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Why Wear a Mask? To Protect All

NOTICES

MASK DISTRIBUTION

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

Chad Larman
Emergency Manager

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

85th
Semi -Annual
General Council Meeting
POSTPONED

The Executive Committee wear their masks to protect Absentee Shawnee Tribal 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,



Pictured L-R: Representative Alicia Miller, Lt. Governor Kenneth Blanchard, Governor John R. Johnson, Secretary Ezra DeLodge and Treasurer Joseph Blanchard.

headache, and shortness of breath. However, the amount of CO2 created by wearing a mask is miniscule 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>



AST COVID-19 Education Aid Program

In Response to the COVID-19 pandemic and public health emergency, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe has established the COVID-19 Education Aid Program. This service will assist tribal member students directly impacted by the changing methods in which educational facilities are highly impacted on how they will deliver education.

The COVID-19 Education Aid Program is intended to provide assistance for tribal member students during the pandemic. Social distance learning is becoming a matter of great importance in keeping our students safe from spreading the virus. Therefore, technology has become a great learning tool for students and teachers safety through COVID -19.

The COVID-19 Education Aid Program will provide gift cards of (\$500.00) for tribal member students between Pre-k through College. The funds will go towards helping our tribal students in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and public health emergency effect on our educational facilities. The gift card must be used for purchasing necessary educational items in regards to virtual learning or school supplies.

Education Aid Program Eligibility:

- Must be an enrolled member of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma on or before **June 1st, 2020**
- Must be an enrolled student Pre-k through College
- Must complete the COVID-19 Education Aid Program application for the tribal member student.
- Must have a copy of student's class schedule (or documentation stating the member is a student of said school).
- Must have a copy of student's current CDIB card (attached to application).
- All applications **MUST BE SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th, 2020.**
- **FUNDS MUST BE USED BY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31st, 2020 BEFORE 11:59 P.M.**

If you were unable to make the distribution events, you may email educationaid@astribe.com to schedule a pick-up appointment (after September 1st) or opt to have your card mailed.

**** MANDATORY REQUIREMENT: Once purchases have been made with the gift card, all receipts must be received by AST Finance Department by December 30th, 2020 ****

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- College students applying for the COVID-19 Aid Program must be enrolled in no less than 6 credit hours per semester. Technical school students applying for COVID-19 Aid Program must be enrolled into a program full-time.
- Online learning institutions will need a class schedule of no less than 6 credit hours per semester or a school verification letter with school seal/stamp.
- Homeschool students, applying for the COVID-19 Aid Program will need to provide a copy of a letter from the principal of the school district where the child resides. We also understand some homeschools have parents sign a form which releases them from the responsibility of educating the student, this form would be acceptable for verifying enrollment.

AFTER MAKING PURCHASE(S), A RECEIPT WILL NEED TO BE TURNED IN TO THE FINANCE OFFICE located at the AST Complex.

You may down load the application:

https://www.astribe.com/sites/default/files/covid-19_education_aid_program_application_2020_0.pdf

NOTICE

Effective 9/1/2020 Schedule Change Drive-Thru COVID19 & Antibody Testing

Little Axe Health Center
405.447.0300

COVID-19 Drive-thru testing
available on **1st & 3rd Tuesdays**
from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm
ANTIBODY testing available on
1st & 3rd Thursdays from
4:30 pm-6:30 pm

Shawnee Clinic
405.878.5850

COVID-19 Drive-thru testing
available on **2nd & 4th Wednesdays**
from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

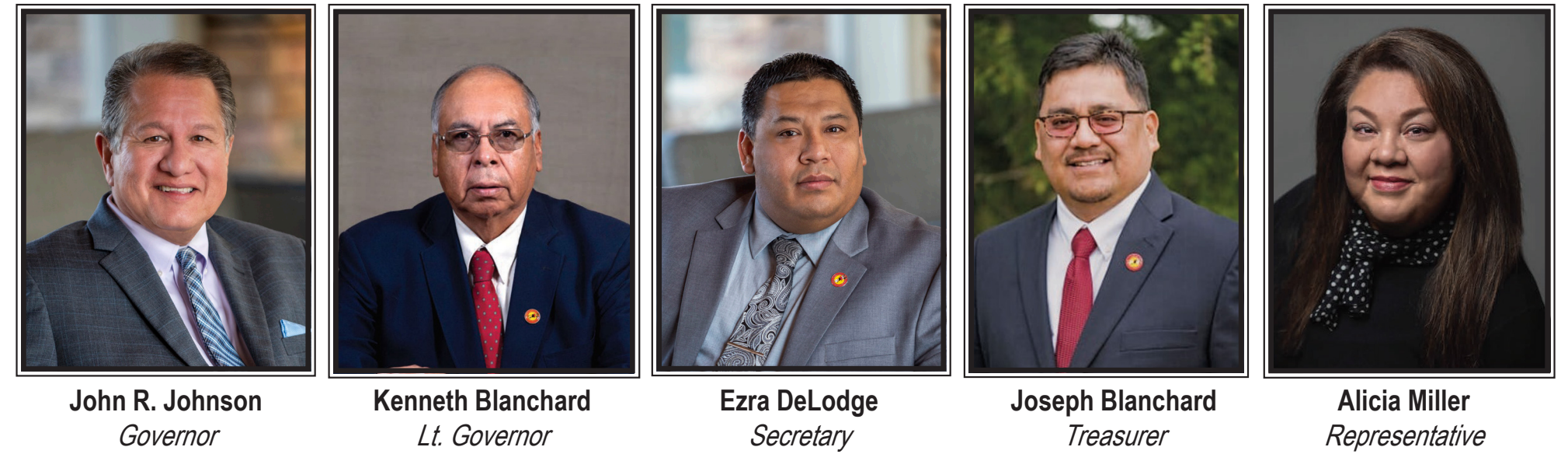
*Testing is open to public.
Fore testing inquiries, please call:
405.695.1787*

Remain in your vehicle.
Bring proper identification.

For Antibody Testing...
Wear a mask
Be prepared to have blood drawn.
Those not being tested will not be
allowed entry into the clinic
Testing is available to anyone ages 10
and older.



Future Closings: Labor Day - 9/7/2020



Governor’s REPORT

JOHN R. JOHNSON
AST Governor

Greetings Tribal members,
As you all are aware, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe felt it necessary to revert back to Phase 1 of our Recovery plan on July 27. Following this decision, we began mandatory COVID testing for staff. To date, all tests for essential employees have returned negative. As this newsletter goes to print, we are still testing staff. All staff, both essential and non-essential, must have a negative test before returning to work. If you are an employee and have any questions regarding this policy, please contact your director.
We will move to Phase 2 on September 1. This means the complex will return to full-staffing, and the AST complex will reopen to tribal members by appointment only – no other visitors will be allowed on campus. We will have one entrance and one exit at the complex manned by AST police to perform temperature checks on employees and visitors. For the safety of our members, all staff will wear PPE when they are within 6 feet of another individual.
We are still encouraging members to conduct business by phone or email if possible. If you must visit for business, please call the department and schedule a meeting beforehand. Our high-risk employees will continue to work from home and may not be available for face-to-face meetings.
Lastly, as many are returning to school and work, I would like to urge you to continue to wear your mask and follow the protocol suggested by the Centers for Disease Control. Although numbers are not necessarily dropping, we are not seeing large spikes like we had before. I believe this is due to people taking precautions.

Please stay safe.

Governor John Johnson



Secretary’s REPORT

Ezra DeLodge
AST Secretary

Tribal Members,
I hope all is well and you are all in good spirits. Unfortunately, Covid-19 is still a major concern and a topic we should all continue to take very serious. Please continue taking your safety precautions and continuing to stay informed with what is happening.

With the passing of Resolution E-AS-2020-4, which amended the organizational chart, the Secretary’s office now has oversight of Enrollment, Education, Domestic Violence and ICW. My hope for each of these departments is to find out what each department is doing with the services they provide. What is their rallying point for the people they serve? How can we make these departments better and what more can we do for our tribal members? I feel it is important to develop a better understanding of knowing our purpose, what we do and who we do it for.

As always if you have any questions or concerns my office is always open, or I will make time to discuss any issues that need to be communicated. Please contact me by email ezrad@astribe.com or cell 405-432-0733.

Respectfully,
Tribal Secretary Ezra M. DeLodge, MBA

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 of work 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 electronic/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 request was submitted and extension granted to August 31st. The Controller said, “In speaking with independent auditors, we anticipate an “Unmodified Opinion” for 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 simply ask our folks to give us time to acclimate to this new environment. The issues or concerns were here before the election and were not created overnight. Likewise, finding solutions will not happen immediately. Only with proper planning and preparation will we be able to accomplish great things for our Tribe.
If you have any questions, or would like to express your concerns, share ideas, you may reach me at Ext. 6280 or send an email to: jblanchard@astribe.com

Neyiwa!

Joseph H. Blanchard

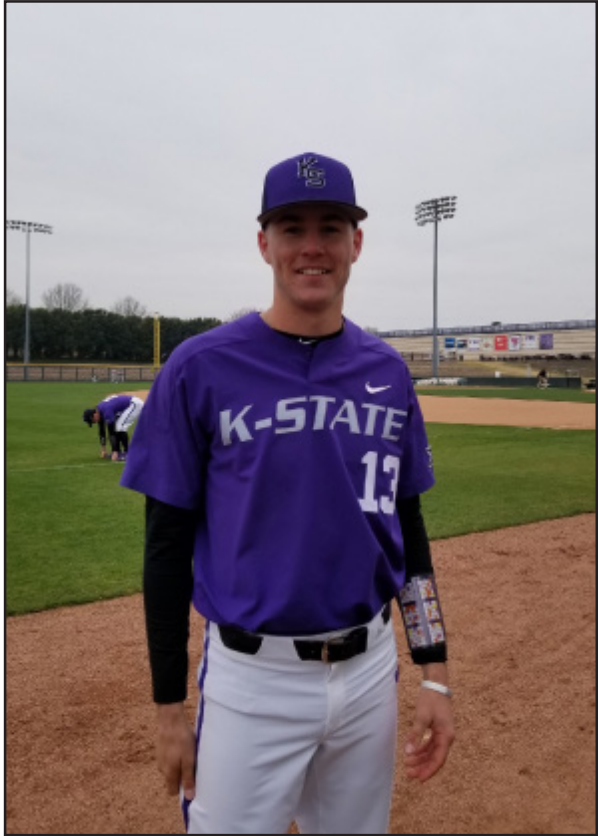


Congratulations

Congratulations to Caleb LittleJim, Absentee Shawnee tribal member, for graduating from Kansas State University, Manhattan KS, with a degree in Kinesiology in May 2020.

Caleb is a son of Clint and Lisa of Little Axe, grandson of Charles and Lorene LittleJim. Caleb is a student-athlete who excelled in baseball as well as in the classroom.

Due to Corona virus shutdown, his season was cancelled after seven games. Family members are thankful for his accomplishments.



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Representative’s REPORT

ALICIA MILLER
AST Representative

Ho wa se ke sa ke! (Good day)

During this national pandemic and nationwide slow down, I can report the AST Executive Committee continues to remain very busy. I have been in office a little over a month and I continue to familiarize myself with tribal processes, tribal member needs and concerns, COVID-19 updates and various tribal board meetings.

As with a new Executive Committee entering into office, we held a Special Meeting on Thursday, August 6, 2020, to update the organizational chart. Through several informal meetings and presenting of drafts, we agreed on a format which best suited our skill-sets and experience as oversight for the various programs. We comprehensively agreed to have oversight of all boards, commissions and committees for greater transparency and access to information, however, we also continued with the liaison appointments for daily/weekly interactions due to our active EC schedules and again for greater information dissemination amongst the EC. There were also 2 additional agenda items which were in relation to expenditures for COVID-19 funds for the Department of Safety. More information was requested and both resolutions were tabled. We all understand COVID-19 funds must be expended by 12/30/2020 and funds used for ineligible purposes become a debt that must be repaid to the Treasury Department. When reviewing the existing priority list we carefully consider if the items are necessary expenditures in relation to the pandemic. The priority listing is always evolving and changes based on the actual needs of the tribal membership. Everything takes planning, short and long term. Before a decision can be reached, all the available data must be presented to make informed decisions on behalf of the tribe each and every time.

The EC jointly worked on the AST Education Aid Program for our tribal students (pre-k to college) for their various education and technological needs due to COVID-19. We also passed by resolution at the monthly EC meeting held on August 19, 2020. During the planning, discussions were held and it was concluded if we pursued laptops we would be caught up in the order back log some area schools were experiencing and we needed to aid students as quickly as possible. Card distribution events were held on Friday, August 28st (Thunderbird Casino-Norman Event Center Awning) and Saturday, August 29th (AST Complex). Applications will continue to be accepted until September 30, 2020 for this school year. If you have any questions regarding this program, an email has been set up for tribal member inquiries: educationaid@astribe.com.

We also worked to further develop a temporary hazard pay policy for our employees who have been serving our tribal people and the public during this wave of COVID-19. We appreciate our employees who continue to do the work they do to keep our programs functioning including putting themselves and their health on the line. The pandemic has been difficult for all and this is an avenue to recognize those who are stepping up to help serve our community. This policy was presented and passed during the regular monthly EC meeting held on Wednesday, August 19, 2020.

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 another individual.
- 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 Crow 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 Mrs. 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 want to wish the best of luck to 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 on around you. Be strong, be safe and have a healthy September. Ne yi wa! (Thank you!)

Alicia (Aly) Miller
Tribal Representative
Cell: 405.287.5247
Email: aliciam@astribe.com



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE ELECTION COMMISSION
OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS
ANNUAL ELECTION JUNE 20, 2020

This is to announce the **OFFICIAL** results for the June 20, 2020 Annual Election for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. This Election was held on the above date pursuant on the Constitution and the Election Ordinance. All votes were counted at the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Lt. Governor

Sacha Almanza	__113__ Votes
Kenneth Blanchard	__207__ Votes
Isaac Gibson, Jr.	__135__ Votes
Anthony “Tadpole” Johnson	__48__ Votes

Treasurer

David Deer	__97__ Votes
Leah D. Bender	__143__ Votes
Joseph Blanchard	__235__ Votes
Betty L. Watson	__72__ Votes

Representative

Atheda W. Fletcher	__188__ Votes
Andrew Warrior	__129__ Votes
Alicia “Aly” Edwards-Miller	__230__ Votes

ELECTION COMMISSION


Commission Member #1

James Cody Spybuck, Jr __ 1__ Votes

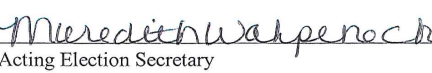
Commission Member #2

No One Filed

We the Officials are responsible for declaring the above election results do here by claim the above statements are true and correct to the best of our knowledge.


Acting Election Commissioner


Acting Deputy Commissioner


Acting Election Secretary

Date: July 2, 2020


Acting Commission Member #1


Acting Commission Member #2


Tribal Judge

Resolutions

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 INDIANS 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 OF 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 DEBIT 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.



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405.878.5950

LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER

405.447.0300

PLUSCARE

405.447.0477

ASTHS September 2020 Monthly Update

Please help support us with our pandemic precautions Public Health campaign today! Our “My 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 fighting 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 Dos 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 Vitiello, 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

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL HEALTH SYSTEM

SCHEDULED CLOSINGS

SEPTEMBER 2020

AST Health System will be closed on the following dates:

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4, 2020 *(AST Day Observed)*

PlusCare Clinic open at 9 AM, last patient accepted at 4:30pm
& Little Axe Pharmacy open from 9 AM- 5 PM

SHAWNEE CLINIC-SAMEDAY CLOSED
SHAWNEE PHARMACY CLOSED
LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER CLOSED

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5th

PlusCare and Shawnee SameDay clinic open 9 AM-5 PM (last patient seen at 4:30 PM)
Little Axe Pharmacy and Shawnee Pharmacy open from 9 AM- 5 PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6th

PlusCare open 9 AM- 5 PM (last patient at 4:30 PM)
Little Axe Pharmacy open from 9 AM- 5 PM

MONDAY, SEPT. 7, 2020 *(Labor Day Observed)*

ALL AST HEALTH FACILITIES CLOSED

Please call your medication refills in to the pharmacy at least 24 hours in advance prior to our scheduled closing date.
Shawnee Pharmacy 405.878.5859 • Little Axe Pharmacy 405.292.9530

In the event of a predicted severe weather forecast, please call ahead for possible health system closure or delay.
Little Axe Health Center 405.447.0300 • Shawnee Clinic 405.878.5850 • PlusCare 405.447.0477

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

NOTICE EFFECTIVE 9/1/20

SCHEDULE CHANGE TO COVID-19
DRIVE- THRU & ANTIBODY TESTING

LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER, 405.447.0300

COVID-19 testing held on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

ANTIBODY testing held on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm (Antibody testing is only available at LAC)

SHAWNEE CLINIC, 405.878.5850

COVID-19 testing held on 2nd & 4th Wednesday from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

Testing is open to the public.

For testing inquiries please call: 405.695.1787.

*Note: If it is raining or adverse weather, testing will not be conducted.

For Your Visit PLEASE...

Bring proper identification

Remain in your vehicle

For Antibody Testing ...

Wear a mask

Be prepared to have blood drawn

Those not being tested will not be allowed entry into the clinic

Testing available to anyone ages 10 and older

It's only available at LAHC

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PHARMACY REMINDER

We are sorry about your wait!


As we are in uncertain times, we are doing our best to reduce your exposure to COVID-19. We understand you are experiencing a longer than usual wait in our pharmacy drive-thru and we apologize for the inconvenience. In order reduce the drive-thru wait times, we need your help:

- To help us better serve you please call 24 hours in advance for prescription refills.
- When your medication refills are ready you will receive a text or automated call to inform you.
- Please ensure your info is correct with pharmacy and request you get notifications for medication refill updates.
- Please wait for the pharmacy notification that your medications are ready for pick up before joining the drive-thru line.

Little Axe Health Center Pharmacy- 405.292.9530
Shawnee Clinic Pharmacy- 405.878.5859


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(TALK)



Absentee Shawnee
Health Systems
Shawnee & Little Axe

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**

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

BILLING & PAYMENT INQUIRIES Little Axe Health Center & Shawnee Clinic	REFERRAL MANAGEMENT Little Axe Health Center	REFERRAL MANAGEMENT Shawnee Clinic
Glendine Blanchard, PRC Director Daria Gatzman, PRC Specialist Lena Carroll, Claims Processor Jennifer Wells, PRC Technician	Debi Sloat, PRC Deputy Director/RN Leslie Davis, PRC Health Specialist/LPN Lawana Martin, PRC Specialist, Medicaid Patients Melinda Ferrell, PRC Specialist	Flo Mann, PRC Specialist, AST Patients/LPN Laurie Webber, PRC Specialist, IHS Patients/LPN Carrie Stanley, PRC Specialist, Medicaid patients/ Medical Assistant

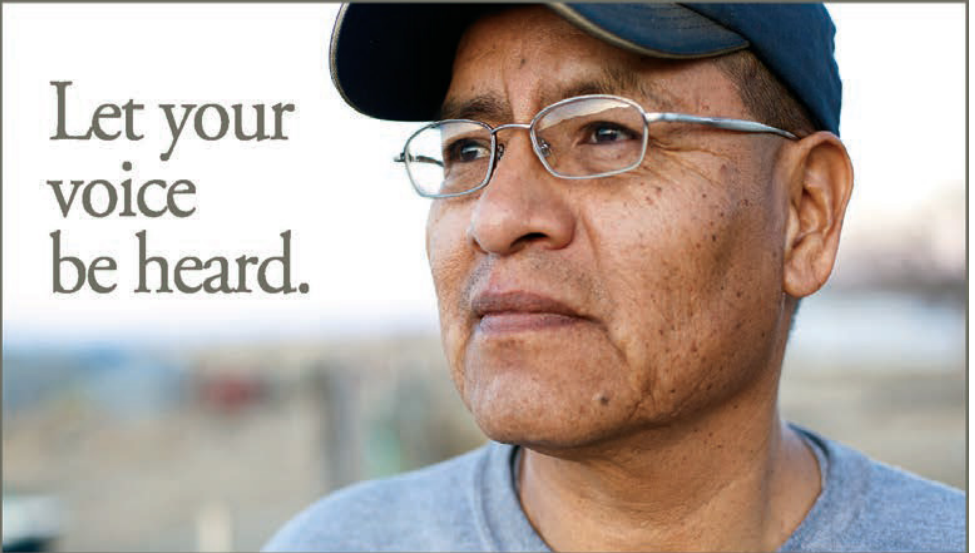
LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER PRC
405.701.7951 (Please follow voice prompts)
405.447.0300 (Secondary)

SHAWNEE CLINIC PRC
405.878.5850 (Primary)
405.878.4702 (Secondary)



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL HEALTH SYSTEM
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Ne-Hi-Ki-Wa-Sa-Pa. We listen.



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

Together, we will fulfill our mission.

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

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


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



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL HEALTH SYSTEM
Prevention. Progress. Pride.

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Absentee Shawnee Tribe Behavioral Health Services



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

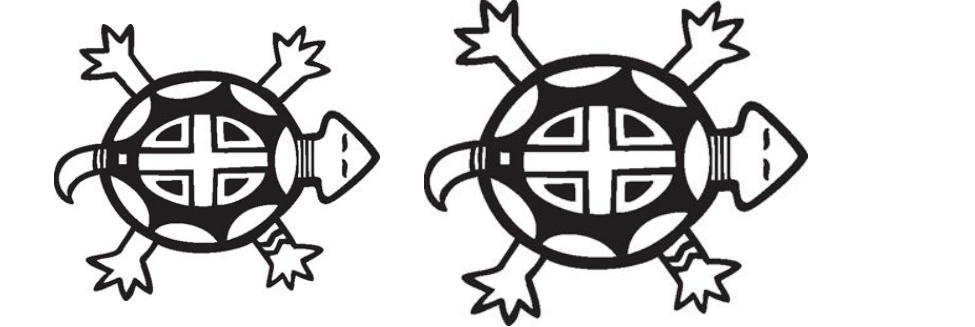
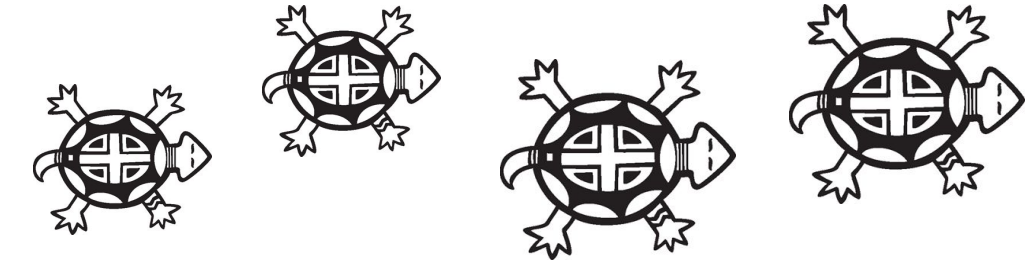
Wellbriety Group Meetings

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



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL HEALTH SYSTEM SCHEDULED CLOSINGS

SEPTEMBER 2020

AST Health System will be closed on the following dates:

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4, 2020 (AST Day Observed)

PlusCare Clinic open at 9 AM, last patient accepted at 4:30pm
& Little Axe Pharmacy open from 9 AM- 5 PM

SHAWNEE CLINIC-SAMEDAY CLOSED
SHAWNEE PHARMACY CLOSED
LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER CLOSED

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5th

PlusCare and Shawnee SameDay clinic open 9 AM-5 PM (last patient seen at 4:30 PM)
Little Axe Pharmacy and Shawnee Pharmacy open from 9 AM- 5 PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6th

PlusCare open 9 AM- 5 PM (last patient at 4:30 PM)
Little Axe Pharmacy open from 9 AM- 5 PM


MONDAY, SEPT. 7, 2020 (Labor Day Observed)

ALL AST HEALTH FACILITIES CLOSED

Please call your medication refills in to the pharmacy at least 24 hours in advance prior to our scheduled closing date.
Shawnee Pharmacy 405.878.5859 • Little Axe Pharmacy 405.292.9530

In the event of a predicted severe weather forecast, please call ahead for possible health system closure or delay:
Little Axe Health Center 405.447.0300 • Shawnee Clinic 405.878.5850 • PlusCare 405.447.0477

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



LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER

LI-SE-WI-MOT HEALTH, INC.
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DENTAL EMERGENCY CLINIC

BEGINS AUGUST 17, 2020

15951 Little Axe Drive Norman, Oklahoma 73026

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

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



For more information, visit www.asthealth.org



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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UNITED for OKLAHOMA

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

These are the facts every Oklahoman must know.

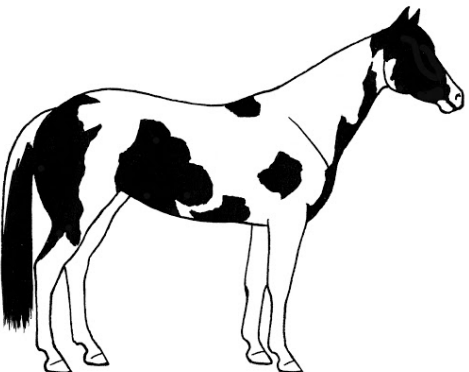
Watch the videos and stay informed at:
UnitedForOklahoma.com



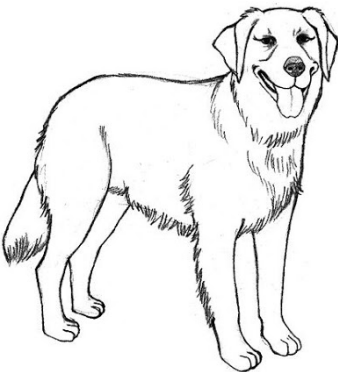
Raccoon
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Squirrel
hi-ne-qi
hah-nee-quah



Horse
m’say-way



Dog
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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, including relatives, nonrelatives, babies, and children.

> Q. How can I answer the race question?

A. An individual’s response is 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 59 non-English languages. Large-print guides to the questionnaire will also be available upon request, as well as telephone devices 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 displaced 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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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



Happy Birthday to the Sept AST Members



Alaee, Sheila Sepideh
Alexander, Lisa Marie
Alford, David Paul
Allen, Tasia Lynn
Applegate, Jason Grant
Arellano, Brayden Joe George
Arms, James Louis
Arms, Michael Brandon
Armstrong, Darrell Lynn
Arrieta, Dana Laree`
Atwood, Stephen Jacob
Baldwin, Ayden Cole
Barnard, Katrina Tate
Barnes, Jordan Tylor
Barriga Jr., Rogelio Alberto
Bateman, Thomas Albert
Bates, Charles Edward
Beaver, Matthew David
Bellin, Chance Andrew
Bellin, Jack Matthew
Berry, Shane Tecumseh
Bittle, Kyli Rose
Blanchard Jr, Reuben Caleb
Blanchard Jr., Leland Dale
Blanchard Sr., George Melvin
Blanchard, Chael Harper
Blanchard, Consuela Sirena
Blanchard, Craig Lewis
Blanchard, Jacob Dakota
Blanchard, Paulette Louise
Blanchard, Reuben Caleb
Blanchard, Summer Gail
Blankenship, Fabian Mae
Blocker, April Dawn
Bolt, Mia Angelina Kayleigh
Bonds, Theresa Jo
Bosquez, Emilia Marie Nicole
Bowens, Kendra Rachelle
Bradley, Ernest Timothy
Brinkoetter, Karen Kay
Brown, Addilynn Emmalee
Brown, Rebecca Fay
Bruner, Rhiannon Lydia
Bullock, Valerie Yolanda
Bump Sr., Richard Dewitt
Burnett, Darrell Wayne
Burns, Alex J
Burns, Natasha Brooke
Butcher, Sallie Elizabeth
Callaway, Katie Mae
Cargo, Odessia Lynn
Carlson III, Dennis Roy
Carlson, Daniel Ray
Carnes, Haley Ann Marie
Carpenter, Cynthia Marie
Charley Whatley, Maddisson Noel
Charley, Garry Joe
Clark, Nathan Allen
Clinesmith, Brooklyn Makay
Cobell, Julee Rae
Coddington, William Luther
Cody, Donna Noreen
Colungo, Redena Sue
Combs III, Frederick Cecil
Conces, Susan Nicole Olivia
Coon, Ella Kay
Cortez, Stephen Kaleb
Cravens, Goldie Ann
Creek, Josephine
Creek, Ralph Samuel
Creek, Vanessa Fire
Crosswhite, Hunter Raven
Culwell, Bryson Gene
Cypret, Norman Wayne
Deer, Brandon Jeremy
Deer, David Joel
Deer, Jalen Dean
Downey, Cheyenne Rena
Downs, Debra Ann
Draper, Anna Faye Kay
Duncan, Carolyn Ann
Edgmon, Jeorgia Annabella
Elam, Marquese Dashawn
Ellis, Eric Wade
Ellis, MaKenzie Rae
Ellis, Richard Bryant
Ellis, William Bryant
Elmore, Christa Ann
England, Aubrey Sue Marie
Ferrell, Melinda Kay
Foreman, Stefany Elayne
Foster, Linda Jean
Fowler, Janyah Raily
Frazier, Rickie Dewayne
French, Jeffery John

Fritsch, Jadyn Mark
Fuentez, Cruzito Damacio
Ganaway Jr., Mark Terrell
Garretson, Cody Ronald
Garza Jr., Gary Don
Gibson Jr., Isaac
Gibson, Edna Faye
Gibson, Grayson Wayne
Gibson, Jennifer Michelle
Gibson, Justin Ryan Hill
Gillespie, Tamara Sue
Gilman, Peter Howard
Gouge, Ashlynn Jean
Graham, Thomas Wendell
Grass, Brooklynn Rayne
Gregory, Samuel Edwin
Hackbarth, Marissa Lucille
Hadjiconstantinou, Openia Sue
Hale III, Phillip Wayne
Hall, Christayl Rachell
Harjo Jr, Benjamin
Harjo Jr., Burton Thomas
Harris, Suzy Diane
Harvey, Shelia Lynn
Haumpy Jr., William Allen
Haumpy, Talia Sharee
Hicks, Angelia Jean
Higgins, Constance Darlene
Hill, Amanda Nicole
Hill, Dreyton Scott
Hixon, Carson Lee
Hobia, Kamryn Aurora
Holt, Kaylee Lilian
Holt, Trenton Riley
Hood, Malacki David Weslyon
Houston, Michael
Houston-Fenix, Lexus Nicole
Hurst, Brian Keith
Jacobs, Kasiana Marie
James, Billie Jane
James, Zachary Lee
Jimerson, Tyrone Dremain
Johnson, Brady James
Johnson, Brandon W. C.
Johnson, Eryn Edward
Johnson, Ki'Arra Joy
Johnson, Lewis Allen
Johnson, Locv Lee Jace
Johnson, Lyndsey Marie
Johnson, Sandra Kay
Johnson, Santana Little Bear
Jones, Kamora Monica
Jones, Selden Parks
Jones, Tsegan Araujo
Jordan, Wendi Renee
Josytewa, Dakota Daniel
Kaseca, Kristin Nikole
Kaseca, Paul Daniel
Kelly, Gayla Ann
Kelly, Kellie Marie
Kickapoo, Roy Matteson
Killian, Angelic Marie
Kilmer, Aldon James
Kirby, Emma Grace
Kmatz, Jacob Alexander
Kowitz, Trentyn Mikal
Kupczynski, Coreena June
La Plant, Ryan Zachary
Langston, Zachary Daniel James
Laplant, Raymond Lowell
Larney, Darrell Scott
Lee, James Stacey Chang-Sun
Leedom, Donna Jeanne
Leetka, Dominic Lee
Leupp, Lenora Little Creek
Limon, Justine Danielle
Little Axe III, Troy Lee
Little Axe, Brittany Elaine
Little Axe, Jason Randall
Little Axe-Sadongei, Carolyn
Little Charley, Paige Marie
Little Jim, Charles Kerwin
Little Jim, Jason Webster
Little, Christina Kathaleen
Littlebear, Kianna Carolyn
Littlecreek, Joshua Dwight
Livsey, Mckinzy Diane
Lockner, Krin Kimberly
Longhorn, Juanita Louise
Longhorn-Dees, Aireanna Belle
Longman, Anthony Lamont
Longman, Emily Redena
Longman, Jordyn Christian Spybuck
Longman, Shea Michael
Lopez, Angela Michelle

Louvier, Natasha Renee
Love, Faith Annaleigh
Lowe, Ariaiah MaRae
Lowe, Brian James
Lowe, Caden Elijah
Lowe, Raelynn Mae
Mack, Zander Luis
Manley, Sue Ann
Mann, Ethan Coe
Mann, John Edward
Martin, Juston Allen
Martinez, Brandon Paul
Martinez, Leo Littlecreek
Masquas, Jace Gabriel
Masquas, Jaylen Nathaniel
Mauldin, Charlotte Vada Renia
Mayfield, Destiny Renee
McAnally, Amber Chantel
McGirt, Douglas Burton
McGirt, Os'Keowv Nokose
McGirt, Vincent Carlos
McKinney, Lucia Jade
McMahan, Ashley Rae
McPherson, Jeremy Lee
Medina, Jocelyn Adelene
Miller, Esperanza
Monk, Riley JaLisa
Morrell, Kristy Ann
Morris, Brandon Zachary
Morris, Raymond Ray
Morton, Myla Brook
Moyer, Katherine Elizabeth
Murry, Stevey Raynae
Nance, Jada Karyn
Nance, Kameron Jace
Nelson Jr., James Bradley
Nelson, Telisa Renee
Nelson-Mann, Brady Charles
Neske, Christopher Hugh
Nice, Hunter Eli
Norton, Jai'Ahnna Anjali
Ochoa, Florence Pauline
Olinger, Stephen Garrett
Olivas, Elijah Tiger
Ongaco, Alexandra Renee`
Ortiz, Mariella Raelynn
Pack, Trace Matthew
Palacios, Phyllis Diana
Panther III, William
Panther, Raymond Dale
Panther, Sophia Aylin
Pierce, Mahkinlee Allyn
Ponkilla, Edmond Lee
Ponkilla, Timothy James
Poston, Teresa Sue
Powell, Christopher Scott
Powell, Robert M
Powell, Wesley Lynn
Prettyman, Faith Grinell
Proctor, Noah Gene
Purcell, Jason Lee
Reeves, Marian Louise
Ridenour, Katelynn Faith
Roberts, Jimmy Dean
Routledge-Hunt, Brandi Faye
Rowan, Cobie Mae
Ruimveld, Shacoda Louis
Ruimveld, Shawn Wade
Ruiz, Kathlene Luiza Mae
Ryan, Danielle Marie
Salisbury, James Haydyn
Sampson, Sharon Louise
Sandoval, Teri Kaye
Schmitz, Tana Marie
Schnell, Jennifer Christine
Serena, Gary Allen
Sharpe Jr., Chevis Shenold
Shaver, Brittney Nicole
Shaver, Jordin Lei
Sherrill, Jocelynn Elyssa
Shupe, Joshua Michael
Simpson, Julian Elliot
Sloat, Alec Duane
Sloat, Colby Trae
Sloat, Garrett Davis
Smith, Kristi Dawn
Snake, Jana Rachelle
Soap, Jakobi Christopher
Soap, Wilson Lee
Spoon, Dakota Austin
Spoon, Eric Louis
Spoon, Kenneth Lee
Spriggs, Helen Wyatt
Spybuck, Justice Evan
Spybuck, Kase Brennon

Squire, Shawneecey Jordawna
Squire, Takota Lynn
Stallin, Kiara Daelene
Starr, Meranda Lynn
Stoliby, Sean Ryan
Switch, Eastman Kelly
Switch, Isaac Jay
Switch, Mrs. Lana Iris
Switch, Susan LeAnn
Tackett, Elliana Leighan
Tascier, Samuel Ethan
Terres, Paula Ailene
Thompson, Carter Dane
Thompson, Darian Andrew
Thompson, DeShayla Tamia
Thorpe, Grace Janette
Thorpe, Keenan Allen
Thorpe, Melanie Lea
Thorpe, Rachel Danielle
Thorpe-Emhoolah, Lorrie Ann
Tiger, Alisha Lynn
Tiger, Christopher Neal
Tiger, Clementine Cecilia Rose
Tiger, Darryl Dean
Tiger, Dion Henry
Tiger, Gladys Jean
Tiger, Mary Augustina
Tiger, Phyllis Gail
Tiger, Terrance Nathan
Torres, Hector Gene
Tullius, Kaley Mariah
Tyner, Marcus Charles
Valdivia, Joseph Enrique
Valdivia, Ronald David
Vazquez, Tyler Keith
Wahpekeche, Meredith
Wahpekeche, Silas Kane
Walley, Breanna Joy
Walsh, Malissa Lisa Renee
Warrior Jr., Lucian J.
Warrior Sr., Manuel Anthony
Warrior, Levi Stafford
Washington Jr., Eric Sean
Washington, Nicholas Shane
Watkins, Mickaela Marie
Watkins-Long, Natalia Grace-Christine
Watson, Betty Lou
Watson, Jo Ann Spybuck
Westberry, Amanda LeJean
Whims, Ethan Bradley
White III, Charles Daniel
White, Nina Renee
Whitecloud, Bluesky Rain
Whitecloud, Raqueal Amae
Whited, James Aaron
Wilburn, Joshua Wayne
Wilkerson, Lawrence Anthony
Wilkerson, Tammy Lynn
Williams, Christopher John
Williams, Kade Thomas
Williams, Kuruk James
Williams, Sonja Barbara Gosney
Williams, Taren Janea
Wilson Jr., Darrell Gene
Wilson, Patrick Loyd
Wilson-Porambo, Anthony Thomas
Winrow, Rickie Dawn
Winter, Brendan James
Winter, Tammy Lyn
Winter, Tara Ann Nicole
Woods, Anna Marie
Yates, Tyson Todd
Yeahpau, Jeri Maye
Yones, Amber Marie

Title VI UPDATE


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 13, Grandparents Day - "The Best Parents get promoted to Grandparents" – elders have you told your grandkids, great grandkids 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

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
BREAKFAST SERVED FRIDAYS
11AM TO 1PM
9AM TO 11AM



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Hot Dog Onions, chez Tator Tots Mandarin Oranges	2 Spaghetti w/meat sauce Green beans Salad Bar*	Scrambled Eggs Sausage Gravy Biscuit	4 AST COMPLEX CLOSED AST DAY	5
6	7 AST COMPLEX CLOSED LABOR DAY	8 Egg Rolls Stir fry Veggies Rice Pineapples	9 Baked Chicken Wild Rice Cauliflower Pears	10 Taco Casserole Ranch Beans Tossed Salad* Peaches	11 Ham Scrambled Eggs English Muffin Fruit	12
13 	14 Baked Fried Chicken Mashed Pot/Gravy Veggies Bread	15 Tamale Refried Beans Southwest Salad* Salsa	16 Pork N Potatoes Green Beans Crisp	17 Baked Potato Ham, chez, onions Broc. N chez Pudding	18 Scrambled Eggs Sausage Gravy Biscuit	19
20	21 Chef Salad W / Chicken Cottage Chez Peaches	22 Beef Fingers Mashed pot/Gravy Brussel Sprouts Cookie	23 Beans w/ ham Steakfries Cornbread Mixed Fruit	24 Turkey Dressing/Gravy Green Beans Cobbler	25 Cereal Bacon Toast Fruit	26
27	28 Smoked Sausage Mac n Chez Veggies Grapes	29 Chicken Patty Sandwich LTOP Chips/Orange	30 Fish Coleslaw Broccoli Hushpuppies			

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma

2025 South Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801-0381

Title VI
Elderly Nutrition Program

Dear Absentee Shawnee Tribal Members

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

Guidelines:

1. Absentee Shawnee Member

2. Must be 55 years and older

3. Must be an Title VI Member, have a current intake form on file (FY-2020)

4. Must provide Proof of Residency (utility bill – in the applicants name)

5. Handicap/Disabled

6. NO RENTAL PROPERTY WILL BE MOWED

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

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

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

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Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Title VI Department
2025 S Gordon Cooper Dr
Shawnee OK 74801
405-275-4030

CDIB # _____
D.O.B. _____

Grass Mowing Application

The Following are the requirements for this program:

1. Must be an Absentee Shawnee Member

2. Must be 55 years and older

3. Must be an Title VI Member (have an current intake form for the current year 2020)

4. Handicap/Disabled

5. Must provide Proof of Residency (utility bill must be in applicant's name)

6. NO RENTAL PROPERTY will be mowed

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

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ MESSAGE PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

FINDING DIRECTIONS TO HOME:

*DISCLAIMER

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



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.
 - a. **Only 2 customers** will be allowed in at a time.
 - b. **NO children allowed.**
- 3. Avoid close contact (Social Distance)
 - a. Please keep 6 feet between you and other customers
- 4. Use hand sanitizer as often as possible
- 5. Sorry...NO public restroom is available. Temporarily closed due to COVID-19.

We have 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 El Paso 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.

Looking for Foster Parents



“SHARE YOUR HEART,
SHARE YOUR HOME”

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

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Tuesdays and Thursdays

Please call 405-275-4030 for additional details

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL MEMBERS

APPLYING FOR TRIBAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE (T.E.A) (A ONE TIME YEARLY PAYMENT OF \$150.00 PER RESIDENCE)

ELIGIBILITY

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

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

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

APPLICATION ALSO ONLINE: www.astribe.com

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

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Child Care
Development Fund Programs
La-pe-we-ki-wa ho-ge-wa-pe-fa-yi mi-ti-ge
“Lifelong Learning Begins Here.”

Program Services:

- Building Blocks Child Development Center II- Shawnee, OK- Tribally Operated Child Care Center
- Building Blocks Child Development Center III- Little Axe, OK- Tribally Operated Child Care Center
- AST Child Care Subsidy Program- Child Care Assistance
- AST After School Program- Horseshoe Bend Community- After School Care
- AST After School Program- AST Complex, Shawnee- After School Care
- For information about these services please visit the AST website at www.astribe.com/Childcare
- Contact information:
 - ✕ BBCDCII- Shawnee (405)878-0633 Email: ecrawford@astribe.com
 - ✕ BBCDCIII- Little Axe (405)360-2710 Email: rebeccaj@astribe.com
 - ✕ AST Child Care Subsidy (405)432-8411 Email: briana.ponkilla@astribe.com
 - ✕ AST ASP- HSB (405)432-8411 Email: lanora.buswell@astribe.com
 - ✕ AST ASP- Shawnee (405)432-8411 Email: lanora.buswell@astribe.com

2020 PROGRAMS

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

PROGRAMS ARE DEPENDENT ON FUNDING AVAILABILITY

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SERVICES

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

LOCATED AT 107 NORTH KIMBERLY IN SHAWNEE, OK.

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE – SHAWNEE DEPARTMENT EXTENSIONS (405) 275-4030

Gov.	Governor John R. Johnson	6308	<u>ENROLLMENT</u>		<u>PROCUREMENT</u>	
	Alvina Barnes	6307	Amanda Webb	6292	Misty Griffith	6291
	Kim Porter	6269	Marla Massey	6288		6244
		6301	Brittany Coughran	6290	Tara Battise	6281
Lt. Gov.			<u>FINANCE</u>		Rebecca Kennedy	6410
	Lt. Governor Kenneth Blanchard	6253	Jason Murdock	6233	Blake Wiggins	6422
	Diane Ponkilla	6267	Jennifer Crenshaw	6228	Lisa Camren	6232
		6325	Sandra Burnett	6294	Brayden Queen	6339
Secretary			Tracey Dickson	6279		
	Secretary Ezra DeLodge	6289	Kymberly Hazlett	6250	<u>REALTY</u>	
	Fallon Jackson	6275	Courtney Green	6300	Charlotte Valero (Director)	6246
	Kylia Pinson	6306	Holly Davis	6265	Cara Usrey (Probates)	6248
Treas.			Colleen Longhorn	6320	Taylor Carter	6247
	Treasurer Joseph Blanchard	6280	Bralynn Barnes	6385	Yecica Gutierrez	6420
		6309	Laina Martin	6424	Kimberlee Billie	6235
		6341	Phyllis Wahahrockah-Tasi (Grants)	6338		
Rep.			Lu Kindblade (Grants)	6283	<u>SOCIAL SERVICES</u>	
	Rep Alicia Miller	6239	Kryste Carter (Grants)	6284	Annie Wilson (Director)	6311
		6240	Charla Garcia	6344	Nancy Edwards	6225
			Bronte Pearson (Grants)	6295	<u>TAX COMMISSION / TAG</u>	
			Conf. Room	6397	Alicia Engler	6257
			<u>HUMAN RESOURCES</u>		Shelby White	6258
				6296	Mindy Longhorn	6286
			Casey Adams	6337		6237
				6222		
			Katie Carlaw	6346	<u>TITLE VI</u>	
			Jennifer Dixon	6252	Thomasine (Doss) Owings (DIR)	6227
			Lauren Parish	6423	Lula Bettelyoun, Donna Butler, Robert Schoolfield, Ted Watson, Cindy Carpenter	6270
			<u>ICW</u>		<u>OTHER EXTENSIONS</u>	
			Shawnee Martinez	395-4491	Bldg. 1 Conf. Rm.	2009
			Kylia Pinson	395-4492	Bldg. 1 Break Rm	6305
			Paige Little Charley	395-4493	Gov. Bldg. 2 Conf. Rm.	6330
			<u>MAINTENANCE</u>		Fam. Svcs. Conf. Rm.	6311
			Kevin Kaseca	6316	Finance Conference Rm	6236
			Sheila Orphan	6331		
			Robert Komacheet, Joe Morton, John Mann			
			Reta Harjo	6249	<u>OTHER ENTITIES & TOLL FREE</u>	
			Stephen Fife, Isaac Bettelyoun, Stacy Coon,		All Nations Bank	273-0202
			Duke Blanchard		ASEDA	878-6782
			<u>MIS</u>		Toll Free	1-800-256-3341
			HELP DESK	3100	Brendle Corner	447-3372
			Travis O'Dell	6327	Building Blocks	878-0633
			Donna Cody	6402	(Barbra Pope)	
			Amelia Grass	6329	Building Blocks III LA	360-2710
			Fred Brown	6342	(Skye Foreman)	
			Rafael Rodriguez	6332	Enrollment	481-8650
			Kelly Chambers	6328	Housing	273-1050
			<u>OEI</u>		Human Resources	275-1468
				6223	Media	598-1279
			Jarrold Lloyd	6229	(Sherman Tiger)	
			Devin Leitka	6299	OEI/OEP	214-4235
			Kyra Underwood	6398	Police Dept.	275-3200 / 275-3432
			Micah Issacs	6230	Thunderbird Casino NRM	360-9270
			<u>POLICE DEPT</u>		Shawnee Casino	273-2679
			Brad Gaylord (Chief)	6302	Tax Commission	481-8600
			Jason Brinker	6259	Tribal Store (Little Axe)	364-0668
			Steven Crisp	6262	<u>LITTLE AXE CLINIC</u>	
			Linda Day	6261	Clinic - Medical	447-0300
			James Woolbright	6276	L.A.Plus Care	447-0477
			Levi Walker Emergency Mgmt	6268	Dental Clinic	307-9704
			Patrol Room	6278	Diabetes	360-0698
			Chard Larman Emergency Mgmt	6391	Pharmacy	292-9530
					Resource Center	364-7298
					(Chrissy Wiens, Buster Bread, Blake Goodman)	
					<u>SHAWNEE CLINIC</u>	
					Clinic (Bldg. 17)	878-5850
					Pharmacy	878-5859
					Toll free	1-866-742-4977
					Rhonda Kaseca	878-4702

Last updated: 7/23/20

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

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



Office of Environmental Health & Engineering
Brownfield Tribal Response Program

What is a Brownfield?



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.

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."




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

Follow us on Facebook to view and comment on current and upcoming projects
 www.facebook.com/ast.environmental.programs

RESOURCE CENTER NOTICE:

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

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

Thank you,



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL
HEALTH SYSTEM
Prevention. Progress. Pride.



If you have a birthday or an anniversary to submit for next month's newsletter, you may email to

newsletter@astribe.com

Domestic violence is not
a Native American tradition.



STRONGHEARTS
Native Helpline

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

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

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



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Absentee Shawnee Tribe of OK
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee OK74801
405.275.4030



A VERIFIABLE COPY OF CDIB CARD MUST BE ATTACHED FOR EACH MEMBER

FOR MINORS: A COPY OF LEGAL CUSTODY/GUARDIANSHIP PAPERS (IF APPLICABLE)

*** ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS MUST HAVE A COMPLETED APPLICATION ***

☐

ADULT

MINOR

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ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

GENERAL WELFARE RELIEF FUND APPLICATION

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)

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

(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 MANNER.

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Date Received: _____	Enrollment Verified: _____
Finance Verified: _____	Family Name: _____
Amount Paid: _____	# of Children: _____
Date Paid: _____	Verified Child Enrollment: _____
Check #: _____	