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Tax Commission Getting New Building

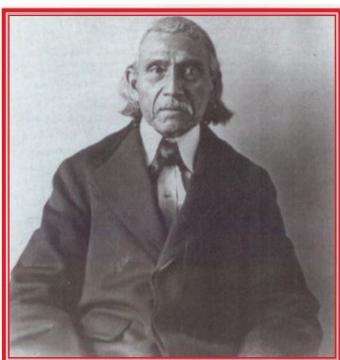


The Absentee Shawnee Tribe Tax Commission is getting a new modular building complete with a drive-thru. The new building was purchased with CARES money that the Tribe received. The building will be located west of Finance/Title VI.

“We are thankful for the opportunity to service Tribal members via a drive-thru window. Since last year and the onset of the pandemic, the Tax Commission office remained opened by providing motor vehicle registrations by mail, email and a local drop box” Tax Administrator Alicia Engler said. “It’s been a goal of our office to find a way to service the Tribal members in a resourceful and safe way.”

Future plans will allow for in person transactions; however details aren’t finalized yet. The building is slated to open sometime this year.

2021 Big Jim Youth Award Recipients



Tribal Leader-Big Jim

In June 2021, the Big Jim Youth Award Selection Committee identified the tribal youth who were to receive these prestigious awards for their High School Academic and Athletic performance. The selection committee for these awards consisted of individuals who are either educators, coaches, or affiliated in these areas or to the area of higher education within

the state of Oklahoma. None of the members of the selection committee were members of the selection committee were Absentee Shawnee Tribal members. This was incorporated into the program to maintain fairness to all of the applicants.

The Big Jim Youth Award Program was open to all Absentee Shawnee High School Seniors within the 50

United States. “The purpose of these awards is to recognize the outstanding contributions of our tribal youth and to promote excellence in academics and athletics in high school and beyond” said Tresha Spoon, Educational Director of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

Academic Achievement, \$1,000.00 Scholarship



William Peetoom

Stillwater, Oklahoma

Parents: William and Stephanie Peetoom

Attending: Oklahoma City University

Major: Secondary Education (English Education)

Accomplishments: Football 6A-II Academic State Champion: 2018, 2019 Football 6A-II State Runner-up: 2018, 2019 McClain Scholar Student: 2019

Essay: “Being a member of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe has given me many opportunities and many chances to look onto my culture and heritage with

pride. I believe that I have a unique set of skills and a unique background that will help motivate me through life, and eventually help me excel. While many of my relatives who would have taught me about my culture have passed away...I know that being Native American has given me opportunities...I was able to attend the Oklahoma Indian Challenge Bowl multiple years...to participate in programs in engineering, N7 events, and many different tribal events through my schools NASA Program.”

Academic Achievement, \$1,000.00 Scholarship



Gracey LittleJim

Norman, Oklahoma

Parents: Clint and Lisa LittleJim

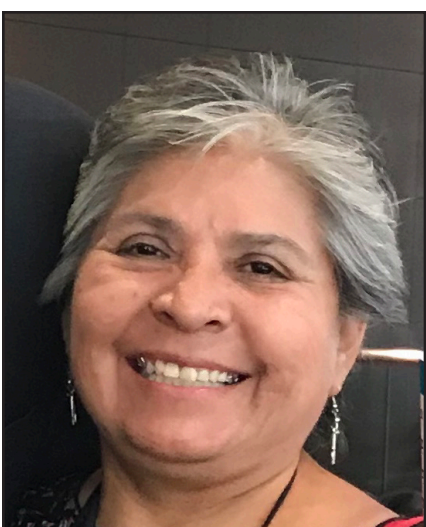
Attending: Rose State College

Major: Pre-Physical Therapy/Kinesiology

Accomplishments: Headmasters Honor Roll Excellence in Biology Excellence in History National Junior Honor Society, active member 3 years

Essay: “I have loved receiving an exceptional education ...I have been prepared well for my future. My school curriculum is different than most because it is geared towards achieving college level learning. I have been able to take college courses as dual credit in high school and will be entering college with over a semester under my belt. I am one of only a few Native Americans in my school and have been for many years...I think this has prepared me to be alright with standing out in a crowd and being proud of who I am.”

Tribal Member Appointed to State & National Positions



Beverly Felton

Tribal member Beverly Felton was recently appointed to the Oklahoma State School Board Association Board of Directors for District 6. The district covers the school districts in Oklahoma, Cleveland and Logan counties. Felton was also appointed to sit on the National Commission Education Workgroup for the American Nurses Association 2021 National Commission to Address Racism in Nursing.

She has been on the Little Axe School Board of Education for 26 years, serving the last 10 years as the board president. Felton has spent the past 27 years as a nurse, having worked

in hospitals and clinics, an educator in career tech, and in administration. Felton holds a Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Phoenix and is currently working on a dissertation to complete her Doctorate in Healthcare Administration. Currently she is the Public Health Director for the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System.

“Being on the School Board Association Board of Directors and the ANA Workgroup on Racism in Nursing is an honor because it means that my voice is going to be heard on both the state and national level regarding many different issues.”

Felton said. “Coming from a small rural community and a relatively small Native American tribe in Oklahoma, I hope to help make changes regarding education, healthcare, and Native American issues.”

She has been married to her husband Doug Felton for 39 years. She has a daughter, Taylor Tenner and her husband, Chris and their daughter Kirsten; son, Zachary and his wife Autumn and their children, Kandice, Wyatt, Aiden, Kai, and Jace and daughter, Lacey and her husband Chad and their children, Dylan, Derek, and Emma.



GOVERNOR
John Johnson



Lt. GOVERNOR
Ezra DeLodge



SECRETARY
Alicia Miller



TREASURER
Joseph Blanchard



REPRESENTATIVE
DeWayne Wilson



GOVERNOR’S REPORT

John Johnson, AST Governor

Hello fellow tribal members,
I hope everyone has been taking COVID-19 precaution and staying healthy. Due to the rise in the number of COVID cases the EC has decided to increase precautions. Everyone is to wear a mask on campus and appointments need to be made with the department you have business with to cut down the number of people on campus. All employees are being tested and we have banned all out of state travel. The EC may make the decision to move to phase II of the recovery

LT. GOVERNOR’S REPORT

Ezra DeLodge, AST Lt. Governor

Tribal Members,
I hope all is well, and we are doing our best to stay safe and continue to practice the CDC recommended guidelines (get vaccinated, wear your mask indoors in public spaces) to further prevent the spread of COVID-19 and the variant strains. The news of these strains is very unsettling and is infecting people of all ages. Now, more than ever, I urge you all to get vaccinated immediately. There

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Alicia Miller, AST Secretary

Ho wa se ke sa ke!
The month of August started out with some positive notes. The tribe attained a new full-time Attorney General, Mr. Randy Homburg. Mr. Homburg is an Oklahoma attorney who has been licensed to practice since 1988. He comes to our tribe from the Choctaw Nation. He brings with him a wealth of experience having worked for the Oklahoma Attorney General, private practice as a trial attorney, a patent attorney, the City Prosecutor for Midwest City. He and his wife, Robyn, have been married for 38 years and he has two daughters, Hannah, who is the Director of Neurosurgical Research at OU Health and Sarah who teaches special needs children at an elementary in Oklahoma City. I am excited Mr. Homburg is here and look forward to a productive working relationship as we advance the tribe forward. When I was a candidate running for office, one of the first speaking engagements was with our tribal elders. One of the items I campaigned on was the hiring of a full-time Attorney General. It is good to see an idea come to fruition one year into my term. Mr. Homburg has a such a wealth of knowledge and experience. His availability and overall budgetary savings to the tribe will be such a great benefit to our tribal government.
The veteran’s and elder’s building is looking great and is just about ready for use! The tax commission modular work is progressing as we inch closer and closer to relocating this department. We are excited to see the fruits of our CARES projects and even more exciting for the safe

TREASURER’S REPORT

Joseph Blanchard, AST Treasurer

Hello fellow Tribal members, friends and family,
I hope all is well with you. As we begin the fall season, the best times of the year are fast approaching. School is in session, Oklahoma Football should begin any Saturday, and Fastpitch softball is in full swing. Please go support our youth or your local community, but, as you attend these events, please take the necessary precautions to protect yourself and your loved ones. Our AST Health system has set up multiple events to receive the COVID vaccination, virus testing, and antibodies testing. The numbers continue to rise and the amounts of people affected have become exponential in a short amount of time.
The Executive Committee receives weekly status updates to help keep us apprised on the trends. Additionally, Emergency Management and Media post regularly on Social Media and our AST website to inform our local community and members of issues that occur, at a moment’s notice. Do not be surprised,

plan to keep all tribal members and employees safe. If phase II is implemented, campus will be closed to visitors and staff with work on rotating schedules. We are highly encouraging everyone to do their part and get the vaccine.
Now for some exciting news! The tax commission has received a modular building which arrived the middle part of August. This building will have a drive through window to better serve our tribal members. The second building arrived at camp Ni-ko-ti at the end of August. This building will be used as COVID relief, nurse’s station and quarantine. As for the third building that arrived back in July, which houses veterans and elders, is get-

ing a lot of discussion about the effectiveness of these vaccines and they have been proven by science they do work, and they will keep you out of the hospital. Getting vaccinated can protect you and the people around you, which is why it is of the up-most importance to get vaccinated. A majority of the infections now are the Delta variant, which spreads faster than earlier forms of the virus that causes COVID-19.
As the campus moves into various phases I ask for your patience and understanding as we try to maintain the safety and well-being of all tribal members,

delivery of service to tribal members.
Also, this past month, I participated in a tribal nation’s series – Investing in your tribes’ infrastructure hosted by the Harvard Project on the American Indian Economic Development Program. This was one of many Harvard Project presentations intended to assist tribe’s in setting tribal priorities, to building infrastructure, to managing and sustaining projects. Since the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) is an unprecedented opportunity for the 574 federally recognized tribal nations to use our rights of sovereignty and self-government to strengthen each of our tribal communities.
Since the start of COVID-19, many ceremonial grounds have had to cancel gatherings and dances. This past spring, our tribal people started to see a little glimmer of hope with the availability of the vaccine. Through tragedy to triumph, we began having our dances again. It felt so good to see relatives and friends back at the ceremonial grounds for War Dance.
I attended the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association Conference held at the Oklahoma City Convention Center in mid-August. This was probably the first conference I attended (with a mask) in person since COVID-19 began. It was good to see familiar faces from the gaming world and it was good to obtain the latest information for Oklahoma gaming tribes.
On August 18th, we held the monthly Executive Committee meeting where I presented resolutions for enrollment, a utilization study for the Hardesty Property, and COVID-19 Vaccine Incentive Programs for tribal members and employees. The utilization study is to determine the best use of the 31 acres located on the

not if but, when the decision is made to revert to Phase II. This is an effort to get ahead of the trend and keep our People and staff out of harm’s way.
Be on the lookout for information regarding the Vaccination Incentive. This is a one-time payment and ARPA funds will be utilized for this allowed expense to promote individuals getting the shot. The t-shirt to be distributed was designed by one of our AST Summer Youth workers. Yes, this will include those who were proactive and got the shot early. Everyone that obtains the shot will have their name put into a special drawing for additional prizes.
While I’m discussing ARPA, tribal member Distribution Payments have gone out on time, as projected. There are a handful still in the system, due to missing documents, but will be processed once extra data is submitted and confirmed. In all, the ARPA Helpline, Enrollment, and Finance received and approved 3642 applications since it went live and pushed them out the door in a quick manner. Yes, there were glitches in the system but staff was able to work through those issues. I want to publicly acknowledge ALL the staff from each department and pro-

gram who chipped in to make sure our members received their checks; especially our Finance Department. Several worked overtime to complete this thankless task.
Since I’m talking about Finance, it’s appropriate for me to talk about our Annual Audit. My office finally received the official notice for the completion of this year’s audit and the results. As expected, there were no major findings and we received an “Unmodified Opinion”. Of course, we will continue to find ways for improving our functions and make determinations on how we can become better. Self-Assessment is something I constantly harp on as we strive to raise expectations.
This summer, some members made statements about the lack of reporting concerning AllNations Bank. Of course, some information I can’t report on due to the sensitive or internal nature of the proprietary data. Even as the ownership, the Tribe nor its membership has complete say in its operation. They are governed by their own Board of Directors, which in turn answers to and follows the Federal Bank Regulatory guidelines.

visitors and employees alike. During these trying times it’s not easy trying to figure out the best course of action, but it is something we take very serious and it consumes a good majority of our time, we can hope and pray we make the best decisions for the betterment and future of our tribe. Lastly, I send my condolences to those who have lost loved ones, and offer a prayer for those who are suffering during these difficult times.
Respectfully,
Lt. Governor Ezra M. DeLodge

SW corner of Hardesty and US-177. The tribe purchased the land around 2017 and with it sitting in a prime location, in my viewpoint, it would be in the tribe’s best interest to hire a third party to conduct the study to remediate the issues deemed by FEMA to be within a floodway, all but 3.6 acres to be exact. This will aid the EC in determining the best use of land.
The remaining resolutions was a step to solidify the Executive Committee’s commitment to the public health and safety of the tribe. Two incentive programs were developed. One for tribal members and tribal employees who are or will be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. With the recent surge in COVID-19 cases, it requires action be taken to encourage tribal members who are currently unvaccinated to get vaccinated against COVID-19. Program details will be released when the program is fully ready for participation.
As a tribal leader, I am participating on the Indian Health Service Director’s Advisory Workgroup on Tribal Consultation. The goal of this group is to seek input and recommendations to improve the IHS Tribal Consultation Policy and Process. As I am writing this article, the meeting date for this workgroup has yet to occur but is scheduled. I will provide future updates as the work fully commences, and I am honored to represent our tribe in this effort on the federal level.
As I wrap up my article, I want to wish you all a great month, stay safe, and I pray for the health and well-being of all our Shawnee people. (Be sure to mask up!)

Si li no ke ka no la.
Alicia Miller
Tribal Secretary
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TREASURER’S REPORT (Continued)

That being said, I have two pieces of information to share. First, and the most important, AllNations received notification the sanctions imposed a few years ago, prior to my election, have now been resolved and removed. The Bank is able to move and operate with no ill effects. Additionally, I received notice about an article in the ICBA Independent Banker, July 2021 edition; our Bank is listed as #12 in the Nation among Agriculture Banks (under \$500 million), and #1 in the State of Oklahoma. I want to publicly thank Mr. Stephen Smith, President and

CEO, for providing leadership to create this change. This goes without saying, the direction, suggestions, and advice of the newly revamped Board of Directors also played a critical role. Also, there were some vacancies on the Bank Board of Directors and, the two suggestions I provided to the EC, did obtain their verification and approval from the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. I expect there to be an official publication or biography for these two next month’s newsletter. But, I want to welcome AST tribal member Wade Stuckey, and local Cherokee citizen, Shane Jett, to the Board.

Finally, I want to say a few things regarding our Realty Department. As a former employee, I am more aware of policy and procedure of this program and its function. Taylor Carter and staff have been working tirelessly to make improvements these last six months. The delay in annual Lease payments is based on the Federal government not being back at full staff. The employees at the Regional Field Office remain on a rotational basis and the majority of Leases are still waiting to be ‘approved’. However, at the time of this printing, the Annual Farming and Grazing Lease sale will have come and gone. I only mention it as a complemen-

tary to what I expect to come from the Lt. Governor’s office on our newly created Agriculture Department. I provided data and made suggestions on potential locations we could use to the benefit of this new program. Procurement has been sent out requests and we have received bids back to purchase the needed equipment. That is all for this month. As always, should you have any questions or want to share your concerns, do not hesitate to contact my office or send me an email. Neyiawa!

Joseph H. Blanchard

REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT
DeWayne Wilson, AST Representative

Hello Tribal Members,

I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy. We, Executive Committee (EC), are monitoring the COVID-19 (Delta Variant), as the numbers continue to rise. I was excited to reconnect with some family and friends at the (War Dance) located at the North grounds. It was good to be around my fellow tribal members.

Recently, the (EC) passed a resolution revising the Tribes Organizational Chart in July, 2021. I was assigned to oversee the Education and Cultural Preservation departments. I also have oversight of Gaming Commission and Youth Camp program.

In the Education Department: I met with the Education Director, Tresha Spoon, where we discussed the after-school program (Brendle Corner) and

other accomplished projects. We discussed their present budget as well as researching other funding sources. The Education department has an OJJDP/CTAS (Tribal Youth Program) grant that has a salary for a grant coordinator. Also, we discussed looking how we can enhance present services within the Education department.

In the Cultural Preservation Department: I met with the Cultural Preservation Director, Carol Butler, where we discussed the several programs and projects within this department. Presently, Cultural Preservation has 5 employees ranging from program coordinators to an administrative assistant. We have discussed obtaining the goals and reporting requirements of the grants that she oversees. We have/ are discussing maintaining the grant funding source as well as researching for other funding opportunities.

As for the Gaming Commission, I have

attended a several gaming commission meetings. We have discussed/ approved policy changes pertaining to Banning and the Player Club procedures. These approved policy changes were in need of up- dating for the Thunderbird Entertainment Casinos. We would like to send our (EC) condolences out to Titus Carter’s family. We (Tribe) have lost a valued employee, Titus Carter, Executive Director of the Gaming Commission. In the little time that I have known Mr. Carter, he was an exceptional person who was always polite and respectful.

As for the Youth Camp, it is my pleasure to inform tribal members that we hope to complete Phase II at Camp Nikoti by the end of December 2021. A resolution was passed on July 28th 2021, to complete the 6 camp cabins, bathhouse and entry gate (HUD funds), the parking lot around Dining Hall building (Matching funds) and an Access road (BIA funds). We are working with CLS and Associates

Landscape Architects Connie Scothorn and Brian Patric in developing a strategic plan for the next phase of the Youth Camp.

I would like to acknowledge the amazing job of the following departments and staff, Secretary’s , Treasurer’s, Finance and the MIS department staff, and all of the other departments involved in getting the ARPA checks out in a professional manner. I would like to say as a member of the Executive Committee, we are all working together and making difficult decisions pertaining to the pandemic. We are maintaining a positive attitude and the outlook is always of “Moving Forward”. If anyone has any questions/ concerns or if we can help you, please feel free to contact us at our Office phone number: 405-275-4030, Ext. 6239 or Ext. 6240 or by email: dewayne.wilson@astribe.com

Reminder from Court:

Jury Trials


The Jury Pool primarily consists of AST members who are in the Jurisdiction.

AST Employees can request to be on the Court Clerk’s Jury list at any time. They will also be added to the Jury Pool.

All parties for the Jury must be 18 years of age or older.

The Jury Pool is pulled from a large Jury Wheel. These names are randomly drawn by the Court Clerk and Police Chief.

Anyone who is drawn for the Jury cannot just request to be taken off the Jury, they have to come to Court the day that they are summoned. Then the Judge, Prosecutor or Defender will excuse them if they think it is necessary.



Absentee Shawnee Tribe

Food Pantry


AST FOOD PANTRY REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION

All Applicants Must Submit The Following Items:

Number of family members	Annual Total income for household
1	\$1,231
2	\$1,604
3	\$1,977
4	\$2,365
5	\$2,769
6	\$3,173
7	\$3,547
8	\$3,920
Each additional member	\$374


REQUIRED FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS.

- Federally Recognized Tribal Affiliation Card (CDIB).
- Social Security Card.
- Driver’s License or State ID.
- Proof of Income for Last Six Months.
- Proof of Residency (Must be In Applicants Name).



APPLICANT IDENTIFICATION IS REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF PICKUP.

AST MEMBERS ONLY.



AST Food Pantry Application

Please Print

Please fill out application completely. Incomplete applications will be denied.

Have a copy of all household member’s CDIB cards, Utility bill for household, and proof of income.

Name of Household: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Head of Household CDIB #: _____ Phone #: _____

Total Number of members in Household: _____

List Name and Age of Members in Household:

_____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Received _____

Family Name _____

Family Size _____

Color of Card Given _____

Copy of all CDIB Cards _____

Copy of Utility Bill _____

Copy of Income Verification _____

Notes: _____



ASTHS September 2021 Monthly Update

We are very proud of the employees of the health system for their recognition by the Indian Health Service’s Oklahoma City Area Office for the Area Director’s Award for COVID Pandemic Leadership! This is a first of its kind award, and the health system’s employees are much deserved of this prestigious award! The Health System has released a new Community Needs Assessment Survey seeking to capture input from our AST Tribal Members, our Patients, and Employees on services desired and needed in our health system that may or may not be currently addressed. This comprehensive survey is conducted every two to three years for both the Tribe and the community for review of services and to identify needs of the AST Tribe and it’s patients. In years past this survey has led to expanding services in what we know now as PlusCare and the Shawnee Walk-in Clinics, expanded drive-through pharmacy hours and services, specialty clinic, Home Health Services, contract health, physical therapy, and behavioral health services being stood back up at the Shawnee Clinic, as well as a more robust Public Health program for the tribe. If you have not had a chance to complete the survey, please take the time to have your voice heard and your input captured in this important survey effort!

The COVID Delta Variant is wreaking havoc in our community! Please continue to observe your 3 W’s: Wear your mask; wash your hands; and watch your distance – this is the best thing to do whether you’re vaccinated or not, when in the public or working in doors around other staff. The CDC has maintained unique procedures for Health Care Professionals (HCPs), due to working in and around potentially infected patients and other high-risk patients, so this is imperative just as much now as it was last year to assure maximum good public health practices for your family and the community. We are maintaining the COVID Hotline, and encourage everyone to still get vaccinated and monitor the Health System’s COVID webpage for updates as well as the Tribe’s Emergency Management page on the Tribe’s main page. If you or your family has any health care special needs, please let us know so that we can get them addressed. Starting with your provider is always recommended, however unique challenges and situations arise with this ongoing pandemic and we understand and want to help where and when we can!

Help me in congratulating our September Monthly Employee Award Winners this month! These outstanding professionals and team players lead the way in making our programs succeed and with taking care of our patients!

September 2021 Health Employee Awards of the Month

Employee of the Month: Michelle Wollenzin, RN, Clinical Quality/Infection Control Director

Team of the Month: AST Health System’s Public Health Team

Special Leadership Award: Beverly Felton, RN, Public Health Director



Mark E. Rogers, MAL, FACHE, CMPE, CHC
Executive Director

September is Dental Infection Control Month

September is Dental Infection Control Month and the AST Dental Clinic would like to highlight some of the measures we have taken to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the dental clinic and ensure a safe dental visit. Dentistry has always had a high level of infection control policies and practices, but these were enhanced even more upon notification of the COVID-19 virus outbreak. During this time, we worked tirelessly and efficiently to find additional ways to reduce the possible spread of COVID-19 within the dental clinic – keeping both patients and staff safe.

Screening of patients became our first line of defense. In the beginning and continuing even today we are utilizing screening questionnaires to reduce the number of possible active COVID patients within the clinic. Secondly, we introduced the addition of hand sanitizer by all patients upon arriving and leaving the dental setting. The hand sanitizer helps to control the entrance or exit of any virus present on patient’s hands reducing the potential spread of the virus within the dental clinic.

In the beginning of the pandemic, we only treated patients for emergencies as recommended by the CDC. We were very restricted on what procedures could be done. With the CDC recommended restrictions-in-mind, we searched for additional ways to protect our patients by reducing any potentially infectious aerosols within the dental setting. In doing so, we found that for aerosol procedures, the use of an additional intra-oral system and an extra-oral suction unit to be the best and most effective way to help control the spread of potentially virus-filled aerosols from a dental standpoint.

The extra-oral suction unit with a medical grade three layer HEPA filtration system is utilized with all patients who are receiving an aerosol-generating procedure. This system helps remove the aerosol produced during procedures from the air and takes it through the HEPA filtration system where it is treated with UV light to destroy any virus particles that may be present. We continue to utilize UV light cabinets for treatment of staff travel laptops and cell phones.

The American Dental Association is proud to announce and so are we, that at this time there is no known contraction or spread of COVID-19 through dental procedures

We have also been extremely blessed to have the proper PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) to protect ourselves and our patients. With that being said we want to thank all involved in making this happen and ensuring that our tribal members, staff and all that entered our dental clinic stayed safe. As many schools start back this month, more people return to in-person work and we continue to find our new normal we encourage people to take care of their oral health and know that we are doing all we can to provide the safest dental experience for you and your family. The AST Dental Clinic is here to serve you. To make an appointment please call (405) 701-7964.

This article was brought to you by the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Dental Clinic – Little Axe Health Center.



5 Questions to Ask at Your Child’s Back-to-School Dental Visit

School will be back in session before you know it. Whether your child will be in the classroom or learning from home, a healthy smile is still a back-to-school essential.

Some schools require a back-to-school dental exam. Still, it’s always a good time of year to schedule one of your child’s regular visits. “We can help spot and take care of any issues so your child doesn’t have to miss class once school starts,” says ADA pediatric dentist Dr. Mary Hayes. “It’s also a great time to help get back on track if some of your child’s dental habits fell away during summer, when normal routines can go out the window and there are a lot more treats around.”

And just as this school year might be looking a bit different for your child, their back-to-school appointment will have some changes too. To learn more about the steps your child’s dentist is taking to keep them safe at their appointment go to <https://www.mouthhealthy.org> to read "COVID-19: What to Expect When Your Dentist's Office Reopens"

Here are a few questions to ask at your child’s appointment:

How Is My Child’s Overall Dental Health?

The dentist will be looking at the big picture of your child’s mouth, including teeth and gums. “We will check to make sure teeth are lining up correctly, your child’s bite is in good shape and to keep an eye out for any [orthodontic] issues that may show up later,” Dr. Hayes says. “We’re also making sure baby teeth are going to the Tooth Fairy like they should.”

Will My Child Get a Cleaning Today?

This is a must, no matter how well your child brushes. “Even if your child—or you, for that matter—brushes twice a day, it’s not possible to get rid of all the bacteria that can lead to cavities,” Dr. Hayes says. “And on the other hand, you may have a child who goes off to camp and never opens their toothbrush.”

That’s why a professional cleaning goes a long way. “It removes more of the cavity-causing bacteria and helps to keep gum tissue healthy,” she says. “It can also remove most or many stains from teeth.”

Does My Child Need an X-Ray?

X-rays help your dentist see how your child’s teeth are developing and make sure the tooth roots are healthy. They also are used to see if there is any tooth decay between your child’s teeth. “The decay process can move very, very fast, so the earlier we can catch it, the better,” Dr. Hayes says.

Your child won’t need an x-ray at every visit. “We do them only when necessary,” she says.

Can You Check My Child’s Mouthguard?

If your child plays sports year-round, make sure you bring his or her mouthguard along so your dentist can check for wear, tear and fit. “If your child is having a growth spurt, losing teeth and getting new ones, the mouthguard might need to be redone,” she says.

What Are Sealants?

Sealants can be another way to keep your child from getting cavities, but they’re no substitute for brushing and flossing. A sealant is a thin, protective coating (made from plastic or other dental materials) that your dentist can place on the chewing surfaces of your child’s permanent back teeth (called molars). Once they’re on, sealants work to keep cavity-causing bacteria and bits of food from settling into the nooks and crannies your child’s toothbrush can’t reach. This helps keep cavities from forming and tiny existing spots of decay from getting worse.

In fact, having sealants on your permanent molars reduces the risk of cavities by 80%. It’s best to get sealants as soon as your child’s permanent molars come through their gums (usually at age 6, then again at age 12). “It doesn’t hurt to put on or apply a sealant,” Dr. Hayes says. “When permanent molars start coming in, parents should ask if sealants are recommended.” Most last for years and your child’s dentist will make sure they’re holding strong at every regular visit.

This article is brought to you by the American Dental Association - Mouthhealthy.org.

Pharmacy Reminder



3 WAYS TO REFILL YOUR PRESCRIPTION

Call us with your prescription number ready at:
Little Axe Pharmacy- 405.292.9530
Shawnee Pharmacy- 405.878.5859



Request refills on the go using the Rx2Go app for your mobile device!



Visit our website for quick and easy access at:
www.asthealth.org/request-rx-refill



NOTICE AUG.-SEPT. 2021

AFTERHOURS COVID-19 & ANTIBODY TESTING & VACCINE CLINIC

LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER
405.447.0300

- **Testing- 5:30pm-6:30pm:**
Thursday, Aug. 5th, Aug. 19th,
Sept. 9th, Sept. 23rd
- **ANTIBODY testing-5pm-6pm (LA only):** Thursday, Aug. 26th, Sept. 30th
- **Vaccinations- 5pm-7pm:**
Thursday, Aug. 5th, Aug. 12th,
Aug. 19th, Aug. 26th, Sept. 9th,
Sept. 23rd

SHAWNEE CLINIC
405.878.5850

- **Testing- 5:30pm-6:30pm:**
Tuesday, Aug. 10th, Aug. 24th,
Sept. 14th, Sept. 28th
- **Vaccinations- 5pm-7pm:**
Tuesday, Aug. 3rd, Aug. 17th,
Sept. 14th, Sept. 28th

In the event of adverse weather, testing may not be conducted. Follow the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System on Facebook or our website for updates asthealth.org.

For Your Visit...

- Wear a mask (no cloth masks permitted).
- Bring identification.
- All clinics are open to the public, walk-in only, no appointment needed.

For Antibody Testing...

- Be prepared to have blood drawn.
- Testing is available to anyone ages 10+.

For Vaccine Clinic...

- Vaccine is available to anyone ages 12+.
- Vaccine will be administered in two shots 3-4 weeks apart.
- You will be monitored 15-30 minutes after receiving.



Working Together to Serve Our Veteran Warriors

VA Healthcare Services at ASTHS

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

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

Did You Know?

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

VA Benefits

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

OKC VA Native American Nurse Navigator:

405.456.3808

Apply for VA Health Benefits:

800.827.1000

Apply for VA Benefits:

855.488.8441

www.va.gov

Little Axe Health Center
405.447.0300

Shawnee Clinic
405.878.5850



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ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/SASP GRANT PRESENTS



WHITE BISON, INC.

A CULTURAL APPROACH TO PERSONAL RECOVERY FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE

WELLBRIETY WORKING LUNCH

Facilitated by: John Soap, LPC

EVERY THURSDAY VIA GOTOMEETING

[HTTPS://GLOBAL.GOTOMEETING.COM/JOIN/801887957](https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/801887957)

BEGINNING MAY 27TH, 2021

12:00PM-1:00PM

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Brendan (SASP Coordinator) or John (Facilitator/LPC) at (405) 878-4716

MEDICINE WHEEL & 12 STEPS



The medicine wheel and 12 Step program was developed to provide a culturally appropriate 12 Step program for Native American people. This program was developed by White Bison, based upon teachings of the Medicine Wheel, the Cycle of Life and the Four Laws of Change.

HOW THE PROCESS WORKS

The Medicine Wheel and 12 Step program is designed in a series of modules that enable people to meet their individual needs. Participants watch a video that explains Medicine Wheel teachings and apply them to their lives. In addition, participants share their insights and experiences in a talking circle. They also learn how to mind map their own innate knowledge around these teachings and then apply that knowledge to their daily lives and decision making processes. For those working through the program in a group setting (i.e. Circles of Recovery) very strong social and emotional bonds are created that help the individuals who participate to develop trust, autonomy, and other healthy feelings and thought patterns that will help them to grow emotionally, mentally, physically, and spiritually.

FOCUS

The focus of the program is on character and values. Thus each of the 12 Steps is presented from the perspective of the value that it reflects.

Step 1: Honesty
Step 2: Hope
Step 3: Faith
Step 4: Courage

Step 5: Integrity
Step 6: Willingness
Step 7: Humility
Step 8: Forgiveness

Step 9: Justice
Step 10: Perseverance
Step 11: Spiritual Awakening
Step 12: Service

TEACHINGS OF THE MEDICINE WHEEL

The Medicine Wheel is an ancient method for teaching important concepts about truth and life. Many Native American communities use a Medicine Wheel, although the colors and the

symbols are different depending upon the culture. The purpose is the same in each culture. These teachings, when applied to one's life, have the power to influence significant change in attitudes, behaviors, values and intent. The Elders have shared a series of Teachings based upon the Natural Order of the way things should be. These are sometimes referred to as the "original instructions." These important Teachings are included in the

1.) 4 seasons of change
2.) 4 laws of change
3.) 4 directions of growth
4.) 12 principles for healthy living
5.) Reclaiming Our Power

6.) The 12 Steps of the 12 Steps
7.) Nature's Way: Principles, laws, and Values
8.) Cycle of Life
9.) 8 feelings for healthy development

10.) Comfort Zones
11.) The Two Thought System: Love and Fear
12.) The medicine wheel
13.) The laws of the unseen world.



Under 65? Apply for SoonerCare With New Medicaid Expansion.

AST Tribal Health System and the Oklahoma Health Care Authority are pleased to announce effective July 1, 2021, Oklahoma is expanding Medicaid for adults ages 19-64 with incomes at or below 138% of the federal poverty level. Per Purchased Referred Care guidelines, all patients under 65 years old, whether insured or uninsured, must apply for Medicaid Expansion benefits effective July 1, 2021 to help augment the cost of tribal healthcare services. Help yourself, help your tribe and see if you and your family will qualify to get coverage at no cost to you or your tribe.

Program rules and continuity of care necessitates completion of an annual application for benefits to assure services are covered, even if ASTHS patient is already insured.



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OKLAHOMA
Health Care Authority

TO APPLY:

SoonerCare

www.mysooner.org

WE CAN HELP

Contact a Patient Benefit Advocate

Little Axe Health Center

405.447.0300

Shawnee Clinic

405.878.5850

www.asthealth.org

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A \$0 COST HEALTH PLAN UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN.

Help yourself, help your tribe and see if you will qualify for coverage that will provide you and your family with immediate access to specialized healthcare at no cost to you or your tribe.



Did you know? The American Rescue Plan (ARP), recently signed into law by President Biden, increases and expands eligibility for cost-savings programs under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in the form of premium cost assistance for individuals enrolled in Health Insurance Marketplace plans.

The premium assistance is in the form of a IRS Advance Premium Tax Credit taken in advance of the tax year, lowering or eliminating health insurance premiums for lower-and middle-income families. Signing up for a low-or-zero cost health plan allows tribes to receive reimbursement for services, which frees up more dollars to help those who are not eligible for cost-savings programs, helping Purchased Referred Care dollars go further.

Native Americans must apply for all available resources, if eligible, to help augment the cost of tribal healthcare services. Program rules and continuity of care necessitates completion of an annual application for benefits to assure services are covered, even if ASTHS patient is already insured.



TO APPLY:
Health Insurance Marketplace
www.healthcare.gov
1.800.318.2596

WE CAN HELP

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Title VI



Menu subject to change
2% milk served daily



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Baked Chicken Wild Rice Carrots Apple	2 Boiled Egg Sausage Patties Fruit	3 AST DAY AST COMPLEX CLOSED	4
5	6 LABOR DAY AST COMPLEX CLOSED	7 Chicken Strips Mashed Pot/Gravy Tossed Salad* Orange	8 BBQ Pork Sandwich Pickles n Onions Jell-O w Fruit	9 Turkey Dressing w/Gravy Cranberry Sauce Roll/Cobbler	10 Pancakes Bacon Fruit	11
12	13 Wieners N Kraut Green Beans Bread/Pear	14 Beef & Broccoli Brown Rice Mandarin Oranges	15 Grilled Chicken Sandwich LTOP Italian Pasta Salad	16 Spaghetti w Meat sauce Tossed Salad* Mixed Fruit	17 Scrambled Eggs Sausage Gravy Biscuit	18
19	20 Chef Salad Turkey, Chez, Eggs Crackers Mandarin Oranges	21 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Pot/Gravy Brussel Sprouts Plums	22 Philly Steak Sandwich Cottage Chez Peaches	23 Frito Chili Pie Chez, Onions Jell-O	24 English Muffin Ham Scrambled Eggs	25
26	27 Manwich Pot. Salad Pickles N Onions Applesauce	28 Salisbury Steak Boiled Pot. Tossed Salad*	29 Fish Coleslaw Peas n Carrots	30 Pinto Beans w Ham Onions Crisp		2021

NOT GOING TO BE HOME!!!
CALL AND LET US KNOW AT 405-275-4030
EXT 6227 or 6270
OR NOTIFY YOUR DRIVER

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

September!!!

Friday September 3rd – AST Complex is closed for AST Day- No meals will be delivered or served

Monday September 6th- AST Complex is closed for LABOR DAY- No meals will be delivered or served

Sunday September 12th – GRAND-PARENT DAY!!! TAKE PICTURES WITH YOUR GRANDKIDS!!!

At this time we are not having dine in meals – We are making the meals to go at each site.

Thank you for understanding

Wash your hands!! Wear your Mask!!
Watch your distance!!

TITLE VI ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

During this COVID 19 PANADEMIC: TITLE VI IS ONLY OPEN ON MONDAYS

Mission Statement:

To provide a nutritional meal five days a week to our tribal members and other tribe affiliated members 55 or older who live in the jurisdiction. We also provide supportive services to members.

Requirements for the Title VI Program

- CDIB card from a federally recognized tribe
- 55 years or older
- Spouses of eligible elders
- Complete an intake form
- Individuals with disabilities who reside at home with older individuals eligible for services

HOMEDELIVERED MEALS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS:

Elders should only be on the home delivered meal program if they are unable to leave their homes without great difficulty. Their inability to leave home may be because illness, disability, or general fragility. They may be home bound because they cannot ride comfortably in an available vehicle for the time it takes to get to the congregate site because of their fragility.

CONGREGATE MEAL SITES:

TITLE VI ELDERS WILL DRIVE THRU UNTIL FUTHER NOTICE.

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex Building #9, Shawnee Ok

Congregate Meals are served on Mondays Only– 10 am to 2 pm

Title VI Staff

Thomasine Owings, Title VI Director
Lula Bettelyoun, Cook
Donna Butler, Assistant Cook/Driver
Robert Schoolfield, Driver/Maintenance
Ted Watson Jr, Driver/Kitchen Assistant
Guy Kowena, Driver/Kitchen Assisitant



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:

- Absentee Shawnee Member
- Must be 55 years and older
- Must be an Title VI Member, have a current intake form on file (FY-2021)
- Must provide Proof of Residency (utility bill – in the applicants name)
- Handicap/Disabled
- 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@atribe.com

Thomasine Owings

Thomasine Owings
Title VI Director



ELDER INTAKE FORM

TODAY'S DATE _____ REFERRAL SOURCE _____

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ MI _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ MALE ____ FEMALE ____ VETERAN ____ YES ____ NO

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

SINGLE ____ MARRIED ____ DIVORCED/SEPARATED ____ WIDOWED ____ WIDOWER ____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____ SPOUSE'S DATE OF BIRTH _____

NAME OF EMERGENCY CONTACT (1) _____ PHONE _____

NAME OF EMERGENCY CONTACT (2) _____ PHONE _____

PRIMARY LANGUAGE ENGLISH ____ TRIBAL ____ OTHER _____

HOUSING ____ HOUSE ____ APARTMENT ____ COMMUNITY HOUSING ____ OTHER EXPLAIN _____

COMPOSITION ____ LIVES ALONE ____ LIVES WITH SPOUSE ____ LIVES WITH FAMILY/FRIENDS
____ OTHER EXPLAIN _____

NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD _____ WHO HELPS _____

HEALTH HISTORY ____ ASTHMA ____ ALZHEIMER'S ____ ARTHRITIS ____ CANCER ____ DEMENTIA
____ DIABETES ____ CHRONIC PAIN ____ HEARING AID ____ CHOLESTEROL ____ BLOOD PRESSURE

PRIMARY TRANSPORTATION ____ Own Car ____ Friend ____ Public Trans. ____ Senior Tran's ____ Family

PROSTHETIC DEVICES ____ Walker/Cane ____ Wheelchair ____ Hearing Aid ____ Glasses ____ Dentures ____ None

ARE YOU ENROLLED WITH A DIFFERENT TITLE VI PROGRAM? ____ YES ____ NO

IF YES, NAME OF PROGRAM & WHERE LOCATED: _____

HEALTH CONCERNS _____

SERVICES CURRENTLY BEING RECEIVED _____

EMAIL _____

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

CDIB # _____

Grass Mowing Application

D.O.B. _____

The Following are the requirements for this program:

- Must be an Absentee Shawnee Member
- Must be 55 years and older
- Must be an Title VI Member (have an current intake form for the current year 2021)
- Handicap/Disabled
- Must provide Proof of Residency (utility bill must be in applicant's name)
- 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 Department

The Cultural Preservation Department has continued to carry out essential day to day operations to ensure the department continues to function properly. Currently, all staff members are available full time in the office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Gift Shop

We are happy to announce the gift shop is open to all customers for in-store shopping! However, individuals wanting to shop need to make an appointment with the Gift Shop Manager, Mrs. Merry Rodriguez, 24 hours in advance. Also, upon arrival please check in at the checkpoint. Mrs. Rodriguez can be reached at (405) 275-4030 ext. 6310.

We have two locations for your shopping. Our Shawnee Gift Shop is located at the complex in the Cultural Preservation building, and our Little Axe Gift Shop is located in the lobby of the Little Axe Health Center. We are open in Shawnee Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and once a month, usually at the end of the month, in Little Axe from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Further, 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
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 continue to make progress in new inventory. Some new items we recently received in the gift shop can be seen to the left. We also are excited to announce that we have been working with Eskimo Joe's Design Team on some new color schemes and designs for our AST t-shirts. So, be on the lookout for the new designs in the coming months.

In addition to the new products, we still have a few Pendleton and Minnetonka items on sale. So, if you haven't been in our store recently, please make an appointment and come have a look at our merchandise.

Library

We are happy to announce that we have opened the library to the public! However, like the Gift Shop, we ask that you follow all the protocols mentioned above, and that you call Ms. Casey Wilson, the Librarian, to make an appointment 24 hours in advance. She can be reached at (405) 275-4030 ext. 6416.

Further, for your safety, individuals are asked to use gloves while viewing books in the library, and to ensure that checked out books are properly sanitized, books are placed in a Ziploc bag and quarantined for four days upon return to the library.

In conjunction to opening to the public, we are still working on using OverDrive to get our collections online. This system will give our patrons access to a large collection of titles as well as access to exclusive titles unique to the tribe. It will allow us to expand our reach and engage more patrons. We are hoping the online website is launched by the end of the month. Please reach out to the Librarian if you have any questions.

As mentioned last month, we are happy to announce that the library was approved for another year for the Read for Adventure program featuring the book Juniper's Butterfly Garden–A Small Start for a Better World. After the book is checked out, free zoo passes will be issued to all participating families. If you have any further questions, please call the Librarian.

On July 29th, the library hosted A Day at the Movies for Building Blocks II. The featured movie was Brother Bear. The library served fresh popcorn and cold juice for all in attendance. A total of 11 children and 3 staff members were in attendance.

THPO

The THPO Program continues to make great strides and advancements. The THPO staff has steadily been receiving Section 106 projects from various Federal Agencies. Over the past month, the THPO Officer, Mrs. Devon Frazier-Smith, has received 147 new Section 106 projects for review. In conjunction with receiving projects, the program has consulted on 64 projects. These projects were completed in 17 of our 25 areas of interest/states. The THPO has also taken part in 11 teleconference calls as it concerns Section 106 projects as well as NAGPRA cases.

FCC/TCNS

In lieu of the shutdowns from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the incoming workflow of new and modified telecommunications projects has been steady for the TCNS program. The THPO Specialist, Ms. Ashley Brokeshoulder, has been busy reviewing, researching and given recommendations to the telecommunications industry. Over the past month, she has received 142 new telecommunications facility projects for review. These 142 individual projects were completed in conjunction with 11 consulting firms in 8 of our 25 areas of interest/states.

In conjunction with receiving projects, she has reviewed, researched and gave recommendation for the clearance of 114 telecommunications projects and 2 emergency towers. These 114 individual projects were completed in conjunction with 11 consulting firms in 8 of our 25 areas of interest/states. Also, 28 projects are awaiting clearance because their packages are lacking some information such as full archaeological reports, SHPO responses, or clear pictures.

EVENTS

The Gift Shops' Summer Days Giveaways was well received by all. We had a total of 643 entries. Cultural Preservation Director, Ms. Carol Butler, spun the wheel on August 2nd. Please see the winners to the right.

Also, please be on the lookout on the website and Facebook page for new workshop flyers. For more information, please contact Cultural Preservation.

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 to better serve the Tribal community. My door is always open so please feel free to contact me, Carol Butler, at 405-275-4030 ext. 6245 or cbutler@astribc.com.

Ribbon Skirt Workshop



Social Distancing Required

WHERE:

AST Health Multipurpose Building, 2029 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee OK

WHEN:

September 9, 2021

TIME:

5:30-7:30 PM



class sizes are limited
Contact the Cultural Preservation Department & reserve your spot today!
405-275-4030 ext.6238




The Gift Shops' Summer Days Giveaways Winners



Photos 1-4. Winners (left to right) – Lisa Frazier, Wynona Coon, Katie Thomas (Shelia Creek pictured picking up the gift), and Delores Logan.

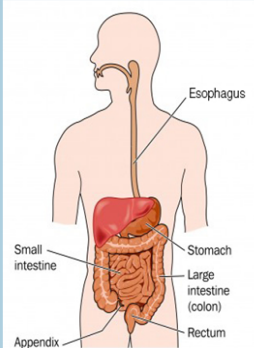
Nutrition Corner

AST DIABETES AND WELLNESS PROGRAM


Beans = Gas

Did you know that your body needs food that it cannot digest?

Plant-based foods, such as vegetables, grains and nuts, contain a substance that cannot be absorbed by the human body, however, is essential to our health: Dietary Fiber!



Beans do make us gassy! This is because they contain a type of carbohydrate that is hard to digest. Tiny bacteria that live inside our large intestines break down this carbohydrate for us! This process releases gas.




Beans contain complex carbohydrate molecules called **oligosaccharides**. These are strings of sugar molecules that are joined together!


The digestive juices in our stomachs do not have the right enzymes that are needed down break down these molecules. This causes the molecules to go to the intestine undigested.

In our large intestines, helpful bacteria help break down oligosaccharides into sugars. These sugars are then absorbed by our bodies. A byproduct of this process is gas!

Sometimes, these gasses that are produced contain hydrogen sulfide. This can give the gas an eggy smell. However, passing gas is completely normal! An average person passes gas 15 times a day!

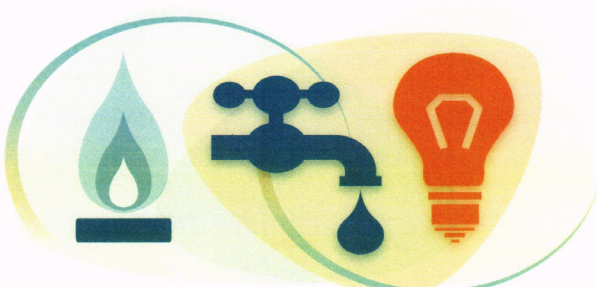


Let us help...



With one of your Cooling/
Heating/Water bill
Through the LIHEAP or LIHWAP Assistance Programs
If you live in Pottawatomie or Cleveland counties
And enrolled with any federally recognized tribe.

LIHEAP - Heating / Electric
LIHWAP - Water



Applications can be picked up at the Social Service Department or printed off the website of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. For any questions please call:

Social Service Department
(405) 878-4723
Fax: (405) 273-7938
Email: awilson@astribc.com / NEdwards@astribc.com

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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, Angela Michelle
Armstrong, Darrell Lynn
Arrieta, Dana Laree`
Atwood, Stephen Jacob
Baldwin, Ayden Cole
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
Brinson, Lunna Mae
Brokeshoulder, Audrey Dyan
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
Dean, Haylee Jade Michelle Mae
Deer, Brandon Jeremy
Deer, David Joel
Deer, Jalen Dean
Dillwith, Katrina Tate
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 Railyn
Frazier, Rickie Dewayne
French, Jeffery John
Fritsch, Jady 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
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
Herrera, Harland John
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, Tseگان Araujo
Jordan, Wendi Renee
Josytewa, Dakota Daniel
Judkins, Rhonan Koa
Kaseca, Kristin Nikole
Kaseca, Paul Daniel
Kelly, Gayla Ann
Kelly, Kellie Marie
Kickapoo, Roy Matteson
Killian, Angelic Marie
Kilmer, Aldon James
Kilmer, Levetris Ann
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-Dees, Aireanna Belle
Longman, Anthony Lamont
Longman, Emily Redena
Longman, Jordyn Christian Spybuck
Longman, Shea Michael
Louvier, Natasha Renee
Love, Faith Annaleigh
Lowe, Aariah 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
McBride, Malakai Nicholas
McGirt, Douglas Burton
McGirt, Koa Amari
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
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Blue Zones Project Pottawatomie County



Blue Zones Project Pottawatomie County — in partnership with Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority; Community Renewal Friendship House; the City of Shawnee; and local indigenous artist Tony A. Tiger, facilitated the installation of a painted crosswalk at Main and Bryan.

Elders Council Report

Hello to all the tribal Elders and hoping everyone was able to get vaccinated, if not contact the Shawnee or Little Axe Health center to make arrangements for your shots. I realize there's some people who have misgivings or second thoughts about being vaccinated. Which reminds me of what my dad used to say, "better Safe then Sorry later"!!

Shawnee Tribal Emergency Management announced a update on the spread of the variant delta virus which mutated from the COVID 19 virus. As

of July 29, 2021 the infection rate went from 1% to 80% in Pottawatomie and Cleveland county. Due to this changing environment of the continued spread of the delta virus and because of the number of people that are unvaccinated, the Tribal Elders will not in the coming months plan to have any group meetings. The Tribal Elders Officers only will continue to meet as long as it is safely to do so with the guidance of Tribal Emergency Management.

This is a short report on the Elders

Care Bags that were handed out on May 15, 2021 at Thunderbird Casino and at General Council on June 19, 2021. The Tribal Elders were able to hand out 170 Care Bags with 30 of Care Bags delivered to Tribal Elders at home because of health reasons or because of no transportation. The Tribal Elders wish to say thank you to the following people who donated to this effort; Governor John R. Johnson,

Secretary Ali Miller, Indian Child Welfare, Brad Gaylord, Chief of Shawnee Tribal Police department for

offering to pay for all items provided in the Elders Care Bags.

Also, the Elders wish to thank the Executive Committee for providing a new trailer for the Elders Council which we are anxious to move into a soon as possible.

Again I want to wish all Elders the best of health and stay safe everyone to protect yourself as well as your families.

If there are any questions please feel free to call me, Twila Parker at cell-phone: 405-229-8052

Shawnee Tribe Memorializes Language & Culture Bearer Sherman Tiger Internships Named for the Elder Who Passed Away in 2020

MIAMI, OK — Ramping up their cultural revitalization work this past spring, the Shawnee Tribe's language department began preparing cultural materials for digitization and upload to the Indigenous Language Digital Archive (ILDA) hosted by Miami University in Ohio.

"We already wanted to find a way to bring on college-level interns and get younger Shawnees involved, so this was the perfect opportunity," said Shawnee Tribe linguist Anastasia Miller-Youst.

This opportunity to create internships for young Shawnees also presented a solemn opportunity for the tribe to honor and memorialize Sherman Tiger (Absentee Shawnee).

Tiger was a Shawnee speaker and culture bearer who the community lost to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

"I'm grateful to not only have worked alongside Sherman, but to have had the honor of his friendship," says Shawnee Tribe Chief Ben Barnes. "This past year, occasions have come up where I would normally call my friend and we would share stories and visit about our work. Sherman's knowledge of our language and culture as well as the work he did for the Absentee, was a benefit to all three Shawnee tribes and vital to keeping Shawnee ways alive and well. It's only fitting that our language internship program bear his name and legacy."

"The interns are preparing our most used source, the Leif Selstad Shawnee Dictionary, for upload to our instance of ILDA," said staff linguist Miller-Youst.

The Shawnee ILDA Dictionary will eventually serve as an online, searchable dictionary for all Shawnee people, as well as a single archive of Shawnee sources for use in curriculum development for the language program.

The Shawnee Tribe plans to continue offering this internship opportunity in the future and will make future application information available at shawnee-tribe.com.

"The Shawnee Tribe is a sovereign nation of more than 3,100 citizens

living across North America. Tribal headquarters are located in Miami, Oklahoma, and Shawnee Chief Benjamin J. Barnes was elected in 2019. In January 2020, Chief Barnes issued an executive order declaring a state of emergency for the Shawnee language. The Shawnee Tribe Business Council adopted resolution R-01-06-20-K which officially declared the years 2021-2030 as the Decade of the Shawnee Language and pledged tribal resources flow toward a comprehensive plan to create fluent speakers from the youngest Shawnees and deploy language curriculum to all Shawnee people. For more information, visit shawnee-tribe.com."

NOW HIRING

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Roads Program

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe is seeking temporary construction laborers to help create a substantial economic impact in our community and assist the Roads Program with construction and road projects. This opportunity is to provide contract employment opportunities for qualified citizens. Interested individuals must be able to:

- Climb, crouch, push, pull, reach, stand, engage in repetitive motions, communicate, hear and see including color, depth perception and clarity.
- Must be able to lift 75lbs
- Must be able to work in extreme environments including in climate weather (extreme heat, cold, and unfavorable conditions) as needed

General qualifications are as follows current CDL preferred, general knowledge of construction work experience preferred, and oral and written communications skills. As required a valid OK Driver's License, able to pass background check and pre-employment screenings. Contract Labor will be paid hourly with no benefits, hourly rate will range between \$15-\$20 an hour pending qualifications and experience.

If interested please submit a letter of intent to KymberlyH@atribe.com or contact Kym Hazlett with the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at 405-275-4030 ext. 6325 with any questions or concerns.



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Providing Affordable Housing Programs for Native Americans with Preference to Absentee Shawnee Tribal Members

Income requirements are set by HUD annually on all low-income programs
Some services are dependent on funding availability



Education Department

The following are current programs administered by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Education Department:

- Academic (PK-12) Program:** assists with academic related expenses, and a portion of funds can be used for school-related athletic program expenses. Program has a maximum funding limit for the academic year.
- Johnson O'Malley Program:** assists Absentee Shawnee tribal members enrolled in any of our nine (9) school districts: Tecumseh, Bethel, Earlsboro, Wanette, Asher, South Rock Creek, Macomb, Dale, and Little Axe.
- Zahn Program:** established from a trust fund, program can help with some graduation expenses, and awards two (2) incentives: one for GED recipients and one for High School graduates. Program has a maximum amount of funding for graduation expenses.
- Job Training Adult Education Program:** funds for vocational training at accredited vocational institutions. Program has a maximum funding limit for the calendar year or per program.
- Higher Education: Education Incentive Award Program:** funds for undergraduate degrees, one associate or bachelor degree, at any accredited college or university. Funding levels are determined based upon grade point average and full-time or part-time status.
- Graduate Scholarship Program:** funds for one master's degree or one doctoral degree, and can fund one graduate admissions test. This program has funding levels based upon full-time and part-time status.
- Big Jim Youth Award Program:** annual incentive for High School Seniors for Academic Achievement and Athlete of the Year. Applications are available and accepted beginning January 1st and the deadline for application submission is March 31st of each year.

All funding is based upon the availability of funds at the time of application.

Attention:

All applications and guidelines are available at www.astribes.com. Click on Services and select Education.

For more information, please call (405) 275- 4030, Ext. 6242 email Tresha Spoon at tresham@astribes.com



AST High School Seniors

Graduation Stole Request Form

The information you provide below will be used to contact you regarding your form, where your stole will be sent to, or scheduling a time for you to pick up a stole. Make sure the information is current. If your contact information changes after you submit your form notify the Education Department immediately. We will not be responsible for lost stoles, stoles being sent to incorrect addresses, or the inability to schedule a pick up time.

****Stoles will be available on a first come, first served basis.****

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How would you like to receive your stole? ☐ Pick up ☐ Mail

*If picking up a stole, you will be called to schedule a pick up time.

Required documents:

Verification

- Class schedule: 12th grade enrollment

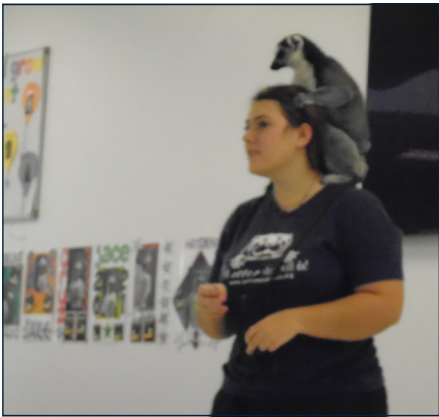
Tribal Enrollment Card

- Copy (must be the updated card)

Education Department
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801
405.275.4030 Ext. 6242
405.273.7938 (fax)
tresham@astribes.com

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Building Blocks C.D.C.
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801
(405) 878-0633
Fax: (405) 878-0156

We had an exciting August at Building Blocks. The 4 year olds class got ready to go back to school. They had a little graduation and a party day. Extreme Animals visited our center on August 4th and brought lots of neat animals. Wow, it was neat and the kids and staff were excited.



**BUILDING
BLOCKS**
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
AN ABSENTEE SHAWNEE ENTERPRISE

Our Employee of the Month is
Amanda Withrow. Congratulations!



Building Blocks will be closed Friday,
September 3rd for AST Day.

Also, we will be closed Monday,
September 6th for Labor Day.



We are accepting waiting list applications for children ages 6 weeks through 4
Year Olds (Pre-K). Call or come by for a waiting list application.

Also, we are still hiring employees. We are still looking for Floaters,
Teachers, Master Teachers, Housekeepers and Custodians. Come by to get an
application or visit astribes.com to fill one out.

Remember, Fall 2021 starts on Wednesday, September 22.

Have an Amazing September!!



College/Vocational

Graduation Stole Request Form

The Executive Committee will be sponsoring graduation stoles for 2021 College and Vocational graduates. The information you provide below will be used to contact you regarding where you would like your stole to be sent or scheduling a time for you to pick up a stole. Make sure the information is current. If it changes after you submit your form contact the Education Department immediately. We will not be responsible for lost stoles, stoles being sent to incorrect addresses, or the inability to schedule a pick up time.

****Stoles will be available on a first come, first served basis.****

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How would you like to receive your stole? ☐ Pick up ☐ Mail

*If picking up a stole, you will be called to schedule a pick up time.

Required documents:

Verification

- Copy of college application for graduation

Tribal Enrollment Card

- Copy (must be the updated card)

Education Department
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801
405.275.4030 Ext. 6242
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NOTICE



The Tax Collection report can be
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Member Login section on the
Absentee Shawnee Tribe's
website (www.astribes.com).



Scan the QR code to get information about our services



If you have any questions you may call 405.273.2888 for assistance.

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AllNations Bank

AllNations Bank announces added benefits for Absentee Shawnee Tribe members!!

Last year we partnered with the Oklahoma Native Assets Coalition, Inc. (ONAC) to establish the **Simply Safe Account**. This account makes banking accessible to everyone. AllNations Bank was the first Native American owned bank to offer this account, a certified Bank On account by The Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund. **Simply Safe Account** features are listed below:

- A debit card that honors the Absentee Shawnee Tribe – issued to AST members.



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- Free debit card
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- Free online monthly statement (\$2.00 fee for a paper statement)
- No overdraft fee (This is a check-less account. Account transactions are limited to Withdrawals at the Teller Window, Debit Card and ATM transactions, Online Bill Pay, Online or Mobile banking transfers.)

For any other questions about the Simply Safe Account features and benefits, please call AllNations Bank at 405-273-0202. Or go to our website www.anbok.com to download a new account application form and start banking with your Simply Safe Account today!



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IN THE TRIAL COURT OF
THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
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AFFIDAVIT TO OBTAIN SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS)
SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA) §.

being duly sworn upon oath states:

That she/he is the Plaintiff Denise Gonzalez above-named, and that on the 15 day of July, 2021, said Plaintiff filed in this Court a Petition against Defendant :and this is one of the class of cases prescribed by the Statutes of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, and is absent therefrom, and that with and after the exercise of due diligence, said Plaintiff is unable to make personal service upon said Defendant, Erin Coody, within the jurisdiction of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, and that Plaintiff wishes to obtain service upon the said Defendant by publication as provided by law. (AST CODE OF LAWS, Section 205, Section 206 and Section 209)

IN THE TRIAL COURT OF
THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA 74801

In the matter of)
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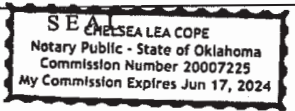
That she/he is the Plaintiff Laurie Webber above-named, and that on the 16th day of August, 2021, said Plaintiff filed in this Court a Petition against Defendant :and this is one of the class of cases prescribed by the Statutes of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, and is absent therefrom, and that with and after the exercise of due diligence, said Plaintiff is unable to make personal service upon said Defendant, Cassie Jacene, within the jurisdiction of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, and that Plaintiff wishes to obtain service upon the said Defendant by publication as provided by law. (AST CODE OF LAWS, Section 205, Section 206 and Section 209)

Laurie Webber
PLAINTIFF

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of August, 2021.

Melissa Cope
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: June 17, 2024



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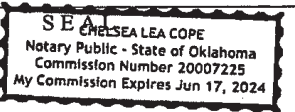
That she/he is the Plaintiff Laurie Webber above-named, and that on the 16th day of August, 2021, said Plaintiff filed in this Court a Petition against Defendant :and this is one of the class of cases prescribed by the Statutes of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, and is absent therefrom, and that with and after the exercise of due diligence, said Plaintiff is unable to make personal service upon said Defendant, Mac Mullican, within the jurisdiction of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, and that Plaintiff wishes to obtain service upon the said Defendant by publication as provided by law. (AST CODE OF LAWS, Section 205, Section 206 and Section 209)

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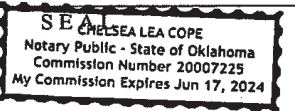
That she/he is the Plaintiff Laurie Webber above-named, and that on the 16th day of August, 2021, said Plaintiff filed in this Court a Petition against Defendant :and this is one of the class of cases prescribed by the Statutes of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, and is absent therefrom, and that with and after the exercise of due diligence, said Plaintiff is unable to make personal service upon said Defendant, Matt Hulbutta, within the jurisdiction of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, and that Plaintiff wishes to obtain service upon the said Defendant by publication as provided by law. (AST CODE OF LAWS, Section 205, Section 206 and Section 209)

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L.A.Plus Care..... 447-0477
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Unfortunately we can only accept **ONE PICTURE PER BIRTHDAY PERSON,** not per birthday wish.