



# THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE NEWS

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## ASTHS Breaks Ground on New Shawnee Clinic

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System broke ground March 19 on a new Shawnee Clinic. The 69.5 acre-site is located adjacent to Tecumseh Lake at the end of Benson Park Road.

The new clinic, located at 39659 Benson Park Road, will feature a 63,000-square-foot main facility alongside a 13,000-square-foot ancillary building that will house additional facilities and a gym. The new bigger clinic will

mean more services and modern amenities for tribal members in one location. Currently, members are going to the Little Axe Clinic for dental and optometry. When completed, the new Shawnee clinic will have triple the space of the current facility.

“This clinic has been talked about for the whole 11 years I have been here. When I took over as Executive Director three years ago, this was one of my top

priorities, said Executive Director Chris Larkin, “This is very important to me. This tribe deserves it. This area deserves it.”

Also in attendance at the groundbreaking were members of the AST Executive Committee, AST Health Board, AST Veterans Association, Childers Architects, Flintco Construction, Connect Advisors, Rear Admiral Travis Watts, I.H.S. OKC Area Office Director, and Health and

tribal employees.

The current Shawnee Clinic was built in 1977. The design phase for the new clinic began in August 2024 in collaboration with Childers Architect. Flintco was selected as the Construction Manager in fall 2024 and will oversee the construction of the facility. Construction is expected to be completed by October 2026.



Left Photo (L-R): AST Health Board Chairman Darren Shields; AST Health Board Vice Chair Scott Miller; AST Treasurer Joseph Blanchard; AST Governor John Johnson; AST Lt. Governor Diane Ponkilla; AST Secretary Misty McGirt; AST Representative Anthony Johnson and ASTHS Executive Director Chris Larkin.

## 13th Annual Day of Champions Native American Combine

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe sponsored the 13th Annual Day of Champions Native American Combine. The event was open to male/female, athlete/non-athlete, and traditional/nontraditional. The Combine has a 69% placement rate over the past 13 years. In previous years, the Combine team have gotten scholarships for parents, guardians, athletes, welders, marching band participants, golf, football, basketball, fast pitch and so many other areas.

The event took place March 1st at DBAT in Oklahoma City, OK. There were

50 in-person participants and 4 of them were females. The event started with Treasurer Blanchard and Victor Cope talking to the athletes and President and CEO of Day of Champions Sports Coach Ken Heupel gave them a positive speech before the competition started. The event is run like the NFL Combine with 40 yard dash, bench press, vertical, pro-agility and standing broad jump. During the morning session the athletes were competing, on the field, while the parents and guardians were getting education on FASFA, scholarships and what to expect

when applying for college. After lunch, offense and defensive players were paired up to compete.

There were over 20 college and university recruiters. Several of the athletes were offered scholarships at the end of the event. Thank you to AST Health Service Public Health department, Representative Johnson and Treasurer Blanchard. AST Public Health Director Beverly Felton brought the mobile unit and donated an AST backpack and beanie for each athlete. Representative Johnson volunteered time and equipment. Treasurer

Blanchard volunteered time and spoke to the participants. This event would not be able to continue without the Sponsors. No athlete went home hungry. Rudy's delivered breakfast tacos and fruit. Lunch was sandwiches, chips, granola bars, fruit and fruit snacks. At the end of the event each athlete received a large pizza, AST backpack, AST beanie, and a Kona Ice sno-cone. After all the hard work the athletes put forth, the pizza and sno-cone were a wonderful treat!



Left Photo: Native American Combine participants. Middle Photo (L-R): AST Public Health Director Beverly Felton, President and CEO of Day of Champions Sports Coach Ken Heupel, AST Treasurer Joseph Blanchard. Right Photo (L-R): Eastern Arizona College Coach James Pryor, AST Treasurer Joseph Blanchard.

**94<sup>TH</sup> SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025 - 10:00 AM**  
**AST MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING - SHAWNEE, OK**



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**GOVERNOR**  
John Johnson

## GOVERNOR'S REPORT

John Johnson, AST Governor

Hello all,

April is here... so is spring and warmer weather. It is time to prepare your gardens and get ready to plant. The AG department will be giving out seeds for different fruits and vegetables. Look for these dates in the paper and/or website.

The Food bank has partnered with a new vendor. We will now be using US Foods for all future orders. They have many new items we can consider. I want to bring new shelf life items to the list, so we are asking for your suggestions. Please leave those ideals in the comment box lo-

cated inside the lobby of the food bank.

I recently attended the Oklahoma Native Legislative reception in OKC. I extended my invitation to Lt. Governor Ponkilla so I could introduce her to the state leaders of Oklahoma. I feel it is important for all us to get to know these people and understand their role for the state. Chief Hoskins with Cherokee Nation, Chief Gary Batton with Choctaw Nation, and Governor Bill Anoatubby with the Chickasaw Nation and myself was asked to give our thoughts of the new administration. We all shared our concerns and how it will effect Indian country. I believe if all of the tribes stand together it will make us all stronger and show we are

all united.

The 94th Semi-annual General Council is just around the corner. It will be at the Multi-purpose building in Shawnee on April 26, 2025 at 10:00a.m. I hope to see you all there.

Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to myself or my assistant. We will be glad to assist you.

John Johnson - 405-275-4030 ext. 3500  
governor@astrobe.com

Alvina Barnes - 405-275-4030 ext. 3501  
alvinab@astrobe.com

Thank you



**Lt. GOVERNOR**  
Diane Ponkilla

## LT. GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Diane Ponkilla, AST Lt. Governor

Hello All,

I would like to send prayers and my condolences to the Simpson family. I everyone has adjusted to the daylight savings time. The past few months have seemed to fly by and brought some major weather changes with it. Governor Johnson and I attended the Oklahoma Tribal Legislative Reception on Tuesday, March

11, 2025 at the Petroleum Club Event Center formerly known as the Jim Thorpe Event Center. The event was hosted by the Cherokee Nation, Chickasaw Nation, Choctaw Nation, Muscogee Nation and Seminole Nation with Tribal and State Representatives in attendance. On Friday, March 14, 2025 there was an outbreak of fires along with the high winds in LittleAxe and the surrounding areas. I would like to thank the fire departments, police, emergency management and our fire crew who stepped up to assist. The

AST Fire Crew consist of employees JD Marshall, Stacy Coon, Clayton Martinez Willie Mageehee and Representative Johnson. These guys geared up and stayed out till 11:00pm assisting with controlling the fires. I have attended the regular scheduled monthly meetings Executive Committee, Round Table, Health, Director's and had a few visits from tribal members. Everyone please stay aware of the upcoming tornado season and always be prepared and stay safe.



**SECRETARY**  
Misty McGirt

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Misty McGirt, AST Secretary

Greetings Tribal Members,

I hope all is well with the fires this past month and be weather aware for tornado season get them axes out. April is sexual assault awareness month along with prevention against child abuse month. Our domestic violence department will be doing events this month look for updates on the websites or if you have any questions please reach out to our rising warrior team. Our annual Easter event will be

held on April 5 from 10:00-12:00 at the AST tribal complex/ multipurpose building. General council will be held April 26 at 10:00am at the multipurpose building in Shawnee if you have any questions please reach my office.

### Meeting's I attended this past month.

**February 3, 2025-** I attended our weekly round table meeting along with other Executive members.

**February 25, 2025-** I called in on Health board meeting along with other Executive members.

**February 26, 2025-** I attended a architect meeting for building 3 at 2:00pm along

with other Executive members.

**February 27, 2025-** I attended our Executive meeting at 10:00am with other Executive members.

This month was a little dormant month for me considering being on maternity leave along with the weather we had that lasted for almost a whole week and other Executive members on travel. That's all I have to report on at this time if you have any questions please feel free to reach my office.

Ne yi wa!

Secretary McGirt



**TREASURER**  
Joseph Blanchard

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Joseph Blanchard, AST Treasurer

Hello Fellow Tribal Members, Friends and Family:

I hope this notice finds you and your household doing well. Now that the grass has begun to green and the grounds have been turned, Spring is in full effect. As they say, "April showers bring May flowers." With the change of seasons, I am glad to hear we did not have a lot of passings this past month. However, it is the time of year for travel and tournament teams to start up. I wish all our students and athletes great success as they finish up the school year.

My office and the other EC received several phone calls from Tribal Members to express their concern about the proposed Turnpike expansion and other bills set for committee hearings. Since we did not get replies to email and phone calls, I personally went up to the Oklahoma State Capitol to visit each of our local Representatives and Senators. I spoke with Rep. Danny Sterling, Rep. Dell Krebs, Senator Shane Jett, and OTA Executive Director

Joe Echelle. As of this printing, the EC is set to meet with Senator Standridge from Norman on Friday, March 28th. I will provide more information at General Council and in the member booklet.

This past month, I received an email from the State of Oklahoma Excise Tax Division. When I called their office, I was able to ask about the Tribe's distribution of Tobacco Tax that has not been paid out. For those who are not aware, the Tobacco Compacts expired last year but the Legislature passed a bill to allow for a year extension. In a previous email, they requested the Tribe to sign an unapproved Compact offer from the OK Governor's office. After reading the criterion of the agreement, I informed Governor Johnson I did not approve and we need to open negotiation with the State. To date, only a few Tribes have signed on to the new agreement, none of which are small Tribes.

The biggest concern I've received from members is in regards to issues in our Nation's Capitol. I have sent email and had conversations with several Congressional officials and will be forwarding a request

to our District 5 Representative, Stephanie Bice to come visit our Complex again. While in DC, I did reach out to her office and attempted to schedule an in-person meeting, but did not get a response. However, I was able to send a message along with a colleague who was able to meet directly with Senator Lankford's office.

The latest news reports indicate, the Executive Orders issued by President Trump, several have been brought forward in litigation and Federal courts have issued "stay" orders or declared "unconstitutional". We have to hope Congress listens to their constituents and realize they hold the power of the purse and create law.

As I close this edition, I look forward to seeing you at the General Council Meeting on Saturday, April 26th, here at the Health Multi-Purpose Building. At this time of year, continue to be diligent and weather aware. Again, I appreciate the continued support, advice, and encouragement.

Respectfully,  
Joseph H. Blanchard  
Tribal Treasurer





### REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Anthony Johnson, AST Representative

Hello Tribal Members,

I hope everyone is doing well. April is upon us, and my office has been busy getting ready for General Council. In March, I attended two conferences—The 10th Annual Repatriation Conference, hosted by the Association on American Indian Affairs and Reservation Economic Summit 2025, hosted by the National Council on American Indian Enterprise Development. On March 6th, my assistant, EJ Ruiz, visited Building Blocks III, our child-care facility in Little Axe and read, "Green Eggs and Ham"; to students during their weeklong Dr. Seuss book celebration. Additionally in March, our tribe partnered with the Hammons Native American Unsigned Recruit-

ing Combine and hosted an event for high school seniors and past graduates interested in attending college. I would like to thank our TERO Director, Sarah Lawrence, for taking the lead on coordinating the Combine and helping our tribal members get connected with more opportunities for higher learning. Our 477 department is hosting a Job Fair on April 9th from 10am-3pm in the Multipurpose Building at our Shawnee campus. I encourage all tribal members to attend the Job Fair on April 9th and get connected with our 477 staff. They are doing good work assisting our tribal members in growing their skillsets and obtaining employment.

Should you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact my office by phone or email:

Phone: (405) 531-3512.  
Email: adjohnson@astribe.com



Sincerely,  
Anthony "Tadpole" Johnson,  
Tribal Representative

## Veterans Association



The AST Veterans Honor Guard brought in the flags to commemorate Oklahoma Senior Day on March 3. The annual event was held at the State Capitol and allows seniors to meet their legislators and find available resources and services.

## ARE YOU GRADUATING THIS MAY?



**We want to honor the 2025 AST Graduates!**

Send us your full name, hometown, high school/college, degree or major and a photo (JPEG) to [media@astribe.com](mailto:media@astribe.com) by April 11, 2025.

**The graduates will be featured in the May 2025 Absentee Shawnee News.**

### From the Election Commission

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

#### ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify that I am or will be an Eligible  
(Print Name)  
Voter of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe on or before June 21, 2025. I cannot physically be present to cast my vote at the **June 21, 2025 Annual 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: \_\_\_\_\_

All **REQUESTS** must be returned to the Election Commission by the deadline date of **June 1, 2025**

**Mail to:**  
Absentee Shawnee Election Commission  
P.O. Box 741  
Tecumseh, OK 74873

**Fax to:**  
**Fax # (405) 273-1337 (Do not fax to any other fax #)**  
Phone: (405) 275-4030 ext. 3537  
Toll free number 1-800-256-3341 ext. 3537

**Email to:**  
[election.commission@astribe.com](mailto:election.commission@astribe.com)

**Deliver in Person to:**  
Election Commission Office  
located in Building 2, Shawnee Campus

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

#### ELECTION COMMISSION USE ONLY

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

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

Denial Letter Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_ Ballot Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE AG DEPT.  
4TH ANNUAL  
**Starter Plant DISTRIBUTION**

**MAY 15TH & 16TH**  
THURSDAY & FRIDAY 9AM-3  
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

43406 BENSON PARK RD  
SHAWNEE, OK 74801

For Questions contact  
**405-827-6545**

## NOTICE

### IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT AN ARTICLE OR STORY

Please give us a call at (405) 598-1279 or send an email to [media@astribe.com](mailto:media@astribe.com)

All articles for the next month's issue are **DUE** by the **15th of the current month.**

Unfortunately we can only accept **ONE PICTURE PER BIRTHDAY PERSON**, not per birthday wish.



# Elders Council

## 2025 ELDERS COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Elders Officers - Term: 2023 to 2025

**President:** Twila Parker  
 Cell: (405) 229-8052  
**Vice President:** Audrey Dobbs  
 Cell: (405) 593-5987  
**Treasurer:** Charlotte Ellis  
 Cell: (405) 620-4091  
**Secretary:** Shirley Adkins  
 Cell: (405) 778-9353

Month	Meeting	Date	Time	Location
JANUARY	Elders Council	Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025 <i>Meeting was canceled</i>	10:00 a.m.	AST Health Multi-Purpose Building
FEBRUARY	Elders Council	Saturday, Feb. 15, 2025	10:00 a.m.	AST Resource Center
FEBRUARY	Elders Council	Saturday, Feb. 15, 2025 Thursday, Feb. 27, 2025	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Warrior Room at the AST Thunderbird Casino
MARCH	Elders Council	Saturday, March 15, 2025	10:00 a.m.	AST Health Multi-Purpose Building
APRIL	Elders Council	Saturday, April 19, 2025	10:00 a.m.	Warrior Room at the AST Thunderbird Casino
MAY	Elders Council	Saturday, May 24, 2025	10:00 a.m.	AST Health Multi-Purpose Building
JUNE	AST ELECTION DAY	Saturday, June 21, 2025	Polls open from 8 a.m. & close at 8 p.m.	Poll Locations: Little Axe Resource Center AST Health Multi-Purpose Building
JUNE	Elders Council	Saturday, June 28, 2025	10:00 a.m.	Warrior Room at the AST Thunderbird Casino
JULY	Elders Council	Saturday, July 19, 2025	10:00 a.m.	AST Health Multi-Purpose Building
AUGUST	Elders Council	Saturday, Aug. 23, 2025	10:00 a.m.	Warrior Room at the AST Thunderbird Casino
SEPTEMBER	Elders Council	Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025	10:00 a.m.	AST Health Multi-Purpose Building
OCTOBER	Elders Council	Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025	10:00 a.m.	Warrior Room at the AST Thunderbird Casino
NOVEMBER	Elders Council	Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025	10:00 a.m.	AST Health Multi-Purpose Building
DECEMBER	Elders Council	Saturday, Dec. 20, 2025	10:00 a.m.	Warrior Room at the AST Thunderbird Casino

**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE**  
**ELDERS COUNCIL**  
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**Buy your tickets today**

**GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**APRIL 26, 2025**

50/50 TICKETS - \$1.00 FOR ONE  
 PENDLETON BLANKET - 3 TICKETS FOR \$5.00

PHONE: 405-620-4091  
 EMAIL: ELLISCHARLOTTE63@GMAIL.COM  
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*Enter to Win*

**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE PRESENTS:**  
**2025 ANNUAL EASTER EVENT**  
**Happy EASTER**

TRIBAL MEMBERS OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!  
 (MUST SHOW CDIB CARD)

**DATE: APRIL 5TH, 2025**  
**TIME: 10:00am - 12:00pm**  
 AST TRIBAL COMPLEX / MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING  
 2025 S. GORDON COOPER DRIVE

**PICTURES WITH THE EASTER BUNNY!**  
**DOOR PRIZES!**

**EGG HUNT AGE GROUPS**

- 3 & UNDER
- 4-6 YEARS OLD
- 7-10 YEARS OLD
- 11-15 YEARS OLD
- 16-18 YEARS OLD
- 55 & UP

**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED**

**MO'KE TIYA'HE**

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**COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY**

SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY OR VISIT [HTTPS://ARCG.IS/G5D8E](https://arcg.is/g5d8e)

**BACKGROUND:**  
 The Absentee Shawnee Tribe was awarded a Safe Streets for All (SS4A) planning grant from the United States Department of Transportation for the creation of a Safety Action Plan (SAP). The goal of the SAP is to reduce and eliminate serious injuries and fatal crashes on roadways in the Absentee Shawnee Tribe SAP study area by identifying roadway safety problems and roadway locations with the most significant safety risks.

**WE NEED YOUR INPUT! YOUR FEEDBACK WILL:**

- Help identify unsafe roadways.
- Help create safer roadways.
- Help achieve the eventual goal of zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE AST SAP INITIATIVE, VISIT: [ARCG.IS/G5D8E](https://arcg.is/g5d8e)**

**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE 477 CLASS OF 2025**

# Graduation Banquet

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF CELEBRATION AT OUR GRADUATION BANQUET

**SATURDAY MAY 3RD, 2025**  
**2:00PM TO 4:00PM**  
 AST MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING  
 2029 JAMES L EDWARDS LANE  
 SHAWNEE, OK 74801

Banquet is ONLY for Active 477 Participants that Graduated from High School, College or Vocational School.

\*Those in attendance will receive a Graduation gift.

Graduate will be allowed to bring ONLY two guests. Please dress in business or traditional attire.

Please RSVP before April 18th, 2025  
 405.878.4545 ask for Shawna Spoon

Submit a photo of your graduate to [477program@atribe.com](mailto:477program@atribe.com) to include in slideshow! \*Deadline to submit photo April 25th,2025





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



Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Building Blocks III C.D.C
16051 Little Axe Drive, Norman, OK 73026
Phone: (405) 360-2710; Fax: (405) 360-2726
Director: Skye Foreman Assistant Director: Renee Richardson

March was busy and past by quickly. A BIG THANKS to all who came & read Dr. Seuss' Books during Read Across America Week.



IN THE CLASSROOM

The students will be studying the outdoors! Our infants will be observing nature this month and explore gardening. The toddlers will be studying insects and learning the importance of bees. In the 2's classroom they will be identifying types of bugs and what they eat and where they live. Our three-year-olds will study the changing weather, Earth Day, and gardening. In our 4's & 5's they will be focusing on the theme of Exercise. They will learn about the different types of exercise people can do and what equipment can be used to exercise.

IN THE CENTER

The students participated in Read Across America on March 3rd and celebrated Dr. Seuss that week as well with Spirit Week! We had guests that read to our classrooms, crazy hair day, pajama day, and celebrated with cupcakes at the end of the week. The Cleveland County Health Department will be conducting a Hand Washing Class on March 19th at 10am and a Car Seat Safety Check on March 20th from 4-6 PM. We will welcome our Norman Librarian for Story Time with our students on Wednesday the 16th and again on Friday the 18th for a S.T.E.A.M. project.

It is officially Spring which brings warmer weather. The children love the sunny days of Spring. They enjoy learning as they play outside on the playgrounds. Also, Spring brings the time of year to be Weather Aware as Storm Season arrives.



Building Blocks III is open Monday thru Friday 7am to 6pm and is now accepting applications for students from 6 weeks of age to five-years-old.

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. Building Blocks will be Closed Friday, April 11th as our staff attends training on Child Abuse Awareness.

Building Blocks Easter Egg Hunts and Classroom Parties will be Thursday, April 17th @ 3:00p.m.

Building Blocks will be Closed Friday, April 18th for Good Friday. Hope everyone has an Egg-citing Easter.



We are taking waiting list applications for all of our classrooms. We take 6 week olds through the summer after Pre-K (4 Year Olds). Please call to inquire about our waiting list and spots for enrollment. You may drop by for a waiting list application or we can email one to you.

We are currently taking employment applications. Go to https://www.astribe.com/employment for job listings and to fill out employment applications. Look for BBII at AST Building Blocks, Shawnee under the employment tab.

Have an Awesome April.



LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE TRIAL COURT OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA 74801
Kimberly Jarrell Vs Curtis Jarrell
Case No. JFD-2025-04

AFFIDAVIT TO OBTAIN SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA §.

Kimberly Jarrell being duly sworn upon oath states:

That she/he is the Petitioner Kimberly Jarrell above-named, and that on the 3rd day of March, 2025, said Petitioner filed in this Court a Petition against Respondent, Kimberly Jarrell and this is one of the class of cases prescribed by the Statutes of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, and is absent therefrom, and that with and after the exercise of due diligence, said Petitioner is unable to make personal service upon said Respondent, Curtis Jarrell, within the jurisdiction of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, and that Petitioner wishes to obtain service upon the said Respondent by publication as provided by law. (AST CODE OF LAWS, Section 205, Section 206 and Section 209)

Kimberly Jarrell PETITIONER

Subscribed and sworn to before me 3rd day of March, 2025.

Ashley Hudson NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: June 23, 2028



IN THE TRIAL COURT OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA 74801
Bobby Armstrong Vs Stacy Armstrong
Case No. JFD-2025-05

AFFIDAVIT TO OBTAIN SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA §.

Bobby Armstrong being duly sworn upon oath states:

That she/he is the Petitioner Bobby Armstrong above-named, and that on the 11th day of March, 2025, said Petitioner filed in this Court a Petition against Respondent, Stacy Armstrong and this is one of the class of cases prescribed by the Statutes of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, and is absent therefrom, and that with and after the exercise of due diligence, said Petitioner is unable to make personal service upon said Respondent, Stacy Armstrong, within the jurisdiction of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, and that Petitioner wishes to obtain service upon the said Respondent by publication as provided by law. (AST CODE OF LAWS, Section 205, Section 206 and Section 209)

Stacy Armstrong PETITIONER

Subscribed and sworn to before me 11th day of March, 2025.

Ashley Hudson NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: June 23, 2028





**Show your support!  
Design a ribbon contest**

**In observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we will be having a contest where you design a ribbon and hang it on your office door!**

**Ribbons will be provided by the Domestic Violence department on March 24th and 25th and all submissions must be in by April 4, 2025 at 12PM to [Mstewart@astribe.com](mailto:Mstewart@astribe.com).**

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**YOU'RE INVITED TO:**  
*Chalk  
The Walk*

SPREAD LOVE AND SUPPORT BY DECORATING THE SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF THE DEPARTMENT OR BUILDING YOU WORK IN!

*Chalk Drop-off*  
MARCH 24TH & 25TH, 2025

*Send in Pictures by*  
APRIL 4TH, 2025

DESIGN YOUR SIDEWALK WITH INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGES AND PICTURES TO HELP THOSE FIGHTING AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT.

SEND PHOTOS OF YOUR CHALK ART TO [MSTEWART@ASTRIBE.COM](mailto:MSTEWART@ASTRIBE.COM) OR 405-432-9657

*Teal Day*  
2025

In recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we encourage our community to wear teal on Tuesday, April 1st to raise awareness for sexual assault survivors

Wear teal as a conversation starter and share why preventing sexual violence is important to you

Please email or text photos of you or your department in teal to [mstewart@astribe.com](mailto:mstewart@astribe.com) or 405-432-9657

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*Denim Day*  
2025

In recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we encourage our community to wear jeans on Wednesday, April the 30th to raise awareness for sexual violence survivors.

Please email all photos of you or your department wearing denim to [Mstewart@astribe.com](mailto:Mstewart@astribe.com) or 405-617-6964

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**AST 477 Department presents proceeds from their Sweetheart Stompdance to the AST Elders Council and AST Veterans Association**



**Left Photo** Front Row (L-R): 477 Outreach Coordinator Melinda Ferrell; 477 Assistant Executive Director Heather Deatherage; 477 Executive Director Briana Ponkilla; AST Elders Council President Twila Parker; AST Elders Council Treasurer Charlotte Ellis. Back Row (L-R): 477 Operations Specialist Connor Edwards, 477 Language Coordinator Scott Miller; AST Elders Council Secretary Shirley Adkins, 477 Language Specialist Jaylan Gibson. **Right Photo** Front Row (L-R): 477 Assistant Executive Director Heather Deatherage; 477 Executive Director Briana Ponkilla; AST Veteran Twila Parker; 477 Language Coordinator Scott Miller; 477 Language Specialist Jaylan Gibson. Back Row (L-R): 477 Outreach Coordinator Melinda Ferrell; 477 Operations Specialist Connor Edwards.





Happy 10th Birthday, Joel!  
Mom, Dad, Grams and Grams  
Love You!!!

HAPPY  
BIRTH  
DAY!



AST 477  
Participant

Success Story

Toby Gouge  
Creek Tribal Member

The 477 Program helped me obtain my CDL and has been a life changing experience. Between better pay and overall job security, I can't thank the program enough. I've spread the word back when I was accepted into school. I finally got hired on with a trucking company and putting my CDL to use. I would encourage any and every one to "GO FOR IT" and not just with a CDL but anything the 477 program has to offer. They made it real easy for me to get in to school. I hope others can benefit from the program. I cannot Thank you enough for this career I have now.



CONGRATULATIONS!!  
MAKIYAH DEER

Makiyah competed in this year's Miss Teen USA Oklahoma pageant. She won a SEMIFINALIST AWARD (Top 10). As well as Miss Teen SPIRIT AWARD and Miss Teen PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD. She was the only contestant to win 3 awards. Her family is so very proud of her. She earned and deserved every award that she received. She is such an amazing, loving and caring young lady. Keep up the good work baby girl! The competition was on her birthday weekend so I would like to say HAPPY SWEET 16th BIRTHDAY BUG!

I would like to thank the ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE for their support and sponsorship of Makiyah in this year's pageant! She could not have done this without the assistance from MISTY MCGIRT! She went above and beyond to help Makiyah, she stayed on top of communicating with her as well as pushing the other committee members to get paperwork done in a timely manner. Again THANK YOU MISTY!!!!

I'd also like to thank TINA ONTIVEROS-ADAME who also helped by giving her full support and encouragement of Makiyah to get the approval of the committee. THANK YOU TINA!!!

This has been a wonderful experience for my daughter and I hope she continues to follow her dreams. Makiyah, you can accomplish anything you want in life, you have the ability and drive! Keep being yourself, the loving, caring, beautiful person that we all know and love. Momma is so proud of you baby girl! I love you always and forever!!

Thank you Absentee Shawnee Tribe from the family of Makiyah Deer!!!



Congratulations!

Congratulations tribal member Kiarra Stallin for signing with OBU for track. She also received a full academic scholarship.

We love you sissy!

## Roots of Resilience: Every Handprint Matters in Child Abuse Prevention

### A Message from the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Indian Child Welfare Department

As we honor National Child Abuse Prevention Month this April, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Indian Child Welfare Department invites our community to join together in nurturing the "Roots of Resilience" within our children and families.

#### Our Children, Our Future

We understand that each child carries the stories, hopes, and strength of our ancestors. When we protect our children from harm, we protect our collective future. Every handprint—every touch, every action, every word—leaves an impression that shapes a child's development and well-being.

#### Building Resilience Through Cultural Connection

Resilience grows stronger when rooted in cultural identity and community support. Our traditional teachings provide powerful protective factors that help prevent child abuse:

- **Family Bonds:** Extended family networks offer support and guidance
- **Cultural Identity:** Connection to heritage provides children with a sense of belonging and purpose
- **Traditional Values:** Teachings of respect, balance, and harmony guide healthy relationships
- **Community Responsibility:** The understanding that all children belong to the community

#### Recognizing Signs & Taking Action

Child abuse can take many forms—physical, emotional, sexual, or neglect. Signs may include:

- Unexplained injuries or changes in behavior
- Withdrawal from activities once enjoyed
- Fear of going home or being with certain adults
- Inappropriate sexual knowledge or behavior
- Appearing consistently dirty, hungry, or inadequately dressed

If you suspect a child is being abused, please contact:

- Absentee Shawnee Tribe Indian Child Welfare: 405-395-4490
- Tribal Police: 405-275-3200
- Oklahoma Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-522-3511

#### Join Us in Prevention Efforts

This April, we invite tribal members and community members to participate in our Child Abuse Prevention activities:

- **Planting Seeds of Protection:** Saturday, April 5th at 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive from 10AM-12PM. Each participant plants a seed to take home and care for as a reminder of their role in prevention
- **Hands of Hope Project:** April 14th – 30th at 1318 E. Independence. Add your handprint to our community display, symbolizing your commitment to protecting our children
- **Resilience Recipe Book Project:** April 14th – 30th at 1318 E. Independence. Share your families "recipes" for handling difficult situations
- **Blue Day:** Saturday, April 26th – General Council Multi-Purpose Building. Everyone wear something blue. Together, we can make a powerful statement – In this Tribe no one fights alone.

#### Remember

Every handprint matters. Your actions, words, and support can help prevent child abuse and nurture the roots of resilience in our most precious resource—our children.

For more information on child abuse prevention or to access support services, please contact the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Indian Child Welfare Department at 405-395-4490.

*"When we hold the hand of a child, we hold the future of our people."*



# Absentee Shawnee Tribe Attends RES 2025

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe was represented at RES 2025, Reservation Economic Summit March 10-13. Members of the Executive Committee, tribal business owners and members of ASEDA were in attendance.

The annual event is hosted by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development and attracts tribes from all across the nation, Canada and even New Zealand. This year's theme was "Beyond Boundaries".

Tribal member Trina Longman is trying to push her company beyond all boundaries. She recently started SHE Roofing. "I found out there are bigger companies who will sponsor me and mentor me as I apply for TERO. I made multiple contacts with leadership I hope to do business with one day. I met a

consultant who is going to help me with my certifications and writing proposals for bids."

RES consisted of classes, keynote speakers, a trade show, Native art market and extensive networking opportunities. Unique to RES is the Buy Native Business Matchmaking program. This is a customized matchmaking program that is available to all buyers and sellers who are registered to attend RES.

The Buy Native Business Matchmaking program gives small businesses the opportunity to present their company's goods and/or services to buyers from federal, state, and local governments, as well as Fortune 500 corporations through one-on-one meetings. RES provides qualified American Indian owned businesses the opportunity to meet

one-on-one with federal, state and local government purchasing officials, as well as prime contractors and private sector corporations.

Longman attended most of the classes and learned about federal contracts, sam.gov, preparing for life after she files for 8A, procurement procedures, mergers, acquisitions and much more. "I really learned so much." She said, "The contacts I was able to make at this one event was amazing. I even found a new certification."

Treasurer Joseph Blanchard also attended RES for the first time. "RES is a good opportunity to network, to reach out to other Indian owned companies. In the big scheme of things, it's visiting and see what other tribes are doing in other parts of the United States and seeing how

we are similar or dissimilar. It's a great opportunity."

Native American business owners make up 1.2 percent of all businesses. Networking events such as RES help to open more opportunities and avenues for success. RES has been around for almost four decades and continues to solely focus on Native enterprises.

Representative Anthony Johnson encouraged tribal members and leaders to attend this year. "All the information and the networking here at RES is huge. There are over 4600 attendees this year alone just in attendance not including vendors and other council members." Johnson said.

If you are interested in attending RES in 2026, it will be March 23-26. For more information visit, <https://res.ncaied.org>.



AST Treasurer Joseph Blanchard



AST Representative Anthony Johnson



Tribal members (L-R): Lisa Frazier, Trina Longman, Clayton Dodds



Tribal member Eastman Switch



Photo (L-R): Thomas Barczak, Diak Architects; Shannona Barczak, Diak Architects, Cheyenne & Arapaho Governor Reggie Wassana, AST Representative Anthony Johnson, Tribal member Eastman Switch, AST 477 Operations Specialist Connor Edwards.



AST Treasurer Joseph Blanchard, AST Representative Anthony Johnson and AST 477 Operations Specialist Connor Edwards attend the RES Trade Show.

**The Absentee Shawnee Tribe will be closed  
Friday, April 18th - Good Friday**







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April 2025

Section B

## HEALTH BUZZZ!!

**HELLO EVERYONE!!** The Dementia Grant staff with the unwavering support from Mr. Chris Larkin, Health Director, and Dr. Marty Lofgren, Health Medical Director, successfully brought a highly important educational training event to the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System (ASTHS). After many months of planning, the training event became a reality and was held January 28 thru 30, 2025 in Little Axe. The Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center (GLITC) from Lac Du Flambeau, Wisconsin sent a team of four staff to Little Axe to deliver this valuable dementia, educational training for our staff. The GLITC VDT team was led by Master Trainer, Amber Hoon. This was a big undertaking, but our volunteers from the clinic and our Elders Council assisted these Virtual Dementia Tour® (VDT®) Master Trainers and the event was extremely successful. I might also mention, it was at “no cost to our ASTHS”.

So, what is Virtual Dementia Tour® (VDT®)? Following is a brief description:



The Virtual Dementia Tour® (VDT®) is a scientifically proven method that builds sensitivity and awareness in individuals caring for those with dementia by temporarily altering participants’ physical and sensory abilities. This evidence-based program simulates changes associated with cognitive decline. Geriatric specialist, P.K. Beville, authored and created the VDT as her post-graduate work.

This patented program offers hope by providing practical ways to create an environment that supports the disease and increase understanding. Second Wind Dreams has provided this patented experience to numerous organizations including the Center for Disease Control (CDC), U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Google, Facebook, Wellstar, Johnson & Johnson, WebMD, and Caesars Entertainment.

We are extremely honored that the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Epidemiology Center brought this training to our clinic in order for our staff to gain “insight into the world of a person living with dementia”. The value of understanding Alzheimer’s disease and dementia is immeasurable for staff at any level who care for persons who live with dementia.

A big thank you to our volunteers!! Joseph Holtzclaw, Jackson Hartgrove, Twila Parker, Rita Robertson, Charlotte Ellis, Lacy Gillian, Wynona Coon, Karen Kaniatobe, and Michaela Tuberville! Your guys ROCK!!

Our future plans are to bring this experience to our communities as a major part of dementia awareness campaign! That’s it for this month!

If you or someone you know would benefit from the **Savvy Caregiver in Indian Country** or **Music & Memory programs**, contact [adpi@astribe.com](mailto:adpi@astribe.com), or call **405-561-7893**.

Check out our web-page on the **Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System’s** website, [asthealth.org](http://asthealth.org), click on “**Programs and Preventions**” and then click on “**Seeking Hope**”.

**Atheda Fletcher**  
Grant Director & Project PI



Following are a few photos taken at this top-tier training event!



Virtual Dementia Tour Team (L-R): Leopoldo Panganiban, Jyostnasri Mogill, Amber Hoon, Jake Anderson.



Marilyn Franklin is honoring her loved one “Karen”.



Photo (L-R): Rita Robertson, Jimmy Robertson are honoring Creg Larson!




Photo L-R: Rita Robertson, Twila Parker, Lacy Gillean, Charlotte Ellis (not pictured) The Volunteers who helped make this training possible!




Wynona Coon






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Phone Scammers!**



**HOW TO DEAL WITH PHONE SCAMMERS:**

- DO NOT** give your personal information out to anyone from an unrecognized number.
- If you do end up speaking to someone, hang up immediately and block their number.
- Visit [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov) to add your name and number to the **DO NOT CALL** list. Let us know if you need assistance.






**If You Have Medicare Questions We Can Help!**

You have an insider with 15+ years of experience in Medicare right here at AST Health! Al Triggs takes care of hundreds of our elders and is standing by to take care of any of your Medicare-related needs.

**Al Triggs**  
Contracted Benefits Advisor  
Legacy Tribal Services  
(918) 853-1211  
Proudly Serving AST Citizens



## Easy Chicken Stir Fry

4 servings ⌚ Prep time 10 min, total time 30 min 🍴 cal/serv: 366

*When in doubt, stir-fry it out. This delicious and easy recipe is perfect for a quick and healthy dinner. It's packed with protein, veggies and flavor that everyone in the house can enjoy!*



**Ingredients**

- Chicken breast or boneless chicken thigh
- Honey, Low-Sodium Soy Sauce & Sesame Oil
- Broccoli, Red Bell Peppers & Cashews
- Garlic
- Canola oil

**Step-by-step instructions**

- In a small bowl, whisk the soy sauce, honey, & sesame oil together until thoroughly incorporated & set aside.
- Next, in a large skillet over high heat, heat the canola oil. Add the broccoli, bell pepper, & garlic to the pan, stirring frequently, until softened, which should take about 5 minutes. Then, add the chicken & cook, tossing occasionally, until golden brown & cooked through, for another 8 minutes. Once cooked through, stir in the cashews & season the chicken-vegetable mixture with pepper.
- Now bring it all together. Pour your sauce into the skillet & bring to a simmer. Cook, stirring occasionally, until thickened, about 5 minutes. Don't rush! A thickened sauce is key to bringing this stir-fry together & making sure all the flavors meld. Once thickened, serve your stir-fry over your favorite carb of choice. Enjoy!

## Behavioral Health

This one is for teachers and school counselors or really anyone who works with young people.

There will be mental health crises this school year and school years to come.

In the midst of your lesson planning, playground policing, lunchroom patrolling, IEP writing, nose wiping, vomit mopping, trash removing, bus driving, meeting napping, assistant coaching, fight refereeing, lawsuit dodging, and teaching – a child or adolescent is going to come to you in pain.

So much pain that they want to escape it.

By any means necessary.

Let's say the scary S word. We'll do it together.

Suicide.

People in most professions don't have constituents who come to them with thoughts of killing themselves.

Bankers? No.

Accountants? Not unless it's tax season.

Engineers? Again, no.

But you do. So, put away the Harry Potter Magic Wands of Indoctrination that the political hacks accuse you of welding and let's talk real life and death for a minute.

Here's the real world you've been given – and you may want to turn your head if you're squeamish:

Suicides among Oklahomans ages 10 to 24 increased by 41 percent from 2006 to 2019, becoming the second leading cause of death in that age group. Such a surge made Oklahoma a top 10 state for people killing themselves, moving us to sixth nationally and putting us 8 deaths per 100,000 over the national average.

Here are three things to listen for when that child comes to you:

### THWARTED BELONGINGNESS

Said another way, this means: Am I connecting with other people? Feeling accepted by others is essential for psychological health and well-being. By contrast, if the student feels as though he or she is kept — or thwarted — from belonging, that basic human necessity is unmet. Some studies have shown loneliness to be worse for health than smoking or obesity.

Ask yourself: Is the student lonely? Does the student have someone to care about, or is there a person who cares for the student?

Listen for phrases such as: "I don't have anyone, even family," "There's no one to turn to," or "I feel like everyone has left me, everyone."

### PERCEIVED BURDENSOMENESS

Said another way, this means: The student feels as though everyone would be better without him. They feel like their very existence causes a burden for loved ones and so their death would be more beneficial than their life. This a perception and usually a false belief. Perceived burdensomeness combined with thwarted belongingness constitute the desire for suicide.

Listen for phrases such as: "Everyone would be better off if I were gone," "I don't do anything but cause problems and cost money," or "I'm just a problem."

### ACQUIRED CAPACITY FOR SELF-HARM

Said another way, this means: A person's fear of death is weak and he or she no longer feels a sense of self-preservation. The student is desensitized to painful stimuli and can more easily engage in suicide. Physical pain, severe illness, trauma, and engaging in self-harm, among other things, can lead to acquired capacity for self-harm.

When a student brings you a cup full of thwarted belongingness, perceived burdensomeness, and acquired capacity for self-harm, you have a suicide cocktail in your hands. Don't leave the student but do call for help.

### THE RISK IS GREATEST WHEN...

- Suicide thoughts are more frequent
- Suicide thoughts are less controllable\*
- There are fewer deterrents
- The motivation is to stop pain

\* A metaphor to determine if the student is in control of the thoughts: Are you driving the bus and suicide shows up as a passenger, or is suicide driving the bus and you're tied up in the back?

### Two Myths About Suicide

1. Suicide is cowardly. Not true. Fear of death is natural and powerful instinct. That natural instinct has to be overcome for a person to commit the act.
2. Asking about suicide will plant the idea. Research shows this is not true. Asking a student if he or she is thinking of suicide will not increase their desire for death. If anything, it will likely make them feel heard, seen, and less invisible — and decrease their desire for death.

By Kelly Wray  
Licensed Therapist/Behavioral Health



# April IS BOTH

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** *and* **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<b>1</b> <b>FRITO CHILI PIE</b> <b>CHEZ, ONIONS</b> <b>FLUFF</b>	<b>2</b> <b>BAKED ZITA SALAD BAR*</b> <b>GARLIC BREAD</b>	<b>3</b> <b>HOT HAM &amp; CHEZ SANDWICH</b> <b>CHIPS</b> <b>APPLESAUCE</b>	<b>4</b> <b>PANCAKES</b> <b>BACON</b> <b>FRUIT</b>
<b>7</b> <b>BEEF PEPPERED STEAK</b> <b>COLESLAW</b> <b>BREAD</b> <b>PEARS</b>	<b>8</b> <b>SOFT TACO</b> <b>SPANISH RICE</b> <b>CINNAMON ROLL</b>	<b>9</b> <b>HOMINY &amp; PORK</b> <b>SPINACH</b> <b>MANDARIN ORANGES</b>	<b>10</b> <b>BAKED CHICKEN</b> <b>BRUSSELL SPROUTS</b> <b>BREAD/MIXED FRUIT</b>	<b>11</b> <b>BISCUIT</b> <b>SAUSAGE GRAVY</b> <b>FRUIT</b>
<b>14</b> <b>BEEF FINGERS</b> <b>MASHED POT/GRAVY</b> <b>BEETS</b> <b>APPLESAUCE</b>	<b>15</b> <b>PORK LOIN</b> <b>ROASTED BROCCOLI</b> <b>ROLL</b> <b>CAKE</b>	<b>16</b> <b>COLD CUT SANDWICH</b> <b>LTOP</b> <b>CHIPS</b> <b>PEACHES</b>	<b>17</b> <b>GRITS</b> <b>TOAST</b> <b>SAUSAGE PATTIES</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>GOOD</b> <b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>21</b> <b>HAM</b> <b>BLACK EYED PEAS</b> <b>BREAD</b> <b>APRICOTS</b>	<b>22</b> <b>TUNA SALAD</b> <b>SANDWICH</b> <b>CHIPS</b> <b>CUTIE</b>	<b>23</b> <b>EGG ROLLS</b> <b>VEGGIE STIR FRY</b> <b>FORTUNE COOKIE</b>	<b>24</b> <b>MEATLOAF</b> <b>MASHED POT/GRAVY</b> <b>CAULIFLOWER</b> <b>PINEAPPLES</b>	<b>25</b> <b>BREAKFAST</b> <b>BURRITO</b> <b>FRUIT</b>
<b>28</b> <b>BAKED FRIED CHICKEN</b> <b>TURNIP GREENS</b> <b>BOILED POT</b> <b>MIXED FRUIT</b>	<b>29</b> <b>CHEF SALAD</b> <b>W TURKEY</b> <b>COTTAGE CHEZ</b> <b>PEACHES</b>	<b>30</b> <b>ROAST</b> <b>RED POT</b> <b>CARROTS</b> <b>CAKE</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #ffff00; display: inline-block;"><b>MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE*</b></div> LUNCH IS SERVED FROM 11 AM TO 1PM BREAKFAST IS SERVED FROM 9AM TO 11AM SERVING AT THE SHAWNEE SITE AND LITTLE AXE RESOURCE CENTER	



**Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma**

2025 South Gordon Cooper Drive  
Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801-0381

Title VI  
Elderly Nutrition Program

Dear Absentee Shawnee Tribal Members

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

**Guidelines:**

1. Absentee Shawnee Member
2. Must be 55 years and older
3. **Must be an Title VI Member, have a current intake form on file (FY-2025)**
4. **Must provide Proof of Residency (utility bill – in the applicants name)**
5. Handicap/Disabled
6. **NO RENTAL PROPERTY WILL BE MOWED**

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

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

Any questions you can reach me at 405-275-4030 ext. 3614 or call 405-716-4941 or email me at dowings@astribe.com

Thomasine Owings  
Title VI Director

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

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Grass Mowing Application

D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

The Following are the requirements for this program:

1. Must be an Absentee Shawnee Member
2. Must be 55 years and older
3. **Must be an Title VI Member (have an current intake form for the current year 2025)**
4. Handicap/Disabled
5. **Must provide Proof of Residency (utility bill must be in applicant's name)**
6. NO RENTAL PROPERTY will be mowed

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

If you have any questions, please contact Dos Owings at (405) 275-4030 ext. 3614 or 405-716-4941

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

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

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

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ MESSAGE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

FINDING DIRECTIONS TO HOME:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**\*DISCLAIMER**

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

NAME OF YOUR TRIBE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF REC'D \_\_\_\_\_

**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TITLE VI ELDER INTAKE FORM**

TODAY'S DATE \_\_\_\_\_ REFERRAL SOURCE \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ MALE \_\_\_ FEMALE \_\_\_ VETERAN \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

SINGLE \_\_\_ MARRIED \_\_\_ DIVORCED/SEPARATED \_\_\_ WIDOWED \_\_\_ WIDOWER \_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE'S DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF EMERGENCY CONTACT (1) \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF EMERGENCY CONTACT (2) \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY LANGUAGE ENGLISH \_\_\_ TRIBAL \_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

HOUSING \_\_\_ HOUSE \_\_\_ APARTMENT \_\_\_ COMMUNITY HOUSING \_\_\_ OTHER EXPLAIN \_\_\_\_\_

COMPOSITION \_\_\_ LIVES ALONE \_\_\_ LIVES WITH SPOUSE \_\_\_ LIVES WITH FAMILY/FRIENDS

NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD \_\_\_\_\_ WHO HELPS \_\_\_\_\_

GRANDCHILDREN IN THE HOUSEHOLD? \_\_\_\_\_ IF YES, HOW MANY \_\_\_\_\_

HEALTH HISTORY \_\_\_ ASTHMA \_\_\_ ALZHEIMER'S \_\_\_ ARTHRITIS \_\_\_ CANCER \_\_\_ DEMINTIA

\_\_\_ DIABETES \_\_\_ CHRONIC PAIN \_\_\_ HEARING AID \_\_\_ CHOLESTEROL \_\_\_ BLOOD PRESSURE

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

PROSTHETIC DEVICES \_\_\_ Walker/Cane \_\_\_ Wheelchair \_\_\_ Hearing Aid \_\_\_ Glasses \_\_\_ Dentures \_\_\_ None

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

IF YES, NAME OF PROGRAM & WHERE LOCATED: \_\_\_\_\_

HEALTH CONCERNS \_\_\_\_\_

SERVICES CURRENTLY BEING RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_

PROVIDE THE DATE OF YOUR VACCINATION COVID 19

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**SoonerSelect Know Your Native Options**



**2025 Medical & Dental Open Enrollment: May 1, - June 13, 2025**

**Opt Out:** All/AN members are not required to enroll in SoonerSelect. It is optional. No action is necessary unless you want to join a SoonerSelect health or dental plan. If you do not opt in to SoonerSelect, you will remain on SoonerCare and nothing will change. You will not lose SoonerCare coverage.

**Opt In:** All/AN members are eligible to opt in to SoonerSelect. You can enroll in a SoonerSelect health plan, dental plan, or both. Please note that the opt-in for health and dental plans are separate processes. All/AN members may receive services that have not been traditionally covered under SoonerCare. These extra benefits vary by health and dental plan.

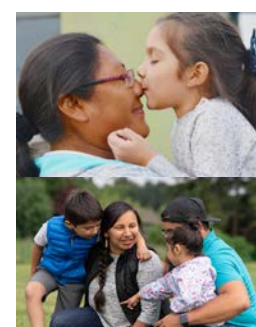
*Note: Non-Native SoonerCare family members must select a medical and dental plan before open enrollment closes or the member will be auto-enrolled.*

**Two Ways to Enroll:**

1) Contact an **OHCA Choice Counselor** via the SoonerCare Helpline At **1.800.987.7767, Option #5.**

2) Visit **mysoonerselect.org** to view, compare, and pick a plan that's right for you.

*Please be advised, Patient Benefit Advocates cannot enroll members in SoonerSelect Plans but can help navigate the process.*



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Contact a Patient Benefit Advocate  
Little Axe Health Center 405.447.0300  
Shawnee Clinic 405.878.5850  
[www.asthealth.org](http://www.asthealth.org)



# AST HEALTH SYSTEM DIRECTORY

## LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER.....405-447-0300

- Administration
- Business Office
- Little Axe Dental
- Health Information Management
- Lab/X-Ray
- Optometry
- Patient Benefit Advocates
- Primary Care
- Public Health
- Security
- Electronic Health Record
- Physical Therapy
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- Diabetes & Wellness.....405-701-7977
- Pharmacy.....405-292-9530
- CompleteCare Home Health.....405-701-7085
- Transportation.....405-701-7603

## SHAWNEE CLINIC.....405-878-5850 OR 877-878-4702 TOLL FREE

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- Business Office
- Health Information Management
- Lab/X-Ray
- Patient Benefit Advocates
- Contract Health
- Physical Therapy
- Primary Care
- Public Health
- Behavioral Health.....405-878-4716
- Diabetes & Wellness.....405-701-7977
- Pharmacy.....405-878-5859 OR 866-742-4977 TOLL FREE
- Transportation.....405-701-7603

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1. TOR Office
2. Domestic Violence
3. AST Police
4. AST Housing Authority
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