

Law Governing Adoptions of Native American Children Upheld

By KEVIN McGILL

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A 1978 law giving preference to Native American families in foster care and adoption proceedings involving American Indian children is constitutional, a federal appeals court ruled Friday, reversing a lower court judge in a case fraught with emotional arguments over adoptive families being “torn apart” and the urgency of protecting tribal families and cultures.

The decision from a three-judge panel the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeal in New Orleans upholds the Indian Child Welfare Act in a lawsuit involving non-Indian families in multiple states who adopted or sought to adopt Native American children.

Opponents of the law called it an unconstitutional race-based intrusion on states’ powers to govern adoptions. But the 5th Circuit majority disagreed, saying the law’s definition of an “Indian child” is a political classification.

The opinion by Judge James L. Dennis said the U.S. Supreme Court has long recognized that Congress has broad power to regulate Native American tribes. And it said the act’s definition of Indian child is broad.

“As Defendants explain, under some tribal membership laws, eligibility extends to children without Indian blood, such as the descendants of former slaves of tribes who became members after they were freed, or the descendants of adopted white persons,” Dennis wrote. “Accordingly, a child may fall under

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Thunderbird Entertainment Center Continue Renovations



Thunderbird Entertainment Center, Norman and Shawnee continue to work on renovations on the interior and exterior of both casino facilities.

In Norman the upcoming projects are to coincide with the new exterior paint and mural completed back in July; additional renovations will include rocked accents areas, new signange, and a resurfaced parking lot.

We are currently reviewing bids for border lighting, up lights for the mural area selecting the best candidate to complete the work. Currently under construction is a scenic rocked retaining wall that is being erected at the entrance, we have included with this article photos of the work in progress.

The Shawnee casino will be getting a fresh look indoors with an added video wall for showing sporting events and a larger seating area for enjoying our already great food options. The change will enhance our Food & Beverage offered and bring an improved sense of entertainment to the facility.

The changes will be impactful to casinos by presenting an updated look and inviting atmosphere thus, translating into more traffic and business to both casinos.

Lisa D. Frazier, Marketing Director



Absentee Shawnee Tribal Police and Cleveland County Sheriff’s Take CCSO Oath



Pictured left to right are: Undersheriff Blake Green, Officer Rickey Jones, Capt. Steven Crisp, Officer Trevour Story, Officer Jason Reid, Officer Russell Harjo, and Officer James Woolbright.



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As part of the cross-commissioning of Absentee Shawnee Tribal Police and the Cleveland County Sheriff’s Office, several officers took the CCSO oath of office today administered by Undersheriff Blake Green and committed to uphold our Mission, Vision and Values while working in our jurisdiction.



The Cleveland County Sheriff’s Office has served the citizens of Cleveland County since 1889. Under Sheriff Todd Gibson, our Mission: Putting others before ourselves as we compassionately serve and courageously protect is something we live daily. The Sheriff’s Office is committed to Transparency, Integrity, Relationships with the community and other agencies to increase efficiency, Innovation to improve training and learning opportunities and continuously improve.



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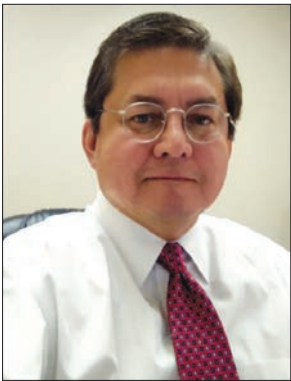
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Governor’s REPORT

Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe
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Hello Tribal People!

It seems Fall Season is here but it does not feel like it as the temperature is still in the high eighties and low nineties. The General Council Meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2019 at 10:00 am at the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex. Hope to see everyone there!

GAMING COMPACT

Since the release of the September newsletter, Tribal Leaders have met and sent another letter out on September 10, 2019 to the Office of the Oklahoma Attorney General – Mike Hunter (AG). As this issue continues, most, if not all tribal nations in Oklahoma, are still standing together as one. The Tribal Leaders Meeting was held at the Osage Casino in Tulsa, Oklahoma on September 10, 2019 at 1:00 pm.

Tribal Nations that were in attendance:

- Absentee Shawnee Tribe
- Pawnee Nation
- Eastern Shawnee Tribe
- Ottawa Tribe
- Sac and Fox Nation
- Kickapoo Tribe
- Iowa Tribe
- Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe
- Alabama Quassarte Tribe Town
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- Apache Tribe
- Wyandotte Nation
- Peoria Tribe
- Kiowa Tribe
- Ponca Tribe
- The Office of Attorney General Mike Hunter has hired a law firm from Michigan to aid the state in gaming conversations. The State is looking for assistance from this firm in terms of renegotiating the tribal gaming compacts. As this issue continues to fold out, we will keep you, the Tribal People of our Great Tribe - the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, updated.

OKLAHOMA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

As everyone is aware, there has been construction on I-40 Interstate Highway due to a turnpike being built. It is nearing completion with this expansion crossing the lands of three sovereign nations: the Kickapoo Tribe, Absentee Shawnee Tribe and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

It has been practiced that segments of the turnpike extending across tribal nations have been named in honor of those tribes whose land the turnpike crosses. The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority is committed in continuing this practice in order to honor the nations whose land they cross, as well as to increase public awareness of Oklahoma’s tribal nations.

With the majority of the facility falls within Kickapoo tribal jurisdiction, trust lands were acquired for the construction of the turnpike with the support of the Kickapoo Tribe. The OTA would like to recognize the turnpike in naming the turnpike “The Kickapoo Turnpike”.

Letters were sent out from the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for our approval. We did send in a letter of approval in support of the naming of “Kickapoo Turnpike”. We congratulate our neighboring tribe, the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma, for a great honor and recognition of the State.

Governor August and September Meetings

August

21st 6:00 pm United Indian Nations Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas Board Member Meeting In Pawnee, Oklahoma

22nd 1:00 pm Tribal Leaders Gaming Compact Meeting at the Grand Casino

29th 2:00 pm meeting with EC

30th AST Day (Closed)

31st Senior Games OKC Played 3 on 3 Basketball

September

2ND Labor Day (Closed)

6th Walk through at new CTSA Building 10:00 am

7th Tribal Leaders invite from OU President attend OU Football

9th 9:00 am Tribal Court

10th 1:00 pm Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association Tribal Leaders Meeting Gaming Compact Osage Casino, Tulsa, Oklahoma

11th 6:00 pm Traveled to Osage Casino for Reception for Fawn Sharp running for NCAI President

12th 8:00 am United Indian Nations Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas, Inc., Meeting at the Osage Casino Tulsa, Oklahoma

13th 2:00 pm Finley and Cook Meeting – CTSA Financials

16th 9:00 am Directors Meeting Lt. Governor and I took Directors out to breakfast as there were a few that showed up for Directors Meeting.

Present at Meeting: CCDF Coordinator/ After School, Absentee Shawnee Housing, Courts, Maintenance, Social Service, Domestic Violence, Media.

It has been bought to my attention that directors that are not oversight of the Lt. Governor or The Governor was told they do not have to attend the directors meeting that are called on every 3rd Monday of each Month.

18th 10:00 am Executive Committee Meeting I was not present due to a presentation I planned 5 months ago. It was a personal presentation so 8 hours of leave was taken. This was the First Executive Committee Meeting that I was not present in 6 years.

EXPRESSIONS

For those families who may have lost a loved one this month, I offer my sincere condolences to you and your family on your loss.

CONCLUSION

I appreciate Tribal Members that have come by my office or called with their concerns. My door is open unless I am in a meeting or attending a meeting elsewhere. My office is not behind locked doors.

Help me make a difference and stand beside me and let us “Build for the Future” (BFF)

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Representative’s REPORT

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Greetings Tribal Members:

My monthly article will be fairly short this time since the Fall General Council is right around the corner. The departments for which I have oversight and I will be providing comprehensive reports for the General Council book. I hope that tribal members will be able to attend the 2019 Fall General Council on October 19. If you are unable to attend and would like to review the General Council book, it will be posted on the tribe’s website after the General Council meeting. The website address is www.astribe.com

The following is a brief summary of activities since last month’s article.

Cultural Preservation.

The CP Department staff has been very busy conducting all sorts of activities. All of its activities are announced in our AST newspaper. If you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the CP staff. The CP Director, Andrea Ellis-Harrison, will be providing an update on its activities in a separate article in this month’s edition.

Human Resources.

The HR Department has successfully rolled out the new 401(k) plan. The HR staff conducted a series of informational meetings where employees were provided with key information and opportunities to ask questions. The 401(k) Plan had not undergone an assessment in over 10 years—so it was way past time to assess and upgrade. I anticipate an overall monetary savings to the tribe in plan costs of 15-20% plus improved over all services for employees.

Employees’ benefits open enrollment is fast approaching and the HR staff is gearing up for this event as well as many other employee end-of-year festivities. InsureOK has continued to be a win-win for our tribe. I am pleased to announce that this subsidy is continuing to bring revenue back to our tribe and we are on track to reach by year end an estimated \$210,000. I anticipate that we will again bring over \$200,000 in subsidy revenue to our tribe for year 2020. This is money that has been left on the table for years, and I will strive to put in place the proper mechanisms for the future so that our tribe continues to grow this revenue stream that contributes greatly to our tribe and its employees.

The HR staff is also undertaking a branding project. Building a brand isn’t about changing who we (the tribe) are; it’s about taking ownership in communicating who we are to the rest of the world. A strong brand tells the story from the heart of the tribe as an organization. It puts into words and pictures and colors what the people closest to it feel and believe. When we take the time to develop our brand, we ensure that the integrity and character of who we, as the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, are stays intact for future generations. Good branding increases the value of an organization, shifts perceptions, provides employees with direction and

motivation, and makes communication easier— both internally and externally.

Assisted Living Action (ALA) Committee.

The ALA Committee is collaborating closely with our Clinic and the AST Housing Authority on its Assisted Living and Independent Living initiatives. We anticipate that WIPFLI will finalize the market study and feasibility study by October. Once we receive this information, we will provide informational meetings for tribal members. At our last meeting, our guest speaker was from the CP Community Development Corporation who explained the Community Facilities Relending Loan Program. This program provides loans for essential community infrastructure so that people who live and work in rural areas can enjoy the same basic quality of life and services as those in urban areas. All federally recognized tribes are eligible borrowers for these program funds. The ALA will be looking at various vehicles for possible funding for our projects. Much work and planning is still ahead of us.

Gaming Commission

I continue to work with the Gaming Commission staff to improve and take corrective action in many areas. As part of my responsibilities of oversight, I have attended OIGA hosted Tribal Leaders meetings on the subject of the renewal of the State Gaming Compact.

I, Governor-elect John Johnson and Treasurer Phil Ellis continue to schedule time to meet with legislative representatives to share our story on how we support our local communities and all Oklahomans. It is vital that all Oklahomans have the facts and figures on how much tribes contribute to the success of the State of Oklahoma. The Oklahoma Native Impact Study provides these facts and figures. As for the AST, our tribe accounted for \$78.5 million in direct Oklahoma production and \$145.2 million in economic impact statewide.

In celebration of the success of the Oklahoma Native Impact Study, the Tribal Financial Consortium hosted a Reception and Dinner at the Gilcrease Museum on September 10. This was an impressive event attended by many tribal leaders. The Native Business news provided coverage of this event. Check it out at www.nativebusinessmag.com

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Service Announces Landmark Revision to Eagle Retention Policy

In a monumental decision that underscores the agency's commitment to honoring the wishes of federally recognized Tribes, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has revised its policy regarding the retention of eagle remains on lands within Indian Country. Federally recognized Tribes are now able to retain bald and golden eagle remains found on these lands under certain conditions and with the proper permits.

In 2017, the Service hosted numerous in-person and telephone consultation opportunities for federally recognized Tribes in the United States. During these consultation sessions, Tribal members requested the ability to retain bald and golden eagle remains found on their lands. The Service has revised its policy to accommodate this request.

The updated policy has three goals: authorize the retention of eagles found by a Tribe's members in Indian Country, enhance eagle conservation on these lands, and avoid unnecessary human health or safety challenges that some deceased eagles pose.

"The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is honored to have the ability to support Tribes' spiritual, religious and cultural pursuits by authorizing the retention of eagle remains found by federally recognized Tribal members on their lands," said Principal Deputy Director Margaret Everson. "By working together, we hope to conserve bald and golden eagle populations for future generations."

“The Trump Administration is proud to acknowledge the significance of the eagle in many Tribal cultures,” said Joe Grogan, Director, White House

Domestic Policy Council. “This new policy honors that significance as well as the commitment Tribal governments have displayed leveraging their sovereignty, in concert with the United States, to safeguard the bald eagle and other eagle species of religious importance in Tribal communities. It also cuts back needless bureaucratic red tape. The White House thanks the Department of the Interior for leading the way to this sensible new policy.”

“Because of its intrinsic beauty, skill and courage, the eagle is a valued symbol of America and has long been venerated in many Tribal cultures throughout Indian Country,” said John Tahsuda, Interior Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs. “Indian Affairs staff have worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Tribal nations on a common-sense approach to the handling of bald and golden eagle remains found on Tribal lands. This updated eagle remains retention policy respects Tribal cultural and religious practices while protecting eagle populations now and in the future.”

Under the updated policy, a federally recognized Tribe must receive a permit prior to possessing eagle remains found within Indian Country. When a Tribal member or an employee of a federally recognized Tribe discovers eagle remains, he or she must report it immediately to Tribal or Service law enforcement officials.

Eagle remains found and reported may be eligible for return to the federally recognized Tribe for religious purposes after the Service completes any activities it deems necessary for law enforcement or for scientific management reasons.

If the Service or a Tribal law enforcement officer designated by the Service determines that the eagle

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was not taken intentionally and human health risks aren't suspected or known, it may be transferred directly to the respective federally recognized Tribe as long as the proper permits are in place.

Bald and golden eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, the Lacey Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Certain activities like harassing, killing or selling these species are strictly prohibited. Eagles that are unlawfully taken, diseased, poisoned or part of an ongoing investigation will not be eligible for distribution.

More information regarding the Service's eagle retention policy update can be found at <https://www.fws.gov/nativeamerican/eagle-retention-policy.html>

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under ICWA's membership eligibility standard because his or her biological parent became a member of a tribe, despite not being racially Indian."

The decision was a victory for the U.S. Justice Department, which defended the law, and supporters who say the law is needed to protect and preserve Native American culture and families.

“We are pleased that the court followed decades of legal precedent in its ruling, preserving a law that protects Indian children and allows them to retain their identity by staying within their families and tribal communities,” leaders of the Cherokee, the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, the Oneida Nation and the Quinault Nation said in a joint press release.

Tyson Johnston, vice president of the tribal council of the Quinault Indian Nation in Tahola, Washington, was one of numerous tribal representatives who attended arguments in New Orleans in March. "This serves the best interest of our native children and families," he said in a telephone interview.

The ruling's immediate effect on adoptive families was unclear. Matthew McGill, an attorney who represented four families was not immediately available for comment Friday evening.

The lead plaintiffs in the lawsuit challenging the law are Chad and Jennifer Brackeen, a Texas couple who fostered a baby eligible for membership in both the Navajo and Cherokee tribes. The boy's parents voluntarily terminated their parental rights and the Brackeens petitioned to adopt him. After legal battles, they were able to keep him when a placement with a Navajo family fell through. They hope to adopt his younger half-sister, according to briefs.

McGill represents the Brackeens and a Minnesota couple, the Jason and Danielle Clifford, who were unable to adopt a child who lived with them after having been shuttled among foster homes. “The Cliffords’ family was literally torn apart,” he told the appeals court judges during arguments in March.

Dennis wrote for a panel that also included judges Jacques Wiener and Priscilla Owen. A footnote in the opinion said Owen dissented in part and would soon file a separate opinion.

A promotional graphic for Thunderbird Casino. The top half features a torn-edge, parchment-like background with the text "\$1,000 THROWDOWN" in large, bold, serif fonts. Below this, a ribbon banner reads "FRIDAYS". Further down, the text "WIN \$1,000 INSTANTLY!" is displayed in a mix of bold serif and sans-serif fonts. The bottom half of the graphic has a solid dark red background. On the left, the Thunderbird Casino logo (a stylized bird) is shown next to the text "THUNDERBIRD CASINO" and "NORMAN". On the right, the text "FRIDAYS • 5PM-10PM" and "ONE HOT SEAT EVERY HOUR" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif fonts. At the very bottom, a small line of white text provides details about the promotion: "Hot Seats will be held at a random time each hour between 5pm and 10pm. Must be actively playing a slot machine to be eligible."

Flu Season is HERE

Article submitted by Stephanie Comstock, Public Health RN

October is the official beginning of Flu season in the United States. Flu season occurs annually and runs from the month of October through March, although flu can occur any time of year. If you've ever had the flu, you know how miserable it can be. Symptoms include, but are not limited to: Fever, cough, runny nose, sore throat, muscle aches, headaches and fatigue. Flu sufferers can any or all of these symptoms, and even occasionally GI upset, like diarrhea, but this is more common in children. Every year flu causes 8% of the U.S. population to become ill and 56,000 people pass away from complications of having the flu.

Most experts believe that flu viruses spread mainly by tiny droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby. Less often, a person might get flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose or possibly their eyes.

The best protection from the flu that you can give yourself is to always wash your hands, cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze and to GET VACCINATED. Employees of the tribal health system receive their flu shots free of charge through employee health and are encouraged to get the mandatory vaccination as early as possible. Each AST clinic will be offering flu shots, and Shawnee Same Day clinic and Plus care will offer vaccinations to adults and children as young as 3 years old. Be on the lookout for information about extended hours vaccination clinics and pre-general council vaccine clinic!

From the Harvard Medical School website, here are 10 common myths about the flu

1. MYTH: You can catch the flu from the vaccine.

The flu shot is made from an inactivated virus that can't transmit infection. So people who get sick after receiving a flu vaccination were going to get sick anyway. It takes a week or two to get protection from the vaccine. But people assume that because they got sick after getting the vaccine, the flu shot caused their illness.

2. MYTH: Healthy people don't need to be vaccinated.

While it's especially important for people who have a chronic illness to get the flu shot, anyone — even healthy folks — can benefit from being vaccinated. Current CDC guidelines recommend yearly vaccination against influenza for everyone older than 6 months of age, including pregnant women.

3. MYTH: Getting the flu vaccination is all you need to do to protect yourself from the flu.

There are a number of steps you can take to protect yourself during flu season besides vaccination. Avoid contact with people who have the flu, wash your hands frequently, and consider taking anti-viral medications if you were exposed to the flu before being vaccinated.

4. MYTH: The flu is just a bad cold.

Influenza may cause bad cold symptoms, like sore throat, runny nose, sneezing, hoarseness, and cough. But in the United States alone, 56,000 people die and more than 200,000 are hospitalized each year because of the flu.

5. MYTH: You can't spread the flu if you're feeling well.

Actually, 20% to 30% of people carrying the influenza virus have no symptoms.

6. MYTH: You don't need to get a flu shot every year.

The influenza virus changes (mutates) each year. So getting vaccinated each year is important to make sure you have immunity to the strains most likely to cause an outbreak.

7. MYTH: You can catch the flu from going out in cold weather without a coat, with wet hair or by sitting near a drafty window.

The only way to catch the flu is by being exposed to the influenza virus. Flu season coincides with the cold weather. So people often associate the flu with a cold, drafty environment. But, they are not related.

8. MYTH: Feed a cold, starve a fever.

If you have the flu (or a cold) and a fever, you need more fluids. There's little reason to increase or decrease how much you eat. Though you may have no appetite, "starving" yourself will accomplish little. And poor nutrition will not help you get better.

9. MYTH: Chicken soup will speed your recovery from the flu.

Hot liquids can soothe a sore throat and provide much needed fluids. But chicken soup has no other specific qualities that can help fight the flu.

10. MYTH: If you have a high fever with the flu that lasts more than a day or two, antibiotics may be necessary.

Antibiotics work well against bacteria, but they aren't effective for a viral infection like the flu. Then again, some people develop a bacterial infection as a complication of the flu, so it may be a good idea to get checked out if your symptoms drag on or worsen.

Source: <https://www.health.harvard.edu/diseases-and-conditions/10-flu-myths>

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- Licensed Practical Nurse
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- Surveillance Operator
Norman, OK
- Enrollment File Clerk
Shawnee, OK
- Water Quality Specialist
Shawnee, OK
- Central Patient Scheduling
Specialist Norman, OK
- Receptionist/Phone Operator
Shawnee, OK

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

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND RESUMES TO
email: HR@astringbe.com
fax: 405-273-2710

or mail to:
Absentee Shawnee Tribe-HR Department 2025 South Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801

Economic Development
Community Event



Come join us for an economic development session focused on Highway 9 in Little Axe, OK

- We want to hear from you!
- Provide a Project Overview of new C-Store; Restaurant, Outpatient Pharmacy and Health Plaza
- Learn about future Job Opportunities

Date & Time: Friday, October 4th (11am – 1pm)

Location: LA Health Center – Conf. Room A & B

Lunch is provided!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 2019
SAVE THE DATE

6th ANNUAL AMERICAN INDIAN
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS
DAY OF UNITY

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Health Multipurpose Building
2029 S. Gordon Cooper Drive | Shawnee, OK 74801
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

“ENDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TOGETHER”

Host:
Absentee Shawnee Tribe
Domestic Violence and
Family Services



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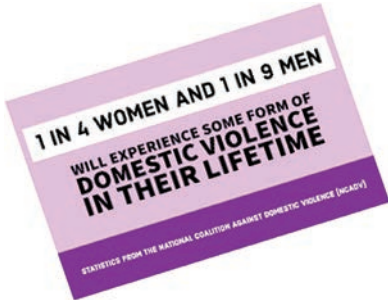
OCTOBER!!!

Wow how these months have flown by!!
October 2, The Title VI Staff will be attending the Tankersley Food Show in Fort Smith Arkansas

October 19, AST General Council
Multi-Purpose Building 10 am



October 31,
We will be having our Bingo on this day!!! More information later in the month



2% milk served daily



Menu subject to change



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| | | 1 Smoked Sausage Peppers N Onions Bread Jell-O w Fruit | 2 Title VI Will be Closed Attending Food Show | 3 Pork Chop Scalloped Pot Tossed Salad* Mixed Fruit | 4 Scrambled Eggs Sausage Gravy Biscuit | 5 |
| 6 | 7 Hoagie Sandwich LTOP Pot. Salad Cookie | 8 Burrito Chili Chez Onions Spanish Rice Pineapples | 9 Lemon Pepper Chicken Veggies Bread/Cake | 10 Tator Tot Casserole Veggies Crisp | 11 Cereal Ham English Muffin Fruit | 12 |
| 13 | 14 Salisbury Steak Mashed Pot/Gravy Cauliflower Pears | 15 Chicken Breast Wild Rice Brussel Sprouts Applesauce | 16 Tuna Salad Sandwich LTOP Chips Orange | 17 Baked Potato Ham, Chez, Onions Broccoli Pudding | 18 Scrambled Eggs Sausage Gravy Biscuit | 19 AST General Council Multi-Purpose Building 10 AM |
| 20 | 21 Chicken Salad Sandwich LTOP Chips/Banana | 22 Goulash Squash Apricots | 23 Northern Beans Steak Fries Onions Cornbread | 24 Hot Ham and Chez Sandwich Mac. Salad Mandarin Oranges | 25 Boiled Egg Sausage Patties Toast Fruit | 26 |
| 27 | 28 Grilled Chez Sandwich Chicken Noodle Soup Mixed Fruit | 29 Roast Mashed Pot/Gravy Carrots Roll Peaches | 30 Hot Dogs Onion , Chez Pork n Beans Cookie | 31 Halloween Bingo & Lunch 11am Multi-Purpose Building Shawnee | | |

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CALL AND LET US KNOW AT 405-275-4030
EXT 6227 or 6270
OR NOTIFY YOUR DRIVER



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BREAKFAST SERVED FRIDAYS 9AM TO 11AM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY


TO
**SIDNEY FOREMAN,
KATRINA FOLEY,
LYDIA & VERNICE
LONGHORN,
RYAN DAVIS**

**We Wish You All A
Wonderful Day
ENJOY YOUR FAMILY.**

LOVE THE KASECA's

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN TO MY SUGARBABIES
LOVE GRANNY RHONDA**


AST Veteran's Princess




Now accepting biographies

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

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



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



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



ELDERS COUNCIL CHRISTMAS BASKETS APPLICATION FORM

Qualifications:

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

NOMINATED BY: _____

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

☐ Other: Describe (be specific) _____

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

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

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

Office use only:

Date received: _____ Received by: _____

Delivered by: _____ Date of delivery: _____

THE TRIBAL LIBRARY IS NOW ARCHIVING PHOTOS!

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

Together we can make a living history.

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

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

AST Health Employee Appreciation - Week Sept. 3-6

AST Health's commitment and unwavering service rises above, dedicated to our patients, tribe and community. Health Administration honored our health employees with an appreciation week. The week was filled with goodies, treats, food and games. During Town Hall, we fired up the grill and we let the games begin! With our sleeves rolled up and fierce competition, staff participated in games of Corn Hole, Uno, Jenga and a Minute to Win It Relay.

Winners of Corn Hole were Liyahna Bender and Kyerra Blanchard. Uno Champion Eshtakaba Lafromboise and Maintenance Department won the Minute to Win It Relay.

Quality of care and unyielding service is the guiding principle of our health system and we are thankful to have such an outstanding staff that plays a key role in making AST Health top notch in our community.



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UPDATE your address Call Sherman Tiger AST Media Director 405-598-1279 stiger@astribe.com



Tax Commission

Fiscal Year 2019 - YTD Tax Collections (through 8/30/2019)


| TAX CATEGORY | JANUARY | FEBRUARY | MARCH | APRIL | MAY | JUNE | JULY | AUGUST | SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER | YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL | % OF TAXES COLLECTED |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Sales (6%) | \$15,159.46 | \$6,077.15 | \$6,493.92 | \$281.15 | \$7,957.40 | \$12,864.12 | \$13,343.16 | \$13,992.14 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$76,168.50 | 3.41% |
| Gaming % of free cash | \$250,000.00 | \$200,000.00 | \$200,000.00 | \$200,000.00 | \$250,000.00 | \$200,000.00 | \$250,000.00 | \$250,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,750,000.00 | 78.33% |
| Employee (1%) | \$11,753.43 | \$11,899.70 | \$11,971.43 | \$16,436.01 | \$8,133.19 | \$18,649.81 | \$12,509.91 | \$8,890.57 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$100,244.05 | 4.49% |
| Severance (8%) | \$0.00 | \$3,007.53 | \$2,016.58 | \$2,574.50 | \$1,190.03 | \$0.00 | \$2,733.49 | \$528.13 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$12,050.26 | 0.54% |
| Motor Vehicle | \$15,068.14 | \$14,524.56 | \$20,576.88 | \$15,171.04 | \$18,086.25 | \$18,124.76 | \$19,456.19 | \$16,281.62 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$137,289.44 | 6.14% |
| Motor Fuel Taxes (Qtrly.) | \$43,765.11 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$39,615.49 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$83,380.60 | 3.73% |
| Tobacco Refund | \$8,835.92 | \$8,098.21 | \$7,795.54 | \$7,228.12 | \$10,015.42 | \$10,704.41 | \$9,145.53 | \$11,838.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$73,661.15 | 3.30% |
| TOTAL TAXES | \$344,582.06 | \$243,607.15 | \$248,854.35 | \$281,306.31 | \$295,382.29 | \$260,343.10 | \$257,188.28 | \$301,530.46 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,232,794.00 | |
| Miscellaneous | \$130.15 | \$82.50 | \$170.00 | \$212.50 | \$260.00 | \$152.50 | \$277.80 | \$177.80 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,463.25 | 0.07% |
| TOTAL COLLECTIONS | \$344,712.21 | \$243,689.65 | \$249,024.35 | \$281,518.81 | \$295,642.29 | \$260,495.60 | \$257,466.08 | \$301,708.26 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,234,257.25 | 100% |

Protect Your Family with


THE HPV VACCINE

HPV IS A COMMON DISEASE AND CAN HAVE serious consequences


IN THE US...



Approximately **79 MILLION** people have been infected with HPV




14 MILLION new HPV infections occur every year



80% of sexually active people will contract HPV over their lifetime

BEING INFECTED WITH HPV CAN LEAD TO...



CERVICAL CANCER
GENITAL CANCER
THROAT CANCER
ANOGENITAL CANCER
GENITAL WARTS

PROTECT BOTH YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS FROM CANCER WITH THE HPV VACCINE

PROTECT YOUR DAUGHTER

Each year, there are **12,000 CASES OF CERVICAL CANCER** leading to **OVER 4,000 DEATHS IN WOMEN**


PROTECT YOUR SON

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


THE HPV VACCINE

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

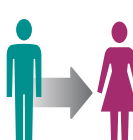
THE HPV VACCINE CAN...



ONLY PREVENT infections, NOT TREAT THEM



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



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

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

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

THE HPV VACCINE IS SAFE AND EFFECTIVE


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

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

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

You are the key to HPV cancer prevention.


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



IMMUNIZATION for WOMEN
Immunization Information for OB-GYNs and Their Patients

Immunizationforwomen.org/HPV/patients


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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.





Absentee Shawnee Tribal Taxes

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

Sales & Lodger's Tax

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

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

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

Severance Tax

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

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

Total Product Volume

×

Gross Market Value

−

Indian Royalty Deduction

=

Total Taxable Amount

Total Taxable Amount

×

8%

=

Total Severance Tax Due

How to Calculate Total Oil Volume

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

How to Calculate Total Gas Volume

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

Possessory Interest Tax (PIT)

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

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

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

Vehicle Registration & Taxation

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

Vehicle Purchase Price

×

1.25%

+

Vehicle Tag Price

+

\$10 Lien Processing Fee

=

New Vehicle Registration Fee

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

Earnings Tax

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

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

Application for Business License

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

Sales & Lodger's Tax Reporting, Payment & Penalties

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

Designation of Agent Form

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

Severance Tax Reporting & Payment

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

Application for Registration (PIT)

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

PIT General Property Summary / Detailed Property Value Report Forms

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

PIT Tax Reporting & Payment

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

Lien Processing Fee - \$10

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

New Vehicle Registration: Required Documents

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

Annual Vehicle Registration Renewal: Required Documents


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

Earnings Tax Reporting & Payment

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

Absentee Shawnee Tax Commission
2025 S Gordon Cooper Drive | Shawnee, OK 74801
P: 800.256.3341 or 405.275.4030 | F: 405.214.4225

Office Hours and Website
Monday-Friday, 8 am - 12 pm; 1 pm - 5 pm
www.astribe.com/tax-commission-and-tag



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL

HEALTH SYSTEM


Prevention. Progress. Pride.

October 2019 – Scheduled Closings

| Dates Closed: | Time(s) Closed: | Locations: |
|--|-----------------|--|
| Wed., Oct. 2nd (1 st Wed of Month) | Noon to 5 PM | All AST Health facilities CLOSED -Shawnee Clinic OPEN at 5 PM until 9 PM (last patient at 7:30 PM). -PlusCare OPEN at 5 PM until 8 PM (last patient at 7:30 PM). |

*In the event of a predicted severe weather forecast, please call ahead for possible health system closure or delay:
Little Axe Health Center at (405) 447-0300, Shawnee Clinic at (405) 878-5850, or PlusCare at (405) 447-0477

**Health closures/delays are posted on the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health Facebook wall “Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health”, & on ASTHS website at www.asthealth.org



ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY
COMMUNITY MEETING

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

➤ We want to hear from you!

➤ Learn about the market research study

➤ Overview of locations and plans

Date & Time :

Friday, November 15th
(11:30am to 1pm)


Location:

LA Resource Center

1970 156th Ave NE

Norman, OK 73026

Lunch is provided!



VACCINES FOR TEENS

Keep your adolescent vaccinations up to date

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

Did you know that in the U.S.:

14 million people are infected with human papillomavirus (HPV)—mostly teens and young adults—leaving them vulnerable to associated cancers later in life?

21% of all meningococcal disease cases are preteens, teens, and young adults, ages 11–24?

Up to 200,000 people are hospitalized annually due to flu-related complications?

There were an average of 200,000 cases of pertussis each year before the Tdap vaccine was available, and since then, cases of the disease have decreased more than 80%?

Remember the 4

HPV (Human papillomavirus)—The vaccine is most effective at preventing associated cancers for both boys and girls when given during preteen years.

Meningococcal—Two types of meningococcal disease vaccines protect against the most common serogroups. Teens should start the ACWY vaccine at 11–15 years old, with a booster dose between 16 and 18 years. They may also get the serogroup B vaccine at 16-18 years of age.

Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis [whooping cough]) and Td Booster (Tetanus and Diphtheria): Adolescents should receive a Tdap vaccine between the ages of 11-12. Regular boosters of Td vaccine are recommended every 10 years to protect those at risk.

Flu—Flu season typically starts in October, and the virus can mutate each year. Annual vaccination is recommended.

CDC-recommended vaccinations for adolescents:

Every year

flu vaccine

AGES

11-12 years

• HPV (2 doses)

• Meningococcal ACWY

• Tdap

13-15 years

• Meningococcal ACWY (if not previously vaccinated)

16 years

• Meningococcal B*

• Meningococcal ACWY booster

17-18 years

• Td booster every 10 years

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

• Hepatitis A

• Polio

• Hepatitis B

• Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)

• Chickenpox

• Pneumococcal disease*

UNITY

United for adolescent vaccination

For more information, visit www.unity4teenvax.org

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

Cultural Preservation

The Cultural Preservation Department has been busy the past month with hosting events and being involved with other tribal programs. The following is a summary of the department’s most recent activities:

Special Event/s.

July 12th the Cultural Preservation attended the Health Fair at the Little Axe Health Clinic. The gift shop opened for extended hours during this time. Also, Cultural Preservation handed out pens, pencils and drawstring bags from the Cultural Preservation.

September 2019 Absentee Shawnee Cultural Preservation attended the Algonquin Language Festival held at the Jim Thorpe Memorial Gym in Stroud, Oklahoma. The language festival was a wonderful 2-day event and many tribes came together to discuss the importance of language preservation and new ways to reach that preservation goal. The event also consisted of a pow wow/traditional dance. The language festival also included a day of classes/workshops that included moccasin making, beading, Indian Dice and yarn work.

The Cultural Preservation Department staff was invited to the Chickasaw Nation Library and Cultural Center located in Ada and Sulphur, Oklahoma. A library tour was provided. The library tour provided useful insight on how the Chickasaw Nation has structured its library and the benefits and rewards that are gained for the Chickasaw Nation Tribal members. Sourcing this additional information will help in the further growth and development of our AST library and help in maximizing the use of grant funds that have been awarded to the CP Department. Also, a behind the scenes tour was given by the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Preservation Department and Library. This additional tour provided important sharing of useful information that can be incorporated into the further development of our own Absentee Shawnee Cultural Preservation Department. This is a great example of tribes help each other in the sharing of information that is so very important in the protection of our tribe. The Cultural Preservation is in the process of establishing an agreement with the Texas National Forests. However, the HRT program is currently on hold until the tribal liaison for the USDA Southern Region has been selected. We will provide an update when information becomes available.

Library.

Cultural Preservation Tribal Librarian, Casey Wilson attended Strategic Planning 101 workshop in Edmond, Oklahoma. There Casey met with some other tribal nations to discuss how to develop a strong strategic plan for future grant funding opportunities for Oklahoma Department of Libraries and Oklahoma Historical Society. Casey has also made contact with

the University of Oklahoma Librarian, Lina Ortega. Discussions have been focused on early archives collections in the Western History Library and recordings for the Absentee Shawnee context within the Indians for Indians radio show that was broadcasted in the early 1900’s. Casey has also been in contact with the University of Nebraska for making copies of published books created many years ago for copies to be held in the tribal library for tribal members to check out and read. Casey was awarded a scholarship to attend conferences for 20 college credit hours that will be held on September 24, October 9 and 22 to be a certified librarian specializing in adult reference.

FCC/TCNS.

In June, July and August TCNS received 620 projects and completed 516 reviews and invoiced all 516 projects for payment which would result in \$ 280,000 of funds to the tribe for projects. . Although the revenue received has yet to be recovered due to the changes in bill passed during 2018, hopefully more invoices will be paid in a more timely manner.

Trainings/Conferences.

Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) Devon Frazier and THPO Specialist Ashley Brokeshoulder attended training for GIS (Geographic Information System) in Broomfield, Colorado. GIS is a program that can be utilized to create different types of maps with layers, such as, a map containing our migration story from our ancestral homelands. This map could be accessible to our tribal members on the AST website upon completion. Gift Shop. Currently, the gift shop is increasing its sales July-August sales for 2019 compared with the same time frame in 2018 have increases by 29.90%. We are currently offering sandals and flip flops marked at 15% off. The gift shops now feature native design merchandise and Teton Broad Cloth merchandise. The gift shop is also offering new 100% soy candles in scents such as, sage, cedar, rose and lavender. Please stop by either of the gift shop locations to purchase some cool new gear.



Other Activities.

Listed below are upcoming events and classes schedule. My staff and I look forward to your continued support and participation at these events/workshops/ classes.

- **September 20, 2019 from 2PM – 6PM Cultural Preservation will host its 1st annual Art Show featuring native artists from all over the state of Oklahoma.**
- **Apron Workshop **TBD****
- **Can Making Class Part II **TBD****
- **Fan Making Class ** October****
- **Gourd Making Class **October****
- **AST/CPN Veteran Gourd Dance November 2nd, 2019 at the CPN Veterans Hall.**

Staffing.

I have recently hired a part-time Gift Shop Retail Associate for the Little Axe location. Her name is Aliyah Shields. Aliyah is currently a student at Seminole State College. Aliyah has excellent customer service skills and always has a smile on her face. Aliyah is a great addition to our Cultural Preservation Gift Shop Team. Please feel free to introduce yourself to her at the Little Axe location.



Also, please watch for more upcoming events and classes. As always, please feel free to contact me, Andrea, at 405-275-4030 Ext. 6245 or aellis@astribes.com.

LANGUAGE WORD OF THE MONTH:



NOTICE

As of **August 2019** Advertising Rates/Placement have changed for the **Absentee Shawnee Newsletter**.

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

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

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ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE

CULTURAL PRESERVATION

GOURD DANCE

NOV. 2

2pm-8pm

CPN VETERANS HALL
(INSIDE CPN CULTURAL CENTER)

*Pendleton
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from all over!*

2025 South Gordon Cooper • Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801
Monday-Friday 8AM - 5PM
&
Little Axe
Tuesdays and Thursdays 8AM - 12PM

Please call 405-275-4030 for additional details

Cultural Corner

Absentee Shawnee Cultural Preservation Department

Wild grapes-
pa se pe
ya ta me

- Persimmon- ma gi se me
- Beans-me se ko ge fi ke
- Corn(dried)-wi se ko pa me
- Corn stalks-ti me se qe
- Sofkie corn-me se qi la ge me
- Dry bread-ki ke ta ke ti ke qi

- Pumpkin- Wi pe ko
- Seeds- me ne ki ni
- Sweet potato- pi ta ti fi ke
- Cold flour-pa qi pe wi ne lo ke ki na
- Corn grits-pa pi we no ta ke ti me
- fall- ti qi ke

Contact the office for upcoming classes!

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Library
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee OK, 74801

Phone: 405-275-4030 ext. 6416
Fax: 405-878-4711
E-mail: cwilson@astribes.com

Ne yi wa, ne we ki ni ke no ke na hi le wa la mi ke!

Thank you, my friends and relatives!

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Save the date!

Apron workshop

October 15, 2019 @ 6:00 PM

Please Register with the Cultural Preservation department by contacting Kay Bemo, she may be reached at ext. 6238. Class space is limited! Light snacks served.

2029 S. Gordon
Cooper Drive,
Shawnee Ok 74801

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cwilson@astribc.com



Executive Director

Fri 2:30pm-7:30pm

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Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Programs

~ October 2019 ~

Fall is here! We at the AST CCDF Program are excited for the things that are coming up in this new fiscal year and the start of a new CCDF Plan Preprint! The 2020-2022 CCDF Plan Preprint will start on 10/1/19 and continue until 9/30/22. This is a three year plan in which we will become fully compliant with the CCDBG Act of 2014. The CCDBG Act of 2014 regulations fall into four major categories to include: Protect the health and safety of children in care; help parents make informed consumer choices; provide equal access to stable child care for low-income children; and enhance the quality of child care. This plan is currently being reviewed by the federal Office of Child Care and as soon as it is provisionally approved we will post the plan on the AST website for everyone to see. We will also have plans available in our offices if you would like a hard copy.

Starting October 1, to help with the compliance of quality child care, the CCDF Subsidy Program will be starting a new child care provider type for AST Child Care Subsidy families. Approved families will have the option of choosing

a Relative Home Provider for their child care needs. In the past a relative provider had to be OKDHS licensed. Starting Oct. 1, Relative Home Providers are exempt from having an OKDHS license but must be tribally licensed for child care. Relative Home Providers will provide care for children they are related to and do not reside in the child's home. RHPs will be approved and tribally licensed based on their application, passing a background check and home inspections. RHPs will have to meet certain guidelines and follow tribal standards for care including child to provider ratios. RHPs will also be subject to monitoring visits and best practices through AST Licensing and Monitoring guidelines. We will have the application and guidelines on the AST Website under the Services/Childcare page by Oct. 1. Applicants who wish to utilize the RHP will need to be eligible for AST Child Care prior to RHP approval. Please contact me or LaNora Buswell, CCDF Specialist, if you have any questions.

We are still accepting applications for families who may be interested in child care assistance and cannot get assistance

through OKDHS. Children must have their own CDIB cards or letters of application to a federally recognized tribe. Applicants can choose which child care provider that best fits their child care needs such as a Tribally Operated Center, Non-tribal Center, family home provider or relative provider. Applicants will need to apply through OKDHS first and get a denial letter to be eligible to apply through AST Child Care Subsidy. The application and information regarding subsidy and provider selection can be found on the AST Website under Services/Child Care. We also offer a three (3) month job search for families who may be experiencing a loss of employment but still have child care needs. Families will need to reside in the AST CCDF Service area of Cleveland, Oklahoma, Pottawatomie and McClain counties. They can choose any DHS licensed provider or seek enrollment with one of our AST Building Blocks Child Development Centers.

The After School Program began in August, with the new Manager Cheyenne Bradshaw. We currently have no openings, but we are taking waiting list applications

if any spots should come available. The After School Program currently has 26 students, 17 are enrolled tribal members, 9 of which are of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, and 8 are non-tribal. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Our goals through the CCDF grant, Building Blocks enterprise and the After School Programs is to provide quality child care to Native and non-native children in our communities. We do this by our innovative ideas on curriculum and staying abreast of all training and requirements to maintain higher levels of care. We strive to be the best and be better than the best every day.

If you are interested in any of these programs or have any questions please feel free to contact me at the number above or by email, brianaponkilla@astribe.com.

Ni yi wa! (Thank you)

Briana Ponkilla

CCDF Coordinator

Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Building Blocks III Child Development Center

At the Building Blocks located in Norman we currently have 35 children and in the process of enrolling more. We currently have 18 staff members and a few applicants in the process to become new team members soon. We do currently have 29 children on our waiting list with hopes to enroll them all as soon as possible. Our center has been accredited through Cleveland County DHS as a Two-Star Facility. Two-Star programs meet additional quality criteria or are nationally accredited; where as One-Star programs meet minimum licensing requirements. Our staff here at Building Blocks III CDC is going above and beyond to provide quality care not only for tribal members and employees, but for our entire community.

We have recently had some water issues and with the help of our OEH department; Ken Jones and Devin Leika we are operating again. We are working with the city and OEH to make repairs as needed still, and hope to be finished in the next few months. We would like to apologize for the inconveniences this has caused, but also assure everyone we are doing our best to resolve all issues as quickly as possible. Rebecca Jones attended a week of training in July for our Grant program. Skye Foreman attended a three day training in preparation for a new curriculum that will be taught in every classroom in the center soon. We are also working on a lot

of improvements to our playgrounds. You will soon see new shading, swings, and educational toys for the children outside. The infants are going to have their very own playground soon as well. We will be providing a safe and colorful space for our babies to learn and grow.

Our big kid's (3, 4, & 5 year olds) enjoyed weekly trips to the library in July to enjoy their summer reading program. We had a back to school bash with an ice cream party for our big kid's before school started. We said good-bye to our friends who were starting elementary school, and are now welcoming new friends to our center. We are in collaboration with the Little Axe Public Schools this year again to provide bus pick-up and drop-off at our front door. This is not only a great safety measure but also convenience for our parents.

We are now looking forward to our yearly trip to the Orr Family Farm Pumpkin Patch on October 25th. We are also hosting a Halloween Carnival for our children with face painting, balloons, games, and a bouncy house on October 30th. We will be trick or tricking the clinic on Halloween Day October 31st. I am happy to announce that Building Blocks III has been receiving great reviews from our parents through our "Program Evaluations." It has been busy year, full of changes and we are all overjoyed to a bright future ahead for us.




LITTLE AXE

After School Program 2019/2020

Join us at our New Location @ Brendle Corner



- ✦ Free Tutoring in all subjects!
- ✦ Games and activities!
- ✦ Delinquency Prevention!
- ✦ Healthy Lifestyles!

Duration: Starts August 19th and will run through the school year.

Monday-Thursday, 3:45pm-6:30pm

Open to All students in Middle School and High School

Open to Absentee Shawnee Tribal Students K-5th with a






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








Absentee Shawnee Tribe Child Care Development Fund Programs

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"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
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- ✕ AST ASP-Shawnee (405)432-8411 Email: lanora.buswell@astribe.com



ASIST

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training

- WHEN:** **October 10th & 11th, 2019**
 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. both days
- WHERE:** **Absentee Shawnee Multi-Purpose Building**
 2029 S. Gordon Dr. Shawnee, OK
- WHO:** **Anyone! Everyone! Only 30 slots available!**

HOW to enroll: Please contact Jenifer Sloan at (405) 878-4716 or jsloan@astribecommunity.com or Ann Passarella (405) 447-0300

The ASIST workshop is for caregivers who want to feel more comfortable, confident and competent in helping to prevent the immediate risk of suicide. Over one million caregivers have participated in this two-day, highly interactive, practical, practice-oriented workshop.

Participation in the full two days is required. Enjoy small group discussions and skills practice that are based upon adult learning principles. Experience powerful videos on suicide intervention. Feel challenged and safe. Learn suicide first aid.

For more information on this program, please visit the Livingworks website:
<http://www.livingworks.net/>

PURCHASED REFERRED CARE NEWS



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

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

SHAWNEE CLINIC PURCHASED REFERRED CARE HAS MOVED.

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

EMERGENCY AND URGENT CARE SERVICES

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

PURCHASED REFERRED CARE FOR AST CITIZENS WITH INSURANCE

- PRC for a currently enrolled AST citizen who resides in the defined catchment area and has Medicare or private insurance.
1. To complete existing PRC patient updates, please visit Patient Registration at either the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic during regular hours of operation.

For new AST tribal citizens, to become established for PRC services, please make an appointment to see the New Patient Coordinator/PBA at either the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic during regular hours of operation.
 2. Notify PRC at least 48 hours prior to appointment date for a Coordination of Benefits (COB) to be sent to the provider.
 3. Inform provider/health facility that AST PRC is a secondary payer/ payer of last resort.
 4. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to PRC. **You may leave bills at the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic.**

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.

PURCHASED REFERRED CARE FOR AST CITIZENS WITHOUT INSURANCE

- PRC for a currently enrolled AST citizen who resides in the defined catchment area and does not have insurance.
1. You must apply for all resources available to you, such as: Medicaid, Medicare, Worker's Compensation, Vocational Rehabilitation, auto insurance and other personal injury or liability coverage. PRC staff and/or Patient Benefit Advocates can assist you with the application process for alternate resources. Failure to exhaust available or potentially available alternate resources may result in denial of payment.
 2. To complete existing PRC patient updates, please visit Patient Registration at either the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic during regular hours of operation.

For new AST tribal citizens, to become established for PRC services, please make an appointment to see the New Patient Coordinator/PBA at either the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic during regular hours of operation.
 3. You must utilize the services provided within AST health clinics prior to being referred out.
 4. Referrals for outside services must be sent to PRC. Services must be medically approved by an AST Health provider and/or CMMR Committee.
 5. An appointment will be scheduled, and a COB will be sent to the outside provider.
 6. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to PRC. **You may leave bills at the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic.**

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

BILLING & PAYMENT INQUIRIES
Little Axe Health Center & Shawnee Clinic

Glendine Blanchard, PRC Director
Daria Gatzman, PRC Specialist
Lena Carroll, Claims Processor
Jennifer Wells, PRC Technician
Kareena Deere, File Clerk

REFERRAL MANAGEMENT
Little Axe Health Center

Debi Sloat, PRC Deputy Director/RN
April Parton, PRC Health Specialist/LPN
Jayne Werst, PRC Specialist, Medicaid Patients
Melinda Ferrell, PRC Specialist

REFERRAL MANAGEMENT
Shawnee Clinic

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)





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2020 Health Insurance Open Enrollment

MEDICARE



HEALTH INSURANCE

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2019 Medical & RX Plan Enrollment | Plan Changes



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