The Executive Committee wear their masks to protect Absentee Shawnee Tribe Elders, tribal members and AST employees.

Every day, Oklahomans wear masks to protect someone they love. As the number of coronavirus cases continues to grow in Oklahoma, using masks are still among the best methods to prevent community spread. There are many reasons we should wear masks:

- To protect someone you love: When you wear a mask you protect others by preventing the spread of your own germs.
- Protect the community: More people wearing masks results in better protection for everyone.
- Unknown COVID-19 status: You may have COVID-19 or have been exposed to the virus without showing symptoms.

While some people may touch their face more often when wearing a mask, it’s possible to reduce infection risk with good hygiene. Be sure to wash hands frequently, wash your cloth mask after wearing and know how to properly put on and remove your mask. You can learn more by reviewing the CDC’s guidance on how to wear cloth face coverings.

Some people have heard that breathing in CO2 from wearing a mask can cause symptoms like dizziness, lightheadedness, headache, and shortness of breath. However, the amount of CO2 created by wearing a mask is minuscule and most casual mask wearers will not experience anything more than a mild headache. Also, be aware that once a mask gets wet (perhaps from exhalation), it begins to lose its effectiveness and will need to be washed or replaced.

The CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) recommends widespread use of simple cloth face coverings to help prevent transmission of COVID-19 by people who have the virus but don’t know it. But it’s not a substitute for physical distancing. Staying at least 6 feet apart from others while in public is still the most important tool to stopping the spread of the virus, according to the CDC.

https://www.gotmaskok.org/why-mask
Treasurer's REPORT
JOSEPH BLANCHARD
AST Treasurer

Hello Tribal Members,

Wow! I cannot believe it’s already time for another update. As of this writing, I have officially been in my position for 6 weeks. I have been averaging between 55-60 hours per week. One thing I can tell you, it has not been boring. Many days, I accidentally miss lunch, as I read emails, answer calls, attend meetings, and receive notices from department heads and staff. Though I run on a tight schedule, I keep times available for members to discuss their concerns.

Recently, the EC voted to modify the Organization Chart. In our discussion, we made a concerted effort to place Departments and Programs under Oversight with experience or knowledge in that field or area. In all, only 4 were moved, and 2 of those were split. Media is now under all 5 of the EC. Additionally, the ad hoc members, or liaisons to committees, commissions or entities were distributed in the same manner.

Many of our young people are starting another school year, whether it’s Pre-K or as a continuing Higher Ed student in college. At the August EC meeting, we approved the Education Assistance Fund. In an effort to not duplicate services, we decided to assist individuals with issues arising from the Pandemic and Distance learning. Each student will receive a $500 gift card to purchase a laptop/tablet, printer, ink, paper, extra storage space, software, scientific calculator, or any other associated electron- ic/educational need. Many of the EC are parents or former students and understand the hardships in trying to obtain an education and doing your best, without having extra worries.

One of my concerns as Treasurer regards the annual Audit. Normally, it is completed by July 31st. However, due to COVID-19 related issues and the Tribal Complex closure, an extension was submitted and extension granted to August 31st. The Controller said, “In speaking with independent auditors, we anticipate an Unmodified Opinion on all financial and procedural activities for the 2019 fiscal year.” An Unmodified Opinion is the highest opinion the Tribe can receive.” That is great news for our Tribe, Finance, and all our Departments. Good job everyone!

One comment I wanted to pass along from a conversation, a tribal member exclaimed, “It’s weird to see them (EC) working together and communicating. The energy and positive atmosphere that exists is unreal. For once, I feel like they might actually be able to accomplish something.” Honestly, that’s the only way I work. As mentioned previously, I’m not here to micromanage or be a dictator. I’ve explained my vision and shared ideas with staff on how I think we can improve. I also allowed them to contribute to the conversation. They’re the professionals with their degrees and expertise. I simply provided the direction and reminders about customer service and in the performance of duties. I will close by again expressing my gratitude. Though some days are tougher and more hectic than others, I am grateful to have this opportunity to serve our People. I am thankful for his accomplishments.

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At the time of this published article, the tribe will have moved into Phase 2 of the AST Recovery/Reopening Plan and all staff has completed a COVID test. Each department has implemented safety measures for their respective areas and the reopening plan outlines the following for staff and visitors:

- Full staffing (non-essential) will return to each department.
- No Business Travel.
- For employees, personal travel out-of-state must be reported to Department of Public Safety.
- AST Complex will open to tribal members by appointment only, no other visitors allowed on campus.
- Maintain one entrance and exit at the complex manned by AST Police to perform temperature checks.
- Employees are to maintain 6 feet between each other while working and supervisors should adjust schedules or work areas to accommodate.
- All staff on campus will need to wear assigned PPE (mask) when within 6 feet of general public.
- Curb service or electronic service is still encouraged; if tribal members must enter a building for business purposes, please only allow 2 tribal members at a time. No children are allowed.
- Vulnerable individuals should remain working remotely.

The AST Cultural Preservation Department's gift shop is also now open to tribal members by appointment only. The gift shop manager has been working diligently to refill the current stock. An assortment of new logo bearing merchandise will be available for purchase such as t-shirts, hats, cups, polo shirts, and cardigans. Also, there are new shipments from Pendleton, Crazy Cow and El Paso Saddle Blanket and an assortment of beadwork. In addition to the new products, currently, there is a 20% sale on last season's Pendleton products and Minnetonka Shoes along with some previous season zip up hoodies and long sleeve shirts - still available for $5.00. Sizes vary from 2X and up. So, please call and make an appointment to shop with Ms. Rodriguez. She can be reached at (405) 275-4030 ext. 6310. Please see the AST Cultural Preservation article for more information.

In conclusion, I want to provide my deepest condolences to those we have lost in the month of August, prayers for healing to those who are dealing with COVID-19 diagnosis/illnesses and to those who are suffering from illnesses in general. I also wish to thank all of our children, teens and young adults who are returning to the classroom or who have opted to learn virtually. Challenges lie ahead but you are strong and resilient and you too shall overcome all that is going around you. Be strong, be safe and have a healthy September. Ne yj'at! (Thank you!

Alicia (Aly) Miller
Tribal Representative
Cell: 405.287.5474
Email: aliciam@astribe.com

The following are the Resolutions passed through August 19, 2020.

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS:
E-AS-2020-46
ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2020

A RESOLUTION Duly PROPOSED by the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA HEREBY APPROVING the ADOPTION of the EMERGENCY TEMPORARY HAZARD PAY POLICY as ATTACHED and INCORPORATED HEREIN as EXHIBIT "A", EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS:
L-AS-2020-20
ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2020

A RESOLUTION Duly PROPOSED by the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA APPROVING the EXPENDITURE of SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND and FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($624,500) of CARES ACT RELIEF FUNDS for the PURCHASE and DISTRIBUTION of DEB-IT CARDS to ASSIST TRIBAL SCHOOL CHILDREN (PRE-K THRU 12) AND ADULT COLLEGE STUDENTS with CONTINUED ACCESS and ABILITY to CONTINUE their EDUCATION DURING the COVID-19 PANDEMIC.
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 any department.

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.

Once you drop your items/documents in the drop box, you should contact the department to inform them that you have left documents for them.

SEEKING ALTERNATES
FOR ELECTION COMMISSION
The Election Commission is seeking individuals to serve as alternates. Alternates must meet the requirements listed in the Election Ordinance.

If you are interested, please submit your letter of interest to Shirley Adkins “Acting” Commissioner via E-Mail renee_adkins@att.net. Once we receive your letter of interest, we will begin the process.
Please help support us with our pandemic precautions. Public Health campaign today! Our “Mask Protects You, Your Mask Protects Me” is part of our effort to reduce COVID-19 infections along with hand sanitization and social distancing. This has shown increasing evidence of protection and prevention responses with the spread of this horrible disease in our communities. We are also fighting COVID-19 with hosting drive through testing events weekly along with antibody testing. Thus far, we have tested over three thousand patients! Numerous calls are being experienced from the Shawnee Service Unit and other Tribes seeking help with testing and medical care. The COVID-19 Information Line is 24/7 and here to help our Tribal members and other patients with their pandemic questions. Your Health System has continuously been open for access to care, and remains open 7 days a week to assure services are continued for our patients. We also continue to provide carryout and delivery of Title 6 meals to our members with thousands of meals being provided to date by Dqs Owens and her team to our most vulnerable population! Reducing exposure through unnecessary travel, accelerated personal hygiene, and remaining in good health as well as wearing a mask will greatly diminish the threats to our community! Please continue to work hard on this national campaign with us to end the COVID-19 pandemic through information, best practices, safe actions, and overall safety for you and your family. While the tribe continues to do all it can to protect you and your family, it is also a shared sacrifice to also care for your own family, tribal community, and those whom depend upon you for resources, support, and assistance. Let’s continue to work together to defeat COVID-19 in our community! The outstanding star performers of the Health System continue to shine and we thank them all for their contributions to our patients, their fellow employees, and the tribe, especially during our unprecedented times! Please follow our COVID-19 page on the Health System Website as well as follow us on Facebook and the AST Tribe’s Government Page for the latest information regarding access to services and support. Employee Awards and awardees are listed below for recognition of outstanding efforts with ensuring great customer service to our patients and other employees/staff (both the External/Internal Customers)! The AST Health System always strives to make your health its top priority, and you all make a difference for our health system and the health and wellness of all of our patients—"THANK YOU" for all you do! August Health Employee Awards of the Month Employee of the Month: Alicia Cruz, AST Health System Patient Registration Team of the Month: Dr. Eugene Vitello, BH Clinical Director Marvin Smith, BH Counselor Special Leadership Award: Tomih Noley, AST Health System Executive Assistant Mark E. Rogers, MAL, FACHE, CMPE, CHC Executive Director
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.

EMERGENCY AND URGENT CARE SERVICES

PRC for a currently enrolled AST citizen who resides in the defined catchment area and needs emergency 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 bill will not be paid.
3. If you do not have insurance, please read the PRC guidelines. Keep a copy on hand and update your information.
4. To update your patient information, please see patient registration.

PURCHASED REFERRED CARE HAS MOVED.

We are now located in Shawnee Clinic (Bldg. 17)

To update your patient information, please see patient registration.

EASY ACCESS

Purchased Referred Care is conveniently located in Little Axe Health Center and in Shawnee Clinic, Building 17. Please follow the PRC guidelines. Keep a copy on hand and update your information.

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Little Axe Health Center
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.

BILLING & PAYMENT INQUIRIES

Little Axe Health Center & Shawnee Clinic
405.447.0300

REFERRAL MANAGEMENT

Little Axe Health Center
Debi Sloat, PRC Deputy Director/RN
Leslie Davis, PRC Health Specialist/LPN
Lawana Martin, PRC Specialist, Medicaid Patients
Melinda Ferrell, PRC Specialist

Shawnee Clinic
Flo Mann, PRC Specialist, AST Patients/LPN
Laurie Webber, PRC Specialist, IHS Patients/LPN
Carrie Stanley, PRC Specialist, Medical Assistant

REFERRAL MANAGEMENT

Little Axe Health Center
405.701.7951 (Please follow voice prompts)
405.447.6300 (Secondary)

Shawnee Clinic PRC
405.878.2660 (Primary)
405.878.4702 (Secondary)

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER PRC
405.701.7951
405.447.0300 (Secondary)

SHAWNEE CLINIC PRC
405.878.2660 (Primary)
405.878.4702 (Secondary)

SEPT 2020
AST Health System will be closed on the following days:

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4, 2020 (Labor Day)

SCHEDULED CLOSINGS

LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER CLOSEN
SATURDAY, AUG 8
PlusCare and Shawnee Clinic Close.

SUNDAY, AUG 9
PlusCare and Shawnee Clinic Close

MONDAY, SEPT. 7, 2020 (Labor Day)

ALL AST HEALTH FACILITIES CLOSEN

Please call your medication refill to be in the pharmacy at least 24 hours in advance prior to our scheduled closings.

Little Axe Health Center
405.878.5839

Shawnee Clinic
405.447.0477

PlusCare
405.878.0500

All locations are closed on Labor Day.

www.asthealth.org

DENTAL EMERGENCY CLINIC
BEGIN SUNDAY, AUG 17, 2020

Little Axe Health Center
405.701.7951
405.447.0300

PlusCare
405.878.2660

Shawnee Clinic
405.878.2660
405.878.4702

For more information, visit www.asthealth.org

Please call at (405) 447-0500 to schedule an appointment. Limited appointments are available. Appointments will run Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.—noon

WELLCRIBRI GROU P MEETINGS

Wellcri Group Meetings
Facilitator: John Soy, LPC
Every Thursday 5:30pm-6:30pm
3152 S. 36th Street
(Next to the Shawnee Clinic, Bldg. 17)

For further information, contact:
Shawnee Behavioral Health Services: 405.878.4776
Little Axe Behavioral Health Services: 405.701.7951

Please call at (405) 447-0500 to schedule an appointment. Limited appointments are available. Appointments will run Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.—noon

For more information, visit www.asthealth.org

NATIONAL CRISIS HOTLINE

1.800.985.5999

Dental Emergencies available at the AST Health System Facebook page.

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We're Here. We Care. We Listen.

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The Absentee Shawnee Tribe has partnered with United For Oklahoma to educate Oklahomans on the critical role the tribes play in our state’s future. These are the facts every Oklahoman must know.

Watch the videos and stay informed at: UnitedForOklahoma.com

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2020 Census Snapshot — American Indian/Alaska Native

What is the census?

Every 10 years, the United States counts everyone living in the country on April 1. Our tribes do not share enrollment numbers with the government, so it is important for all American Indians and Alaska Natives to participate in the 2020 Census.

What’s in it for me?

The 2020 Census is an opportunity to provide a better future for our communities and future generations. By participating in the 2020 Census, you help provide an accurate count of American Indians and Alaska Natives. Your responses to the 2020 Census can help shape how billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed each year for programs and grants in our communities.

The 2020 Census is our count. Our responses matter. Regardless of age, nationality, ethnicity, or where we live, we all need to be counted.

Responding to the 2020 Census is:

- **Easy**: In early 2020, every household in the United States will receive a notice to complete the census online, by phone, or by mail.
- **Safe**: Your responses to the 2020 Census are confidential and protected by law. Personal information is never shared with any other government agencies or law enforcement, including federal, local, and tribal authorities.
- **Important**: The federal government and local American Indian and Alaska Native leaders and decision-makers will use 2020 Census data in a variety of ways that can benefit Native people and our communities.

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**Frequently Asked Questions**

- **Q. Who should complete the census questionnaire?**
  - A. One person in the home should complete the questionnaire and include every person living there, includingatives, noncitizens, babies, and children.

- **Q. How can I answer the race question?**
  - A. An individual’s responses are based upon self-identification. You may mark one or more of the race categories and/or enter multiple tribes or multiple detailed groups. Each write-in area will record up to 200 characters and up to six detailed groups.

- **Q. What kind of assistance is available to help people complete the questionnaire?**
  - A. Assistance responding to the 2020 Census will be available on 2020Census.gov and via our toll-free phone number. Language guides, language glossaries, and language identification cards will be available in 29 non-English languages. Large print guides to the questionnaire will also be available upon request, as well as telephone services for hearing impaired. On 2020Census.gov, video tutorials and how-to resources can help you complete your census form. Many communities, partners, and local organizations will also provide assistance.

- **Q. How does the Census Bureau count people without a permanent residence?**
  - A. Census Bureau employees work extensively to take in-person counts of people living in group housing, like college dormitories and shelters, as well as those experiencing homelessness or who have been affected by natural disasters.

**2020 Census Key Dates**

- **January-April 2020**: First census enumeration takes place in Toksook Bay, Alaska.
- **March 2020**: Census notices are mailed or delivered to households.
- **March-May 2020**: Census takers visit each household to update address lists and collect information on the questionnaire.
- **April 1, 2020**: Census Day
- **May-July 2020**: Census takers visit households that have not completed the questionnaire.
- **December 31, 2020**: By law, the Census Bureau delivers population counts to the President for apportionment of congressional seats.
- **March 2021**: By law, the Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.

For more information visit: 2020Census.GOV

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Raccoon hi-fa-pi-te

Squirrel hi-ne-qi hah-nee-quah

Horse m’say-way

Dog we-se

Numbers from 1-10
1 - ne ko te
2 - ne se we
3 - ne fe we
4 - ne ya we
5 - ne ya li ne
6 - na ko ta wi fe
7 - ne se wi fe
8 - fe wa se ke fe
9 - ge yi ki te fe
10 - ma ti fe

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*Deadline has been moved to SEPT. 30*
NOT GOING TO BE HOME!!!
CALL AND LET US KNOW AT 405-275-4030
EXT 6227 or 6270
OR NOTIFY YOUR DRIVER

Title VI UPDATE

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BREAKFAST SERVED FRIDAYS 9AM TO 11AM

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Title VI Update

Title VI Elderly Nutrition Program

Dear Absentee Shawnee Tribe Members,

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

Guidelines:

1. Absentee Shawnee Member
2. Must be 65 years or older
3. Must live in the Title VI Member have a current intake form on file (FY 2020)
4. Must provide Proof of Residency (utility bill - in the applicant’s name)
5. Handicap/Disabled
6. NO RENTAL PROPERTY WILL BE PAID.

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

This year we are trying to get an early start on our grass mowing list. Any questions you can reach me at 405-275-4030 ext. 6272 or email me at dowings@astribe.com

Title VI
Elderly Nutrition Program

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

Grocery Application

D.O.B. ______

The following are the requirements for this program:

1. Must be an Absentee Shawnee Member
2. Must be 65 years and older
3. Must be on Title VI Member have a current intake form on file (FY 2020)
4. Handicap/Disabled
5. Must provide Proof of Residency (utility bill - in the applicant’s name)
6. NO RENTAL PROPERTY WILL BE PAID.

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

e-mail: dowings@astribe.com

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

NAME: ____________________________

ADDRESS: ____________________________

CITY: __________________ STATE: ______

PHONE NUMBER: __________________

MESSAGE PHONE: __________________

EMAIL: ____________________________

FINDING DIRECTIONS TO HOME: ____________________________

DISCLAIMER: Maintenance will move any items that are in the way of cutting your yard. So be sure to have your yard cleaned. If you are able or can get some help in getting there yard cleaned, you will be very much helpful in maintaining your yard.

Title VI Update

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BREAKFAST SERVED FRIDAYS 9AM TO 11AM

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday
1 5 Hot Dog
Onions, chez
Tater Tots
Mandarin Oranges
6 2 Spaghetti
w/meat sauce
Green beans
Salad Bar*
7 AST COMPLEX
CLOSED
8 Egg Rolls
Stir Fry Veggies
Pineapples
9 Baked Chicken
Wild Rice
Cauliflower
10 Taco Casserole
Ranch Beans
Tossed Salad*
11 Ham
Scrambled Eggs
English Muffin
12 Pineapple

13 AST COMPLEX
CLOSED
14 Labour Day
15 Baked Fried Chicken
Mashed Pot/Greavy
Vegetables
16 Tamale
Refried Beans
Southwest Salsa
17 Baked Potato
Ham, chez, onions
Broc. N Cheese
Pudding
18 Scrambled Eggs
Sausage Gravy
Biscuit
19

20 14 Chef Salad
W/Chicken
Cottage Cheese
Peaches
21 Beef Fingers
Mashed pot/Greavy
Brussel Sprouts
Cookie
22 Beans w/ ham
Steak fries
Cornbread
Mashed Fruit
23 Turkey
Dressing/Greavy
Green Beans
Cobbler
24 Cereal
Racon
Toast
Fruit
25

26 27 Smoked Sausage
Mac n Cheese
Vegetables
28 Chicken Patty
Sandwich
LTOP
Chips/Orange
29 Fish
Coletlaw
Broccoli
Health puppies
30 Cornbread
Macaroni
Cheese
Broccoli

**CDI:** ______

**Grocery Application:** D.O.B. ______

The following are the requirements for this program:

1. Must be an Absentee Shawnee Member
2. Must be 65 years and older
3. Must be on Title VI Member have a current intake form on file (FY 2020)
4. Handicap/Disabled
5. Must provide Proof of Residency (utility bill - in the applicant’s name)
6. NO RENTAL PROPERTY WILL BE PAID.

The Absentee Shawnee Title of Oklahoma Title VI Department will move any items that are in the way of cutting your yard. Maintenance will move every 2 weeks weather permitting. Also, the maintenance workers will not trim trees, shrubs, and will not move any items that are in the way of cutting your lawn.

Title Six Update

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

Some of our greatest blessings call us Grandma & Grandpa

September 4 AST Day AST Complex will be closed
September 7 Labor Day AST Complex will be closed no delivering meals or drive by
September 8 we will be delivering and handing out the frozen and/or shelf stable meal box and this will be the last day to turn in your coloring sheet.
September 14 Grandparents Day - "The Best Parents get promoted to Grandparents" - elders have you told your grandkids, great grandchildren of your Grandparents? What you learned from them? The time I spend with my grandbabies I tell them stories of my grandmothers and make sure they spend time with their great grandmas and Great Papa. Just love those grandbabies make those memories and take pictures!! September 14, we will start our Bingo’s again (the ones you take home and do activities!!)

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us at 405-275-4030 ext 6227 or email me at dowings@astribe.com
Director’s Meeting  
August 16, 2020

Briana Ponkilla, CCDF Coordinator  
LaNora Buswell, CCDF Specialist

- July 8: Understanding and Addressing the Impact of COVID-19 in Tribal CCDF Program Webinar
- July 14: Web meeting with MIS Re: BB
- July 15: Follow Up Webinar from July 8 Meeting
- July 17: Meeting with Vendors Re: BBLA Splash Pad
- July 30: Monthly CCDF Tribal Grantee Meeting
- August 13: Meeting with Finance Staff/Treasurer Re: Grant Finances
- August 14: ASP Backpack Distribution Event

Child Care Subsidy:
- Currently have 31 children from 15 families under AST Tribal child care subsidy. 12 AST Children and 3 AST Employees.
- Processing Monthly Provider Timesheets.
- Working on updating Plan Preprint policies based on Amendments.

After School Program
- Waiting on approved reopening.
- Distributed school supplies and back packs to previous enrolled ASP students.

Building Blocks
- Both Center Directors working on Quality Projects at each facility to spend FY2019 funds.
- BBIII and BBII are closed at the moment.

CCDF
- Working to complete AST CCDF Policies and Procedures.
- Plans to spend CCDF Covid-19 funds to enhance child care services and local industry.
Looking for Foster Parents

“SHARE YOUR HEART, SHARE YOUR HOME”

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

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, we have three staff members working daily in the office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. These staff members include the Director, the Administrative Assistant and the Gift Shop Manager. The remaining three staff members (THPO, THPO Specialist and Librarian) are working remotely Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Gift Shop

The Gift Shop is currently closed to all visitors. However, in accordance with the Tribe’s protocols, once Phase II is entered, we will be allowing tribal members to come in and shop by appointment only. 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. Only 2 customers will be allowed in at a time. 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 also placed decals on the floor to help with social distancing, have had plexiglass installed in front of the register for protection and hand sanitizer stations have been installed for use. 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 logo bearing merchandise available for purchase such as t-shirts, hats, cups, polo shirts, and cardigans. We also have new shipments from Pendleton, Crazy Crow and J. Pinto Saddle Blanket and an assortment of beadwork.

In addition to the new products, currently, we are running a 20% sale on last season’s Pendleton products and Minnetonka Shoes, and we still have some previous season zip up hoodies and long sleeve shirts on sale for $5.00. Sizes vary from 2X and up. So, please once the tribe enters Phase II, 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, the Librarian, is working on protocols that will ensure the safety and protect the health of all visitors. More information will follow in the future.

THPO

The THPO program has continued working remotely to make sure federal projects do not go un-reviewed. Ms. Devon Frazier, the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, and Ms. Ashley Brokeshoulder, the THPO Specialist, continues to answer all incoming Section 106 correspondences. They have also taken part in numerous teleconference calls with different federal agencies.

Grants

As previously mentioned in last month’s article, in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, extensions to all grants were applied for within the department. The extensions were granted, and all grants have been extended for another year to ensure the department is given the opportunity to best utilize and expend awarded funds to the fulfillment of the department’s goals.

On July 15th, the department received some good news. The library was selected by the Institute of Museum and Library Services to receive the FY2020 Native American Basic grant. Currently, the department is still waiting to hear if the applications for the THPO grant and the ANA Language grant were selected to receive funding.

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@astribe.com.
A VERIFIABLE COPY OF CDIB CARD MUST BE ATTACHED FOR EACH MEMBER

MINORS & COPY OF LEGAL CUSTODY/GUARDIANSHIP PAPERS (IF APPLICABLE)

ABSENTE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

The Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma has declared that a General Welfare Emergency does exist due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. All Adult tribal members who are eighteen (18), on or before June 1, 2020, will be eligible for $3000.00. All enrolled children, 17 and younger, on or before June 1, 2020 will be eligible for $1500.00 through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funding. All tribal members must meet one or more of the following conditions as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic: (Please check all that apply)

 Need of Medical Supplies and/or Equipment
 Financial or Economic needs
 COVID-19 symptoms resulting in quarantine or social distancing
 Furlough from Employment
 Considered High risk due to medical health and/or age
 Need of Food items
 Termination of Employment, or inability to gain employment
 Daycare, School, or any Educational Institute Closure
 Difficultly in making rental payments, mortgage payments, and utility payments.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

I hereby certify that I have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to the list above.

Name: ____________________________________  Enrollment #: __________________
Mailing Address: ________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

Signature: __________________________________ Date: _________________________
Parent/Guardian Signature: _______________________________________________________

ALL DISBURSEMENTS WILL BE HANDLED ACCORDINGLY AND IN A TIMELY MANOR.

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

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

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 workout spaces for private use. Please continue to practice social distancing, wear your masks, and remain at home when you can.

THANK YOU!!

If you have a birthday or an anniversary to submit for next month’s newsletter, you may email to
newsletter@astribe.com

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