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"Among the Shawnee"



Introducing The Absentee Shawnee Tribe Governor John Johnson

Pictures with Mr. Bunny 😊

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Easter Egg Hunt

Door prizes 😊

Saturday, April 4, 2020

12 - 2 p.m.

Must present CDIB cards

Lunch provided 😊

All ages Welcome 😊

NOTICE

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA HEREBY ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE TO CONDUCT THE 85TH SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AS SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M., AT THE HEALTH MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING IN SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA.



**GOVERNOR’S
REPORT**
John Johnson
AST Governor

AST Members and Friends,

I appreciate you taking the time to read my column. The courts have ruled, and my administration is the rightful winner of the election. I have begun my four-year term, and I am so very excited to help move the tribe forward.

Several things have occurred since the last newsletter. In late January, by the request of Tribal members, I called for a Community Townhall Meeting to be held on February 8th. More than 40 members were in attendance. The purpose of the Community meeting was to give clarification to our members on the Appellate Court ruling as well as Judge Thomas’ ruling (2 year vs. 4 year terms). If you were unable to attend the event, you may log onto the tribal member portal of the AST website and view the recorded video.

Additionally, I have started a strategic planning process for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe and am eager to hear your thoughts. Our focus is on unity and how our tribe can move forward together. Our enterprises and our Tribe needs to be pointed in the same direction for progress to occur. My goal is to have an initial draft available for review at the upcoming General



Pictured L to R: State Representative Danny Sterling, Tribal Representative Atheda Fletcher, Secretary Ezra DeLodge, Governor John Johnson, and State Representative Dell Kerbs.

Council meeting in April. In the meantime, there will be a community event on March 5th from 5:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. at the Norman Thunderbird Casino, Warrior Room in order to discuss community engagement in this process. I invite you all to attend. Obviously, progress for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe is at the forefront of my mission. As mentioned in December’s newsletter, I have created a six-month plan that includes many exciting and innovative economic development initiatives. The first is the Little Axe Commercial Plaza and Health Plaza, a mixture of commercial and healthcare tenants. These plazas have the potential to set our tribe up for success when it comes to economic development, and I am very excited about the opportunity it provides for

us.

In other news important to Indian Country is the Gaming Compacts dispute with Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe stands united with the other tribal Nations who are working tirelessly to educate the public on the Gaming Compacts. The tribes within Oklahoma have long valued a great working relationship with the state. We continue to value that relationship and want to work proactively together. However, we want to remind the current administration of the many impacts the tribes have had on the state. Tribal Nations will continue to remit the revenue shares that are due under the agreements of the Compacts, because we believe in the power of common education

in Oklahoma - to tribal members and non-tribal members alike.

The question of whether the Compacts automatically renew is before a federal court now, and we believe strongly that we will be victorious in our endeavor. We are hopeful we will have a resolution through the court system soon. The question is not about exclusivity rates but about whether the Compacts automatically renew. We stand firm in our belief that they do. As Governor of the tribe, I promise to keep you updated on the latest information regarding the Gaming Compacts.

Lastly, I’d like to make the Tribal members aware of the importance of the upcoming 2020 United States Census. A reliable census is extremely important for a country to plan – plan for growth and deliver services. The federal government has a responsibility to provide certain services to Native Americans such as – healthcare, education, housing, etc. Accurate counts of the Native populations are essential. For additional information on the census, please visit www.census.gov

Our tribe has a lot going for us and a tremendous amount of growth potential! I welcome any and all ideas that continue to make the Absentee Shawnee Tribe a progressive tribe – a tribe with an eye toward the future. Please don’t hesitate to contact my office at 405-275-4030.

Neyiwa,
John Johnson, Governor

**Secretary’s
REPORT**
Ezra DeLodge
AST Secretary

Tribal Members,

It has been a busy past few months, since the courts have made their decisions and I am officially your Tribal secretary, I’d like to say it is an honor and a blessing to be able to represent the tribe in this leadership capacity. I look forward to settling into office and working with the rest of the Executive Committee to bring economic growth to the tribe in the best way possible. My goal is to be as transparent as possible and will hold this office accountable to you the tribal members. There will be some changes from how the Secretary’s office has operated in the past which will bring transparency and accountability. It will be a gradual process and nothing ever happens overnight, but we will strive to work towards our goals every day.

Per the new organizational chart, the Secretary’s office has oversight of Domestic Violence, Enrollment, ICW, Education, Building Blocks and the After School Program. Going forward I plan to sit down with each director to get a better understanding of each department, their process and address any concerns they may have had or are having currently. It is my goal to make these departments more efficient and hopefully get to a point where we are able to provide more services to our tribal members. I feel we can always do more and it is our responsibility as your Executive Committee and in coordination with our directors, to seek out more economic opportunities and provide more quality services to you our tribal members.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to stop by the office, call or email I will always make myself available to tribal members.

Respectfully,
Ezra M. DeLodge, MBA
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Cell Ph. 405-432-0733



ELECTION CANDIDATES
ONLINE RECORDINGS FOR VIEWING
<http://www.astribe.com>
Recorded Live by AST Media Department at the Resource Center Elders Meeting



REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT

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Greetings Tribal Members:

February is a short month, but EC and staff are up and running full speed ahead. Since my last report, following are my activities:

- Continued the process for getting the VITA Free Tax Service Program ready for opening day of January 30, 2020. Training and certification of our volunteers was successfully concluded and we have a total of 12 trained and certified professionals to perform this tax service for our tribal members and employees. Below is a recap of our service performance to date.

Sessions	Total Man-Hours Volunteered	No. of Individuals Signed up	No. of Tax Returns Prepared	Total Cost Savings from Services
6	20	65	43	\$7, 429

- I attended the Elders Council meetings and was asked to take on the responsibility of being the Elders Council’s Representative. I am extremely pleased to have been asked to perform this service to our Elders Council. Our Elders are valued for their wisdom, and I am pleased to be in a position where I can help and promote this valued group of tribal members.
- I attend the Gaming Commissioners meeting and continue to be impressed with their work with the Gaming Commission Department. I continue to see improved services and management in all areas of this department. The revised Gaming Ordinance is still in the works and the AG is helping manage this process with the NIGC. We are expecting to receive final approval by the 2nd quarter of 2020. I am pleased to report that the legal costs for the Gaming Commission, under my oversight, has been decreased in year 2019 from 2018 costs by 76.5%. A savings of \$41,666. I will continue to work with the Gaming Commissioners and Director to ensure that we manage all costs appropriately.
- I have been attending the Tribal Leaders meetings for discussions on the State Compact. The Tribes remain united in their opposition to Governor Stitt’s efforts to renegotiate the gaming compact and Tribal Leaders rejected Governor Stitt’s extension plan. The Tribes’ position is that the compact automatically renews—tribes will continue to stand together on this. Regardless, Tribes are committed to a strong partnership with the State of Oklahoma. There are 130 casinos operating in Oklahoma. Our casinos’ first exclusivity payment was made and accepted on February 20. We continue to do our part. The next meeting will be held on February 27, 2020.

I attended the Tribal Leaders Legislative Reception on February 19th in Oklahoma City. It included both representatives from Tribal Nations in Oklahoma and State Legislators. What a great event and opportunity to hear Tribal Leaders speak in unity. Many of the Tribal Leaders, including our own Governor Johnson, took the opportunity to speak on the partnership we have with our communities and with our state. Several Oklahoma and US legislative members were in attendance to support all Tribal Nations.

- Additional meetings/events attended were: 1) a 2-day OK Tribal Finance Consortium Conference in Tulsa; 2) a community fundraiser in Shawnee; 3) TEC Board of Directors meeting; 4) PFAC meeting; 5) AST Townhall meeting, as well as multiple tribal operations’ meetings.
- The Assisted Living & Independent Living Project continues to make progress. We are in the second phase of the feasibility study. At this month’s meeting, the Executive Committee passed a resolution to start the application process with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for favorable funding. When the second phase of the feasibility study is completed, we will schedule another community meeting to share updates and receive constructive feedback. This is a project many of us have requested and I hope to bring it to fruition.

PRESS RELEASE_____

Coffee With A Cop

The Little Axe Community Center located at 1000 – 168th Avenue N. E. directly south of Oklahoma Highway 9 will host “Coffee With A Cop” a neighborhood outreach initiative of the City of Norman Police Department. The event will also include the Cleveland County Sheriff’s Department and the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Police.

The event will be held Tuesday, March 31st from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. The public is invited to come and ask questions and visit with local law enforcement.

If you have any questions please contact Pamela Sharp, Supervisor at the Little Axe Community Center 405-292-9770.

Cultural Preservation: The Cultural Presentation Department will provide a comprehensive report on its activities under a separate article.

Human Resources: The Human Resource Department has been focused on completing the policies and procedures to present to the Executive Committee. The goal is to complete this project no later than mid-year. The staff has recently completed the first 2020 401K compliance audit; all required end of year reporting to Affordable Care Act; Insure Oklahoma Subsidies; and multiple required Federal reports. All of these reports are vital to our operations in order to remain in compliance and maintain accurate employment records and census information. In addition to these end of year requirements, the department is getting ready to plan for the 2020 events with a strategic planning and development meeting. During this session

the staff review and assess the needs of the departments, directors, and tribal members to plan out for future trainings and programs. The staff is focused on aligning the department to be more effective in assisting tribal members with employment needs and directors with training services in 2020.

Until next time, enjoy the fast approaching Spring!

Quote: No matter how brilliant your mind or strategy, if you’re playing a solo game, you’ll always lose out to a team.



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

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

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

Absentee
Shawnee Fitness



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

“Resistance Training”- Classic resistance training utilizing a variety of fitness apparatus, including resistance bands, dumbbells, kettlebells bodyweight exercises, and medicine balls.



“HIIT”- High-Intensity Interval Training alternates between intense training intervals and brief rest periods to give you an short and effective workout.

Diabetes and
Wellness



ON MARCH 21st VOTE
SACHA ALMANZA
For AST Lt. Governor



ATTN: Protect the integrity of your vote and let your voice be heard! When voting DO NOT mark outside the check boxes or circle your candidates’ names. This will result in a spoiled ballot.

AST VOTERS,

Please don’t forget to cast your votes on March 21st. In previous issues of the newsletter I have provided my bio. Though I will include some, I would like to offer words to think about. Please see the bullet point information I have included in this issue of the March Newsletter. This includes education and work experience and some of what I support.

Overall, process improvement for our tribe has been long overdue. My goal is to make the most effort to bridge the communication gap that has been so apparent within our EC as well as between the EC and tribal members. I would like to see productive general council meetings and leadership that will be there for you when it matters most! At one time we were trailblazers in exercising our tribal sovereignty for the advancement of our people but for a great many years we have been passed up by progressive tribes who have done away with the old way of thinking. When casting your votes please take a look at where we are today and please make your decision based on the greater good of US as a whole not just what a person or a particular group of individuals stand to gain. I have heard members describe us as being stagnant so remember what our next executive leadership team does next will impact for future of our children. As a mother to some of those children I ask you to think about the following questions: What has each candidate done to prepare for a strong role in leadership? Can they work well with other leaders? Previously, I ran for office and through that experience I have taken the time to finish my higher education and develop myself personally and professionally to better represent our people.

For those who don’t know me, I am the daughter of Vera Gibson, and granddaughter of the late Cleona (Gibson) Mann and late Johnny Mann of Little Axe. I have been getting a lot of questions about who I am as well as questions about misinformation and I have appreciated the opportunity to clarify. With that being said please know this about me; I am not a person who operates with personal agendas and I don’t shy away from hard challenging conversations because finding resolve is rewarding. I look at the bigger picture which is what is best for our people and would rather be a part of the solution in situations so we can move forward then deter progress. I make my own informed educated decisions based on facts and I am 100% invested in putting trust back in our tribe. I love our people and I can say without a doubt I have worked the hardest to prepare myself for an opportunity to serve as a leader for the people.

If you have questions please ask or if you would like me to meet and sit down with you, I encourage you to reach out to me via email or phone:
salmanza4@gmail.com or 405.633.1831. Thank you so much for your time. ~Sacha Almanza, AST LT. GOVERNOR CANDIDATE

VOTE SACHA ALMANZA For
AST Lt. Governor on March 21st



Your Voice for
Positive Change

EXPERIENCE

- **Federal grants experience:**
 - Nine years’ experience
 - Grant writing
 - Program administration
 - Program evaluation and improvement
- **Professional Leadership Skills:**
 - Effective communicator
 - Conflict resolution
 - Professional coaching and mentoring
 - Analytical thinker/decision maker
 - Progressive in approaches
- **Educational experience:**
 - Bachelors of Arts in Native American Studies
 - Masters of Business Administration in Healthcare Management
- **Additional information:**
 - Five years volunteering as advisor for a UNITY youth council to address Native Youth suicide
 - Nine years combined experience at AST
 - Over 17 years combined experience working with tribes
 - Constantly seeking opportunities for personal and professional growth

I SUPPORT...

- **Transparency, unity, and integrity within our EC by:**
 - effective communication and teamwork
 - proactive conflict resolution that includes providing our people with follow up communication to close the loop
 - increased accountability for those who represent our tribe
 - upholding our tribal constitution
- **Economic Development:**
 - to increase the tribe’s financial stability
 - to improve and provide program services for our people
- **Education & Development to invest in AST People within our tribe by:**
 - educating our people on our AST constitutional rights for increased accountability for our EC and boards
 - initiatives to support and invest in our tribal members seeking higher education
 - support professional development opportunities for increased AST leadership



SAC AND FOX NATION
FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM
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(918) 968-3030 (800) 256-3398

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(405) 395-0063 (866) 622-2310

STORE HOURS
MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:30 am - 2:30 pm

CERTIFICATION HOURS
MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:00 am - 4:30 pm

STORE AM INVENTORY
MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:00 am - 8:30 am

STORE PM INVENTORY
MONDAY - FRIDAY
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

HOME DELIVERIES ARE FOR
HOMEBOUND AND/OR
DISABLED ELDERS. CALL
OUR STROUD OFFICE TO SEE
IF YOU QUALIFY.

This institution is an equal
opportunity provider.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 ELDERS ONLY	3	4 ELDERS ONLY	5 ELDERS ONLY STROUD HD	6 SHAWNEE HD	7
8	9 LATE NIGHT SHAWNEE 12 pm - 6 pm	10	11	12 STROUD HD	13 LITTLE AXE TAILGATE 10 am - 12 pm	14
15	16 LATE NIGHT STROUD 8 am - 6 pm	17 SHAWNEE HD	18	19	20 PERKINS TAILGATE 10 am - 1 pm	21
22	23 LATE NIGHT SHAWNEE 12 pm - 6 pm	24	25	26 SHAWNEE HD	27	28
29	30 CLOSED FOR INVENTORY	31 CLOSED FOR INVENTORY				



Sac and Fox Nation
Food Distribution Program





OVER 100 ITEMS!!!

If at least 1 in your household has a CDIB, you reside within our 5 tribe Service Area, & you meet USDA Income Guidelines... YOU MAY QUALIFY!!!

CALL TODAY!!! 1-800-256-3398

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March is **National Kidney Month**

Get to know your hard working kidneys

6 WAYS KIDNEYS KEEP YOU HEALTHY



Regulate fluid levels

Activate Vitamin D for healthy bones


Filter wastes from the blood

Directs production of red blood cells

Regulate blood pressure

Keep blood minerals in balance

8 PROBLEMS KIDNEY DISEASE CAN CAUSE



Cardiovascular disease

Heart attack

Stroke

Anemia/ low red blood cell count

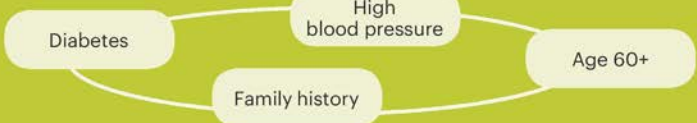
Nerve damage

Weak bones

High blood pressure

Kidney Failure

4 RISK FACTORS




Diabetes

High blood pressure

Age 60+

Family history

7 SYMPTOMS



Swelling: face, hands, abdomen, ankles, feet

Blood in urine
Foamy urine


Puffy eyes

Difficult, painful urination

Increased thirst


Fatigue

2 TESTS YOU CAN TAKE (BLOOD AND URINE)



Urine albumin-to-creatinine ratio estimates the amount of a type of protein, albumin, that you excrete in your urine.

Glomerular Filtration Rate (GFR) tells how well your kidneys are working to remove wastes from your blood. It is the best way to check kidney function. Doctors measure blood creatinine (waste build up) levels and perform a calculation based on race, age and gender.



National Kidney Foundation®

Learn more at [kidney.org](https://www.kidney.org)

MARCH 2020

FNS HANDBOOK 501
EXHIBIT M

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR)
FY 2020 NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS
(Effective October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020)

The net monthly income standard for each household size is the sum of the applicable Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) net monthly income standard and the applicable SNAP standard deduction.

48 Contiguous United States:

Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction	FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	\$1,041	+	\$1,208
2	\$1,410	+	\$1,577
3	\$1,778	+	\$1,945
4	\$2,146	+	\$2,324
5	\$2,515	+	\$2,724
6	\$2,883	+	\$3,123
7	\$3,251	+	\$3,491
8	\$3,620	+	\$3,860
each additional member			\$369

Alaska:

Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction	FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	\$1,300	+	\$1,586
2	\$1,761	+	\$2,047
3	\$2,222	+	\$2,508
4	\$2,683	+	\$2,969
5	\$3,144	+	\$3,430
6	\$3,605	+	\$3,905
7	\$4,065	+	\$4,365
8	\$4,526	+	\$4,826
each additional member			\$461

FNS HANDBOOK 501
EXHIBIT M

FY 2020 FDPIR Income Deductions (see 7 CFR 253.6(e))
Effective October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020

Deduction	Details
Earned Income Deduction	Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.
Dependent Care Deduction	Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.
Child Support Deduction	Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.
Medical Expense Deduction	Households that incur monthly medical expenses by any household member who is elderly or disabled are allowed a deduction in the amount of out-of-pocket medical expenses paid in excess of \$35 per month. Allowable medical expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(3).
Home Care Meal-Related Deduction	Households who furnish the majority of meals for a home care attendant are allowed an income deduction equal to the maximum SNAP benefit for a one-person household. The home care meal-related deduction amounts are as follows: 48 Contiguous U.S. States = \$194 Alaska by Area Designations <ul style="list-style-type: none">Urban = \$238Rural 1= \$304Rural 2 = \$370 See 7 CFR 272.7(b) for area designations in Alaska.
Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deduction	Households that incur at least one monthly shelter or utility expense are allowed a standard income deduction (see chart below). Allowable shelter/utility expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(6)(ii).

FNS HANDBOOK 501
EXHIBIT M

FY 2020 FDPIR Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deductions
Effective October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020

Region	States Currently with FDPIR Programs	Shelter/Utility Deduction
Northeast/Midwest	Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Wisconsin	\$450
Southeast/Southwest	Arizona, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah	\$350
Mountain Plains	Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming	\$450
West	Alaska, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington	\$400

*If the geographic boundaries of an Indian reservation extend to more than one region per the identified regional groupings above, then a qualifying household has the option to receive the appropriate shelter/utility expense deduction amount for the State in which the household resides or the State in which the State agency’s central administrative office is located.

See what's NEW at the

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

AST library is having a book fair from April 6-17, 2020



All purchases benefit our school!



Domestic violence is not a Native American tradition.

STRONGHEARTS
Native Helpline

Need to talk? Get free help by calling
1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483)
available daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CST.

Callers reaching out after hours may connect with the National Domestic Violence Hotline by selecting option 1.

Trust. Speak. Heal. Together. | strongheartshelpline.org

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Because Clothing is NEVER an Excuse

- Decorate a denim pocket to show your support for victims and stand against sexual violence. Decorations can be done with paint, stickers, markers, etc. We will supply paint, markers and the fabric on the dates of the event.
- The pockets will be displayed beginning on April 1, 2020 through Denim Day (April 29th).

Decorating will be March 23, 2020 through March 27, 2020

Time: Anytime between 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Domestic Violence Department Building #3 on the Tribal complex.

If you are unable to make it during this time and would like to participate, please call us at 405-273-2888

2020 PROGRAMS

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

PROGRAMS ARE DEPENDENT ON FUNDING AVAILABILITY

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SERVICES

PLEASE CALL (405) 273-1050 OR COME BY OUR OFFICE TO PICK UP AN APPLICATION

LOCATED AT 107 NORTH KIMBERLY IN SHAWNEE, OK.

WEBSITE: WWW.ASHOUSINGAUTHORITY.COM

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The Domestic Violence Department has a couple events coming up for Sexual Assault Awareness Month, which is in April. For both events we will have limited supplies, so if you are interested in participating be sure to get us your information quickly. We are asking that if you are interested in attending the tie dye event that you get us your information by March 10, 2020 at 5:00pm so we have time to get the shirts printed. When calling or emailing be prepared to provide your name, shirt size (up to 3X) and the location you plan to attend (Shawnee/LittleAxe). If you are interested in obtaining a denim pocket to decorate you can get them from our department or we will bring them to the LA Clinic, if needed. Let us know if you have any questions about either event or need information pertaining to domestic violence, sexual assault dating violence, stalking or sex-trafficking. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at the events.

AST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

AN EVENT FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Please join us as we Tie-Dye t-shirts and bring awareness to Sexual Assault to show that:
AS ONE we believe, we heal and we demand justice

LIMITED SUPPLIES AVAILABLE
Email us your name and t-shirt size (S-3X) at Domesticviolence@astribe.com or call 405-273-2888

Shawnee APRIL 7, 2020 2:30-4 PM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEPARTMENT BUILDING #3	LittleAxe APRIL 9, 2020 2:30-4 PM LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM B
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On January 29th, Tresha Spoon, Director of Education, attended the OKC Metro Area schools Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Tribal Consultation at Edmond Public Schools. Eight school districts and nine tribes were represented. The Oklahoma State Department of Education’s Executive Director of American Indian Education as well as a staff member from Congresswoman Kendra Horn’s office were also in attendance.

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.
- **Zahn Program:** established from a trust fund, program can help with some graduation expenses, and awards two (2) incentives: one for GED recipients and one for High School graduates. Program has a maximum amount of funding for graduation expenses.
- **Job Training Adult Education Program:** funds for vocational training at accredited vocational institutions. Program has a maximum funding limit for the calendar year or per program.

- Higher Education: **Education Incentive Award Program:** funds for undergraduate degrees, one associate or bachelor degree, at any accredited college or university. Funding levels are determined based upon grade point average and full-time or part-time status.
- **Graduate Scholarship Program:** funds for one master’s degree or one doctoral degree, and can fund one graduate admissions test. This program has funding levels based upon full-time and part-time status.
- **Big Jim Youth Award Program:** annual incentive for High School Seniors for Academic Achievement and Athlete of the Year. Deadline for application submission is March 31st of each year.

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


For more information, please call me at (405) 275- 4030, Ext. 6242 or 1-800-256-3341 or email me at tresham@astribe.com.

METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM PRESENTS:

BETWEEN THE COVERS BOOK CLUB

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

3rd Saturday of each month @ 10am



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ATHEDA

FLETCHER

FOR

REPRESENTATIVE

"Culture, Progress, Integrity"



I have a proven track record for getting things accomplished. For the past year and a half, I have:

- Enhanced our Cultural Preservation Department
 - Continued work to preserve the Shawnee language
 - More tribal member activities
 - Improving connections with local high school to engage youth
 - Cooperative work with other Tribal Nations
- Expanded the CP Gift Shop to Little Axe Clinic
- Continue to support and push for the completion of Phase II of the Youth Camp
- Spearheading an Assisted Living and Independent Living Project
- Manage the VITA Free Tax Service Program for Tribal Members and Employees
- Cut Tribal Operational Costs in various areas—resulting in great savings to the tribe
- Brought to the tribe over \$200,000 in 2019 and on target for over \$200,000 in 2020.
 - Unprecedented accomplishment that benefits the Tribe and Employees
- Delivered programs that enhances overall Tribal operations
 - Employee training programs and lowered turnover rates
 - Longevity Recognition Award Program
 - Improved 401k and benefits delivery
 - Qualified employee free tax service

These are only a few of the accomplishments I have achieved during my short period of time in office. I believe I have delivered great value to the Tribe and will continue to do so if given the opportunity for another term in office.

I ask that you consider what I bring to the table--my strong qualifications and the dedication that I have shown. I promise that I will not waiver in my commitment to always do what is in **"The Best Interest of the Tribe"**

Please Consider Me For Your VOTE!

ANB

ALL Nations Bank

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NEW HOURS

Shawnee (405) 273-0202

Effective August 12, 2019

Drive Thru:

M-W 9AM to 5PM

Th-F 9 AM to 5:30 PM

Lobby: 9AM to 4 PM

WWW.ANBOK.COM

FDIC

Help Wanted

- File Clerk** 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, OK

Outpatient Therapist 2029 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, OK

Staff Accountant I 15951 Little Axe Dr. Norman, OK

CCDF Assistant Shawnee,OK.

After School Program Driver Shawnee, OK

After School Program Manager Shawnee, OK

Ultrasound Technologist 2029 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, OK

Tribal Youth Resource Specialist Norman, OK

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Same-Day Health Shawnee, OK

Dietitian Health 2029 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, OK
- Housekeeper Maintenance** Shawnee

Patrol Officer Shawnee, OK

Desktop Support Analyst Norman

Master Teacher Building Blocks III Norman, OK

Desktop Support Analyst Information Technology Shawnee, OK

IT Network Administrator Information Technology Shawnee, OK

Master Teacher 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, OK

Floater 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr. Shawnee, OK

Floater Part-Time 16051 Little Axe Dr. Norman, OK

Assistant Teacher 16051 Little Axe Dr. Norman, OK

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

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

As of **02-25-2020**, the EC made a decision to extend the deadline until **01-Nov-2021** for the **adult gift cards** from 2019.

Please contact the **AST Finance department** for more details.
(405) 275-4030 Bralynn Barnes
or email at bbarnes@astribe.com

ASEDA ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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

RESPONSIBILITIES

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


EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

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

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

Must be able to pass a criminal background check.

Native American Preference/EOE/Drug Free Workplace



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL MEMBERS

APPLYING FOR TRIBAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE (T.E.A)

(A ONE TIME YEARLY PAYMENT OF \$150.00. PER RESIDENCE)

ELIGIBILITY

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

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

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

APPLICATION ALSO ONLINE: www.astribe.com

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

NEW

FOSTER CARE LICENSING COMMITTEE

QUALIFICATIONS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- (a) A Committee Member may be a member of the Tribe.
- (b) No person shall be barred from serving on the committee because s/he is an employee, or operates a Foster Home under a State or Tribal license.
- (c) Each Committee Member shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age and legally capable of entering into a binding contract.
- (d) No person who has been convicted of a felony or other crime involving embezzlement, fraud or moral turpitude shall serve on the Foster Care Licensing Committee. As of May 30th 2001, background checks will be necessary for each new and/or reappointed existing committee member.
- (e) Each Committee Member shall take an oath to support and defend the constitution, rules and regulations of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.
- (f) It is strongly recommended each Committee Member complete the application process to become an Emergency Protective Foster Home and therefore be licensed through the Tribe.

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

Foster Care Licensing Committee Application of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Name: _____ CDIB: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Are you 18 or older? Yes No (circle one) Must be at least 18 and able to enter into a contract

Willing to become a Foster Care Emergency Home and become licensed? _____

Are you willing to undergo a background check? _____ Do you have any felony's? If yes explain: _____

Have you served on any other committees? _____

What is your Highest Education Level? _____ Major: _____

Any other information that you believe that will help in the decision to choose our committee by?

References

Name: _____ Phone: _____ How long have you known? _____

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Name: _____ Phone: _____ How long have you known? _____

Each Committee Member shall take an oath to support and defend the constitution, rules and regulations of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please include your letter of intent.

The Education Department

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

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

As of August 2019 Advertising Rates/Placement have changed for the Absentee Shawnee Newsletter. The paper is no longer able to continue with free advertising space. Thank you! Your continued support and understanding is a valuable asset!

NOTICE

Sherman Tiger
AST Media Director
stiger@astribe.com
405-598-1279



We need to **VOTE** for **RESULTS!**
And not just **TALK!**

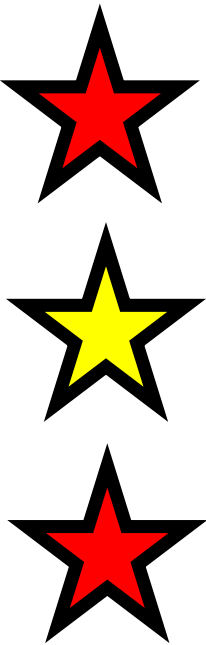
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Betty L. Watson
TREASURER



I HAVE THE EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM TO BE YOUR TREASURER.

I have over 40 years of experience working for myself and family businesses, custom home construction company, owned and operated an independent oil and gas company, owned Thoroughbred horse breeding and racing operation, an industrial and oil & gas chemical company, In addition, I have worked and assisted different tribes to establish oil & gas tax codes, tax ordinances and tax courts, obtained financing for economic development, gaming facilities and negotiated intergovernmental agreements with County, City, State and federal governments. I have something to contribute to our Tribe in many areas.

MY PLATFORM IS SIMPLE, BUT IT TAKES THE OTHER EC MEMBERS TO MAKE IT WORK

IF ELECTED, I WILL DO MY BEST TO KEEP MY PROMISE TO:

1. Uphold the Constitution and By-Laws of the Tribe and honor the wishes of the General Council. I will keep the General Council informed of major decisions affecting the Tribe and conduct the business of the Tribe with accountability and transparency.
2. Create business opportunities through ASEDA, (the economic development arm of the Tribe). The income generated from ASEDA would go to the general fund to provide services and benefits for all tribal members regardless of where they live.
3. Identify and develop a Land Use Plan that would utilize the land the Tribe owns for the highest and best use. Develop a national marketing plan to entice companies and business to locate on our land that would create income and jobs. Main priority would be to put non trust land into trust for the Tribe.
4. Evaluate the present financial structure of the Tribe and current economic development projects: TB Convenience Store, All Nations Bank, ASEDA, TB Casino and Shawnee Casino, Li Si Wi Nwi, Inc., ASTHA, Tax Commission and develop a strategic plan to improve economic growth.
5. Identify and implement new economic development opportunities the Tribe has outside our present land base. This economic development will provide additional revenues that could be used for additional services, benefits and per capita for all tribal members.
6. I want to explore the possibility of providing term life insurance for all elders 50 years of age and older that would provide the families left behind additional funds to cover additional expenses and debts of the deceased.

WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO ELECT INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT HAVE THE EXPERIENCE, WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE TO RUN OUR GOVERNMENT AND MAKE DECISIONS FOR OUR TRIBE. VOTE FOR ME I WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND CREATE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY FOR THE TRIBE. YOU MAY EMAIL ME AT blwatson915@yahoo.com or call me 405-761-6958 with your comments and concerns. Thank you!

YOUR VOTE COUNTS, VOTE MARCH 21 OR ABSENTEE BALLOT RETURNED BY MARCH 1, 2020



AST Education Department: Big Jim Youth Awards

We will begin taking applications for the 2019-20 Big Jim Youth Awards on January 1, 2020. High school seniors of both genders within the 50 United States are eligible to apply for these awards for the 2019-2020 school year. Applications will be accepted from January 1 to March 31, 2020 by US mail or email, official transcripts must be mailed. The official application form will be available in December 2019 at www.astribe.com under the Education Department. The \$1,000.00 award is in the form of a scholarship to the college or university where the award recipient will attend for the fall 2020 semester. The scholarship must be used for the fall 2020 semester.

We will begin accepting applications for the following awards:

- Big Jim Academic Achievement Award (Male and Female)
- Big Jim Athlete of the Year (Male and Female)

Individuals are encouraged to nominate deserving high school seniors. You may nominate yourself. Please refer to the application for required documents. Eligible nominations will be judged by a panel of (non-AST) experts assembled

specifically for this purpose. The intent is to bring together an unbiased group of experts to evaluate the applicants in an impartial and unbiased environment. Their decisions are final with respect to all matters concerning these awards. Awards will be announced in May/June 2020.

We encourage ALL Absentee Shawnee High School Seniors to apply.

Award recipients will be recognized as the 2019-2020 Big Jim Academic Achievement Award winner or the Big Jim Athlete of the Year. In addition to this recognition the award recipients will receive a **\$1,000.00** scholarship to be used towards their education and the advancement of their career.

Questions on these awards program should be addressed to:

Absentee Shawnee Tribe
Education Department
c/o Tresha Spoon
2029 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801
405.275.4030 Ext 6242
youthaward@astribe.com

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Education Department
2025 South Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801

Applications accepted:
Jan. 1st – March 31st
Finalists announced:
May/June 2020

(405) 275-4030 Ext. 6242 Toll free (800) 256-3341 Fax (405) 273-7938
youthaward@astribe.com

☐ \$1,000 Scholarship Big Jim Academic Achievement Award (Male)
☐ \$1,000 Scholarship Big Jim Academic Achievement Award (Female)
☐ \$1,000 Scholarship Big Jim Athlete of the Year (Male)
☐ \$1,000 Scholarship Big Jim Athlete of the Year (Female)

STUDENT INFORMATION
Name: _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MI)
Tribal Enrollment #: _____
Address: _____
(STREET) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)
Home Phone: (_____) _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____
Email: _____
HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION
High School Name: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Guidance Counselor: _____ Phone #: _____
(FIRST) (LAST)
Sport: _____ Position: _____
Coach: _____ Phone #: _____
(FIRST) (LAST)

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

Documents to be included with application:

☐ Official High School Transcript
☐ Tribal Enrollment Card (copy)
☐ Resume of Accomplishments and Activities
☐ Letter(s) of Recommendation (Educator/Coach/Tribal/Church)
☐ 500-word Essay: How do you feel your accomplishments (knowledge/training) as well as your being an Absentee Shawnee Tribal member will influence your future plans?
☐ Video (optional): no more than 10 minutes in length

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voice
be heard.

Ne-Hi-Ki-Wa-Sa-Pa. *We listen.*

It is our mission to provide quality health care. To do this, we need some help from you. Share your needs, concerns and care experiences. **Call patient advocate Jim Robertson at 405.447.0300 or Customer Service at 405.701.7623.** Complete a Patient Questionnaire in one of our clinics or online.

Together, we will fulfill our mission.

LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER
15951 Little Axe Dr.
Norman, OK 73026
405.447.0300

SHAWNEE CLINIC
2029 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801
405.878.5850

PLUSCARE CLINIC
15702 East State Highway 9
Norman, OK 73026
405.447.0477

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ATTENTION
EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEW
Permanent Medication Disposal Sites!!
Located at both AST Health Clinic lobbies!
AST Shawnee Clinic AST Little Axe Health Center

We want your meds! You can drop off your expired or unused prescription medications anytime at these two locations.

Hours of operation same as the clinic normal hours. 8-5 Monday-Friday
No Syringes or Liquids accepted

15951 Little Axe Drive
Norman, OK 73026 2029 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801

LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER
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PHARMACY SERVICES

Your health is our first order.
Prescriptions, medical supplies, helpful advice. The trained pharmacists and supportive staff at each of our AST pharmacy locations are happy to serve you in person or on the phone.
Please allow 24 hours for refills. When you call for refills, have your medication numbers ready and use our automated system. If you'd like to receive a text when medications are ready, share your current cell phone number with a pharmacy staff member. It's also important to let us know about changes in address, phone numbers, insurance and other contact information.

LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER
15951 Little Axe Drive
Norman, OK 73026
405.292.9530
Lobby:
Mon – Fri 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Regular Drive-thru:
Mon – Fri 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Extended Hours Drive-thru*:
Mon – Fri 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
(or until last PlusCare patient receives their medications)
Sat – Sun 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day
*Extended Hours Rx Drive-Thru is available ONLY for PlusCare Clinic prescriptions and AST Member emergency room visit fills.

SHAWNEE CLINIC
2029 South Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801
405.878.5859
Lobby:
Mon – Fri 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Drive-thru:
Mon – Fri 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Extended Hours*:
Mon – Fri 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
(or until last patient receives their medications)
Sat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed Sundays & Holidays
*Extended Hours Rx is available ONLY for Extended Hours Clinic prescriptions and AST Member emergency room visit fills.

Both pharmacies are closed the first Wednesday of every month from Noon-5 p.m.

24-HOUR EMERGENCY PHARMACY ACCESS
If you experience an emergent issue after hours and receive a prescription that needs to be filled that same evening, AST Health has provided access for Tribal Members only at three (3) **approved Walgreens locations in Shawnee and Norman.** You will need to submit your prescription, and it is mandatory to identify yourself with your AST CDIB card and other appropriate ID. Then, they will fill your prescription. You will have a five-day limited fill on your prescription. Upon the first work/business day, you can have the remaining balance of your prescription(s) transferred to your AST pharmacy in either Shawnee or Little Axe, and they will fill your remaining balance. The three (3) AST Health-approved Walgreens service locations are: 1427 North Harrison Street or at 600 Shawnee Mall Drive, Shawnee, OK or 615 West Main Street, Norman, OK

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2022 Hall of Fame Inductee

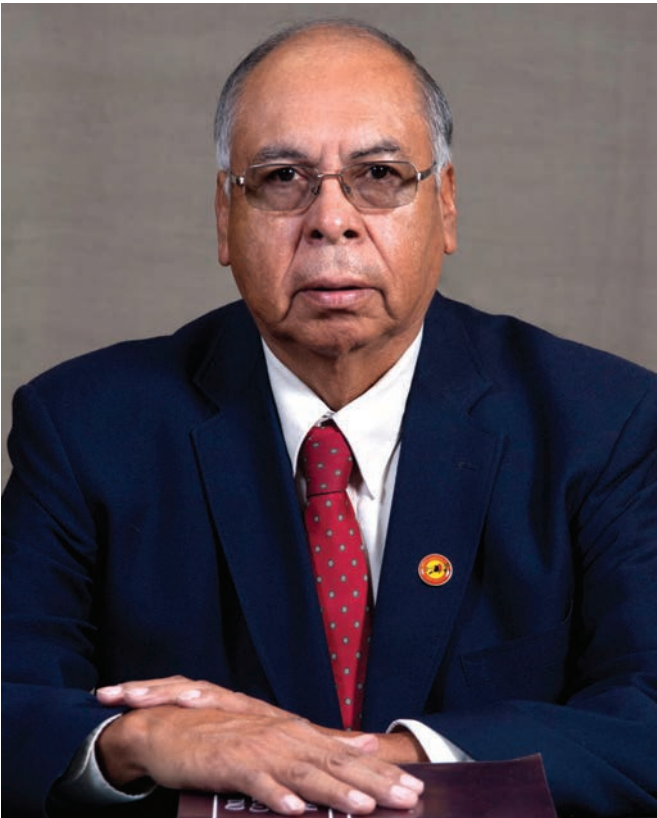
USA Softball of Oklahoma Hall of Fame Association Inductee, Absentee Shawnee Tribal member



We would like to introduce you to the latest USA Softball of Oklahoma Hall of Fame Association Inductee, Absentee Shawnee Tribal member Mrs. JoAnn (Johnson) Lovins. The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was recently held on January 18, 2020 in Mustang, Oklahoma. “Through your devotion, sweat, tears and energy you have helped make this a better place to play the game of softball. We honor you with your entry into the Oklahoma Softball Hall of Fame.” According to the Amateur Softball Association of America, the Softball Hall of Fame, with 400 inductees, is among the most difficult sports halls in the nation in which to gain membership. Although an inductee of the 2022 Class, Mrs. Lovins was honored two years early, in last month’s ceremony. Mrs. Lovins began her softball career in 1950 in NE Norman, Oklahoma, playing on multiple local, and “travel” teams. It is estimated that she pitched over 2000 games during her career and won approximately 80% of those games. Additionally, “she was recognized as an accomplished hitter, never having been struck out”, per Marita Hynes, former OU Athletic Administrator, and namesake for the University of Oklahoma Softball Stadium. JoAnn holds the distinction of being voted the MVP of the Oklahoma State Indian Tournament as a catcher in 1955, and later, multiple times as a pitcher, and member of the All-Star Tournament Team. Also, of note, she has been recorded as playing every position on the field. It is documented that she pitched a total of 72 innings

during a single weekend tournament. During another tournament, she is recorded as pitching a 13 inning game that ended in a win. Other highlights of her career include winning multiple City and State Fast Pitch Championships. For many years she was highly recruited to compete on numerous travel teams against regionally, and nationally ranked opponents. **She was known as a fierce competitor and tremendous ambassador of the sport.** Recommendation letters include comments regarding JoAnn like “She was an outstanding manager, coach, friend and mother to a wonderful family, and was liked and respected by everyone, including her opponents.” Another recommendation reported “I remember how she dominated the teams she pitched against. She can be counted among one of the best pitchers I have ever seen in the state of Oklahoma. There is no doubt she deserves to be recognized for her accomplishments in the game of softball.” Former ASA District Commissioner Bobby Gill is quoted as saying “Her pitching was legendary and she was always a great ambassador for Women’s Softball.” As her children, we join many former players, coaches, umpires, family and friends who recognized and appreciated her as a tremendous example of great sportsmanship, whose stamina as a ballplayer was inspiring, and fiercely competitive nature was legendary. She remains an exemplary leader and role model, noted for compassion and kindness.

ELECT KEN BLANCHARD FOR LT. GOVERNOR



Greetings Fellow Tribal Members

I’d like to take this opportunity to inform you that I am a candidate for the office of Lt. Governor. I am confident that we can elect people who will lead through hard work and commitment, with a vision to leaving a lasting legacy of progressive initiatives to move the Tribe forward.

I continue to have an open-door policy to visit with you on a more personal basis, that will never change.

As a new election year begins in June, we should continue the welcome to the table approach to facilitate honest, productive conversations among the five elected officials. We will debate change issues and challenge ourselves to formulate policies for the betterment of the Tribal membership.

With newly elected tribal officials, we feel confident that we can now actively move forward in a principled and commonsense manner to better the Tribe in all phases of governance.

It is our moral duty as elected officials to be fair and truthful to the Tribal membership in order to preserve the people’s trust, to do the right thing in the right way.

I am asking for your vote on March 21, 2020.

To contact me at the Tribal Complex, please write to Ken Blanchard, Lt. Governor, 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801, or by phone at 405/275-4030.

Cell ph: (405) 617-4104

Respectfully,

Ken Blanchard, Lt. Governor

Tax Commission

Fiscal Year 2020 - YTD Tax Collections (through 1/31/2020)

TAX CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	% OF TAXES COLLECTED
Sales (6%)	\$7,499.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,499.91	2.16%
Gaming % of free cash	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	71.92%
Employee (1%)	\$18,216.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,216.80	5.24%
Severance (8%)	\$3,817.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,817.67	1.10%
Motor Vehicle	\$14,622.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,622.24	4.21%
Motor Fuel Taxes (Qtrly.)	\$43,922.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43,922.66	12.64%
Tobacco Refund	\$8,640.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,640.57	2.49%
TOTAL TAXES	\$346,719.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$346,719.85	
Miscellaneous	\$874.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$874.50	0.25%
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$347,594.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$347,594.35	100%

TAX COMMISSION

~ TAG AGENCY ~

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ACCEPTING

Credit/Debit

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

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

VISA

MasterCard

AMERICAN EXPRESS

DISCOVER NETWORK

UNITED for OKLAHOMA

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

These are the facts every Oklahoman must know.

Watch the videos and stay informed at: UnitedForOklahoma.com

The AST Tag Office has New Hours!

We are open through lunch!

All day 8:00am - 5:00pm

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Community Chest INCOME TAX REFUND

\$

TAX PREPARATION

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

NO CHARGE!

Individuals meeting the Low-to-Moderate income threshold for tax year 2019 are \$56,000. Individuals meeting these criteria are eligible for free Income Tax Filing, Form 1040 & 1040A.

Schedule an appointment and bring all tax documentation. Documents needed are:

- Photo Identification for each adult,
- Social Security Cards for all individuals to be listed on the following forms: 1099, W-2, 1099R,
- Medical and dental expenses,
- Last year's taxes and receipts for any charitable donations.

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

TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT:

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

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

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Taxes

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

Sales & Lodger's Tax

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

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

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

Severance Tax

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

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

Total Product Volume

×

Gross Market Value

=

Indian Royalty Deduction

=

Total Taxable Amount

Total Taxable Amount

×

8%

=

Total Severance Tax Due

Application for Business License

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

Sales & Lodger's Tax Reporting, Payment & Penalties

The Sales & Lodger's Tax return must be submitted to the Absentee Shawnee Tax Commission by the 15th of the following month. For example, for gross receipts collected from March 1-31, the tax return would be due April 15. Businesses that fail to file and pay this tax on time will be assessed 12% annual interest on the total amount due, plus a penalty of 2% of the tax due per month, up to a total of 12% of the total tax due.

Designation of Agent Form

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

Severance Tax Reporting & Payment

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

How to Calculate Total Oil Volume

The total volume of severed oil taxable products—before any deductions are taken for processing, transportation, industry-standard shrinkage, etc.—is measured either according to current contracts of sale between the operator/producer and the purchaser; or in barrels of 42 U.S. gallons of 231 cubic inches per gallon, at a temperature of 60° F, per U.S. Geological Survey regulations.

How to Calculate Total Gas Volume

The total volume of severed gas taxable products is measured at the wellhead—before any deductions are taken for processing, transportation, industry-standard shrinkage, etc.—in units of 1,000 cubic feet (MCF) and corrected to standard temperature and pressure, per U.S. Geological Survey regulations.

Possessory Interest Tax (PIT)

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

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

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

Vehicle Registration & Taxation

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

Vehicle Purchase Price

×

1.25%

=

Vehicle Tag Price

+

\$10 Lien Processing Fee

=

New Vehicle Registration Fee

Vehicle Registration Tags

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

Earnings Tax

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

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

Application for Registration (PIT)

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

PIT General Property Summary / Detailed Property Value Report Forms

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

PIT Tax Reporting & Payment

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

Lien Processing Fee - \$10

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

New Vehicle Registration: Required Documents

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

Annual Vehicle Registration Renewal: Required Documents

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

Earnings Tax Reporting & Payment

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

Absentee Shawnee Tax Commission

2025 S Gordon Cooper Drive | Shawnee, OK 74801

P: 800.256.3341 or 405.275.4030 | F: 405.214.4225

Office Hours and Website

Monday-Friday, 8 am - 12 pm; 1 pm - 5 pm

www.astribe.com/tax-commission-and-tag

AST Enrollment Department Updates:

Marla and I would like to thank everyone who updated their CDIB cards recently-since November we have issued over 600 CDIB cards, over 150 of those out of state! If you don’t have the new “**Blue Card**” we are more than happy to get you updated.

Here are a few things we are working on:

- Helping spread the word about the 2020 Census, working closely with a Tribal Partnership Specialist Census worker.
- Updating forms and letters so everything looks universal.
- Inputting base roll data into the Enrollment database, making research quicker and easier.
- Daily tasks such as taking enrollment applications, researching new applicant’s eligibility, updating CDIB cards.

We are also about to start a full audit of the Enrollment files. Making sure all required documents are in the files is very important, please be patient with us as we may request documents from you if you are missing items.

Reminders:

- Universal forms and identification are required to issue a new CDIB, whether you come in to the Enrollment office or mail the forms in.
- All CDIBs must have an updated photo, you can come into the office to take a new photo or mail in a passport photo with your universal form.
- Please notify us of any changes or updates such as address, marriage, divorce, or minor custody changes.
- All Tribal Members are entitled to 3 CDIB cards at no cost per ordinance. A \$5 fee payable to Finance is required before we can issue any over the allotted 3.
- Enrollment processes per cap applications, newly of age Tribal Members need to contact us for information on how to apply. Applications are available in office or on our website, if you are unsure of what you qualify for feel free to give us a call!

Our goal is to make sure the Enrollment Department has accurate records, we are working diligently so future generations are left with a solid foundation to work from.

If you haven’t been in recently please stop by and introduce yourself. Marla, Enrollment Specialist, has been here since August of 2019, Amanda, Director, has been here since November of 2019. We would love to get to know everyone!

Amanda Webb, Enrollment Director
Marla Massey, Enrollment Specialist

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Election Commission

I, Yvonne Diane Ponkilla took my Oath of Office as an Election Commission Alternate on March 15, 2019 and my employee status is the Executive Administrative Assistant to the Office of the Lt. Governor. On Wednesday, February 19, 2020 Atheda Fletcher went to the Election Commission Office stating she was in her position as the Representative of the Tribe and wanted to make the Election Commission aware a Tribal Member informed her of the possible Conflict of Interest of my employment position and Election Commission Alternate. The Election Commission Administrative Assistant informed Atheda Fletcher, Representative that the Tribal Member would need to send a letter to the Election Commission and state their issue. Atheda Fletcher, Representative made the statement the Tribal Member would not do so for they were afraid of repercussions from the Election Commission. I am not sure on what repercussions are expected from the Election Commission, due to the fact there are none. As an Election Commission Alternate I am appointed, I do not have a vote unless the absence of an Elected Commissioner and the Commission shifts. That will be the same with an Election I will only be a substitute on standby status in case there is an absence of an Elected Commissioner. I did the 2019 June Election due to a family medical emergency of the Election Commission Administrative Assistant. Therefore, the Election Commission sees no Conflict of Interest but, I will honor the Candidates decision if they feel my position as Executive Administrative Assistant to the Office of the Lt. Governor and as an Alternate on the Election Commission is a Conflict of Interest.

Candidates can contact me at (405) 617-4105 once I receive verbal acknowledgment from each candidate and their decision is unanimous that my position of employment and on the Election Commission is a Conflict of Interest I would like the Election Commission to Accept this letter as my Notice to be excused from the 2020 Election.

Thank you for your time,



Diane Ponkilla

Eat Right

Food, Nutrition and Health Tips from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics



20 Health Tips for 2020

1. Eat Breakfast

Start your morning with a healthy breakfast that includes lean protein, whole grains, fruits and vegetables. Try making a breakfast burrito with scrambled eggs, low-fat cheese, salsa and a whole wheat tortilla or a parfait with low-fat plain yogurt, fruit and whole grain cereal.

2. Make Half Your Plate Fruits and Vegetables

Fruits and veggies add color, flavor and texture plus vitamins, minerals and dietary fiber to your plate. Make 2 cups of fruit and 2 ½ cups of vegetables your daily goal. Experiment with different types, including fresh, frozen and canned.

3. Watch Portion Sizes

Get out the measuring cups and see how close your portions are to the recommended serving size. Use half your plate for fruits and vegetables and the other half for grains and lean protein foods. To complete the meal, add a serving of fat-free or low-fat milk or yogurt.

4. Be Active

Regular physical activity has many health benefits. Start by doing what exercise you can. Children and teens should get 60 or more minutes of physical activity per day, and adults at least two hours and 30 minutes per week. You don't have to hit the gym—take a walk after dinner or play a game of catch or basketball.

5. Get to Know Food Labels

Reading the Nutrition Facts panel can help you shop and eat or drink smarter.

11. Dine Out without Ditching Goals

You can eat out and stick to your healthy eating plan! The key is to plan ahead, ask questions and choose foods carefully. Compare nutrition information, if available, and look for healthier options that are grilled, baked, broiled or steamed.

12. Enact Family Meal Time

Plan to eat as a family at least a few times each week. Set a regular mealtime. Turn off the TV, phones and other electronic devices to encourage mealtime talk. Get kids involved in meal planning and cooking and use this time to teach them about good nutrition.

13. Banish Brown Bag Boredom

Whether it’s for work or school, prevent brown bag boredom with easy-to-make, healthy lunch ideas. Try a whole-wheat pita pocket with veggies and hummus or a low sodium vegetable soup with whole grain crackers or a salad of mixed greens with low-fat dressing and a hard boiled egg.

14. Reduce Added Sugars

Foods and drinks with added sugars can contribute empty calories and little or no nutrition. Review the new and improved Nutrition Facts labels or ingredients list to identify sources of added sugars.

15. Eat Seafood Twice a Week

Seafood—fish and shellfish—contains a range of nutrients including healthy omega-3 fats. Salmon, trout, oysters and sardines are higher in omega-3s and lower in mercury.

16. Explore New Foods and Flavors

Add more nutrition and eating pleasure by expanding your range of food choices. When shopping, make a point of selecting a fruit, vegetable or whole grain that’s new to you or your family.

17. Experiment with Plant-Based Meals

Expand variety in your menus with budget-friendly meatless meals. Many recipes that use meat and poultry can be made without.

6. Fix Healthy Snacks

Healthy snacks can sustain your energy levels between meals, especially when they include a combination of foods. Choose from two or more of the MyPlate food groups: grains, fruits, vegetables, dairy, and protein. Try raw veggies with low-fat cottage cheese, or a tablespoon of peanut butter with an apple or banana.

7. Consult an RDN

Whether you want to lose weight, lower your health-risks or manage a chronic disease, consult the experts! Registered dietitian nutritionists can help you by providing sound, easy-to-follow personalized nutrition advice.

8. Follow Food Safety Guidelines

Reduce your chances of getting sick with proper food safety. This includes: regular hand washing, separating raw foods from ready-to-eat foods, cooking foods to the appropriate internal temperature, and refrigerating food promptly. Learn more about home food safety at www.homefoodsafety.org.

9. Drink More Water

Quench your thirst with water instead of drinks with added sugars. Stay hydrated and drink plenty of water, especially if you are active, an older adult or live or work in hot conditions.

10. Get Cooking

Preparing foods at home can be healthy, rewarding and cost-effective. Master some kitchen basics, like dicing onions or cooking dried beans.

Eating a variety of plant foods can help.

Vegetables, beans, and lentils are all great substitutes. Try including one meatless meal per week to start.

18. Make an Effort to Reduce Food Waste

Check out what foods you have on hand before stocking up at the grocery store. Plan meals based on leftovers and only buy what you will use or freeze within a couple of days. Managing these food resources at home can help save nutrients and money.

19. Slow Down at Mealtime

Instead of eating on the run, try sitting down and focusing on the food you're about to eat. Dedicating time to enjoy the taste and textures of foods can have a positive effect on your food intake.

20. Supplement with Caution

Choose foods first for your nutrition needs. A dietary supplement may be necessary when nutrient requirements can't be met or there is a confirmed deficiency. If you're considering a vitamin, mineral or herbal supplement, be sure to discuss safe and appropriate options with an RDN or another healthcare provider before taking.

For a referral to a registered dietitian nutritionist and for additional food and nutrition information, visit www.eatright.org.



The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is the world's largest organization of food and nutrition professionals. The Academy is committed to improving health and advancing the profession of dietetics through research, education and advocacy.

This tip sheet is provided by:

Lisa Harrington, MS, RDN, LD



Wisdom Warriors Tai Chi

Public Health nurses Deidre Yarbrough, RN, Stephanie Comstock, RN, and Diabetes & Wellness fitness technician Jayden Watson, BS recently attended and completed the inaugural Wisdom Warriors Tai Chi for Arthritis and Falls Prevention Training in Suquamish, Washington. All are now Wisdom Warrior Leaders and certified instructors of Tai Chi for Arthritis, Tai Chi for Arthritis and Falls Prevention, and Seated Tai Chi for Arthritis.

The Wisdom Warriors Program was developed in collaboration with the Northwest Regional Council and Washington Department of Health and was implemented in 2010 as an indigenous, evidence-based chronic disease self-management health program developed for tribal and community members of all ages. Tai Chi for Arthritis and Falls Prevention is recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a falls prevention program and is supported by Arthritis foundations around the world.



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL HEALTH SYSTEM'S 2020 SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Are you a Native American student who is seeking a future in a healthcare related field?

If you are in College or Vo-Tech or are a High School Student who is College/Vo-Tech bound and want experience, apply for our 8-week Summer Internship Program.

HERE ARE THE FACTS:

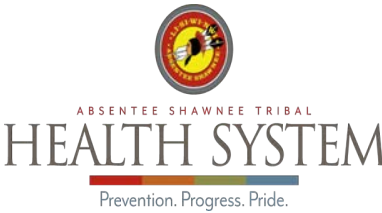
We will have 5 internship positions available to Native American (AST Preferred) students- must have CDIB. The internship is a rigorous 8 week program, up to 20 hours per week, at \$10.00 per hour, designed to familiarize you with a variety of professions and technical careers in the healthcare field.

- The program starts June 1st through July 24th. Graduation will be July 24th, 2020.
- Must have current GPA of 3.0 or above in either High School or College/Vo-Tech and a desire to serve in the healthcare field
- Age range: 16-22 years of age (High School students preferred or College/Vo-Tech students 22 years or younger)
- Must be available Tues-Thurs during normal business hours

Applications can be found on the AST Tribal Website at www.astribe.com under "Employment Opportunities". Please submit a cover letter and resume along with the employment application located on the website.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED MARCH 1-APRIL 30, 2020
If you have questions about the application or need assistance please contact Ms. Dayna Dick with AST Health Human Resources at 405.701.7638.

Please contact Mr. Mark Rogers, AST Health Executive Director, at 405.532.6286 with any questions or for information regarding this program.



P: 405.447.0300 F: 405.701.7631 WWW.ASTHEALTH.ORG

Join us for a Healthy Cooking DEMO



Details

When
Thursday, April 9th at 2PM

Where
Diabetes & Wellness Demo Kitchen at Little Axe Clinic

Free Recipe Cards and Samples Provided

Menu: Sweet Potato Hash

Questions? Call 405-701-7977.

Presented by the AST Diabetes & Wellness Program

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Child Care Development Fund Programs

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

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

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


AST Child Care Subsidy Program - Child Care Assistance
AST After School Program- Horseshoe Bend Community - After School Care

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

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

For information about these services please visit the AST website at www.astribe.com/child-care

Contact information:
BBCDII Shawnee (405) 878-0633
Email: ecrawford@astribe.com
BBCDIII Little Axe (405) 360-2710
Email: rebeccaj@astribe.com
AST Child care Subsidy (405) 432-8411
Email: briana.ponkilla@astribe.com
AST ASP - HSB (405) 432-8411
Email: lanora.buswell@astribe.com
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Please call 405-275-4030 for additional details

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.

FROM THE ELECTION COMMISSION:

Tribal Members:

The Primary Election will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2020. The voting polls will be located at the Little Axe Resource Center on Peebly Road and at the AST Health Multipurpose 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 in the newsletter.

Please tear off

BALLOT

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
PRIMARY ELECTION
MARCH 21, 2020

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

LT.GOVERNOR (4 Year Term)

Sacha Almanza ----- []
Anthony “Tadpole” Johnson ----- []
Isaac Gibson, Jr. ----- []
Kenneth Blanchard ----- []

TREASURER (4 Year Term)

David Deer ----- []
Leah D. Bender ----- []
Joseph Blanchard ----- []
Betty L. Watson ----- []

REPRESENTATIVE (4 Year Term)

Atheda W. Fletcher ----- []
Andrew Warrior ----- []
Alicia “Aly” Edwards-Miller ----- []

ELECTION COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEMBER #1

James Cody Spybuck, Jr. -----[]

COMMISSION MEMBER #2

No One Filed



March 2020 – Scheduled Closings

Dates Closed:	Time(s) Closed:	Locations:
Wed., Mar. 4th (1 st Wed. Month)	Noon to 5 PM	All AST Health facilities CLOSED -Shawnee Walk-In Clinic OPEN at 5 PM until 8 PM (last patient at 7:30 PM). -PlusCare OPEN at 5 PM until 8 PM (last patient at 7:30 PM).

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 System”, & on ASTHS website at www.asthealth.org

Join us for a

Free Healthy Cooking Demo

To celebrate National Nutrition Month

Menu: Stir Fry and Cauliflower Fried Rice



When:
Thursday, March 12th,
2pm

Where:
Diabetes & Wellness
Demo Kitchen
Little Axe Clinic

Free Recipe
Cards and
Samples
Provided
& Nutrition
Bingo and prizes

Questions? Contact
the Diabetes & Wellness
Program by calling
405-701-7977

Presented by the AST
Diabetes & Wellness Program

Looking for Foster Parents



“SHARE YOUR HEART, SHARE YOUR HOME”

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

Hello Tribal Members,

In the January newsletter, I submitted my Candidacy Announcement and Introduction Letter. I discussed my background, education, and family connections to the Tribe. As many of you complete your research on candidates, you’ll be happy to know I fulfill all the minimum requirements. In addition, I am eligible for bonding and licensure, have no criminal record, defaults on loans, or have ever been arrested.

This month, I want to address some of my concerns and areas where we can improve. If elected, I intend to focus on the following points:

1. To obtain clean audits with minimal findings;
2. To share and communicate to the People, the status of our Tribal assets;
3. To minimize costs and expenditures, and present a balanced budget;
4. To research and discover better investment opportunities;
5. To research and discover additional business ventures;
6. To use existing contacts and resources to become more efficient;
7. To always maintain professionalism and work with the other Elected officials;
8. To work with existing Finance personnel and staff;
9. To make informed and timely decisions on ALL Tribal matters; and
10. To maintain fiduciary control and stewardship over the Tribe’s monies.

Like many of you, I have become increasingly concerned about our Tribe’s welfare and recent events. The Election debacle came about because some of our sitting Executives allowed us to be put in that position by not reading the provided documents. Some of their recent votes, they were ill-informed, didn’t have time to review the documents, or didn’t vote. In lieu of “abstaining”, any one of them could have asked for the item to be tabled or requested more discussion. Misunderstanding *Robert’s Rules of Order* is not an excuse.

One of the issues I inquired about and still have not received an answer for, is the recent purchases of land. What is the Tribe’s intent to use these lands for? Was there a business plan in place? What are we getting for our money? What is the return and how long? I don’t have an issue with us claiming additional property and increasing our land base. But we all have a legitimate concern if the Tribe purchased land located in a “Flood Plain” and there would be additional dollars needed to make said location usable before a potential business is built, or if we overspent.

As a former department Director, I plan to use my experience to help others. For some, that may be the interpretation of monthly budgets, yearly projections on expenditures, allowable spending, submittal of grants, annual reports, or ways to create revenue. I am willing to do whatever it takes to help move our Tribe forward.


Again, I appreciate you taking the time to read my article. If you can think of anything I may have missed, do not hesitate to message me at: jb4ast@gmail.com. Other updates and shared information can be found on my Facebook candidate’s page at: *Joseph Blanchard for AST Treasurer*.

A vote for me indicates you truly do want change. I am grateful for the support and encouragement since making my announcement.

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Joseph H. Blanchard





ELDER INTAKE FORM

TODAY'S DATE_____ REFERRAL SOURCE_____

LAST NAME_____ FIRST NAME_____ MI_____

DATE OF BIRTH_____ MALE ___ FEMALE ___ VETERAN ___ YES ___ NO

STREET ADDRESS_____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

SINGLE ___ MARRIED ___ DIVORCED/SEPARATED ___ WIDOWED ___ WIDOWER _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____ SPOUSE'S DATE OF BIRTH _____

NAME OF EMERGENCY CONTACT (1) _____ PHONE _____

NAME OF EMERGENCY CONTACT (2) _____ PHONE _____

PRIMARY LANGUAGE ENGLISH ___ TRIBAL ___ OTHER _____

HOUSING ___ HOUSE ___ APARTMENT ___ COMMUNITY HOUSING ___ OTHER EXPLAIN _____

COMPOSITION ___ LIVES ALONE ___ LIVES WITH SPOUSE ___ LIVES WITH FAMILY/FRIENDS
___ OTHER EXPLAIN _____

NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD _____ WHO HELPS _____

HEALTH HISTORY ___ ASTHMA ___ ALZHEIMER'S ___ ARTHRITIS ___ CANCER ___ DEMENTIA
___ DIABETES ___ CHRONIC PAIN ___ HEARING AID ___ CHOLESTEROL ___ BLOOD PRESSURE

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

PROSTHETIC DEVICES ___ Walker/Cane ___ Wheelchair ___ Hearing Aid ___ Glasses ___ Dentures ___ None

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

IF YES, NAME OF PROGRAM & WHERE LOCATED: _____

HEALTH CONCERNS _____

SERVICES CURRENTLY BEING RECEIVED _____

Absentee Shawnee Tribe
Behavioral Health Services



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


Wellbriety Group Meetings

Facilitator: John Soap, LPC

Every Thursday 5:30pm-6:30pm



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

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



Office of Environmental Health & Engineering
Brownfield Tribal Response Program

What is a Brownfield?



The EPA defines a brownfield site as “...real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, controlled substances, petroleum or petroleum products, or is mine-scarred land.”

Do you have land that you want to use for a business, park, or for cultural purposes, but are worried about possible contamination? If so, you may have a Brownfield site.


Typical Brownfield Sites Include:

- Abandoned Factories/Buildings/Homes
- Burned Homes
- Buried Dump Sites
- Open Dump Sites
- A Large Amount of Tires
- Former Cattle Dip Pit Sites
- Barrels of Unknown Substances
- Old Service Stations
- Oil Storage Facilities
- Oil/Gas Well Sites
- Old Dry Cleaning Businesses

If you have a Brownfield site that you would like to develop, or if you know of a possible Brownfield site, please contact:

Absentee Shawnee Tribe
Brownfield Response Program
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801
(405) 214-4235
AST.Environmental.Programs@astribe.com

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 www.facebook.com/ast.environmental.programs

2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

AST ELDERS COUNCIL

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 18	10:00 A.M.	Title VI Bldg., Shawnee, OK
February 15	10:00 A.M.	Resource Center, Little Axe
March 28	10:00 A.M.	Title VI Bldg., Shawnee, OK <i>(1 week later due to AST election)</i>
April 18	10:00 A.M.	Resource Center, Little Axe, OK
May 16	10:00 A.M.	Title VI Bldg., Shawnee, OK
June 27	10:00 A.M.	Resource Center, Little Axe, OK <i>(1 week later due to AST election)</i>
July 18	10:00 A.M.	Title VI Bldg., Shawnee, OK
August 15	10:00 A.M.	Resource Center, Little Axe, OK
September 19	10:00 A.M.	Title VI Bldg., Shawnee, OK
October 17	10:00 A.M.	Resource Center, Little Axe, OK
November 21	10:00 A.M.	Multi-Purpose Bldg., Shawnee, OK
December 19	10:00 A.M.	Resource Center, Little Axe, OK

Meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Saturday of the month except for March and June, which are scheduled for the 4th Saturday due to possible elections.



Ribbon Skirt Workshop

WHERE:

AST Health Multipurpose Building, 2029 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee OK

WHEN:

April 19, 2020

TIME:

1:00 PM — 3:00 PM

class sizes are limited

Contact the Cultural Preservation Department & reserve your spot today!

405-275-4030 ext.6238



AST DIABETES AND WELLNESS

1970 156th Ave. NE Norman, Oklahoma // 405-364-7298



Classes currently offered at the Resource Center

Aerobic and Strength Circuits

High-Intensity Interval Training

Zumba Dance Fitness

Cardio Kickboxing

FITNESS CLASSES

AT THE RESOURCE CENTER



Free exercise classes offered Monday-Friday

(5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. class available on Monday and Wednesday only)

6:15 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

A Diabetes prevention initiative provided by the Absentee Shawnee Diabetes and Wellness Program (405) 364-7298 or (405) 701-7977 or bbread@astribe.com/cwiens@astribe.com

Title VI

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
2025 South Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801-0381

Title VI
Elderly Nutrition Program

Dear Absentee Shawnee Tribal Members

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

Guidelines:

- 1. Absentee Shawnee Member
- 2. Must be 55 years and older
- 3. Must be an Title VI Member, have a current intake form on file (FY-2020)
- 4. Must provide Proof of Residency (utility bill – in the applicants name)
- 5. Handicap/Disabled
- 6. NO RENTAL PROPERTY WILL BE MOWED

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

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

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

Thomasine Owings
Thomasine Owings

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

CDIB # _____

Grass Mowing Application

D.O.B. _____

The Following are the requirements for this program:

- 1. Must be an Absentee Shawnee Member
- 2. Must be 55 years and older
- 3. Must be an Title VI Member (have an current intake form for the current year 2020)
- 4. Handicap/Disabled
- 5. Must provide Proof of Residency (utility bill must be in applicant's name)
- 6. NO RENTAL PROPERTY will be mowed

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

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ MESSAGE PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

FINDING DIRECTIONS TO HOME:

*DISCLAIMER

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



Menu subject to change

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Turkey Dressing/Gravy Peas n Carrots Pears	3 Hot Ham & Chez Sandwich Baked Chips Pickles/Onions Apple	4 Beef Tips Rice Veggies Fruit	5 Soft Taco LTOC Spanish Rice Pineapples	6 Scrambled Eggs Sausage Gravy Biscuit	7
8  SPRING AHEAD	9 Cold Cut Sandwich LTOP Veggie Soup Cookie	10 Pork N Hominy Green Beans Applesauce	11 BBQ Chicken Baked Beans Cauliflower Peaches	12 Goulash Salad Bar* Cornbread	13 Grits Bacon Fruit	14
15	16 Manwich Onion Rings Pickles n Onions Mixed Fruit	17 Corn Beef Cabbage Carrots Bread	18 Tamale Refried Beans Salsa/ Chips	19 Baked Potato Ham, Chez, Onions Broc. & Chez Pudding	20 Scrambled Eggs Sausage Gravy Biscuit	21
22	23 Baked Fried Chicken Mashed Pot/Gravy Brussel Sprouts Apricots	24 Baked Zita Tossed Salad* Green Beans Prunes	25 Salmon Patty Coleslaw Peas n Carrots Crisp	26 Beans w Ham Steak fries Onions Cornbread	27 Ham Scrambled Eggs English Muffin Fruit	28

NOT GOING TO BE HOME!!!
CALL AND LET US KNOW AT 405-275-4030
EXT 6227 or 6270 OR NOTIFY YOUR DRIVER

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

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT
A STORY OR ARTICLE

Give us a call at (405) 598-1279 or (405) 481-0588
or send us an email to stiger@astribe.com

All Articles for the Next Month's Issue
are DUE by the 15th of the Current Month.

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Honoring Our Past
With Promise for
Our Future

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Living Meth Free

National Suicide
Prevention

1-800-273-8255
(TALK)



Absentee Shawnee
Health Systems
Shawnee & Little Axe

Newsletter Deadline For April is March 15th


VOTE

ALICIA (ALY) EDWARDS MILLER

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVE

SHE POSSESSES THE TRIBAL EXPERIENCE WE NEED,
THE LEADERSHIP YOU DEMAND AND
THE INTEGRITY THE TRIBE DESERVES.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020
POLLS OPEN 8:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.



Hi ke ho wa se li si mi mo.

My name is Alicia “Aly” Edwards Miller and I am running for the office of tribal representative. I hope you are doing well. I also hope you had the opportunity to read my introduction letter in the February newsletter. I provided a brief overview as to who I am, my family, my educational background and my involvement in various community activities.

Over the years, what I have gained through work experience and involvement is understanding the importance of tribal self-governance, and with self-governance there also comes an immense responsibility, including the need for a high level of communication to the tribal people.

Tribal self-governance demands strong leadership, technical knowledge and comprehensive accountability among the tribal leaders themselves. I feel some of our current leaders don't recognize the significance of these attributes or possess them. If elected, my experience and established relationships will allow me to immediately begin to decipher issues, review information and reports, interpret and make decisions without the costly waste of on-the-job-training (OJT).

Every tribal member familiar with our government knows the authority provided to the tribal representative’s office is through the power of the vote. If elected, I intend to use that voting power wisely & objectively.

As mentioned in my introduction letter, I will not make false promises claiming what specific actions I will carry out upon election, simply due to the fact that unforeseen daily and short-term issues demand immediate attention and program oversight changes may occur as well. That being said, there are primary governmental issues and tribal infrastructure areas that I support and as follows I will list a few through which I believe tribal members stand to gain the most knowledge and benefit:

- I.

Provide Meaningful Transparency

a.

Lobby the return of publishing all monthly tribal resolutions

b.

Consistently advise the membership and fact-check the true state of the tribe’s governmental activities

c.

Tribal boards listing:

i.

Who are our board members?

1.

The majority of our boards need to be AST members, carrying out AST objectives (the very definition of tribal self-governance)

2.

Are there any conflicts of interest? We need objectivity.

3.

Contact information for all board members provided

II.

Provide Fiscal Support

a.

Demand accountability of the spending in all forms of funding, to include boards and entities

b.

Review non-program/service purchasing trends to see if there is any taking away of potential program building/support for tribal members

c.

Make sure we have corresponding resolutions supporting fiscal spending

d.

Re-assert Native Business Preference through tribal resolution, policy and standard of operation/practice. We should be supporting Native people by utilizing Native businesses.
- III.

Support Tribal Government

a.

Return to the proper procedures of fully conducting tribal business – formal resolutions and consistent follow through for major decisions within the tribe.

b.

Return to an in-house Attorney General setting. Restrict the outsourcing of legal services to specialized area issues such as gaming, trust land, and class-action tribal issues when we are affected.

c.

Make sure government-to-government consultations are taking place with AST tribal leaders and not subordinates. Only tribal leaders are to make decisions on behalf of the tribe.

IV.

Support Culture

a.

Our brothers & sisters, the (Loyal) Shawnees, have declared 2020 the year of the Shawnee Language and also issued a state of an emergency for the Shawnee Language. We have yet to seriously encourage or make investments in teaching or provide support to those who are actively working to teach the Shawnee Language. From simple to complex ideas, we must do all we can to invigorate and endorse our culture because our CULTURE is who WE are...

Again, these are just a few of the many issues we face as a tribe. I believe I share many of our tribal people’s dissatisfaction with present leadership and the overall direction of the tribe. It seems as if the left hand doesn’t know what the right hand is doing, yet we are of one body.

You as the voter must look back on these past couple of years and it is you who must decide if you want the same instability and discord for the next 4-year term. I know I do not.

In closing, I would like to say “ne yi wa” to all the tribal members for the opportunity to serve as your representative and voice on the AST governmental stage. I feel our elected leaders should be those who legitimately know and practice the values of our tribe.

Again, ne yi wa and si li no ke ka no la p’wi.



EXPERIENCED &
QUALIFIED
FINANCIAL LEADER

- ❖ Oklahoma State University – Tribal Finance & Accounting Certificate (2018)
- ❖ Associates Degree in Business - Seminole State College (2011)
- ❖ Certificates of Training – Finance & Accounting Program, Gordon Cooper Technology Center (2010)
- ❖ Member of & Presenter at the Oklahoma Tribal Finance Consortium (OTFC)
- ❖ Member of the Native American Financial

I AM DAVID DEER AND I AM RUNNING FOR THE TREASURER POSITION FOR OUR TRIBE.

I will be a Treasurer that is consistent, honest, strong, accountable and trustworthy. I will focus on protecting, creating and enhancing services for our members. From tribal housing enhancement and expansion to supporting and sustaining our members through grant acquisitions, I will ensure that the interest of our members are at the center of all my decisions. Anyone that knows me knows that I am passionate about our tribe and the rights of our members. I will work passionately to ensure that you and our tribe are taken care of!

AREAS OF FOCUS



Customer Service

- Our finance department needs a drastic change regarding

customer service. As Treasurer I will ensure a friendly, professional and positive customer service experience where our members are treated with respect and with a helpful mindset.



Transparency

- Each Treasurer always promises providing quarterly financial statements on a regular basis. However, our

members do not get them consistently. This is a very easy process and one that I will easily be able to complete. They probably don't share them regularly because they don't understand the information. I will provide education on how to read our quarterly financials so that our members can ask even better questions. When members ask questions, I will



make time and follow up if needed, to get them answered.

Economic Sovereignty -

As a sovereign tribal nation, we have to become more self-sufficient and less dependent on external federal funding. That is the reason I fight for and have strived to defend our economic development initiatives. We can't keep talking about what we need to do, we have to act on and get results on economic development. Growing our economies and becoming more economically sovereign means a number of things. I will act on creating more jobs for our members, diversifying our revenue streams for our tribe and our enterprises, creating energy resources for our members and tribe, providing food reserves and food discount options for our members, and support and develop economic growth initiatives. We can't be dependent on our past ways of doing things and expect things to change. I am a new type of leader that is young, energetic and hungry for growth for our tribe. I ask for your support and your vote in making positive changes for our tribe and our people.



Education and Training for Tribal Members -

More than just financial education, as Treasurer, I promise to make drastic improvements in providing support for

education and job development training to our members. My focus will be on scholarship enhancements, loan forgiveness programs, education incentives, workforce and leadership development, business training, and financial training. Supporting our people would not just be a job for me, it is my passion.

I seek to be a servant leader for our tribe. Contact me at 405-430-6018 or at



"Seek to make your life long and its purpose in the service of your people" - Tecumseh



ddeer2230@yahoo.com. I want to hear your ideas on how we can move our tribe forward!



ASTHS March 2020 Monthly Update

The health system has been awarded another prestigious Certified Healthy Business Award from the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH), Excellence Category, for the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System. The health system has met the criteria before and rose again to continue its proud legacy of being a Certified Healthy Business! Certified Healthy Business recognizes business sites that make a positive impact on the health of employees and patrons. Our contribution in creating a healthy environment is important to the future of Native Americans in Oklahoma. This year's flu season continues to hit the community hard. Please continue to utilize your flu precautions of frequently washing, using hand sanitizer, and if you or your family are ill, running a fever, or have been exposed to someone with the flu, stay home and avoid contact with anyone to help prevent the spread of the flu. Wearing a mask is also recommended as the flu is spread via the respiratory system (especially if you have a compromised immune system or other medical complications). Patients will continue to experience longer than usual wait times at the walk-in clinics due to the significant amount of flu patients experiencing symptoms or coming down with the full blown flu virus. The virus should peak by the end of March, but that may change dependent upon weather and other possible flu strains potentially appearing around the country. The American Heart Association will have their annual Heart Walk in Oklahoma City this year on 30 May 2020, (so warm up with the OKC Marathon in April, which allows for either walking or running). Let's all get moving and stay healthy in 2020! If you are interested in participating in any of these events, please contact the Resource Center Health and Wellness Staff for more information. We will be doing limited sponsorships for AST Tribal members for the OKC Marathon's "Run to Remember" 5K event this year, so let's get fit - first come, first served basis!

We are proud to announce that the AST Health System Employee of the Year for 2019 is Nurse Practitioner Dustin Alexander, AST Health System's Primary Care! He was selected by the employees to represent the staff and employees by an at-large vote of the employees of the health system from the 12 eligible Employees of the Month Awardees from 2019. Congratulations Dustin on a job "well done," we all appreciate you very much!!!

Employee Awards and awardees are listed below for February 2020. 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!

February 2020 Health Employee Awards of the Month

Employee of the Month
Team of the Month
Special Leadership Award

Dayna Dick, HR Director, AST Health System
AST Health HR Team
Christopher Larkin, FACHE, CHC, Home Health



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

NATIVE CONNECTIONS GRANT

STRENGTH OF TRADITION PROJECT

This project provides support in:

- 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 our program, please contact us!

Margo Wahpekeche
Grant Coordinator
405-701-7995

Linda Gouge
Grant Project Director
405-701-7989



HEALTH SYSTEM
Prevention. Progress. Pride.

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE
1-800-273-TALK (8255)
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

"This flyer was developed under a grant number SM080181 from the Substance Abuse and Mental 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."

CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Year 2020 has been busy for the Cultural Preservation Department. Following is a summary of the departmental programs most recent activities:



Youth Outreach.
The Cultural Preservation staff has met with several area schools, like staff members from the Norman Public Schools Indian Education, to discuss partnerships meant to provide historical education about Shawnee culture and its people. From February 3rd through the 13th, the library partnered with the Shawnee Early Childhood Center to host story time and fry bread sampling! Our librarian, Ms. Casey Wilson, read students "Fry bread- A Native American Family Story" by Kevin Noble Maillard. Students were then served a piece of fry bread to try. The following week the children were read "The Great Ball Game" by Joseph Bruchac. Students were then shown a pair of ball sticks and balls. This partnership has allowed for other area schools and centers to reach out to our department for similar events.

Library.
We are excited to announce that we have received a Library Enhancement Grant! This grant will aid in the development of the library to better serve the tribal community. On February 6th, a cultural preservation staff member attended a meeting in Washington D.C. where grant recipients presented the progress of their projects. Please come in and visit the library. We have a wide variety of resources available for checkout, and many magazines, newspapers and journals for your reading leisure. We look forward to serving your informational needs!

Gift Shop.
The Gift Shop continues to make progress in sales and new inventory. In order to make room for new spring inventory, we are having a 30% sale on Pendleton Accessory Items! Also, we have a 30% sale on our Women's Minnetonka Kilty shoes. If you haven't been in our store recently, please stop by either location and have a look at our merchandise. Our Shawnee gift shop is located at the complex in the Cultural Preservation building. Our Little Axe Gift Shop is located in the lobby of the Little Axe Health Center. Also, we would like to announce our new hours for the gift shop located at the Little Axe Health Center. It is now open on Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and every other Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

THPO.
Our THPO Program continues to make great strides and advancements. Section 106 projects have been steadily coming in and will increase as the spring season approaches. Since the beginning of the year, the THPO officer has been busy taking part in monthly/quarterly teleconference calls with Federal Agencies such as the Texas Department of Transportation, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the National Park Service, and FEMA. She has also taken part in teleconference calls as it concerns reviewing master participation/ programmatic agreements with the National Park Service and FEMA.

FCC/TCNS.
The incoming workflow of new and modified telecommunications projects has been steady for the TCNS program. The THPO Specialist has been busy reviewing, researching and given recommendations to the telecommunications industry. From the beginning of the year to date, she has received 109 new telecommunications facility projects for review from 16 different consulting companies in 11 areas of interests/states. In conjunction with receiving projects, the THPO specialist has reviewed, researched and gave recommendation for the clearance of 91 telecommunications projects. These 91 projects were cleared in conjunction with 14 different consulting companies in 10 areas of interests/states.

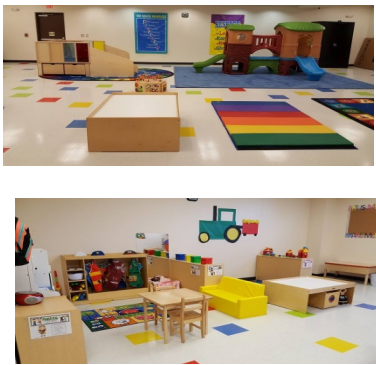
Other Activities.
The Cultural Preservation staff is diligently working on creating a schedule of upcoming cultural classes/workshops. So please be on the lookout for a Save the Date flyer and information of planned events/classes/workshops. Your concerns are important to us. We thank you for the continued support of our department as we continue to make changes to our programs, in order to provide the best service to our Tribal community. My door is always open so please feel free to stop by or contact me, Carol Butler, at 405-275-4030 ext. 6245 or cbutler@astribec.com.



You're invited to our annual Open House public event!



Thursday, April 9th, 2020
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Building Blocks III
16051 Little Axe Drive
Norman, OK 73026
(405) 360-2710



FREE REFRESHMENTS

FUN GAMES

FACE PAINTING

BOOK FAIR



BOUNCEHOUSE




Alexander, Jason Thomas
Alford, Michael Jason
Alford, Terry Wayne
Allen, Vanessa Olivia
Anania, Salvatore Westbrook
Anderson, Steven Brian
Annis, Loraine Pearl
Applegate, Richard Allen
Araujo, Bearen Demetrio
Armenta, Dakota Joseph
Arms, Bruce Edwin
Arms, Drake Jagger
Augustine, Dezmond Solomon
Barnes, Bralynn Kierra
Barnhill, Rachel Renee
Beaver Jr., Rodney Gene
Bender, Liyahna Kyne
Benish, Tricia Marie
Bernard, Carol Jean
Bettelyoun, Isaac Phillip
Bettelyoun, Taylin Hope
Blanchard II, Larry Dean
Blanchard, Brayden Nicole
Blanchard, Cecily Ann
Blanchard, Izabel Marie
Blanchard, Joe Henry
Blanchard, Kolton Reece
Blanchard, Russell Duane
Blanchard, Solomon Grant
Bowden, Rosada Lynn
Boyer, Alexander Caden
Brady, Dallas Dustin
Brannon, Tkeyah Monique
Brinson, Alexander Armando
Britton, Kara Grace
Brokeshoulder, Ashley M.
Brooks, Amy Louise
Brophy, Eulue Lee Eleyce
Brown, Lydia Don
Brown, Railynn Taylor
Bryce, Jerry Dale
Buckheart, Elysa Victoria
Buckheart, Phillip Cruz
Burk, Harley Lynn
Cahwee, Yvonne Katherine
Camp, Maria Lynn
Carter, Taylor Wade
Casteel, Rhaeanna Corinne
Caudillo, Herman Russell James
Caudillo, James Adam
Clark, Carol Dawn
Coddington, Koryne Shazity
Coddington, Michele Cholena
Cole, Carolyn Mary
Cook, Jonathon David
Cook, Makylea Mae
Coon, Justin Bo
Coon, Waylon Henry-Goliath
Cope, Chelsea Lea
Coriz, Clinton Eric
Coyle, Shannon Christine
Cravens III, John Monroe
Creek, Felix Albert
Cruz, Gregorie Thomas
Cuellar Jr., Leno
Davis, Shawn E.
Day, Linda G.
Day, Rosanna Jolena
Deer, Christopher Jerome
Deer, Makiyah Kaylind Anora
Denson, Hilda Mae
Eckiwardy, Alano Ezekiel
Edgin, Laura Marie
Ellis, Andrew
Ellis, Leann Dee
Ellis, Mark Russell
Ellis, Renee June
Elsloo, Kasia Lee
England, Adam Joe
Fenner, Alannah Benae
Ferree, Sierra N
Fife, Zachariah Everett
Fontenot, Teddy Lynn
Foreman, Henry Jake
Foreman, La Donna Rochelle
Foreman, Merrilee
Foster, Gabriel Lee
Frale, Christina Sue

Frazier, Andee Danielle
French, Jeffrey Martin
Fuller, Rhealee Grace
Garretson, Leslie Carol
Garretson, Tanisha Marie
Gibson, Charles Arthur
Gibson, Dylan Scott
Gibson, Isaac Dean
Gibson, Jaylan Chaunce
Gibson, Johnathan Caine
Gibson, Joshua Lee
Gibson, Phillip Craig
Gibson, Toney Ellise
Glazebrook, Stephanie Rae
Graham, Logan Faith
Grass, Ayson
Grass, Gavin John
Gravel, Robin Renee
Graves, Casey James
Greeley, Willow Maria Grace
Grover, Michelle Renee`
Hall, Elizabeth Lynn
Hall, Kayla Collette
Hargis, Faith Marie
Harjo, Jacob Lee
Harjo, Jimmie Dean
Harjo, Sammy
Harjo, Shirley Ann
Harjo, Zerek Bishop
Harp, Emily Sue
Haskins, Michael Truett
Herrera Jr., Rudy
Herrera, Richard John
Hilderbrand, Derek Mitchell
Hood, Richard Foster
Hood, Ross Damon
Hooper, Michael Shayne
Hubble-Kirschner, Skylur Nacole
Hunt, Lyndon Brandon
Ibarra, Rosalee Brianna Lizzet
Irvin, Catherine Ann
Isaac-Robbins, Shirley Jean
Isaacs, Leann Vachon
Johndrow-Boston, Mark Joseph
Johnson Jr., Hubert Dana
Johnson Jr., Walter Mack
Johnson, Alexis Lynn
Johnson, John Daniel
Johnson, John Pershing
Johnson, Leam Edwin
Johnson, Pamela
Johnson, Shirley Renee
Johnson, Skylar Wind Dancer
Jones, Dennis Roy
Judkins, Charles Gary
Kaniatobe, Tiffany Paige
Ketakea, Georgia Kay
Ketakea, Kayla Marie
Khalil, Maryam Anisah
Khalil-Quraishi, Sumiyah
Khan, Keyania Shaneil
Kickapoo, Collins Kristopher
Kilmer, Houston Colt
Kirschner, Tony William
Kisor, Alexzander Jordan
Landrum, Avery Lynn
Lasenberry, Whitley Sue Mae
Leach, Melissa Louise
Leatherman, Maximus Phillip
Florentino Antonio
Ledezma II, Roberto Bernal
Lee, Catherine Stacey
Lemon, Toni Marie
Lewis, Destiny Paige
Lewis, Katlyn Hope Cooksey
Lewis, Quinton DeWayne
Lindsay, Lila
Little Axe, Dennis Robert
Little Axe, Skye Keenan Patrick
Little Charley, Gary Dean
Little Creek, Levi Kelly
Little Jim Jr., Webster
Little, Benjamin Ray
Little, Keith David
Little, Marysa Fay
Little, Micco David
Littlebear, Kensley Sue
Littlebear, Trinedad Adam

Littlecreek, Jade Marie
Littlecreek, Jeremiah James
Littlecreek, Sadie Rachelle
Logan, Priscilla Ann
Longhorn, Bradley Lucky
Longhorn, Tommy Dale
Longhorn, Vaun Marie
Longman Jr., Clyde Bennie
Longman, Michael Ray
Loving, Mckinley Grace
Lowe, Dominic Lee
Lowe, Victor Shane
Mack Jr., Thomas James
MackK, Kameron Wayne
MackK, Ryan Dale
Mahtapene, Charlie Renee
Masquas, Taylor Daine
Masquat, Cameron Isaiah
Masquat, Nathaniel Gage
Maxwell, Kimber Leigh
Mayo, Michelle Marie
McBride, Taylor Iralea
McBroom, Ashley Denise
McBroom, Michelle Leigh
McCray, Ashley Nicole
McDoulett, Karen Susan
McGonigal, Peter Roygan Hodge
McGrew, Zearec Alexzander
McGuire, Kasi Lynn
McIntosh, Retha Ann
McKinney, Mahnee Zuri
McLovin, Alexander Charles
McMillen, Destenie DeAnne
McPherson, Maiden Ashlee
Kaylynnn
Megehee, Alicia Kaye
Merrell, Jason Andre
Miller, Louis-Renee Sarah
Miller, Patrick Michael
Miller, Redena Kay
Miner, Matthew Carl
Mohawk, Billye-Jo Ryleigh
Montgomery Jr., Wendall Len
Moore, Joseph Dakota
Moore, Patricia Naomi
Morgan, Katie Lynne
Morton Jr., Jeremiah James
Morton, Hannah Raine
Nakamoto, Lisa Marie
Nelson, Linda June
Nuckolls, Larry Wayne
Oney, Mattison Marie
Ongaco, Ariana D. Wilson
Onzawah, Leroy Galin
Ozeretny, Gary Lee
Panther IV, William
Panther, Ashlynn Nevaeh
Panther, Cyerra Lynn
Patten, Sherri Louise
Pease, Xailey May
Peetoom, Alexander R S
Pickering, Gertrude Bernice
Powell, Terry Shane
Price, Judith Ann
Puckitt, Steven Ray
Raine, Katherine Lydia Warrior
Rakestraw, Colton James
Rakestraw, Corbin Lee
Ramirez-Beavers Jr., Ulyesses Biala
Respicio, Lucas Antonio
Rex, Suzzy Jean
Reyes IV, Jose Ysmael
Richard, Eryxon Joe
Richey, Gunner Wayne
Rigney, Sean Librado
Roach, Dustin Michael
Roach, Dylan Lane
Robbins, Joshua Dale
Robinson Jr., Richard Dion
Robison, Jack Alan
Rolette Jr., Larry James
Rolette, Seth Allan James
Ruimveld, Vicky Lynn
Runsabove, Bryant Kent
Russell, Alexee June
Ryan, Ryder Lazaro
Sanchez, James Andrew
Scott, Denise Renee
Self, April Jennell
Self, Sheila Ann
Sevier, Jennifer Michelle
Sloan, James B.
Sloat, Athenia Kayra
Sloat, Jeremy Clay
Smith, Courtnei Renee


Smith, Daleana Lee
Snake, Steven Ray
Soap Jr., Roger Eugene
Spoon, Alexander Jacob
Spoon, Dasiya Vernice
Spoon, Elijah Gage
Spoon, Gracelynn Faith
Spoon, Isabella Lorraine
Spoon, John Allen
Spoon, Robby Wayne
Spoon, Sherrie Dawn
Spriggs, Dakota Paul
Squire, Jerry Wayne
Starr, Jesse Lloyd
Starr, Lawrence Mitchell
Stephens, Aubriana Nichole
Steves, Adam James
Stinger, Heather Ann
Stone, Taylor Cheyenne
Stout, Marita Rose
Straight, Lelah Gale
Stryker, Vikki Dawn
Stuckey, Zoe Ellori
Sutton, Mason Riley
Sutton, Virginia Lee
Swaggerty, Heather Lacharlotte
Switch, Faye Ramona
Switch, Redonna Lynn
Tahah, Everett Wade
Takacs, Zachary Allen
Tapia, Dakotah Cruz
Taryole, Newman Ryan
Taryole, Sydney Alixandra
Tascier, Matthew Isaiah
Taylor, Aaden John
Taylor, Lafonda Raye
Taylor, Scott Alan
Thapa, Sonya Shree
Thompson, Billie Gean
Thompson, Brandee Ian
Thornhill, Nathaniel Weston
Thorpe, Kimberly Clarice
Thorpe, Mary Elizabeth
Tiger, Anthony Michael Gene
Tiger, Donna Jean
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CHELLE FOREMAN
(mean lady)
Love ya
AUNT RHONDA
AND LYNNLEI

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



BIRTHDAY
MARTHA WATSON, LOL
ROBERTA COOPER
EAT A LOT OF CAKE !
LOVE RHONDA AND CHELLE


HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SHARON DAVIS (MY SISTER)

I WISH YOU A WONDERFUL DAY




LOVE YOU BUNCHES
YOUR BABY SIS RHONDA



SHERRIE,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
MY QUITE, AMAZING
WONDERFUL
LITTLE SISTER!!
You Look AWESOME
IN YELLOW! LOL




A BIG HAPPY HAPPY
BIRTHDAY TO MY AMAZING
DAUGHTER
SHERRIE DAWN SPOON
I LOVE YOU BUNCHES,
SWEETIE


love MOM


A
BELATED
BIRTHDAY
WISH TO
WHITNEY
HUCKABY
KARA LOWE
MAKENZIE
ALFORD
GREG NAIL

LOTS OF
LOVE.
G-LOW



Happy Birthday Vikki Dawn
Hope it's a wonderful one!!
Enjoy your Day!!
XOXO Sherrie Dawn





Happy
Birthday!

Dena Marie
Spybuck
I love you,
Sadie

A BIG
BELATED
WISH
to My
Brother

Garland
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Spybuck

I love you,
Your Sis
Sadie

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BIRTHDAY
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