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NOTICES

MASK DISTRIBUTION

The AST Office of Emergency Management still has masks available for tribal members. They can either be picked up at the checkpoint Monday – Friday 8 am – 4:30 pm or they can call Assistant Emergency Manager Levi Walker at 275-4030 extension 6268 to request masks to be mailed to you.

Chad Larman
Emergency Manager

AST Health System
now is providing a 24/7
AST Health System
24 Hour LIVE
CORONAVIRUS
(COVID19)
Information Number:
(4025) 695-1787

Have a safe and
Happy
Thanksgiving
Holiday!

NOTICE

Effective
11/3/2020-12/28/2020
Schedule Change
Drive-Thru
COVID19 &
Antibody Testing

Little Axe Health Center
405.447.0300

COVID-19 testing held
➤ Nov. 3rd & 17th
➤ Dec. 1st, 15th, & 28th
from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm

ANTIBODY testing held
at LAHC only
➤ Nov. 5th & 19th
➤ Dec. 3rd & 17th
from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

Shawnee Clinic
405.878.5850

COVID-19 testing held
➤ Nov. 10th & 18th
➤ Dec. 9th & 28th
from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Testing is open to public.
For testing inquiries, please call:
405.695.1787

In the event of rain or adverse
weather, testing will not be con-
ducted.



Deadlines for COVID-19 Relief Fund Programs

On behalf of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, the Executive Committee has established the COVID-19 Small Business Disruption Aid in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. The Executive Committee understands the impact this pandemic has had on our Absentee Shawnee tribal members and wants nothing more than to help serve our people. The COVID-19 Small Business Disruption Aid is designed to provide necessary assistance to Absentee Shawnee majority-owned businesses that have been negatively impacted by the effects of COVID-19.

The COVID-19 Small Business Disruption Aid is designed to assist Absentee Shawnee small business owners overcome the temporary loss of revenue, work-force/personnel issues, aid with inventory and supply shortfalls, capital access due to changing market, aid in the cost of business related insurance or Coronavirus facility remediation. This aid is a one-time payment of \$1,500 per individual applicant or \$5,000 for a company not exceeding 10 employees. Payments will be made MAILED directly to the Absentee Shawnee business/owner. For information for this fund go to the tribes' website <https://www.astribe.com/cares>.

COVID-19 Food and PPE Assistance Program

The COVID-19 Food and PPE Assistance Program is a one-time payment of \$150.00 for eligible AST enrolled tribal members. This service will be distributed and/or mailed out as a Wal-Mart gift card. The Absentee Shawnee tribal members who meet the guidelines are eligible for this service. No payment or reimbursement will be made to the applicant. This one-time payment assistance will be used towards food staple items, personal protective equipment and/or cleaning supplies.

All applications MUST BE SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13th, 2020.

COVID-19 Home Relief Program and COVID-19 Energy Assistance Program have expired with the deadline of October 30, 2020.

Any questions about the CARES fund programs you may call the AST Enrollment Department at (405) 275-4030.

First Ice Storm Causes Power Outage and Tree Damage

Rare October ice storm hits AST complex on Monday afternoon October 26 and over night into Tuesday morning with many trees covered with ice causing the complex to be littered with downed limbs and branches. Due to the inclement weather the complex, ALLNations Bank and Shawnee Clinic were closed on Tuesday, October 27th. Much of Shawnee was hit with power outages beginning Monday evening but we were spared and were able to resume normal business on Wednesday.

It was the first time that the National Weather Service in either Norman or Tulsa had issued an ice storm warning during the month of October, and the pre-Halloween glaze was the worst ice storm to strike at any time of year in at least five years.

The Pottawatomie County Commissioners declared a state of emergency due to damages from last week's ice storm in their regular meeting Monday. Any tribal members in this area that are needing assistance with tree removal or you are still without power, you may go on the website and complete the Disaster Assistance Forms. If you have any questions, you may call (405)481-8564.

Any future closings due to inclement weather, postings will be on the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Facebook site, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Office of Emergency Management Facebook site or the tribe's website, <https://www.astribe.com>.



No Quorum for the 85th General Council Meeting

On Saturday October 31, 2020, the 85th General Council meeting was to be held at 10:00a.m. The Executive Committee called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The Election Commission confirmed that 27 members were in attendance and a quorum was not present. The Executive Committee adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m. The General Council meeting did not take place due to not meeting the Constitutional requirements.

In article XVII-Quorum, the constitution reads as follows:

General Council meeting, fifty (50) members of the General Council, who are eligible voters, shall constitute a quorum to transact business at any duly called General Council meeting.

The Executive Committee would like to thank those who did make it out on the cold windy morning. If you are interested in a General Council book, you may request a copy from the Secretary's office or the Election Commission. If you have any question regarding any of the reports from the GC book, you may email the Executive Committee at executive.committee@astribe.com



Future Closings:	
Veteran's Day 11/11/20	Thanksgiving Holiday NOV. 26 & 27/2020





Governor’s REPORT

JOHN R. JOHNSON
AST Governor

Tribal members,

I hope this finds everyone in good health. October has been proclaimed as Domestic Violence Awareness Month by the Tribe. The AST Domestic Violence/ Family Services department held a drive-by event on October 1st in which I attended and read the Domestic Violence proclamation. I have also signed the VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) 2021 grant that will continue to get funding for the victims of Domestic Violence. If you need any assistance or have any questions, please contact the Domestic Violence / Family Services department at 405-275-4030.

This month I met with the director of AST Housing Authority (ASHA) and Police Chief to update the Police and Housing contract. This contract provides police protection and related services to tenants living in the ASHA-owned units. I am always happy to report how our departments work together to keep our tribal members safe.

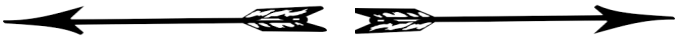
Also the second Friendship house is wrapping up construction. The Friendship House was made possible through a partnership between the Community Renewal of Pottawatomie County and the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority. The goal of a Friendship House is to build trust and bring resources into the neighborhood. The three-acre site occupies the southeast corner of Main Street and Bryan Avenue in the Rolling Hills South Addition on Absentee land, just a couple blocks north of Pleasant Grove School. I am very excited to tour this new house on October 23rd.

On October 16, 2020 the Constitution that was ratified on May 10, 2019 was sent to the BIA for their records. By doing this the Constitution has been fully accepted and updated within the BIA. You may find the complete version on the website.

The Complex remains in Phase II of reopening. This means the AST complex is open to tribal members by appointment only, no visitors. Keeping our tribal members and employees safe during this pandemic is of upmost importance. If you need assistance during this time call the complex at 405-275-4030 or go to the AST website (www.astribc.com) and click on the CARES tab. You will find directions and applications for the COVID-19 programs the EC has recently passed. Please continue to follow all CDC guidelines and wear your mask for the safety of yourself and others.

Thank you,

Governor Johnson



Secretary’s REPORT

Ezra DeLodge
AST Secretary

Tribal Members,

I hope all is well and we continue to take our precautions during this pandemic. To those who have lost loved ones my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

We are getting closer to the end of the year and things are extremely busy here at the tribe. Trying to maintain a sense of normalcy during a pandemic is next to impossible. I don’t know if we will ever have a “normal” as before. I do know together, doing our part, we can get past this virus and on to better days.

There is no doubt the tribe has been affected by covid-19 and we have had to operate under different circumstances, but we are able to pull together and maintain operations. At the end of the day the health and well-being of everybody should be a high priority.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call, email or make an appointment.

Respectfully,
Tribal Secretary
Ezra M. DeLodge, MBA
405.432.0733
ezrad@astribc.com

Representative’s REPORT

ALICIA MILLER
AST Representative

Ho wa se ke sa ke! (Good day!)

I hope you are enjoying the fall foliage and the cooler outdoor temperatures. I will begin by recapping some of the most recent activities my office has partaken since my last article. Unfortunately, the Coronavirus did affect many of our tribal staff towards the end of September, beginning of October; however, many thankfully have recovered and returned to work (happy to see them). The depletion of the workforce, within each of our respective areas, forces us to continuously evaluate how we maintain moving forward in spite of this pandemic and safely provide services to our tribal members at the same time. The tribe remains in Phase II. This means appointments are to be made if you need to conduct business at the tribe. This is for your (health) protection and ours - as the numbers continue to climb in our area and state. In October, I attended the Domestic Violence Proclamation reading by the Governor and I applaud the work this DV department has done and continues to do. This is an extremely important service for our community. I also attended a series of monthly and quarterly meetings (gaming commission, ASTHA/LSWN shareholders’ meeting, TEC, ASEDA, health board, and most recent tribal participation in the local community, Shawnee Bridges Out of Poverty). I would also like to give kudos to the AST Cultural Preservation Department for their 3 year grant award from the Administration for Native Americans for the Absentee Shawnee Language Program. I foresee great strides in the preservation and teaching of our Shawnee language.

Since we have entered the last quarter of the year, we have been working on departmental budgets with the finance department and preparing for 2021 and the fiscal impacts 2020 has dealt. It is my hope Congress extends the period which tribes have to expend the Treasury CARES ACT funds. The tribe will lobby our congressional leaders and U.S. Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin’s office with letters of support for this extension. Current CARES ACT fund programs for tribal members are the home relief program, the energy assistance program and the gift card for food and PPE. These are one-time financial (COVID-related) assistance programs for AST members. For additional information, please visit the AST website under the CARES tab. There you will find program information, applications and beginning/ending dates. Also, at the time of this article submission, there will be 2 additional COVID assistance programs up for vote at the regular EC monthly meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2020. The first is the AST small business aid and the other is for a second general welfare distribution. I will be proposing a resolution for a website re-design. Since COVID, some of the tools of communication we are currently utilizing for the tribal membership and general public is either lacking or needs improvement. The website was identified, by my office, as a communication tool to create better awareness of the ever-changing recommendations, updates and enforcements regarding the pandemic public health information and orders, tribal services and available CARES ACT programs. The current format is not conducive as we need it and now is an opportunity to fix it. Next month, I will further report how this project will proceed once the outcome of the resolution has been voted on.


Moving forward toward to November, I would like to proudly acknowledge as Native American Heritage Month. The AST Cultural Preservation Department will host some fun, creative, alternate cultural activities midst of this coronavirus pandemic. Please see the Cultural Preservation’s article for their announcement of scheduled events. Coincidentally, this year also marks 30 years since President George H.W. Bush actually declared the month of November as Native American Indian Heritage month. Time certainly flies...

Also, by the time you receive this newsletter, we either are casting our vote or finding out who won national and state elections. Regardless of your state/national political affiliation, I encourage you to vote or hope you exercised your right to vote. The next 4 years many tribes, especially self-governance tribes, are concerned about eroding tribal sovereignty at the hands of those who have little to no knowledge of tribal (legislative) history and law regarding tribes. We all must continue to support and advocate for the protection of our inherent sovereign rights and vote for those who will join our and support our plight.

In conclusion, I want to thank our Veteran’s for their service to this country (Veteran’s Day, 11/11), and I also would like to wish you all a safe, healthy and happy Thanksgiving.

Ne yi wa! *(Thank you!)*

Alicia (Aly) Miller
Tribal Representative
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Email: aliciam@astribc.com



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL
HEALTH SYSTEM
Prevention. Progress. Pride.

**SEEKING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
APPLICANTS FROM QUALIFIED
TRIBAL MEMBERS.**


Now accepting applications from tribal members interested in serving on the Board of Directors for Li-Si-Wi-Nwi Health, Inc. and Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health Authority, Inc.

Tribal member applicants shall have healthcare experience.
Preferred qualifications include experience in healthcare management/administration, healthcare finance or legal background.
All appointees are subject to a background check. May not be a current employee of the AST Health System or AST Tribe. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and resume to the office of the Tribal Secretary no later than November 30, 2020.

LEVELS OF EXPOSURE

Keeping Yourself and Others Safe

The CDC recommends a minimum of 6-feet social distancing when possible for non-exposure. Please note this is a general guideline. Different masks offer different levels of protection.



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL
HEALTH SYSTEM
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COVID-19 Carrier without mask	RISK OF SPREAD HIGH	Healthy Person without mask
COVID-19 Carrier without mask	RISK OF SPREAD MODERATE	Healthy Person with mask
COVID-19 Carrier with mask	RISK OF SPREAD LOW	Healthy Person without mask
COVID-19 Carrier with mask	RISK OF SPREAD VERY LOW	Healthy Person with mask

Treasurer’s REPORT

JOSEPH BLANCHARD
AST Treasurer

Hello Tribal members!

To begin this article, let me start by saying how much I enjoy this time of year. Many families will be gathering together to celebrate Thanksgiving and the upcoming holiday period over the next couple months. It is my hope many will be able to reflect on the year and truly have much to be grateful for. Some may be experiencing the season’s events and notice the empty seat of a loved one missing. I pray our Creator gives you comfort and solace. For those born in this month, “Happy Birthday!”

First, let me apologize for not replying sooner to emails or returning phone calls promptly. The last few weeks, Finance staff and I started budget meetings with all Department Directors and Program managers. These discussions began at the end of September and have carried into October. Many of these were postponed and rescheduled due to positive COVID tests and other possible exposures. As these occurred, it created delays in service to Tribal members. However, many agree it is better to err on the side of caution versus potentially affecting more staff and/or the community. Operating during this Pandemic has presented occasional difficulties, but we’ve been able to overcome problems with limited consequences.

For those who were unable or chose not to participate in the 85th General Council, here are a few of the things I discussed and believe were important, regarding the departments of which I oversee. Before receipt of this newsletter, Finance will have completed the “Request for Proposals” (RFP) to solicit an audit and select a firm for the accounting of expenditures related to the CARES ACT. There has been much discussion related to the interpretation of documents, stipulations and obligations, and advisement received prior to my coming on board in July. Subsequently, my office was informed of a possible Code of Ethics violation related to the renovation of the Lillard Property. I will elaborate more on this later once there is more information to share about this allegation.

Additionally, I submitted an email to Governor Johnson and the other Executive Committee members, with the suggestion to “Request an Extension” from the U.S. Department of the Treasury and Secretary Steve Mnuchin. Without sugar-coating, I’ll simply say, I’ve spent the last 20+ years trying to save and conserve money. Now, I’m being asked to spend an extreme amount in a limited time span of 4-5 months, which would normally be considered excessive and unreasonable. The latest news articles suggest there is a 2nd stimulus package and national disbursement of \$2 trillion called the HEROES ACT. My efforts are to show we have managed this initial payment properly, fulfilled our obligations to the stipulations and reporting requirements, in order to maintain eligibility for any future payouts.

In conversation with Realty, I was informed a settlement has finally been reached over the Atoka Water-line Trespass. This is good news as its been 9 years since the initial investigation began and the reports submitted back in 2011. For those not familiar, this relates to the City of Oklahoma City and an expired easement on 19 AST allotments. More info will be released to the heirs once the agreement has been signed, approved and reviewed by the Judge.

In closing, again, I want to express my gratitude to the ladies in Enrollment and Finance, our unsung heroes. They have processed countless applications and helped render services and assistance to our People during the pandemic. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached by email at: jblanchard@astribe.com or you may call my office at (405) 275-4030 Ext. 6280.

Neyiwa!

Joseph H. Blanchard

Honoring Our Past With Promise for Our Future

**LIFE is Beautiful
Living Meth Free**



National Suicide Prevention

**1-800-273-8255
(TALK)**

Absentee Shawnee
Health Systems
Shawnee & Little Axe

Student (K-12) Language Video Challenge

*In Celebration of Native American Heritage Month
Sponsored by Absentee Shawnee Tribe Cultural Preservation*

**Submission Accepted:
Sunday, Nov. 1st — Sunday, Nov. 29th**

- ⇒ Student must reside in Pottawatomie, Cleveland, Lincoln, Oklahoma, & Seminole counties.
- ⇒ Student must speak their tribal language then translate to English. Video must be posted in the comments section of the post on the Absentee Shawnee Tribe main Facebook page.
- ⇒ Four weekly videos will be selected (by the most likes) on each Sunday to be entered into the “Wheel of Names” Prize Drawing on Nov. 30th.

THERE WILL BE NO DUPLICATE WINNERS.

**Questions:
Please call Kay Bemo @ 405-275-4030 ext. 6238**



Seeking position of CEO for ASEDA



Chief Executive Officer

The Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority, (ASEDA, Inc.) is a federally chartered tribal corporation dedicated to sustaining, expanding, and attracting business that benefits the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, (AST) and its tribal members. The ASEDA Board is seeking to hire a Chief Executive Officer to manage the ASEDA organization, oversee its multiple ongoing projects, business operations, manage staff, and launch projects that have been identified as important to the growth of the AST. This position will be responsible to develop strategies to enhance, create, and build the AST economic development and revenue diversification activities, including the complex analysis of data related to planning, financing, tax incentive packaging, marketing, and business assistance programming. More importantly, this position would be responsible to develop long and short-term economic and community development goals.

A complete job description will be available on <https://aseconomicdevelopment.com/home/>. Candidates are required to submit a cover letter and a resume electronically, to Mr. Tim Burg at tburg@shawneeeforward.com.

The selection process will be made by the ASEDA Board with input from the AST Executive Committee.



Resolutions

The following are the Resolutions passed through
OCTOBER 28, 2020

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS:

ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

E-AS-2020-50

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, INC. TO APPLY FOR A 2020 GRANT FROM THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS NATIVE AMERICAN BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO DETERMINE THE BEST USAGE OF UNDEVELOPED PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA.

ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2020

E-AS-2020-53

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA HEREBY AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE CONDUCTING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS BY USE OF VIRTUAL MEDIA ATTENDANCE BY ALL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, STAFF AND TRIBAL MEMBERS AS THE CONTINUING COVID-19 EMERGENCY MEASURES MAY REQUIRE AND FOR OTHER SIMILAR EMERGENCIES AS REQUIRED. ALL VIRTUAL MEETINGS WILL ORIGINATE FROM THE AST TRIBAL HEADQUARTERS AND CAN BE JOINED REMOTELY BY ANY OR ALL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OTHERS.

E-AS-2020-54

A RESOLUTION DULY PROPOSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA HEREBY AMENDING RESOLUTION E-AS-2020-17 WHICH AMENDS THE DISTRIBUTION OF CARES ACT FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE NEEDS FOR PHASE ONE HIGH PRIORITY PROJECTS SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO HEALTHCARE PROJECTS ONLY AND AS IDENTIFIED IN THE ATTACHED HIGH PRIORITY LIST AND RECOGNIZING THAT FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETY TWO DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$437,392.00) IN CARES ACT FUNDS SHALL BE REALLOCATED FOR FUTURE PROJECTS (ATTACHMENT).

E-AS-2020-56

A RESOLUTION DULY PROPOSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA TO APPROVE THE COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS DISRUPTION AID PROGRAM WITH AN OVERALL BUDGET OF \$75,000.

E-AS-2020-57

A RESOLUTION DULY PROPOSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA TO APPROVE THE STUBBLE CREATIVE, INC. WEBSITE RE-DESIGN PROPOSAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.

ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2020

E-AS-2020-58

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA HEREBY APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A SECOND DISTRIBUTION OF EMERGENCY FINANCIAL RELIEF TO TRIBAL MEMBERS OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA FOR USE OF COVID-19 FUNDS.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS:


ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2020

L-AS-2020-26

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA HEREBY AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,000 TO ASSIST ITS INCARCERATED MEMBERS AFFECTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

L-AS-2020-28

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA APPROVING THE THUNDEBIRD ENTERTAINMENT CENTER INC. (TEC) REQUEST FOR AST COVID CARES FUNDS.



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
2025 SOUTH GORDON COOPER DRIVE
SHAWNEE, OK 74801

July 27, 2020

RE: MOTOR VEHICLE QUESTIONS

AST Tribal Members,

Per the Executive Committee, the AST tag office is operating under Phase 1 protocol. We are taking necessary steps to limit exposure to Tribal members. Due to COVID-19, **the tag office will be closed to the general public until further notice.**

The staff will be doing its part in helping to alleviate any motor vehicle concerns by continuing to process through the outlined procedures below:

FOR NEW REGISTRATION:

Please email: tax@astribe.com or Call: (405)481-8600 for further instructions.

FOR RENEWAL:

OPTION #1- BY MAIL

- Please include copies of your CDIB, valid Oklahoma driver license, current Oklahoma insurance.

OPTION #2- BY DROP BOX (Shawnee location only: west entrance of AST Police building)

- Please include copies of your CDIB, valid Oklahoma driver license, current Oklahoma insurance.

OPTION #3- BY EMAIL tax@astribe.com

- Please include copies of your CDIB, valid Oklahoma driver license, current Oklahoma insurance.

PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR ALL TRANSACTIONS

- Payments accepted at this time: Check, Cashier check, Money order, Credit or Debit card. **In order to process by Credit/Debit, we will need the Credit Card Authorization form located on www.astribe.com or forms will be next to the drop box.**

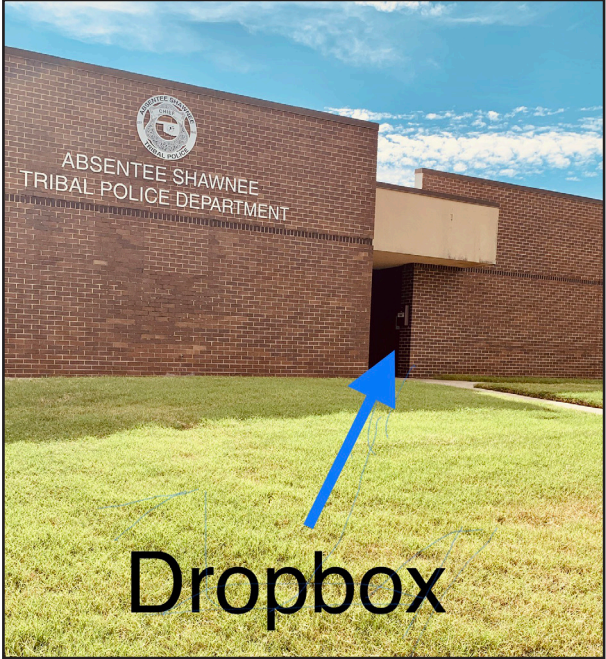
NOTE: Please be patient with us as we work through this difficult time and understand we will work diligently to get your motor vehicle documents back to you as quickly as possible by mail. **For any questions regarding penalties/amount owed due to closure please call the number listed.**

TAX COMMISSION
~ TAG AGENCY ~

NOW 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.




405.481.8600 ~ Fax 405.214.4225
tax@astribe.com




You can use the drop box for your business with the Tax Commission.

For the Tax Commission, you will need to contact them by phone or email, to let them know that you have left documents to get a vehicle tag.

tax@astribe.com
405.481.8600
fax: 405.214.4225



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE
TAX COMMISSION
2025 S. GORDON COOPER DRIVE
SHAWNEE, OK 74801
(405)481-8600 • Fax: (405)214-4225 • Email: tax@astribe.com



NEW REGISTRATIONS:

Documents Needed:

- Valid Oklahoma Driver's License
- Valid Oklahoma Insurance
- Enrollment Card
- Notarized Title
- Notarized Bill of Sale or Purchase Agreement
- Lien Entry Form (if you are making payments)
- Lien Release Form (if previous owner had lien)

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

PROCESS STEPS:

1. After receiving all necessary motor vehicle documents, we will enter the data into our tag program and process the payment.
2. Then we will Email/Fax/Mail the Application form for you (Tribal Member) to sign; don't worry about the notary portion. Please sign and send Application back.
3. Once signed Application is received we will complete the process.
4. All items will be mailed to you. Includes: AST Title, Registration, Application, Receipt, and Tag.

NOTE: All documents for New Registrations must be mailed in or left in drop box at the Shawnee Campus Police Station.

RENEWALS:

Documents Needed:

- Valid Oklahoma Driver's License
- Valid Oklahoma Insurance
- Enrollment Card

PROCESS STEPS:

1. After receiving all necessary motor vehicle documents, we will enter the data into our tag program and process the payment.
2. After processing the renewal we will mail you the Registration, Receipt, and Decal.

NOTE: All documents for a Renewal must be emailed, mailed in or left in drop box at the Shawnee Campus Police Station.

TAG PRICES:

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

PENALTY

\$0.25 A DAY



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Anyone needing to be on the mailing list


Please Call the AST enrollment or email us at newsletter@astribe.com

FY-2020
YTD TAX COLLECTIONS
(thru 9/30/2020)

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	\$8,834.40	\$13,276.94	\$3,782.80	\$0.00	\$3,215.94	\$4,056.92	\$3,961.02	\$3,985.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$48,612.98	2.65%
Gaming % of free cash	\$250,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300,000.00	70.87%
Employee (1%)	\$18,216.80	\$19,868.77	\$8,424.95	\$22,071.85	\$4,440.11	\$13,792.86	\$15,149.85	\$9,105.56	\$13,437.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$124,508.07	6.79%
Severance (8%)	\$3,817.67	\$0.00	\$4,177.14	\$0.00	\$746.04	\$0.00	\$1,524.92	\$3,032.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,298.64	0.72%
Motor Vehicle	\$14,622.24	\$15,652.41	\$9,718.02	\$14,375.66	\$15,329.57	\$28,960.40	\$27,799.05	\$15,763.32	\$18,396.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$160,616.91	8.76%
Motor Fuel Taxes (Qtrly.)	\$43,922.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38,779.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,188.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$116,890.30	6.37%
Tobacco Refund	\$8,640.57	\$7,320.64	\$6,906.11	\$6,651.73	\$4,373.24	\$9,270.15	\$10,594.56	\$7,442.15	\$7,145.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$68,344.89	3.73%
TOTAL TAXES	\$346,719.85	\$251,676.22	\$242,503.16	\$335,661.52	\$24,888.96	\$55,239.35	\$93,313.46	\$239,304.92	\$242,964.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,832,271.79	
Miscellaneous	\$874.50	\$69.15	\$119.00	\$76.00	\$201.00	\$152.00	\$182.00	\$120.00	\$252.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,046.05	0.11%
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$347,594.35	\$251,745.37	\$242,622.16	\$335,737.52	\$25,089.96	\$55,391.35	\$93,495.46	\$239,424.92	\$243,216.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,834,317.84	100%



PURCHASED REFERRED CARE NEWS



The AST Purchased Referred Care Team is here to assist you.

Please follow the PRC guidelines. Keep a copy on hand and update your information. To update your patient information, please see patient registration.

SHAWNEE CLINIC PURCHASED REFERRED CARE HAS MOVED.

We are now located in SHAWNEE CLINIC (BLDG. 17)
Our phone numbers have NOT changed.

EASY ACCESS

Purchased Referred Care is conveniently located in Little Axe Health Center and in Shawnee Clinic, Building 17.
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday
Closed on Holidays

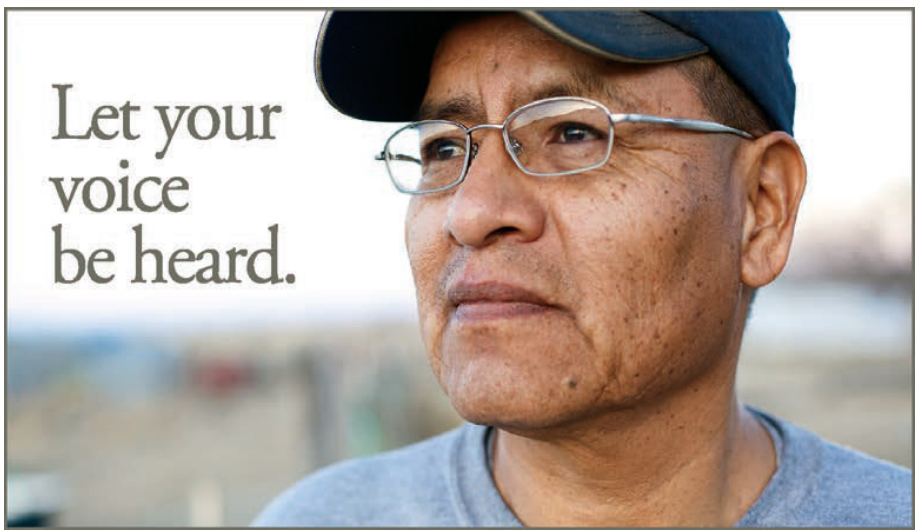
All facilities closed the first Wednesday of the month from Noon to 5pm.

EMERGENCY AND URGENT CARE SERVICES

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

1. Call the On-Call nurse at 405.447.0300, option 9 for triage.
2. Notify PRC on the next business day or within 72 hours after your ER visit. Notification does not assure authorization of payment. However, if you do not notify PRC within 72 hours, your bills will not be paid.
3. For AST citizens with no insurance, evidence must exist that your visit was medically necessary. Medical priorities have been established for determining which referrals can be authorized for payment.
4. For AST citizens with insurance, evidence must exist that a third-party resource has made the determination such services were "emergency care" or "urgent care." Such evidence may include payment from private insurance.
5. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to PRC. You may leave bills at the Little Axe Health Center PRC office or the Shawnee Clinic PRC office.

Let your 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
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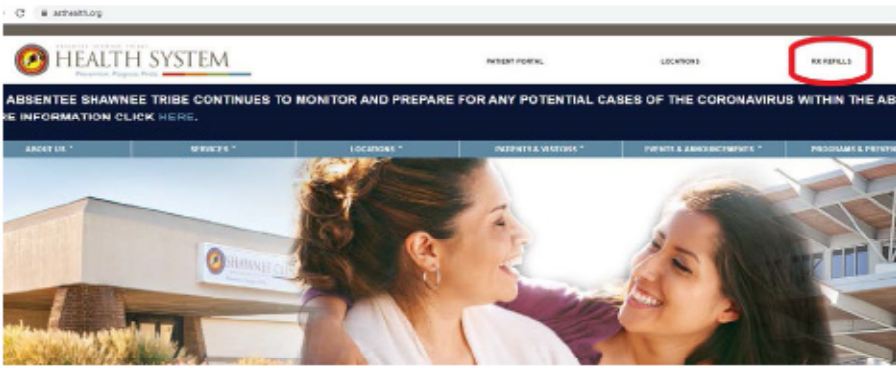
LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER PRC
405.701.7951 (Please follow voice prompts)
405.447.0300 (Secondary)

SHAWNEE CLINIC PRC
405.878.5850 (Primary)
405.878.4702 (Secondary)

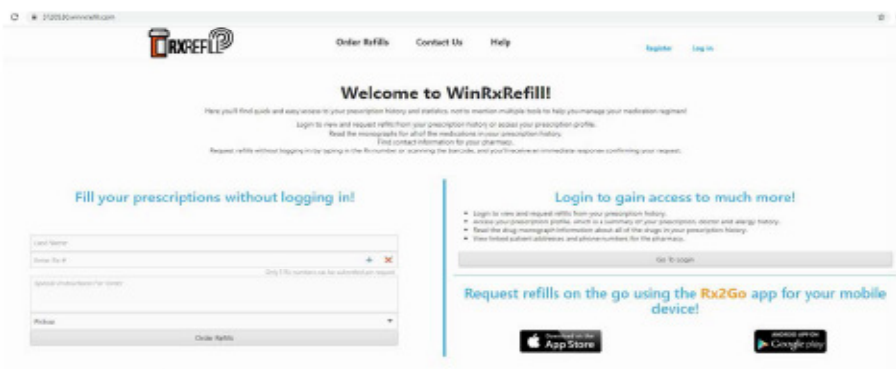
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The HEALOW app will no longer be utilized for prescription refill requests. This can now be done directly through the <https://www.asthealth.org/> website.

Go to <https://www.asthealth.org/> and then click on RX REFILLS near the top of the page.



Next, you will need to select the Pharmacy that has your prescription on file (where you last refilled it). Now enter your last name and the RX numbers needed.




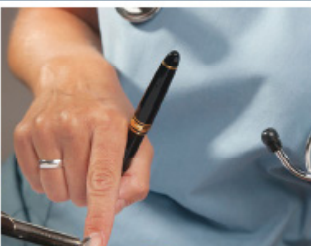

Welcome to WinRxRefill!

Fill your prescriptions without logging in!

Login to gain access to much more!

These requests will go directly into our workflow making this the fastest option available for prescription refills.

You can also download our App Rx2Go on your smartphone and request refills from your phone at any time.



Working Together to Serve Our Veteran Warriors

VA Healthcare Services at ASTHS

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

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

Did You Know?

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



VA Benefits

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


OKC VA Native American Nurse Navigator:
405.456.3808
Apply for VA Health Benefits:
800.827.1000
Apply for VA Benefits:
855.488.8441
www.va.gov


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AT NO COST TO YOU OR YOUR TRIBE

2021 Open Enrollment

OPEN ENROLLMENT
Oct. 15–Dec. 7, 2020

Medicare

OPEN ENROLLMENT
Nov. 1–Dec. 15, 2020

Health Insurance Marketplace

- Patient Benefit Advocates and our contracted benefit advisers can help you qualify for a \$0 cost health plan via Health Insurance Marketplace or Medicare.
- You may also qualify for extra benefits such as Dental (including dentures or major services), Vision (exam/lenses), Hearing Aids, and more!
- Enrolling in a health plan expedites the Purchase & Referred Care referral process, providing you immediate access to specialized healthcare services and gives you peace of mind when you travel at zero cost to you and our tribal community, if eligible.
- Per Purchase/Referred Care guidelines, all Native American patients must apply for all available resources, if eligible.
- Contact a Patient Benefit Advocate to see if you are eligible for Native American Cost-Savings under the Affordable Care Act.

Did You Know?

- The Tribe is only funded approximately 40% of cost to render care to patients? Most people think it is funded 100%.
- To add services, equipment, or help more people, we need your assistance.
- By signing up for a zero cost plan, you allow the tribe to bill for services and to be reimbursed by insurance companies. This frees up more dollars to help those who are not eligible for a zero cost plan helping Purchase & Referred Care dollars go further.


We Can Help

Contact a Patient Benefit Advocate

Little Axe Health Center
405.447.0300

Shawnee Clinic
405.878.5850

A contracted benefit adviser is also available to assist our tribal community with their open enrollment options free-of-cost.

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Breast Cancer Awareness Gift Bag

Breast Cancer awareness month
Breast cancer unfortunately doesn't stop – not even for a global pandemic. Screening mammograms can't afford to, either. Mammography saves lives. Keeping up with medical care – especially during the COVID-19 pandemic – will help ensure your health in the future. While you may have reservations about going to the doctor now, do not allow fear of the virus to prevent you from scheduling your mammogram and detecting any problems early. Traditionally, October is the designated month for Breast Cancer and Health Awareness. This year, due to COVID-19, the Little Axe Health Center Mammography Department is going to carry this awareness on through the month of November. Beginning November 1, 2020, the first 125 patients that schedule their mammogram and have it performed will receive a Breast Cancer Awareness gift as a thank you for choosing our facility for your breast health needs. In addition, those patients that have their mammogram performed during November will be entered into a drawing for a Self-Care gift basket filled with items that are great to start off a self-care routine. **Please contact the Little Axe Health Care Center Radiology Department to check eligibility and schedule your next mammogram.** This will be open to patients that are due (have no symptoms and haven't had a mammogram within the last year) or past due for their mammogram.



Little Axe Health Center
15951 Little Axe Drive
Norman, OK 730256
(405) 447-0300





Should I Still Get a Mammogram This Year?

Breast cancer unfortunately doesn't stop — not even for a global pandemic. So, screening can't afford to, either. Simply put: mammography (still) saves lives!

Is it Safe to Schedule My Mammogram Now?

Keeping up with medical care — especially during the COVID-19 pandemic — will help ensure your health in the future. While you may have reservations about going to the doctor now, do not allow fear of the virus to prevent you from scheduling your mammogram and detecting any problems early.

Share your concerns about scheduling your exam with your doctor, discuss your individual risk and decide together when it is safe for you to return to care.

Once you schedule your mammogram, here are some tips to help you prepare:

- Check with your provider about the safety protocols they've implemented, so you know what to expect at your next appointment. Radiology practices, for example, are following expert guidelines from the American College of Radiology® (ACR®) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to safely resume nonemergency care like mammograms and other screenings.
- Healthcare appointments will include multiple safeguards to protect patients and staff. For example, you may have your temperature checked upon arrival, you may be asked to wait in your car rather than in the waiting room until your appointment time and you will likely be asked to wear a mask while in the facility.
- Follow staff instructions and take common-sense precautions - like practicing social distancing - during the visit.
- Be patient. Radiology practices are spacing out appointments to allow for proper equipment and room sterilization, so more time may be needed before your appointment begins.

Talk To Your Doctor



It's smart to take all risks into account, but delaying an exam won't make cancer go away — and it might make the road to recovery more difficult. Talk to your doctor about scheduling your screening mammogram today.

Did you know the most rigorous scientific studies have shown that the most lives are saved by starting annual mammography screening at age 40?

That's why the American College of Radiology, Society of Breast Imaging and other medical associations recommend that women begin getting a mammogram, every year, at age 40.

Why do I need a mammogram? Why start at 40?

- One in six breast cancers occurs in women in their 40s, and these cancers tend to be more aggressive than those found in older women.
- According to National Cancer Institute data, since mammography screening became widespread in the mid-1980s, the U.S. breast cancer death rate has dropped 38 percent.
- A study published in Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention shows mammography screening cuts the risk of dying from breast cancer nearly in half.
- By not getting a yearly mammogram after age 40, women increase their odds of dying from breast cancer, and treatment for advanced cancers ultimately found will be more extensive and more expensive.



Indigenous Pink Day ~Oct. 15th

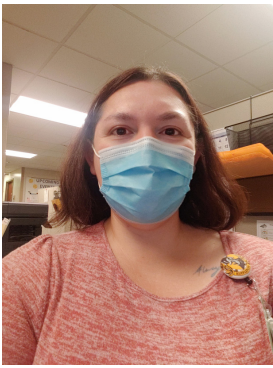
In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month, AST Health System employees wore pink on October 15th for Indigenous Pink Day to recognize survivors and spread awareness that breast cancer can affect all of us. Breast cancer is the most common cancer among Native women, and is the second leading cause of cancer death. However, all bodies have breast tissue and are at risk for developing breast cancer. Indigenous Pink Day aims to educate Native communities about the importance of early detection, and remind women, men, non-binary, and gender fluid relatives to talk to their doctors about breast cancer screening.

Help spread awareness and encourage others to #GetScreened!
For more information on Breast Cancer, please visit <https://www.americanindiancancer.org/aicaf-project/breast-cancer-awareness/>

Breast cancer death rates declined 40% from 1989 to 2016 among women. The progress is attributed to improvements in early detection.

[1] Source: American Cancer Society

We wear Pink!



Lawana Martin, LPN
Purchased/Referred Care



L to R: Stephanie Comstock, RN, Kathy Heldenbrand, RN, Deidre Yarbrough, RN/Public Health Director and Keira Dougan, Dietician



John Soap
Outpatient Therapist
Behavioral Health




L to R: Victoria Salamy-Sullins, PA, Luvey Deathrage, PA, and Miranda Wright, LPN

Paint for Prevention

The SASP (formerly MSPI) and Native Connections Grants, would like to thank everyone who participated in September's Suicide Awareness Paint for Prevention activity. We had a fantastic turn out of over 70 participants and discovered that we have some amazing artists among us! As a reminder, Behavioral Health can assist in various ways to combat suicide in Native Youth 12-24 through our grants. If you or anyone you know may be having suicidal thoughts, please reach out to your provider, friend, loved one, coworker or call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number 1-800-273-8255.



For more information about AST Behavioral Health Prevention Grants. Please contact, Linda Gouge 405-701-7989.



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DENTAL EMERGENCY CLINIC

BEGINS AUGUST 17, 2020

15951 Little Axe Drive Norman, Oklahoma 73026

Please call registration at (405) 447-0300 to schedule an appointment. Limited appointments are available. Appointments will run Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-noon OR until maximum patients recieved.

PLEASE WEAR A MASK AT ALL TIMES AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING!





For more information, visit www.asthealth.org



Happy Birthday to the Nov AST Members



Aguinaga, Jessika Lyn Aguinaga, Julia Dawn Aguirre, Daniel Enrique Alderman, Makenzie Rene' Alexander, Tammy Lynn Alford, Glen Tecumseh Alford, Reagan Elizabeth Alvarez, Amanda Leigh Araujo, Jonathan Jose Arms, Cameron Blake Arms, Dakota James Badger, Casey Mae Baker, Makaiah Lashaun Balch, Emily Twila Kay Baldwin, Ayveri Mae Bates, Damion Christian Bettelyoun, Cathern Mae Marie Billie, Kathrine Blanchard, Ashlynn Shay Blanchard, Cayanna Dee Blanchard, Dawsyn Rain Blanchard, John Michael Blanchard, Lisa Ann Blanchard, Matthew Ryan Blanchard, Norman Neal Blanchard, Tobias Ray Blevins, Dakota Royce Blocker, Bailey Marie Boatman, Allyson Lyndi Boatman, Mark James Bockoven, Tina Nicole Boston Sr., Carl Kent Boston, Arthur Joseph Box, Jodie Gayle Bradley Jr., Carl Franklin Bradley, William Lee Brandon, Sean Patrick Breeding, Joshua Adam Brewer, Rockey Darren Brinson, Allen William Brokeshoulder, Rita Gayle Brown, Andrea Elaine Brown, Keyondre Duane Brown, Shandalyn Shermain Bryant, Corbin Ash Bryant, Lorraine Morton Bryce, Emily Danielle Buckheart, Felise Maria Bui, Reilly Paul Bump Jr., Richard Dewitt Campbell, Lousetta Carolina, Jammie Leann Carter, Andrea Dawn Caudillo, Robert Lee Chisholm, Cole Nathaniel Collett, Dillon Wayne Colungo, Antonio Joaquin Cortez, Alixus Renee Creek, Kaydence Rae Crossley, Joseph Tyner Crow, Anabeth Sophia Ximara Crow, Randon Matthew Danner, Latonia Marie Davis, Alexander Edward James Davis, Eli Joel Davis, Hannah Starr Davis, Joshua Lee Davis, Kayelah Janea Blair Davis, Rebecca Ann Day, Darnell Ann Deere, Karena Louise Dennis, Kayci Dawn Detwiler, Tanya Elaine Dietrich, Tricia Lynn Dodds, Cody Ralph Dolchok, Carole Sue Donnahoe, Leah Jane Doussett, Flossie Jean Spoon Doussett, Gabriella Diane Downey, Tyler Preston Draper Jr., Russell Lee Drywater, Sherry Lyn Duboise, Rebecca Kay Eckiwardy, Selena Monica Eckiwardy, Victoria Destiny Edgmon, Pacey Wyatt	Edwards - Fletcher, Atheda Edwards, Chet Edwards, Cutke Lashelle R. 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If you have a birthday or an anniversary to submit for next month's newsletter, you may email to

newsletter@astribe.com

In Honor of Veterans Day
Thank You for your Service
Marvin Smith
USMC
Darrol Davis - Army



Marvin

Darrol



Since October was domestic violence awareness month we would like to take the time to thank those of you who were able to participate in our activities throughout the month. If you would like to keep up with the DV Department and our activities be sure to follow us on our Facebook page @ASTRisingWarrior.

If you or someone you know needs our services you can access our intake at www.astribe.com/domestic-violence

If you have any questions or need more information on domestic violence or our services please give us a call at 405-273-2888



Cultural Preservation Update

The Cultural Preservation Department has continued to carry out essential day to day operations to ensure the department continues to function properly. Currently, five staff members are available daily in the office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. These staff members include the Director, the THPO, the THPO Specialist, the Administrative Assistant, and the Gift Shop Manager. The Librarian is currently working remotely Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Gift Shop

The Gift Shop is currently closed to all visitors except tribal members and employees. In accordance with the Tribe’s protocols, those individuals wanting to shop need to make an appointment with the Gift Shop Manager 24 hours in advance to allow enough time to notify emergency management. However, to ensure the safety and protect the health of all, the Gift Shop has implemented the following 5 safety protocols that we ask visitors to follow:

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

We have placed decals on the floor to help with social distancing. We have also installed plexiglass and hand sanitizer stations.

During the last month, the Gift Shop Manager, Mrs. Merry Rodriguez, has been working diligently to refill the current stock. We have an assortment of new AST logo bearing merchandise, such as face masks, available for purchase. We also have new shipments from Pendleton like the new Pendleton Army Blanket featured to the left.

In addition to the new products, currently, we are running a 20% sale on last season’s Pendleton products and Minnetonka Shoes. So, please call and make an appointment to come shop with Mrs. Rodriguez. She can be reached at (405) 275-4030 ext. 6310.

Library

The library is currently closed to all visitors. Ms. Casey Wilson, our Librarian, is working on protocols that will ensure the safety and protect the health of all visitors. More information will be posted soon.

THPO

Our THPO Program continues to make great strides and advancements. Section 106 projects have been steadily coming. Over the past month, the THPO has received 274 new Section 106 projects for review. In conjunction with receiving projects, the she has consulted on 206 projects. The THPO has also taken part in numerous teleconference calls.

FCC/TCNS

In lieu of the shutdowns from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the incoming workflow of new and modified telecommunications projects has been steady for the TCNS program. The THPO Specialist has been busy reviewing, researching and given recommendations to the telecommunications industry. Over the past month, she has received 111 new telecommunications facility projects for review. In conjunction with re-

ceiving projects, the THPO specialist has reviewed, researched and gave recommendation for the clearance of 83 telecommunications projects.

Grants

On September 29th, the department received some good news. The Tribe was selected by the Administration for Native Americans for an ANA grant to aid in the creation of a language program. This grant will be used to implement a Shawnee Language Program to collect and create Shawnee language resources in which to teach and preserve the language.

Upcoming Events

November is National American Indian Heritage Month, and the department has a variety of events planned.

- Spirit Days Facebook Challenge
- Gift Shop Promotion Spend-to-Win Wheel
- Language Kids Facebook Challenge
- Puppet Show Kits
- Employee Email Quizzes

Please continue to check the website and tribal Facebook page for more information and fliers.

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 contact me, Carol Butler, at 405-275-4030 ext. 6245 or cbutler@atribe.com.



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Tresha Spoon

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DUAL ENROLLMENT ONLINE COURSES ARE NOW BEING OFFERED

Haskell is now offering Dual Enrollment classes to High School Juniors and Seniors in all Oklahoma BIE high schools commencing Spring Semester (January). This is a new Haskell Pilot Program where both juniors and seniors will be able to take online courses toward their Bachelor’s degree while still attending high school. Further, “all fees will be waived.” High School juniors and seniors will be able to take up to 18 units before transferring to Haskell (or another college of your choosing) to complete your chosen degree programs after graduation. As a high school student, you will soon be able to experience college classes without leaving the comfort and support of your home. You may ask...

how does this work? As a Dual Enrollment student you will be taking online classes that will count towards your high school credits for graduation and credits toward college at the same time. You can use these completed credits to transfer to Haskell Indian Nations University or to another college of your choice. Our administration will be working with each of your schools to identify a liaison for you to contact and help you enroll and with any questions that you may have in the near future. In addition, you can contact our Admissions Office at 785-749-8454 or the Registrar at 785-749-8440 with any questions. Let our folks know that you are a new (or interested) Dual Enrollment student when you call and they will take all the time that you need to answer questions. Another excellent resource to contact would be your Director of Education, Tresha Spoon at 405.275.4030 Ext. 6242. Requirements for dual enrollment vary from state to state, so students should check with their high school counselors and education advisors to find out if they qualify for Haskell’s Dual Enrollment classes. In general, students must be at least 16 years old and have a high school GPA of at least 2.5. Students will need permission from parents/guardians and a high school counselor or principal. Among the classes



HASKELL INDIAN NATIONS UNIVERSITY
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being offered through Haskell’s Dual Enrollment program include college writing, college math, communications, history, art, biology, and many more. Again, “all fees are waived” for students qualifying for this program.

-----For k12 Administration-----

Recently a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was forwarded to all of the Oklahoma BIE k12 schools. So far Riverside Indian High School and Shawnee Public Schools have signed the agreement. All High School Principals and Superintendents are encouraged to contact me direct at 785-813-2054 if they did not receive a copy of the MOU for review if interested in this initiative. With the current health challenges within the communities, there have been a few computer glitches. We will respond to your needs immediately.

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.atribe.com

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



Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Child Care Development
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, Ok. 74801
(405) 432.8411 FAX: (405) 878-0156

Child Care Development November 2020

- Building Blocks II has been busy with renovation of our Shawnee Child Care Center. Due to COVID-19 and our Air Conditioner leaking and flooding our building, we are in the process of renovating our facility.
- We got bids on take down of damaged walls and cabinets. We are having our Infant room, 4 year olds, 3 year olds and Big Room damaged walls and cabinets replaced and the floors relayed by Trilink. They have torn down the damaged walls and cabinets already. Renovation will begin Monday, October 12th, 2020.

- We are in the process of getting bids for new playground equipment and installation for both playgrounds. We are also getting bids for laying a splash pad on our toddler playground.
- We are also getting a bid on resurfacing the existing tile and sealing the entire tile.
- Briana Ponkilla, CCDF Grant Coordinator got an extension on our 2019 Grant Money due to COVID-19 closing AST Complex and Building Blocks.
- We are getting new furniture and replacing learning items in all our classrooms. We are getting bids from Lakeshore, Kaplan, and Discount School Supply to purchase these new items.
- Building Blocks Staff have prepared the classrooms and center for rebuild. They have also been cleaning the playgrounds and shed as well as doing lawn maintenance.
- We are doing daily cleaning and sanitization for COVID-19 guidelines and wearing our masks and social distancing.
- Teachers and staff have been doing their yearly required training. This training includes our required Civil Rights Compliance training for CACFP and Infection Training for DHS. They are renewing their CECPD/Ok Registry Professional Development Ladders as they are coming due.
- Building Blocks has been busy trying to prepare our center for reopening and we can't wait for it to be ready.

AST Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)
<https://www.astribc.com/child-care>
 La-pe-we-ki-wa ho-ge-wa-pe-fa-yi mi-ti-ge "Lifelong Learning Begins Here"

Building Blocks CDC II - Shawnee

AST Child Care Subsidy Assistance

Building Blocks CDC III - Little Axe

COMING SOON: LICENSE EXEMPT FAMILY HOME PROVIDERS

BUILDING BLOCKS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
 AN ABSENTEE SHAWNEE ENTERPRISE
 Phone: 405.432.8411
 Mobile: 405.432.8411
 Fax: 405.878.0156
 Email: briana.ponkilla@astribc.com
lanora.buswell@astribc.com

We have openings for employee's children at Building Blocks III Child Development Center

16051 Little Axe Drive
Norman, OK 73026



We take virtual students too!

**If you are interested or have any questions,
please call (405) 360-2710**

Absentee Shawnee Tribe
Office of Emergency Management
 (405) 275-3200
 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
 Shawnee, OK 74801

**ACTIVE POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES
FOR THE AST COMPLEX**

1 CASE

Date: October 28th, 2020

AST HEALTH TESTS TO-DATE:

- Completed: **5,406**

TOTAL AST HEALTH TEST RESULTS TO-DATE

- Negative: **4,975**
- Positive: **356 (53 AST Members)**
- Rejected: **68 | In Process: 7**

POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY CASES:

- New Cases (Today): **21**
- Total Cases: **2,232**
- Total Recovered (To-Date): **1,818**

CLEVELAND COUNTY CASES:

- New Cases (Today): **31**
- Total Cases: **8,400**
- Total Recovered (To-Date): **7,301**

SAFETY GUIDELINES

- Wash hands for at least 20 seconds
- Please keep a safe social distance between yourself and others (2 meters or 6 feet apart)
- Restrict non-essential travel
- Please wear masks while you are in public to keep yourself and others around you safe
- We encourage everyone to sign up for the Everbridge alert system to be notified of emergency notifications as they are gathered
- 20 people maximum for indoor social gatherings, including wedding and funeral receptions and birthday parties
- Please stop at the Tribal complex checkpoint to be screened upon entry
- Please make appointments prior to arriving at the complex to be allowed entry

Useful Links

www.asthealth.org
www.cdc.gov/coronavirus
coronavirus.health.ok.gov

AST Health System Information

COVID-19 Drive-Thru testing is currently being held on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm at the Little Axe Clinic, and the 2nd & 4th Wednesday from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm at the Shawnee Clinic.

Antibody Testing will be held on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of every month from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm at the Little Axe Clinic.

AST Emergency Alert and Critical Information Program

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

AST Health System COVID-19 Hotline: (405) 695-1787
 AST Office of Emergency Management: (405) 275-3200

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
- Building Blocks Child Development Center III- Little Axe, OK- Tribally Operated Child Care Center
- AST Child Care Subsidy Program- Child Care Assistance
- AST After School Program- Horseshoe Bend Community- After School Care
- AST After School Program- AST Complex, Shawnee- After School Care

For information about these services please visit the AST website at www.astribc.com/Childcare

Contact information:

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Little Axe

After School Program 2020/2021
Join us @ Brendle Corner- VIRTUAL TUTORING NOW AVAILABLE

Free Tutoring in all subjects! ✨ Games and activities! ✨ Delinquency Prevention! ✨ Healthy Lifestyles! ✨ And Much More!

Open to All students in Middle School and High School

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

TUTORING FOR VIRTUAL STUDENTS
 in 1 hour sessions will be **MON-THURS** from 10am- 2pm by Appointment only.

Virtual Student Tutoring is only open to AST enrolled students and youth enrolled in our Afterschool Program.

FRIDAY EVENING HANGOUT EVENTS will be announced each month for students to come and have fun. EVENTS will only be open for youth enrolled in one of our programs.

EVERYTHING IS OFFERED WITH NO CHARGE....LITTLE AXE BUS WILL TRANSPORT STUDENTS TO BRENDLE CORNER COMMUNITY BUILDING FOR THE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM, LOCATED OFF HIGHWAY 9, JUST EAST OF 192ND. PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PICKING STUDENTS UP BY 6:30PM.

For more information and sign up please contact Blake Goodman at bgoodman@astribc.com or Shay Fixico at sfixico@astribc.com or by phone at: **405-617-6231**



Indian Child Welfare



I hope that this newsletter finds you well and safe.

This month ICW newsletter is focusing on foster care. The children usually arrive in the dead of night, silent and terrified.

Each year, many children join families through foster care. These families may face unique challenges. The acceptance of the differences between families formed through birth and those formed through foster care is essential in promoting positive emotional growth within the family. By giving a child the chance to flourish emotionally, physically, mentally and culturally, the positive benefits are felt throughout their lives and the Tribe.

The decision of whether to expand one’s family through the foster care program is an important one, and we hope the information provided below gives you some insight into the various benefits, and challenges, fostering a child may present your family.

Foster Care - Frequently Ask Questions

Question	Answer
What is foster care?	Foster care is a program where families open their homes for a child to live until it is safe for the child to go home or other plans for permanency are made. Foster care is a temporary placement for a child
What do foster parents do?	Foster parents provide care for children who are removed from their homes for specific reasons such as abuse or neglect. Foster parents serve as temporary parents to a child or children placed in their home. Foster parents love and nurture the children and provide for their basic needs of food, shelter, clothing, and safety. Foster parents help the children maintain their social and cultural connections and customs.
What are the basic requirements to become a foster parent?	Both couples and single persons can become foster parents if you are in good general health, have enough income to adequately support the people currently living in your home, consent to a criminal background check, have adequate room in your home for an additional child or children, attend training for foster parents, and most importantly are willing to work as a part of a team to meet the needs of any child placed in your home.
Is there an age requirement to be a foster parent?	AST ICW requires foster parents to be at least 21 years of age before applying for foster care certification. AST ICW welcomes foster families of all age groups. AST ICW encourages elders in good health to become foster families and be a positive cultural force in our Foster Care Program.
Do foster parents have to be married?	No, foster parents can be single, married, widowed or divorced. What’s important is that you are able to give a child the love, care and respect they deserve.
What is the process to become a foster parent?	The first step is to contact the AST ICW and let us know you are interested! Once you call or email, the foster care program will assign a worker to your case to assist you with the documentation and do a home study. Your worker will contact you to schedule the first home visit in order to meet with you and your family.
What is a home study?	A home study is a document developed from the information you have given to AST ICW through your application, home visits, interviews, and references. This document gives our workers greater insight into the types of children that you can care for in your home. Your home study will identify your strengths and tell us how many children your home will accommodate, what gender would be most acceptable and with what ages you are willing to work.
Is there training available for foster parents?	Yes, your worker will provide Circle of Keepers training. This training helps you understand your role as a foster parent. It will increase your knowledge about children in the child welfare system and help you understand the issues faced by children who have been traumatized by abuse or neglect. There will be other pieces of training offered periodically that will help you in your understanding and care of the children placed in your home.
Will we receive any financial help?	The State will pay a monthly reimbursement to help with the expenses of the child. A medical/dental card is issued by the State as well to each child while they are in your care to meet any medical expenses the child may incur.
What if all the adults in the household have employment, can the home still provide foster care?	Parents can have fulltime employment and still be foster parents for children. AST ICW looks at the whole picture in determining what is the best placement for a child. There are some children who will need a full-time parent in the home but each case is evaluated on the needs of the child or children. In some instances when you work outside the home, daycare can be provided. Be sure and ask your worker if you need day care.
How long can you foster a child?	The length of time a foster child will stay in your home varies greatly, for a lot of reasons. Each child, foster family, and case is different, and it may be nearly impossible to predict how long it will take. Circumstances may also change over the course of a case that might lead to a child returning home sooner or staying in your home or foster care longer.
How good is fostering?	Placing children into a foster home can transform their lives, but they are not the only ones who benefit from the arrangement. Becoming a foster parent is extremely rewarding and for the majority of foster parents it is a calling rather than a job. Of course there are highs and lows, but the positive for both partners outweigh any negatives.

If you are or know someone who may be interested in becoming a foster care provider or adoptive parent, ICW continuously seeks culturally appropriate, safe and nurturing homes for Absentee Shawnee custody children. Please contact the ICW office at 405-395-4490 or fostercare@atribe.com for more information.

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Clinic - Medical..... 447-0300

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Clinic (Bldg. 17)..... 878-5850

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Toll free 1-866-742-4977

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ALL Nations Bank

Ask about our “AST Preferred Checking”!

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For more information contact us at

2023 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801, PH (405) 273-0202

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HOUSING AUTHORITY

“Among The Shawnees”

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.

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

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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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

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RESOURCE CENTER NOTICE:

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

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

Thank you,

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL HEALTH SYSTEM

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SCHEDULED CLOSINGS

NOVEMBER 2020

AST Health System will be closed on the following dates for Holiday observances:

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11, 2020

(Veteran’s Day)

LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER (LAHC), SHAWNEE CLINIC & SHAWNEE PHARMACY CLOSED

PlusCare & LA Pharmacy OPEN 9 AM until 5 PM, last patient accepted at 4:30PM

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25, 2020

LAHC & SHAWNEE CLINIC/PHARMACY CLOSE AT NOON

PlusCare & LA Pharmacy OPEN 9 AM until 5 PM, last patient accepted at 4:30PM

THURSDAY, NOV. 26, 2020

(Thanksgiving Day)

ALL AST HEALTH FACILITIES CLOSED

FRIDAY, NOV. 27, 2019

LAHC, SHAWNEE CLINIC & SHAWNEE PHARMACY CLOSED

PlusCare & LA Pharmacy OPEN 9 AM until 5 PM, last patient accepted at 4:30PM

Please remember that on the first Wednesday of each month our facilities are closed from noon to 5pm.

• Shawnee Clinic OPEN at 5PM until 8PM (last patient at 7:30PM).

• PlusCare OPEN at 5PM until 8PM (last patient at 7:30PM).

* DON'T FORGET TO REQUEST MEDICATION REFILLS BEFORE CLOSURE.

LAHC PHARMACY: 405.292.9530 • SHAWNEE PHARMACY: 405.878.5859

In the event of a predicted severe weather forecast, please call ahead for possible health system closure or delay:

Little Axe Health Center 405.447.0300 • Shawnee Clinic 405.878.5850 • PlusCare 405.447.0477

Health closures/delays are posted on the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health Facebook wall “Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System and on the ASTHS website at www.asthealth.org.