jamie is planning on attending OBU in the fall, pursuing a bachelor’s degree in Political Science, then plans on pursuing a law degree.

Love You,
Mom and Dad

Montana Dane Littlehead,

We are all so very proud of you for all you have accomplished. You can do anything you set your mind to.

YOU ARE BRAVER THAN YOU BELIEVE,
STRONGER THAN YOU SEEM, SMARTER THAN YOU THINK, & LOVED MORE THAN YOU KNOW. Get It Girl! LOVE YOU!

From Your Whole Family

Congratulations Shoshanna!

On Saturday May 4, Shoshanna Louise Johnson received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Central Oklahoma. Shoshanna double majored in Strategic Communications and Organizational Communications, with a minor in Journalism. Shoshanna has secured a full-time position and after a vacation to Thailand, plans on pursuing her master’s degree. Shoshanna is the grand-daughter of Joann Louise Walker and the late Jerome Dean Johnson. Shoshanna has put a smile on many faces and her family is proud to celebrate in her accomplishment.

Share your Celebrations!!!

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

If you choose to visit our office and we are not present, please leave your requests in the mail box.
Teen Tribal Member Honors AST Colors and Logo on Race Car

I wanted to send you all a picture of my son Xavier (RACE) Shelton with his car #45s freshly painted and ready to go. As soon as the paint was dry he was honored to place our tribe logo on both sides, as well as on the dash. Knowing it was done with tribe approval means the world to us. He is very proud to be Absentee Shawnee and feels very fortunate to have an opportunity to show it. This Saturday is set to be his first race, needless to say we are very excited, and we hope that near or far you all are cheering him on.

Have a wonderful day,

Jamie Shelton

AST Tribe Member Stevi Johnson continues to strive for excellence in Academics and Extra-Curricular activities

AST member Stevi Johnson is a seventh grader at Longfellow Middle School in Norman. She recently concluded a successful track and field season with Mid-South Conference championships in the 800 and 1600 meter runs.

Stevi recently attended the year end sports banquet where she was named the Most Valuable Player in both Cross-Country and Track and Field. On April 26, Stevi won the 7th Generation Youth Advocacy award presented at the 2018 Tribal Public Health Conference held in Norman. As the recipient, Stevi demonstrated exemplary leadership while educating and advocating for healthier lifestyles within the Native youth population. Stevi is also president of the National Junior Honor Society, plays basketball, violin in orchestra and in the Gifted and Talented program. She is the reigning Jr Ms Sac and Fox Princess and will travel to Orlando, Florida in July to attend the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America conference, where she will receive additional advocacy training.

Stevi’s family is most proud of her compassion and commitment to excellence.
CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE STUDY GROUP (CCSG) (FORMERLY CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE)

Monthly report for April 22, 2018, held our monthly meeting at the newly-remodeled LA Community Center in Little Axe, OK, west of AST C-store. We had a total of seven (7) members. Two were absent. We discussed the new website that is currently in process for accessibility to tribal members. This website will be for questions, contacting committee members, current events concerning the Constitution Committee Study Group (CCSG), community and CCSG meetings, etc.

A progress report on Executive Committee Legislative Resolution voted by the General Council meeting members on October 29, 2017, establishing us as a formal committee with the current nine (9) members with a 2018 budget of $16,321.77 for April-December. Also, another six (6) members will have time to submit letters of intent to the Tribal Secretary by May 31, 2018. A total of 15 members will be on the CCSG with increased budget for rest of year of $32,643.54. All interested tribal members, can turn in their letter of intent and Executive Committee will make decision to appoint to the CCSG committee. Each CCSG member in attendance will be paid a stipend of $75 per monthly meeting. Voted in legislative session, we were established by Legislative Resolution, LAS-2018-04, certified on April 11, 2018. There were some minor spelling and omission corrections needed on the resolution. But it has been corrected as of May 10, 2018. But, still needing certification signatures such as Governor and Secretary on corrected LAS-2018-04.

Discussion on general council report for April 14, 2018, which was cancelled. So, at the next general council meeting, a report of CCSG progress to the tribal members will be given. Time this report goes to press, CCSG will have had their May 20, 2018, monthly meeting, LA community center bldg, 4pm. A report will be in the next issue of newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Deere, Chairman

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Buys Moose Lodge

Elect Joseph Blanchard
District 27 Representative

VOTE June 26th! • VOTE June 26th!

Choose a determined, hardworking man who can help find a solution to meet the unique specialized needs of our community.
- Educated Leader
- Advocate and Voice for Your Concerns
- Determined and Compassionate Community Member
- Methodical and Pragmatic
- Hardworking and Dependable
- Devout Father, Farmer, and Coach
- Proud Absentee Shawnee
Never leave children, disabled adults or pets in parked vehicles!

Each year, dozens of children and untold numbers of pets left in parked vehicles die from hyperthermia, which occurs when the body absorbs more heat than it can handle. Hyperthermia can occur even on a mild day with temperatures in the 70s. Studies have shown that the temperature inside a parked vehicle can rapidly rise to a dangerous level for children, pets and even adults. Leaving the windows slightly open does not significantly decrease the heating rate. The younger the child the more severe the effects because their bodies have not developed the ability to efficiently regulate its internal temperature. (Credit: National Weather Service)

Kids and Hot Cars Turn Into Tragedy

Losing a child is one of life’s greatest tragedies. For the parents, family, friends, and loved ones…for everyone involved. It’s especially hard when the death was preventable.

Most people don’t realize that a child’s body temperature can rise up to five times faster than an adult’s. Heatstroke begins when the core body temperature reaches around 104 degrees; death can follow in a child when that temperature reaches 107 degrees.

Even with moderate temperatures outside, the inside of a car can heat up to well above 110 degrees in minutes. But with warmer months upon us, and day-time temperatures in many areas across the country shooting well above 90 degrees, vehicles will heat up exponentially faster. That makes it vitally important to be aware of the dangers that vehicles—especially hot ones—pose to children, because tragedies can, and do, happen.

In fact, from 1998-2017, 742 children across the nation died due to heatstroke in a hot vehicle. On average, a child dies every 10 days from vehicular heatstroke, with an average of 37 children per year. Such deaths are the leading cause of non-crash vehicle-related fatalities for children 14 and younger. Just as tragic, over half (54%) of the child heatstroke deaths occurred after the child was forgotten in the vehicle by a parent or caregiver.

No parent ever thinks that it can happen to them, but a quietly sleeping child in the back seat can be forgotten, even by a great parent. And part-time caregivers who are unaccustomed to regularly transporting children can be especially prone to forgetting; indeed, many of these tragic incidents are associated with a change in the parents’ daily routine.

That’s why all adults should always remember to “Look Before You Lock” to make sure there are no children left in the vehicle. Some other simple reminders include:

- Write a reminder note about the child and put it on the car door or dashboard to see it when you leave the vehicle.
- Set a reminder on your cell phone to alert you to check that you dropped your child off at day-care.
- Place a purse, briefcase, or cell phone next to the child’s car seat to remind yourself that your child is in the car.

If you are not a parent or caregiver, you still have an important role to play. If you happen to see a child alone in a hot vehicle, make sure the child is okay and responsive. If the child appears to be okay, quickly do everything you can to locate the parents. If the child is not responsive or appears to be in distress, call 911 immediately and follow their directions. When the child is out of the vehicle, cool the child rapidly (not with an ice bath, but by spraying with cool water).

Sometimes bystanders are reluctant to get involved; surveys suggest that 63 percent of adults just assume the parents will be right back. But what if they aren’t?

Bystanders should know that many states have “Good Samaritan” laws that protect them from lawsuits for helping a person in an emergency. So if you happen to see a child alone in a hot car, do not hesitate—please act before it’s too late!

We need parents, caregivers and bystanders all working together to help end these tragic heatstroke deaths—because hot cars kill children.

(Credit: NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY SAFETY)

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June 2018
Diabetes & Wellness

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**Core-N-More Wednesday**
12:00 p.m.-12:45 p.m.
Chrissy Wiens
LITTLE AXE HEALTH FACILITY

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

**De-Stress Friday**
2:30 p.m.-3:15 p.m.
Buster Bread
LITTLE AXE HEALTH FACILITY

**Absenteen Shawnee Fitness**

“Core-N-More” - This session will target all regions of the core and will provide a balanced workout for muscle groups that assist in movement and balance.

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

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

“De-Stress” - This session aims to assist participants in utilizing flexibility training to improve muscular flexibility and to induce relaxation for stress relief.
Alzheimer’s & Brain Awareness Month

Dementia, as defined by the Alzheimer’s Association, is a general term for the decline in mental ability severe enough to interfere with daily life. Alzheimer’s is the most common form of dementia. Alzheimer’s causes problems with memory, thought processes, and behaviors.

Although increased age is the greatest known risk factor, Alzheimer’s is not a normal part of aging. Alzheimer’s affects over 5 million Americans. Of those, around 200,000 are younger than 65 years old and affected by early-onset symptoms. About 2/3 of those diagnosed with the disease are women. Alzheimer’s is also the 6th leading cause of death in the United States.

Ten early signs and symptoms of Alzheimer’s are:
1. Memory Loss that disrupts daily life: forgetting recent information, important dates or events, or asking the same questions over and over.
2. Challenges in planning or solving problems; difficulty concentrating or taking much longer than normal to perform simple tasks.
3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks; trouble driving to familiar locations.
4. Confusion with time or place; forgetting where you are or how you got there.
5. Trouble understanding visual images and special relationships; difficulty reading or judging distances.
6. New problems with words in speaking or writing; struggle to find the right words for objects, calling objects by the wrong names.
7. Misplacing items and unable to retrace your steps in an attempt to locate.
8. Decreased or poor judgment dealing with money or hygiene; telemarketing scams, not bathing.
9. Withdrawal from work or social activities: may be due to noticing changes in mood, personality or memory.
10. Changes in mood or personality; being overly confused, anxious, suspicious, or fearful.

There is treatment available to help manage symptoms but there is currently no known cure. There is research being done to develop treatments to improve the quality of life for those affected by the disease. Alzheimer’s worsens over time, so that is why it is important to report any signs and symptoms or suspicion of the disease to your health care provider. The earlier the disease is detected, the more options you have to explore treatments to relieve symptoms.

There is an estimated 16 million people in the United States currently providing unpaid care for a loved one with Alzheimer’s or other types of dementia. The ASTHS currently has a Native American Caregiver Support Program to assist those caregivers with resources, gaining access to available services, counseling, supplemental services to assist with caregiving responsibilities, and respite care. For more information contact Deidre Yarbrough, RN, Caregiver Coordinator at 405-701-7190.

For more information about Alzheimer’s and other dementias, visit the Alzheimer’s Association at www.alz.org. The Alzheimer’s Association also has a 24/7 helpline 1-800-272-3900.

Source: www.alz.org

Men’s Health Month

On average, men live about 5 years less than women. Men visit the doctor’s office about 1/2 the amount of times as women do for preventative screenings. Men have a higher death rate for the leading causes of death including cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and suicide. Due to these startling facts, Men’s Health Month was created to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys.

Women can be involved in Men’s Health Month by encouraging a male in your life to schedule an appointment with their provider for preventative screenings. Ways men can participate:

- Eat healthy-start small by adding one fruit and vegetable to your diet each day
- Get moving-play with your kids or grandkids, take the stairs instead of the elevator, work in the yard, or participate in a sport.
- Make prevention a priority-get regular checkups from your health care provider. Regular screenings are important in the early detection and prevention of problems with blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, and prostate health. All of these problems can lead to disease and even death.

Friday, June 15th is designated as “Wear Blue Day” to bring awareness to Men’s Health. Participate by wearing blue and posting your picture to social media using the hashtag #ShowUsYourBlue.

For more information on Men’s Health visit www.menshealthmonth.org or www.menshealthnetwork.org or contact ASTHS Public Health Nursing Department at 405-447-0300.

Source: www.menshealthmonth.org
We are hiring!

Join our team

We are looking for qualified candidates to join our team. We have open positions for both the Shawnee Campus and Little Axe Health Clinic.

Open Positions:

- **Desktop Support Technician**
  - Shawnee Campus
- **Patient Registration Clerk**
  - Shawnee Clinic
- **Groundskeeper - Seasonal**
  - Shawnee Campus
- **Procurement Clerk II**
  - Shawnee Campus
- **Indian Child Welfare Director**
  - Shawnee
- **ICW/PSSF Worker**
  - Shawnee
- **Master Teacher**
  - Shawnee Building Blocks Child Care
- **Float Full Time (3)**
  - Shawnee & Little Axe Building Blocks Child Care
- **Float Part Time**
  - Little Axe Building Blocks Child Care
- **Assistant Teacher**
  - Little Axe Building Blocks Child Care
- **Food Prep Assistant**
  - Little Axe Building Blocks Child Care
- **LPN**
  - Little Axe Health Clinic
- **Medical Assistant**
  - PlusCare Clinic – Little Axe
- **RN Case Manager**
  - Little Axe Health Clinic
- **Physical Therapist Assistant**
  - Little Axe Health Clinic
- **Dental Hygienist**
  - Little Axe Health Clinic
- **Dental Assistant**
  - Little Axe Health Clinic
- **Surveillance Operator**
  - Thunderbird Casino

For more information or to apply visit www.astribe.com
AST enters into Cooperation Agreement with Lincoln and Pottawatomie Counties

After a long pursuit, Absentee Shawnee Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe and Tribal Police Chief Brad Gaylord met with the Joint Committee on State Tribal Relations on May 3rd, 2018.

The purpose of this meeting was to gain approval for an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement between the Absentee Shawnee tribe, the Lincoln County Sheriff’s department, and the Pottawatomie County District Attorney. These agreements provide guidelines that allow participants to work together and share resources for the betterment of their communities.

It is the hope that such a resolution can help address the dramatic rise in drug-related crime at the state and local level.

AST Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe and Tribal Police Chief Brad Gaylord pose with a member of the Joint Committee on State Tribal Relations.

Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority

2018 PROGRAMS

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

PROGRAMS ARE DEPENDANT ON FUNDING AVAILABILITY

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SERVICES

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LOCATED AT 107 NORTH KIMBERLY IN SHAWNEE, OK.

WEBSITE: WWW.ASHOUSINGAUTHORITY.COM
Women are 100% more likely than men to visit the doctor for annual exams and preventive services.

1 in 2 men are diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime compared to 1 in 3 women.

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Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Programs
June 2018

The CCDF Programs would like to congratulate all of our students for making it through the school year. This year provided a unique experience with the teacher walkout throughout the state of Oklahoma. We are glad we were able to assist families with care during this time in the Little Axe and Shawnee areas.

We had end of the year events for the students who attend the ASPs and were able to celebrate a year of hard work and dedication to learning. With the closing of the school year, the After School Programs will end until the fall. The Shawnee and Horseshoe Bend locations will re-open when school starts. Be on the lookout for information regarding those programs if you are interested in enrollment.

The CCDF Programs will be offering a Summer School Age Program this year. It will be similar to the program last year but will remain on the AST Complex instead of HSB. We are currently in the process of onboarding the staff and finalizing the enrollment. We do have a limited number of spots and we are almost full. We look forward to a fun but enriching summer!

The CCDF Subsidy Program has completed the renewal period for a majority of our clients. As of May, we will be placing new applicants on a waiting list. Due to the availability of funds, a limited number of applicants are approved during one funding cycle.

Our goals through the CCDF grant, Building Blocks enterprise and the After School Programs is to provide quality child care to Native and non-native children in our communities. We do this by our innovative ideas on curriculum and staying abreast of all training and requirements to maintain higher levels of care. We strive to be the best and be better than the best every day.

If you are interested in any of these programs or have any questions please feel free to contact me at the number above or by email, briana.ponkilla@astribe.com. Ni yi wá! (Thank you)

Briana Ponkilla
CCDF Coordinator

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Child Care Development Fund Programs
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801
P: (405) 432-8411
F: (405) 878-0156

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 (filing, counseling, and legal representation)

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 obtaining emergency shelter, transitional housing, or utility assistance.

Referred 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.
## Applying for Tribal Energy Assistance (T.E.A)

### Eligibility
- Enrolled Absentee Shawnee Tribe
- 18 years of age or older
- Utility bill in your name and/or spouse's name (spouse must reside in home)
- Total residence income (must not exceed a monthly net pay of $2,800.00)

### Required Documentation:
- Social Security Cards (all members residing in the residence)
- CDIB Cards (all members residing in the residence)
- Current utility bill and/or disconnect notice
- Current 30 days income verification (i.e. check stub, social security, unemployment, TANF, etc.)
- Unemployed applicants must complete self-certification form provided by case worker

### Have application completed and all required documentations before submitting to social services

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### ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS!!!

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

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### 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 wells, 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.
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**Absentee Shawnee Tribe Tax Commission**

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

**NEW REGISTRATIONS**

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

*TRIBAL MEMBER MUST BE PRESENT FOR ALL NEW REGISTRATIONS*

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

**RENEWALS**

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

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

**TAG PRICES**

- 1-4 YEARS $85
- 5-8 YEARS $75
- 9-12 YEARS $55
- 13-16 YEARS $35
- 17+ OVER YEARS $15

**PENALTY**

$0.25 A DAY

**FY-2018 YTD TAX COLLECTIONS (through 04/30/2018)**

**Absentee Shawnee Behavioral Health**

**STRENGTH OF TRADITION PROJECT**

Funded through SAHMSA Native Connections Grant in providing support by:

- Extending an out outreach through community partnerships to increase awareness of Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention in the community.
- Increasing the participation of youth, parents, tribal leaders, and health providers in developing mental health service and treatment options based on the cultural values and practice of the Native community.
- Easing the impacts of substance use, mental health illnesses, and trauma in native communities.
- Supporting youth as they transition into adulthood.

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

Linda Gouge  Victoria Andrews
Grant Coordinator  Grant Assistant
(405)701-7988  (405)701-7995

Little Axe Health Center
Li-Si-Wi-Ni Health, Inc.
15951 Little Axe Drive
Norman, OK 73062

*This flyer was developed under a grant number SM080181 from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The views, policies, and opinions expressed are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect those of SAMHSA or HHS.*
FY-2018 YTD TAX COLLECTIONS (through 04/30/2018)

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Members who live outside of the catchment area:

34 35

$350.00 tribal benefit for the cost of prescription eye glasses or contact lens. If the amount exceeds the $350.00,

contacts or non-prescription sunglasses these will be at their own expense. All charges will need to be processed.

NEW LOCATION: In the PlusCare Building by Thunderbird Casino

Assists victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and family-related violence. Services include face-to-face

appearances as well as filing for emergency protective orders (EPO) or restraining orders.

PROGRAMS AND AGES

3 UP TO 5 FOR OUR

r:

Appointments required.

Must pay to hold appointment.

-Parentage testing-

Tribal Member: $45

Non Tribal Member: $65

Note: for all other tests please contact enrollment
Great health, great happiness, great pride.

Short and sweet. The healthier we are as individuals, the stronger we are as a Tribe. Thank you for trusting us to take care of you.
Candidates Participate in Public Debate as Elections Draw Nearer

Candidates for Executive Committee elections met to debate on May 5th. The debate was sponsored by the White Turkey Band and held at the Sac & Fox Nation Community Services Multipurpose Building in Shawnee, Oklahoma. The event gave tribal members the opportunity to hear attending candidates point of view and ask pose their own questions. Each candidate was given time to make an opening statement, then were questioned by a moderator. After all candidates had spoken, the room was opened for questioning by the audience.

While all candidates were invited to attend, those that chose to participate were Atheda Fletcher for Tribal Representative, Phillip Ellis for Tribal Treasurer, Leah Bender for Tribal Treasurer, and Kenneth Blanchard for Lt. Governor. Tribal elections will be held June 16th. A recording of the debate can be found at astribe.com.

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

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

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

Unfortunately, we can only accept one picture per birthday person, not per birthday wish.
CAMP NIKOTI

2018

LEADERSHIP AND BEYOND

Sign-Ups:
Youth must be signed up by Friday, June 8th, at 5:00 p.m.
Where: Brendle Corner Little Axe, Ok
Camp Days: Tues.-Thurs.
Duration: June 19 – July 20
Times: 9am-4pm
Ages: 11-14
Limit: 30 Participants (SPACE IS LIMITED!!!!)

Contact Information:
Brandon Goodman at 405-275-4030 ext. 6255
brandon.goodman@astribe.com
Blake Goodman at 405-364-7298
bgoodman@astribe.com

Transportation: Tecumseh/Shawnee area youth will be picked up at the AST Complex @ 8:30 a.m. SHARP! We will be returning at 4:30 p.m. (Space is Limited)
June 2018

Kidz Zone

June

po ki mi we ke se fe wa
(poh-kah-mah-kee-sthway)

AST KIDZ ZONE

NO FI WE SI LI SI MI MO
(noh-thah wee-shah-lah-shah-mah-moh)

Happy Father's Day

It's time to give Dad his Father's Day gift, but where did he go?
Complete the maze.

OK CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE 405-878-4702

DRAW YOUR DAD!

ho se ke sa ko
(hoh-skee-say-koh)

ho we la fi
(hoh-wee-lay-fah)

ho ki se
(hoh-kah-see)

ho ti wi ki wi le
(hoh-tah-wah-kah-wah-lee)

ho to ne
(hoh-toh-nee)

SPEAK SHAWNEE!

FATHER
no fi
(noh-thah)

GRANDPA
me so me fi
(m’sohm-thah)