



# The Absentee Shawnee News



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## From AST Police Chief Shawn Crowley...

I am pleased to notify you that the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Police Department has donated two of their excess/surplus vehicles to the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office and to the McCloud Police Department.

Vehicle description: 2009 Ford Crown Victoria (McCloud Police Department)

Vehicle description: 2004 Chevy Impala Sedan (Pott. County Sheriff's Office)

I know these vehicles will be great help to the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office and to the McCloud Police Department.

Our best wishes to you and your departments for continued success.

*From L to R: Tom Pringle, Chief McCloud Police Dept., Mike Booth, Pott. County Sheriff, Shawn Crowley, Chief AST Tribal Police Dept. & Edwina Butler-Wolfe, AST Governor*



# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Edwina Butler-Wolfe

Governor



Issac Gibson

Lt. Governor



Vera M. Dawsey

Secretary



Leah Bates

Treasurer



Kenneth Blanchard

Representative

Monthly Executive Committee meetings can be watched online at [astribe.com](http://astribe.com)

## Governor's Report

May 2015

Hello my Absentee Shawnee people!

Since I am a life-long resident in the Shawnee area I try to keep up on current events happening in our City. This past week the City of Shawnee had their annual garage sales and although we had a brief rain there was a good turn-out. I always enjoy getting out into the community this time of year as I find it is a good time to visit and see what people are going to plant. The City of Shawnee was named after our tribe and to me I deem it necessary and fitting that we as a tribe take part in activities and events in Shawnee and closely monitor local municipal government actions that could potentially impact our tribe. As an example, you may recall we had a tax issue with the City of Shawnee not long ago and although the issue isn't on the front page anymore it could arise again.

Over the last few months I have been giving a good deal of thought about how we might assist our tribal members who live outside of the Shawnee and Little Axe area. Recently I learned of a unique opportunity I would like for the tribe to consider as an option to existing healthcare for those tribal members who cannot readily access our healthcare. This is known as Tel-a-doc. This is a provider based program tribal members throughout the nation could access through a phone call or by video conference such as Skype. The idea would be for those tribal members within a family who don't have time to go to the doctor, a way to pay for a doctor, someone to transport them to see a doctor or aren't quite certain they need to see a doctor they could call an 800 based number and a board certified physician could go over their signs and symptoms and make a diagnosis. This is an alternative and an option to care. It would not be to replace your care, especially if you have a chronic disease.

Recently we learned of a concern within one of grant programs that I would like to let you know about as it created quite a few issues. Some of our grants require certifications and/or have specific requirements that have to be met. Our COPS and SORNA grants pay for personnel, training, equipment, and with community functions. These are vital to the operations of our law enforcement department. To correct this grant concern we had to remove an officer and work with the grant agency so we didn't lose any funding. These types of issues aren't unusual it was just problematic and could have meant loss of services. I would like to thank Glenna Jones, Grant Writer, and Shawn Crowley, Acting Police Chief, for their work in resolving this issue and getting us back on track. This type of team work is what makes a difference for the Tribe and for the services provided through those departments.

The Tribe is still working to resolve the serious problems former leadership and certain current elected leaders have caused our tribe. The concerns within our Finance department continue to grow and Belinda

Collins retains her position as Controller, regardless of what the General Council stated. Our Attorney General has not been paid in many months. I am led to believe this is due to the illegal meeting called by Treasurer Bates, Lt. Governor Gibson, and Secretary Dawsey who stated they terminated our Attorney General for them doing their job. Our investments and the financial status of our businesses remain a mystery as do the tax payments from our casinos. This is not good business. We need to resolve these legal issues and move our tribe forward. We need to have our Finance department working for the Tribe - not against the Tribe. There are so many things we could be doing for the Tribe if we had a clear view of our financial picture which could make a significant difference in service levels, operations, and growth within our infrastructure.

### APRIL MEETINGS

#### Culture

On April 1, 2015 I traveled to the Wyandotte Tribe for an afternoon meeting with the Eastern Shawnee Tribe, Shawnee Tribe, and the USDA Forest Service. The two Shawnee Tribes signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the USDA Forest Service on April 1, 2015. We were unable to sign at that time as we did not have an AST Resolution in place authorizing me to enter into that agreement. On April 15, 2015 the Executive Committee did pass a Resolution authorizing this agreement to be entered into and I have signed it. The focus of this MOU pertains to our ancestral and historic lands; the ceded territories of the Tribe, as determined by the Tribe; and the federal public lands existing within these lands and territories, known as the Eastern Region of the Forest Service.

I would like to thank Joseph Blanchard, Cultural Director, for his work in relation to this action with the USDA Forest Service.

#### Education

A services agreement was made with Blake Goodman for him to coordinate a Soccer program. Blake will be meeting with the administration and staff at Little Axe School to arrange the use of any needed facilities. For more information you can contact Tresha Spoon, Education Department, 405-275-4030, Ext: 6242.

On April 14, 2015 I met with Mr. Robert R. Neu, Superintendent, Oklahoma City Public Schools, Dr. Star Yellowfish, Indian Education Director and Tierney Tinnin, Director of Media Relations. The topic of this meeting was the Capitol Hill High School mascot transition. A group of students, faculty, alumni, and tribal representatives worked together to choose a new name that might best represent what it means to be a Capitol Hill student. They have narrowed the possibilities down to two names and these are soon to be voted on by the students at Capitol Hill High School. The Oklahoma City Public School district has 81 schools within the Oklahoma City area and 2,398 are Native American students with 28 listed as Absentee Shawnee tribal members.

Also at this April 14th meeting we discussed how the public schools and tribes could improve on their communication. I discussed having several of our AST programs going into the school systems and reaching



out to our tribal students and assisting with school wide assemblies.

It is my hope through these types of joint efforts we will assist our students as I would like to hear our tribal students are doing well and excelling in their studies and being recognized for their scholastic accomplishments and sports related achievements.

### Conclusion

In conclusion, I come to work each day with the hope that today will be the day our tribe will stand together and not divided.

I have 1.5 months to go. My door is always open (unless I am in a meeting or at a meeting) and I welcome your visits.

Help me to make a difference – stand beside me and Let us Build for the Future (BFF) - united and together!

Thank you for your support.

## Secretary's Report

Hello,

Well the weather has been so unpredictable lately. But you know the saying “April showers bring May flowers”. If you planted your gardens, I hope you all receive all the rain you need.

April was Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault month. I attended the “Break the Silence” rally at the state capital. There were many tribes there near and far with a lot of information on this issue. This is a big issue in Indian country. If you know anyone who needs any help, please get with the domestic violence department. They have all the resources to help in any situation.

As for all my other programs, they are moving along as expected. I will be attending the NICWA conference at the end of April in Portland, Oregon. Some issues have been brought to my attention in the ICW department, which needs to be addressed immediately. This conference will give me the opportunity to address them. Hopefully, I will have more insight of the issue when I return. Information will be available then.

The 75th General Council had a good turnout. We had 92 Tribal members that attended, which made a quorum. I hope you all enjoyed your time there and got your questions asked. If you did not get your question asked and they pertain to my programs, please feel free to call anytime. I have always said you can call my house (405-307-0954) if you cannot reach me at the office. Also my direct line to the office is 405-878-4525. I am always available to you.

May God continue to look over you and your family!!

## Representative's Report

Greetings Fellow Tribal Members

As you know, we have just completed the March 20, 2015 runoff election. This election has narrowed the field of candidates to two candidates for Governor and two candidates for Secretary.

I encourage to do your civic duty and participate in the June 20, 2015 General Election.

To contact me at the Tribal Complex, please write to:

Representative Ken Blanchard  
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive  
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801

Or by phone at (405) 275-4030 Ext. 6287.

Respectfully,  
Ken Blanchard

**No reports submitted by Lt. Governor and Treasurer**



# Be Red Cross Ready



Weather Radio Distribution for Absentee Shawnee Tribal Members

May 9, 2015

11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Horse Shoe Bend Tribal Community Center

46309 Garrett's Lake Road

Johnson, OK

Preparedness tips, a free weather radio and **FREE FOOD!**

Preparing for Emergencies and staying informed is key to helping families recover following emergencies. The American Red Cross and Absentee Shawnee Tribe will be providing one weather radio per household to ensure families get important information before, during and after weather events. Volunteers will be available to help you program your new radio. \*While supplies last. Must be present to receive radio\*

For more information contact Caitlin Baker at [caitlin.baker@redcross.org](mailto:caitlin.baker@redcross.org) or 405-441-0590

## **THANK YOU FOR MY SHELTER...**

I would like to thank the Absentee Shawnee Tribe and Red Cross for making this happen. I now have a shelter that I can get into and do not have to drive anywhere to be safe while the tornado season is now upon us. I cannot thank the people enough for helping to make this happen.

Michael Berry



# RESOLUTIONS

## EXECUTIVE

### RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2015-18

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA  
REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 15, 2015

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA HEREBY AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (AS ATTACHED) WITH THE USDA FOREST SERVICE EASTERN REGION TO FORMALIZE A RELATIONSHIP AND TO PROVIDE THE FRAMEWORK FOR CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE TRIBE AND THE FOREST SERVICE AND DESIGNATING GOVERNOR BUTLER-WOLFE AS THE TRIBAL OFFICIAL TO SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON BEHALF OF THE TRIBE, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of the Interior, last amended in May 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and

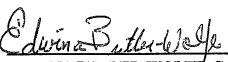
WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body; and

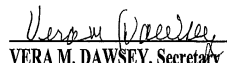
WHEREAS, the Executive Committee believes it in the best interest of the Tribe to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the USDA Forest Service to formalize a relationship and to provide a framework for consultation between the Tribe and the Forest Service.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorizes and approves the Memorandum of Understanding (as attached) with the USDA Forest Service Eastern Region to formalize a relationship and to provide a framework for consultation between the Tribe and the Forest Service and designates Governor Butler-Wolfe as the Tribal Official to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the Tribe, effective immediately. (See attached)

## CERTIFICATION

We, Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Governor and Vera M. Dawsey, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify this Resolution No-E-AS-2015-18 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on April 15, 2015, there being a quorum present, by vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Gibson: Yes, Secretary Dawsey: Yes, Treasurer Bates: Yes, Representative Blanchard: Yes, Governor Butler-Wolfe's vote, if required, NA.

  
EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE, Governor

  
VERA M. DAWSEY, Secretary



## EXECUTIVE

### RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2015-19

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA  
REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 15, 2015

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING THE TRIBE TO ENTER INTO AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT WITH BLAKE GOODMAN (AS ATTACHED) TO PROVIDE SERVICES RELATED TO A YOUTH SOCCER PROGRAM AND DESIGNATING GOVERNOR BUTLER-WOLFE TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TRIBE, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of the Interior, last amended in May 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body; and


WHEREAS, the Executive Committee believes it in the best interest of the Tribe to enter into an agreement with Blake Goodman to provide services related to a youth soccer program.

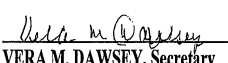
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorizes the Tribe to enter into an independent contractor agreement with Blake Goodman (as attached) to provide services related to a youth soccer program and designates Governor Butler-Wolfe to sign the agreement on behalf of the Tribe, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

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## CERTIFICATION

We, Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Governor and Vera M. Dawsey, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify this Resolution No-E-AS-2015-19 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on April 15, 2015, there being a quorum present, by vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Gibson: Yes, Secretary Dawsey: Yes, Treasurer Bates: Yes, Representative Blanchard: Yes, Governor Butler-Wolfe's vote, if required, NA.

  
EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE, Governor

  
VERA M. DAWSEY, Secretary



## EXECUTIVE

### RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2015-20

ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA  
REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 15, 2015

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN UPDATED TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION FOR CONSTRUCTION, OVERLAY, OR MAINTENANCE.

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial, and

WHEREAS, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of Interior, last amended in May 2011, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body, and

WHEREAS, the Indian Reservation Roads Program requires tribal governments to submit an updated Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) annually to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Transportation, and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) consists of an integrated network of roads in Cleveland and Pottawatomie County, which are extremely important to the logistic needs of the tribal members and commercial and business districts, and


WHEREAS, such roads have been placed on the Bureau of Indian Affairs Roads Inventory for construction, overlay, or maintenance, as their existence is critically vital to the livelihood and economic development of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

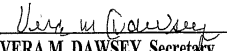
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorizes the submission of an updated Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Division of Transportation for construction, overlay, or maintenance. (Attachment).

## CERTIFICATION

We, Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Governor and Vera M. Dawsey, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify this Resolution No-E-AS-2015-20 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on April 15, 2015, there being a quorum present, by vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Gibson: Yes, Secretary Dawsey: Yes, Treasurer Bates: Yes, Representative Blanchard: Yes, Governor Butler-Wolfe's vote, if required, NA.

  
EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE, Governor

  
VERA M. DAWSEY, Secretary



**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA  
TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN  
PRIORITY LIST  
MARCH 2015**

**EXECUTIVE  
RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2015-21  
ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA  
REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
APRIL 15, 2015**

**EXECUTIVE  
RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2015-22  
ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA  
REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
APRIL 15, 2015**

Priority No.	Route Number	Route Name	Length (Miles)
1	8898	ASTPD Sub-Station Parking	1.0
2	8824	Building Blocks III Parking	1.0
3	8865	Alameda/SE 254th St-Camp site	2.0
4	9327	Franklin Rd to Pott County Line	2.0
5	8895	East Tecumseh Road	0.6
6	8890	AST Complex South Cul-de-sac	1.0
7	8897	Fishmarket Rd & Willow View Rd	4.0
8	8993	Fishmarket Road	2.0
9	8899	168th Ave	5.0
10	4141	Rock Creek Road	3.5
11	8979	Westech Rd & Crosslin Road	2.75
12	8975	South Rock Creek Road	4.0
13	0474	Brangus & River Road	3.0
14	8996	Kings Road	1.0
15	8990	Acme Road	2.0
16	8993	Crosslin Road	3.0
17	8984	Patterson Road	0.8
18	8987	South Rangeline Road	2.6
19	9333	Alameda Dr.	5.6
20	8994	Wolverine Road	1.0
21	0116	E1140 Road	1.0
22	8977	SH 9A	5.0
23	8982	E1250 Road	1.2
24	8992	Crosslin Road	0.5
25	8986	Acme Road	1.2
26	9325	Sooner Road	12.0
27	8961	Berry Road	9.0
28	8972	Franklin Road	13.5
<b>Total Length</b>			<b>91.3</b>

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA APPROVING AND ACCEPTING CHARITAS SUSANNE SKINNER, CHRISTY ANN LOUISE ARMENDARIZ, JESSICA LYNN MONTGOMERY, KYLER EVAN PINE, CARMYNN LAYNE GRASS AND ALEXANDER LEE MOORE AS ENROLLED MEMBERS OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA.

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of the Interior, last amended in May 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and

WHEREAS, the following individuals have applied for membership in the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and

NAME OF ENROLLEE	DOB	DEGREE OF BLOOD
Charitas Susanne Skinner	06/25/1981	15/64
Christy Ann Louise Armendariz	10/23/1997	1/4
Jessica Lynn Montgomery	10/06/1994	11/64
Kyler Evan Pine	10/11/2012	1/8
Carmynn Layne Grass	06/16/2014	1/8
Alexander Lee Moore	12/03/2014	1/8

WHEREAS, the above-named individuals have satisfactorily met the Constitutional enrollment requirements of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that, research has been conducted, and to the best of our knowledge, these individuals are not enrolled with another tribe; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate documentation required for this action is on file in the Enrollment section of the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Secretary's office.

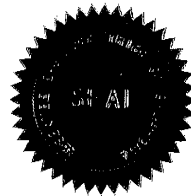
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma hereby approves and accepts Charitas Susanne Skinner, Christy Ann Louise Armendariz, Jessica Lynn Montgomery, Kyler Evan Pine, Carmynn Layne Grass and Alexander Lee Moore as enrolled members of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma as of the date of this resolution.

**CERTIFICATION**

We, Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Governor and Vera M. Dawsey, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify this Resolution No-E-AS-2015-21 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on April 15, 2015, there being a quorum present, by vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Gibson: Yes, Secretary Dawsey: Yes, Treasurer Bates: Yes, Representative Blanchard: Yes, Governor Butler-Wolfe's vote, if required, NA.

*Edwina Butler-Wolfe*  
EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE, Governor

*Vera M. Dawsey*  
VERA M. DAWSEY, Secretary



A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING AND ACCEPTING THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, AS ATTACHED, IN THE LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST GLAXO-SMITH-KLINE, LLC, INCLUDING A WAIVER OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE'S SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY AND/OR EXHAUSTION OF TRIBAL REMEDIES IN RESPONSE TO ANY CLAIM BY GLAXO-SMITH-KLINE, LLC, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE APPROVAL OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of the Interior, last amended in May 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and

WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body; and

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorized Resolution No. L-AS-2012-71 to participate in an Avandia related tort claim against Glaxo-Smith-Kline, LLC and entered into a retainer agreement with the Law Firm of Greer, Russell, Dent & Leathers, PLLC ("Greer Law Firm") to pursue all related claims; and

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WHEREAS, the Executive Committee was made aware of a proposed Settlement Agreement, which under Paragraph Six, requires that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma represent it has had the assistance of legal counsel, the Greer Law Firm, in negotiation, reviewing, and executing the Settlement Agreement as well as in understanding the legal significance of the Settlement Agreement, dismissal of the lawsuit, and the approval of the Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of the Attorney General, members of the Executive Committee met via teleconference with the Greer Law Firm on March 25, 2015 and discussed the Settlement Agreement as required under Paragraph Six, including among other things, the scope of the settlement, the indemnification requirements, the waiver of tribal sovereign immunity, and the confidentiality of the settlement terms; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee believes it in the best interest of the Tribe to authorize and accept the proposed Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee acknowledges that the Settlement Agreement includes a waiver of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's sovereign immunity and/or exhaustion of Tribal court remedies in response to any claim by Glaxo-Smith-Kline, LLC as stipulated in Paragraph 10 of the Settlement Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma by and through the Executive Committee accepts the proposed settlement of the lawsuit filed against Glaxo-Smith-Kline, LLC, approves the Settlement Agreement, as attached, including the waiver of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's sovereign immunity and/or exhaustion of Tribal court remedies in favor of Glaxo-Smith-Kline, LLC, for enforcement of the Settlement Agreement, and further authorizes the Governor to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate approval of the Settlement Agreement, effective immediately. (Attachment)

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**CERTIFICATION**

We, Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Governor and Vera M. Dawsey, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify this Resolution No-E-AS-2015-22 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on April 15, 2015, there being a quorum present, by vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention, as follows: Lt. Governor Gibson: Yes, Secretary Dawsey: Abstain, Treasurer Bates: Yes, Representative Blanchard: Yes, Governor Butler-Wolfe's vote, if required, NA.

*Edwina Butler-Wolfe*  
EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE, Governor

*Vera M. Dawsey*  
VERA M. DAWSEY, Secretary



**FY-2015  
YTD TAX COLLECTIONS  
(thru 3/31/15)**

RUN DATE:  
04/15/15

TAX CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	YEAR-TO-DATE		
													TOTAL	% OF TAXES COLLECTED	
Sales (6%)	\$1,309.86	\$98.49	\$32,618.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,027.26	5.09%
Gaming % of free cash	\$164,284.00	\$150,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$564,284.00	84.45%
Employee (1%)	\$41.05	\$0.00	\$11,691.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,732.26	1.76%
Severance (8%)	\$7,199.15	\$756.29	\$5,251.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,207.09	1.98%
Motor Vehicle	\$11,660.98	\$16,042.65	\$16,645.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,349.23	6.64%
Tobacco Refund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>TOTAL TAXES</b>	<b>\$184,495.04</b>	<b>\$166,897.43</b>	<b>\$316,207.37</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$667,599.84</b>	<b>\$667,599.84</b>
Miscellaneous	\$305.00	\$125.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	0.08%
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$184,800.04</b>	<b>\$167,022.43</b>	<b>\$316,327.37</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$668,149.84</b>	<b>100%</b>

# GOVERNOR'S SPOTLIGHT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

## *Horse Shoe Bend After School Tutors*

<b>EVAN BLACKBURN</b>	<b>Shawnee, OK</b>
<b>KIMBERLY BREEDAN</b>	<b>Oklahoma City, OK</b>
<b>JOSIE EDGELL</b>	<b>Seminole, OK</b>
<b>DANI INGLE</b>	<b>Harpwell, ME</b>
<b>MADISON NEWTON</b>	<b>Eufaula, OK</b>
<b>HALEY NICKERSON</b>	<b>North Richland Hills, TX</b>
<b>SARAH REEDER</b>	<b>Coweta, OK</b>
<b>HILLARY WILLIAMS</b>	<b>Coweta, OK</b>
<b>JACKSON GRIFFITH</b>	<b>Parker, CO</b>

The May monthly spotlight for employees will be the Horse Shoe Bend After School Tutors from Oklahoma Baptist University.

These Tutors have played a big part in our Horse Shoe Bend after school student's success. I am very proud of our tutors as they pursue their future. They have been an excellent role model to our after school program students.

Tutors will be honored with a dinner and a small gift before they leave for the summer break.

Governor Butler-Wolfe

**Let's Build For the Future (BFF)!**

### GOVERNORS SPOTLIGHT EMPLOYEE

Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe will be working with the six program department that she has oversight over and will monthly select an employee that is deemed to have contributed to their program and to the Absentee Shawnee tribe. The attributes to be considered are: Contributions to the community and the Tribe; leadership; performance and work ethic; teamwork. It is the intent of the Governor to recognize tribal employees who do a remarkable job and might not otherwise get recognized for their contributions. This special employee recognition program will be highlighted under my Office as the SPOTLIGHT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH program.

## CONGRATULATIONS SAMUEL BYERS



For making the Dean's Honor Roll again this semester at Haskell Indian Nations University. You are almost there with one more semester before graduation. We are so very proud of you and can't wait to see you walk across the stage very soon.

We love you!!!!

Auntie Sherry, Uncle Shawn and families.

## *we Listen* Ne-Hi-Ki-Wa-Sa-Pa

The AST Health System values ALL feedback.

We will listen....

\*Patient Advocate Jim Robertson

405-447-0300

\*Customer Service Line

405-701-7623

\*Patient Questionnaire located in each of our

clinics or on our website

[www.ASTHEALTH.ORG](http://www.ASTHEALTH.ORG)



### Little Axe Health Center

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System

15951 Little Axe Drive

Norman OK, 70326

405-447-0300

### Shawnee Clinic

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System

2029 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.

Shawnee OK, 74801

405-878-5850

# NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN WARRIORS Come Join Us!

See if you qualify for VA Benefits ~ Explore your current VA Benefits!

## Native American Veterans Enrollment Event

**Little Axe Health Center**  
**Wed. April 22, 2015**  
**9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Shawnee Clinic**  
**Wed. May 20, 2015**  
**9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**VHA Health & VBA Benefits Specialists will be available to assist with the following U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs programs:**

- ◆ **Vet Center Mobile Unit**
- ◆ **DAV - Disabled American Vet Rep**
- ◆ **Mental Health & Substance Abuse**
- ◆ **Women's Health Program**
- ◆ **Survivor's Benefits**
- ◆ **Housing & Education Benefits**
- ◆ **Employment Opportunities**
- ◆ **Homeless Program**



Contact: Connie Bottaro/Melinda Ferrell/Lela Culley, Patient Benefit Advocate  
Little Axe Health Center ~ 15951 Little Axe Drive, Norman, OK, 73026 ~ 405.447.0300  
Shawnee Clinic ~ 2029 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK 74801 ~ 405.878.5850  
Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System ~ [www.asthealth.org](http://www.asthealth.org)



Caring for...AMERICA'S HEROES  
[www.oklahoma.va.gov](http://www.oklahoma.va.gov)

## Women's Health

**Little Axe Health Center**  
Women's Health Services  
Located in the Primary Health Care

Services provided at Shawnee Clinic 405.878.4702 Schedule an appointment

Providing & Promoting Preventative Health for All Women

**Services include:**

- Adult immunizations
- Breast & Pelvic Exams
- Mammogram Referral
- Bone Density Studies

**Information about:**

- Health Promotion
- Quitting Smoking
- Misuse of Alcohol and Drugs
- Nutrition
- Physical Fitness and Exercise
- Controlling Stress and Violence
- Prevention of Pregnancy
- AIDS and other Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Women's Health Services  
Little Axe Health Center  
15951 Little Axe Drive • Norman, OK 73026  
405.447.0300 • Fax 405.701.7605  
[www.asthealth.org](http://www.asthealth.org)



## AST PHARMACY

When requesting refills, please provide 24 hour notice until pick-up. The most efficient method is to have your refill numbers ready when you call the Pharmacy, and use our automated system.

Deliveries of controlled medications are not allowed.

If you would like to receive a text message to your cell phone when your medications are ready for pick-up, please alert the pharmacy staff and provide us with your current cell phone number.

Please inform us of changes in address, phone number, insurance and other contact information (changes at registration do not flow to pharmacy).

If you have any questions at any time, feel free to call either Pharmacy or stop by and speak with one of our Pharmacy staff. We are happy to assist you with your pharmaceutical needs!

**Hours of Operation:**

Little Axe: Monday-Friday 8am-5pm  
(7:30am-5:30pm Drive-Thru)  
Phone-(405)292-9530  
Shawnee: Monday-Friday 7am-5pm  
Phone-(405)878-5859

We are open through the lunch hour!!

**\*\*BOTH PHARMACY DEPARTMENTS ARE CLOSED WITH THE CLINICS THE FIRST WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON OF EVERY MONTH TO COMPLETE ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES. \*\***

Thank You,  
AST Pharmacy Staff



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



## April 2015 News...

We had lots of Easter fun in April. The children enjoyed coloring eggs, hunting eggs, and having Easter parties. We always welcome parent participation and want to thank all of the parents and/or family members who contributed items for our parties and those who also attended our Easter events.



Teddy Bear Portraits came out and photographed the children. We've worked with this company before and they did a wonderful job. The children

looked so handsome and beautiful in their outfits. Most of the children were very excited to get their pictures taken while others weren't so sure about it. Either way, we can't wait to see the final product!!

The Director and CCDF Coordinator attended a job fair hosted by Workforce Oklahoma on April 23rd in order to recruit quality employees. Child care can be a tough job and it takes a special person to be successful in this field. But it is also very rewarding. If you are interested in employment with Building Blocks, you can contact the center at (405) 878-0633 or visit the AST website at [www.astribe.com](http://www.astribe.com) and look under the 'Employment' tab.

### Dates to remember:

May 8th:

"Muffins for Moms" @ 8:00 a.m.

We invite the mothers of our children to join us for breakfast in celebration of Mother's Day!!

May 25th:

Closed to observe Memorial Day.

Thank you,  
Billie Thompson Director



# 2015 TRIBAL EASTER EGG HUNT





# The Absentee Shawnee Diabetes and Wellness Program



## JUNIOR OLYMPICS

**Saturday  
May 23rd, 2015**

**Little Axe Resource  
Center  
8:00 A.M.**

### YOUTH EVENTS

#### INCLUDE:

50 YARD DASH

BROAD JUMP

LONG JUMP

SOFTBALL THROW

1-MILE RUN

FREE THROW SHOOTING

**PRE-REGISTER NOW!**

Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Athlete (name): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB (Athlete): \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Male: \_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_ **PARENT/GUARDIAN 1-Mile Walk/Run**

Waiver: In consideration of the acceptance of this entry I waive all claims for myself and my heirs against the sponsors, cooperating and coordinating groups and any individuals associated with this event and will hold them harmless for any and all injuries which may result from my participation. I hereby give my permission to the media to use my name and photograph in the AST newsletter without limitation or obligation. I certify that I am physically fit for this event and understand the risks involved by participating in this event.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

## The Absentee Shawnee Diabetes & Wellness Fitness Center's Fitness Schedule



### ABSENTEE SHAWNEE FITNESS

#### FITNESS CLASS SCHEDULE



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Classes</b>	<b>Classes</b>	<b>Classes</b>	<b>Classes</b>	<b>Classes</b>
Circuit Training 6:10 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	Zumba! 6:10 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	Circuit Training 6:10 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	Cardio Kickboxing 6:10 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	Circuit Training 6:10 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center
Low Impact Chair Exercise 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Buster Bread Little Axe Resource Center	Tai Chi 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	Low Impact Chair Exercise 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Buster Bread Little Axe Resource Center	Tai Chi 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	
Circuit Training 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Buster Bread Little Axe Resource Center	Circuit Training 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Buster Bread Little Axe Resource Center	Circuit Training 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Buster Bread Little Axe Resource Center	Circuit Training 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Buster Bread Little Axe Resource Center	
 Chrissy Wiens Diabetes and Wellness Physical Activities Specialist		 Buster Bread Diabetes and Wellness Fitness Manager		



Location: 1970 156th Ave. N.E. Norman, O.K. 73071  
(405) 364-7298

For more information please visit our website at:  
<http://www.asthealth.org/tags/fitness>

#### Fitness Hours:

**Monday** 6:00 a.m.— 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday** 6:00 a.m.— 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday** 6:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.

**Thursday** 6:00 a.m.— 7:00 p.m.

**Friday** 6:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.

**Saturday/Sunday** CLOSED



The MSPI (Meth/Suicide Prevention Initiative) drum project continues to meet every Saturday afternoon at 1pm at the Employee Committee/ Music Building, behind the Shawnee Clinic. John Soap has dedicated his time for instruction on how to make drum sticks and hand drums. A few participants have completed this artful craft.

We invite you to come and see what the youth and others have accomplished as their next task will be to learn pow– wow songs from John Soap and from other invited singers.

For more information please contact the following:

Absentee Shawnee Behavioral Health

John Soap: (405) 878-4716

Little Axe Health Center Behavioral Health – MSPI

Jenifer Sloan: (405) 701-7988

Clarice Williams: (405) 701-7995

# FROM THE ELECTION COMMISSION:

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE ELECTION COMMISSION  
 OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS  
 PRIMARY ELECTION MARCH 21, 2015

PLEASE fill out EACH BLANK completely and return by the Deadline.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

This is to announce the **OFFICIAL** results of the March 21, 2015 Primary Election for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. This election was held on the above date pursuant on the Tribal Constitution and the Election Ordinance. All votes were counted at the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify that I am or will be an Eligible

(Print Name)

Voter of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe on or before June 20, 2015. I cannot physically be present to cast my Vote at the **June 20, 2015 Run Off Election**, therefore, I am requesting an Absentee Ballot be mailed to me at the following address.

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_  
 (first) (middle) (maiden) (last)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

CDIB#: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

GOVERNOR (2 Year Term)

Sabrina Little Axe	29	Votes
Jeff Gibson	110	Votes
Edwina Butler-Wolfe	190	Votes
Ricky Little Axe	53	Votes
Kathy Deere	56	Votes

All **REQUESTS** must be returned to the Election Commission by the deadline of **May 31, 2015**

Mail to:

Absentee Shawnee Election Commission  
 P.O. Box 741  
 Tecumseh, OK 74873

SECRETARY (2 Year Term)

Sacha Almanza	62	Votes
Leonard Longhorn	56	Votes
John Raymond Johnson	91	Votes
Vera Dawsey	62	Votes
Twila Parker	119	Votes
Paulette Blanchard	49	Votes

Fax to:

Fax # (405) 273-1337 **(Do not fax to any other fax #)**  
 Phone: (405) 275-4030 ext. 6271  
 Toll free number 1-800-256-3341 ext. 6271

Deliver in Person to:

Election Commission Office located in the Tribal Court Building


All eligible voters are entitled to vote either at the Polls or by Absentee Ballot.  
 This form may be duplicated for your convenience.

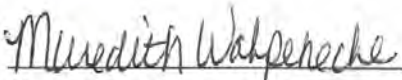
We the Officials are responsible for declaring the above election results, do hereby claim the above statements are true and correct to the best of our knowledge.

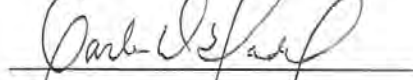
  
 Election Commissioner

  
 Acting Commission Member #1

  
 Deputy Commissioner

  
 Commission Member #2

  
 Election Secretary

  
 Tribal Judge

Date: March 27, 2015

ELECTION COMMISSION USE ONLY

Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved: \_\_\_\_\_

If Disapproved (reason): \_\_\_\_\_

Denial Letter Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_ Ballot Mail ed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Election Commission/Representative

# ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe Child Protective Services accepts, investigates, and records all reports of alleged abuse and neglect of Absentee Shawnee children and provides protection to Indian children on Trust land. Child Protective Services also works with the Department of Human Services to investigate the abuse or mistreatment of Absentee Shawnee children residing outside Trust land. The primary responsibility of Child Protective Services is to assess the safety of the child and take the appropriate action to protect and promote the best interest of the child.

## COURT ADVOCACY

The Absentee Shawnee Indian Child Welfare Department provides court advocacy in the Tribal and State systems for children and families. This advocacy is to help ensure AST children and families get the protections offered under the Federal Indian Child Welfare Act as well as any protections offered by the various state Indian Child Welfare Acts. ICW workers attend court hearings in person or by teleconference to be a voice for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe in the protection of AST children. ICW workers also provide the planning and linkage to services necessary for families who are working to correct the problems causing the initial removal of their child. This service is offered for Absentee Shawnee children nation-wide, whether or not they reside in the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's jurisdiction.

*ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS OPEN TO ANY ABSENTEE SHAWNEE MEMBER WHO IS IN NEED OF OUR SERVICES. THE AST INDIAN CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S GOAL IS KEEP TRIBAL CHILDREN WITH THEIR TRIBAL FAMILY WHENEVER POSSIBLE. IF ICW HAS TO REMOVE A CHILD FROM THEIR HOME TO ENSURE THEIR SAFETY, WE LOOK FOR TRIBAL FOSTER CARE HOMES. WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO ARE WILLING TO OPEN THEIR HOME TO NEGLECTED OR ABUSED AST CHILDREN. IF YOU ARE TRIBAL MEMBER AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME AN ABSENTEE SHAWNEE FOSTER HOME PLEASE CONTACT:*

*JULIE WILSON/FOSTER CARE 405-878-4702*



**Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect.**

**- Chief Seattle**

Attorneys from Oklahoma Indian Legal Services will provide free Will preparation services for eligible tribal members who own interest in Indian Trust or Restricted Land.

## WILL PREPARATION CLINIC

**DATE: June 2, 2015**

**10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**



## ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE

**BLDG #2**

**2025 S. GORDON COOPER DRIVE**

**SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA 74801**

Please call Norma (M-F, 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.) to register at:

1-800-658-1497

You must have an appointment to talk to an attorney.

Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc. is a nonprofit law firm funded principally by the Legal Services Corp. For additional information regarding other legal services call Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc. 1-800-658-1497.

For more information please contact Eddie Brokeshoulder, Office of Governor at  
(405) 275-4030 Ext. 6307.

## MUSIC & VARIETY SHOW SPONSORED BY AST ELDERS COUNCIL

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2015**

**WHERE: LITTLE AXE RESOURCE CENTER  
NORTH OF THUNDERBIRD CASINO**

**TIME: 3 P.M. TO 5 P.M.**

**ADMISSION: ADULTS \$5  
CHILDREN \$3 (12 AND UNDER)**

**FEATURING THE FUTURE STARS AND TALENT FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY**

**BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS FOR A FUN AND ENTERTAINING SUNDAY AFTERNOON EVENT**

**PICNIC LUNCH AND CONCESSION WILL BE AVAILABLE**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE AND CAN SING, DANCE OR PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT, BE A PART OF THIS**

**EXCITING EVENT.**

**NO AGE LIMIT.**

**FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE CALL THE FOLLOWING:**

**MEREDITH WAHPEKECHE - (405) 760-2601 OR BETTY WATSON - (405) 761-6958**

# CULTURAL PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT

The AST Cultural Preservation Department would like to pass along the following information concerning updates to each of our programs.

## **Cultural Preservation**

In the latter part of March, we presented a Stomp Dance Demonstration at the Resource Center, led by Tribal member Joe Blanchard with assistance from Colleen Butler. We had a good gathering from the community, with simple discussion about the dynamics of both the men's and women's roles. The next Cultural event will be held the evening of Wednesday, May 27th. I am scheduling it later this month to avoid conflicting with local Graduations and other activities that occur this time of year.

As I've mentioned previously, we still have open positions on the **Cultural Advisory Committee**. These volunteer positions have a service time length of two (2) years, where folks provide advice and input on sensitive topics related to our Culture, Language, Traditions and NAGPRA issues. If you possess the time and capacity, please submit an application and/or resume to the Secretary's office to express your interest.

After visiting with representatives at the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) in Washington, D.C., we agreed on a tentative date for all Shawnee to discuss our tribal history and present dance demonstrations. After many phone calls, text messages and emails, the three (3) Tribes of the Shawnee Nation will collaborate on the program, "**Shawnee: Living in Both Worlds**", scheduled for **June 12-13**. Each group will comment on the differences and similarities of the respective divisions which comprise each Tribe. We will sponsor several people to represent the Absentee at this Historic event, to show the World on a National Stage that we are not extinct; we are alive and well, prospering in our region of the U.S.

Recently, there was an Informational Meeting to discuss ideas of how to make the Agenda a success and educate Society of our existence. I provided details for those interested in making the trip to witness our final product and determine if there was enough interest (people willing to pay) to visit our Nation's Capitol.

As always, if you have questions about our skills/traditions classes or would like to lead a demonstration, please call Joseph at Ext. 6310, or send an email to [joseph.blanchard@astribe.com](mailto:joseph.blanchard@astribe.com).

## **Gift Shop**

The Gift Shop continues to make progress in sales and new inventory. Recently, we advertised for a Gift Shop Manager and Tribal Member, Ashley Brokeshoulder was selected to fill the position. She has been with our Department the last two summers serving as an Intern. She graduated from Texas Tech University this past Fall and we are glad to welcome her to our Staff.

In addition, she has been busy with the Spring order and assisting with other requests for materials as many of our Tribal members prepare for Ceremonies and want to make new regalia. We will do our best to get orders in but there are some things beyond our control. If you haven't stopped by lately, come in and browse around. I think you'll be surprised at the new product and supplies we have in stock. We aim to please. If we don't have what you need, let us know and we may be able to 'special order' your request. Also, I received a request to provide a Product List with associated price. If you would like a copy, call Ashley at Ext. 6343, or contact her by email at [ashleyb@astribe.com](mailto:ashleyb@astribe.com).

## **Library**

The Library Tech position is still vacant and hasn't been filled. I've had the job posted on our Website and ran it in the Shawnee News-Star. With any luck, I hope to have a qualified person assisting and scheduling activities before Summer begins. We have a wide variety of resources available for checkout or your reading leisure. Besides the available book "Checkout", we also have many magazines, newspapers and journals for your perusal. If you have any concerns about your informational needs or would like a membership application, please call Ashley at Ext. 6343, or by email at [Ashleyb@astribe.com](mailto:Ashleyb@astribe.com).

## **THPO**

Our THPO program continues to make great strides and advancements. I hired two (2) additional people, Miranda Cobell and Sherry Tejada as THPO Specialists. I will have a small Biography and Picture in next month's newsletter for folks to learn about their Field of Study and other credentials.

At the end of March, all THPO Staff attended the "To Bridge A Gap" (TBAG) Conference, hosted by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe at the Indigo Sky Casino in Wyandotte, OK. While there, Cecil Wilson and I were on the Agenda and presented on the AST HRT Program. We received many compliments on our topic and the discussion from our PowerPoint presentation. During Executive Session, I was provided updates on all projects and other information to my recommendations and suggestions given at last year's meetings.

This past month, we hosted the HRT Paraprofessional Training, in the Warrior Room at Thunderbird Casino, from April 13th-17th. Instruction was provided by several of our Archaeological colleagues from the Ouchita and Ozark-St. Francis National Forests, respectively, and our own AST THPO staff. At the conclusion, we presented certificates to 8 new people. Again, I want to publicly thank Casino Personnel for assisting and making our training the success it was. We couldn't have done it without you.

Finally, I have two (2) other announcements and opportunities for our students and young adults. In partnership with the Shawnee National Forest in southern Illinois, we will be visiting their site, in either June or July, for a week-long Exposure Camp and a separate Stewardship Program. The first is open to students interested in exploring Archaeology as a college major and potential career choice. The other is an opportunity to learn about Trail Making and Land Stewardship techniques. This will be a great chance for immediate employment in the near future at one of several National Forests.

Your concerns are important to us as we continue to provide the best service to our Tribal community. We appreciate and "Thank You" for the continued support of our Department and Programs. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call my office.

Thank you for your time.

Joseph H. Blanchard  
Cultural Preservation Director/  
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
[joseph.blanchard@astribe.com](mailto:joseph.blanchard@astribe.com)  
(405) 275-4030 ext. 6310

## AST Family of Alcoholics Support Group

Meeting times are every Thursday at  
6pm-7pm at the Employee/Music  
building on the AST complex. Call  
Behavioral Health at (405) 878-4716

Millions of people are affected by the excessive drinking of someone close. The following questions are designed to help you decide whether or not you need Al-Anon:

- 1. Do you worry about how much someone drinks?
- 2. Do you have money problems because of someone else's drinking?
- 3. Do you tell lies to cover up for someone else's drinking?
- 4. Do you feel that if the drinker cared about you, he or she would stop drinking to please you?
- 5. Do you blame the drinker's behavior on his or her companions?
- 6. Are plans frequently upset or canceled or meals delayed because of the drinker?
- 7. Do you make threats, such as, "If you don't stop drinking, I'll leave you"?
- 8. Do you secretly try to smell the drinker's breath?
- 9. Are you afraid to upset someone for fear it will set off a drinking bout?
- 10. Have you been hurt or embarrassed by a drinker's behavior?
- 11. Are holidays and gatherings spoiled because of drinking?
- 12. Have you considered calling the police for help in fear of abuse?
- 13. Do you search for hidden alcohol?
- 14. Do you ever ride in a car with a driver who has been drinking?
- 15. Have you refused social invitations out of fear or anxiety?
- 16. Do you feel like a failure because you can't control the drinking?
- 17. Do you think that if the drinker stopped drinking, your other problems would be solved?
- 18. Do you ever threaten to hurt yourself to scare the drinker?
- 19. Do you feel angry, confused, or depressed most of the time?
- 20. Do you feel there is no one who understands your problems?

If you have checked any of these questions, Al-Anon or Alateen may be able to help.

# THE TIGER FAMILY REUNION

## HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR

### MAY 23, 2015 AT THE LITTLE AXE AREA FROM 10AM TO 10PM



## BRING YOUR BEST POTLUCK DISH, DRINKS, CHAIRS AND GAMES!

## ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE LATE JIM TIGER AND ANNIE MANN TIGER ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

## If you have any questions please call Jan at 405-514-5520...



# HORSE SHOE BEND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM



## Easter Egg Hunt 2015

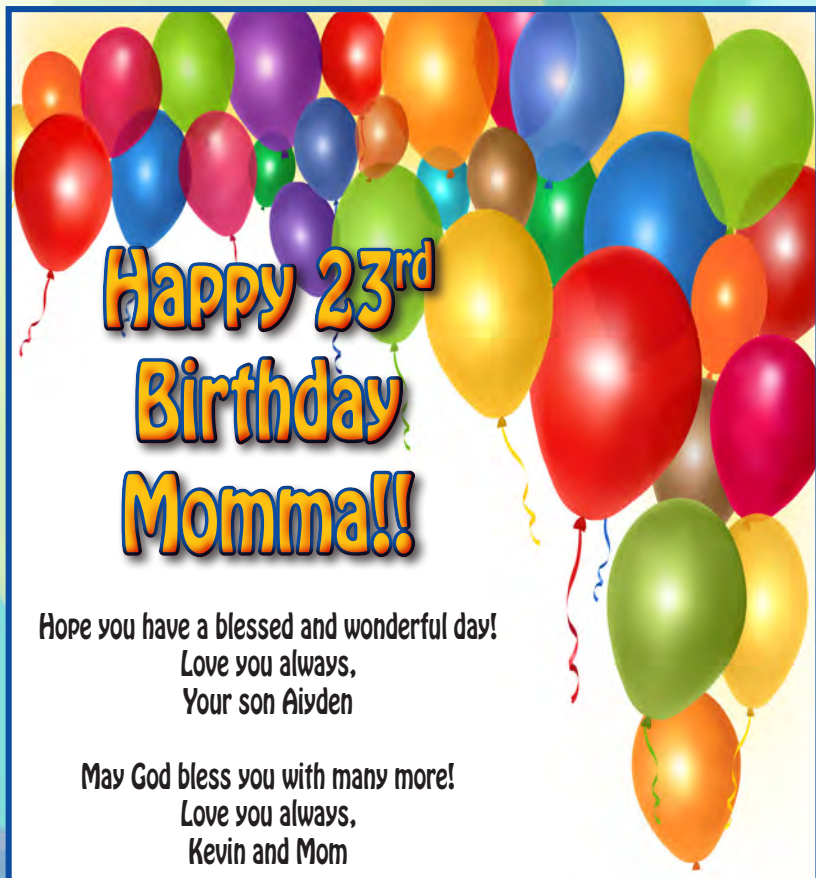


# May 2015 Birthdays

Ahtone, Catlin Ray  
 Alford, Amy Dianne  
 Alford, Christian Shawnee  
 Alford, Magdalena Spaneta  
 Allen, Lucinda Nicole  
 Allen, Patricia Ann  
 Atchico, John Edward  
 Atwell, David Eugene  
 Atwood, Reagan Nicole  
 Barton, Trae Lee  
 Bateman, Alberta Denise  
 Bates, Akiane Karee  
 Baughman, Brenda Jane  
 Beloin, Justin Ray  
 Bender, Leal Desma  
 Bennett, Blake Tristan  
 Bentley, Curtis Lee  
 Betteloun, Lula Mae  
 Bigpond, Roy  
 Black, Timothy Wayne  
 Blackburn, Gayle Ann  
 Blanchard, Joey Edward  
 Blanchard, Caelynn Blu  
 Blanchard, Dakota Joshua  
 Blanchard, Glendine  
 Blanchard, Joseph Henry  
 Blanchard, Mariana Lillian  
 Bradley, Jerry Dean  
 Bradley, Terry Don  
 Brady, Lynn Marie  
 Breeding, Sean K. C.  
 Brinson, Ariana Isabel  
 Brister, April Angela  
 Brocksmith, Chole Elizabeth  
 Brown, Brittany Ciara  
 Brown, Chelsea Nicole  
 Bryant III, Chester A.  
 Buckley, Gerald Wayne  
 Buckner, June Marie Switch  
 Bullard, Adam Drew  
 Bullock, Royce Jaxxon  
 Bump, Haley Kalyn  
 Bump, Karli Jessica  
 Bustamante, Andrea Nadine  
 Byers, Christian Daniel  
 Byers, Eric Nelson  
 Byers, Melissa Sue  
 Cagle, Alicia Nicole  
 Campbell, Charles Elbert  
 Caudillo, James Emanuel Dean  
 Caudillo, Jamie Lynn Ladeanna  
 Charley, Arron Michael  
 Charley, Melloney Ann  
 Citty, Kathon Clay  
 Citty, Lindsey Nicole  
 Clark, Summer Lynn  
 Clinesmith, Blake Weston  
 Coddington Jr., Kevin Dwayne  
 Collett, Bonnie Sue  
 Colungo, Steven Lee  
 Combs, Michelle Lynn  
 Conover, Gloria Jean  
 Cook, Israel Aaron  
 Coon, Justin Kyler  
 Coyle, Sarah Michelle  
 Creamer, Cora Mae Starr  
 Crenshaw, Jennifer Lois  
 Cripps, Anita Louise  
 Cuellar, Orietta Faith  
 Dankenbring, Bryce Thomas  
 Davis, Dale Allen  
 Davis, Dannica Butch  
 Deere, Shawneen Estelline  
 Denny, Jacqueline  
 Dospapas, Verna May  
 Downey, Zachary Layne  
 Elephant Jr., Edward Elmer  
 Ellis, Gregory Scott  
 Ellis, Heather Ann  
 Ellis, Holly Diana  
 Evans, Lisa Michelle  
 Factor, Jaremyah Jamez  
 Feeling, Lavonna Jean  
 Felton, Lacey Rei  
 Fenner, Titan Russell  
 Ferrell, Alyssa Kay  
 Ferrell, Amber Nicole  
 Ferrer, Joshua Lee  
 Fife, Gabriel Douglas  
 Fife, Teresa Laura Irene  
 Footracer, Lee Anna Gail Stubb  
 Foreman Jr., Leonard Dewayne  
 Foreman, Jacob Collin  
 Foreman, Jalen Hawke  
 Fritsch, Joley Marie  
 Galloway, Zachary Adam  
 Garbarini Jr., Alfred Ralph  
 Gaut, Crystal Lynne  
 Gibson Sr., Roy Gene  
 Gibson, David Michael  
 Gibson, Jeffrey Wayne  
 Godwin, Lucy G.  
 Gouge, Kara Joe  
 Granstrom, Cody James  
 Graves Pynch, Karen Sue  
 Graves, Sharol Annette  
 Gray, Branden Tyler  
 Gray, Dakota Christian  
 Greeley, Carsyn Ryan  
 Griffin, Diane Sue Berry  
 Hale, Kathy Sue  
 Hall, Emily Katherine  
 Harjo, Eric Wayne  
 Harris, Konner Lee Little Charley  
 Haumpy, Taj-ah Billy  
 Heath, Spencer Blake  
 Hendrick, Luke Michael  
 Henry, Eddie Allen  
 Hill, Yvette Carmel  
 Hood Jr., Warren Wesleyon  
 Hood, Elena Ann  
 Hood, Lisa  
 Hood, Thomas Edgar  
 Humphrey, Carol Lee  
 Hunt, Dominique Anastasia Marie  
 Hutchinson, Velma Rae  
 Iroin, Steven Benjamin  
 Jackson III, Mark Sweeney  
 Johnson Harjo, Curtis Ray  
 Johnson Jr., Richard Taft  
 Johnson, Coree Lee  
 Johnson, Gabriella Kayann  
 Johnson, Joshina Leeshay  
 Johnson, Michael Scott Isaiah  
 Johnson, Nicholas James  
 Johnson, Priscilla Grace  
 Johnson, Tabitha Rose  
 Johnson, Walter Kirby  
 Johnson, Whitney Brooke  
 Kaseca, Barry Aloin  
 Kaseca, Kantynn James  
 Kaseca, Roy James  
 Keith, Marshall Collins  
 Kirby-Gibson, Ian Jacob  
 Kitchen, Ruben Vincent  
 Kmatz, Mindy Lynnette  
 Knighten, Cassandra Renea  
 Kobs, Jennifer Ann  
 Kowitz, Michael Raymond  
 Leedom, Courtney Dawn  
 Little Axe, Sabrina  
 Little Charley, Cheryl Jean  
 Little Charley, Terry Lee  
 Little Creek, Vernon Dale  
 Little, Jadyn Alise  
 Little, Madison Diane  
 Littlecreek, Anderson Doreece  
 Littlecreek, Dakota Dwight  
 Littlecreek, Tiffany Nicole  
 Littlecreek, Tristyn Denae  
 Longhorn, Sean Ray  
 Longhorn, Weda Louise  
 Lopez Jr, Rolando  
 Lovins, Audrey Ann  
 Lovins, Earl Dean  
 MacGill, Georgia Sue  
 MacK, Rylan Emory  
 Malone, Marcus Jerome  
 Mann, Sally Arlene  
 Masquat Jr., George  
 Masquat, Cheley Nicole  
 Mathany, Susanne Christine  
 Matthews, Mary Caroline  
 McAfee, Justin Samuel  
 McGowan, Patricia Lynn  
 McMillan, Shelly Kristin  
 Medina, Alyssa Pamela Lee  
 Megehee, Douglas Dewayne  
 Megehee, Tonia Lynn  
 Mendoza, Amanda Ranees  
 Meyer, Doreen  
 Miller, Casey Ryan  
 Miner, Heather Rochelle  
 Minesinger, Scott Brooker  
 Mitchell, Desiree Rose  
 Mondragon, Angela Kay  
 Monk, Jaxon Eugene  
 Montgomery, Matthew Schyler Daugherty  
 Moore, Anniah Faith  
 Moore, Emily Renee  
 Morgan, Polly A Littlebear  
 Morton, Jeremiah James  
 Morton, Nora Jane  
 Munroe, Douglas  
 Neese, Lisa Marie  
 Neugent, Alena Dee  
 Neugent, Alisa Marie  
 New Moon, Jake Lee  
 New Moon, Jennifer Brooke  
 Newton, Jessica Ann  
 Noyes, Paula Jo  
 Oldham, George Lynn  
 Onzahwah, Deborah Kay  
 Ott-Proctor, Lylli Lee Ann  
 Panther, Jeffery Wayne  
 Parker, Shawn Ian  
 Pawpa, Donald Wayne  
 Pearl, Melvin Joe  
 Pitner, Kamryn Nicole  
 Powell, Fawn Laverene  
 Powell, Kendall Lynn  
 Pynch, Lauren Karly  
 Raisbeck, David Nathaniel  
 Ramirez Jr., Florentino  
 Ramirez, Elicia Marie-Alka  
 Ramirez, Rylan Ambrose  
 Reavis, Ricci Donnice  
 Roach, Dakota Eugene  
 Robertson, Rita Jean York  
 Robison, Morgan Tell  
 Robison, Thomas Aaron  
 Rochon, Gerald Wayne  
 Rock, Micheal Eugene  
 Rolette, Domini Antoinette  
 Rolette, Gilbert Earl  
 Rolette, Joshua David Michael  
 Ryan, Royce Liam  
 Salazar, Terry Lee  
 Salisbury, Lucas Holden  
 Salisbury, Mara Ann  
 Sanders, Patty Ruth  
 Schulenberg, Donald Derek  
 Seoier, Elliott Rose  
 Shawnee, Jarrett Lloyd  
 Shular, Monte Lee  
 Smith, Jeremiah Robert  
 Smith, Richard Alexander  
 Smith, Trenn Talen  
 Smith, Valerie Ann  
 Smith, Vanessa Rae  
 Snake, Norma Louise  
 Soap Jr, John Lee  
 Soap, Roger Eugene  
 Spicer, Amber Jo  
 Spoon Jr., Robert Ray  
 Spoon, Joplin Dupre  
 Spoon, Landon Joe  
 Spoon, Lexi Della-Ann  
 Spriggs, Warren Paul  
 Springer, Delores Ann  
 Spybuck, Easton Cade  
 Squire, Nathan Gene  
 Starr III, Henry James  
 Starr, Anthony Craig  
 Stevens, Laurence Paul  
 Stewart, Gracie Nicole  
 Stone Jr., James Lee  
 Strain, Cynthia Ann  
 Sultuska, Ella L.  
 Sultuska, Jerry Wayne  
 Sultuska, Rodney Steven  
 Summers, Dorothy Jean Dirt  
 Surface Jr., Robert Monroe  
 Szoke, Debra Jean  
 Talbert, Elania Michelle  
 Talbert, Elliana Grace Elizabeth  
 Tallchief IV, Eves  
 Tallchief, John G.  
 Taylor, Darwin Jacob  
 Tebe I, Maorik West  
 Thompson, Teresa Renee  
 Thornhill, Noah Hunter  
 Thorpe, Burke James  
 Thorpe, Sheelby Ahkeynay Jamese  
 Tiger, Jennifer Diane  
 Tiger, Roland  
 Uchida Jr., Stephen Robert  
 Valdivia, Jenika Nicole  
 Wakolee, Carmen Jean  
 Walker, Jo Ann Louise  
 Wallace, Brenda Gayle  
 Warrior, Johnnie Andrew  
 Warrior, Kenneth James  
 Watkins, Jamie Lynn  
 Watson, Brittany LaDawn Paige Danielle  
 Watson, Janelle Ilise  
 Watson, Thomas Aaron  
 Wesley, Ula Mae Welch  
 White IV, Charles Daniel  
 White, Brooklyn Dee  
 White, Caitlyn Rose  
 White, Clayton Randall  
 Wilkerson, Katie Evalyn  
 Williams, Colton Alexander  
 Williams, David Christopher  
 Williams, Heath Floyd  
 Williams, Ruth Helen  
 Wilson, Carla Marie  
 Wilson, Cecil Alan  
 Wilson, Christopher Blaine  
 Wilson, Diana Lynn  
 Wilson, Francis Lynn  
 Wilson, Helen June  
 Wilson, Lana Louise  
 Witt, Ambra Denise  
 Wolfe Sr., Houston Hugh  
 Wood, Lillian Kay  
 Wucinski, Gary Ray  
 Young, Lynda Renee  
 Young, Raizo Alexander



# BIRTHDAY WISHES...



**Happy 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Birthday  
Momma!!**

Hope you have a blessed and wonderful day!  
Love you always,  
Your son Aiyden

May God bless you with many more!  
Love you always,  
Kevin and Mom



Jopi,  
Mommy wishes you a very, very Happy 7th Birthday!!  
I'm so happy that you're my baby man!!  
Love, Momma

Joplin D. Spoon **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
To the little man who fills our home with love and laughter  
I wish you the best birthday ever.  
Have a good time at Chuck E's.  
**HAPPY, HAPPY 7th Birthday.**  
I love you much, Granny Low

Joplin,  
Happy Birthday to our little brother!  
You keep our home filled with laughter!  
So glad you complete our family!!  
Love, Jiliyan & Justin

Jop,  
Happy 7th Birthday to my sweetest nephew.  
Hope your day is everything you wish for!!  
Love, Chloe Belle & Auntie BJ

*To Goldie Cravens and the Blackburn Girls...*



♥ *Brittany Blackburn*

cooking from the

# FARMER'S

market

**When: Saturdays, 8am-12pm**

***1st Saturday of every month***

**Beginning MAY 2nd**

***FREE* to Sell,**

**Trade, or Give-**

***Away Local***

**Produce**

**Vendors Needed!** The Absentee Shawnee Little Axe Health Clinic will be hosting a community Farmers Market. Local produce vendors are needed—location only is being provided, must bring own set-up & products to either sell, trade or give-away at one's own discretion.

**For more information &/or to sign up as a vendor please contact Shea Warden at 701-7977.**

**Registration is required—no fees.**

**ALL PRODUCE MUST BE  
OKLAHOMA GROWN &  
MADE, NO EXCEPTIONS.**



# Education Department

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

These are brief descriptions of current programs. Program guidelines are available in hard copy at the Education Department office or for download at [www.astribe.com](http://www.astribe.com).

- **Academic (K-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.
- **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. Deadline for application submission is March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

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

**All applications and guidelines are available at [www.astribe.com](http://www.astribe.com). Click on Services and select Education.**

For more information, please call Tresha Spoon at (405) 275- 4030, Ext. 6242 or 1-800-256-3341 or email to [tresham@astribe.com](mailto:tresham@astribe.com).

## IF YOU'D LIKE TO SUBMIT AN AD OR ARTICLE:

Give us a call at (405) 598-1279 or (405) 481-0558  
or send us an e-mail to  
[stiger@astribe.com](mailto:stiger@astribe.com)

ALL ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE ARE  
DUE BY THE **15<sup>th</sup>** OF THE CURRENT MONTH

UNFORTUNATELY, WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT ONE PICTURE PER BIRTHDAY PERSON,  
NOT PER BIRTHDAY WISH.

# A FRIENDLY REMINDER:

FEMA Trailer payments  
are due on the 5<sup>TH</sup> of  
each month to the  
Finance Dept.

Check, cashier's check  
or money orders are  
to be made out to  
Absentee Shawnee  
Tribe Finance Dept./  
FEMA payment.

As of February 1, 2015 if  
payments are more than  
5 days late there will be  
a \$25.00 late fee.

Thank You.

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma  
Maintenance Department  
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive  
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801  
(405) 275-4030

## Grass Mowing Application

The following are the requirements for this program:

1. Must be an Absentee Shawnee Tribal Member
2. Must be 65 years or older
3. Handicap/Disabled
4. Must provide proof of residency
5. All trash, branches, debris must be cleaned out of yard

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe Maintenance Department will **ONLY** mow and weeds eat applicant's lawn. Maintenance will mow every two (2) weeks. Also, the maintenance workers will not trim trees, shrubs, etc. **NO RENTAL PROPERTY** will be mowed.

If you have any questions, please contact Reta Harjo at (405) 275-4030 ext. 6249

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

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

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

CDIB #: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ MESS. PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Finding directions to home:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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# Injury Prevention Program

The Mayo Clinic and the Center for Disease Control & Prevention say that if you're physically active it may help prevent you from falling. The following activities: Walking, chair exercises and Tai Chi, can improve your leg strength, balance, coordination and flexibility. Remember to check with your doctor before starting any of these activities!

Here are some tips on how to stay safe while getting back into the spring of things.

- Be sure to warm-up and cool down when appropriate.
- Wear protective gear - i.e. bike helmets, wrist & elbow guards, pads, etc.
- Rest, especially when your muscles are tired
- Prevent "overuse" injuries (i.e. stress fractures, tendonitis, or inflamed joints) by not overdoing exercise.
- Condition your body before jumping into new activities at full force.

For more information contact: Rosie Tall Bear at 405-701-7601  
Little Axe Health Center



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL  
POLICE DEPARTMENT



## SORNA

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION ACT  
EMAIL: [SORNA@ASTRIBE.COM](mailto:SORNA@ASTRIBE.COM)  
TIPLINE 405-273-1249

## DISABILITY BENEFITS FOR WOUNDED WARRIORS

Military service members can get their disability claims processed quickly by Social Security.

Benefits available through **Social Security** are different than those from the **Department of Veterans Affairs** and require a separate application.

The expedited process is used for military service members who become disabled while on active military service on or after **October 1, 2001**, regardless of where the disability occurs.



[www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)

or call toll-free, **1-800-772-1213**

(for the deaf or hard of hearing, call our TTY number, **1-800-325-0778**)

### Office of Environmental Health & Engineering

- Tribal Housing Improvements Application

The Tribal Housing Improvement Program's goal is providing sanitary, safe, and decent housing for its members by utilizing the following criteria to select the most "in need" tribal members with homes that are in disrepair but are still suitable for rehabilitation. All applicants must meet the eligibility requirements and criteria which is approved by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

THIP list all applicants by a priority list:

- Handicapped/Disabled and Elderly
- Income
- Family Size/Overcrowded Living Conditions
- Condition of Home

Other Programs available:

- Sanitation Facilities Assistance Program

Applications need to be completed and all necessary documents attached before the application will be processed.

Applications are available online on the website: [www.astribe.com](http://www.astribe.com).

Submit completed application to:

Office of Environmental Health & Engineering  
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma  
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.  
Shawnee, OK 74801

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Complex  
Office of Environmental Health & Engineering, Building 13  
If you have any questions, you can reach us by phone at (405) 214-4235

# ABSENTEE SHAWNEE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING

Everyone is cordially invited. ASED  
will provide lunch & drinks.



RAFFLE DRAWING: Attendees will  
have a chance to win a \$100 Walmart gift  
card!

ASEDA MOTTO:  
“BUILDING ECONOMIC  
PROSPERITY”

**Date: May 30, 2015**

**Time: 10:00 am**

AST Resource Center  
19070 156th Ave NE (Peebly Rd)  
Norman, OK 73026

Come, listen & learn about AST Federal Charter & ASED's vision and strategy plan to provide economic prosperity for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

GOALS: To operate tribally owned commercial businesses.

To Provide job opportunities.

To Provide for efficient & effect utilizations of the Tribe's resources.

To own, invest in, operate or manage businesses.

**Contact Info: Adam, 918-409-7252  
or Dan, 405-432-7952**





**Personal Banking:**

**AllNations Bank** offers a wide range of products and services to meet today's consumer demand including our AllNations Bank Free Checking Account; Savings Account; Certificate of Deposit Accounts; Individual Retirement Accounts; Money Market; Now Accounts & Consumer Loans including Auto, Boat and more. AllNations Offers Free ATM/Debit Card with each personal account that can be used at our Shawnee OK Drive Up ATM. In addition, we offer a wide selection of Safe Deposit Boxes for rent at competitive prices.

**Contact Us for Details As Follows:**

**Calumet Office - Gene Davis or Dixie Smith 405-893-2240;  
114 E Main, Calumet, OK**

**Shawnee Office - Gene Davis or Eugene Stidham 405-273-0202;  
2023 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK**

**Business Banking:**

In addition to our Commercial Checking account, AllNations Bank offers a wide range of products and services to meet today's business needs including all types of Commercial and Small Business Loans; Merchant Services; Night Depository Drop & More.

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**Banking Hours:**

2023 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK 74801  
Lobby Hours 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Monday - Friday  
Drive In Hours 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Monday - Friday  
Saturday: 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon

# Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority



## Programs Available

- Low Rent Housing
- Lease to Own Housing
- Down Payment & Closing Assistance
- Storm Shelter Assistance
- College Housing Assistance
- Emergency Home Repair
- Over Income AST Member Down Payment Assistance

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SERVICES**

**PLEASE CALL (405) 273-1050 OR COME BY OUR OFFICE**

**LOCATED AT 107 NORTH KIMBERLY IN SHAWNEE,OK.**

**WEBSITE: [WWW.ASHOUSINGAUTHORITY.COM](http://WWW.ASHOUSINGAUTHORITY.COM)**

## ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEPARTMENT

### Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocacy

The AST Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Programs are on-call 24 hours per day to provide emotional support, advocacy and crisis counseling to survivors at hospitals, police stations and throughout the legal system. The programs also serve as a resource center to the community by offering educational information and referrals.

### Transitional Housing

The AST DV Transitional Housing Program serves victims of Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault. Participants have up to six months to obtain education and job skills needed to begin a new life.

### Court Advocacy

Assists survivors with domestic violence court related costs (when funding is available) and appearances as well as filing for emergency protective orders (EPO) or restraining orders.

### Shelter Placement Assistance

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Domestic Violence Program works with other shelters within Oklahoma in order to help victims obtain safe housing. Emergency transportation for the victim and children may also be available.

### Housing and Utility Assistance

Assists victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or dating violence in emergency situations. This assistance may allow for a victim to either receive housing or utility assistance.

### Referral Assistance

Assists with providing community resources to those who are in need of additional services outside the scope of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Domestic Violence Program.

### Community Outreach

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Domestic Violence Program offers educational trainings, informational displays, and community events in order to provide more awareness to both Tribal and Non-Tribal communities.

**For any questions regarding any of the above services please contact the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Domestic Violence staff at (405) 273-2888.**

# FOSTER CARE

## WHAT IS A FOSTER CARE WORKER?

Foster care caseworker training involves completing a bachelor's degree program in social work through a college or university. Students take courses in psychology, abnormal psychology, sociology, economics, ethics, child welfare policies and complete a supervised internship.

The child's Foster Care Worker needs to be a partner with the foster parents to ensure that each child receives the full spectrum of services provided and/or arranged by the Department.

Some aspects of this relationship include the following:

- Sharing information on an ongoing basis regarding the child's individual needs, family situation and adjustment to the foster home
- Encouraging the foster parents to participate in the total service planning process
- Providing the foster parents the opportunity to discuss the child's progress and any unmet needs which they assess
- Providing the foster parent with information, support, guidance and referrals to other professionals on the child's behalf
- Helping the foster family, when necessary, to identify and obtain services for the foster child; e.g., medical, educational
- Ensuring that the foster family, on the child's behalf, has access to all financial resources available to the child while in foster care.

A Foster Care Worker works in conjunction with Tribal Courts, Tribal Law Enforcement, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and other county services. Indian Child Welfare's goal is to ensure the safety of our tribal children when they placed in foster care. The homes that our tribal children are placed in must complete Child Welfare Background Check, OSBI Background Check, Income Verification, Home Study, and a Physical. Our AST foster homes are licensed by our Foster Care Committee.

Foster Care Payments are as follows:

- 0-5 age \$14.73 day \$441.97 month
- 6-12 age \$17.12 day \$513.57 month
- 12 and over \$19.30 day \$579.13 month

**IN ORDER TO RECEIVE PAYMENT, ALL THE ABOVE  
MUST BE MET AND TURNED INTO THE STATE.  
ONCE PROCESSED STATE PAYMENT WILL BE ISSUED.**

This is just a little information on what type of work a foster care worker performs on a daily basis. If you are interested in becoming a foster home, please call 405-878-4030 ext. 133.

Hello Everyone;

I hope that everyone is in good health, with all of the allergies and various respiratory problems that have going on. I know I am looking forward to the Spring weather that has come.

I have not gone on any travels here lately, due to the various problems that have been created by various Executive Committee members. I have been working on research looking in to the practices of the Department of Human Services and the methods that they have been using to place our children. I am also attempting to get an appointment with the Director of DHS and the Governor of the state of Oklahoma. Last year at the ICWA conference in Ft. Lauderdale, I attended the Attorney General's Advisory Committee on American Indian/Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence meeting where I gave testimony. This Committee held meetings in various states getting testimonies from various agencies, Law Enforcement, Tribal Leaders, ICW, and Educators concerning concerning our Native Children. My point to this is that the Attorney General and the Bureau of Indian Affairs have re-written the Guidelines concerning ICWA and from speaking with ICW workers here the State of Oklahoma, Department of Human Services have not looked at the new Guidelines and are continuing to make their own decisions with out including the families or the tribes. If anyone would like a copy of the new guidelines they may come by my office and we will provide a copy.

I have also have concerns about the Tribal Housing Authority, so that is more research , which may or may not be a good thing. There have been numerous complaints from tribal members and I would like to know if the guidelines are being followed. After I finish researching then I will speak with the Housing Board and start asking questions.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Easter. If anyone has any questions or would like to just come by to visit, or call, please do.

Home Number is 307-0954, 275-4030, ex. 6289  
Thank you, and Be Blessed.

# FOSTER CARE

Racial disproportionality is defined as the over-or under-representation of certain groups (e.g. racial/ethnic, gender, age) relative to the group's proportion in the general population. Reports conducted in 2008 showed that, compared to other groups, Native American children were:

- 3 times more likely to be referred to CPS
- 1.6 times more likely to be removed from their biological homes
- Twice as likely to remain in foster care for over two years
- Less likely to be adopted and more likely to be in guardianships
- Less likely to be reunited with their biological parents

The sad reality is that there are not enough culturally appropriate homes for these children, resulting in the placement of Native American children in homes that do not share their cultural heritage or traditions. We want to place "our tribal" children in our own homes, to do this we need tribal members to open their homes and their hearts. Are you willing to open your heart? Are you willing to open your home?

If so, please contact Julie Wilson ICW/FC/CPS 878-4702 (ext. 133).



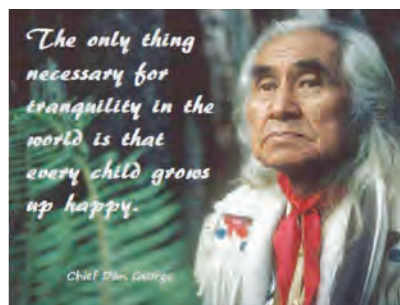
## GOT LOVE?



## FOSTER A CHILD

Native American youth have two distinct influences, that of their family of origin and that of their caregivers. Absentee Shawnee Tribal Foster Care is in need of homes for children that are in our child welfare system. Your participation in being a foster parent helps to ensure that these children have positive connections to their culture. This interaction helps these children nurture a positive sense of identification as a Native American. By being willing to do this, you can be a valuable part of the healing journey that will help strengthen this next generation of Absentee Shawnee children; in turn, helping those children become the parents that their children will need them to be. Our children are our future, what will we have our future be?

**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE CHILD WELFARE**  
**405-878-4702 (ext. 133)**



Native American youth are facing a crisis. These children are being removed from their homes and placed into the child welfare system at rates much higher than any other population. Native American children are often placed in homes outside of their families, tribes, and Native American culture and all this contributes to significant social

problems. The story of Native American people is a complicated one marked by significant trauma and atrocities. Often times this trauma consisted of the removal of abuse which happened to these young and vulnerable children in many of these schools resulted in overwhelming intergenerational trauma and unresolved grief. This trauma which interrupted the ability to parent has led directly to the most current social problems that plague Native American communities today including alcohol/drug abuse, domestic violence, child abuse, sexual abuse and parenting deficiencies. All of these problems have contributed to the break-down of the family unit, leading to the removal of large numbers of Native American youth from their families. The journey of healing and breaking the cycles which have been put in place by the historical trauma experienced by generations of Native Americans requires that the cultural identity for so long denied to these children be returned. Native American youth have two distinct influences, that of their family of origin and that of their caregivers. Absentee Shawnee Tribal Foster Care is in need of homes for children that are in our child welfare system. Your participation in being a foster parent helps to ensure that these children have positive connections to their culture which in helps nurture a positive sense of identification as a Native American. By being willing to do this, you can be a valuable part of the healing journey that will help strengthen this next generation of Absentee Shawnee children; in turn, helping those children become the parents that their children will need them to be. Our children are our future, what will we have our future be? Will you, as Absentee Shawnee member, do your part if you are able? If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, please contact Juliann Wilson ICW/CPS/FOSTER CARE at 275-4030, ext. 133.

"I don't **want**  
a family.  
I **need** one."  
- Current Waiting Child

### <<<NOTICE>>>

Currently there are three (3) openings on the Foster Care Board. If you are interested in serving on the board, send your letter of interest to Secretary Dawsey at the Tribal Complex, 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 73801.



## A Weekend of Peace at the Forest of Peace

This weekend provides a safe and peaceful environment for families/loved ones to tell their stories of how "war comes home" with others who understand.

Sharing brings the reassurance that we are not alone. This weekend also offers alternative healing experiences (yoga, aromatherapy, healing touch and a labyrinth) to gently assist in managing stress.

**DATE:** Friday, May 29 (6:00 pm) to Sunday, May 31 (1:00 pm)

**PLACE:** Osage Forest of Peace  
Sand Springs, Oklahoma  
[www.forestofpeace.org](http://www.forestofpeace.org)

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** Adult family members/loved ones of veterans from any conflict (parents, siblings, wives, etc.)

**COST:** None (Transportation stipend is limited to \$25 each way)

Space is limited, so please fill out the registration form and return it to [clarkcounsel@cox.net](mailto:clarkcounsel@cox.net). You will receive a confirmation upon your registration.

For more information, contact [clarkcounsel@cox.net](mailto:clarkcounsel@cox.net)

**SPONSORS ARE NEEDED.** In order for us to provide this opportunity at no charge to adult family members of veterans, any donation is welcome. Please go to <http://veteransfamiliesunited.org/donate/> to support this effort!



Information Sheet  
A Weekend of Peace  
In the  
Forest of Peace  
May 29-31, 2015

**Purpose of Weekend:** For adult family members/loved ones of veterans to join together for fellowship (sharing our own journey) and to experience a community of caring and to learn ways to manage stress.

**Where:** The weekend will be held at the Forest of Peace in Sand Springs, OK. Go to [www.forestofpeace.org](http://www.forestofpeace.org) for the address and info. You will share a rustic cabin with another participant in the beautiful Forest.

**When:** Friday, May 29 (please arrive between 3 and 5:30 pm) To Sunday, May 31 (we will depart after lunch around 1:00 pm)

**What to Bring:** Clothing is very casual and comfortable. Please bring walking shoes. **Please bring a SINGLE small item** that is special to you and reminds you of the veteran in your life to share with the group.

**\*\*On Sunday, May 31, the veteran in your life may join us at the closing ceremony at the Forest at 10:30 am.**

**What to Expect:** When you arrive, you will go to the main cabin for your cabin assignment. You will receive a schedule for the weekend. There will also be free time to relax. Meals are served in the main cabin in community style. We will meet together to share, learn, and experience the healing power of community.

**What we Expect:** All information shared at the retreat is to be honored with

**Confidentiality.** We offer this retreat to provide some options for Healing and VFU does not endorse nor recommend any specific Technique. VFU does not guarantee results or outcomes.

**Cost:** None. \$25.00 transportation allowance is offered.

### Contact Info/Questions:

Cynde at [clarkcounsel@cox.net](mailto:clarkcounsel@cox.net) (405) 474-3467

### FAX, Scan or Send REGISTRATION TO:

FAX: (405) 341-3467 SCAN: [clarkcounsel@cox.net](mailto:clarkcounsel@cox.net)

Address: VFU, P.O. Box 14355, Oklahoma City, OK 73113

[www.VeteransFamiliesUnited.org](http://www.VeteransFamiliesUnited.org) – our website for more info about us



### Registration Form

A Weekend of Peace  
At the  
Forest of Peace

May 29-31, 2015

### About You:

Your Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email:

Phone with area code:

Your relationship to the veteran:

Do you currently have a support system (family, friends, counseling, spiritual, etc.):

### About the Veteran In your Life:

Branch of Service:

Conflict in which the Veteran Served/Where:

Nature of Veterans Injury:

### Emergency Contact Information:

(Who can we call in case there is an emergency while you are at the Weekend of Peace)

Name:

Phone:

Email:

### Food Allergies (if any):

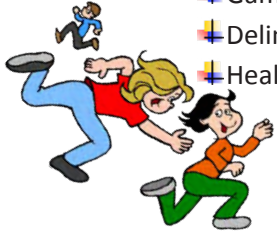
**Terms of Retreat Attendance:** I agree to all the terms and conditions listed in the accompanying Retreat Information Sheet.

(Your Signature and Date)

# After School Program 2014/2015

Come join us at the AST Resource Center!!!

- ✚ Free tutoring in all subjects!
- ✚ Games and activities!
- ✚ Delinquency prevention!
- ✚ Healthy lifestyles!



And much more!



**OPEN TO ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Everything is offered at no charge....Little Axe School's bus will transport students to the AST Resource Center on Peebly Road and parents are responsible for picking students up by 6:00 pm.

Duration: Starts September 2nd and will run through the school year.

Monday-Thursday, 2:45pm-6:00pm

For more information and to sign up please contact Blake Goodman at (405) 364-7569.



# Little Axe After School Program 2014/2015

Come join us at the AST Resource Center!!!

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



**Open to all Middle School and High School Students**

**Open to Absentee Shawnee Tribal Students K-5 with a C.D.I.B.**



Everything is offered at no charge....Little Axe bus will transport students to the AST Resource Center on Peebly Road and parents are responsible for picking students up by 6:00pm.

Duration: Starts September 2nd and will run through the school year.

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**LIFELINE**

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

[suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

**FOLLOW ME...  
AWAY FROM  
METH!**



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**stellar**

# HEALTH SYSTEM UPDATE - MAY 2015

## YOUTH CPR 2015



L-R: Adrienne Phillips, Cierra Phillips, Kaitlynn Young, Mary Guy, Mariah Lewis, Mikel Carpenter, and Bryer Phillips



Brandon Butler, Matthew Butler, Judah Redman, Ricky Redman, Charisma Mullens, Lattisyn Hardeman, Sarah Redman, and Kristin Kaseca.



Sierra Ferree, Ben Redman, Nira Herrod, Jordan Harjo, Ramey Harrison, and Trent Hill.

**The Absentee Shawnee Health System is pleased to announce that plans are being made to open an Extended Hours Health Clinic in 2015.**

Coming soon!  
2015

*The Extended Hours Health Clinic will be located in the "old" Little Axe Clinic in the Casino Parking lot  
15702 East HWY 9  
Norman, OK 73026*

Coming soon!  
2015

### **AST BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES**

For counseling information, contact:

Shawnee BH: Roberta Cooper (405) 878-4716

Little Axe BH: Howard Brown (405)701-7987



The Extended Hours Health Clinic will be similar to an "AM/PM" clinic for acute illness or injury needs. The clinic will be staffed with a Physician, Physician Assistant, or a Nurse Practitioner. This acute needs clinic is designed to allow increased access to care for our patients after the regular Primary Care clinic is closed and on weekends. If you have an emergent condition such as chest pain or suspected stroke, please call 911 or go to the nearest ER. \*The Extended Hours Health Clinic will not be equipped for emergent care.

# **FYI: Contract Health Service News**

## **Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health**

*The AST Contract Health Services Team are here to assist you  
... follow the CHS Guidelines!  
Get a copy of the CHS Guidelines and update your information*

### **Contract Health Services for AST members with Insurance**

CHS for a currently enrolled AST member who resides in the defined catchment area who has insurance such as Medicare or Private Insurance:

1. Complete CHS Patient Update form and update all information every 6 months.
2. Notify CHS at least 48 hours prior to appointment date for a (COB) Coordination of Benefits to be sent to provider
3. Inform Provider/HealthFacility that AST CHS is secondary payer/payer of last resort.
4. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to CHS. *You may leave bills with Rhonda Kaseca at the Shawnee Clinic and Glendine Blanchard at the Little Axe Health Center.*

### **Contract Health Services for AST members without Insurance**

CHS for a currently enrolled AST member who resides in the defined catchment area who does not have insurance:

1. You must apply for any alternate resources for which you may be eligible - Medicare, Medicaid, SoonerCare, insurance, etc.
2. Complete CHS Patient Update form and update all information every 6 months
3. You must utilize the services provided within the AST health clinics prior to being referred out.
4. Referrals for outside services must be sent to CHS. Services must be medically approved by an AST Health provider.
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 CHS. *You may leave bills with Rhonda Kaseca at the Shawnee Clinic and Glendine Blanchard at the Little Axe Health Center.*

### **Emergency and Urgent Care Services**

CHS for a currently enrolled AST member who resides in the defined catchment area who needs emergent or urgent care:

1. Call the On-Call nurse at (405) 447-0300 option 9 for "triage".
2. Notify CHS on the next business day or within 72 hours after the ER visit. Notification does not assure authorization of payment. However if you do not notify CHS within 72 hours, your bills will not be paid.
3. For AST members with no insurance evidence must exist that the visit was medically necessary. Medical priorities have been established for determining which referrals can be authorized for payment.
4. For AST members *with* insurance, evidence must exist that a third party resource has made 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 CHS. *You may leave bills with Rhonda Kaseca at the Shawnee Clinic and Glendine Blanchard at the Little Axe Health Center.*

**Contract Health  
Direct Phone Line  
405.701.7951**



Debi Sloat



Glendine Blanchard



Flo Mann



Sharon Ponkilla



Darla Gatzman



Jayne Werst

Absentee Shawnee  
Tribal Health System

# Behavioral Health Services



### Office Hours

Monday-thru-Friday

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Little Axe Clinic

Shawnee Clinic

15951 Little Axe Drive

2029 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.

Norman, OK 73025

Shawnee, OK 74801

Ph. 405-701-7987

Ph. 405-878-4716

Services are offered through:

Little Axe Clinic & Shawnee Clinic for all Federally Recognized Tribes.

### Mission Statement

To promote the wellbeing of the  
“whole person” within the context  
of their culture.



**A Single twig breaks but a  
Bundle of twigs is strong**

### *Services*

Supporting changes in the journey of life's  
transitions. The following services are offered :

- Resource/referral information
- Crisis intervention
- Child, adult, family and couple/marital counseling
- Therapy and Support groups , (TBA)
- Drug and alcohol assessments
- Anger management
- Depression screenings
- Sweatlodge



## Register Now!!!

[www.asthealth.org/patient-portal](http://www.asthealth.org/patient-portal)

## New Patient Portal

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System

Little Axe Health Center

Shawnee Clinic

**FollowMyHealth™**   
Universal Health Record

- Improved access to your health information
- Communicate directly with your clinic
- Request an appointment
- ...and more!

Visit your app store and install  
the Follow My Health app



**for real-time access to your  
health information**

For more information on how you can register for the new AST “*Follow My Health*” Patient Portal,  
contact Patient Registration at Little Axe Health Center - 405.447.0300 or Shawnee Clinic - 405.878.4702



## AST Health System Announces *PlusCare* Regular Hours of Operation

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System announces the regular hours of operation for the *PlusCare* Clinic.

- Monday through Friday 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- Saturday & Sunday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

For holiday hours, please visit our website at [asthealth.org](http://asthealth.org) or visit us on Facebook at Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health.

The clinic is located at 15702 East State Highway 9 (the former Little Axe Clinic site), Norman, Oklahoma, and began seeing patients on Monday, March 30, 2015. The *PlusCare* Clinic is an acute care facility that will have the ability to treat non-life threatening illnesses and injuries on a walk-in basis (no appointment needed). The *PlusCare* Clinic main number is (405) 447-0477.

This service is extended to existing AST tribal members and other IHS eligible Native Americans who are the ages of 2 years and up. However, if you are a new (AI/AN) patient to our health system and are in need of our *PlusCare* services, please bring with you:

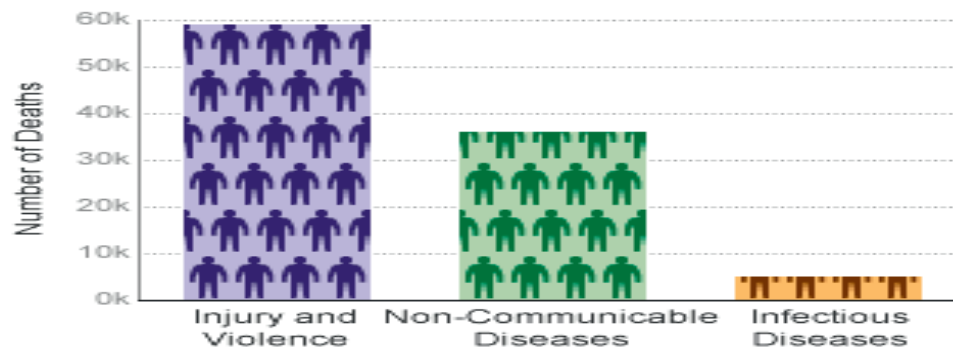
1. Your Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB); and
2. A second form of Identification (i.e. Driver's License or State ID); and
3. If available, health insurance card(s).

After your initial visit, you will be obligated to complete a follow-up visit with either the Little Axe Clinic or Shawnee Clinic to become an established patient.



### Leading Causes of Death

In 2013 in the United States, injuries, including all causes of unintentional and violence-related injuries combined, accounted for 59% of all deaths among people ages 1–44 years of age—that is more deaths than non-communicable diseases and infectious diseases combined.



### Causes of Death

Injury Deaths Compared to Other Leading Causes of Death for Persons Ages 1–44, United States, 2013

#### Injury Facts

- ┌ More than 192,900 deaths from injury in 2013—1 person every 3 minutes.
- ┌ Leading cause of death for people ages 1–44 in the U.S.
- ┌ An estimated 31 million emergency department visits for injury in 2013.
- ┌ An estimated 2.5 million people hospitalized with injury in 2013.
- ┌ Violence and injuries cost more than \$406 billion in medical care and lost productivity each year.

## TWILA O. LONGHORN PARKER FOR ABSENTEE SHAWNEE SECRETARY



I am **Twila Parker** from the **White Turkey Band** of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. I am running for the **Office of Secretary**. My father was Ernest F. Longhorn, he served as a former Lt. Governor and then as Representative in the 1960's.

When I was discharged from the U.S. Air Force, I went to the tribe to look for a job. I was hired at the Community Health Merger as a nutrition aide to a Nutritionist. We provided counseling to Native Americans referred to our service from the Shawnee IHS Clinic; we also did demonstrations of low calorie dishes and even packaged grocery supplies of sugar-free food samples. But, we

discovered a bigger need for "food baskets for families". In 1982 (CAP) Community Action Programs were being phased out, Pauline Wahpepah and I co-wrote a USDA Grant for a Commodity Food Distribution Program. Our grant approval was contingent upon receiving a resolution from the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Executive Committee which did not happen. So I took the Grant Application for USDA to the Sac & Fox's Executive Committee who applied for and was awarded the grant from the USDA for a Food Distribution on Indian Reservations. This is still in existence to this day and provides a tail gate services to Shawnees in the LA area at the Resource Center.

Previously, I have had the **honor and privilege** of serving on various Boards and Committee's such as the **AST Housing Authority Board** for ten years 1984 to 1994; U.S. Postal Office AA/EEO Committee 1992-93; Keyworker for Combined Federal Campaign Fall 1994; Loaned Executive to United Way for federal agencies Dec. 1995; Mailhandler Union Steward; Primary Union Steward 2000-2011; Site core Team and Safety Committee and most recently the **AST Community Development Financial Initiative (CDFI)**. I understand the way Board's and Committee's should and could be run. As Secretary of the Tribe I will follow the Constitution. I will be at work every week. I will not exhaust our travel fund. I will be professional.

I have over **thirty years of professional work experience**. In 1977 I enlisted with the U.S. Air Force and received my basic training at the Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. My first assignment was Croughton, U.K. England as an Air to Ground Radio Operator I did aircraft movement, troops, and radio support for Air Force missions. I was radio operator for all types of aircraft from f-16's, tanker, kc-135's, and SR-71's. From there I went to Minot ND where I gained Top Secret Clearance to work in encrypting and was honorably discharged in 1980. From that time forward I began my career and have continuously worked in a variety of positions within several federal agencies, i.e. **Indian Health Service, Tinker AFB and U.S. Post Office. All federal jobs were continuous with no breaks in service or work. When I applied for other federal jobs with my resume and work history; I was offered jobs at other federal facilities with higher rates of pay. The Post Office was the highest**

**rate of pay but also the biggest challenge with physical endurance, adversarial management, and predominantly male. But being Absentee Shawnee woman, my dad always taught me your path will sometimes be hard because there will be no other Indians around to blend in to. So whether you're a good worker or bad worker, whether your considered smart or dumb your co-workers will think all Absentee Shawnees are like that! So do your best and being female; you're best have to be better than the men you work with to be accepted?**

I learned from my father, a preacher, that to give is better than to receive. Thus, I began my earliest work effort as a volunteer and have continued to give back. In 1985 I received a **Special Service Award as a Dental Receptionist for my Contract Duties over the Denture Program and over outside dentist's offices we contracted with for Native American patients**. Then due to my early intervention to appropriately administer record keeping at our Shawnee IHS Clinic I received a Special Service Award with a Cash Award from H.C. Townsley, M.D., Area Director of IHS; served as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of AST Housing Authority and was **certified** at Level 1 by NAIHC; researched, interviewed to ensure that Mailhandler's grievances were represented and addressed based on Union standards and received an **Outstanding Service Award from Mailhandler's Union Local 324**; as a Diversity Board Chairman I helped to develop goals and got input from members this resulted in a letter of **commendation** from the OKC District Manager. I also received a Thank You Letter with pin from Mr. William Henderson, Postmaster General/CEO in Washington, D.C. Through my leadership increased participation by over 50% from all levels of craft employees, with area postal officers in charge, to manager's levels of active involvement.

To better understand a diverse work force and the challenges it presented I did what my Dad always stressed to me **'Get an education'**. I had received on the job experience and military training and felt compelled to do more. In 1999 I received an **Associate's in Applied Science Business Administration from Rose State College** and was on the VP's Honor Roll. In 2003 I graduated from **OU with a Bachelor in 'Focus Administrative Leadership'** and in 2005 received a **Masters in Human Relations**. In 2004 I was nominated to the Honor Society of PHI KAPPA PHI and I was inducted into the Honor Society in April, 2004. The motto of PHI KAPPA PHI is "Let the love of learning rule humanity" and mission to "recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others".

I have **'fought the good fight'** for our country. I **stand ready to take on the challenges** and opportunities within the tribe. We need individuals in Office who want to advance our tribe and do so through a professional, ethical and educated way. I have worked outside of our Tribe and brought back what I have learned to improve our productivity and efficiency. I believe that I have done all that I could to be an Ambassador of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe in every place I have worked and when I served in the U.S. Air Force. When I received all my awards I was always asked "what tribe are you?" I always told them proudly I'm Absentee Shawnee and if you never heard of us, let me tell you the story how we got that name! **I ask for your vote on June 20, 2015.**

## JOHN JOHNSON FOR SECRETARY



My name is John Raymond Johnson.

I'm running for the secretary position for the tribe.

I'm asking for you to vote for me in the March 21st primary election. As a business man I have been in the optical business for 35 years in which I owned and operated my own optical dispensary for over 20 years. I recently sold my business and now have the opportunity to apply my business knowledge to work in the tribal government. I graduated from Norman High School and attended Murray State College. I'm a former member of the Norman rotary club and Norman Business Association.

## LETTER TO VOTERS...

*To say the campaign team is disappointed in the voting results would be an understatement. Taking a cursory glance including all the candidates and the ones chosen for the June 2015 election, it is obvious the Tribe continues to vote with priority being family, experience and then education. Unless we, as a Tribe, begin to place an equal value on experience and education, we will continue to lag behind other Tribes in all fundamental areas.*

*I planned to run for Governor quite a few years ago. I decided this would be my final attempt to garner an elected position with the Tribe. I choose not to file over and over again for an elected position with the Tribe. If I lost this time, I continue with my plans to advance in my career and provide the best services to the communities at large.*

*The campaign team closed the Twitter and Facebook accounts Friday March 27, 2015. In the next two months, the campaign team will be working on archiving all campaign materials to be placed in the University of*

Arkansas Archives. It most certainly will be interesting to see where all the candidates are in five years and what the candidates we have chosen, as a Tribe, have accomplished.

I would have loved the opportunity to have worked as your Governor. I thank the people who did vote for me. I most certainly thank the campaign team, Marilyn Byers, Jeanette Glass, Sharon Hawkins and Theresa Spoon for their efforts and work in this endeavor.

In closing, I want to comment on the upcoming Governor's race and the two Governor candidates chosen for the June 2015 election, Edwina Butler Wolfe and Jeff Gibson.

Both of them have been in office before. However, Edwina Butler Wolfe has followed the directives of the Tribal membership, has chosen not to ignore those directives nor chosen to have them interpreted for personal gain. She has accomplished the most in a shorter amount of time than Jeff Gibson.

Let's be smart. Let us all get behind Edwina Butler Wolfe.

Thanks,

Sabrina Little Axe



## Re-elect me for Governor and Let's Build For the Future (BFF)!

# EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE

Hello my Absentee Shawnee people!

In the recent primaries you indicated through your vote who you believed could lead this tribe. It is my hope that you will re-visit your opinions and look at the work history, professionalism, ethics and whether the individual you are voting for is running for personal gain or to work for the advancement of this tribe.

I would just like to state that as a proud citizen of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe it has been an honor to serve you since I took Office in July of 2013. As you have seen in the past 22 months my focal interest has been in large part centered on educational reform and curriculum advancement. I dedicated over 15 years of my earlier life to this effort and it is both a strength and great joy to me when I see youth from that time who care to share stories with me on how my efforts helped to make a difference in their lives. I hope to continue to make a difference in the lives of our youth and will through the vision I have for all members of our tribe. This vision includes looking at how we can serve tribal members who reside outside of our current service area and out of state through such opportunities as Tel-a-Doc. I want to work on a process that develops our investments and re-consider how we, the tribe, are doing business. I hope to increase funding to departments that add vital services to the tribe and provide incentives to those employees who have provided excellent services to our people – this is long overdue here at the tribe. We need to think strategically and approach long term care needs for our elders. We need to develop a plan of action to invest in our future by restoring or re-building our buildings on our tribal complex.

And last, but by no means least, we need to continue legal discussions on how to expand our land base.

We have so many needs within our tribe and we need to be considering both our short and long term future as a people. I am willing to do that and have shown that through a proven track record of professionalism and commitment. I will show up each day and do 8 plus hours a day, I will represent the tribe, I will be ethical, honest and transparent on my actions.

We need the right leaders in Office to make informed changes to make these advancements on behalf of our people. I hope when you go to the polls in June that you will give careful consideration to the following questions: 1) Whom do I, as a tribal member, want to represent the tribe's interests? 2) Who has shown to me their willingness to move the Tribe forward? 3) Who has shown they can advance the Tribe in an honest and ethical way and do the business of the tribe legally?

Help me to make a difference – stand beside me and Let's Build for the Future (BFF) - united and together!

Thank you for your support!

# JEFF GIBSON FOR GOVERNOR

Tribal Members,

To be Governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, would truly be a prestigious honor. Serving as the Representative for 4 years allowed me to interact with numerous members to help assist, guide and resolve many issues they considered important. I am not one to stand here and say that I will do things my way, nor will I say it has to be my way because "I am the Governor!" I will say that it's time we take OUR Tribe back in order to do greater things. It's time we progress our tribe forward, build a plan of action and have a committee that will work together for the common good of our AST members as a whole. It's time to put our tribal members first, instead of:

Interpreting the Constitution to fit our own needs

- Causing internal conflict
- Attempting to divide the tribe
- Making false Federal accusations of wrongdoing towards other elected EC members
- Attempting to influence our Judicial system and placing Restraining Orders on other EC members trying to conduct Tribal business in accordance to the Constitution
- Attempting to use General Fund Monies above the allocated amount in the appropriated EC budgets

There are many issues that are facing this tribe that have been self-created. These issues are able to be resolved and will allow the tribe the ability to move on and achieve whatever goals we want to set forth. In the past 2 years, there have been no goals set, no plans of action set in motion nor any accomplishments achieved that would shine a bright light on our tribe. This tribal government cannot continue to function like this. We need 1 year, 3 year, 5 year goals in order to determine which path of success we want for the tribe in all areas of concern: Healthcare, Education, Gaming, Family Assistance, Social Services, Employment and Training Opportunities.

I truly believe that we are missing out on the bigger picture of opportunity. Currently, we have no plan for our future. I have an outlined plan that I would love to share with the tribe and a working Executive Committee. I want to work with the Executive Committee to pursue a plan, that all 5 have contributed to, that will focus on future growth and revenue generating. There are so many more opportunities that could help us diversify in helping us provide the continuing needed services we have for the tribe as a whole. And even help us reach out to the tribal members that live outside our designated Federal service area.

I ask for your vote on June 20th to be the Governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe to bring back the traits of Leadership, Commitment, Accountability and Respect.

"In order to **Lead**, one first, must learn how to **Follow**"

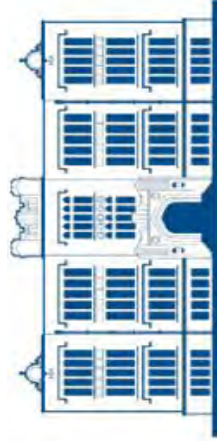




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Information Session  
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June 12, 2015

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will provide no-cost estate planning services to  
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who live in Oklahoma.

To learn more about options for making arrangements  
for your Indian land,  
Attend our Information Session  
at 10:00 a.m.

Wills and other estate planning documents will be  
drafted by appointment only  
From 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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