

THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE NEWS

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Filing Period Open for Election Commission Vacancies

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Members,

As of April 17, 2021, The General Council passed a motion to re-open the Candidate filing period for a Special Election in August 2021. The following position will be on the ballot.

Deputy Election Commissioner Filling Fee \$215.00 3 Year Term

Election Secretary Filing Fee \$133.00 1 (Term ends June 2021)

Commissioner Member #1 Filing Fee \$215.00 3 Year Term

Commissioner Member #2 Filing Fee \$174.00 2 Year left on Term

Under the Election Ordinance:

Article VI-Elections Section 2

Special Elections shall be conducted by the Election Commission according to Article VI, VII, and IX of the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Constitution.

Due to the timeline, this will be a Special Election. This Election will run like the Annual Election.

The filing period will reopen on June 1, 2021, and close on June 10, 2021 (excluding weekends and holidays. Request for Absentee Ballot will begin June 1, 2021.

The Election Day will be on Saturday, August 21, 2021. Polls open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 6:00 p.m.

All potential Candidates please consult the Constitution, Election Ordinance, and the Election Commission Procedure and Policy Manual for qualifications of Candidates.

The Election Commission

Elders Council Provides Care Bags





Left Photo: AST Elders Council Treasurer Rita Robertson and President Twila Parker. Right Photo: AST Elders Council President Twila Parker distributing care bags at Thunderbird Casino..

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Elders Council recently held two drive up events passing out 150 care bags. The bags were passed out May 15th at the Thunderbird Casino in Norman, OK and May 24th at Title VI in Shawnee, OK The care bags included PPE (face mask, gloves, sanitizer), personal items and snacks. Elders Council President Twila Parker, said, "As an Elder of this time, it has become quite apparent that our personal health is the most important thing in our lives now." The Elders Council wants to thank the following for donations: Governor John Johnson, Secretary Alicia Miller, AST Police Chief Brad Gaylord, AST Police Department and AST Interim Emergency Manager Levi Walker.





GOVERNOR John Johnson



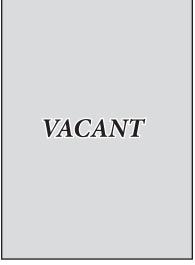
Lt. GOVERNOR Ezra DeLodge



SECRETARY Alicia Miller



TREASURER Joseph Blanchard



REPRESENTATIVE



GOVERNOR'S REPORT

John Johnson, AST Governor

Hello fellow tribal members,

As of May 10th, 2021 the tribal complex has entered into Phase II. This means that tribal members are able to make an appointment to conduct business in person. The appointments need to be made 24 hours in advance and masks are still required while on complex. The future plan is to move to Phase III on or before July 1st, 2021. With

the new CDC guidelines coming out, we hope we will have the complex open sooner than later. Phase III will open the tribal complex to regular business. Please watch the website for updates.

The Executive Committee established the COVID-19 Utility Assistance Program in response to the pandemic. This one-time \$400 payment will be made to the utility company of eligible AST enrolled members. Please get your application turned in before the deadline of June 4th, 2021.

I would like to congratulate all the Absentee Shawnee Tribal members that have recently graduated. This is a huge accomplishment and I wish you nothing but the best with your future goals.

Please don't forget the continuation of the 86th General Counsel meeting. It will be on June 19th, 2021 at 10am at the Thunderbird Casino in Little Axe. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Alicia Miller, AST Secretary

Ho wa se ke sa ke! The AST CARES Utility Assistance Program has been ongoing since May 3rd and will conclude on June 4th so please be sure to read the program eligibility and required documents needed for participation. We want to assist as many tribal members as possible and the following the outline of the program information aids in a smoother process and helps avoid any potential delays for the utility assistance payment. for the new economic stimulus bill, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 signed into law on March 11, 2021, the tribe has been attending the Treasury's virtual information sessions. Tribes in general are in the process of submitting required data to the Treasury so tribes can find out what their portion will be under the Tribal government allocation methodology. Funding, once issued, may be used to: Support the Public Health Response, Address Negative Economic Impacts, Provide Equity-Focused Services, Replace Tribal Government Revenue Loss, Premium Pay for Essential Employees, Water, Sewer and Broadband Infrastructure.

relief comes at a time where tribes have been under an unprecedented strain. These monies will lay a good foundation for a stronger recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing recession.

The AST Human Resource Department has been working diligently on rolling out an Employee Training Program. This is in partnership with Gordon Cooper Vo-tech beginning in the month of June (via email links). The intended goals are to develop employees so they can be more productive, efficient and adaptable in their respective positions. It is also a way to save money for the tribe by reducing employment issues, decrease turnover and reducing workman comp claims. This department is quickly evolving and adapting well to implementing contemporary solutions for outdated practices all in the name of efficiency purposes. I am quite pleased how this department is progressing to modernize processes.

Cultural Preservation had a busy (May) month delivering ceremonial grounds' rations for the Spring Bread Dances. This department is also busy putting together a list of virtual and hopefully (soon) in-person, cultural classes such Alicia Edwards Miller This as yarn belts, ribbon skirts, and Tribal Secretary

aprons just to name a few. These classes will be announced soon via website and social media. We are excited to announce the Shawnee Language Dictionary is now accessible for AST tribal members on the tribal member login on The Gift Shop the AST website. is open to patrons however, in order to protect visitors and employees - it is requested that masks be continually worn while shopping and they will be limiting capacity to maintain safe distancing. So please come visit and check out their Spring/Summer stock.

We are actively working to fill the Representative position. We had an overwhelming response of tribal applicants. The level of interest, experience and qualifications have been notable. The EC plans to fill this vacancy very soon and will make the appropriate announcement at a future time.

Schools are out, summer is about to be in full swing and there is some sense of normalcy in the air. However, please be sure to continue to take precautions because we want to see a total end to this pandemic.

'Til next month - ne yi wa.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joseph Blanchard, AST Treasurer

Hello friends and family,

As we begin the month of June, I want to say "Happy Father's Day!" to all the dads, stepdads, uncles, grandpas, sons, nephews, brothers, or those acting as dad in our community. The need for good role models is important to the emotional development and upbringing of our children. I cannot say enough about the men who had a hand in raising me. Their direction, encouragement and involvement have had a direct influence in who I've become.

The school year has ended and Summer Break will be in full swing. This also means Camps (educational and sports related) will start up as well. Again, I want to say "Congratulations!" to all of our graduates. I've enjoyed seeing all the updates and sharing of information regarding your accomplishments. I know your families are excited as you've reached this milestone and wish for continued success.

Since my last submission, a few things have occurred. Of course, for those who participated in our ceremonial Bread Dance activities, I was happy to see so many people it to each arbor and visit with our members. As I said previously, now that I'm older, I have a greater appreciation and understanding of the sacrifice our People make during this special time. The one observation I noticed was the transition or change that occurred.

The Tribe's audit has officially begun and the Auditing Firm, Baker Tilly, has been reviewing documents and fulfilling their process...so far, so good. Even with all the extra work created as a result of the Pandemic, Finance Department was able to maintain data beneficial to our CARES reporting. Once they are complete, it'll be a couple months before the results and observations will be returned to the Tribe. Again, I want to express my appreciation to the staff, even with change in leadership, was still able to fulfill their

mission. Briefly, I want to report on is the vacant Representative position. First and foremost, I want to encourage our members to visit personally with their elected officials. Like many of you, I hear the rumors and gossip being shared around the campfires. One of the Elders reminded me, "I don't listen

attend this event. I tried to make know who or where to go to get an answer." So much is put on social media outlets, and it spreads like wildfire, whether it's true or not. I would simply say, look at your source. Most of the inflammatory information is exactly that, said to get a rise from you and to evoke a reaction. For some, Change is difficult. But I can guarantee, we cannot continue to do the same things we've always done and expect a different result.

> Finally, as of this writing, the application to request funds for the American Relief Plan (ARP), has been submitted before the May 24th deadline. This is of more importance to our members since it deals specifically with our population. A quick reminder regarding my statement at General Council; if we receive \$33 million, we have until December 2024 to expend. The 3 year average results in an \$11 million annual budget. Through consultation and negotiation, the U.S. Treasury basically approved each assistance program the AST utilized last fall.

As always, should you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to me or my assistant. Ne yi wa!

to that mess. If I have questions, I Joseph H. Blanchard

Election Commission

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

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

I, _______, hereby certify that I am or will be an Eligible Voter of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe on or before August 21, 2021. I cannot physically be present to cast my Vote at the August 21, 2021 Special Election, therefore, I am requesting an Absentee Ballot be mailed to me at the following address.

Name (please print): ___

Signature:

All <u>REQUESTS</u> must be returned to the <u>Election Commission</u> by the deadline date of **July 31, 2021**

Mailtar

Absentee Shawnee Election Commission P.O. Box 741 Tecumseh, OK 74873

Fax to:

Fax # (405) 273-1337 (Do not fax to any other fax #)

Phone: (405) 275-4030 ext. 6271 Toll free number 1-800-256-3341 ext. 6271

Deliver in Person to:

Election Commission Office located in the Tribal Court Building

All eligible voters are entitled to vote either at the Polls or by Absentee Ballot.

This form may be duplicated for your convenience.

Received: ____ Approved: ____ Disapproved: ____ Disapproved: ____ Disapproved: ____ Disapproved (reason): ____ Denial Letter Mailed: ____ Ballot Mailed: ____ Disapproved

SEEKING ALTERNATES FOR ELECTION COMMISSION

Election Commission/Representative

The Election Commission is seeking individuals to serve as alternates.

Alternates must meet the requirements listed in the Election ordinance.

If you are interested, please submit your letter of interest to Election Commission

Via E-mail Election.Commission@astribe.com

Once we receive your letter of interest, we will begin the process.

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL MEMBERS

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON ONE OF THE FOLLOWING BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES OR COUNCILS:

ASEDA

CULTURAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

FOSTER CARE LICENSING COMMITTEE

TEC

NAGPRA

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR LETTERS OF INTEREST WITH RESUME ATTACHED TO:



Tribal Secretary 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, OK 74801 aliciam@astribe.com



Thunderbird Casino is hosting their annual Anniversary Celebration, the dates are Friday, July 2nd through Sunday, July 4th. "The decision to postpone another year or go forward was a hard one to make, there was already preparations being made in January of last year for a big 2020 celebration and then everything shut down", says Thunderbird Casino Marketing Director, Lisa Frazier. Thunderbird Casinos General Manager, Sam Caruso gave the nod for outdoor events in early May for the July 4th weekend and from there the planning has moved quickly.

The pow wow will be two days: Friday night Grand Entry will be at 7:30pm with contests for Tiny Tots, Juniors, Teens, and Golden Age. This year we have a drum contest, it will be both nights with the winners announced on Saturday night. This year Kenneth Blanchard's family will take part in the drum contest and the contest is named in the memory of Lt. Governor Kenneth Blanchard. This year's head staff includes Breanna Hill, the current reigning Miss Indian Oklahoma for Head Lady, the Head Man: BJ Longhorn, Arena Director: Randy Frazier, and Absentee Shawnee Veterans will serve as our color guard. The rest of the head staff will be listed in the updated pow wow flyer. Any interest in arts and crafts and food vendors please contact Pamela Gibson at 405.360.9270 extension 1202.

Saturday morning on July 3rd the front parking lot will be filled at 9:00am with Classic Cars as the semi-annual Thunderbird Car Show returns! Car enthusiasts will travel to the Norman casino to show off their cars, in hopes of winning some cash, large trophy, and bragging rights.

The Saturday gourd dancing session will take off early afternoon at 2:00pm with supper break at 5:00pm to 6:00pm, Grand Entry will be at 7:30pm. The evening sky will be lit up with Fireworks at 10:00pm on Saturday, July 3rd and then soon after the pow wow will conclude.

Sunday, July 4th At 7:00pm there will be a FREE Watermelon feed, Live Music on the front entrance stage, beer garden and food vendors in the front parking lot, bring your lawn chairs because you will want to stay around.

The Thunderbird Casino night sky will light up once again with a huge fireworks show at 10:00pm.



The 86th Semi-Annual General Council will reconvene on Saturday, June 19th, 2021 at 10 a.m.

The meeting will be at Thunderbird Casino, Norman, OK.

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ASTHS June 2021 Monthly Update

How Can Native Americans get coverage under the ACA?

Q. How can Native Americans get coverage under the ACA? Are there specific plan options for them?

A. American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) benefit from the Affordable Care Act's expanded coverage. Most American Indians/Alaska Natives have incomes that make them eligible for either Medicaid expansion or exchange subsidies. The bad news is that a significant percentage of their low-income uninsured population lives in states that have not yet expanded Medicaid (of the ten states with the largest Native American populations, four - Oklahoma, Texas, North Carolina, and South Dakota - have not yet expanded Medicaid. While not available in Oklahoma, in some areas, pilot programs are providing Native Americans with fully subsidized plans. Oklahoma is expected to begin offering expanded coverage in July 2021, with a June 2021 enrollment opening forecasted).

According to Insurance expert Louise Norris with healthinsurance.org, who observed that no cost-sharing is required for Native Americans who apply for coverage in an ACA exchange with income between 100-300% federal poverty level, Native Americans are not out-of-pocket and do not have to pay cost-sharing such as deductibles, copays, and coinsurance on any marketplace plan (note that in states that have expanded Medicaid, Medicaid is available to households with income up to 138% of the poverty level, so eligibility for subsidized marketplace plans starts above that level rather than 100% of the poverty level).

An AI/AN is also exempt from cost sharing for any health services received directly from "IHS (Indian Health Service), Indian tribe, tribal organization, urban Indian organization or through the Contract Health Service program." To be eligible as a Native American, you must be a member of a recognized Indian tribe, band, or nation, according to the Indian Healthcare Improvement Act.

Until late 2017, the federal government reimbursed insurers for the cost of providing \$0 cost-sharing to eligible Native American enrollees. But that was part of the cost-sharing reduction (CSR) program, and CSR funding was cut off by the Trump administration in October 2017. CMS confirmed that funding to cover the elimination of cost-sharing for eligible Native Americans was eliminated along with the rest of the CSR program's funding.

To be clear, Native Americans are still eligible for \$0 cost-sharing if their income doesn't exceed 300% of the poverty level (in the lower 48 states, that's \$65,160 for a family of three in 2021; the limits are higher in Alaska and Hawaii). But the federal government is no longer reimbursing insurers for providing that benefit. Insurers in most states have added the cost of CSR to premiums (typically, silver-plan premiums) since 2018.

Most of the rate filings don't specifically address Native American cost-sharing benefits. Insurers that don't add the cost of Native American CSR to their premiums simply have to absorb that cost, but it's a much smaller cost than general CSR, given the low percentage of exchange enrollees who qualify for Native American cost-sharing elimination.

Year-round enrollment! There are rolling monthly open enrollment periods throughout the year for Native Americans who wish to enroll in the exchanges. They are not limited to enrolling during open enrollment. As long as they enroll by the 15th of the month, their coverage will be effective the first of the following month. As of 2022, HealthCare.gov will grant first-of-the-following-month effective dates for anyone enrolling outside of open enrollment, including Native Americans or anyone else enrolling during a special enrollment period triggered by a qualifying event.

Extra benefits for Native Americans eligible for Medicaid or CHIP: Native Americans who are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP have some special protections under federal law:

There are no enrollment fees or cost-sharing (copays, deductibles, etc.) for Native Americans enrolled in CHIP, and some Native American resources and federal payments aren't counted when determining eligibility for CHIP. Medicaid-eligible Native Americans who are eligible for or receive services from the Indian Health Service (IHS), tribally-run health plans, or urban Indian health programs (collectively known as I/T/U, referring to the overall Indian Health System) do not have to pay Medicaid premiums or enrollment fees. In addition, if they've ever used one of the I/T/U programs, they're exempt from Medicaid cost-sharing (copays, deductibles, etc.). As with CHIP, some Native American resources and federal payments are not counted when determining eligibility for Medicaid.

Improvements to existing services: The ACA also made the 1976 Indian Health Care Improvement Act permanent, which enhances and improves the Indian Health Service. American Indians have access to free health care via IHS, but the services provided by IHS are not all-encompassing – which means that referrals to specialists outside of the program are common, and often not covered. In addition, many people who qualify for tribal care live far from IHS facilities and are thus realistically uninsured. So even though Native Americans can get care through IHS, it's often beneficial to enroll in coverage through the exchange if they can afford to do so. In some areas, pilot programs are providing Native Americans with fully subsidized plans through the exchange. The health system will be sending flyers and information cards to all of our patients explaining options and considerations for what they may and may not qualify for. After discussion with one of our trained Patient Benefit Advisors, you may find that you and your family can access services with more coverage and more control over your health than ever before with these new programs!

Please help us in congratulating our 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!

June 2021 Health Employee Awards of the Month

Employee of the Month: Darlene Perryman, HIM Director

Team of the Month: PRC Guidelines Review Team

Special Leadership Award: Glendine Blanchard, PRC Director

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

Remember: "Your mask protects me, my mask protects you, and immunizations protect us all!"

Pharmacy Reminder





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.



RESOURCE CENTER NOTICE:

In order to reduce exposure to our tribal members, patients, and community members, the <u>Little Axe Resource Center will</u> remain closed to the public until further notice. This includes access to the gym and reserving space for private use.

Please continue to practice social distancing, wear your masks, and remain at home when you can.

Thank you,





NOTICE JUNE 2021

COVID-19 & ANTIBODY TESTING (Please enter the clinic for testing)

LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER 405.447.0300

COVID-19 testing 5:30pm-6:30pm:

- Thurs., June 3rd
- Thurs., June 17th

ANTIBODY testing 5:00pm - 6:00pm (LA only):

• Thurs., June 24th

SHAWNEE CLINIC 405.878.5850

COVID-19 testing 5:30pm - 6:30pm:

- Tues., June 1st
- Tues., June 15th

For Your Visit Please...

- Wear a mask
- Bring identification

For Antibody Testing...

- Be prepared to have blood drawn
- Testing is available to anyone ages 10+



For inquiries please call 405.695.1787. In the event of adverse weather, testing may not be conducted. Follow the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System on Facebook or our website for updates asthealth.org. Testing is open to the public.





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.

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: 855.488.8441www.va.gov

Little Axe **Health Center** Shawnee Clinic 405.878.5850







va.gov/tribalgovernment | 405.456.3876



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receiving the vaccine.





5-7PM

- May 5, 2021 June 8, 2021
- May 19, 2021 June 29, 2021
- May 26, 2021

Little Axe Health Center 15951 Little Axe Drive Norman, OK 73026

5-7PM

- May 4, 2021
 - May 18, 2021
- May 6, 2021
- May 20, 2021
- May 11, 2021 May 27, 2021
- May 13, 2021 June 3, 2021

For more information call 405.701.7190 or 405.701.7600







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 must apply for Medicaid Expansion benefits effective July 1, 2021. 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.



WE CAN HELP

Contact a Patient Benefit Advocate Little Axe Shawnee **Health Center** 405.447.0300

www.asthealth.org





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 middleincome 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 costsavings 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





Health Insurance Marketplace www.healthcare.gov 1.800.318.2596

WE CAN HELP

Contact a Patient Benefit Advocate

Little Axe **Health Center** 405.447.0300

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TITLE VI ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

During this COVID 19 PANDEMIC: 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

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

HOME DELIVERED 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 Bettelvoun, Cook Donna Butler, Assistant Cook/Driver Robert Schoolfield, Driver/Maintenance Ted Watson Jr, Driver/Kitchen Assistant Guy Kowena, Driver/Kitchen Assistant



ELDER INTAKE FORM TODAY'S DATE _ REFERRAL SOURCE_ _ FIRST NAME_ DATE OF BIRTH MALE FEMALE VETERAN YES NO STREET ADDRESS STATE ZIP CODE PHONE NUMBER __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 _ALZHEIMER'S _ARTHRITIS CANCER **HEALTH HISTORY** ___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**



Yogurt Berry Bites

Price per recipe: \$4.37 Makes 5 servings

3 clusters per serving

Nutrition Facts per serving: 45 calories, 0.5 g fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 25 mg sodium, 9 g carbohydrates,

1 g fiber, 2 g protein

You will need:

- 6 ounces low-fat vanilla yogurt 1 cup blueberries (fresh or
- Baking sheet

frozen)

- Wax paper or foil
- Mixing bowl Mixing spoon
- Tablespoon
- Small plate

What to do:

- Wash hands; get out ingredients and utensils.
- Line baking sheet with wax paper or foil.
- Mix yogurt and berries.
- Scoop out 1 tablespoon yogurt covered berries and place onto lined baking sheet.
- Freeze clusters.
- When ready to serve, place 3 Yogurt Berry Bites on a plate and enjoy!

Options

Change it up! Try Yogurt Berry Bites with different berries like blackberries, raspberries or strawberries. Any mix of several types of berries, fresh or frozen, works. Plain yogurt or another flavor might also be tasty! agle Together we can prevent diabetes! - www.eagleadventure.com

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
- Must be an Title VI Member, have a current intake form on file (FY-2021)
- Must provide Proof of Residency (utility bill in the applicants name)
- Handicap/Disabled
- 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@astribe.com

Thomasine Owings

Thomasine Owings Title VI Director

> 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
- Must be 55 years and older
- Must be an Title VI Member (have an current intake form for the current year 2021
- 4. Handicap/Disabled
- Must provide Proof of Residency (utility bill must be in applicant's name)
- 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

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

ADDRESS: ____

STATE:____

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.



Are you

Walking Right?
Hold your head

high

Nutrition Corner

Benefits of Walking

Move shoulders freely and

- naturally Swing your arms
- in a natural motion. This will help you avoid back problems.
- opposite leg with the opposite arm. Push off with
- your hind leg. This will use your glutes and engage your

Move the

back with eyes forward. Keep your gaze at the horizon and enjoy the

Place shoulders

- scenery. Tighten mid-section/core
- Tuck your pelvis under your
- torso Position your feet straight ahead, parallel to each other.

30 Minutes a

- 1. Reduces risk of heart disease
- 11. Reduces the risk of cancer
- 2. Helps to maintain weight or lose 12. Can improve quality of sleep weight
 - 13. Gives time to practice self-care
- 3. Reduces stress levels
- 4. Increases energy levels balance
- 5. Helps boost mood
- 6. Gets blood pumping
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- 8. Helps to reduce anxiety 9. Increases lung capacity
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- 19. Can improve blood pressure 20. Boosts immunity

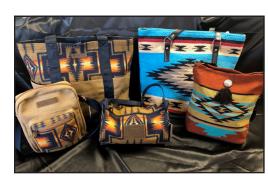


Cultural Preservation Department

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 either full time or part time in the office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We are happy to announce the gift shop is now open to all customers for in-store shopping! Individuals wanting to shop need to make an appointment with Mrs. Merry Rodriguez, the Gift Shop Manager. However, 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.
- 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
 - Avoid close contact (Social Distance)
 - a. Please keep 6 feet between you and other customers
- Use hand sanitizer as often as possible
- Sorry...NO public restroom is available. Temporarily closed due to COVID-19.



We have an assortment of new merchandise such as the items featured in the picture to the left. We also have new shipments from Pendleton, Nu Trendz and other logo bearing items 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 have any questions, please call Mrs. Rodriguez. She can be reached at (405) 275-4030 ext. 6310.

Library

Currently, the Library is still closed. However, the Ms. Casey Wilson, the Librarian, and I are looking into ways for patrons to view the library collections online. The Library plans to become a part of the OK Virtual Library Digital Consortium which utilizes OverDrive to get our collections online. 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.



On May 3rd, Ms. Wilson presented the program Read for Adventure to the youth at Building Blocks II. 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 have offered this experience to a total of 48 families so far and will continue to offer this program until we are out of tickets. However, as the Library is not open to the public or to tribal members at this time, we will be posting further instructions online. So, please be on the lookout. Zoo admission vouchers are redeemable through June 30, 2021. 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 61 new Section 106 projects for review. In conjunction with receiving projects, 34 projects have been consulted on. The THPO Department has also taken part in numerous teleconference calls.

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 107 new telecommunications facility projects for review. In conjunction with receiving projects, she has reviewed, researched and gave recommendation for the clearance of 92 telecommunications projects.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Cultural Preservation Department, in conjunction with the gift shop re-opening, will be holding a Christmas in July Giveaway. 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. Be on the lookout for a flyer for the event on the website and tribal Facebook page.

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@astribe.com.

AllNations Bank

Ask about "AST Preferred Checking" and our debit card that honors the Absentee Shawnee Tribe!



You can either be an Absentee Shawnee Tribe Member or an Employee of the Tribe or one of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's businesses. Account features include:

- Free Value Checks
- ❖ .25% rate reduction with auto debit on consumer loan rates Interest bearing account
- ❖ \$25.00 minimum to open the account No minimum to earn interest
- No monthly maintenance fee
- ❖ Free direct deposit option ❖ Free ATM/Debit Card
- Free Online Banking & Bill Pay
- ❖ Free Online Electronic Banking Statement
- ❖ Free check images with statement
- ❖ Free 1 year rental of a 3x5 safe deposit box or 6 months free rental of a 5x10 safe deposit box (based on availability)
- Free Notary Service
- * FDIC Insured

Contact bank staff for more information 2023 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801, PH (405) 273-0202 114 E. Main St., Calumet, OK 73014, PH (405) 893-2240

Member

FDIC

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

Social Service is accepting TEA Application on a daily basis and can be found on the AST website under service-social/service/tea. Then send by email: awilson@astribe.com or NEdwards@astribe.com, fax: (405) 273-7938 or mail: 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee OK 74801.

Tribal Energy Assistance (TEA) **AST Tribal Members Only!**



Let us help...

Come and apply for help with your utility bill, this program runs from January through December for tribal members who reside in the United States or until funds are depleted. This Program in on a first come first serve basis.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Enrolled member of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe (signature of Tribal member required)
- 18 years of age or older NO EXCEPTIONS
- Utility bill(s) must be in the tribal member's and/or spouse's name (if in spouse name, spouse must reside in the home) NO EXCEPTIONS
- TOTAL RESIDENCE income must not exceed a net pay of \$2,800.00 per month
- Attend and complete classes (as required)

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

- Social Security cards for ALL members residing in the residence
- CDIB cards for ALL members residing in the residence (if applicable)
- Current utility bill and/or disconnect notice
- Current 30 days income verification (i.e. check stub, social security, unemployment, TANF, etc.)
- Unemployed persons must complete self-certification form provided by case worker

BENEFIT AMOUNT: Assistance is limited to a one time payment of \$150.00 per year, per residence and is a "use it or lose it basis."

Any questions please call (405) 878-4723 or (405) 488-5162 (Social Service cell phone)

Social Service is now accepting LIHEAP Application for your electric and gas this application can be found on the AST website under service-social/ service/LIHEAP. To be eligible for the LIHEAP program you will need to live in the Cleveland and Pottawatomie Counties and be an enrolled member of any tribe. Please send all applications by email: awilson@astribe.com or NEedwards@astribe.com, fax: (405) 273-7938 or mail: 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee OK 74801.

Tribal LIHEAP ASSISTANCE

Let us help...

Come and apply for help with your utility bill: **Cooling May thru September Heating November thru March**



All applicants must meet the eligibility requirements and criteria which is approved by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Enrolled member with a federally recognized tribe (signature of Tribal member required)
- Must reside in CLEVELAND and POTTAWATOMIE COUNTIES 18 years of age or older NO EXCEPTIONS
- Applicants' combined household income for the 30 days prior to application is at or below Federal Poverty
- Utility bill must be in the tribal member's and/or spouse's name (if in spouse name, spouse must reside in the home) NO EXCEPTIONS

List of Priority:

- Elderly
- Disabled
- Homes with young children Single individuals with no dependents and AST employee are low priority for assistance

Department of Social Services

(405) 878-4723, ext. 6225 or 6311

Other Social Service Applications that are on line are as follows: General Assistance, Burial Assistance (AST tribal members only), School Clothing Allowance Program (AST tribal members only)

Please make all copies of your documents and attach to all applications. IF you have any questions, please give Social Service a call at (405) 878-4723 or (405) 488-5162-Social Service cell phone.

Thank you!

8 www.astribe.com June 2021

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Aguirre Perez Jr., Jose Ricardo Anderson, Mia Imani Anderson, Micah RaShawn Arms, Eva Nikkole Armstrong, Bobby Joe Atabaigi, Viktor Arman Atchico, Kevin Todd Atwood, Dalana Ann Barnard, Laython Gauge Bates, Edwin Gale Bates, Horace Ray Beach, Madison Sue Bear, Wally Eugene Bell, Patsy Marie Bell, Sarah Elisabeth Bender, Leah Daphne Ann Bigpond, Michael Ray Bittle, Gavin Jacob Blackburn, Brittney Renee Blackburn, Nicole Ann Blanchard, Catrina Jay Blanchard, Frances May Blanchard, Joshua Darand Blanchard, Mark Leeroy Blanchard, Ryan Lee Blanchard, Trinity Morgan Bluewater, Marty Boston Jr., Carl Kent Bowman, Lourie Ann Bradley, Megan Nicholle Brady, Amber Dawn Brady, Payton Lee Breeding, Landry Parker Breeding, Oakley Avalon Brewer, Zelda Sue Brokeshoulder, Gerald C. Brown, David Anthony Brown, Jearldean Louise Brown, Shedrick Tremain Brummett, Everett James Bryant, Christopher Michael Bui, Robert Dao Bullard, Carolyn Sue Bulock, Dolores Lynn Burgess, Anthony Wayne Burris, Joyce Ann Byers, Samuel Ezra Carpenter, Kortlynn Marie Catcher, Emma Kay Charley Jr., Eugene R Charley, Shawna Tracy Ciulla, Casimer James Clark, Christian Eugene Clark, Mary Esther Clem, Sherry Michelle Cobell, Miranda Pauline Cochrane, Arthur Kent Coddington, Kevin Dwayne Coddington, Michael William Coddington, Nicole Chenoa Coffee, Bradlee Roy Conklin, Moira Colleen Corley, Karyn Louise Corona, Alvce Karen Cox, Elizabeth Diane Creek, Allison Jaine Creek, Lilly Dean Creek, Mistie Leann Creek, Shelia Maria Crossley, Caroline Dianne Cruz, Owen Patrick Cruz-Larney, Leonardo Dankenbring, Christina Renee Davis, Gary Brent Davis, Jeremy Ray Deer, Brayden Nathaniel Deer, Channa Racyne Deere, Dakota Gordon Lee Delodge Jr., Dwight Lee DeLodge, Devin Donte Jaylon Dennison, Lindsey Nicole Dibler, Jimmy Floyd Dietrich, Skylar Star Dodds, Audrey Douglass, Catalyna Jade Dunford, Dustin Everett Durmon, Raven Reese Eason, Gemini E'lane Edgmon, Andrew Shawn Edwards, Christopher John Ekk, Joyce Lynn Gant Ellis Jr., Paul Samuel Ellis, Craig Joseph

Ellis, Kinsley Harper

Ellis, Steven Duane

Felton, Beverly Ann Fixico, Kyeanna Rochelle Foreman, Jamie Marie Foreman, Lisa Ann Frazier, Lisa Deanne Fritsch, Cheryl D. Gant, Phillip Monroe Garfield, Doreecesha La Shawn Gibson, Alexis Riley Gibson, Bryan Scott Gibson, Kyle Wayne Gibson, Whitlee Danell Nacole Gonzalez, Josefa Yolanda Gonzalez, Kacev Lynn Grant, Willow Ann-Tremel Grass, Carmynn Layne Grass, Gregory Ryan Grass, Skylur Dain Groves, Caley Nicole Guthrie, William Thomas Hanson, Daylen Joseph Harjo II, Zackery Colin Dell Harjo, Samantha MacHel Harjoe, Theodore Mose Harris, Rebecca Rose Lillie Haumpy, Tyuana Senoria Herrera, Arlene June Herrera, Jose Alfredo Herrera, Keziah Corin Hibdon, Kylee Brooke Hicks, Lenny Wayne Hill, Christy Lynn Hill, Ryan Warren Holt, Aeriel Christine Hood, Leah Horsechief, Rebecca Delia Houchin, Cynthia Diane Howe, Flora Jean Huerta Trevino Jr., Aaron Huerta-Carrillo, Luke Patrick Hyde, Ashley Wendell Ibarra Jr., Luis Ricardo Irvin, Darlene Gosney Jackson, Tenain A-Tye Jackson, Tyson Joel Sweeney Jacobs, Lowana Gale Jetto, Aerial Moon Johnson, Bryan Austin Johnson, Dane Echogee Johnson, Hilo Tsotigh Johnson, John Raymond Johnson, Joseph Tarron Johnson, Megan Lucille Johnson, Nahtanha Kai Johnson, Tillman Aaron Johnson, Travis Eric Kastl, James Edward Kauley, Hollis Lucille Kelough, LaChrista Kay Kickapoo, Brandy Jo Kilmer Jr., Gregory Keith Kilmer, Brandon Keith Kilmer, Michael Houston Kinley, Taylor Jordan Kmatz, Zachary Robert Koontz, Susan Kay Kowitz, Shelly Anne Kreis, Brandie Rae Kupczynski, Mary Lee Lalehparvaran, Persia Jade LaPlant, Bailey Paige LaPlant, Cameron Scott Larney, Harriet Lee Larney, Megan June Larney, Takota Sun Latzke, Kimberly Nicole Lawrence, Dylan Zachariah Vaughn Hendrix Leitka, Macklyn Chappell Lewis, Mariah Nicole Lewis, Mark Stephen Lewis, Skylar Dean Cooksey Lime, Andrew Barry Little Axe, Arianna Danielle Little Axe, Claude Tyner Little Axe, Lisa Annette Little Charley, Virgil Ray

Little Creek, Calvin Dale

Littlebear, Marquitta Annette

Littlecreek, Christopher Dwight

Little, Anthony Ray

Littlebear Sr., Michael

Littlecreek, Arnold Kent

Littlecreek, Talani Rose

Littlecreek, Drew Michelle

Lockhart, Mandy Anna Lynn

Longhorn, Darrell Eugene Longman, Andrea Kay Lowe, Braylon James Lowe, Megan Louise Mack, Justin Wayne Mack, Kevin Lee Maddux, David Jacob Tiger Mahardy, Bradley Gene Mann, Flora Mae Mann, Jesse Dale Mantooth, Marquitta June Martinac, Susan Renee Martinez, Jennifer Gail Masquas, Izaiah Zazueta Mayfield, Hayden Winona McGuire, Kelsey Nicole McKeel, Melissa Jean McMahan, Camdyn Rae McMillen, Mitchell Thomas McReynolds, Justin Joel Melton, Kalen Mykel Mendoza, Elizabeth Ranae Michaelson, Carol Sue Morton Michaelson, James Ross Mickleburgh, Dorothy Jean Miller, Cutlass Ray Minesinger, Sara Danielle Mitchell, Trevor Micah David Mohawk, Galen Leroy Mohawk, William Douglas Montgomery, Richard Henry Aaron Moore, Jordan LaShell Morgan, Alissa Ann Morton, Madison Skye Morton, Misty Lynn Morton, Rachel Raynell Mullins, Mirissa Bethany Murdock, Wisper Dawn Murry Jr., Steven Ray Neconie, Dasia Lynnelle Nelson, Taylor Paige Nice, Isac James Nicholson, Peggy Mayrie O'Toole, Lezlie Marie O'Toole, Ryan Gregory Olguin, Cynthia Ruth Ortega, Eileen Marie Owens, Jaelyn Nevaeh Payne, Riley Erin Pearce, Eileen Pearson, Etta Axe Washington Perez, Brenda Irene Petty, John Eric Matthew Pine, Rita Ann Pine-Chapline, Annabelle Rose Pitchford, Lyria Makaila Plunkett, Tobie John Preciado, Christina Gracella Presley, Bailey Paige Proctor, Sonia Danielle Puckitt, Alvssa Marie Quarterman, Abel Matthew Tiger Raisbeck Jr., Christopher Gene Raisbeck, Christopher Gene Ramirez, Angel Daniel Ramirez, Manuela Ramirez, Tiffany Ann Ramirez, Virginia Reading, Gregory Tyler Respicio, Nicholas Lee Rides At The Door, Maleah Jane Riedel, Linda Mae Robinson Robbins, Ariel Nicole Robertson, Jimmy Robertson, Marion James Rolette, Tyler Austin Rose, Samaya Maluhia Russell, Addisyn Skye Ryder, Holland Thomas Sanchez, Eder Pavel Schmidt, Michelle Denise Schwarz, Fiona Folasade A. E. Scott, Colton James Seber, James Eddie Serena, Nicole Inez Raelynne Shawnee, Brooklyn Pearl Shawnee, Lindsay Gael

Shelton, Jamie Cheryl

Shrestha, Abhi Chase

Simpson, Lisa Rudine

Sipple, Patrick Michael

Simpson, Raechel Rayann

Skinner, Charitas Susanne

Slayton, Sharon Virginia

Shields, Darren

Sloat, Jerry Ray Sloat, Shirley Ann Sloat, Troy Lynn Smith, Ashley Paige Smith, Brian Keith Smith, Chandria Jean Smith, Christina Sue Smith, Shad Michael Snake Floyd, Janet Lynne Soap-Al Jaser, Margaret Angela Spoon, Ashley Nicole Spoon, David Clayton Spoon, Emalee Roxanne Spriggs, Donald Ray Spybuck, Jason Evan Squire, Donald Ray Squire, Joseph Lynn Squire, Leroy Ricky Stacey, Rosalyn Starr, Enzo Nathaniel Steed, Tanner Lane Steinruck Jr., Harold Eugene Stephens, Rebecca Pauline Steves, Gary Wayne Stewart, Lonita Virginia Stinger, Jordyn Tyson Stricklin, Eugene Stanley Switch, Isaiah Jacob Switch, Michaela Deanne Tapia, Gianna Jade Taylor Martin, Reba Gayle Tello-Faz, Maribella Elizabeth Temple, Ginger Lee Thorpe, Tyrone Guthrie Tiger, Kwinten Danyl 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 Warrior, Andrew Keith Warrior, Luana Christie Warrior, Lydia Rose Warrior, Samuel Ryne Washington, Karen Rose Washington, Matthew George Washington, Tatum Stoney Watkins, Fawn Lil`grass Watkins, Freddie Lee Watkins, Jalyne Alexis Watson Jr., Gregory Doyle Watson, Katie Jean Weatherley, Wayne Stephan Webb, Carter Ellis Webb, Raven James Wenholm, Lacey Alexandra West, Emma Madeline White, Xander Ralph Whitethunder, Daelan Takye Whitney-Coon, Davin Zane Whitten, David Jaylen Jaice Thomas Whorton, Nancy Ann Wietelman, Ebaney Bionca Lynn Wilkerson, Susan Elaine Williams, Braylie Audra Williams, Brianna Shae Williams, Ethan Beau Williams, James Robert Williams, Kaenon Cole Williams, Kimberly Marie Williams, Kyree SaVaughn Wilson, Adilynn Magnolia Wilson, Hannah Mae Wilson, Kaden Joseph Wilson, Marvin Edward Wilson, Michele Renee Wilson, Shi Ann Delrae Wilson, Wesley Sheldon Winrow Jr., Rodrick Donnell Winter-Engray, Katherine Dorene Witt, Jacob Matthew Wolfe, Richard Ray Wright, Shane Allen Yargee, Katcv Jesse Yeahpau, Eden Dione



Happy Birthday Catalyna Douglass!

You truly are a Blessing from our Lord and I could not imagine our life without you. Have a beautiful day and may God continue to bless you with many more. We love you!

Love forever Toby and Momma



Mom,

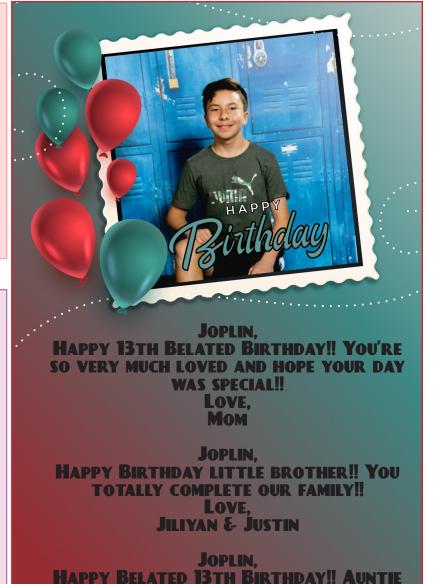
Happy Birthday to you in Heaven! We miss you so very much, but you alreday know that.

> Always Our Love, Sherrie & BJ

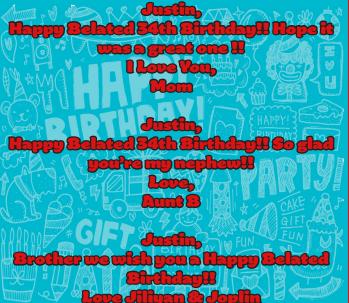
Granny,

Wishing you a Beautiful Birthday high in the sky!! We miss you alot!!

> Love Your "Babies", Joplin, Jiliyan, Justin







HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MY ONLY BROTHER. **GREG WATSON JR** MAY GOD BLESS YOU WITH MANY MORE AND HAVE A WONDERFUL BLESSED LOVE YOU ALWAYS, YOUR SISTER TRINA

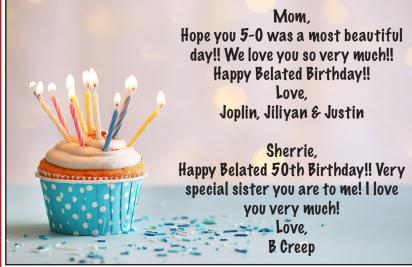
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR GREAT UNCLE GREG WATSON, JR **W**E LOVE YOU, **AIYDEN AND NAOMII**







Joshua and Jacob Foreman placed 2nd in the Pepsi Bowling Tournament on April 25th, 2021. The tournament was held at Shawnee Bowl in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Josh (age 11) will receive at least \$100 in scholarship for the under 12 division. Jacob (age 8) will receive at least \$100 in scholarship as well for the under 10 division. Josh and Jacob will be representing the Absentee Shawnee Tribe in the Bowler of the Year Tournament on May 22nd, at Sooner Bowl in Norman.



LOVES YOU!!

LOVE,

AUNT B. C & D

Absentee 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

Contact Us:

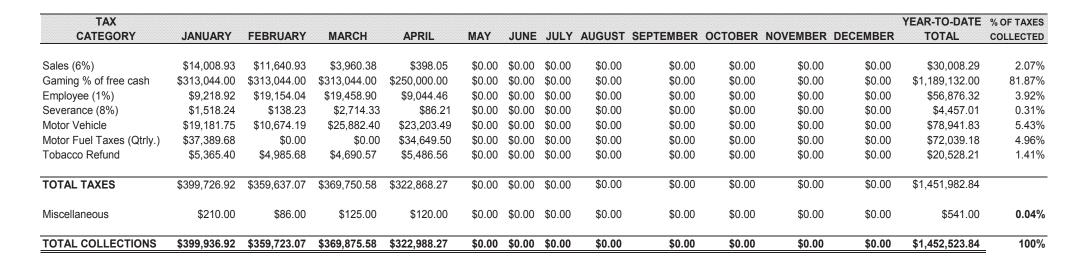
Office Line 405.273.2888

Fax 405.273.1192

Webpage https://www.astribe.com/domestic-violence **Link to intake** https://www.astribe.com/forms/victim-intake @ASTRisingWarrior

For emergencies call 911 or AST PD @ 405.275.3200

FY-2020 YTD TAX COLLECTIONS (thru 4/30/2021)



> 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 III

Building Blocks II

We had a busy and fun May at Building Blocks II.

Our teachers and children were visited by Casey, the AST librarian and she read them a Butterfly Book and gave them passes to the Zoo.

The children and teachers joined Linda Gouge for a Walk against Drugs.





We celebrated our Teachers and Staff during May 3rd through 7th. We had a Taco Salad Potluck with our staff on May 4th for Teacher Appreciation Day.

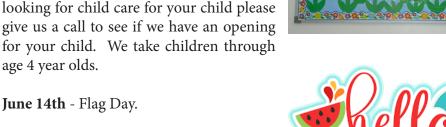
Also, on May 7th we had Mazzios Pizza, Hot Wings, and Cupcakes in celebration of our Teachers and our "Super" Cooks.



We wished our Moms a Happy Mother's Day on Friday, May 7th where we gave the Moms bags filled with Muffin Mixes, Muffin Tins and 'Mom aprons' with their child's handprints for them to Make Muffins with their child on Mother's Day.







June 14th - Flag Day.

June 20th- Father's Day. We wish all Dad's a Happy Father's Day!

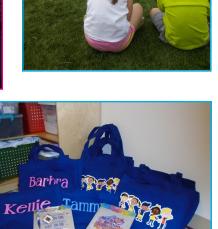
We are still getting bids to redo our playgrounds to provide our children with new

learning experiences as they play and grow. Also, we are looking into food service

vendors with lots of nutritious and fresh fruits and vegetables to serve the children. If you are an AST tribal employee and

June 21st - First Day of Summer























Employee of the Month Mrs. Sarah

If you are interested in your child attending Building Blocks Child Development Center in Norman, OK please call (405)360-2710.

We are also currently looking for a few more team members, so if you or anyone else you know is interested in applying please visit our website at astribe.com or call for more information.

You can find us on Facebook at

AST Building Blocks Child Development Center III-Little Axe







WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

Building Strong Support for Elders





June 15th

WEAAD - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is on June 15 to show our awareness we will be doing our steps!!! We provided you with a Pedometer, notebook and pen to write down your steps each day. May 3 to June 14th if you can show me your steps and whoever gets the most steps wins a prize!!!

As the days will be getting warmer- it's always a good time to hydrate and wear your sunscreen!!

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
- 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

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

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

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

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

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)















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 *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@astribe.com

IOWA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA P.O. Box 728 PERKINS, OK 74059 405-547-5721 OR 888-336-4692 BAHKHOJE.COM



VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION



SATELLITE OFFICE CPN WORKFOURCE & SOCIAL SERVICES

1549 WORKFORCE DRIVE SHAWNEE, OK 74801 405-878-3854

We do not have a TCC machine, Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may contact us by email or post mail

ELIGIBILITY

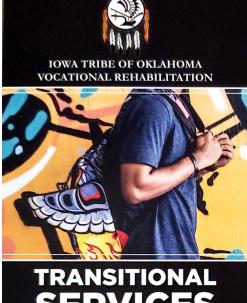
- Must be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe and reside within our service area.
- Must have a physical or mental disability
- documented by a physician. Disability must be impediment to employment.
- Must be able to benefit from VR services, resulting in obtaining/retaining competitive employment or enhancing current employment.

SERVICE AREA

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Vocational Rehabilitation provide their services to any member of a Federally recognized tribe residing in the seven counties as shown in the image to the right.







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 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.

> IOWA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA 335588 E. 750 RD. **PERKINS, OK 74059** 405-547-2402 BAHKHOJE.COM











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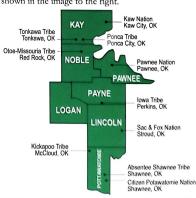
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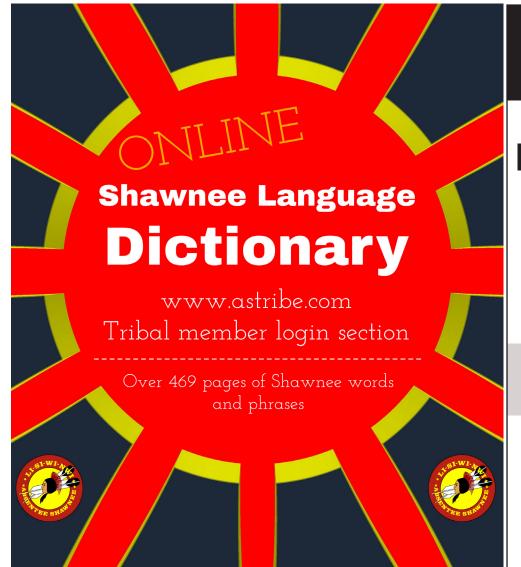
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