

# THE Absentee Shawnee News

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"Among the Shawnee"

## 2019 AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors Walter L. Larney



Pictured with the honoree are (L to R) Dr. Catherine Alicia Georges, AARP National Volunteer President, Teewanna Edwards, AARP Oklahoma Executive Council member, and Mashell Sourjohn, AARP OK Associate State Director Outreach.

More than 900 people were in attendance as 52 distinguished elders were honored at the AARP Oklahoma 11th annual Indian Elder Honors celebration at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City on Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Walter L. Larney's service to his country and tribe is long and distinguished. Commander Larney is a decorated U.S. Marine Corps veteran who served with distinction in Vietnam. He

was presented the Navy Achievement Medal for his superior leadership and performance of duties in an exemplary manner. Commander Larney participated in several major combat operations and repeatedly distinguished himself by his courage and composure under fire.

Commander Larney's service continued at home with the Absentee Shawnee Veterans Association. His active involvement includes participating in color guard ceremonies throughout the state and nation. Under

his leadership as Commander, the Absentee Shawnee Veterans Association has participated in veteran events at the local, state and federal level. The Absentee Shawnee Color Guard is easily recognized throughout Indian country.

Commander Larney is a respected member of the community and active in events, whether traditional or contemporary. Commander Larney and his wife have been married 36 years. They have four daughters and 11 grandchildren.



## Work behind the scenes of our tribal entities

In the entertainment and hospitality industry customer service is such an essential aspect of the business, it is crucial that time and energy be forth to achieve levels of service and then continued work to maintain those levels. We are proud of all of our team members and appreciate the effort put in day in and day out. Over the last 18 months we have instituted secret shops, employee recognition events, and management training classes at

Thunderbird Entertainment Center. Recently management level team members began to take Fred Pryor Management classes with exams at the conclusion of completing videos assigned. The feedback from those offered classes has been positive and will continue to benefit all those involved.

In late December 2017 the casinos began Secret Shops to both casino locations to get much needed feedback on the areas we can develop. While receiving feedback each area was graded with a percentile of performance, we also began working with those areas and saw improvement by mid-2018. As we come to the close

of 2019 we continue get reports of good secret shops and reports of 100% scores; which is considered to be in the extraordinary service level on our grading scale.

Once a quarter employee appreciation luncheons are hosted to take time to recognize those team members who behavior, efforts, or service, supports the organization's goals and values. Team members who receive 100% shops are given a \$50 gift card and repeating team members who receive a second 100% are given a \$100 gift card and this quarter we had four team members reach that mark! We congratulate and thank our team members for their efforts!

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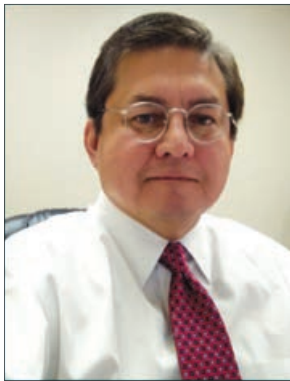
John Johnson  
**GOVERNOR**



Kenneth Blanchard  
**LT. GOVERNOR**



Ezra DeLodge  
**SECRETARY**



Phillip Ellis  
**TREASURER**



Atheda Fletcher  
**REPRESENTATIVE**

# Lt. Governor’s REPORT

Ken Blanchard  
AST Lt. Governor

I hope everyone is in good health and enjoying the cooler weather. This is the time of season we need to be double checking furnaces, stocking up on wood and filling up our propane tanks. Most importantly we must keep our elderly people in our thoughts and make sure they are taken care of with adequate heating. Here at the AST Complex we are coming to the end of 2019 year, preparing to close out the department budgets and requesting department budgets for 2020.

Our AST Grass Mowing season ended October 19, 2019. The Maintenance Department will be taking 2020 Grass Mowing applications beginning January 06, 2020 and ending March 31, 2020. This time frame will give adequate time to compile the mowing list, which will allow maintenance staff to begin without delays. To be eligible to receive mowing services: (1) Must be enrolled AST (CDIB), (2) Must be 55+, (3) Handicap/Disabled (Doctor Statement), (4) Must have proof of residency (Utility bill in applicants name), and (5) No Rental Property or Leased ASHA homes will be mowed. Applications will be published in the AST Newspaper, requested from Reta Harjo (405) 275-4030 ext. 6249

or picked up in building #2. The Tribal Housing Improvement program have a few projects in progress and once completed the Lt. Governor’s department will be closing out the 2019 budget. We will still be available to do dire emergency request. Tribal Housing Improvement applications will need to be updated for the year 2020, any request for assistance will begin in January 2020. Applications may be picked up, mailed or emailed to Diane Ponkilla (405) 275-4030 ext. 6267 or dianep@astribe.com. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe is in the court system regarding the Secretarial and Absentee Shawnee Tribal Election. I have attached the court filings which become public

notice once filed. I understand the community must be aware but not everyone has access to obtain the documents.

If you have any concerns or comments do not hesitate to contact me or stop by the office.

Office: (405) 275-4030 ext. 6253,  
Cell: (405) 617-4104

Ken B.  
Lt. Governor  
Absentee Shawnee Tribe

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL COURT  
**FILED in The Office  
Of The Court Clerk**

OCT 08 2019

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE  
ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

GOVERNOR EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE

Appellant.

v.

ELECTION COMMISSION of the Absentee  
Shawnee Tribe, and EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe,

Appellees.

Docket \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ Recorded  
In Journal \_\_\_\_\_ On \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

Case No. ASSC-2019-01

## ORDER STAYING DECISION

The Appellant, Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe, has appealed to this Court an order of the District Court entered on October 4, 2019 (the “Order”). Pursuant to Sections 911(d) and (e) of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Civil Procedure Code, the operation or enforcement of the order and judgment, and any effects thereof, shall be automatically stayed pending resolution of this appeal.

Signed October 4, 2019.

PER CURIAM

  
MICHAEL P. WARWICK  
CHIEF JUSTICE

# Treasurer’s REPORT

Phillip Ellis  
AST Treasurer

### General Council Meeting

I would like to thank everyone who attended the October 2019 General Council meeting. In my opinion, the meeting went smoothly and achieved its intent. Reports were made, members voiced their issues and concerns, and we fellowshiped. As I alluded to during my oral report, I'd like to focus on strengthening and improving a number of the smaller (and larger), yet very important, aspects of basic foundational

components within the departments under my oversight. I'd also like to inform the membership that the Executive Committee is working on providing the membership with a Holiday “gift” for each member. Details are being worked out and soon to come. Below are the quarterly financials. Warm regards,  
Treasurer Phillip S. Ellis

## 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](http://www.astribe.com)

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

Absentee Shawnee Tribe						
BALANCE SHEET - EC Quarterly Report						
As of 9/30/2019						
	GENERAL FUND	BIA	INDIRECT	GRANTS	ASTHA	IHS FUND
ASSETS						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	13,004,992.76	9,227,064.58	2,500,910.68	1,048,386.62	18,040,580.65	1,031,230.10
Investments	2,789,920.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Due From Other Funds	(10,664.29)	(24,132.50)	174,935.30	(19,023.90)	(102,351.45)	1,093.46
Other Receivables	2,376,576.01	1,331.50	366,137.11	3,593.14	147,933.34	0.00
Due From Tribal Enterprises and Component Units	1,162,199.62	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants Receivable	0.00	0.00	0.00	(431,059.73)	(28,003.17)	0.00
Inventory	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	153,890.00	0.00
Prepaid Expenses						
Prepaid Payroll Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prepaid A/P Expenses	1,646.05	65.98	224,339.48	3,815.86	5,348.53	0.00
Total Prepaid Expenses	1,646.05	65.98	224,339.48	3,815.86	5,348.53	0.00
Capital Assets	12,268,799.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,223,129.42	0.00
Total ASSETS	31,593,470.52	9,204,329.56	3,266,572.57	605,711.99	22,440,527.32	1,032,323.56
LIABILITIES						
Accounts Payable	64,923.55	31,550.33	16,819.10	44,342.27	57,097.85	9,011.50
Accrued Expenses						
401 (k) Retirement Payable-After Tax	2,213.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	(178,669.01)	27,618.41	74,086.04	65,705.54	136,135.15	5,532.10
Total Accrued Expenses	(176,455.57)	27,618.41	74,086.04	65,705.54	136,135.15	5,532.10
Due to Other Funds	(144.76)	(144.74)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deferred Revenue	0.00	7,587,590.43	0.00	131,594.06	0.00	0.00
Notes Payable	122,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total LIABILITIES	10,923.22	7,646,614.43	90,905.14	241,641.87	193,233.00	14,543.60
FUND BALANCES - Net Position						
Fund Balance - Net Position	15,830,893.32	219,247.84	1,127,404.50	973,038.47	17,757,483.32	555,108.30
Current Year Activity						
YTD INCOME	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	1,146,916.16	1,339,161.90	2,060,906.80	(589,003.71)	4,272,069.83	462,671.66
Total Current Year Activity	1,146,916.16	1,339,161.90	2,060,906.80	(589,003.71)	4,272,069.83	462,671.66
Total FUND BALANCES - Net Position	16,977,809.48	1,558,409.74	3,188,311.30	384,034.76	22,029,553.15	1,017,779.96
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES - Net Position	16,988,732.70	9,205,024.17	3,279,216.44	625,676.63	22,222,786.15	1,032,323.56

Absentee Shawnee Tribe						
BALANCE SHEET - EC Quarterly Report						
As of 9/30/2019						
	GAMING COMM	TCNS & HRT	EARLSBORO & TECUMSEH SQUARE	EMPLOYEE COMM	GIFT SHOP	Total
ASSETS						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,667,641.79	3,067,101.38	0.00	3,845.93	40,540.07	49,632,294.56
Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,789,920.89
Due From Other Funds	(16,153.34)	(1,870.88)	0.00	0.00	(2,117.50)	(285.10)
Other Receivables	2,150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,877.77	2,902,598.87
Due From Tribal Enterprises and Component Units	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,162,449.62
Grants Receivable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(459,062.90)
Inventory	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	153,890.00
Prepaid Expenses						
Prepaid Payroll Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prepaid A/P Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	235,215.90
Total Prepaid Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	235,215.90
Capital Assets	0.00	0.00	104,762.00	0.00	0.00	16,596,690.90
Total ASSETS	1,653,638.45	3,065,230.50	104,762.00	3,845.93	43,300.34	73,013,712.74
LIABILITIES						
Accounts Payable	705.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	224,450.55
Accrued Expenses						
401 (k) Retirement Payable-After Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,213.44
Other	6,527.06	6,569.71	0.00	0.00	493.92	143,998.92
Total Accrued Expenses	6,527.06	6,569.71	0.00	0.00	493.92	146,212.36
Due to Other Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(289.50)
Deferred Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,719,184.49
Notes Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	122,600.00
Total LIABILITIES	7,233.01	6,569.71	0.00	0.00	493.92	8,212,157.90
FUND BALANCES - Net Position						
Fund Balance - Net Position	1,321,501.24	3,087,157.40	104,761.81	212.88	54,862.74	41,031,671.82
Current Year Activity						
YTD INCOME	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	324,904.20	(28,496.61)	0.00	3,633.05	(9,938.82)	8,982,824.46
Total Current Year Activity	324,904.20	(28,496.61)	0.00	3,633.05	(9,938.82)	8,982,824.46
Total FUND BALANCES - Net Posit...	1,646,405.44	3,058,660.79	104,761.81	3,845.93	44,923.92	50,014,496.28
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES - Net Position	1,653,638.45	3,065,230.50	104,761.81	3,845.93	45,417.84	58,226,654.18



Absentee Shawnee Tribe  
Statement of Activities - EC Report  
From 7/1/2019 Through 9/30/2019

	GENERAL FUND	BIA	INDIRECT	GRANTS	ASTHA	IHS FUND
Revenues						
Taxes	859,060.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investment Income	147,357.60	44,741.62	1,367.33	4,860.52	103,172.27	0.00
Charges for Services	43,125.17	7,175.00	1,723.00	131,957.88	1,278,409.43	0.00
Grant Revenue	0.00	95,236.00	0.00	384,163.71	13,893.79	767,637.00
Operating Transfers	678,014.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	939,658.98	550,314.00
Indirect Cost Revenue	0.00	0.00	2,216,459.85	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gaming Regulatory Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Income	477,452.79	0.00	0.00	1,585.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues	2,205,009.76	147,152.62	2,219,550.18	522,567.11	2,335,134.47	1,317,951.00
Expenditures						
Personnel Salaries	277,014.63	256,481.72	615,254.75	580,798.50	1,114,513.99	14,352.43
Payroll Taxes and Fringe Benefits	83,418.60	87,480.91	174,987.83	210,822.30	313,636.74	3,657.75
Supplies	14,388.18	3,449.23	24,860.02	133,760.03	524,515.91	1,341.77
Travel and Training	9,624.14	15,990.75	15,789.05	28,329.95	9,518.42	5.60
Legal and Professional Fees	131,321.20	64,327.20	75,023.70	28,237.03	464,130.48	0.00
Program Activities	654,327.23	420,056.08	36,952.59	36,147.58	1,321.00	41,299.05
Capital Expenditures	23,098.74	6,515.89	31,012.02	61,194.35	45,782.49	0.00
Maintenance	55,112.33	4,378.43	70,562.65	18,335.58	15,113.98	1,151.30
Utilities	20,584.72	3,258.83	109,055.00	6,914.02	3,367.51	348.10
Other	79,716.30	27,419.40	271,722.83	87,695.69	147,233.33	605.43
Operating Transfers	0.00	0.00	489,009.48	0.00	7,809,136.93	767,637.00
Indirect Costs	105,977.93	93,337.71	0.00	83,505.57	434,851.86	0.00
Total Expenditures	1,454,584.00	982,696.15	1,914,229.92	1,275,740.60	10,883,122.64	830,398.43
Net Changes in Fund Balances	750,425.76	(835,543.53)	305,320.26	(753,173.49)	(8,547,988.17)	487,552.57
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	30,747,183.14	2,393,953.27	2,882,991.04	1,137,208.25	30,795,597.31	530,227.39
Total Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	30,747,183.14	2,393,953.27	2,882,991.04	1,137,208.25	30,795,597.31	530,227.39
Fund Balances, End of Year	31,497,608.90	1,558,409.74	3,188,311.30	384,034.76	22,247,609.14	1,017,779.96

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	GAMING COMM	TCNS & HRT	EARLSBORO & TECUMSEH SQUARE	EMPLOYEE COMM	GIFT SHOP	Total
Revenues						
Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	859,060.20
Investment Income	7,317.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	308,816.37
Charges for Services	25.00	0.00	0.00	2,751.51	0.00	1,465,166.99
Grant Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,260,930.50
Operating Transfers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,167,986.98
Indirect Cost Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,216,459.85
Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gaming Regulatory Fee	383,512.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	383,512.00
Other Income	42,750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,812.36	536,600.15
Total Revenues	433,604.03	0.00	0.00	2,751.51	14,812.36	9,198,533.04
Expenditures						
Personnel Salaries	143,952.61	4,116.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,006,484.63
Payroll Taxes and Fringe Benefits	61,115.47	1,694.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	936,813.60
Supplies	599.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	159.52	703,073.90
Travel and Training	3,415.56	28.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	82,702.17
Legal and Professional Fees	12,150.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	775,190.11
Program Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,190,103.53
Capital Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,650.24	170,253.73
Maintenance	0.00	9.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	164,663.53
Utilities	382.78	173.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	144,084.37
Other	2,351.33	1,556.27	0.00	0.00	20,032.22	638,332.80
Operating Transfers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,065,783.41
Indirect Costs	50,194.57	1,806.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	769,674.15
Total Expenditures	274,162.06	9,384.15	0.00	0.00	22,841.98	17,647,159.93
Net Changes in Fund Balances	159,441.97	(9,384.15)	0.00	2,751.51	(8,029.62)	(8,448,626.89)
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	1,486,963.47	3,068,044.94	104,762.00	1,094.42	52,953.54	73,200,978.77
Total Fund Balances, Beginning o...	1,486,963.47	3,068,044.94	104,762.00	1,094.42	52,953.54	73,200,978.77
Fund Balances, End of Year	1,646,405.44	3,058,660.79	104,762.00	3,845.93	44,923.92	64,752,351.88



Please Bring the Following to your Appointment:

- Drivers License or Tribal or State Issued ID.
- Full Names and Dates of Birth of your children and grandchildren.
- Any paperwork regarding your Indian land.

For more information on your Indian land, contact:

OST Beneficiary Call Center at

1-800-678-6836

JODI MARQUETTE  
AMERICAN INDIAN WILLS CLINIC

Friday, October 18, 2019  
Anadarko, OK ~ BIA Courtroom

Friday, November 8, 2019  
El Reno, OK ~ Redlands Community College

Friday, November 15, 2019  
Oklahoma City, OK ~ OCU School of Law

The American Indian Wills Clinic  
Will provide no—cost estate planning services to Tribal Members who live in Oklahoma

Wills and other estate planning documents will be drafted by appointment only

To learn more about options for making arrangements for your Indian Land,

Please call (405) 208-5017 to make an appointment!



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October 9, 2019



Good afternoon Employees,

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the employees during this transition from the election. I know that the last few months have been full of noise and many of you have experienced higher demands. I want to extend my gratitude and thanks to each and every one of you. We value and appreciate your hard work and dedication to your roles within the Tribe.

For those that may not know the Election Commission held a swearing in ceremony on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to swear in myself as the Governor and Ezra DeLodge as the Secretary. I have great respect for this new role and am honored that our Tribal Members elected me to lead and serve them. I am fortunate to work closely with the other leaders elected and am committed to the highest level of professionalism.

I know that the journey ahead still has some hurdles to overcome, however if each of us commits to continuing to build on the stepping stones of change and progress we will accomplish great things. I want you each to feel confident in your roles within the Tribe and know that we are working together for a common goal. We will continue to measure our progress against the highest standards to offer new opportunities for our Tribal Members and employees while providing transparency and integrity.

I will be available to any employee or Tribal Member that has concerns. I look forward to our future and am confident in the abilities of our employees.

Thank you

Governor John Raymond Johnson





Photo by Courtney Plumley

# Eagle Adventure made first appearance at Will Rogers Elementary

On Friday October 4th 2019, the Eagle Adventure program made its first appearance at Will Rogers Elementary in Shawnee, performing the Eagle Play for over 200 students. The Eagle Adventure program is a collaboration project of the AST Diabetes and Wellness Program and Oklahoma Tribal Engagement Partners. The curriculum is a type 2 diabetes education and prevention program for student’s in 1st-3rd grades, and is based on the Eagle book series published by the CDC. The program consists of 7 visits to a local school which includes the Eagle Play visit.

The Eagle books and program are enriched with Native American culture, and speak to children about making good food and activity choices, to help them grow up healthy and prevent chronic disease. The curriculum is tailored to the culture and language of each tribe delivering the program. Therefore, in our programming, the Shawnee language is incorporated into each visit to the school, through the Eagle stories and activities. The Eagle Play introduces the students to the characters in the Eagle books, highlights the topics that will be discussed in their classrooms throughout the semester and helps to get the children excited about the program. The characters in the Eagle play: Mr. Eagle, Miss

Rabbit, and a clever trickster, Coyote, engage Rain That Dances and Thunder Cloud in the joy of being physically active, eating healthy foods and learning from their elders about traditional ways of being healthy.

We would like to send a special thank you to the following AST Health Center staff for their participation in bringing the Eagle Play to life for the children of Will Rogers Elementary:

- Jessica New Moon, AST Eagle Adventure Educator, Intro/Outro
- Dr. Reading, Chiropractor, Mr. Eagle
- Chrissy Wiens, Physical Activity Specialist, Miss Rabbit
- Corey Shawnee, HIM Specialist, Coyote

Developing healthy habits in our younger generation is important to keep our culture and traditions alive. Chronic disease prevention should begin with our youth and the Eagle Adventure program is a living example of the type of collaborative efforts that are needed to improve the future for our youngest members. We are looking forward to delivering the rest of our programming at Will Rogers and expanding to other area schools.

Ne yi wa! Thank you!  
Lisa Harrington and Jessica New Moon

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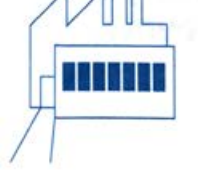
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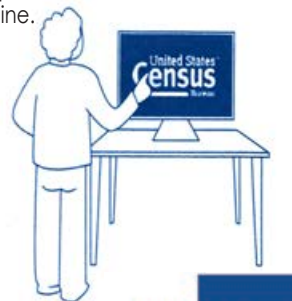
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Absentee Shawnee Tribe, )  
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Plaintiff, )  
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v. )  
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the )  
Absentee Shawnee Tribe, )  
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Defendant, )  
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EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE, )  
 )  
Intervenor. )

Case No. ASSC-2019-01

## MOTION TO VACATE STAY ORDER

COMES NOW, the Defendant, The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Executive Committee ("EC") by and through the Office of the Attorney General of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Gary S. Pitchlynn, and moves this Honorable Court VACATE its Stay Order filed on October 8, 2019. In support of its Motion Defendant informs the Supreme Court as follows:

## BACKGROUND

This matter arises from an intra-tribal political and legal dispute over the unauthorized manner in which a question was put before the voting membership of the tribe for the amending of the tribe's constitution and the resulting annual election in which Appellant failed to be re-elected to the office of Governor. Testimony in this case

established that the Executive Committee was misled by the Attorney General in regard to the timing of a Secretarial Election, should the Committee approve of making the request at their December 19, 2018 meeting. The uncontroverted evidence indicates that the Attorney General clearly informed the Committee that it would take months for the Bureau of Indian Affairs to organize and hold the referendum election and that it would not overlap or interfere with the 2019 annual tribal election cycle. Evidence shows that in fact that it was predictable that the two elections would collide and cause confusion, the very thing that the Defendant had sought to avoid.

The Defendant, the elected tribal governing body, chose to correct what was discovered to be a willful deception perpetrated by the then Governor, Edwina Butler-Wolfe and the Attorney General of the tribe, William Norman, for the purpose of obtaining the approval of a resolution approving the request for a Secretarial Election to amend the tribe's constitution by withholding information pertaining to a change in one of the two proposed amendments approved by the EC for a vote of the people. Defendant believes that the deception was carried out in an attempt to assist the Governor in avoiding the annual election of the tribe that would begin with registration in January of 2019. A resolution as defined by the constitution, that is obtained by fraud or trickery does not meet the requirement that it "express the will of the Executive Committee" and should be corrected upon discovery.

The discovery of the deception by the EC was made too late in time to cancel the Secretarial Election and rather than await the costly and complicated process of conducting a second referendum election, the EC chose instead, to rescind their approval of the second

of the two amendments by resolution. The first of the amendments was intended to simply and clearly remove the Secretary and the Bureau of Indian Affairs from the authority to approve or deny amendments to the tribe's constitution, and to oversee elections to carry out those changes. That amendment was approved by the electorate and incorporated into the tribal constitution. The second of the amendments was intended to simply enlarge the terms of office of all candidates elected to serve on the Executive Committee, if approved, and would have taken effect subsequent to the approval of the amendment by the electorate at the Secretarial Election and applied to all future elections.

The basis upon which the EC made the decision to rescind their approval of Amendment B, as the second question was labeled, was the discovery just prior to the Secretarial Election by receipt of ballots in the mail, that changes had been made to the intended language of proposed Amendment B without the consent and approval of the EC as is required by the tribe's constitution.

Essentially, the EC found that what was intended as a single sentence amendment that was approved by the EC for Amendment B, had been changed by the addition of a second unapproved and previously undiscussed or considered sentence which would immediately bless all presently serving members of the Executive Committee with an additional two (2) years in office beyond the two (2) year terms in the office for which they had each been elected. Based on the rescission of Amendment B by the EC and understand their constitutional duty to hold the annual election, the tribe's Election Commission completed the annual election by holding a runoff for the office of Governor on June 15.

2019, in which the incumbent Edwina Butler-Wolfe was soundly defeated by the former Secretary, John Raymond Johnson by 90 votes.

The loser of the runoff appealed the election and the election result to the Election Commission which considered and denied her appeal. Due to concerns over the status of the amendments and the EC action to rescind Amendment B, the Election Commission brought an action in the District Court seeking clarification and direction from the Court as to its duties and responsibilities under the constitution and election ordinance. The losing candidate for the office of Governor, Edwina Butler-Wolfe sought to intervene, to which neither the Election Commission nor the Executive Committee objected. She filed her own Answer to the pleadings in the matter.

On September 9, 2019 argument by the parties was heard by Judge Matt Thomas of the District Court of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. Subsequent to hearing the argument of counsel for each of the parties, Judge Thomas determined that an evidentiary hearing was needed in order to make a factual record prior to his ruling. He directed the parties to agree on a date for the scheduling of an evidentiary hearing and the parties agreed upon the date of October 2, 2019.

On October 2, 2019 an evidentiary hearing was held by Judge Thomas at which the Defendant and the Intervenor called witnesses to provided testimony and offered pertinent documentary evidence which was admitted into the record. The Election Commission participated in the hearing by examination of certain of the witnesses called by the Defendant and by the Intervenor.

On October 4, 2019, Judge Thomas issued his Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in which he felt compelled to honor the wishes of the electorate as much as was possible, while addressing the question of whether the subject resolution that approved the request for a Secretarial Election expressed the will of the Executive Committee as to Amendment B. Judge Thomas held in effect, that the clearly unapproved second sentence of Amendment B would be “stricken and the remainder of Amendment B remains a duly ratified portion of the Constitution of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe”.

Judge Thomas further held that, “It flows from this conclusion that the election Committee properly discharged their legal duty in conducting the General and run-off elections of 2019. Further, any member of the Executive Committee elected thereto after May of 2019 has had their terms extended to four years.”

Intervenor brings this appeal from the ruling of the District Court.

## ARGUMENT

1. The Order Staying Decision was improperly entered by the Chief Justice and should be vacated.

An Order Staying Decision was signed by Chief Justice Warwick on October 4, 2019 (it was not filed until October 8, upon which the parties first became aware of the Order) improperly relying on the authority of Sections 911(d) and (e) of the Absentee Shawnee Civil Code. Although the entry of such an Order is wholly within the authority of the Supreme Court and of any Justice, reliance on 911(d) is not merited as it clearly requires that a supersedeas bond be given by the appellant in order to obtain such stay. The Chief Justice did not set a bond at the time of the issuing of the Stay Order, nor did

Appellant provide such a bond with her Notice of Appeal. A stay is effective under 911 (d) only when “the supersedeas bond is approved by the Court”. Appellant has to date failed to give a supersedeas bond as is required by 911(d) for the obtaining of a stay of execution in this matter. Thus, the requirements of Section 911(d) for obtaining a stay have not been met and the Chief Justice’s reliance on this section for issuance of a Stay Order is not justified.

The Chief Justice also wrongfully cites 911(e) as additional authority to support issuance of the Order Staying Execution. However, the facts of this case do not justify reliance upon this section by the Chief Justice. Section 911 (e) is a provision of the code that is clearly intended to provide protection to the Tribe or an Agency of the Tribe which is a party in litigation and is seeking relief from a ruling that is adverse to the interests of the Tribe. Although the text of (e) infers that when an appeal is taken by the “Tribe or an officer or agency thereof ... the operation or enforcement of the judgment is stayed” ... and “no bond, obligation, or other security shall be required from the appellant”, this provision is clearly directed at the need to recognize and protect the sovereign nature of a federally recognized tribe, its self-governance and its assets and is not to provide protection to the individual rights of any individual tribal citizen.

Although Appellant chooses to cloak herself in the title of her previous elected office which she lost at the annual election, she does not have the right or lawful authority to bring an election appeal or to participate in this litigation in her former official capacity. She is, instead, suing in her individual capacity as a citizen and former candidate for that office who has lost an election and nothing more. Appellant is not entitled to the




advantages found in Section 911 (e) as she does not represent the interest of her tribe or her office in this contest.

As a result, the Stay Order having been issued in error should be vacated and the ruling of the District Court having been in place for in excess of ten (10) days, recognized as fully effective pending the appeal of this matter.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, premises considered, Defendant prays this Honorable Court vacate the Order Staying Decision filed October 8, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gary S. Piche  
Attorney General  
On behalf of Defendant

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 15th day of October 2019, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was sent by regular first class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, and/or FedEx and/or transmitted electronically to:

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Gaming % of free cash	\$250,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,950,000.00	78.27%
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TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$344,712.21	\$243,689.65	\$249,024.35	\$281,518.81	\$295,642.29	\$260,495.60	\$257,466.08	\$301,708.26	\$257,261.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,491,518.53	100%

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Each year, there are  
**9,300 CASES OF HPV-RELATED  
CANCERS IN MEN**

**THE HPV VACCINE**

It is important to protect your child from the disease early.

**THE HPV VACCINE CAN...**

**ONLY PREVENT** infections,  
**NOT TREAT THEM**

Reduce Risk of HPV-related cancers  
**BY UP TO 99%** when fully protected with the recommended doses

Prevent your child from  
**SPREADING HPV** to future sexual partners

The recommended age to receive the HPV vaccine is 11 or 12, however it is not too late for 13-26 year olds to get vaccinated as well.

**11-12 YEAR OLDS** develop a higher level of the protective antibody that the body generates after immunization, compared with older adolescents and young adults. This may result in longer lasting immunity.

**THE HPV VACCINE IS SAFE AND EFFECTIVE**

Clinical trials and ongoing research have shown the HPV vaccine's protection remains strong for at least  
**10 YEARS.**

There is no evidence to suggest this level of protection changes over time.

Since the vaccine was licensed,  
**ONLY 0.0003%** of patients reported side effects – and most of those were “non-serious” symptoms such as headache, nausea and dizziness.

**You are the key to HPV cancer prevention.**

Get your child vaccinated at the recommended age of 11 or 12 years, to protect them and their future partners from contracting HPV.

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.

$$\left( \begin{matrix} \text{Total Product Volume} \\ \times \\ \text{Gross Market Value} \end{matrix} \right) - \begin{matrix} \text{Indian Royalty Deduction} \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \text{Total Taxable Amount} \end{matrix}$$
  
$$\begin{matrix} \text{Total Taxable Amount} \end{matrix} \times \begin{matrix} 8\% \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \text{Total Severance Tax Due} \end{matrix}$$

**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.

$$\left( \begin{matrix} \text{Vehicle Purchase Price} \\ \times \\ 1.25\% \end{matrix} \right) + \begin{matrix} \text{Vehicle Tag Price} \end{matrix} + \begin{matrix} \$10 \text{ Lien Processing Fee} \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \text{New Vehicle Registration Fee} \end{matrix}$$

**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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month following the month in which the tax was withheld.





### ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY COMMUNITY MEETING


Come join us for an informal session to learn about the work that has been done on the future AST Assisted Living Facility.

- > We want to hear from you!
- > Learn about the market research study
- > Overview of locations and plans

**Date & Time :**  
Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>  
(11:30am to 1pm)

**Location:**  
LA Resource Center  
1970 156<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Norman, OK 73026

Lunch is provided!





### ELDERS COUNCIL CHRISTMAS BASKETS APPLICATION FORM

**Qualifications:**

- 1) Must be Absentee Shawnee Tribal Member
- 2) Must be 50 years old or above
- 3) Must reside within the counties of Pottawatomie, Cleveland, Lincoln or Oklahoma

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

REASON: ☐ Nursing Home ☐ Home bound ☐ No transportation ☐ Health issues

☐ Other: Describe (be specific) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Submit application no later than **NOVEMBER 29, 2019**

Mail Application to: AST Elders Council  
2025 South Gordon Cooper Drive  
Shawnee, OK 74801

Alternative: Drop-Off application at the Tribal Complex Building #1, Receptionist

Office use only:

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_ Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Delivered by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of delivery: \_\_\_\_\_



## THE TRIBAL LIBRARY IS NOW ARCHIVING PHOTOS!

Come to the Cultural Preservation Building and have your pictures scanned and handed right back to you.

## Together we can make a living history.

We would like to film our people's history in their own words and keep it here at the library for future generations to be able to access, and learn from.

For more information  
Casey Wilson 405-275-4030 ext. 6416  
email: cwilson@astribe.com

### 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](mailto:bbread@astribe.com)/[cwilson@astribe.com](mailto:cwilson@astribe.com)

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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

## VACCINES FOR TEENS

Keep your adolescent vaccinations up to date

Kids grow out of many things, but vaccines aren't one of them. Every year in the U.S., 2.5 million people die from vaccine-preventable diseases. Because adolescents are at risk for many of these serious diseases, immunization is especially important. Ask your healthcare professional about all recommended vaccines to protect your child.

Did you know that in the U.S.:

- 14 million people are infected with human papillomavirus (HPV)—mostly teens and young adults—leaving them vulnerable to associated cancers later in life?
- 21% of all meningococcal disease cases are preteens, teens, and young adults, ages 11–24?
- Up to 200,000 people are hospitalized annually due to flu-related complications?
- There were an average of 200,000 cases of pertussis each year before the Tdap vaccine was available, and since then, cases of the disease have decreased more than 80%?

CDC-recommended vaccinations for adolescents:

AGES	Every year	flu vaccine
11-12 years	• HPV (2 doses) • Meningococcal ACWY • Tdap	
13-15 years	• Meningococcal ACWY (if not previously vaccinated)	
16 years	• Meningococcal B* • Meningococcal ACWY booster	
17-18 years	• Td booster every 10 years	


\* Adolescents may be vaccinated with a 2-dose MenB vaccine, and the preferred vaccination age range is 16 through 18 years.

## Remember the 4

- HPV (Human papillomavirus)—The vaccine is most effective at preventing associated cancers for both boys and girls when given during preteen years.
- Meningococcal—Two types of meningococcal disease vaccines protect against the most common serogroups. Teens should start the ACWY vaccine at 11–15 years old, with a booster dose between 16 and 18 years. They may also get the serogroup B vaccine at 16-18 years of age.
- Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (whooping cough)) and Td Booster (Tetanus and Diphtheria): Adolescents should receive a Tdap vaccine between the ages of 11-12. Regular boosters of Td vaccine are recommended every 10 years to protect those at risk.
- Flu—Flu season typically starts in October, and the virus can mutate each year. Annual vaccination is recommended.

**ASK YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER** if your adolescent needs a catch-up vaccine to protect them from

- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Chickenpox
- Polio
- Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)
- Pneumococcal disease\*



UNITY  
United for adolescent vaccination


For more information, visit [www.unity4teenvax.org](http://www.unity4teenvax.org)

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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# Native American Heritage Month

November is Native American Heritage month, which can also be referred to as American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. This is an opportunity to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories as well as to acknowledge the contributions of all Native American people both historically and presently. This is also an opportunity to educate the public about tribes and bring awareness about the challenges that Native Americans have faced both in the past and present. We can also share information about how we continue to overcome these challenges.


- Below is a list of some ways to celebrate Native American Heritage Month.
1. Read a book about American Indian History

2. Watch a movie starring Native American Indian actors/actresses
3. Try a native recipe
4. Learn the REAL story about Thanksgiving
5. Listen to Native American music
6. Visit various tribes cultural centers
7. Challenge yourself to learn something new about your tribe’s history, ceremonies, or culture
8. Make the commitment to learn and/or speak your tribe’s language on a daily basis
9. Attend and participate in at least one of the activities that are happening this month. Look at the AST website for a listing of upcoming events as well as check out the upcoming event flyers that are in this publication
10. Last but definitely not least,

visit with an elder. Our Elders are our treasures. They gift us with stories and teach us about our history as well as the how and why behind our ceremonies and customs. They are our living heritage.

Ann Marie Passarella MA, LPC and LADC  
Absentee Shawnee Health System  
Behavioral Health Services  
MSPI, Outpatient Therapist  
405-878-4716

**Resources:**  
National Congress of American Indians  
[www.NCAI.org](http://www.NCAI.org)>initiatives>campaigns  
Office of Diversity and Inclusion  
[www.diversity.va.gov](http://www.diversity.va.gov)>calendar>aihm  
Indian Health Services  
[www.ihs.gov](http://www.ihs.gov)  
Urban Indian Health Institute  
[www.uihi.org](http://www.uihi.org)



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The paper is no longer able to continue with free advertising space.

Thank you! Your continued support and understanding is a valuable asset!

**Sherman Tiger**  
AST Media Director  
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405-598-1279




MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CLASSES	CLASSES	CLASSES	CLASSES	CLASSES
<u>Aerobic/Strength Circuit</u> 6:15 a.m.-7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Zumba Fitness</u> 6:15 a.m.-7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Aerobic/Strength Circuit</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>Aerobic/Strength Circuit</u> 6:15 a.m.-7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center
		<u>Circuit Training Wednesday</u> 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Chrissy Wiens 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 Wednesday and Thursday at the Little Axe Health Center

High-Intensity Interval Training aka "HIIT" alternates between intense exercise and brief rest periods. These workouts are fast-paced, fun, and modified for a variety of fitness levels.

**Absentee Shawnee Fitness**



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



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

**Diabetes and Wellness**



### 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](mailto:AST.Environmental.Programs@astribe.com)

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Absentee Shawnee Behavioral Health NATIVE CONNECTIONS

## YOU'RE INVITED TO A Native American CHRISTMAS Ornament Making

### November 7th, 2019

6PM TO 8PM

Absentee Shawnee Resource Center  
1970 156th Ave NE, Norman, OK 73026



Please call Margo @ 701-7995 to reserve your spot





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Beaded Glass Ornament





Title VI



2% milk served daily

Menu subject to change

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Scrambled Eggs Sausage Gravy Biscuit	2
3 Set Clocks Back One Hour	4 Chicken Strips Onion Rings Beets Cookie	5 Egg Roll Stir Fry Veggies Rice Pineapples	6 Stew Crackers Cobbler	7 Frito Chili Pie Chez, Onions Mandarin Oranges	8 Oatmeal Raisin Biscuit Sausage Pattie	9
10	11 Veterans Day	12 Baked Chicken Veggies Bread Applesauce	13 Pinto Beans W Ham Steak fries Cornbread	14 Title VI Thanksgiving Dinner & Bingo Shawnee Site	15 Scrambled Eggs Sausage Gravy Biscuit	16
17	18 Kraut & Weiners Mac N Chez Green Beans Fruit Cocktail	19 Salisbury Steak Mashed Pot/Gravy Carrots Prune	20 Catfish Coleslaw Hushpuppies Jell-Fruit	21 Taco Casserole Ranch Beans Tossed Salad* Apricots	22 Boiled Egg Bacon Toast Fruit	23
24	25 BBQ Sandwich Potato Salad Pear	26 AST Youth & Elder Olympics Shawnee	27 Title VI Closed	28 	29	30
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		

NOVEMBER!!!  
Almost to the New  
Year 2020!!!!

November 3 - Set your clocks back one hour!!

November 11 - Veterans Day!! Thank a Veteran, shake their hand- AST Complex will be closed no lunch will be delivered or served

November 14 - we will have our Thanks-giving Dinner and a bingo at the Shawnee Site ( Little Axe Site will be closed) Homebound will receive a Thanksgiving Dinner also.

Nov 26 - AST Youth & Elder Olympics, More details to come,

Nov 27 - Title VI Closed

Homebound will receive a 2 sack lunches on Nov 25

November 28 & 29 Closed for Thanksgiving!! Have a special time with your love ones – tell each other how much you love them and how thankful you have them in your life and take pictures!!!

Any questions or comments please fill free to call us 405-275-4030 ext 6227



Join us for a free...

# Healthy Holiday Cooking Demo

Free Samples and Recipe Cards Provided!

Thursday, November 21st, 2019 at the Little Axe Diabetes Kitchen at 2PM

Questions? Call the AST Diabetes and Wellness Program at 405-701-7977



Frank Kaseca, Darrol Davis and Marvin Smith  
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Voice

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**CALL: 405-878-4716**  
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**Wed 11am-6pm**  
**Fri 2:30pm-7:30pm**



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Please call 405-275-4030 for additional details


2019 Programs

# Absentee Shawnee Housing



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

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SERVICES**  
**PLEASE CALL (405) 273-1050 OR COME BY OUR OFFICE**  
**LOCATED AT 107 NORTH KIMBERLY IN SHAWNEE, OK.**  
**WEBSITE: WWW.ASHOUSINGAUTHORITY.COM**








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### 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 \_\_\_\_\_ DEMINTIA \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

When you rise in the morning, give thanks for the light, for your life, for your strength. Give thanks for your food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason to give thanks, the fault lies in yourself. – TECUMSEH

# NOVEMBER 2019


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NOTES:					<b>1</b> REPRESENT YOUR TRIBE – Wear AST shirts – ALL DAY	<b>2</b> GOURD DANCE @ CPN HONOR HALL – Begins @ 2PM
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> BEADED MEDALLION CLASS @ LA Resource Center – Starts @ 6PM	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> ROCK YOUR RIBBONS – Wear ribbon shirts or skirts – ALL DAY	<b>9</b> RIBBON WORK (APPLIQUE) CLASS @ LA Resource Center – 6PM to 8PM
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> VETERAN'S DAY	<b>12</b> CAN SHAKING CLASS PT. II @ Health MP Bldg. – Begins @ 6PM	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> ROCK YOUR MOCS – Wear moccasins, boots, etc. – ALL DAY BEADED ORNAMENT CLASS @ Health MP Bldg. – 4PM to 6:30PM	<b>16</b> FOOD CANNING SESSION @ Title VI Bldg. – 8:30AM to 10:30AM
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> BEADED COLLAR CLASS @ Health MP Bldg. – 6PM to 8PM	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> SMUDGE DAY @ CP Lawn – Times: 8AM to 9AM & 4PM to 5PM	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> THANKSGIVING DAY



## Absentee Shawnee Tribe Child Care Development Fund Programs

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Program Services:

- Building Blocks Child Development Center II- Shawnee, OK- Tribally Operated Child Care Center
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- 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.astringe.com/Childcare](http://www.astringe.com/Childcare)
- Contact information:
  - ✕ BBCDCII-Shawnee (405)878-0633 Email: [ecrawford@astribe.com](mailto:ecrawford@astribe.com)
  - ✕ BBCDCIII- Little Axe (405)360-2710 Email: [rebeccaj@astribe.com](mailto:rebeccaj@astribe.com)
  - ✕ AST Child Care Subsidy (405)432-8411 Email: [briana.ponkilla@astribe.com](mailto:briana.ponkilla@astribe.com)
  - ✕ AST ASP- HSB (405)432-8411 Email: [lanora.buswell@astribe.com](mailto:lanora.buswell@astribe.com)
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EVERYTHING IS OFFERED WITH NO CHARGE....LITTLE AXE BUS WILL TRANSPORT STUDENTS TO BRENDLE CORNER COMMUNITY BUILDING LOCATED OFF HIGHWAY 9, JUST EAST OF 192<sup>ND</sup>. PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PICKING STUDENTS UP BY 6:30PM.

For more information and sign up please contact Blake Goodman at (405) 364-7569 or bgoodman@astribes.com



# AST Veteran's Princess



## Now accepting biographies

The Absentee Shawnee Veterans and Cultural Preservation Department will be selecting the AST Veteran's 2019-2020 Princess. We are now accepting Biographies from all interested young ladies who meet the following criteria. The princess will be announced and crowned at the Veteran's Gourd Dance (November 2, 2019).


- Candidate must be of Absentee Shawnee decent
- Age limit: 13-18 years of age
- Have family member(s) who is a veteran (living or deceased)
- Submit a biography showing applicant's knowledge of the Absentee Shawnee Heritage, veteran background and all accomplishments
- Dancing ability
- Must be in full regalia and be present at time of selection
- Reside in Oklahoma
- No Cohabitation
- No children



For further information or questions please contact the a member of the Veteran's Association or Cultural Preservation Department at 405-275-4030 Ext 6416.



Please include address and phone number. All biographies need to be submitted to the Absentee Shawnee tribe at 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK 74801 Attn: Cultural Preservation or emailed to [cwilson@astribes.com](mailto:cwilson@astribes.com). Deadline for submission is October 28, 2019. All qualified applicants will be considered.








# Absentee Shawnee Tribe Cultural Preservation

# GOURD DANCE

Nov.2 • 2pm-8pm


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(INSIDE CPN CULTURE CENTER)



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# 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.

### 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.

### PURCHASED REFERRED CARE FOR AST CITIZENS WITH INSURANCE

PRC for a currently enrolled AST citizen who resides in the defined catchment area and has Medicare or private insurance.

1. To complete existing PRC patient updates, please visit Patient Registration at either the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic during regular hours of operation.
2. Notify PRC at least 48 hours prior to appointment date for a Coordination of Benefits (COB) to be sent to the provider.
3. Inform provider/health facility that AST PRC is a secondary payer/ payer of last resort.
4. 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 or Shawnee Clinic.

### PURCHASED REFERRED CARE FOR AST CITIZENS WITHOUT INSURANCE

PRC for a currently enrolled AST citizen who resides in the defined catchment area and does not have insurance.

1. You must apply for all resources available to you, such as: Medicaid, Medicare, Worker's Compensation, Vocational Rehabilitation, auto insurance and other personal injury or liability coverage. PRC staff and/or Patient Benefit Advocates can assist you with the application process for alternate resources. Failure to exhaust available or potentially available alternate resources may result in denial of payment.
2. To complete existing PRC patient updates, please visit Patient Registration at either the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic during regular hours of operation.
3. For new AST tribal citizens, to become established for PRC services, please make an appointment to see the New Patient Coordinator/PBA at either the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic during regular hours of operation.
4. You must utilize the services provided within AST health clinics prior to being referred out.
5. Referrals for outside services must be sent to PRC. Services must be medically approved by an AST Health provider and/or CMMR Committee.
6. 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 or Shawnee Clinic.

### 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.

### IMPORTANT CONTACTS

<b>BILLING &amp; PAYMENT INQUIRIES</b> Little Axe Health Center & Shawnee Clinic  Glendine Blanchard, PRC Director Darla Gatzman, PRC Specialist Lena Carroll, Claims Processor Jennifer Wells, PRC Technician Kareena Deere, File Clerk	<b>REFERRAL MANAGEMENT</b> Little Axe Health Center  Debi Sloat, PRC Deputy Director/RN April Parton, PRC Health Specialist/LPN Jayne West, PRC Specialist, Medicaid Patients Melinda Ferrell, PRC Specialist	<b>REFERRAL MANAGEMENT</b> Shawnee Clinic  Flo Mann, PRC Specialist, AST Patients/LPN Laurie Webber, PRC Specialist, IHS Patients/LPN Carrie Stanley, PRC Specialist, Medicaid patients/ Medical Assistant
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LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER PRC  
405.701.7951 (Please follow voice prompts)  
405.447.0300 (Secondary)

SHAWNEE CLINIC PRC  
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405.878.4702 (Secondary)



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Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services

# Absentee Shawnee Behavioral Health

## STRENGTH OF TRADITION PROJECT



Funded through SAMHSA Native Connections Grant in providing support by:

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


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

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Grant Coordinator	Grant Assistant
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A Little Note from The Tag Office

Did You Know.....

Any name changes that may occur

(i.e. marriage, divorce, etc.) need to be updated

through enrollment, BEFORE any new

registrations or renewals can be processed.

IMPORTANT

NOTICE!

The Criminal Court Dockets

have moved from

2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. afternoons at 1:30pm

to 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. mornings 9:00am.

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS!!!

The approved **Legislative Resolution No. L-AS-2018-17** has been duly adopted by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma Authorizing and Approving an increase in the Burial Assistance amount for qualified and approved members to **six thousand dollars and no cents (\$6,000.00)**, effective October 1, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact the Social Service Department at **(405) 275-4030, ext. 6225 or 6255**. All the changes will be posted to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe’s web site under service + Social Service.

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

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A STORY OR ARTICLE

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Dental Clinic .....		307-9704
Diabetes .....		360-0698
Pharmacy .....		292-9530
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Pharmacy .....		878-5859
Toll free.....		1-866-742-4977
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HEARTLINE EMERGENCY.....	211	State of Oklahoma	
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TRIBAL EMERGENCY MANAGER.....	405-740-1562 (Cell)	Absentee Shawnee	
SHERIFF.....	405-273-1727	Pottawatomie County	
CITY POLICE.....	405-273-2121	Shawnee	
CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.....	405-273-5272	Shawnee	
COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.....	405-273-2157	Pottawatomie County	
SHERIFF.....	405-701-8888	Cleveland County	
CITY POLICE.....	405-321-1600	Norman	
HEALTH DEPT.....	405-749-1591	Cleveland County	
OG&E.....	405-272-9595	Report Power Outage	
.....	800-522-6870		
CANADIAN VALLEY.....	405-382-3680	Power Outage	
DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.....	800-522-0206	State of Oklahoma	
HIGHWAY PATROL.....	405-425-4385	Road Conditions	

POISON  
Help  
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