

# the SHOOTING STAR

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## New Construction Well Underway at Woodlands Elder Housing



The Woodlands Elder Housing will soon have two new units available. David Wyrick is the Project Manager over this construction. The project is estimated to be completed around September 1. This will bring our Woodland Elder Housing Units up to 18. Kathleen Blanchard is our Tribal Realty/Land Use Coordinator and Property Manager for The Woodlands. If interested in an application, please call Kathleen Blanchard at 918-238-5151 Ext 1043 or email her at [kblanchard@estoo.net](mailto:kblanchard@estoo.net).

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION

SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

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CHRIS SAMPLES

JACK ROSS

### CANDIDATES FOR SECOND (2ND) COUNCIL PERSON

SHAWN DAUGHERTY

CHERYL BARNES

NORVAL CLARK

BRYCE WASHINGTON

BOTH TO SERVE TERMS OF FOUR YEARS ON THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

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**You're Invited!** Business Committee Meetings to be held **August 11 & 25, 2021** in the Bluejacket Building. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday each month. Masks and social distancing measures will be observed.

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# The Chief's Report . . .



*Chief Glenna J. Wallace*

Dear Fellow Tribal Citizens,

Surprise! You are receiving your Shooting Star early this month as we have candidate letters you need to read. It seems I am living in a world of extremes. We went from a period of time where it was rain, rain, rain. Suddenly that rain turned into a heat wave of two or more weeks of high, high temperatures where that wet, soggy turf beneath my feet baked into brick-like substances. Then just before the Fourth of July we had twelve or more inches of rain within a thirty-hour period flooding the little town of Seneca. Here a small inviting creek can within three hours turn into a devouring monster threatening everything in its path. Giant trees were uprooted creating a dam at the bridge on Main Street as the trees were too large to go under the bridge which made the ravenous waters spread even further. The small town of Seneca is located in a valley with seven

hills surrounding it, so floods are something we are definitely familiar with. Rocks from the hills are pushed along by the swift currents gouging out even more potholes further destroying paved areas, water frequently covers the entire street, some businesses are flooded in spite of the sandbags and many people fearfully watch the rising churning water, afraid they might have to vacate their homes. When the rains subside, the water recedes fairly rapidly, not as rapidly as it rises, but it does recede. From rain to heat back to rain, all in extreme degrees.

Now the extreme is that COVID-19 has reared its ugly head again, primarily in the form of the delta variant. Most hospitals had closed their COVID floors about a month ago, only to have to open more than they have ever had. The city of Joplin which is less than twenty miles from tribal headquarters and the county where it is located ranked first and second statewide in the amount of COVID-19 cases per capita this past week. According to the Joplin Globe, the city of Joplin currently ranks number one in the state, with Jasper County ranking second of 114 counties. Similar statistics can be found for Arkansas, located within thirty miles of us and for Ottawa County where we are located in Oklahoma plus Kansas. Sadly, in all these areas, 98 to 99% of the hospitalized COVID patients are unvaccinated. Let me repeat that—unvaccinated. Vaccines have proven to be effective, but vaccination rates are lower than desirable which contributes to the increase in COVID cases. And unfortunately, the delta variant which is rampant in this area is considered more contagious than previous variants. As

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[www.estoo-nsn.gov](http://www.estoo-nsn.gov)

## The Shooting Star

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## CANDIDATES FOR SECOND (2ND) CHIEF



**CHRIS SAMPLES**  
**CANDIDATE FOR 2ND CHIEF**

Dear Tribal Citizens,

I am Chris Samples, a candidate for the position of Eastern Shawnee Second Chief. I'm married to Kendra Root-Samples (Muscogee Creek/Euchee) and we have a daughter, Kenslei (Eastern Shawnee). We are members of Life Church-Catoosa and participate in traditional cultural activities. My mother is Rita Samples and my grandmother is Viola Miles Conrad, eldest daughter of Rose Skakah Kissee. I grew up in the Miami area and graduated from Commerce High School in 1989. I'm a graduate of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M JR College and Northeastern State University. I am currently completing my Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA) from Emporia State University.

My Professional career began at Cherokee Nation where I served in several capacities for 7 years most of those years in grant management roles for the health department. As the Grant Manager, I was responsible for managing the full scope of the grant from grant deliverables and coordination, budget forecasting, financial reporting, main-

taining grant compliance and closeout. Based on my previous experience at Cherokee Nation, I applied for the position of Chief of Staff/Self Governance Director and was hired by Eastern Shawnee Chief Charles Enyart. I was tasked to manage the tribe's service departments; Social Services, Education, Indian Child Welfare, Human Resources, and Accounting. I was responsible for forecasting, planning and presenting the Tribe's Annual Budget to the Chief and Business Committee along with monthly monitoring of every department to ensure we were within the Approved Annual Budget at year end. During my tenure as Chief of Staff, we saw a need for a technology advancement system within the Social Services department to help expedite, track and disburse social services needs to our Eastern Shawnee people. This technology system, RiteTrack, is still used today. I am committed to continue to seek out the needs in our tribal departments for technology advancements.

I was previously elected as the Tribal Treasurer, and proudly served as a voting member of the Business Committee for more than 3 years. As the Treasurer, I was constitutional tasked to be responsible for the fiduciary oversight of the tribe's operational budget and expenses that included the Bordertown Casino's budget. It was paramount during this time the casino management and the tribe's elected officials came together (at the same table) to better understand the cash position of Bordertown Casino and the budgetary needs of the tribe in a thorough team effort, including transparency, we were able to meet the needs of the tribe and serve our citizens.

As President of the Tribe's Construction Company, which was formed through Eastern Shawnee Tribal Enterprises, we grew a committed team with the goal to diversify the tribe's businesses and to enhance the tribe's overall cash position. With the initial start up investment of \$35,000, the team

grew a sustainable and profitable company. At the end of year two, the tribe sold to the minority partner for just under \$800,000 and accumulated another \$400,000 in profit. Thus, making a positive financial gain for the tribe selling the company for 1.2 million. There is substantial opportunity for the tribe to develop a plan (that works) and implement businesses, to increase the cash position for the tribe and our people. Working together as elected officials and the willingness of us (as citizens) to take these small steps together, can direct the decisions to profit from business opportunities.

I have worked in Indian Country for 23 plus years with almost every tribe in Oklahoma (the Big 4), the smaller tribes and other Tribes nationally. I support our Shawnee elders and their programs, I will advocate and support our tribal youth programs, cultural activities, the tribal Education Department and scholarships for our youth. All citizens should have the opportunity to pursue their educational needs. I will support and lobby for health care initiatives to improve our current resources available. My commitment is to preserve, encourage teamwork, transparency, and diversity of businesses for the Eastern Shawnee Tribe. I am committed to work for you and with elected officials to progress our Tribe forward. I believe my experience in Tribal Government, Business and working with Tribal Nations throughout Indian Country is a tremendous asset for the office of Second Chief.

Please look forward to a mailer letter in the weeks to come. I ask for your support, but more importantly your prayers.

Chris Samples

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## CANDIDATES FOR SECOND (2ND) CHIEF



**JACK ROSS**  
**CANDIDATE FOR 2ND CHIEF**

### Fellow Tribal Members

Years ago, when I first ran for office of 2nd Chief, a Tribal member asked me, "What do you hope to accomplish for this Tribe if you are elected?" I informed this person, that I believed what holds us together as a Tribe is our shared historical past of sticking together regardless of just how rocky the road we had to travel. Learning from our mistakes in the past will help us avoid making those same mistakes in the future.

To me, the Eastern Shawnee people needed to find out who and where they came from. They needed a culture identity. To help us find our way, I suggested that we appoint a Ceremonial Chief. Officially this was done with the help and wisdom of our elders in 2010.

Our forefathers lived a continuing life of despair and with no hope for their future. Throughout the years, our people due to their low-income levels, had to deal with poverty and the lack of adequate medical help. As a result of the inadequate medical care, our people's life expectancy was at least twenty years less than the average American.

This was an aberration to me. Providing jobs, educational opportunities, and skilled labor training would be the way out of this vicious cycle and an effective solution. The result has been a longer quality of life for our Tribe and won-

derful contributions to our society both within and without the Tribe. We have replaced despair with hope and honored consideration of our Tribal people in the business world.

It has always been my goal to see that our Tribal members are given management opportunities at our casinos or any other Tribal businesses. Currently, the top two positions at our casino are both held by Tribal members. They have provided exemplary leadership.

For our older Tribal members who are having trouble meeting today's cost of living, our Tribe has developed programs to help them with housing needs, medical, utilities, and other living costs. It is an honor to see our elders thriving as never before.

Our children are the Tribe's most important asset. Programs have been developed to assist them in their future to become whatever they dream and hope for.

No longer do the Eastern Shawnee people have to settle for "2nd Best." In the last twenty years our Tribe has become very successful. Strong leadership is the key in order to continue this pattern of success. It has been my purpose to develop and groom future leadership for this Tribe and we have seen that growth as our future Tribal leaders are taking their place with integrity, honesty, and with great skills to lead us forward. I am asking my fellow Tribal members for the opportunity to continue this work.

I Am Asking For Your Vote And Support In Our Tribal Election On September 11th, 2021. Thank you, Jack Ross 2nd Chief.

### RESUME OF JACK ROSS

**FAMILY** - My name is Jack Ross. I am currently serving your Tribe as your 2nd Chief. My parents were Jack and Mary Ross. They were owners of multiple businesses that included housing moving, a construction company, and lumberyard. My grandmother was Mary Ellen Ross. She came from the Captain family.

**EDUCATION** - (Most of my college years, I was only able to attend night classes. I spent my days working a full-time job during the day to support my

family.)

- Commerce-Oklahoma Public Schools – 12 years
- Northeastern Oklahoma Community College – 2 years
- Ozark Christian College – 1 year (Studying Religions)
- Oklahoma Baptist University – 3 years (Earned a Major in Sociology)
- Pitt State – Pittsburg, Kansas – 1 year (Received a Degree in Social Work and became a Licenses Social Worker. It was in this education that I learned the value of operating a harmonious atmosphere. I have strived to have this be the guiding thought in our Tribal efforts.)

**WORK HISTORY** - I was born and raised in a business world environment. Early on in my childhood, I was taught the value of hard work. At the age of eighteen, I joined the U.S. Army and served three years. After my Army service ended, I again went to work for my father and learned the construction business. I eventually became a licensed plumber contractor. After college, when I majored in social work, I worked four years for the state of Kansas as a social worker.

My Dad and I went on to develop a manufacturing business. I operated it for thirteen years as President and Chief Executive Officer.

I finally retired from the company at the age of fifty-two. Since then, I have been helping our Tribe become the business success it is now. By providing volunteer assistance in turning our Bingo Hall around, remodeling the Ft. Scott motel, and operating a wholesale tire distributing company as President and Chief Executive officer, are just a few examples of my business experience I provided to help the Tribe.

I was also elected to our Tribe's Business Committee after I retired as well. I have attended many different economic seminars. When asked, I have always offered my business experiences and advise to help our Tribe become a financial success.

## CANDIDATES FOR SECOND (2ND) COUNCIL PERSON



**SHAWN DAUGHERTY  
CANDIDATE FOR  
2ND COUNCIL PERSON**

Hello, my fellow Tribal Members,

For those who I have not had the privilege of meeting, I would like to introduce myself. I am Shawn E. Daugherty, and for the last eight years, I have had the honor of serving on your Business Committee as Second Council. Since 2011, I have been a CNA, working with the elders in our community, rehabilitation, and troubled youth. It is my passion to serve my community, whether in my career, through my seat on the Business Committee, or through volunteering.

Being active and involved with the Tribe is a cornerstone in my life and the lives of my children. It is important to me to instill our beliefs and traditions in our youth, and I have encouraged my children to learn our language, our history, and our culture. In turn, they have been my teacher as well, incorporating

the Shawnee language into our home conversations and teaching me pieces of history they learned at Culture Camp. It is a joy to see our culture revived in my children, but also in all of our tribal youth. This hope and joy for our future generations has been a driving force while serving as Second Council making me thoroughly consider the lasting impacts my votes have and the need to represent the entirety of our Tribe.

Throughout the years, I have served on the Pow Wow Committee and the Election Committee, I have lived in our tribal housing since 2005, and I worked for the casino from 2003 to 2009. Each of these has brought more insight on our tribal administration, community, and operations. This firsthand insight has been invaluable while serving as Second Council. For each issue brought before the Business Committee, I have always stood on the side of the Tribe and our members. I strive to make decisions that are fair, and that help our members as a whole. A few areas that I am passionate about are job opportunities, economic development, housing, and our youth and elders.

A big issue for me is promoting the opportunities and advancement of our tribal members. This has sometimes led me to vote against appointed positions if they were not posted for all tribal members, as I believe that all jobs, even appointed positions, should be posted for all tribal members. I believe it is important to diversify our tribal ventures. I would like to see profitable tribal ventures which can be used to fund our various programs and benefits, but I would also like to be able

to support and help our individual tribal members become successful in their own ventures.

As the recent pandemic has highlighted, a housing crisis exists in this country. Currently, the Tribe has 15 homes in the Housing Authority, 8 duplexes for our elders, and a handful of rentals. That is a low number and needs to be brought up. People will always need homes, and by growing our community, our Tribe will be stronger for it. Finally, our youth and elders hold a special place for me. Our youth because they are our future, and our elders because they showed us the path to follow. I will always support the advancement of our youth and the support of our elders. I would like to continue to be part of moving our Tribe towards achieving self-sufficiency and exercising our sovereignty. In doing so, I will not promise things that I cannot control, and while there are 4 other voting members on the BC, I will continue to fight for what I feel is right. I promise to continue to represent our Tribe to the best of my abilities, and I promise that I will stand up for those in need and for those that cannot.

When asked why I am running for office again, it is because I just want to be able to help. I want to secure a future for our people.

With these things being said, I would like the opportunity to serve our Tribe and our people. I humbly ask for your vote and support to make that happen. Thank you, Shawn E. Daugherty.

### -ATTENTION-

Shooting Star is early the month of August because of the need to publish candidate letters. Regular schedule will be resumed in September.

## CANDIDATES FOR SECOND (2ND) COUNCIL PERSON



**CHERYL BARNES  
CANDIDATE FOR  
2ND COUNCIL PERSON**

Hatito,

My name is Cheryl Barnes, and I am running for the position of Second council in the upcoming September election. It was my honor and privilege to have served as Treasurer from 2012 thru 2020. I am asking for your support and vote for the opportunity to continue to serve the Eastern Shawnee Tribe. Let me introduce or reintroduce myself.

I am the first-born child of Marcella “Dee” Nelson Griffith. I am also the first-born great grandchild of Chief Dave Dushane. I grew up in Miami, Oklahoma and graduated with the Miami High School class of 1966. In 1968 I married Jack Barnes, who served in the military for 20 years. During those 20 years we lived in Michigan, Texas, Missouri, Louisiana, Nebraska, Colorado, as well as Okinawa, Japan. Jack and I have been married for nearly 53 years. We were blessed with two children, daughter Jennifer from Japan, and son Robert from Korea. Jennifer and Robert have blessed us with four grandchildren. Relocating numerous times with my military husband gave me invaluable insight into my interactions with people. I came to realize

many people have different values, different perspectives, different lifestyles; but all of us want to be heard, accepted, and respected. I applied those principles in the various following job experiences:

- Claims processor for 4 years at Benefit Management, Inc. where I paid medical and dental claims for Sunbeam Products, Steadley Company, and Ozark Center. I also set up and managed the Customer Service Department at Benefit Management, Inc.
- Administrative Assistant for Steadley Company for 3 years where I managed benefits and 401K for Corporate and 6 other company location.
- Manicure Tech after enrolling in and graduating from Vatterott College at age 50 and earning a professional license.

I also worked in retail sales. As well as working for several years in direct sales, as a self-employed associate with Avon, Home Interiors and Gifts, and with Home and Garden.

Like all people, I have hobbies and interest areas. I am an avid reader, love swimming, music, watching my grand-children play sports, I love to cook, am very involved with my immediate and extended family. I am a lifelong member of Beta Sigma Phi where the emphasis is serving our community and its needs. A source of interest is Native American pride and I have a passion for the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, past, present and future.

I believe I have demonstrated my commitment to the Eastern Shawnee Tribe by serving with integrity and honesty as the previous Treasurer of the Business Committee. As Treasurer, I was responsible for overseeing the financial reports from the casinos and the expenditures of the Tribal administration. It has been my honor to be able

to attend various training classes and gaming seminars, where I have been able to learn how to become a better and more informed Business Committee Member.

My children and grandchildren are non-Native and will never receive Eastern Shawnee benefits. Some might say that my Native American roots will end when my life ends. I disagree. I want to work to ensure that all ESTOO citizens continue to receive our Tribe’s excellent benefits and future generations prosper. I will continue to be of service in cultural areas, as I have volunteered at Culture Camp, an experience I treasure.

I serve this Tribe, my Tribe, your Tribe, because I love it, care about it, care about you!

I want to explore opportunities for successful business diversification. I want to provide more job opportunities for Eastern Shawnees. I want to provide better housing, both home ownership and rental properties. I want Eastern Shawnees to have a good today and a better tomorrow.

I am proud to be an Eastern Shawnee and I ask for your vote for Second Council in the upcoming election. If you have questions or suggestions, I would love to visit with you and I may be reached at [antiecheerio@yahoo.com](mailto:antiecheerio@yahoo.com) or (417) 622-9869.

Thank You for your consideration,  
Cheryl Barnes

Proud to be Eastern Shawnee

## CANDIDATES FOR SECOND (2ND) COUNCIL PERSON



**NORVAL CLARK  
CANDIDATE FOR  
2ND COUNCIL PERSON**

Greetings to all my fellow Tribal Members,

I am Norval Clark, son of Virginia Broch Clark, grandson of Ruthie Tucker Brock, great-grandson of Silas Tucker. I am a single parent and have

been for nineteen plus years. I raised my youngest daughter, Emily, for the last nineteen years and feel I have done a pretty good job of it.

I have lived in the Quapaw, Wyandotte area since 1972. After graduating from high school in Quapaw and NEO A&M, I became a truck driver. I have traveled extensively throughout the U.S., Canada, and Mexico during my truck driving tenure of approximately thirty years. Occasionally I would take a break from driving and work for our Tribe, mostly in bingo and the casinos. For the past ten years, I have worked for our Outpost and Indigo Sky Casinos in Surveillance and Security. In the late 1980s and 1990s my dad and I owned a fabricating shop in Melrose, Kansas, where we built and produced Pecan Processing machinery. After my dad was diagnosed with cancer, we sold the shop, and I went back to driving truck over the road.

During my careers as truck driving and owning my own business, I was re-

quired to make decisions that affected me as well as the people I worked with and for. I feel that in my ventures, I have made all the right decisions.

Therefore, I am running for Tribal Council, and I feel I can and will make wise decisions that will have a positive effect on all our Tribal Members. Especially the younger generation who will be making decisions for our future Tribal Members. I feel that with our guidance and education of Tribal Culture, they will be able to help with the survival of our future.

With all due respect to my opponents, I will do all I can for our great Tribal Nation. I will not disrespect any of my opponents by trying to degrade them. I think they are all great candidates and would be well suited for the position I am vying for, and I ask that everyone backing me in this venture do the same. Thank you, Norval Clark



**BRYCE WASHINGTON  
CANDIDATE FOR  
2ND COUNCIL PERSON**

Hah tee toh Fellow Tribal Members,

My name is Bryce Washington, and I am running for the Business Committee. There are two things I would like to

enhance in our tribe: 1. our culture, and 2. our business enterprises.

**Culture: Coming to the Spirit.**

To me, whenever anyone talks about culture, it means "Coming to the Spirit". My dad was a minister in the Indian United Methodist Church. In Oklahoma, there are a lot of Indian Baptist and Indian Methodist churches. They sing in their native languages, and sometimes preach in those languages. I grew up in that culture and define myself as a Christian.

Others find the Spirit in other cultural ways. Mostly through Indian lands such as White Oak or our tribal pow wow ground; and everything that surrounds those grounds such as the singing, dancing, and ceremonies.

For many years, I was given the honor of being the M.C. for many of our Tribe's powwows. I have been given that honor once again at this year's

Childrens Pow Wow.

It has been such a joy to watch our dancers dance into the arena with their beautiful regalia. I especially enjoy watching our children dance in and learn the meaning of the pow wow; the various songs that are being sung such as the Memorial, Flag, or Victory Songs.

I want to thank all of you moms, dads, grandparents, aunts and uncles, for teaching our children these ways. None of us will live forever. And the love, power, and "faith in the Spirit", is all that we can leave our kids to face a very tough world.

**Culture: Healing in the Spirit.**

I also want to talk to you about "Healing in the Spirit". I am not talking about healing from those that have hurt us. That too. But I am talking about healing for those who we have hurt. In the Native American culture, we have vari-

ous ways we purify ourselves, or “Heal in the Spirit”.

I define myself as Christian, but there is no one that needs healing more than me. From those times I got mad and hurt someone with my words, or times I fell to temptation, or the times I “Lost Faith in the Spirit”. I constantly need purification.

We have a strong Culture Department. If elected I want to help our Culture Department become even stronger so they can help our people and our Tribe become even stronger in the Spirit.

Business Enterprise:

The second reason I want to join the Business Committee is to help build our business enterprises. Outside our casino and bank, we have not been very successful at doing this. Mostly due to in-fighting between our business enterprises, and our elected officers, down through the years.

But we are going to have to get better at this. We are the greatest Tribe on earth! We are blessed with so many Eastern Shawnee lawyers, businessmen, businesswomen, and other profes-

sionals – especially our youth who are coming up.

We reside on an Opportunity Zone, Enterprise Zone, and have access to Section 8 (A), and Super 8 (A) status. Which means, we have advantages in government bidding that others don’t have. We should be competing on the world stage. We have power. We need to be using it!

I would appreciate your vote.  
Nee yah weh.

## Congratulations Malikai Senior 2021



Malikai McLaughlin

Wonderful! Here is the announcement for my oldest son, Malikai McLaughlin.

Belinda and James McLaughlin are elated to announce the graduation of their son, Malikai McLaughlin, in the class of 2021 from Winter Haven High School! He is a proud great-grandson to Thomas Ross and honored nephew to Second Chief Jack Ross. Malikai graduated with honors while attending the Cambridge Program. He has been accepted into several colleges and is currently awaiting additional application determinations before deciding where to attend in the Fall.

Article submitted by Belinda McLaughlin.



Save The Date

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

## SHAWNEE NIGHT

Join Us For a Cultural Celebration

### LIVES WE WEAVE

3:00 pm Learn Finger Weaving with Patty Harjo-Shinn

6:30 pm Dinner provided

7:30 pm Watch a series of short films featuring tribal members/citizens celebrating our culture through music, stories, art, poetry, puppetry and hosted by our very own storytellers.

Outside Event - Eastern Shawnee Tribe Annex and the parking lot at Bordertown  
70500 East 128 Road, Wyandotte, OK 74370.

Free admission! Bring your lawn chairs, have dinner, watch some short films and enjoy the beginning of the ESTO Pow Wow Weekend!

Made possible by Administration for Native Americans Nine Tribes Cultural Grant in partnership with Eastern Shawnee Tribe and Cultural Preservation Department.



Contact Vanna Barger, Cultural Tourism Project Director  
(918) 325-0051 for more information



August 7th  
2021  
SHAWNA STOVALL BACK TO SCHOOL CHILDRENS



The Eastern Shawnee's  
Present the Shawna Stovall



Children's Back-To-School



Now-Wow  
CCDF



### HEAD STAFF

- Head Singer: Damien Blackfox
- Head Man: River Stovall
- Head Lady: Alexandria Hope
- Head Little Boy: Daxton Pogue
- Head Little Girl: Dhaloree Pogue
- Master of Ceremonies: Bryce Washington
- Arena Director: Neil Lawhead
- Head Cook: Susan Patterson
- Honor Guard: Wyandotte Honor Guard

### ACTIVITIES

- Flint Knapping
- Pony Rides
- Story Teller
- Face Painting
- Camel Rides
- Bounce Houses
- Raffles
- And So Much More!

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 12-3PM: Children's Activities
- 3-5PM: Gourd Dance
- 5-6PM: Dinner
- 6-7PM: Gourd Dance
- 7PM: Grand Entry
- Stomp Dance to Follow

### CONTEST

- JR Boys - 12 & Under
- JR Girls - 12 & Under
- Tiny Tots - 5 & Under

### VENDORS NEEDED! FOOD, ART, & CRAFTS

(Native American preference but not required.)  
Contact: (918) 540 - 9970 for info.



## OBITUARY



*Alice Ruth Huggins Agan*

The family of Alice Ruth Huggins Agan extends their heartfelt gratitude for Chief Wallace and the tribe for their support during Alice's illness and passing.

Alice passed away May 20, 2021 in Cypress, CA at the loving home of her daughter, Teena Tomlinson, and son-in-law, Brian Tomlinson.

She was raised in Prague, OK, the daughter of Aldon B. Huggins and Ruth Crain Huggins. She was surrounded in love by her parents and nine siblings in-

cluding Van, Harold, Jimmie, John, David, Sharlene, Wanda, Sharon, Ranelle. Her parents and Van, Harold, and Jimmie pre-deceased her.

On February 27, 1959 in Redondo Beach, CA Alice married Darrell Lee Agan. For over 25 years Alice and Darrell lived in Torrance, CA where they raised four children: Tawana, Babette, Teena and Mark. Darrell was transferred to Atlanta with Delta Airlines and he and Alice lived in Jonesboro, GA for several years before retiring and returning to Oklahoma, where they settled in Grove. Darrell died in 2002; for a brief time Alice moved to Idaho and returned again to Oklahoma.

She is survived by: Daughter Tawana Reeb and son-in-law Jeff Reeb of Bloomsburg, PA, grandchildren Richard, James and Bryan and great-grandchildren Xavier, Zander, Dean, and Nathaniel; Daughter Babette Fasolino and son-in-law Joseph Fasolino of Staatsburg, NY and grandchildren Alison and son Joey Daughter Teena Tomlinson and son-in-law Brian Tomlinson of Cypress, CA and grandchildren Sara, Adam and Erik, and great-granddaugh-

ter Merriah Rayne. Son Mark Agan and daughter-in-law Elizabeth Agan of Woodland Park, CO and grandchildren Brooke and Darian, and great-grandchildren Destiny, Devina, Leyana and Ezra. Brother-in-law Richard Agan and his wife Sue of Carterville, MO.

Alice loved to cook and always made sure she made your favorite dish when you visited. She was blessed with an extended family of friends in Grove.

Alice was proud to be a citizen of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and displayed that pride throughout her home. True to Native custom, she was kind of heart and showed respect and acceptance to everyone she met.

Alice valued love over all else, and wanted nothing more out of life than to "sit and visit" with her siblings, children and their families. She was fortunate to spend time with all of her children, and many of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, until her spirit left this earth.

She was buried in Joplin, Missouri with Darrell and his parents, Lola and Bill Agan.

## Congratulations New Tribal Enrollees

**TEAGAN ROSE ROBINSON** DOB: 08/28/2020 Daughter of Mark Edward Robinson Jr. (ID #1583) Granddaughter of Darla Denise Carver JOHNSON Robinson (ID #574) Great Granddaughter of Delores Ann SULLIVAN Johnson (1964 #170) Great Great Granddaughter of Thelma G. CAPTAIN Sullivan (1938 #262)

**AUDDIE SUE FLOYD** DOB: 07/14/2020 Daughter of John Michael Floyd (ID #2991) Granddaughter of Judith Ann Secondine Floyd (ID #964) Great Granddaughter of Howard Leroy Secondine (1964 #695) Great Great Granddaughter of Leona M. DAUGHERTY (1938 #60)

**HOLDEN JAMES STRICKLAND** DOB: 10/03/2019 Son of Jeremy Ray Strickland (ID #1800) Grandson of Alex Eugene Strickland (ID #1041) Great Grandson of Alvie Ray Strickland (1964 #730) Great Great Grandson of Jessie MILLHOLLIN Strickland (1938 #188)

**SYNCERE MARIE BUTLER** DOB: 12/15/2019 Daughter of Ciara Danielle Butler (ID #1942) Granddaughter of Tina Marie Crain Butler (ID #280) Great Granddaughter of Charlie Richard Crain (1964 #202) Great Great Granddaughter of

Melvin Loyal CRAIN (1938 #44)

**JOURNEE JORGINA LYNN CONLEY** DOB: 04/29/2018 Daughter of Ciara Danielle Butler (ID #1942) Granddaughter of Tina Marie Crain Butler (ID #280) Great Granddaughter of Charlie Richard Crain (1964 #202) Great Great Granddaughter of Melvin Loyal CRAIN (1938 #44)

**RIPKEN ALLEN HARRIS** DOB: 02/13/2021 Son of Michael Ed Harris (ID #467) Grandson of Debra Jean Buxton Kees (1964 #126) Great Grandson of Gene Eloise Enyart Buxton (1938 #103)

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**FINLEY FAITH CLOUSE** DOB: 01/18/2021 Daughter of Jeremy T. Clouse (ID #239) Granddaughter of Joyce D. Johnston Clouse (1964 #429) Great Granddaughter of Deloris M. Crain Miller (1964 #427) Great Great Granddaughter of Mel-

vin Loyal Crain (1938 #44)

**ROMAN LEE VANATTA** DOB: 05/16/2019 Son of Kobe B. Davis (ID #2223) Grandson of Kimberly Sullivan Gotchal (ID #1067) Great Grandson of Darrell E. Sullivan (1964 #739) Great Great Grandson of Thelma CAPTAIN Sullivan (1938 #262)

**HAYDEN KALVIN LYNN DAVIS** DOB: 09/19/2019 Son of Ashley D. Davis (ID #1528) Grandson of Donna L. King Davis (ID #593) Great Grandson of Barbara G. Crawford Stand (1964 #440) Great Great Grandson of Bessie House Goodeagle (1938 #46)

**LIBERTY JOSEPHINE ROSE DAVIS** DOB: 08/13/2020 Daughter of Ashley D. Davis (ID #1528) Granddaughter of Donna L. King Davis (ID #593) Great Granddaughter of Barbara G. Crawford Stand (1964 #440) Great Great Granddaughter of Bessie House Goodeagle (1938 #46)

**OLIVIA GRACE ATKINSON** DOB: 04/10/2021 Daughter of Blake M. A. Hauser-Atkinson (ID #1656) Granddaughter of Gregory S. Atkinson (ID #1644) Great Granddaughter of John B. Hauser (1964 #350) Great Great Granddaughter of Inez O. PASLEY Hauser (1938 #204)

**PARKER MARIE BURDENE MOORE** DOB: 10/17/2020 Daughter of Jessica L Goe Moore (ID #1628) Granddaughter of Darla L. CAPTAIN Goe (1964 #136) Great Granddaughter of Harold E. CAPTAIN (1964 #146) Great Great Granddaughter of John S. CAPTAIN (1938 #25)

**OLIVER HENRY NELSON** DOB: 09/26/2019 Son of Brian Alexander NELSON (ID #1597) Grandson of Lori Ann NELSON Neumann (1964 #536) Great Grandson of Buddy Charles NELSON (1938 #280)

**GODRIC DRAKE SHEARHART** DOB: 06/18/2020 Son of Justin Michael Shearhart (ID #2178) Grandson of Robert Clayton Shearhart (ID #975) Great Grandson of Marsha Leavone Shearhart (1964 #661) Great Great Grandson of Kelsey Baker ROSS Jr. (1938 #251)

**ELLEN RENEE JOHNSON** DOB: 09/26/2020 Daughter of Kelsey Kaylyn Carr Johnson (ID #1586) Granddaughter of Jill Renee BELCHER Carr (ID #71) Great Granddaughter of Marilee Ellen ROSS Squirrel (1964 #46) Great Great Granddaughter of Preston Jack Deneen ROSS (1938 #255)

**WADE DYER-GENE BALES** DOB: 08/08/2016 Daughter of Jaycee Dyer Bales (ID #1507) Granddaughter of Eva Jean Bales (ID #39) Great Granddaughter of Patricia Lucille Bales (1964 #25) Great Great Granddaughter of Inez Olene PASLEY Hauser (1938 #204)

**NORA JEAN MACKIE** DOB: 04/05/2021 Daughter of Danielle Jeanne-Marie Vermillion Mackie (ID #2110) Granddaughter of Karen Jean HIGBEE Vermillion (ID #483) Great Granddaughter of James Franklin HIGBEE (1938 #142)

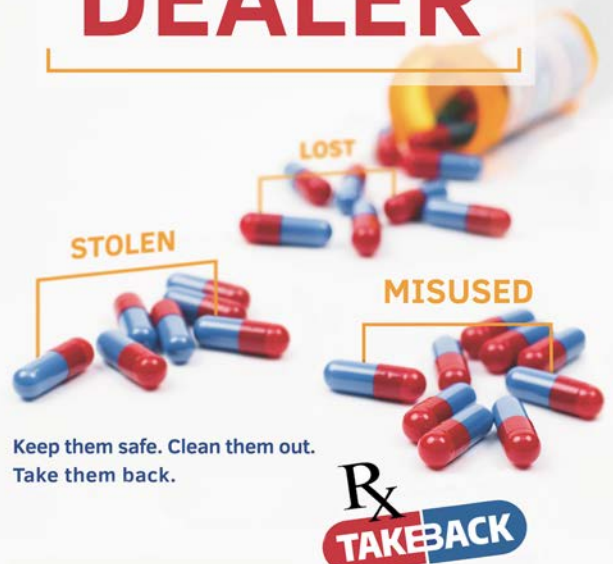
**HARLOW AUDREY PUREVICH** DOB: 04/10/2021 Daughter of Christopher Nathaniel Purevich (ID #1755) Granddaughter of Kenneth Andrew Purevich (1964 #613) Great Granddaughter of Edith Eleanor ORNER Purevich (1938 #200)

## ATTENTION 2021 Eastern Shawnee Pow Wow Book

If you are interested in having your loved one's Obit placed in the Pow Wow Book, please submit article and photograph to [lnuckolls@estoo.net](mailto:lnuckolls@estoo.net) for publication by August 20, 2021.

In connection with the SPTHB SPF-Rx Grant and the Eastern Shawnee Police Department.

# DON'T BE THE DEALER



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10250 S. 695 Rd., Wyandotte, OK.  
(918) 238-0100



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The Chief, the Business Committee, and Department Directors are happy to answer questions directly and a list of their contact numbers and extensions can be found on page 2 of this Shooting Star.

*Thank You*

# ESTO Housing Authority

*By Kelley King, Vice Chair/Secretary*



The Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and Bryce Washington, Executive Director would like to announce that the infrastructure project in Dogwood Hills is now underway! The infrastructure project is scheduled to be completed within 180 days. The building of 12 new homes will then follow. We continue to make plans and utilize our resources in an effort to build more homes for our tribal members.

# Emergency Rental Assistance Program

*By Shawna Hudson, Executive Administration Assistant*

The purpose of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Emergency Rental Assistance Program is to provide direct financial assistance, including rent, rental arrears, utilities and home energy costs, utilities and home energy costs arrears, and other expenses related to housing. This program will make available a limited amount of assistance to households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This program will serve eligible households and is subject to available program funding. This program will end on December 31, 2021.

#### Eligibility:

1. Qualifies for unemployment or has experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced a financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to the Covid-19 outbreak;
2. Demonstrates a risk of experiencing homelessness (rent) or housing instability (utilities and other expenses); and



3. Has a household income at or below 80 percent of your area median (FY 2020).

#### Assistance Provided:

1. Rent
2. Rental arrears
3. Utilities (electric, gas, water and sewer, fuel oil)
4. Utility arrears
5. Internet

Eligible households may apply and receive up to three months of assistance at a time, provided funds are available. A maximum of 12 months assistance or \$3,000, whichever should come first.

For more information please contact Shawna Hudson or Chief Wallace 918-238-5151. Or by email at [shudson@estoo.net](mailto:shudson@estoo.net).

Applications may be found on our website, [www.estoo-nsn.gov](http://www.estoo-nsn.gov), or picked up in person at the Office of the Chief-12755 S. 705 Road, Wyandotte, Oklahoma 74370.

Once applications are completed, they may be returned via mail to ESTO 12755 S. 705 Rd, Wyandotte, OK, by email to [shudson@estoo.net](mailto:shudson@estoo.net) or by fax at 888-971-3905.

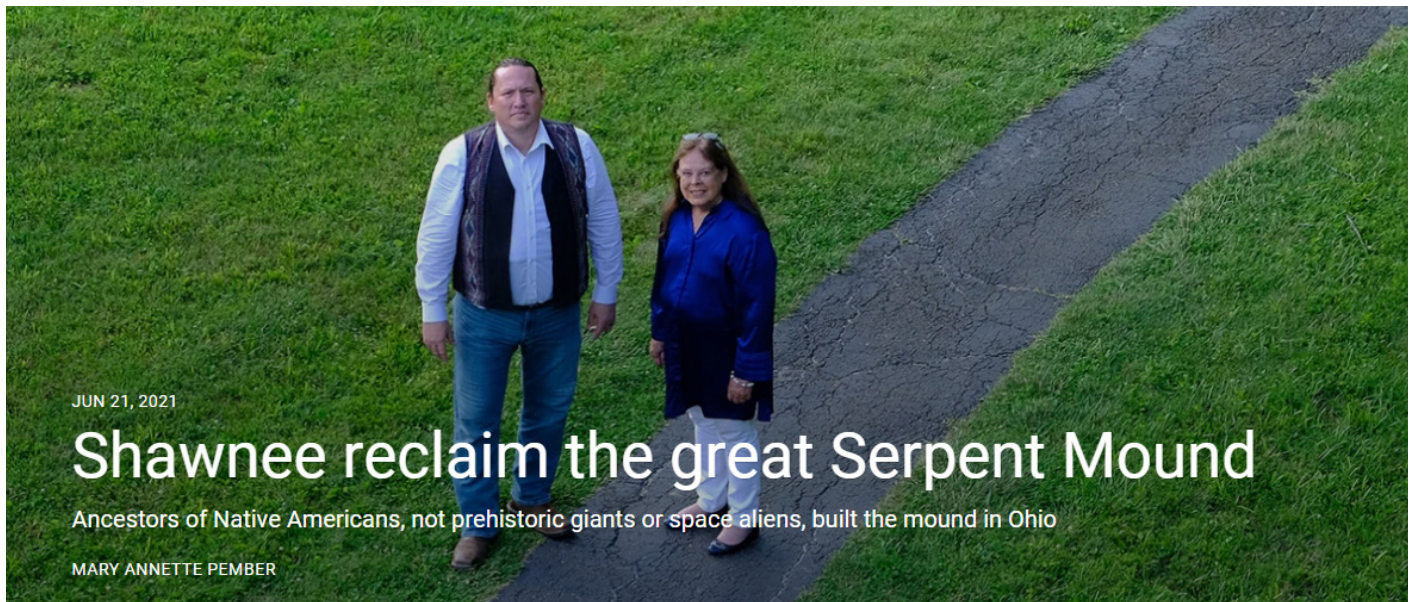
# FROM THIS CORNER

*By Chief Glenna J. Wallace*

Once again the article this month is penned by another author. The weekend of Friday, June 18, through Sunday, June 20 marked the Summer Solstice, with the longest day of the year known as the solstice occurring Sunday, June 20. I spent this weekend in Ohio at Serpent Mound along with Chief Ben Barnes of the Shawnee Tribe located at Miami, OK giving presentations at Serpent Mound, Peebles, Ohio, ap-

proximately 70 miles from Cincinnati. Ohio History Connections (OHC) oversees approximately 54 historic sites in Ohio, many of them Native American sites. In the past OHC has leased several of these sites to local organizations to manage the site for OHC. Because of an increasing number of activities at Serpent Mound that were inappropriate and disrespectful of Native cultures, OHC chose to resume direct supervi-

sion of Serpent Mound and the activities/programs presented there. For the first time Shawnee Chiefs were invited to return to their historic home lands and along with other invited speakers were asked to be present for the Summer Solstice weekend and provide information to the numerous visitors. Following is an article written by Mary Annette Pember of Indian Country Today who covered this historic event.



*Ben Barnes, chief of the Shawnee Tribe and Glenna Wallace chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma pause at the entrance to the Great Serpent Mound in Peebles, Ohio (Photo by Mary Annette Pember)*

## **Mary Annette Pember** **Indian Country Today, June 21, 2021**

The Shawnee tribe returned home to the Serpent Mound on the longest day of the year.

The Summer Solstice, June 20, the longest day of the year, marks the first time that the Shawnee tribe has officially returned to the Serpent Mound located in Ohio to present their history and connection to this place that they called home so many years ago.

Although it was certainly ancestors of the Shawnee people who built the magnificent serpent shaped mound, the largest earthwork effigy in the world, Ohio failed to involve the tribe in conveying its meaning to the public until now.

Glenna Wallace, chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and Ben Barnes, chief of the Shawnee Tribe, also located in Oklahoma, spent the weekend telling visitors to the Serpent Mound historical site about their peoples' and ancestors' connection to Ohio and the mound.

Although the weekend was hot and muggy, visitors crowded quietly under a covered shelter to hear the chiefs talk of their tribes' histories and connections to this remarkable place.

Wallace described the devastating impact of federal assimilationist policies such as removal on her tribe.

"The government's assimilationist policies were almost a successful genocide for my people. By 1900, our numbers were reduced to 69 people," she said.

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# ESTO Tribal Police - Driver Education 2021

*By Jeanette Kruse, Administrative Assistant*



*Drivers Education Class held at the Tribal Police Department.*

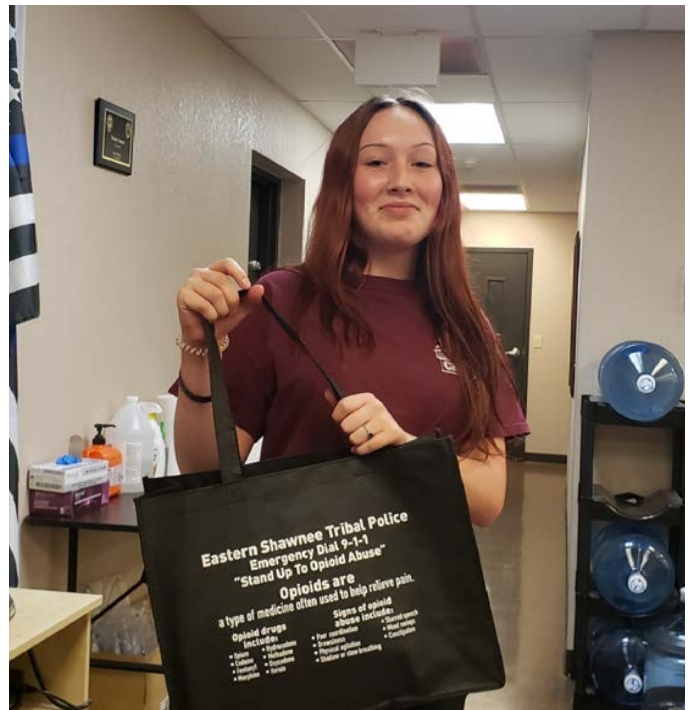
June 7th through June 11th was the 2021 Driver's Education Program hosted by the Eastern Shawnee Tribal Police Department. There was a total of 20 students from various surrounding communities.

The week consisted of classroom instructions and testing by Chad Ross of Fairland School, Trooper Will Langley with the Highway Patrol speaking and answering questions. An opioid presentation was given by Jeanette Kruse and Officer Ray Harvey along with K9 Maggie doing drug search demonstrations.

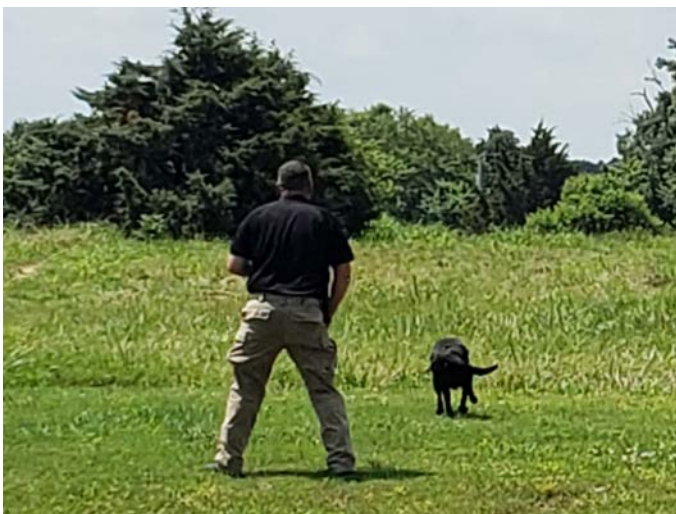
This is a program that has been going on for several years now. We would like to thank Chief Glenna Wallace and the Business Committee for always approving and allowing us to continue this program.



*Highway Patrol Trooper Will Langley talking to the Drivers Education Class of 2021.*



*Tribal member Raven Fisher with her Drivers Education Class.*



*Pictured left is Officer Ray Harvey and K9 Maggie doing search for Opioid RX grant.*

## EPA Summer Interns

*By Debbie Dotson, Water Quality Officer*

This summer the Environmental Department was fortunate enough to have three interns. Two of our interns were funded by a grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This grant was provided to give tribal students the opportunity to work in natural resource management potentially leading to educational opportunities and a career in the natural resources field.

One of our interns was funded by a U.S. EPA Clean Water Act (Section 106) grant. Section 106 grants provide funding to build and sustain effective water quality programs that ensure the health of our nation's water bodies. Each of our interns experienced a wide variety of real-world environmental job activities as they describe below.

## BIA Youth Initiative Interns



*Cole Dixon*

My name is **Cole Dixon**, I am a junior beginning in the fall at Oklahoma State University in the Engineering program. I was very excited to have the opportunity for this internship. It has helped me to gain experience in many aspects. This broad experience has aided me in determining my educational and career goals.

Throughout my time in the Eastern Shawnee Environmental Department, I have worked alongside everyone in the department. With Justin Siebrandt, the Land Management Technician, I aided in controlling the invasive hog population that threatens Oklahoma's natural ecosystem. Alongside Kathleen Blanchard, the Land Use Coordinator, I raised a garden with hopes of distributing fresh, locally grown produce to the surrounding area. I have also worked with Jacob Bachman, the Recycle Officer, in collecting and reusing cardboard from surrounding areas that otherwise would have ended up in landfills. The broadest array of tasks came from working with Debbie Dotson, the Water Quality Officer. Alongside Debbie I have collected water samples, macroinvertebrate samples, and fish samples. I then prepared water samples for analysis when testing for nutrients and bacteria. The water data, fish collection, and macroinvertebrate data all were used to assess pollution levels and general water quality at several

sites in the tribal jurisdiction. With Debbie I also participated in events geared to educate the youth from the learning center. One event was a fishing derby which involved many educational opportunities for the kids after they were done fishing. Another event educated the youth about the many stages of the water cycle. Working with Kristi Laughlin, our director, and the rest of the department, we maintained a healthy pollinator patch that aided migrating monarch butterflies.



*Matthew Mackie*

My name is **Matthew Mackie**, and I am going into my senior year of high school, at Seneca, Missouri. Since I'm a tribal member I thought it would be a good idea to intern with the Tribe. The Tribe provides a great learning experience, a very good summer job, and it looks good on a resume. I worked with the Recycle Officer, Jacob Bachman, a good majority of my days while working my internship. In my time working with Jacob, I collected cardboard, paper, and other recy-



clables that Four Feathers Recycling Center collects from the surrounding communities. I also learned how to properly recycle the different materials. While working recycling I was taught how to operate the baler and move the bales with the pallet jacks. When I was not working recycling, I was most likely working with the Water Quality Officer, Debbie Dotson, with whom I collected and tested water samples. I helped with the bi-weekly bacteria water samples and the monthly nutrient samples. After the samples were collected, I helped test them for E. coli and Enterococcus. A second activity I

helped with was the Summer Education Program for the kids at the Early Childhood Learning Center. I was also able to assist at events like the Fishing Derby, where I got to help the kids catch and release fish. Lastly, I inspected exit signs and emergency lighting with Justin Burris, the Environmental Technician, making sure that all the exit signs and lighting would run on its own batteries in case of a power outage. Overall, I had a great time working as an intern in the ESTOO Environmental Dept. and I learned a lot about many different things. I would love to intern here again!

## Water Quality Intern through EPA CWA 106 Grant



*Sam Spence*

My name is **Sam Spence**, I am a senior Environmental Health and Safety student at Missouri Southern State University. I am local to the area, a Seneca native, so I was excited to be able to get real world experience in my field of study with an organization that is a big part of my community. This summer

I have been working with the Water Quality Officer, Debbie Dotson, as her intern. One of the primary activities I have been assisting with, is bi-weekly bacteria sampling. We test twice weekly for bacteria at two local recreational sites. The sites that we sample are Lost Creek at the pow-wow grounds, and Spring River at Highway 10. We test for E. coli and Enterococci. These are fecal indicator bacteria; they can help show how safe it is to go wading or swimming. When the number of bacteria in our samples exceeds the safe levels we post swimming advisories at these sites, to warn swimmers about the dangers. The main danger of swimming in water with high fecal indicator bacteria, is that the swimmer can become ill if they accidentally ingest some of the water.

One part of my experience this summer that I have really enjoyed is meeting with the Early Childhood summer program students and getting to teach them about our environment and nature. They are always happy and eager to learn, and always keep things interesting. I have gained a lot of valuable knowledge and skills during my time with the Eastern Shawnee Environmental Department. I am now very familiar with the process and procedures of different kinds of water quality testing, I know more about different kinds of macroinvertebrates (creek bugs), and I even learned how to drive a boat! Debbie has been a very good teacher, and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working with her and everyone else here at the Eastern Shawnee Tribe.



## The Many Meanings of September

*Submitted by Ben Bingham, Native Connections Project Director*



*Ben Bingham of Native Connections preparing to plant paw paw tree.*



*Lane Von Moss from the maintenance department, watering newly planted tree.*

For many of us September means different things, Pow Wow, a chance to learn about Shawnee history, spending time with family, the start of fall among many others, but did you know in our native language September is called Hah-see-mee-nah-kees-thwah or the Pawpaw month. There is even mention of Paw Paws in a 1541 report of Spanish conquistador Hernando de Soto meeting Native Americans who were cultivating what has been identified as pawpaw trees.

Paw paw's are North America's largest native fruit and is native to the eastern, southern, and Midwestern United States and are estimated to be spread to the areas it is found now by humans up to 10,000 years ago. The fruit is known

by many names including the wild banana, prairie banana, custard apple, and the poor man's banana (this is in part to its consumption during the depression). It is described as looking like a mango, but has pale yellow and custard like flesh, with large black seeds. The taste is said to be a sweet custard like flavor compared to a banana, mango, cantaloupe, and even a pineapple. There is work underway to increase its size and taste in areas such as Ohio and Kentucky through selective breeding.

With all of this said, as part of my program and with the assistance of the maintenance department, we planted twelve paw paw trees on tribal property to try and raise our own paw paw's and take our youth out to pick the fruit and

have a meal as a community. There are also quite a few recipes available for creating dishes featuring the fruit of a pawpaw, including substituting it for bananas required in the original recipe.

The seeds of this endeavor will be used to continue to increase our stock of paw paw trees and given to those who attend events featuring them. So, it is a lot to look forward to in the future. I have included pictures of us planting the trees for your perusal.

# 1938 Census Roll - *WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!*

We continue to locate photographs of the following Eastern Shawnee tribal members "Finding the Faces to the 1938 Base Roll exhibit." Please e-mail or send in images to [Inuckolls@estoo.net](mailto:Inuckolls@estoo.net) or mail to the George J. Captain Library at 12705 S. 705 Rd., Wyandotte, OK 74370.



Bluejacket Lorean L. 3/14/1915

Bone James Alex 8/15/1865

Bone (Lewis) Dora 11/2/1914

Creek (Quick) Mary-Gibson 1891

Davidson (Hampton) Zarilda  
11/15/1886

Dushane Billie Dean 8/5/1926

Dushane Elmer 10/7/1920

Dushane Estelle M. 12/4/1910

Dushane Lyman 12/1/1909

Dushane Robert Lee 1/10/1934

Dushane Rosetta Lee 7/6/1926

Fishcarrier (Bill, Fannie W.) (Cayuga)  
Fannie W. 0/00/1864

Gokey (Dushane) Mabel 1/22/1907

Greenfield Merlin Dean 4/13/1930

Gschwind Constance Lea 2/4/1931

Hampton John Pershing 6/11/1917

Hampton William H. Jr (Buck)  
10/21/1907

Hendricks (Bluejacket) Flora-White-  
bird 6/19/1908

Hoegerl (Hampton) Edna 1/3/1910

Hollandsworth Opal Fay 10/26/1908

Hollandsworth (Now Fitch, was Nel-  
son) Wilfred Dean 8/9/1930

Jobe John Leslie 4/12/1927

Leon (Nichols) Ernestine 3/12/1912

Littlechief (Punch) Martha 7/4/1874

Longbone (Dushane) Rebecca  
7/27/1902

Longbone (Mchawk) Sarah-Du-  
shane 8/17/1887

Newman Chas. Melvin 5/22/1921

Newman Ethel Lee 2/26/1926

Newman Leonard E. 2/15/1924

Newman Zola May 9/22/1929

Peacock Ernestine 11/18/1918

Poupart Peter Francis 5/2/1934

Poupart Thos. O. 2/16/1933

Prophet Bertha 5/6/1901

Prophet Franklin K. 8/23/1892

Pruitt Wanda Bell 11/25/1932

Quapaw Russell Lee 9/13/1923

Reynolds Dora Earnestine  
12/24/1933

Reynolds (Hollandsworth) Ida-Jobe  
10/26/1908

Rickner Betty Marie 4/7/1931

Rickner Donald Ray 11/6/1934

Riley Louise I. 12/7/1918

Riley (For'd) Wm. K. 9/16/1917

Rogers (Captain) Lula Marie  
12/9/1912

Stand Loretta I. 10/16/1927

Sullivan Bobby Jean 2/14/1932

Taylor (Nichols) Eleanor 1/28/1918

Tomahawk Jacob 0/00/1862

Vansant George 7/2/1902

Washington Allen M. 9/24/1921

Washington Louis 2/18/1924

Zane Betty Ellen 2/12/1934

## Shawnee Language

*Submitted by Brett Barnes, Cultural Preservation Director*

1. Hello - hatito
2. Hello - hato
3. Are you feeling well - hakowesilasamamo
4. Yes - hini, or a'ha
5. No - mata
6. Good - howesi
7. Bad - maci
8. Big - p'sawi
9. Small - (animate) macilofi
10. Small - (inanimate) mac'skwafe
11. Get up - ha'nskalo
12. Sit down - lematapilo
13. Stand up - nepawilo
14. Go to sleep - nepalo
15. Drink (you...) - menelo



## Head Staff

Head Man - Justin Barrett  
 Head Lady - Danielle Hart  
 Head Singer - Gene Sovo  
 Arena Director - Murray Rhoades  
 Gourd Club - Comanche Little Ponies  
 Color Guard - TBA  
 Master of Ceremonies - Neil Lawhead  
 Head Judge - Warren Hawk

2021 Princess - Katherine Ross  
 2021 Jr. Princess - Henley Conrad



**TARYN FRANTZ**  
 2019 Pow Wow Princess  
 Taryn pictured with her brother  
 Justin Barrett, HeadMan 2021



**ALEXANDRA HOPE FALKNER**  
 2019 Jr. Pow Wow Princess

## Schedule of Events

	<b>FRIDAY</b> September 17, 2021	<b>SATURDAY</b> September 18, 2021	<b>SUNDAY</b> September 19, 2021
	GOURD DANCE 6:00-7:00 pm	Writer's Workshop 10:00 am	Honor the Elders Breakfast 9:00 am
	Prayer	Prayer	GOURD DANCE 12:00-1:00 pm
GRAND ENTRY 7:30 pm	GRAND ENTRY 1:00-2:00 pm	GRAND ENTRY 1:00 pm	Prayer
Flag Song	Specials	Flag Song	GRAND ENTRY 1:00 pm
Memorial Song	SUPPER BREAK 5:00-6:00 pm	Memorial Song	Round Dance
Victory Song Round Dance	GOURD DANCE 6:00-7:00pm	Round Dance	Introduction of Head Staff
Introduction of Head Staff	LORD'S PRAYER 7:15 PM	Round Dance	War Dance
War Dance	GRAND ENTRY 7:30 pm	Introduction of Head Staff	Intertribal Dances
2019 Princess Special	Flag Song	War Dance	MENS TRADITIONAL
Crowning of 2021 Princesses	Memorial Song	Intertribal Dances	MENS GRASS
Elder Honor Dance	Round Dance	Intertribal Dances	MENS FANCY
TINY TOT'S CONTEST	Introduction of Head Staff	Intertribal Dances	MENS STRAIGHT
Intertribal Dance	War Dance	Intertribal Dances	HAND DRUM
JR. GIRLS BUCKSKIN	Elder Honor Dance	Intertribal Dances	MENS & WOMENS EXHIBITION DANCE
JR. GIRLS CLOTH	GLEN STONER JR. MEMORIAL NOTHERN TRADITIONAL DANCE CONTEST	Intertribal Dance	Presentation of Prizes
JR. BOYS STRAIGHT	WOMEN'S BUCKSKIN	Intertribal Dance	Victory Song
JR. BOYS TRADITIONAL	Intertribal Dance	Intertribal Dance	
Intertribal Dance	WOMENS FANCY SHAWL WOMENS JINGLE WOMENS CLOTH	Intertribal Dance	
JR. GIRLS FANCY SHAWL	GOLDEN AGE MEN & WOMEN	Intertribal Dance	
JR. GIRLS JINGLE	Two-Step	Intertribal Dance	
JR. BOYS FANCY	Snake Dance/Bufalo Dance	MENS & WOMENS EXHIBITION DANCE	
JR. BOYS GRASS	Veterans Song	Veterans Song	
Two-Step			
Snake Dance/Bufalo Dance			
Veterans Song			

Kelley King, ChairPerson  
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 2021 Pow Wow Committee  
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To be held at Eastern Shawnee Pow Wow Grounds, 12615 S. 705 Rd., Wyandotte, OK 74370. In case of inclement weather our alternate location will be at the Pavilion next to Bordertown Casino, south of Pow

# Summer on the Water

By *Debbie Dotson, Water Quality Officer*

Each year, part of the Eastern Shawnee Water Quality Monitoring Program each year is to monitor recreational swimming areas during the summer. A swimming advisory is posted if bacteria sample results determine that levels are above the guidelines determined by the state of Oklahoma. The advisory provides information regarding possible risks and leaves the decision up to users as to whether they wish to swim in the water.

Advisory signs are posted to alert people of the potential risk of illness from contact with the water. Signs are posted at the affected site and both Eastern Shawnee tribal office complexes if an advisory is in effect. The advisories are removed when results determine that conditions are improved, or advisories are updated to note results still warrant an advisory.

Lost Creek at the Eastern Shawnee Powwow Grounds and Spring River at the Highway 10 boat access are the two sites in tribal jurisdiction most used for swimming or body contact recreation activities. Bacteria samples and water quality data are collected from both sites twice per week beginning Memorial Day and ending Labor Day.

Samples collected are analyzed for two types of fecal indicator bacteria, *E. coli* and *Enterococci*. If these bacteria are present in high concentrations, other bacteria and pathogens associated with the bacteria could also be present. Fecal indicator bacteria are commonly associated with recreational water illnesses and can cause respiratory issues, skin rashes, and most commonly cause diarrhea and stomach cramping. In extreme cases, people can die from these bacterial infections. Often, smaller children are at higher risk because they are most likely to drink the water while they are playing.

Common culprits leading to site closures and swimming advisories include excessive rainwater that carries pollution from storm drains (like motor oil,



pet waste, pesticides, trash, and pathogens) to recreational waters; “red tides” and other harmful algal blooms; and sewage and chemical spills from known sources. It is wise to avoid swimming after heavy rains.

With issues like a blue-green algae bloom, a swimming area may need to be closed if the water conditions are unsafe for people, pets, or livestock. The toxins produced by the algae can become airborne along the water during a bloom, causing eye, throat, and nose irritation; but more severe reactions in people with asthma and other respiratory issues. Gastrointestinal issues and skin rashes are common from contact with an algae bloom. People and animals can become very ill or die from algae exposure.

Blue green algal blooms are often the result of excessive nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen that provide food for the algae and result in extreme growth in a short time. As the algae dies off, potentially deadly toxins are left behind. Common nutrient sources from land include runoff of chemical or

natural fertilizers and from septic systems or wastewater overflows.

So, what can one person do to prevent recreational water illnesses in our area lakes, creeks, and rivers?

- Avoid swimming after heavy rainfall
- Pay attention to advisories either at the site or on local news media
- Do not use excessive amounts of fertilizers and lawn additives
- Keep your septic system maintained
- Do not swim if you have been recently ill or have an open wound
- Avoid ingesting the water either through the mouth or nose while swimming
- Use good hygiene before and after swimming i.e., showers and hand washing before and after
- Change to clean dry clothes after swimming.

If you have questions, you can contact Debbie Dotson at the office at 918-238-5151 ext.1044.

# ATTENTION

## TAG DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

The ESTO Tag Department will be making a few changes starting **MAY 1, 2021**. We will be opening statewide, no counties excluded.

*New Tag Dept. Hours*  
 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM  
 &  
 12:15 PM to 3:30 PM  
**Monday through Friday**

**Excluding lunch and holidays**

- We will be limiting access to our lobby, we will be making tag appointments.
- Pay by phone with credit/debit, cash, money order or cashier's check.

**Call Tag Department  
 (918) 666.7710 ext. 1117  
 for additional information**

### EASTERN SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA TAX COMMISSION

**TAG HOURS:**  
 MONDAY thru FRIDAY 8:30 – 11:30 AM & 12:15 – 3:30 PM  
 Tag Office 918-666-7710  
 Mary Alumbaugh ext. 1117 or Lisa Stivers ext. 1115

The ESTOO Tag Office is located in the Vital Statistics Building on the 10C Campus

**Mail To:** ESTOO Tax Commission  
 10100 S Bluejacket Rd. Suite 1  
 Wyandotte, OK 74370

<p><b>REQUIRED ITEMS FOR TAG PURCHASE &amp;/OR RENEWALS</b></p> <p>Current Utility Bill              Current Proof of Insurance              Valid OK Driver's License              Tribal Members ID card</p> <p><b>PAYMENTS ACCEPTED</b></p> <p>Credit/Debit Card              Cash              Money Order              Cashier's Check</p> <p><b>TITLE – PENALTIES (After 30 Days)</b></p> <p>Minimum Penalty.... \$10              Daily Penalty...\$0.50              Maximum Penalty.... \$50</p> <p><b>REGISTRATION – PENALTIES (After 30Days)</b></p> <p>Minimum Penalty.... \$1              Daily Penalty.... \$0.25              Maximum Penalty.... \$25</p>	<p><b>VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES ARE</b></p> <p>Passenger Vehicles, Pick up, Truck, Motorcycle &amp; Motor Home</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>1-4 years.... \$72</td> <td>9-12 years....\$48</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5-8 years.... \$64</td> <td>13-16 years...\$32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17 years &amp; UP.... \$16</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>TRAVEL TRAILERS</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>1-4 years.... \$36</td> <td>9-12 years....\$24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5-8 years.... \$32</td> <td>13-16 years...\$16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17 years &amp; UP.... \$8</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>TITLE FEES</b></p> <p>New Title.... \$15              Replacement Title.... \$10              Transfer Title.... \$15              Add Lien.... \$10</p> <p><b>REGISTRATION FEES</b></p> <p>Replace Registration.... \$10              Transfer Registration.... \$10              Replace Tag.... \$15</p>	1-4 years.... \$72	9-12 years....\$48	5-8 years.... \$64	13-16 years...\$32	17 years & UP.... \$16		1-4 years.... \$36	9-12 years....\$24	5-8 years.... \$32	13-16 years...\$16	17 years & UP.... \$8	
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\*\*EXCISE TAX ONLY APPLIES TO PURCHASED VEHICLES (NEW OR USED) FOR NEW TITLE\*\*

\*\*\*FEES ARE BASED ON PURCHASE PRICE\*\*\*

## NEED CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE?

Our CCDF program just finished recertification for our families and we now have several openings in our program; so if you are interested in seeing if you could qualify for assistance, please see the information below:

**Need Assistance:**

Do you meet these requirements?

1. Are your children of Indian descent?
2. Are you currently working or going to school full time?
3. Do you live within 100 mile radius of the tribal complex?
4. Are the children under the age of 13?

5. Do you reside with a family whose income does not exceed 85% of the State Median Income?
6. Do your children receive or need to receive protection services?
7. Child Care? (for children age 13 and above who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care.)
3. Birth Certificates and Immunization records on children.
4. Proof of Residence: Current utility bill (electric, gas or water bill) showing physical address and your name.
5. Proof of Employment and Net Income (take home pay): Current paycheck (if your name is not on the stub we will need a copy of your check also).

Here is how to Apply:

**Bring With You...**

1. Proof of Indian (Child or Parent) CDIB or Membership Card.
2. Social Security Cards for every member in the family.
6. If attending school, we need a class schedule and a copy of all grants received.

## H.A.V.E.N. Update

*By Cathleen Osborne-Gowey (Program Admin – Crime Victim Advocate)  
541.602.0616 or COsbornegowey@estoo.net*

### Upcoming Events:

Support Group: Due to the recent increases in local COVID cases our support group and events will be held either virtually or outside. Please call our office for details.

### Program Update:

Hello all –

This month we are focusing on the basics of our program, what kind of program Haven is, who we serve, and the services we provide. It's important to us that you know that we are here for ALL victims of crime. Read below and call if you have questions, we're here to help.

### What Kind of Program is Haven?

Haven is a tribal advocacy program that focuses on assisting all current victims of crime. While we are tribal program (focus specifically on Eastern Shawnee victims regardless of where they live), we assist all victims that come to our office for assistance within our local community (within a 50-mile radius of our office). For Eastern Shawnee Tribal members, we assist all victims regardless of where they live, meaning if you live in Oregon or Oklahoma and are an Eastern Shawnee victim of current crime we are here to assist with your needs.

### Who do we assist?

We assist all current victims (Eastern Shawnee regardless of where they live and tribal and local community within a 50-mile radius) of crime including, but not limited to, burglary, arson, victim of DUI/DWI crash, aggravated assault, fraud, elder abuse, identity abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking.

### What kinds of services to we provide?

We have two types of services, emer-



gency services and long-term transitional housing services. Our emergency services focus on the short-term urgent needs of victims such as legal and counseling services, emergency needs after the current victimization (locks changed after burglary etc), and change of clothes, birth certificate and ID's, etc. Our long-term transitional housing services focus on the long-term needs of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and are centered around creating self-sufficiency in the lives of our clients.

The type of services that best fit clients' needs will be determined during the intake process. Services are contingent upon needs verified during intake.

If you have questions, please contact HAVEN and talk with one of our advocates about how we can help and what services Haven can provide.

If you are able please call or see the messaging links above:

Haven Office: 918-554-2836  
Text Line: 918-533-3070

Crime Victim Advocate:  
541.602.0616

Program Website:  
<https://havenprogram.com/>

Program Email:  
[havenprogram@estoo.net](mailto:havenprogram@estoo.net)

Facebook:  
HAVEN Tribal Program

Twitter: @ProgramHaven

Instagram:  
HAVENTRIBALProgram.

Our advocates are here to help!

# Child Care and Development Fund

*Submitted by: Dian Torres, CCDF Director*

CCDF, ICW & HAVEN program will be putting on our Annual Fun Walk the Saturday morning of September 18, 2021. It will take place up here at our Children and Family Services building on campus located at Hwy 10C. Look for more information to come in September Shooting Star.

The CCDF department is growing. Starting July 12 we will have a new CCDF Intake Clerk Karen Brasier and Hailey Harper will move into a new position as CCDF Program Coordinator. With the Stimulus funds comes added workload to our program so that is why we are adding this new position.

If you are an Essential Worker, our CCDF Program may be able to help you pay for childcare due to COVID-19. If your children are attending a State or Tribally licensed daycare facility, please contact our office to see if we can help with your childcare.

You must also meet the following criteria listed below:

- At least one person in your household must be a membership to a Federally Recognized Tribe.
- Both parents must be working or attending school full time.
- Your children are ages 2 weeks to 12 years old or ages 13 to 18 and are not mentally or physically able to care for their self.
- You must live within the following States and counties listed:

ARKANSAS – Benton, Carrol, Crawford, Franklin, Madison & Washington.  
KANSAS – Allen, Anderson, Bourbon, Cherokee, Crawford, Labette, Linn, Montgomery, Neosho & Wilson.  
MISSOURI – Barry, Barton, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Greene, Jasper, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, Stone & Vernon.

OKLAHOMA – Adair, Cherokee, Craig, Creek, Delaware, Mayes, Muskogee, Nowata, Ottawa, Rogers, Tulsa, Wagoner & Washington.

If you do not live in one of the states and counties listed above, check with the State or Tribal CCDF Programs in your area to see if they can help you.

I have included a list of Essential Businesses below:

HEALTHCARE/PUBLIC HEALTH  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY & FIRST RESPONDERS  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
FIRST RESPONDERS  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE  
COMMUNITY-BASED GOVT. OPERATIONS & ESSENTIAL FUNC.  
ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY  
CRITICAL MANUFACTURING  
PETROLEUM WORKERS  
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS  
NATURAL & PROPANE GAS WORK  
FINANCIAL SERVICES  
WASTE & WASTEWATER  
CHEMICAL  
TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS  
DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE  
PUBLIC WORKS  
COMMERCIAL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

We still have our Car Seat and Newborn Starter Kit programs. You must live within a 100-mile radius of our office to be eligible for these programs. These programs are funded with the CCDF grant and this is our service area per our grant guidelines.

If you want to apply or have any questions about Child Care Assistance with our CCDF Program, please feel free to come by our office located at 10100 S. Bluejacket Rd. / Suite #3, Wyandotte, OK 74370 or call us at 918-540-9970 or (Toll Free) 866-978-1352 and talk to Dian or Hailey or you may email us at [dtorres@estoo.net](mailto:dtorres@estoo.net) or [hharper@estoo.net](mailto:hharper@estoo.net)

You can also find our information on the tribe's website at [www.estoo-nsn.gov](http://www.estoo-nsn.gov).

CCDF upcoming events listed below:

Shawna Stovall Children's Back to School Pow Wow – August 7th at Eastern Shawnee Tribal Pow Wow grounds: Children's events start at noon; look for our flyer in this month's Shooting Star. Please keep in mind social distancing and if you have not been vaccinated you may want to consider wearing a mask.

Fun Walk – Saturday September 18, 2021 check in time & location TBD; watch for updates.

This month the CCDF department would like to thank:



Each year the contesting for our Shawna Stovall Children's Back to School Pow Wow is made possible by the generosity of these two-businesses. We appreciate you all so much. If not for you contesting would not be possible, and our Native Dance Culture would not be carried on. Thanks Again!



## Education Snapshot

By Amber Mittag, Education/Specialized Services Director

Greetings students!

We are busy busy busy in the Education Department! Of course, it's just par for the course when we begin to head into August. These next few months are the busiest time of the year for this department. Many of you will be heading into your last year of college and many of you are just embarking on the journey ahead of you. We should be close to finishing the last of the 6th through 12th grade incentives as well as any junior/ senior benefits from last year. Next will be the influx of new se-

mester paperwork for this Fall semester for college students. Our new guidelines and application for the year have been updated and are now available on the tribal website under the forms section. You may notice we have removed the dates from the application. This will prevent us from having to make those changes year to year from now on, so that it will be always available to you. The only other difference is for whatever semester you are turning it in for, you will need to write in the year. Such as Fall (21), etc. If you have

any questions throughout the semester, we can always be reached via email or phone. Our emails are, for Stacie striplett@estoo.net and myself Amber amittag@estoo.net. If you are current students, then you already know this, but Stacie and I split the workload by last name. Stacie has students A-J and I have students K-Z. Our phone number is 918-238-2424.

Until next time, Keep up the good work!!

## Area Agency on Aging

By Linda Hill, Program Director



### WARM AND SWEET BLUEBERRY BREAD PUDDING

PREP: 10 MIN. COOK: 50 MIN TOTAL: 60 MIN.

Bread pudding is easy to make and an economical way to use up stale sourdough bread. This version has plenty of creamy custard, studded with colorful blueberries. Their sweet-tart flavor, accented with lemon zest, blends beautifully with the warmth of cinnamon and nutmeg.

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2/3 cup packed light brown sugar
- 4 ½ cups cube, stale sourdough bread
- ¾ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ cup frozen blueberries
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
- 4 large eggs, well beaten

- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon zest
- 2 ½ cups milk

#### DIRECTIONS

1. Grease a 7x10 inch baking dish heavily with the butter. Distribute 2 cups of bread in the pan. Sprinkle in blueberries, and top with the remaining bread.
2. In a large bowl or blender, thoroughly whisk together the eggs, milk, brown sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, and lemon zest. Pour the egg mixture over the cubed bread.
3. Bring a kettle of water to a boil and pre-heat the oven to 300F.
4. Allow the bread to soak up the milk mixture while the oven preheats. Press down gently with a fork to make sure that all parts of the bread cubes are well soaked.
5. Place a roasting pan on the middle rack of the oven and pour in an inch of boiling water. Set the smaller baking dish in the water bath. Carefully pour a little more boiling water into the larger pan to bring the water bath to within ½ inch of the top and bake the bread pudding until the internal temperature reaches 165F, about 50 minutes. Custard should not slosh in the middle when you gently move the pan, but it will still be soft. Remove from the water

bath, cool for 40 minutes, and serve warm.

#### WELCOME BACK

- We opened the center back up after a year and a half. It has been a long struggle but we made it. Between the Covid-19 and the water leak things have been hectic around here.
- We serve lunch Monday Thru Friday from 11:00 To 12:30. If you have a CDIB card and are 60 or older you may eat free. We suggest a \$5.00 donation if you are under 60 years old. Children 12 and under we suggest a donation of \$3.00.
- Our exercise room is now open so come and get fit.
- We will soon be having Bingo again.
- Again I say WELCOME BACK

You may contact us by the information below. LINDA HILL, PROGRAM DIRECTOR Phone 918-238-5600 Ext 1205 or Cell 918-533-7991 Karen Hamilton, Susan Patterson, and Leia Foster cooks. Phone 918-238-5600 Ext 1206.

# Vital Statistics Department

By *Monica Bettis, Director*


## Current Health & Social Service Budget Activity for FY 2021

Service	Spent to Date June	Member's Served Per Line Item
Auditory	\$3,206.35	10
Burial	\$93,448.87	22
Disabled / Elder Care	\$854,103.06	360
Elder Crisis Committee	\$87,765.68	30
Healthcare	\$1,072,997.60	1506
Orthodontics	\$18,456.00	26
School Expenses	\$170,808.60	465
Special Medical Equipment	\$9,526.29	58
Utility/Emergency Assistance	\$968,601.62	902
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$3,278,914.07</b>	<b>3379</b>

\$29,908.98 paid out from June 16, 2021 - July 12, 2021

## Vital Statistics Activity for Fiscal July 2021

Status Changes	99
Deaths	1
Enrollees	6
ID Cards	15
Photo ID	9
Total enrollees for current fiscal year	42
Total Deaths for current fiscal year 2020	18
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>3652</b>



**\$30**

### Eastern Shawnee Tribe Storage Units

- Accessible 24/7
- 10 x 10 units
- Monthly rental


**Located at:**

S. 705 Road on the Missouri/Oklahoma border next to the Eastern Shawnee Bluejacket Complex and Pow-wow Grounds in downtown Seneca

**Multiple Units to safely store personal or business items.**

**Please call for availability.**

**918-666-5151 extension 1043**



## VITAL STATISTICS

### Direct to Vendor Claim Form

There are times when everyone faces a struggle when they can't afford to pay for dental work, get a new pair of glasses or pay a medical bill without having to use Care Credit or take out a personal loan. Instead of placing yourself in debt, you can have Social Services pay for the services directly to your health care provider from your health care or disabled/elder benefit. Complete a Direct to Vendor Payment Expense Claim form and attach your ORIGINAL billing statement.

## HOW TO REQUEST REIMBURSEMENT

Use this form to request reimbursement under the Health & Social Service program. Remember, you should first submit health care expenses under your primary health insurance or other health care plan you may have before you request reimbursement. Use this form only to request reimbursement for:

- Allowable expenses covered, but not fully reimbursed by any benefit plan. Attach a copy of the plans Explanation of Benefits (EOB) statement or itemized receipt from your provider
- Allowable expenses not covered by any benefit plan. Attach bills or receipts which indicate the name and address of the provider or service and description of the product or service provided

### **Step 1: Fill out the form**

Please type or print. Complete all areas of "Tribal Information." You will receive an email confirming receipt of your claim.

### **Step 2: Fill in your expenses – you can use one line to show a total of multiple expenses in the same area**

Complete all sections of the form.

### **Step 3: Attach supporting documentation described under either A or B below:**

- A. Explanation of Benefits form (EOB):** This is the form you typically receive each time you or a health care provider submit medical, dental or vision claims for payment from your insurance plan. The EOB will show the amount of expenses paid by the plan and the amount you must pay. For expenses that are partially covered by you or your dependents insurance plan, you must attach the EOB.
- B. All other expenses:** For medical expenses not covered at all by any insurance plan, burial, school expenses and utilities, your claim must include acceptable evidence of your expenses. Acceptable evidence includes receipts which contain the following information:
  - Type of service or product provided
  - Date expense was incurred
  - Person or organization providing the service and product
  - Amount of expense

### **Step 4: Read the certification, sign and date the form where indicated**

### **Step 5: Submit your form**

Place the form and the supporting documentation into an envelope, apply the correct postage and mail to Health & Social Services, 10100 S. Bluejacket Rd., Ste. 1, Wyandotte OK 74370. Keep a copy of your completed form and receipts for your records.

**Please remember that Social Services has a minimum reimbursement of \$25.00**

### **Type of Supporting Documentation:**

Itemized receipt from your medical, dental or vision provider or pharmacy---Explanation of Benefits (EOB) from your insurance company or health care provider---Prescription receipt that shows the date, name of the patient for whom the item is prescribed & the name of the item---Utility account summary that shows the dates of service, service description and service address

### **Helpful Hints:**

Add together multiple expenses from the same are & place the total on one line---Be sure to include legible receipts for each expense---Be sure your signature is legible

### **Please Do NOT:**

Use a highlighter on your receipts or any part of the form---Staple your receipts to the form

### **Please DO:**

Submit claims within 90-days---Collect claims & submit monthly---Send original documentation

**Questions? Contact the department at 918-666-7710 or toll free at 866-978-1352**

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICE BENEFIT CLAIM FORM**

*I am requesting reimbursement for myself or my eligible dependents for expenses that are within the current fiscal year and were not reimbursed by any other plan. I have attached all supporting documentation of these expenses in good faith and to the best of my knowledge are eligible for reimbursement.*

Name _____	ID# _____	DATE _____
Mailing Address _____	DOB _____	
Phone Number Where You May Be Reached _____	Work <input type="radio"/>	Home <input type="radio"/> Cell <input type="radio"/>
E-Mail Address _____	Work <input type="radio"/>	Home <input type="radio"/>
Signature _____	Address Change <input type="radio"/>	Phone Change <input type="radio"/> E-Mail Change <input type="radio"/>

BENEFITS	MEMBERS NAME	DATE OF SERVICE	AMOUNT
<b>UTILITIES</b>			
City Utility			
Electric			
Firewood <i>(\$500 MAX)</i>			
Natural Gas/Propane			
Trash			
Water			
<b>DISABLED/ELDER CARE</b>			
Auto Insurance <i>(One Full Coverage)</i>			
Lawn Mowing			
Medicare			
Main Residence Home Ins.			
Main Residence Property Tax			
Rental Property Contents Inc.			
<b>HEALTH CARE</b>			
Dental			
Eye Care <i>(2pr. Glasses MAX)</i>			
Medical			
Rx			
Auditory			
Orthodontics			
Medical Equipment			
<b>SCHOOL EXPENSES</b>			
Clothing			
Driver Education			
Letter Jacket			
Traditional Supplies			
<b>BURIAL</b>			
Burial Expenses <i>(\$6000 MAX)</i>			

**TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTED \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**ALL CLAIMS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 90-DAYS FROM DATE OF SERVICE & TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTED MUST MEET THE \$25 MINIMUM CHECK REQUIREMENT**



**DIRECT TO VENDOR PAYMENT  
EXPENSE CLAIM FORM**

Contact Health & Social Services at: 918-666-7710 or 866-978-1352  
Mail to: 10100 S. Bluejacket Rd., Ste. 1, Wyandotte OK 74370

**Tribal Member Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ID # \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number Where You May Be Reached \_\_\_\_\_ Work  Home  Cell   
 E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Work  Home   
 Address Change  Phone Change  E-Mail Change

**Primary Provider Information**


Is Member Covered Under Bearskin Health Clinic or Other Indian Health Service? Yes  No   
 Is Member Covered Under Any Health Insurance Plan? Yes  No   
 Is Member Covered Under Any Medicaid Coverage? Yes  No   
 Is Member Covered Under Medicare? Yes  No

**VENDOR** - File claims with any **Primary** provider first. Program can only pay for out-of-pocket expenses incurred from the unmet expenses not paid by the primary provider. Funds can be used only after all other resources have been exhausted. Failure to comply with alternate resources may result in denial of future services. **Any duplicate payments made by Health & Social Services and a primary provider must be returned to the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.** Failure to reimburse the tribe may result in denial of future services.

**Direct to Vendor Request**

Complete the following grid for each expense submitted for a direct to vendor payment for you and/or your dependents. To receive payment, appropriate supporting documents must accompany this form.

**Please do not hesitate to contact Social Services to confirm necessary documentation, timing requirement and rules for eligible expenses.**

 Attach the original bill or statement from the physician or supplier and **keep a copy for your records.**  
**Sign this form. Minimum amount of each separate claim is \$25.00.**

Name of Service Provider	Type of Service Received	Date of Service	Amount of Claim
			\$
			\$
			\$

I, the undersigned, furnished the above information to enable Eastern Shawnee Health & Social Services to consider this claim for payment, and I certify that such information is true and correct and that the expenses were incurred by the above-named tribal member. **I understand that any payment will be made to the vendor.**

Tribal Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Change of Address Notification

**Instructions**

- Please use this form to notify the Health & Social Service/Vital Statistics office of any change in your address or telephone number. You may write on the back of this form if needed.
- For your own protection, change requests must be in writing and signed by the tribal member.
- No changes can be accepted by phone, fax or email.

**Name**

\_\_\_\_\_

Last
First
Middle

List full name, ages & roll # of all children in household: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information:** \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone
Work Phone
Cell Phone

\_\_\_\_\_

**Social Security Number**
**Date of Birth**
**Tribal ID Number**

**Current Address**

\_\_\_\_\_

Number/Street/Apt. #/PO Box
City
State/Zip
Country (if not U.S.)

**New Address**

\_\_\_\_\_

Number/Street/Apt. #/PO Box
City
State/Zip
Country (if not U.S.)

**Check the appropriate box:**

- I am requesting a change of address for my mailing address
- I am requesting a change of address for my residential address
- I am requesting a change of address for both my mailing and residential addresses

**Sign Here:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN THIS FORM BY MAIL TO:** **Vital Statistics/Health & Social Services Department**  
**10100 S. Bluejacket Rd., Ste. 1**  
**Wyandotte OK 74370**

# Business Committee Minutes

**DATE: Wednesday, June 9th, 2021**

**TIME: 5:30 p.m.**

**LOCATION:** BlueJacket Building

**INVOCATION:** Chief Glenna Wallace

**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL,**

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

The Business Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:43 p.m. with the following answering roll call: 1st Council Gardner, 3rd Council Kraus, Treasurer Barrett and Secretary Littlefield. Chief Wallace was present. Second Chief Ross and 2nd Council Daugherty were absent.

A Quorum was declared by Treasurer Barrett.

**MOTION** to go into Closed Session at 5:45 p.m. to meet with personnel from People's Bank of Seneca made by 1st Council Gardner with second by Secretary Littlefield.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Gardner, Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Daugherty).

**MOTION** to return to Open Session at 6:18 p.m. made by 1st Council Gardner with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Gardner, Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Daugherty).

**NEW ENROLLEES –**

Finley Faith Clouse – DOB: 01/18/2021

Roman Lee Vanatta – DOB: 05/16/2019

Hayden Calvin Lynn Davis – DOB: 09/19/2019

Liberty Josephine Rose Davis – DOB: 08/13/2020

Olivia Grace Atkinson – DOB: - 04/10/21

Parker Marie Burdene Moore – DOB: 10/17/2020

**MOTION TO APPROVE NEW ENROLLEES MADE BY** 3rd Council Kraus with second by 1st Council Gardner.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Gardner, Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Daugherty).

**MINUTES**

**MOTION** to approve Minutes of the May 26th, 2021, Business Committee Meeting Minutes made by 1st Council Gardner with second by 3rd Council

Kraus.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Gardner, Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Daugherty).

**REPORTS**

**CHIEF**

**THANK YOU –** A thank you note from Indiana University was read by Chief Wallace.

**DONATION REQUESTS –** A donation request from the Seneca Chamber of Commerce for their 4th of July Fireworks celebration was presented. This request was moved to discussion during Closed Session.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS –** Director's reports were read, and copies provided to each Business Committee member.

**OPENING OF COMPLEXES –** All buildings have now been opened to the public. Testing has slowed with only 4-5 tests in the last 30 days. All test results were negative.

**AOA REPORT –** Continue to have difficulties finishing the remodeling project. Earliest opening date will be the week of June 21-28th. Drive-thru pick up meals continue to be available.

**SUMMER YOUTH –** We have 7 tribal citizens working.

**GRANTS REPORT**

**CDC –** A room was added onto the Red Barn with this grant. A report is being compiled by Michael Crump for handling Emergencies due to what has been learned from this Pandemic. This grant was also used for the manufacture of the disinfectant spray and hand sanitizer and will be closing out this week.

**Natives Connected –** This is for the building on Hwy 60. Two Tiny Homes have been purchased and waiting to be moved. The kitchen is under way and the offices have been added. Food Distribution is also handled here.

**Rental Assistance –** For assistance to people who are past due with rent due to COVID-19. For assistance or questions call Shawna Hudson, Administration Asst.

**Energy -** This grant is for \$10,000 and is limited to elders ages 62 and up. This

information will be put on the web site. This grant assists elders who are behind in their electric bills, need fans or small air conditioners. This is a first come first serve basis due to being limited to \$10,000.

**LIHWAP –** For those, delinquent in water and sewer bills. Will not be available until July 1, 2021. This grant is also on a first come first serve basis. Information will be put on web site when final criteria is received.

**SAMHSA –** Due to be submitted this coming week. 80 % of this grant must be spent on services. The emphasis is on substance abuse, suicide prevention and mental health. Grand Lake Mental Health will serve as the provider.

**ECLC –** Landscaping Meeting will be held June 16 – 10:00 a.m. at the classroom in the Wellness Center.

**EAP –** Employee Assistance Program. A universal counselor is available to every single tribal citizen throughout the United States. 800-221-3976 or 918-594-5232 are numbers available to reach a counselor.

**Land Purchase –** The Business Committee authorized the purchase of 121 Acres of land out by Indigo Sky. Chief recommends putting the land in Trust. Also recommended that water and sewer be installed sooner rather than later. Chief Wallace presented 3 bids on Water and Sewer installation. Bids range from \$260,000 to \$400,000. Chief reports there is hay ready to bale on this land and bids will be submitted for the purchase of the hay. This was agreeable with all BC members.

**Election Board –** New board members will be selected at the end of the filing session for the next Election.

**Deputy Gaming Commissioner –** time period of Ashley Burnside, who is the Deputy Gaming Commissioner has expired and Chief Wallace will be renominating Ashley Burnside. This will be placed on the June 30th, 2021 Agenda.

**ARPA –** We have \$18.6 million. Chief Wallace has attended many sessions and webinars on the ARPA funding.

Events



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Tire Recycling – This was held May 20-21 and we collected 2,817 tires.

Blood Drive – Was held at the Wellness Center.

Early Childhood Graduation – We had 14 Graduates.

Drivers Education Program – We have 20 enrolled.

All Staff Meeting – June 24th, 2:00-4:30 p.m. Currently scheduled at the AOA.

Summer Pool Party – changed to Family Picnic to be held Friday, June 25th 2021, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Elders Dinner – July 16th, 5:30 p.m. (Friday) at the AOA.

Cultural Camp – August 4th, 5th, and 6th 2021.

Shawna Stovall Back to School Pow Wow – Sat., Aug. 7th, 2021

ANA Film Showing – Thursday, Sept. 16th, 2021, on Bordertown Parking Lot.

Annual Pow Wow – September 17, 18 and 19th, 2021

History Summit – September 20th, 2021

Chief Wallace read her reasons for vetoing Resolution number 052621R-03. Copy of letter attached.

MOTION to add veto of Resolution 052621R-03 to the June 30th, 2021 meeting made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 1st Council Gardner.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Gardner, Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Daugherty).

Feral Hog Report made by tribal member Sherry Hamby with information being shared about the program, how tribal members can benefit from the program by requesting the meat from a hog, what forms are available, how to obtain them.

Motion to recess briefly made by 3rd Council Kraus and second by 1st Council Gardner.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Gardner, Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Daugherty).

Motion to return to open session at 8:43 p.m. by Secretary Littlefield and second

by Treasurer Barret.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Gardner, Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Daugherty).

### RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 060921R-01 Authorizing the Eastern Shawnee Family Violence Prevention Program to submit a Family Violence Prevention Program Tribal Formulated Grant available through the Department of Health and Human Services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to authorize the Eastern Shawnee HAVEN Advocacy Program to submit a funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for total federal funds of at least \$3,500 (award is formulated based on population size – grant outlines needs of the program but award amount will be determined by funds available), final to be determined after all tribes apply and funds are dispersed for the formulated grant. Funds will be used for the implementation of a project that will help in supporting the establishment, maintenance, and expansion of programs and projects to prevent incidents of family violence and to provide immediate shelter needs and related assistance for victims of family violence and their dependents. No matching funds are required.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NUMBER 060921R-01 made by 1st Council Gardner with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Gardner, Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Daugherty).

RESOLUTION NUMBER 060921R-02 To open an Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma account for US Treasury Funds at the People's Bank of Seneca.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to open a demand deposit account with The People's Bank of Seneca for the Eastern Shawnee Tribe

of Oklahoma US Treasury Funds. The account will be known as the US Treasury Account.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to designate Chief Glenna J. Wallace, Treasurer Justin Barrett and 1st Council Dee Gardner as authorized signers on the account. Karen Allen, Director of Accounting, will be the Administrator of Cash Management on the account.

MOTION TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION NUMBER 060921R-02 made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Gardner, Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Daugherty).

MOTION TO ADD RESOLUTION NUMBER 060921R-03 to the agenda made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Gardner, Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Daugherty).

RESOLUTION NUMBER 060921R-03 Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the ANA American Rescue Plan Act: Emergency Native Language Funding Opportunity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to authorize the submission of the ANA American Rescue Plan Act: Emergency Native Language Funding Opportunity.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NUMBER 062109R-03 made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Gardner, Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Daugherty).

REQUISITIONS (None Presented)

### NEW BUSINESS

Discussed ARPA appropriations. The form was approved with one change. The form will be on the web site and can be submitted electronically or mailed in. The form will also be placed

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in the Shooting Star. A form will be mailed to every single family that we have an address for.

### OLD BUSINESS

Secretarial Election tabled until June 30th, 2021.

MOTION to go into Closed Session at 9:18 p.m. following a ten-minute break made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Gardner.

Motion carried: 5 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

### CLOSED SESSION

MOTION to return to Open Session at 11:14 p.m. made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Gardner.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Gardner, Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Daugherty).

### OPEN SESSION

MOTION TO ACCEPT the Bid as presented made by 1st Council Gardner with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Gardner,

Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Daugherty).

MOTION TO ADJOURN at 11:15 p.m. made by 1st Council Gardner with second by Treasurer Barrett.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Gardner, Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Daugherty).

ADJOURN

## CHIEF

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I say, I seem to be living in a world of extremes.

In spite of the rain, heat, flood, and COVID, we have stayed busy as well as productive at the tribe. Kudos to our employees. As all of you know, daily we receive more ARPA questionnaires to be processed for payment. As of Tuesday, July 13, we had disbursed \$4,676,375.00 to 1,871 tribal citizens. Talk about busy. That's over one half of our tribe. For those of you who have not submitted your questionnaire, make sure you submit the one with the question regarding dual enrollment. That questionnaire can be found on our website and in this Shooting Star. Again this is a \$2500.00 disbursement from the American Rescue Plan Act, known as ARPA.

One project that we are involved in that I have not told you about is a project in Ohio known as Historic Oldtown, sponsored by the state of Ohio. Historic Oldtown refers to the location in Ohio where Tecumseh was supposedly born. In this area is an old structure built many years ago known as Tecumseh Motel. The state of Ohio has purchased this property and wishes to turn it and perhaps additional property into an Ohio State Park. They have reached out to the three federally recognized Shawnee Tribes in Oklahoma seeking input, ideas, historical ac-

curacy. Via zoom meetings, we have now had about four meetings with the folk in Ohio. We, for our tribe means our Cultural Preservation Department (Paul Barton and Brett Barnes) and myself. These meetings have been most interesting as we have learned their knowledge about Shawnees and historical accuracy is limited at best. However, they have been most pleasant to work with and have welcomed our comments, observations, corrections, revisions, suggestions most enthusiastically. They want historical accuracy so the information presented there will show Tecumseh was not born there as well as other facts. Basically almost everything about the proposed site and building has been redesigned and the next step is to present all these ideas to the Governor to get his reactions. Then we will reconvene, again via Zoom, and see where we go from there. It is most rewarding, however, to have Ohio reach out to all the Shawnee tribes for input. It's been a good experience having them talk with us rather than about us.

I don't want to beat a horse to death, as they say, but I want to remind all of you that we have implemented several new programs that could be of great benefit to many in our tribe. Many of the new programs, benefits are COVID related, but not all. We have programs for rental assistance, energy assistance, water assistance, local food distribution, mental health assistance, counsel-

ing availability. Most of these programs are available for all, regardless of home location. If you have needs in any of these areas, contact Shawna Hudson at 918-238-2435 and if she can't give you the information needed, she can put you in touch with someone who can.

We are printing the Shooting Star early this month because of the upcoming elections. We want to make sure you get the bios and statements from the candidates running for office before you receive your ballot. The candidate letters are included in this month's edition. You should have already received your Voter Registration information in the mail. If you did not, it means we do not have a good address for you and you need to send that information to Social Services and the Election Board. If you are already registered and have received your ballot in the past, then you do not need to complete the voter registration form. I repeat, if you are already a registered voter and have received your ballot in the past, you do not need to fill out the recent voter registration form you just received. Next month we will return to our normal printing schedule with the Shooting Star being in the mail before the first of the month.

Scheduled activities for the next few months include Children's Cultural Camp scheduled for August 4, 5, and 6 followed by the Shawna Stovall Children's Back to School Powwow Saturday, August 7. This powwow is

always scheduled for the first Saturday in August. Then we look forward to our Annual Powwow, the third weekend in September. This year special events are scheduled Thursday through Monday, meaning Sept. 16- 20. Special this year is the Thursday showing of videos made of the nine federally recognized tribes in Ottawa County. This outdoor viewing of people, artists, activities, tribes will take place on the Bordertown Parking Lot where a massive outdoor screen will be erected. Typical activities will be held such as the Saturday morning walk and breakfast, the challenging Saturday Tecumseh Run, the Sunday morning Elders Breakfast, the always informative History Summit on Monday plus lots of places to visit to gain those points for prizes or casino free play. Mark your calendars to participate in as many of these events as possible and if you are planning to stay at Indigo Sky, you best be making those

reservations now.

I want to send my condolences to several tribal families as we have had so many deaths recently. The latest is the passing of elder Larry Dushane who changed climates just a few days ago. Sympathies also go to the Koch family, the Agan family, the Brock family, the Beets family, the Weeks family, and the family of Karen Collins, daughter of Helen Peacock. Our thoughts and sympathies are with all of you. We are so sorry for your loss.

Our annual elections begin shortly. You should be receiving your ballot in the mail. In order to receive that ballot, we must have your current mailing address. Change of address form is located in your Shooting Star.

I also need to remind everyone that General Council will be held at the Indigo Sky Event Center this year and is scheduled for Saturday, September 11. Representatives of our businesses and

accounting staff will be present from 4-5:30 for you to talk with. A meal will be served at 5:30 prior to the 6:30 meeting and election results will be revealed during the meeting. Mark your calendars to attend and participate in the business of your tribe.

As always, it has been my honor to serve as your Chief. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached by mail at 12755 S. 705 Rd, Wyandotte, OK 74370, email at gjwallace@estoo.net. I do not do face book nor linked in. I may also be reached at the following telephone numbers: Office, 918 238 2435 x 1820; cell, 918 533.8422 or by text. My personal mailing address is 18675 Hwy 43, Seneca, MO, 64865. Stay safe. Stay healthy. Stay optimistic. Walk in balance.  
Chief Glenna

## CORNER

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According to Wallace, many Shawnee people lost their language, culture and ceremonies.

Both Wallace and Barnes, however, described their peoples' deep connection to Ohio, the Serpent Mound and the surrounding series of earthworks in the region.

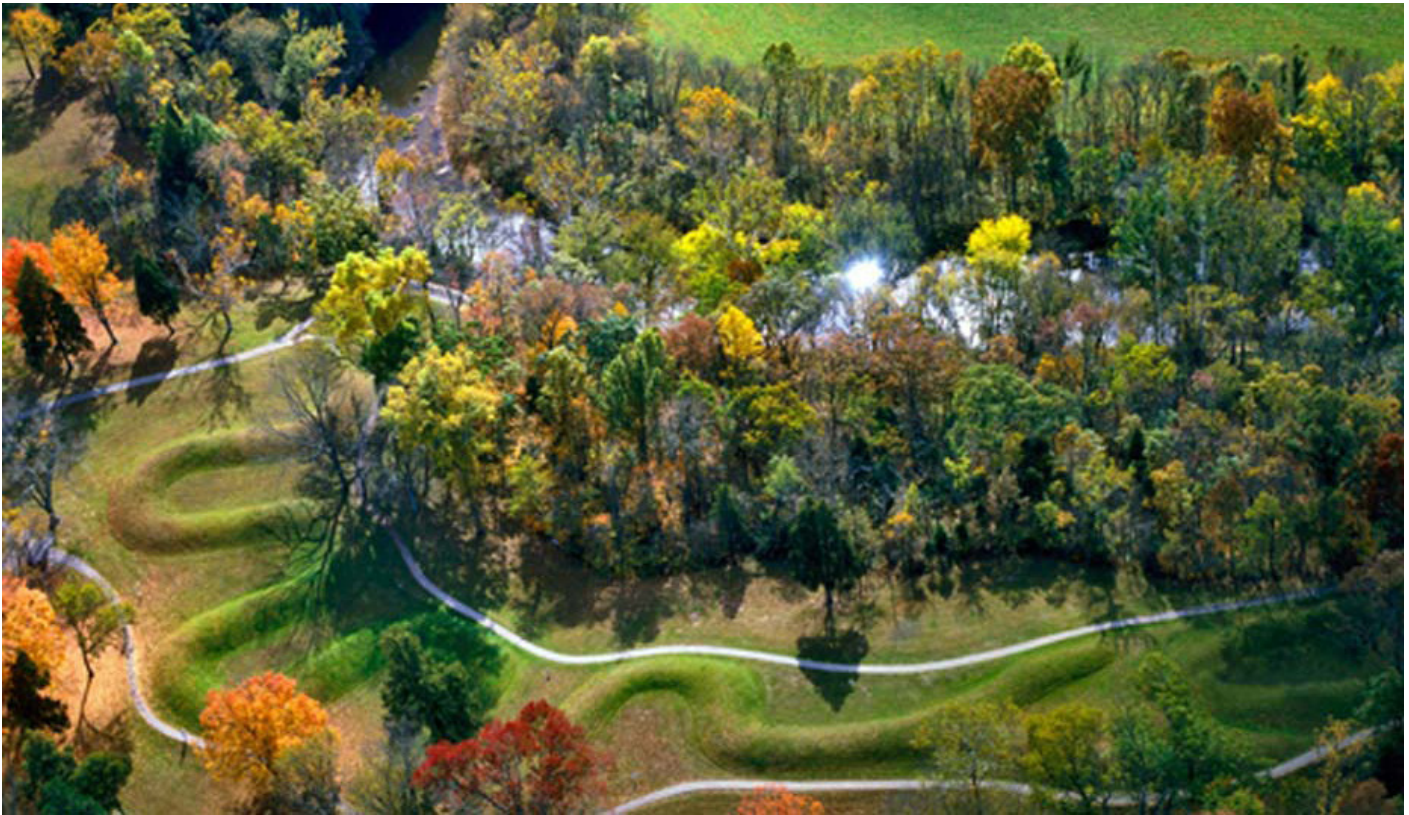
Their overwhelming message is one of reverence and respect for the sacred and a plea for visitors to appreciate and honor the Serpent Mound as they would a cathedral, synagogue or mosque.

In recent years, activities at the mound have taken on the quality of what Barnes describes as a minstrel show disrespecting and appropriating Native cultures.

Since the 1987 Harmonic Convergence, the mound has become a mecca for followers of New Age spirituality. The idea of the Convergence was created by author and art historian Jose Arguelles who claimed August 16-17, 1987, were significant dates in the Maya calendar and represented an especially auspicious time to meditate for global peace.

Some New Age activities such as digging and burying items in the mound, forwarding information purporting that the effigy was built by aliens from space or prehistoric giants and misrepresenting Native connections to the site has been of growing concern to tribal leaders like Wallace and Barnes. Of even greater concern was the way that past managers of the Serpent Mound site often turned a blind eye to these activities, sometimes allowing such practitioners to manage and stage events at the mound. This sent a message to the public that these wild theories were part of the official history of the site according to Wallace and Barnes.

Wallace reached out to the Ohio History Connection a few years ago, sharing her concerns. After several years of meetings and negotiations with leaders at the History Connection, they soon realized that it was imperative to involve the Indigenous people who once called the state home in creating the story of ancient places such as the Serpent Mound. In March 2021, the Ohio History Connection took over direct supervision of the Serpent Mound after having subcontracted its management to a private organization for several years.



*The Great Serpent Mound in Ohio. (Image courtesy of Creative Commons)*

“It’s important for people who come to visit this site to understand who occupied this land, who built the serpent and to be really clear that it was built by American Indian people,” said Megan Wood, director of cultural resources at the Ohio History Connection.

“So we started working together with the tribes to make sure that during this solstice and hopefully future solstice and equinox events that there be tribal members here to talk about what this site means to them and help communicate to visitors how to respect the mound, not to walk on it, to treat it like you would an historic church,” Wood added.

For many non-Natives in Ohio, Native Americans are part of a distant, ancient past. In 1830, the Shawnee and other tribes were removed from Ohio by the federal Dawes or Indian Removal Act. The Shawnee eventually settled in Oklahoma; there are no federally recognized tribes located in Ohio. The current Native American population in the state is around .3 percent.

This lack of Native presence may have helped fuel the proliferation of unusual stories and legends, ac-

ording to Wood.

“In Ohio, people know very little about Native American history. When we’re able to talk about the federal government’s removal policies and what happened here, how long Native peoples were in Ohio and the fact that they are still living vibrant communities is very interesting to visitors,” Wood said.

According to an article written by Barnes and Brad Lepper, curator of Archaeology and manager of Archaeology and Natural History at the Ohio History Connection, “Archaeologists agree that ancestors of American Indians built the mound but disagree about which ancestors. We think the available evidence supports a Late Pre Contact period age of around AD 1100, whereas some other archaeologists think it was built at around 300 BC during the Early Woodland period.”

Ohio is home to many earthworks and mounds including the Newark Earthworks, the largest set of geometric earthen enclosures in the world. Archaeologists say the Newark Earthworks were built between 100 B.C. and 500 A.D. by the Hopewell culture.



*Signage at the Serpent Mound park in Peebles, Ohio reminds visitors to stay off the mound. (Photo by Mary Annette Pember)*

Like the earthworks built by the Hopewell, the Serpent Mound may have a cosmic connection. The head and oval are aligned to the setting sun on the summer solstice.

The mound is a National Historic Landmark; in 2008 the Serpent Mound and eight other Ohio earthworks were selected for inclusion on the U.S. tentative list of sites to be submitted to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, (UNESCO) World Heritage list.

“The great serpent is present within our Shawnee traditions and religious practices today; this is our umbilical, our connection to the world below,” Barnes told the crowd.

“I realized that the only way to help my people understand this place was to abandon words, to get them in a van and travel here. Now they understand why it needs to be protected,” he said.

The sounds of drums and flutes could be heard in the distance as Barnes spoke. Another summer solstice event was taking place. Vendors, speakers and performers who previously occupied the summer solstice event at the Serpent Mound relocated to a space next door, at Soaring Eagle Retreat. Here, visitors

could still learn about prehistoric giants and ancient aliens' roles in building the mounds. People from various unrecognized tribes performed dances and offered drum and crystal workshops.

One couple dressed in Native inspired dance regalia walked from the Soaring Eagle Retreat to the shelter where Wallace and Barnes were conducting their pre-



*Shelly Wolf Mother and Tommy Blue Dancer listen briefly to Chief Glenna Wallace's presentation at the Serpent Mound park in Peebles, Ohio before returning to the Soaring Eagle grounds next door. (Photo by Mary Annette Pember)*

sentation and tried to interrupt. Barnes gently asked them to wait until Chief Wallace finished speaking.

“He was very rude; he wouldn’t take my tobacco,” Tommy Blue Dancer and his companion Shelly Wolf Mother told Indian Country Today. Both claimed to be citizens of the Chickamauga Cherokee tribe of Kentucky, a state with no federally recognized tribes.

Indian Country Today was unable to find any information about the Chickamauga Cherokee tribe of Kentucky.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, Kentucky does not have a process in which tribes can be recognized by the state.

Blue Dancer and Wolf Mother left without incident.

Several people from Soaring Eagle Retreat walked around the path surrounding the mound, some dressed in what appeared to be historic reenactment costumes or Native inspired garb. Overall, everyone



*Ben Barnes, chief of the Shawnee Tribe and Glenna Wallace chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma standing at the head of the Great Serpent Mound in Peebles, Ohio (Photo by Mary Annette Pember)*

was respectful, staying off the mound and quietly enjoying the space.

“People want to be on the mound and be close to it; there are ideas around crystals and energies. Anyone can come here and think and feel what they want but can’t physically interact with the effigy mound. We are trying to have more staff here and also inviting tribal partners to help people understand why those things aren’t appropriate,” said Wood.

“Unfortunately the Serpent Mound has become the epicenter of efforts to appropriate sacred American Indian sites and replace the Indigenous story with all sorts of fantastic, absurd stories,” Barnes said during his solstice presentation.

“Let’s be absolutely clear. At the heart of these myths and fantastic stories is the racist notion that American Indians were too stupid to have built something so wonderful,” he added.

Barnes continued. “Native people have inherent rights as defined by the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; that includes free prior and informed consent on how we are portrayed,” he said.

After three long, hot days of multiple public presentations, Barnes, Wallace and citizens of both Shawnee tribes feasted and prayed. At sunset they walked to the head of the great serpent, gazing out towards the horizon. As the sun dipped into darkness, a moment of connection was palatable, the Shawnee had come home.

# LIHEAP

## ESTO

LOW INCOME HOME  
ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

*The Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is processing Utility Assistance Applications for all qualified applicants (contact Specialized Services Liheap program for more information) Please apply as soon as possible.*

**Applications processed on a first come first serve basis.**

**Must live within a 50 mile radius**

**Not all who apply will qualify**

### Documents required are:

1. Completed Application
2. Copy of income of all household members (tax form 1040)
3. Copy of energy statement (natural gas, propane, electric)
4. Copy of CDIB card

Applications accepted by mail, email or fax.. Applications cannot be processed until all required documents are received.



### FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RECEIVE AN APPLICATION

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<https://estoo-nsn.gov/tribal-forms/>

## INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL FOOD DISTRIBUTION

We are a federal program that provides commodity foods to low-income households residing in approved areas. To be eligible to participate, the household must contain at least one person who is a member of a federally recognized tribe. Eligible households are certified based upon income and resource standards set by the federal government.

The area served by the Inter-Tribal Food Distribution Program is: a portion of Ottawa, including the city limits of Miami east of the Neosho River and a portion of Delaware county in Oklahoma, Cherokee and Labette Counties in Kansas, and Newton, Barton, Jasper and McDonald counties in Missouri.

Applications can be found on our website: [ITCFDP.ORG](http://ITCFDP.ORG)  
If you have any questions please contact us via phone or email.  
Call: 918-542-3443 between the hours 8-12 & 1-4:30  
Email: [carol@itcfdp.org](mailto:carol@itcfdp.org) or [katrina@itcfdp.org](mailto:katrina@itcfdp.org)

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## Tribal Citizens Birthdays for August 2021

Allen Troy 8/21	Cowell Lincoln 8/20	Hammitt Brodie 8/17	McDaniel Maleeah 8/14	Sisk Lisa 8/13
Amos Jared 8/19	Crain Gerald 8/21	Hansen Jenna 8/21	McGlothlin Kristena 8/9	Slegers Jace 8/26
Ankeny Jr Jeffery 8/6	Crain Jeffery 8/8	Harris Grant 8/27	McInay Corey 8/16	Slegers Liam 8/26
Anzora Alina 8/26	Crain Mana 8/31	Harris Norma 8/29	McIntosh Betty 8/27	Slegers Stella 8/26
Ascencio Elijah 8/13	Crain Mitchell 8/16	Hartweg Kayleigh 8/24	McIntosh Frierson Lynne 8/6	Smith Brent 8/3
Atkinson Carter 8/2	Crain Owen 8/21	Harvey Ava 8/31	Mejia Paige 8/21	Smith Nancy 8/24
Austin Brenton 8/4	Crain Russell 8/22	Hays Amberly 8/30	Mendez Mauriana 8/20	Smith Sara 8/3
Austin Brynmen 8/25	Culler Brody 8/20	Hayworth Holli 8/9	Mercer Vicki 8/23	Snow Steven 8/25
Azevedo Jameson 8/22	Cunliffe Britanni 8/25	Healy Jeanene 8/29	Meyer Brody 8/11	Sorrell Denaliana 8/23
Bailey Terry 8/20	Cunningham Betty 8/10	Heck Logan 8/26	Miller Mikah 8/26	Sorrell Heather 8/17
Baker Ellena 8/31	Daggs Kea'ona 8/20	Heck Parker 8/27	Millhollin Calvin 8/14	Sorrell Lyric 8/23
Bales Jaycee 8/21	Daugherty Sovanna 8/10	Hengel Della 8/2	Millhollin Essie 8/21	Sourjohn Jacelynn 8/27
Bales Wade 8/8	Daugherty Jr John 8/7	Henry Destany 8/29	Minkler Haley 8/5	Stephenson Andrea 8/20
Ballard Tialeesa 8/19	Davis Ashley 8/18	Hensley Robert 8/8	Mitchell Billy 8/18	Stewart Krystle 8/27
Balls Luke 8/20	Davis Liberty 8/13	Hoebet Madison 8/26	Mohan Alana 8/21	Stingley Annette 8/19
Balun Adam 8/26	Davis Wyatt 8/22	Hollis Jeromy 8/12	Moss Beverly 8/10	Stingley Kenneth 8/19
Barrett Aylin 8/4	Day Azriel 8/2	Hudelson David 8/26	Moyer Jr Donald 8/29	Stipe Leslie 8/31
Barrett Leela 8/16	Day Ethesias 8/11	Hudson Jennei 8/25	Murphy Amy 8/26	Stitz Debbie 8/21
Beach Aislin 8/20	Day, IV Earnest 8/2	Huggins Michael 8/29	Nelson Korbyn 8/12	Stoner Haydn 8/9
Bear Richard 8/12	DeClue Caitlin 8/24	Huggins Natalie 8/24	Neumann Shay 8/2	Strickland Brinley 8/22
Bear Bamberg Susan 8/23	Del Bel Ava 8/27	Huggins Tyler 8/8	Nichols Clifford 8/31	Strickland Jesse 8/8
Beaty Jack 8/19	Devine II William 8/2	Huggins Jr Randy 8/21	Nichols Shelly 8/12	Strickland Michael 8/5
Beaty Ty 8/25	Diaz Lori 8/20	Huls Patrick 8/3	Nicholson Dariun 8/11	Sullivan Brian 8/1
Belcher Sophia 8/16	Dirkx Elizabeth 8/18	Hurley Bryan 8/8	Nyberg Josephine 8/11	Sullivan Emily 8/2
Bell Dakota 8/7	Dixon Audrey 8/8	Hurt Amelia 8/18	Nyberg Lucille 8/25	Summerville Trenton 8/12
Bennett Dustyn 8/3	Dixon Destrie 8/4	Hurt Aubrey 8/28	Ogaz Danielle 8/20	Sunderman Ariel 8/16
Bertalot Timothy 8/9	Dixon James 8/25	Hurt Ryan 8/5	Oldham Regan 8/8	Sweet Rachel 8/1
Betts Natalie 8/28	Dixon Steven 8/12	Hurtado Emily 8/15	Ortiz Lauren 8/9	Tandy Colby 8/2
Bingham Benjamin 8/7	Dixon Zoë 8/4	James Chante 8/7	Osborne-Gowey Jeremiah 8/21	Tayrien Beau 8/23
Bishop Carrie 8/29	Dobson Anne 8/30	James Kelley 8/18	Pabitzky Eric 8/21	Tayrien Tatum 8/21
BlueJacket-Blackhawk Robert 8/18	Dobson Matthew 8/17	James Mato 8/18	Pace Troy 8/11	Tayrien-Shuey Jamie 8/6
Boatright Karey 8/25	Dobson Preston 8/2	Jameson Jacki 8/4	Park Marianne 8/4	Thomas Sophia 8/23
Boatright Maysin 8/25	Doliner Allison 8/1	Jameson Tanicka 8/6	Peacock Connie 8/14	Thompson Patricia 8/30
Boatright Paige 8/15	Duckett Brian 8/10	Janee Kathryn 8/31	Perkins Brent 8/2	Throgmorton David 8/31
Bolte Mark 8/1	Duroy Ashley 8/31	Johnson Amiri 8/21	Perry Isaac 8/27	Throgmorton Stephen 8/31
Boswell Kaycie 8/19	Dushane Kristopher 8/28	Johnson Cassidy 8/12	Pham Brandon 8/15	Todacheenie Reyna 8/18
Bower Zella 8/24	Edwards Raquel 8/21	Johnson Elijah 8/20	Pham Hollie 8/13	Tomlinson Eric 8/21
Bradley Dennis 8/30	Eledge Grace 8/3	Johnson Seth 8/11	Phelan Urijah 8/28	Trask Gregory 8/4
Breesman Debra 8/15	Enyart Buddie 8/8	Johnston Zachary 8/27	Porter Brennen 8/8	Truelove Kevin 8/23
Bristol Aaron 8/24	Enyart Joshua 8/9	Jones Theodore 8/17	Preston Charity 8/27	Ulwick Donald 8/10
Bristol Bryce 8/24	Enyart Nathaniel 8/4	Keezer Amanda 8/13	Proffitt Molly 8/10	Valdez Austin 8/13
Bristol Dylan 8/17	Ervin Chance 8/27	Kessel Shena 8/17	Prophet Tamara 8/22	VanTassel Bradley 8/22
Bristol Jeffery 8/1	Fair Harper 8/15	Kessel Sydney 8/24	Pros Anton 8/18	VanTassel Jakob 8/22
Bristol Mackenzie 8/28	Fields Michael 8/14	Kiblinger Jinnifer 8/15	Purcell Cayden 8/20	Vasta Annalisa 8/5
Broach Cody 8/29	Fisher Danika 8/2	Kilgore Karder 8/5	Purevich Catherine 8/8	Vaught Heather 8/15
Brock Gary 8/25	Fordham Olivia 8/15	Kirkham Bailey 8/5	Quillen Matthew 8/10	Wallace Amanda 8/18
Brock Jr Johnnie 8/16	Foster Kaden 8/18	Kirkham Erika 8/2	Ramirez Tiffany 8/10	Ward Ashlee 8/2
Brooks Hayley 8/12	Francis Luke 8/26	Kline Dustin 8/1	Ray Tabatha 8/29	Ward Liberty 8/11
Brown Kyle 8/22	Frankel Joel 8/20	Knight Jr Christopher 8/17	Redding Haley 8/22	Ward Olivia 8/4
Bruhn Sally 8/8	Funke Jennifer 8/6	Kohley Trina 8/15	Reeb Tawana 8/27	Ward Zoey 8/10
Budynas Eileena 8/23	Funke Jude 8/31	Lacy Cruz 8/19	Rentfro Jillian 8/6	Watkins Brixey 8/27
Budynas Joshua 8/9	Garabedian-Prophet Maxwell 8/28	Lacy Danielle 8/12	Richards Taylor 8/4	Watkins Shannon 8/26
Bullette Andrew 8/19	Garner Alexa 8/20	Lageose-Edwards Ayden 8/23	Robinson Brandy 8/8	Watkins Shawnie 8/21
Bunce Donna 8/9	Garner Avery 8/29	Landis Caleb 8/7	Robinson Teagan 8/28	Watters Dorie 8/26
Butcher Danielle 8/3	Garoutte Marcus 8/15	Landis Michael 8/4	Romine Lynzi 8/29	Westmoreland James 8/31
Canton Brady 8/31	Gibson Larry 8/12	Lane Justin 8/17	Rosenow Allen 8/9	White Zackary 8/23
Capps Peyton 8/14	Gibson Zaley 8/29	Lane Rhonda 8/9	Ross Alexander 8/3	Whitlock Lane 8/9
Captain Shannon 8/18	Gilmore Ryan 8/7	Lantrip Paula 8/17	Ross Cassandra 8/2	Williams Dinayah 8/19
Carr Jill 8/24	Giveswater Skye Lea 8/24	Leach Jaimie 8/1	Ross Laura 8/30	Williams Ezekiel 8/29
Carr Rush 8/21	Goe Darla 8/13	Leahy Sheryl 8/31	Ross Michael 8/10	Williams III Frank 8/1
Case McKenna 8/5	Gooch Emilee 8/30	LeFord Mary 8/29	Ross Ronnie 8/19	Wilson Faith 8/6
Casey Jessie 8/11	Goodwin Bridget 8/21	LeFay Cyndee 8/30	Ross-Johnson Ryver 8/26	Winburn Paige 8/19
Chamberlain Jedidiah 8/19	Goss Aiden 8/7	Leftwich Margaret 8/1	Russo Korina 8/21	Wood Mickey 8/14
Channick Owen 8/20	Graham Justin 8/30	Leo Peri 8/27	Salyers Christian 8/11	Wright Kiana 8/21
Charlton Baylie 8/1	Graham Sr Dennis 8/6	Lewis Kathi 8/20	Samples Rita 8/15	Wyatt Shandy 8/30
Christian Mary 8/14	Graham-Davilli Debra 8/29	Long Jr. Robert 8/16	Schott Lucas 8/20	Yelton Emily 8/28
Clark Darian 8/31	Grayson Jaidyn 8/22	Lopez Yesenia 8/8	Self Hannah 8/28	Young Jaeger 8/30
Clark Tamera 8/11	Green Patricia 8/1	Loureiro Brett 8/26	Shearhart Matthew 8/14	
Click Christofer 8/2	Greenfeather Herman 8/27	Lowe Lauren 8/28	Sherwood Drew 8/20	
Clouse Jeremy 8/9	Greer Meagan 8/7	Magtibay Isabel 8/30	Sherwood Trinity 8/15	
Coffey Christopher 8/21	Greninger Audrey 8/20	Margell Holli 8/1	Shores Kannon 8/30	
Collins Remington 8/6	Griffith Haley 8/29	Martinez Ashley 8/16	Shores Lenexa 8/24	
Colvard Heather 8/13	Grubbs Brenda 8/23	Maxwell Dakota 8/2	Shores Mason 8/11	
Colvard Kylie 8/9	Hallberg Titus 8/13	McCoy Logan 8/5	Simianer Joel 8/22	
Costerisan Taylar 8/24	Hamett Ashley 8/31	McDaniel Lani 8/12	Simpson Bailey 8/29	