

# the SHOOTING STAR



January 2022

News from the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Issue 1

## Children's Christmas Party Deemed An Old Fashioned Success!



*Old Fashion Christmas was the theme of this year's annual Children's Christmas party held on December 4th. Cakewalk with lots of prizes, hot chocolate, corn dogs, face painting, balloon animals, kettle corn, Eastern Shawnee Christmas ornaments, lots of treats, and loads of fun was what greeted tribal members and employee children this year at the outdoor pavilion. Approximately 200 children received \$25 gift cards from the tribe this year. Santa (Aaron Bachman, tribal police) was there to hear all of the Christmas wishes from the children.*

## ATTENTION

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**You're Invited!** Business Committee Meetings to be held **January 11 & 24, 2022** 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*

Hatito Fellow Tribal Citizens,

**Happy New Year!** This is our first edition for 2022. May it be a wonderful year for each of you. I welcome a new year as 2021 was a full year of COVID-19 with the initial bookend being the previous 9 or 10 months of 2020 which means we have been dealing with this unwelcomed menace for nigh upon two years. Unfortunately the immediate future doesn't appear promising as I am reading phrases describing the oncoming Omicron strain as a "tidal wave" or "similar to a hurricane that has no end to its path of destruction." Hopefully Year 2022 will be the closing bookend to this pandemic. I urge you to do everything within your power to be cautious, to stay safe, to stay healthy.

As for me personally, as you all know, I had a bad, bad experience with COVID back in August. I have recuperated, feel fine, work just as I worked pre-COVID, with one major difference. As you will note in the picture at the beginning of this page, COVID has made some changes in my life, the major one being a new hair style. Much to my surprise and chagrin, about two- and one-half months after I had COVID, I began to lose massive amounts of hair, ultimately leaving me close to being bald. I did research and discovered that approximately one of four COVID survivors do indeed suffer massive loss of

hair two to three months later. In my case, it was more than massive loss; it was close to total loss. I now wear a short cut wig and my Christmas song was/is "All I want for Christmas is not my two front teeth but rather two inches of hair." I manage fine, people are most understanding, and actually wearing a wig reduces the time it takes for me to get ready to go anywhere. I will admit, however, that I do miss my hair and as soon as I get two inches covering my head, I'm going to flip this wig. Remember, All I want for Christmas is . . . .

Our Children's Christmas Party was a huge success. The weather was perfect for an outdoor event at the former bullpen near the old Bordertown Casino. As usual, the library/printshop staff went all out with the decorations. With the theme being "An Old Fashioned Christmas", the old green pickup owned by Maintenance Director Tracy Wright was surrounded by Christmas trees, hay bales, other country objects and made the perfect backdrop for Santa, the children and photographs. Booths, games and food were everywhere along with picnic tables and bleachers for sitting and eating. Children threw cotton snowballs to knock down Santa to win a prize, fished in a pond to win gloves or a scarf or a hat, walked in the cake walk, chose an animal balloon, had their faces painted or drank hot chocolate topped with sky-high whipped cream. Food choices were galore going from delicious Christmas themed cookies to kettle corn to corn dogs, chips and more cookies. More than 200 children attended the event and when we add in all the parents, grandparents and other relatives, that bullpen was full. Of course each child left with a Christmas gift card. A special thanks goes to Shelly Rogers, our new administrative assistance, who was in charge of this event. She was super!

And speaking of gift cards, we mailed gift cards the following week to youth

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## The Shooting Star

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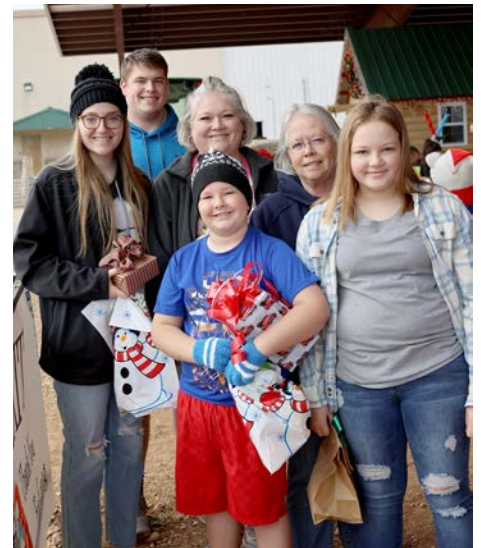
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## Scenes from the Children's Christmas Party



# OBITUARY



*Carol Clark*

Services for Carol Clark, 83, of Killeen, took place Friday at the Killeen City Cemetery.

Ms. Clark died Nov. 22, 2021. She was born on July 9, 1938, in Ottawa County, Oklahoma.

Carol loved life. Her many activities included country western music and dancing, antiquing, horses, her dogs, trucks and especially her Native American Heritage. She belonged to the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.


She retired from Darnall Army Hospital at Fort Hood, logistics division. She resided in Killeen for 52 years.

She was the second of three girls born to Sylvester (Buck) Deweese and Ernestine Cape Deweese.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, Sylvester and Ernestine Deweese; and her oldest sister, Shirley June Alexander.

She is survived by her youngest sister, Rosemary Deweese Rice; three children, (Brent Carroll Perkins, Blanche Ernestine Holubik and Tawana Jean Taffolla), five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Harper-Talasek Funeral Home in Killeen was in charge of arrangements.

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|  |  | LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM |
| <p><i>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.</i></p>  |  |   |
| <p><u>Applications processed on a first come first serve basis.</u></p> <p><u>Must live within a 50 mile radius</u></p> <p><u>Not all who apply will qualify</u></p>   | <p><b>Documents required are:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Completed Application</li> <li>2. Copy of income of all household members (tax form 1040)</li> <li>3. Copy of energy statement (natural gas, propane, electric)</li> <li>4. Copy of CDIB card</li> </ol> |   |
| <p>Applications accepted by mail, email or fax.. Applications cannot be processed until all required documents are received.</p>   |  |   |
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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SURVEY

Native Connections is looking for volunteers to interview for a survey regarding our program. These Volunteers should come from the following categories. Health & Medical professionals, Social Services, Mental Health and Treatment Services, Law Enforcement, Tribal Youth/Elders, and Tribal Community at large.

If you're interested please contact Ben Bingham at (918) 238-5151 ext 1860 or [bbingham@estoo.net](mailto:bbingham@estoo.net). Thank you.

# Emergency Rental Assistance Program

By Shelly Rogers, 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).
- 4.

### 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 Shelly Rogers or Chief Wallace (918) 238-5151, or E-mail at [srogers@estoo.net](mailto:srogers@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 [srogers@estoo.net](mailto:srogers@estoo.net) or by fax at 888-971-3905.



## FROM THIS CORNER

*By Chief Glenna J. Wallace*

For many people, the month of January and especially New Year's Day is a time to reflect, a time to think about ourselves, our lives, sometimes even our world. That reflection often leads to making New Year's resolutions. New Year's resolutions are usually made because of dissatisfaction with certain current conditions. If I could make just one change in the world today, I would wish for less negativity. Imagine my surprise to read an essay written just before Christmas that focuses on this very topic. Adding to that surprise is the fact that the article was written by my grandson, Skylar Wallace. I share this article with you because the timing is perfect, the message is needed for all of us and the lesson learned is timeless. Enjoy and Happy New Year!

## THE THREE TIMES CANCER MADE ME CRY

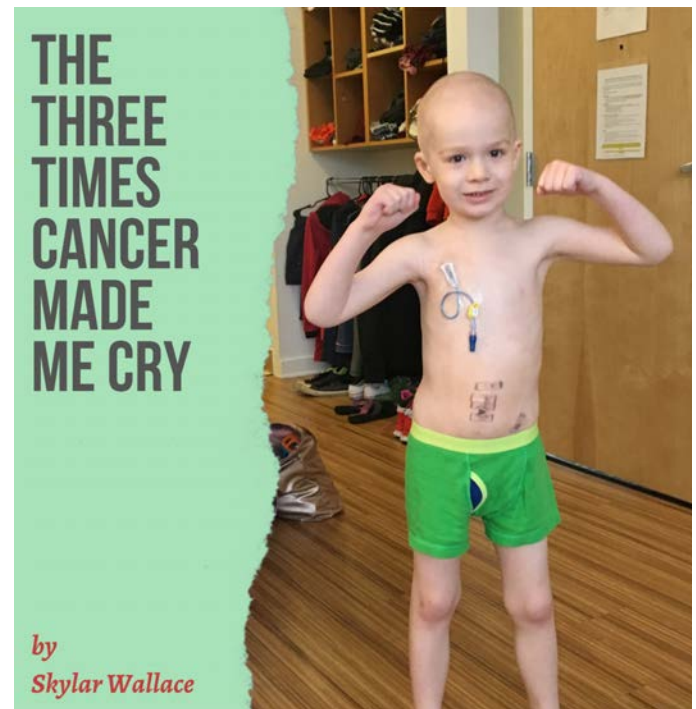
*By Skylar Wallace*

I used to be very good at focusing on the negative side of life. In high school, I was on pace to break the single season scoring record in basketball, and then I broke my leg mid-season. I didn't see that as an opportunity to overcome adversity. I saw it as a horrible, unfair situation. When I got laid off from my job immediately after arriving home from my honeymoon, I didn't view that as a chance for growth. I saw it as awful luck, and I let it drag me down for years. So naturally, when my four-year-old son Will was diagnosed with cancer, I certainly didn't take time to find the good in the situation. I saw it for the tragedy that it was. However, supporting him through that cancer battle changed me for the better. This is the story of the three times cancer made me cry, and how I found the good side of life through those tears.

November 30th, 2016 was a day I will never forget. I was sitting at my desk at work when my mother called. She seemed tense as she asked "Where are you?" "I'm at work", I replied. "What's wrong?" That's when she started to cry. She told me that they found something during my son's checkup. She told me we needed to make the 180-mile drive to Children's Mercy in Kansas City immediately. I still remember leaving work in a panicked rush and driving across town to get my youngest son from the daycare. At one point, I was just sitting at a stop sign frozen and unsure of what was happening.

That next day was the first time cancer made me cry. We were in the children's oncology unit at the hospital, sitting in a room. I remember being next to my wife and feeling so anxious. I was wearing an old yellow Livestrong bracelet that I had worn for years. Occasionally, people would ask me why I still wore it, and I would always reply "To remember to never take anything for granted." That day, as I sat in that room, I was just staring at it in shock. My daily reminder had become a reality. Did I take my son's future for granted?, I remember thinking over and over.

Suddenly, the door flew open and the doctor came in. She was brief and to the point. "We found a cantaloupe-sized tumor on your son's kidney. It has taken over his entire abdomen, and it is inoperable. The cancer has also spread into his



lungs. It's stage 4." I sat stunned for a moment, and then the tears started. They were very angry tears. I remember thinking that it wasn't fair and that he didn't deserve this. I remember ripping the Livestrong bracelet off my wrist and throwing it into the trash can. Then I just fell on the hospital bed and cried. I was so angry, frustrated and scared. My son Will was an exceptional boy and he didn't deserve this. He just didn't. A few days later, we moved up to Kansas City to start his chemo treatments in hopes of shrinking the tumor down to an operable level. They needed to get it out, but it was just too big. We were living at The Ronald McDonald House near the hospital. One afternoon, I remember walking out onto the porch to think. I was just standing there, leaning against the cold brick wall, when I noticed them. Through the window of the home next door, I could see four young medical students standing around a table in their kitchen. All four of them were

in scrubs and they were wearing party hats. There was a small birthday cake on the table between them, and one of them leaned in and blew out some candles.

This was the second time cancer made me cry. I remember staring at those kids and wondering if my son would ever get to experience friendship like that? I remember looking at those four and seeing so much hope, potential and opportunity. It was such a beautiful moment in their lives, and all I wanted was for my son to experience that. That's when the tears started. This time they were different. They weren't angry. I was no longer mad at the situation. This time they were deeply sorrowful tears. I mourned for my son. I so desperately wanted him to have experiences like the one happening through the window in front of me, and I had no idea if he ever would.

Before I tell you about the last time cancer made me cry, I need to do a little bit of set design. Our home is a little unique. It is an Atomic Ranch Mid-Century Modern home. It is built into a hillside, and I literally mow the grass growing on our roof. It is basically one long walkout basement. It is also fairly large. Our bedroom is at one end of the home. From there, a long tile walkway travels from our room down a hall, through the living room, between the dining room and kitchen, past the main entryway, around a corner, and finally to the boys' bedroom and bathroom. It is a good thirty-to-forty-yard walk from our bedroom to theirs. This distance will prove to be important in a moment.

Between chemo treatments we were allowed to go back home. However, the doctor gave us an ominous warning the first time we left that struck with me. "Don't let him play too

hard. There is always a chance that the tumor could rupture, and that would most likely kill him." So that was obviously something fun to think about for every single second that we were at home trying to relax. I would often just lay in bed thinking about that warning. I would think about the tumor rupturing and me throwing him into a car and rushing to the hospital would just run these horrible scenarios over and over in my mind as I tried to sleep.

On this one particular night, I had finally dozed off into a very deep sleep. Suddenly, I was awoken by my wife's blood curdling screams coming from across the house. She was in the boys' room, and I could tell by the amount of noise she was producing that something was terribly wrong. That's when it hit me. "THE TUMOR HAS RUPTURED!" I thought. I instantly flew from the bed and began running to their room. I flew through the hall and past the living room. I shot through the kitchen in a blur. At that moment, not even an Olympic sprinter could have kept pace with me. I was on a mission. All my fears were being realized, and I knew that I had to get him to the hospital as soon as possible.

As I rounded the last corner in the hall, I saw that they were

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**FINDING THE FACES ON EXHIBIT**  
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**MARCH 2022**

*Samuel Daugherty*

*Members of the 1938 Tribal Base Roll*

OKLAHOMA HERITAGE PRESERVATION GRANT BY OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## 1938 Census Roll - *Your HELP is still needed!*

WE ARE ALMOST THERE! Looking for photographs of the following 38 Base Roll members "Finding the Faces to the 1938 Base Roll." Please e-mail or send images to [lnuckolls@estoo.net](mailto:lnuckolls@estoo.net) or mail to the George J. Captain Library at 12705 S. 705 Rd., Wyandotte, OK 74370. Thank You!!

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| 1. Bone, James Alex<br>8/15/1865                                  | 20. Sullivan, Bobby Jean<br>2/14/1932   |
| 2. Bone, (Lewis) Dora<br>11/2/1914                                | 21. Tomahawk, Jacob<br>0/00/1862        |
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| 4. Dushane, Elmer<br>10/7/1920                                    | 23. Washington, (Ska Kah) Anna 8/6/1896 |
| 5. Dushane, Lyman<br>12/1/1909                                    | 24. Washington, Allen M.<br>9/24/1921   |
| 6. Dushane, Rosetta Lee<br>7/6/1926                               | 25. Washington, Louis<br>2/18/1924      |
| 7. Fishcarrier, (Bill, Fannie W.) (Cayuga) Fannie W.<br>0/00/1864 | 26. Williams, Betty<br>0/00/1902        |
| 8. Hampton, John Pershing<br>6/11/1917                            |   |
| 9. Hampton, William H. Jr (Buck) 10/21/1907                       |   |
| 10. Hoegerl, (Hampton) Edna 1/3/1910                              |   |
| 11. Hollandsworth, Opal Fay<br>10/26/1908                         |   |
| 12. Littlechief, (Punch) Martha 7/4/1874                          |   |
| 13. Prophet, Bertha<br>5/6/1901                                   |   |
| 14. Prophet, Frank T.<br>10/13/1891                               |   |
| 15. Pruitt, Wanda Bell<br>11/25/1932                              |   |
| 16. Quapaw, Russell Lee<br>9/13/1923                              |   |
| 17. Reynolds, Dora Earnestine 12/24/1933                          |   |
| 18. Reynolds, (Hollandsworth) Ida-Jobe<br>10/26/1908              |   |
| 19. Riley, (For'd) Wm. K.<br>9/16/1917                            |   |



## Education Snapshot

By Amber Mittag, Education/Specialized Services Director

**Hello students!!** Here we are the week of Christmas! How does time fly?? We here in the office are on the quiet side this time of year as we find ourselves in the lull between semesters. It's always a good time to catch up on much needed busy work that gets put on the back burner throughout the rest of the year. The bustling days of the beginning of Spring semester will no doubt be here by time you read these words. In the meantime, I will leave you with a story this month in hopes that it finds you well and content.

### The story of the pencil By Paulo Coelho

The little boy was watching his grandfather writing a letter. At a certain moment he asked: "Are you writing a story that happened to us? And is it by any chance a story about me?" The grandfather stopped writing, smiled and said to his grandson: "I'm writing about you, that's true. But the pencil I am using is more important than the words I am writing. I hope you are like it when you grow up." The boy looked at the pencil with curiosity but did not see anything special about it. "But it's just like all the other pencils I have ever seen in my life!" "It all depends on how you look at things. There are five qualities in it that if you manage to keep in yourself will make you a person always at peace with the world.

**The first quality:** you can do great things, but you must never forget that there is a hand that guides our steps. This hand we call God, and He must always guide it according to His will.

**The second quality:** from time to time I need to stop what I am writing and use a sharpener. This makes the pencil suffer a little, but in the end it becomes sharper. So, learn how to bear some pains because they will make you a better person.

**The third quality:** the pencil always lets you use an eraser to rub out what was wrong. Understand that correcting something that we have done is not necessarily bad, but rather something important to keep us on the path of justice.

**The fourth quality:** what really matters in the pencil is not the wood or its outer shape but rather the lead that is inside it. So, always take care of what happens inside you.

**Lastly, the pencil's fifth quality:** it always leaves a mark. In the same way, know that everything you do in life will leave traces, and try to be aware of each and every action."



# LIHWAP

## Low Income Home Water Assistance Program

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

*Qualified applicants must be an Oklahoma resident or live within 50 miles of tribal Headquarters to include portions of Missouri and Kansas.*



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

**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 water bill (city utility bill accepted if water is itemized.)
4. Copy of CDIB card. Some applicants may prequalify omitting the need for certain documents.

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 CONTACT: ESTO SPECIALIZED SERVICES, LIHWAP/ LIHEAP, AMBER MITTAG [amittag@estoo.net](mailto:amittag@estoo.net); STACIE TRIPLETT [striplett@estoo.net](mailto:striplett@estoo.net); PH: 1-918-238-2424, FAX: 1888-972-1834; LIHWAP App can be downloaded on website <https://estoo-nsn.gov/tribal-forms/>**

# Shawnee Skies

By *Tim Botts, Range Manager*

Shawnee Skies Training Center and Shooting Complex continues to operate from 8am-5pm Thursday through Sunday. November was a busy time for us, as we hosted two large events. The Pre-Turkey Day Shoot and the Black Friday Super Ironman had a total of 50 shooters. During these events, we gained 5 new members.

In September, Mike Kelly and I were invited to the National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA) Oklahoma chapter. During this meeting, we were able to meet with other shooting complex owners from all over the state of Oklahoma. We were also able to bid for and received dates for eight (8) NSCA registered shoots to be held in 2022. The first of the eight will begin in January. In December, we kicked off another first in Shawnee Skies training. We will host the first of many Women's Only classes. The first was a Women's Basic Firearms class, which was held last Saturday. When I announced this class on social media it filled within the first day and left a waiting list, which will fill two more classes in the future. Nine (9) women spent the morning learning about their firearms and were able to shoot on our range. We hope to add more classes, which will include, Intermediate and Advanced Firearms classes and Self Defense for women.

Law Enforcement training also continues to be a huge part of Shawnee Skies. We hosted a Glock Armorer's class, which brought over Twenty (20) law enforcement officers from three states. During this training, officers were able to learn directly from Glock instructors and were certified by Glock to become an armorer for their department.

I hope to continue this type of training for Law Enforcement, including Basic Investigations, Advance Homicide Investigations and Responding to Sexual Assaults. By offering these classes, we set our local law enforcement up for success. I look forward to work-



*Law Enforcement training continues to be a huge part of Shawnee Skies.*

ing with the Eastern Shawnee Police to help develop these classes.

We continued to support and provide quality activities to the general public and 64 members of Shawnee Skies. Financial reports for September and October are as follows:

- September- \$21,265.00 of in gross sales was reported from 11-01-2021 through 11-30-2021.
- October - \$23,297.00 in gross sales was reported from 10-01-2021 through 10-31-2021.

We continue to have 20k months with very little advertisement. Social media and word of mouth continue to be the only advertisement Shawnee Skies uses. I believe utilizing these types of advertising outlets can be done better. I will be exploring new ideas on how we can make this possible. With advertisement, offering new amenities and upgrading the existing we already

have within Shawnee Skies I believe we could be the first of its kind in the Four States area.

To use the cliché, "If you build it, they will come" is something I believe in. People are begging for more things to do outside. As families begin to move outside, Shawnee Skies has the perfect venue to offer just that. By offering new shooting opportunities we also could bring in larger shooting events and competitions. By offering trails and cart paths for families to venture out on, we also have the opportunity to educate them on the Eastern Shawnee history and heritage.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to hearing from you with any ideas or suggestions.

Tim Botts (620) 202-0393

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

By Cathleen Osborne-Gowey (Program Admin – Crime Victim Advocate) (541) 602-0616 or [COsbornegowey@estoo.net](mailto: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.

- Jan 9th – Law Enforcement Appreciation Day – We'll be sharing Comfort Kits
- Jan 24-28th Student Health Fair - Northeast Tech College and Career Fair Afton Campus

## Program Update:

Hello all –

Winter is here and we hope you all had a safe and warm holiday. New years often brings a time of reflection, a time to make resolutions and change unhealthy habits in our lives. For many, it can be a time when they resolve to leave an unhealthy relationship or think about talking to a friend who they worry is in an unhealthy relationship.

In this month's article we're going back to basics; what are the warning signs that a relationship might be unhealthy, and what services Haven can help with.

## Warning Signs of Abuse

Article Featured on the National Domestic Violence Hotline Website – *Warning Signs of Abuse Know What to Look for.* <https://www.thehotline.org/identify-abuse/domestic-abuse-warning-signs/>

“At the start of a new relationship, it's not always easy to tell if it will later become abusive. In fact, many abusive people appear like ideal partners in the early stages of a relationship. Possessive and controlling behaviors don't always appear overnight and may emerge and intensify as the relationship grows. Every relationship is different and domestic violence doesn't always look the same. One feature shared by most abusive relationships is that the abusive

partner tries to establish or gain power and control through many different methods, at different moments.

## Common Signs of Abusive Behavior in a Partner Include:

*(Even one or two of these behaviors in a relationship is a red flag that abuse may be present)*

- Telling you that you never do anything right
- Showing extreme jealousy of your friends or time spent away from them
- Preventing or discouraging you from spending time with friends, family members, or peers
- Insulting, demeaning, or shaming you, especially in front of other people
- Preventing you from making your own decisions, including about working or attending school
- Controlling finances in the household without discussion, including taking your money or refusing to provide money for necessary expenses
- Pressuring you to have sex or perform sexual acts you're not comfortable with
- Pressuring you to use drugs or alcohol
- Intimidating you through threatening looks or acts
- Insulting your parenting or threatening to harm or take away your children or pets
- Intimidating you with weapons like guns, knives, bats, or mace
- Destroying your belongings or your home”

If you have questions about your relationship, want to leave, or have questions about a relationship of someone you know – Haven advocates are here to listen and if needed – connect you with services.

## Services Haven Provides

- Advocacy
  - o Domestic Violence Advocacy
  - o Sexual Assault Advocacy
  - o Victim of Crime Advocacy
  - o Legal Advocacy
- Emergency Assistance for all Current Victims of Crime (crime within the past 6 months)
- Transitional Housing Program
- Legal Services
- Counseling Services

Remember, we provide advocacy and services to all Eastern Shawnee, **regardless of where they live**, and our local community within a 50-mile radius of our office.

If you have questions Haven advocates are always here to listen and help you walk through a safety plan. Also, the National Domestic Hotline (<https://www.thehotline.org/>) has advocates available 24 hours a day (7 days a week) to talk to you about your relationship, whether that's identifying abusive behaviors or helping you find safety.

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 and ICW are finishing up distributing our Angel Tree gifts. We had 62 Angel on our tree this year. A very generous tribal member donated \$1,000 to our Angel Tree so we were able to get each child a very nice soft blanket and a McDonald's gift card to go along with the gifts their angel got them. We are very appreciative to this person for helping our children have a very Merry Christmas.

We are able to extend paying for our families monthly co-payments through to the end of March 2022 with Stimulus funds we had received due to COVID. We are doing this to help lessen any burdens that COVID may cause any of the families on our Childcare assistance program.

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



*The CCDF staff would like to Wish all of you a  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
Dian Torres, Hailey Harper & Karen Brasier*

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, Hailey or Karen or email us at [dtorres@estoo.net](mailto:dtorres@estoo.net), [hharper@estoo.net](mailto:hharper@estoo.net)

or [kbrasier@estoo.net](mailto:kbrasier@estoo.net)

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

## NEED CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE?

Our CCDF program just finished recertification for our families and we now have several openings, 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.)

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.
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



6. also).  
If attending school, we need a class schedule and a copy of all grants received.

# Holidays and Mental Health

*By Ben Bingham, Native Connection Project Director*

The holidays are upon us and for many suffering from mental illness, this is an exceptional hard time. According to one survey 64% of people with mental illness report holidays make their conditions worse. The reasons for these feelings range from feeling sad or dissatisfied, financially strained, loneliness, focused on happier times contrasting to the present, unable to be with loved ones, and loss loved ones. Shorter daylight hours during the winter months also can affect those more prone to feeling down or depressed.

A few key signs one could look for in a friend or family member who you might be having trouble during the holiday. Being withdrawn more than usual, behaving more erratically and impulsively, being irritable, being with-

drawn and not answering calls, texts, or instant messages. You should also pay attention to the way the speak. Avoiding talking about future, making references of wanting to escape or that they have nothing to live for. These could be clues that they are feeling hopeless or could possibly be thinking of doing serious self-harm.

If you or someone in your family is struggling with life and needs to our program has on staff Brandon McCombs our contract counselor. He can be reached at 918-314-4761. If struggling with thoughts of suicide or self-harm, there is also the National Suicide Hotline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255). I am also including other resources that someone may find useful.

**Crisis Text Line:**  
**Text "EMM" to 741741**  
**Trans Lifeline 1-877-565-8860**  
**The Trevor Project LGBTQ+ Youth:**  
**1-866-488-7386**  
**SuicidelsPreventable.org**  
**Online Chat: [www.imalive.org](http://www.imalive.org)**  
**Ozark Center-Crisis Services:**  
**417-347-7720**  
**Grand Lake Mental Health:**  
**918-540-1511 ext. 2350**  
**Lost River Treatment Center:**  
**918-303-5433**  
**Willow crest Hospital: 800-950-**  
**7577**  
**Grand Lake Mental Health Crisis**  
**Line: 800-722-3611**  
**Children's Mobile Crisis Line:**  
**918-722-3611**  
**Thrive Counseling Services:**  
**918-857-7252**

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## We Want To Hear From You

We continue to try and reach as many tribal people as possible through a variety of sources (Facebook, Public Service Announcements, Tribal Webpage, YouTube, Tribal Newsletter, and even a billboard) all in the effort to raise awareness of Suicide and Substance Abuse Prevention and our program. Now is the time we need your help. We want to hear from you through the following questions.

**Question 1:** Have you heard of Native Connections and what we offer?  
 If so, what have you heard?

**Question 2:** Are you aware that we have a counselor available on site?

**Question 3:** Have you seen any of our outreach material?

**Question 4:** What topic would you like us to discuss in the Shooting Star?

**Question 5:** Have you liked or followed our Native Connections Facebook page?

**Question 6:** What social media sites, do you prefer? Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter, Tik Tok, or other?

E-MAIL RESPONSES TO: [bbingham@estoo.net](mailto:bbingham@estoo.net),

MAILED TO: 70500 E 128 RD, WYANDOTTE, OK 74370-9562

CALL: (918) 238-5151 ext. 1860

# Eastern Shawnee Crisis Services

By James Sullivan, SAMHSA Project Director

Grand Lake Mental Health will dedicate 10% of the crisis staff's availability in 2 crisis facilities located relatively close to the Eastern Shawnee Nation. One of the facilities is a Psychiatric Urgent Care located in Vinita, Oklahoma and the other is a Psychiatric Urgent Care with a Structured Crisis Center attached located in Pryor. This will provide access to two distinct levels of 24-7 crisis intervention and access to 24-7, instant, face-to-face consultation, and assessment via the MyCare application from 73 distinct direct service staff with diverse clinical focusses.

GLMHC will contract with We the People Consulting, LLC to enhance our Native American cultural competence. We the People Consulting, LLC is 100% Native women owned consulting and advisory firm headquartered in Oklahoma City. Training will consist of workforce training on the indigenous perspective and leadership and management development. These trainings will include items related to culture, traditions, historical trauma, diversity, and inclusion integration with the goal to gain a greater understanding of the diverse culture.

GLMHC will partner with tribal law enforcement by providing each officer with a mobile device (at the expense of GLMHC) equipped with the MyCare application and unlimited FirstNet data services. MyCare Integrated Software Solutions, LLC (MISS), a technology vendor that specializes in behavioral health services for crisis stabilization through the MyCare app. The app will allow law enforcement to contact the licensed mental health professionals and other crisis staff that are available 24/7, providing instant, face-to-face crisis de-escalation, stabilization, and consultation for law enforcement regarding the need for higher levels of care, referral and/or safety planning and follow-up for individuals and families. GLMHC

will also provide instant face-to-face assessment services via the mobile application to expedite the crisis response process by determining the appropriate level of care to get law enforcement quickly in route to the nearest appropriate facility. GLMHC will ensure that application licenses and mobile data plans are active on all devices.


The MyCare app will also allow members of law enforcement to contact a licensed mental health professional for personal crisis de-escalation or mental health needs to include up to ten (10) scheduled individual therapy sessions. This will be offered at no cost to the officer and will remain confidential from their employing agency. Instant access to crisis de-escalation and trauma counseling services will decrease the impact of on-the-job trauma experienced by tribal law enforcement personnel.

Individuals admitted to our crisis units will be screened for depression/suicidality, trauma, domestic violence, substance use, gambling, and degree of so-

cial connectedness. They will also have access to Peer Recovery Support Specialists, Registered Nurses and Medical Providers to address other behavioral health and physical health issues.

As a part of discharge planning, clients will be given a mobile device (at the expense of GLMHC) allowing them instantaneous access to additional crisis and regularly scheduled services, an appointment for aftercare services within 24 hours, and, when necessary, a warm hand-off by providing transportation from the facility to the outpatient clinic where they will be receiving services.

Throughout the course of service, individuals shall be screened at appropriate intervals to determine intensity of suicidal ideations. We will utilize the PHQ-9 and Columbia Lifetime/Recent and Inpatient Crisis Screeners to assess risk level. These instruments shall be configured into our Electronic Health Record and available for use via telehealth.



**\$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**



## Area Agency on Aging

By Linda Hill, Program Director



### Texas Sheet Cake and Icing

The most chocolatey cake looks unpretentious, like brownies, but it makes an undeniably rich statement on the dessert table or take one to a backyard barbecue or anywhere you want to feed a crowd.

Prep: 15 mins. Cook: 20 mins. Total: 35 mins. Servings: 12  
Ingredients

- 1 cup butter
- 1/8 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 cup water
- 2 large eggs beaten
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

#### ICING

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 pound confectioner's sugar sifted
- 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup pecans chopped

#### Steps to make it

1. Preheat oven to 350 Fahrenheit combine butter, water and cocoa in a saucepan over medium heat and stir constantly until butter melts.
2. Add sugar, flour, salt, eggs, soda, sour cream and 1 teaspoon of vanilla; mix well.
3. Pour batter into a 15x10x1-inch sheet cake pan.
4. Bake cake for about 20 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Ice hot cake immediately, following instructions below:

#### Directions for icing

5. With about ten minutes left on the time, prepare icing.

Combine butter, cocoa, and milk in a saucepan; bring to a boil, then pull off heat.

6. Add confection's sugar and 1/2 teaspoon of vanilla; blend icing with an electric-hand mixer until is fully incorporated. Stir in pecans.
7. Pour icing over hot cake. With a spatula or knife spread icing to edges.
8. Let cake cool, then cut into squares to serve.

All our events for November were canceled except the drive thru Thanksgiving dinner.

- Closed for Veterans Day and for Thanksgiving Holiday.
- On the 18th of November, we had our Thanksgiving drive thru party. Tickets were given out the day before and the prizes at our drive thru dinner. We served 169 drive thru meals and gave out 10 prizes.
- The dining room is now open, and we are still serving at the drive thru.
- We serve lunch Monday thru Friday from 11:00 to 12:30 at the front door. 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.

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

Did you know you can  
**find all the benefit  
forms on the  
website?**

**The direct link is [estoo-nsn.gov/  
tribal-forms/](http://estoo-nsn.gov/tribal-forms/)**

**To navigate the website, go to**  
**1. CONTACT US**  
**2. FORMS**

## 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

### PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

Credit/Debit Card (ask for more details)  
Cash  
Cashier's Check  
Money Order

### ITEMS REQUIRED FOR TAG

#### RENEWALS

Current UT Bill  
Proof of Insurance  
Tribal Members Valid OK Driver's License  
Tribal Members ID card

### VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES ARE

Passenger Vehicles, Pick up, Truck,  
Motorcycle & Motor Home  
1-4 years.... \$72      9-12 years.... \$48  
5-8 years.... \$64      13-16 years.... \$32  
17 years & UP.... \$16

### ITEMS REQUIRED TO TAG NEWLY

#### PURCHASED VEHICLES

Original Title (Sellers's signature notarized)  
Bill of Sale  
Lien Information  
Current UT Bill  
Proof of Insurance  
Tribal Members Valid OK Driver's License  
Tribal Members ID Card

### TRAVEL TRAILERS

1-4 years.... \$36      9-12 years.... \$24  
5-8 years.... \$32      13-16 years.... \$16  
17 years & UP.... \$8

### TITLE – PENALTIES (After 30 Days)

Minimum Penalty.... \$10  
Daily Penalty...\$0.50  
Maximum Penalty.... \$50

### TITLE FEES

New Title.... \$15  
Replacement Title.... \$10  
Transfer Title.... \$15  
Add Lien.... \$10

### REGISTRATION – PENALTIES (After 30Days)

Minimum Penalty.... \$1  
Daily Penalty.... \$0.25  
Maximum Penalty.... \$25

### REGISTRATION FEES

Replace Registration.... \$10  
Transfer Registration.... \$10  
Replace Tag.... \$15

**\*\*EXCISE TAX ONLY APPLIES TO PURCHASED VEHICLES (NEW OR USED) FOR NEW TITLE\*\***

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



# Vital Statistics Department

By *Monica Bettis, Director*

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

| Service                      | Spent to Date November | Member's Served Per Line Item |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Auditory                     | \$1,000.00             | 2                             |
| Burial                       | \$12,941.54            | 3                             |
| Disabled / Elder Care        | \$194,578.25           | 228                           |
| Elder Crisis Committee       | \$11,634.41            | 7                             |
| Healthcare                   | \$188,898.29           | 503                           |
| Orthodontics                 | \$3,750.00             | 5                             |
| School Expenses              | \$44,779.68            | 209                           |
| Special Medical Equipment    | \$678.82               | 7                             |
| Utility/Emergency Assistance | \$114,965.26           | 365                           |
| <b>Totals</b>                | <b>\$573,226.25</b>    | <b>1329</b>                   |


\$271,987.44 paid out from November 16, 2021 - December 16, 2021

### Vital Statistics Activity

Nov. 2021

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Status Changes                               | 44          |
| Deaths                                       | 1           |
| Enrollees                                    | 14          |
| ID Cards                                     | 22          |
| Photo ID                                     | 3           |
| Total enrollees for current fiscal year 2020 | 14          |
| Total Deaths for current fiscal year 2020    | 2           |
| <b>Total Membership</b>                      | <b>3753</b> |

Meth and Suicide Prevention Initiative




What is MSPI?

The Meth and Suicide Prevention Initiative (MSPI) provides grant funds for innovative tribal programs that focus on methamphetamine and suicide prevention and treatment. The initiative includes research, education, resource management and behavioral health referrals.

We'll be working to develop community-based, culturally sensitive programs. These programs include meth and suicide response teams. We'll coordinate services among law enforcement, medical professionals, our tribal departments, and the community to address the underlying causes of meth abuse and suicide.

A significant component of the initiative will be education programs for children, youth, caregivers and teachers. We'll also be putting into place a method of referring people affected by meth and suicide to facilities which can help them through the recovery process.



## 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 area & 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**

# Business Committee Minutes

**DATE: Wednesday,  
November 10, 2021**

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

**LOCATION:** Bluejacket Building

**INVOCATION:** Chief Wallace

**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL,**

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

The Business Committee Meeting was called to order by Second Chief Samples at 5:31 p.m. with the following answering roll call: 2nd Council Daugherty, 3rd Council Kraus, Treasurer Barrett, Secretary Littlefield. 2nd Chief Samples and Chief Wallace were in attendance. 1st Council Gardner was absent.

A Quorum was declared by 2nd Chief Samples.

**WYANDOTTE FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION** was pushed back to the next regular scheduled Business Committee Meeting due to their personnel being unable to attend.

**NEW ENROLLEES**

Abigail Cheyenne Lee

DOB: 12/02/2017

Grayson William Barrett

DOB: 06/23/2021

Alaric Luke Mercer

DOB: 07/30/2021

Lillian Lainey Bennett

DOB: 05/22/2019

Adlee Cole Jarvis

DOB: 07/12/2021

Akira Shay Morris

DOB: 03/16/2021

Elliana Nadine Morris

DOB: 01/14/2020

Brayden Ryan Crump

DOB: 09/14/2021

Vivienne Marie Cox

DOB: 09/17/2021

Daxton Edward Vincen

DOB: 12/21/2018

Lillie Grace Dale

DOB: 09/08/2021

Cayde Robin Kessel

DOB: 07/18/2018

Kaedyn Mathew Hurt

DOB: 09/23/2021

Jameson Levi Profit

DOB: 07/20/2021

**MOTION:** To approve New Enrollees

with correction to Number 7 Elliana Nadine Morris, from Great Grandson and Great Great Grandson to Great Granddaughter and Great Great Granddaughter made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 1 absent, 1st Council Gardner.

**MINUTES**

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the October 13, 2021. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, and 1 absent, 1st Council Gardner.

**REPORTS**

**Housing Authority**

Bryce Washington, Housing Authority Executive Director, presented his annual report to the Business Committee. He reported on the progress of the infrastructure, which is 73% complete. Sewer pressure testing will begin tomorrow morning. Testing will also be done on the manholes. Water testing will also begin tomorrow. These tests will be performed by third party testing. This project is scheduled to be finished December 25th. House building will start thereafter. The Oliver property – the Board of Directors will be sending out a bid for a civil engineer to master plan the whole thing. The market value for the Oliver property today is \$204,000.00. He also provided were pictures of the different exterior options for the homes to make each home attractive and unique. The Housing Authority will also be working on Admission and Occupancy policies. Site plans and photos showing the different cosmetic exterior plans of the homes were provided for the Business Committee.

**Chief**

**Thank You** – A thank you for the food project from Mary Ledford was read. Also included a thank you from Miami MAEDS for a \$250 donation. This came from Chief's Budget.

**Donation Request** – A request for a dona-

tion of \$550.00 for the Veteran's Dance to be held this Saturday sponsored by the Quapaw and Wyandotte tribes was requested.

**MOTION** to donate \$550.00 for the Veteran's Dance. Motion made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent, 1st Council Gardner.

**Department Reports** - were not read at this time but were provided to the BC members.

**Social Services Department** – budget for last year was \$15 million which is what is given to tribal citizens. FY ends Sept. 30th but is kept open for one month later in order to cover the bills sent in. Right now, we have approximately 1.5 million left in the budget. Burial is over by \$55,000 dollars. Elder Crisis is about \$2,000 over budget. Orthodontics are over by almost \$4,000. School expenses budget is \$250,000.00 and we went over by \$121,443.04. Budget is \$14,407,000.00. The total budget is in line but these line items are over budget. 5 Tribes/Gov Bldg./Loan, Robin Lash Chief Wallace read an email from Robin Lash, Attorney with the Miami Tribe stating they had received a call from a Los Angeles production company, Parabolic, who is interested in the filming the unscripted video related to the NE Tribes, policing, and jurisdiction issues post McGirt. The 5 tribes are looking at the possibility of a Government Building and loan.

**Legal Request** from Ute Tribe – inquiring if ESTO and other tribes would be willing to go in on an Amicus brief with them at no cost. This concerns questions about a CFR Court.

**MOTION** to sign onto Amicus Brief to support the Ute Tribe. Motion made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent, 1st Council Gardner.

**Woodlands Complexes** – The Duplex we were building is virtually complete and Chief presented a financial report. The

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budgets are \$335,000. At this point we have \$23,000 remaining. Chief reports that everything is done except adding the ground cover which is about \$5,000. 110 Road Update – to be completed in 1 year if BIA is cooperative.

Children's Christmas Party – This will be an outdoor event held at the bullpens on Saturday, December 4th, 11am – 1 p.m. The theme will be an "Old Fashioned Christmas". We have 450 children (tribal and employee) eligible ages 0-18. They will receive a \$25.00 gift card and children not present will have their gift cards mailed to them.

EPA Bailer – This bailer was purchased in November 2020 and just received it on November 1, 2021. The source of funding was the EPA Performance Partnership Grant. This was extra funding we were allowed to receive in FY 2020. We are currently looking at what to do with the old baler. Information was provided to the BC members in the packet from the Chief.

Halloween – Our drive thru Halloween Trunk or Treat was a success despite the rain, with 75 cars going thru.

AOA Opening – Plans to open the dining room on Dec. 6th, 2021.

Angel Tree – sponsored by ICW, CCDF, and Haven. There will be a drawing Friday from 11am to 1 pm. The cost is \$30.00 for an Angel.

Children's Vaccinations – are available for children Ages 5-11 at the Bearskin Clinic. Employees may take their children as well. An appointment must be made to take advantage of this.

Quarantine Areas – Employees who are directly exposed to Covid may be quarantined in these areas. There are complete offices provided in the Red Barn and the Surveillance building.

Facebook Presentation: Creating Change: Perspectives of Women in Tribal Leadership. This will be a zoom meeting. A \$250.00 donation is required.

Christmas Bonuses – Chief Wallace provided a formula for a Bonus Scale for the Business Committee Members

to consider.

Food Distribution – November 18th from 10 am to 1 pm. Our number of distributions is currently at 103. The Food Distribution balance is now at \$30,000 or less. Volunteers will be needed.

Elbert Property Letter to Wyandotte Tribe – Chief Wallace provided a map of the property for the Business Committee. She will be submitting a letter to the Wyandotte Nation requesting a statement be provided by them that we be allowed to put the Elbert Property into Trust.

Thanksgiving Baskets – In lieu of handing out food baskets \$40.00 gift cards have been mailed to 52 families.

Casino Melanie Heskitt, General Manager.

Casino General Manager Melanie Heskitt presented the Casino Financial Report for September

Indigo Sky Casino and Resort month to previous month (September over August)

Revenue up 7% with expenses up 3.7%. Outpost Casino month to previous month (September over August) revenue down 17% with expenses down 18%.

Indigo Sky Casino and Resort September 2021 to September 2020 revenue up 6%.

Outpost Casino September 2021 to September 2020 revenue up 3%.

Indigo Sky Casino and Resort Year to Date revenue is up 34%, expenses up by 11% and EBIDA is 87%.

Outpost Casino Year to Date revenue is up 54% with expenses down 4%. EBIDA is up by 171%.

The October numbers for the Casinos will be reported at the November 30th, 2021 meeting.

Gaming Commission – Jalene Wells, Gaming Commissioner

Gaming Commissioner Wells presented the ESTGC Report for September

The Gaming Commission has 35 total employees as of 10/27/2021. Open position for

Administrative Assistant/Receptionist. 10 employees of the Gaming Commission are tribal members, 1 tribal spouse and 3 are native.

The Licensing Department processed: 95 renewals and new hires for employee licenses

3 Conditional Employee Licenses Monitored

11 non-gaming vendor companies

27 non-gaming vendor employee licenses

3 gaming companies

72 gaming vendor employees

The Gaming Commission collected \$10,350 in licensing for the month of September

\$305,110 year to date.

The EGM Department performed the following:

0 new machines were installed

6 machines removed

13 machine software/theme changes

148 Software upgrades

0 software replacements

0 gaming machine relocations

6 server installs/upgrades

217 single pieces of software tested

99 seal activities

The Gaming Commission billed \$3825 for machine fees with \$101,025 year to date

The Gaming Commission collected \$3825 in machine fees with \$101,000 year to date

The Compliance Department performed the following observations:

Cage – 108

EGM – 80

Jackpot – 86

Players Club – 80

Table Inventory – 54

Table Fill – 49

Table Credit – 6

Title 31 Inquiries – 11

The Surveillance Department performed the following for Indigo Sky Casino and Resort:

Policy Violations Noted – 158

Incident Reports Written – 37

Medical Reports Written – 30

CD Requests from Tribal Police – 1

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Requests for reviews from Casino Mgmt. – 18

Requests from Casino and PD for ongoing notifications and reviews (close watch) when patron on property – 15

The Surveillance performed the following for Outpost Casino

Policy Violations Noted – 23

Incident Reports Written – 1

Medical Reports Written – 1

CD Requests from Tribal Police – 3

Request for reviews from Casino Management - 1

Treasurer – Justin Barrett, Treasurer

Treasurer Barrett reports that a full Treasurer's report will be provided at the November 30th, 2021, Business Committee meeting. The Casino Loan has now been paid off and the tribe is debt free.

## RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 111021-R-01 Resolution to approve the release of CARES Funding to assist Eastern Shawnee Tribal Members who are an elder, on disability, or receive temporary disability benefits from the Tribe.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe finds that our elders, those on disability or temporary disability have been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve an appropriation of \$1,000.00 per tribal member who is an elder, on disability, or receive disability from CARES Funding.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Health and Social Services Department shall process payments for those who reach the elder eligibility age of 62 before December 31, 2021 and those on disability or temporary disability as of November 10, 2021.

MOTION: To approve Resolution Number 111021-R-01. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett and seconded by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed,

0 abstained, 1 absent, 1st Council Gardner.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 111021-R-02 Authorizing Resolution to approve the release of CARES FUNDING.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe does hereby wish to authorize the use of CARES Funding for the attached list of projects. All projects will improve or enhance Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma facilities and services for its Tribal Members, Employees and Community.

MOTION: To approve Resolution Number 111021-R-02. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, and 1 absent, 1st Council Gardner.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 111021-R-03 Resolution Approving the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma FY 2021 Audit Proposal by REDW, LLC for the Tribe's Governmental Services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve the attached Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma FY2021 Audit Proposal by REDW, LLC for the Tribe's Government Services.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 111021-R-03. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus and seconded by Treasurer Barrett.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, and 1 absent, 1st Council Gardner.

MOTION TO ADD RESOLUTIONS 111021-R-04, 111021-R-05 and 111021-R-06 to the agenda made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent, 1st Council Gardner.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 111021-R-04 Resolution certifying compliance of

requirements under the Indian Housing Block Competitive Grant Application for the construction of houses at the Eastern Shawnee Tribal Housing Authority.

WHEREAS, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is submitting a grant for the Indian Housing Block Grant – Competitive Grant Program of which the Eastern Shawnee Tribe Housing Authority will implement; and WHEREAS, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma certifies that it and the Eastern Shawnee Tribal Housing Authority will comply with the requirements of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) set forth by the HUD in the Indian Housing Block Grant – Competitive Grant Program, including:

- Complying with the applicable provisions of Title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and any other applicable federal laws and regulations,
- Maintaining adequate insurance coverage for housing units that are owned and operated or assisted with grant amounts provided under this NOFO.
- Holding policies in effect and available for review by HUD and the public governing the eligibility, admission, and occupancy of families for housing assisted with grant amounts provided under this NOFO,
- Holding policies in effect and available for review by HUD and the public governing rents and homebuyer payments charged, including the methods by which such rents or homebuyer payments are determined, for housing assisted with grant amounts provided under this NOFO.
- Complying with section 104(b) of NAHASDA governing labor standards and 24 CFR 1000.16 governing labor standards; and
- Complying with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (URA) (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655), the regulations at 49 CFR part

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24, and the requirements of 24 CFR 1000.14; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby certify that the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma will adhere to the requirements within the NOFO for the IHBG – Competitive Grant.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 111021-R-04. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, and 1 absent, 1st Council Gardner.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 111021-R-05 A Resolution Committing Funds to the Social Service and Education Reserves.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to commit one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000.00) to the Social Service and Education reserve fund from current available cash balances.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 111021-R-05. Motion made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent, 1st Council Gardner.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 111021-R-06 A Resolution Committing Funds to the Ceremonial Chief for the Purpose of Purchasing Equipment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to commit up to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing equipment. This equipment shall consist of a truck, trailer, and an excavator. Any other equipment will need to be authorized by the Business Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that

the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorizes Accounting Director Karen Allen to transfer funds as needed to the Eastern Shawnee Ceremonial Account with notification to the Business Committee check write approvers.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Ceremonial Chief is required to follow the purchasing policy with the exception that the Business Committee does not need to authorize the expenditure of these funds for the approved equipment.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 111021-R-06. Motion made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Secretary Littlefield.

Motion carried: 3 approved, 0 opposed, 1 abstained, Treasurer Barrett and 1 absent, 1st Council Gardner.

## REQUISITIONS

REQUISITION EN-80803 payable to Early Childhood Learning Center in the amount of \$30,373.00 for September Childcare.

MOTION: To approve EN-80803. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, and 1 absent, 1st Council Gardner.

REQUISITION EN- 80880 payable to Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$47,675.00 for Christmas Walmart Gift Cards.

MOTION: To approve EN-80880. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett and seconded by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, and 1 absent, 1st Council Gardner.

REQUISITION EN-80984 payable to Pelivan Transit/Grand Gateway E.D.A. in the amount of \$25,914.98 for Pelivan Invoice 732 September 2021.

MOTION: To approve EN-80984. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, and 1 absent, 1st Council Gardner.

REQUISITION EN-81015 payable to Superior Auto Group in the amount of \$154,427.04 for 4 2021 Chevrolet Silverado PU-PD.

MOTION: To approve EN-81015. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by Treasurer Barrett.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, and 1 absent, 1st Council Gardner.

REQUISITION EN-81041 payable to SKC Communication Products LLC in the amount of \$29,282.28 for PO IT-1164 Meeting Room Upgrade project 30%.

MOTION: To approve EN-81041. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, and 1 absent, 1st Council Gardner.

REQUISITION EN-81053 payable to Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$72,598.00 for Hudson Insurance Work Comp Return Premium Policy ending 4/30/21.

MOTION: To approve EN-81053. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, and 1 absent, 1st Council Gardner.

REQUISITION EN-81074 payable to Grand Lake Mental Health in the amount of \$44,632.33 for SAMSA Crisis Services per MOA-Oct. 2021.

MOTION: To approve EN-80174. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by Treasurer Barrett.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, and 1 absent, 1st Council Gardner.

PURCHASE REQUISITION PR-54383 payable to Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$47,675.00 for \$25 Walmart Gift Cards.

MOTION: To approve PR-54383. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett

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and seconded by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, and 1 absent, 1st Council Gardner.

**PURCHASE REQUISITION PR-54457** payable to JOINGO in the amount of \$32,500.00 for Startup and Deployment, Web Player Portal, IGT Wallet Integration.

**MOTION:** To approve PR-54457. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett and seconded by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, and 1 absent, 1st Council Gardner

## NEW BUSINESS

### OLD BUSINESS

Bud Enyart presented further information on the Long Haul COVID.

**MOTION:** To go into Closed Session at 8:42 p.m. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, and 1 absent, 1st Council Gardner.

### CLOSED SESSION

**MOTION:** To return to Open Session at 11:04 p.m. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, and 1 absent, 1st Council Gardner.

**MOTION:** To move the next regularly scheduled Business Committee Meeting from November 24th, 2021, to November 30th, 2021. Motion made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent, 1st Council Gardner.

**MOTION:** To approve a 3% Christmas Bonus based on the actual earnings for the preceding 12 months, excluding tips for all Admin Employees, Casino Employees and Elected Officials. Motion made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent, 1st Council Gardner.

**MOTION:** To adjourn at 11:07 p.m. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Gardner.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent, 1st Council Gardner.

**MOTION:** To rescind previous motion to adjourn. The motion was rescinded by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent, 1st Council Gardner.

**MOTION:** To sustain the veto of Resolution Number 101321-R-03 using ARPA funds instead of CARES funding. Motion made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent, 1st Council Gardner.

**MOTION:** To adjourn at 11:10 p.m. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, and 1 absent, 1st Council Gardner.

ADJOURN

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**DATE: Wednesday, November 30, 2021**

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

**LOCATION:** Bluejacket Building

**INVOCATION:** Chief Wallace  
**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

The Business Committee Meeting was called to order by Second Chief Samples at 5:38 p.m. with the following answering roll call: 1st Council Gardner, 2nd Council Daugherty, 3rd Council Kraus, Treasurer Barrett, Secretary Littlefield. 2nd Chief Samples and Chief Wallace were in attendance. Quorum was declared by 2nd Chief Samples.

**NEW ENROLLEES**

New Enrollees were not presented.

## MINUTES

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the November 10, 2021. The motion was made to approve the minutes with corrections made to line 53, 117 and 121 by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (1st Council Gardner).

## REPORTS

Pow Wow Committee – member unable to attend to give report.

Casino Melanie Heskitt, General Manager.

Casino General Manager Melanie Heskitt presented the Casino Financial Report for October.

Indigo Sky Casino and Resort month to previous month (October over September)

revenue up 5.6% with expenses up 2.3%.

Outpost Casino month to previous month (October over September) revenue up 6.7% with expenses up 74% due to the Outpost Casino not being fully opened last October.

Gaming Commission – Jalene Wells, Gaming Commissioner

Gaming Commissioner Wells presented the ESTGC Report for October 2021.

The Gaming Commission has 37 total employees as of 10/27/2021. Open position for

Administrative Assistant/Receptionist. 10 employees of the Gaming Commission are tribal members, 1 tribal spouse and 3 are native.

The Licensing Department processed: 72 renewals and new hires for employee licenses

2 Conditional Employee Licenses Monitored

11 non-gaming vendor companies

31 non-gaming vendor employee licenses

5 gaming companies

30 gaming vendor employees

The Gaming Commission collected \$10,850 in licensing for the month of October



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\$20,325 year to date.

The EGM Department performed the following:

5 new machines were installed  
9 machines removed  
11 machine software/theme changes  
145 Software upgrades  
4 software replacements  
0 gaming machine relocations  
4 server installs/upgrades  
264 single pieces of software tested  
110 seal activities

The Gaming Commission billed \$4375 for machine fees with \$4375 year to date

The Gaming Commission collected \$75 in machine fees with \$75 year to date

The Compliance Department performed the following observations:

Cage – 72  
EGM – 18  
EGM Activity Assists - 42  
Jackpot – 98  
Players Club – 60  
Table Inventory – 59  
Table Fill – 23  
Table Credit – 4  
Title 31 Inquiries – 5

The Surveillance Department performed the following for Indigo Sky Casino and Resort:

Policy Violations Noted – 133  
Incident Reports Written – 48  
Medical Reports Written – 44  
CD Requests from Tribal Police – 4  
Requests for reviews from Casino Mgmt. – 32

Requests from Casino and PD for ongoing notifications and reviews (close watch) when patron on property – 5

The Surveillance performed the following for Outpost Casino

Policy Violations Noted – 9  
Incident Reports Written – 3  
Medical Reports Written – 3  
CD Requests from Tribal Police – 0  
Request for reviews from Casino Management - 0

Treasurer – Justin Barrett, Treasurer Reporting on Cash Balances:

General Funds \$45.2 million  
Total Fed. Funds 33.7 million

Other Accounts 8.7 million  
Total \$89.0 million  
Committed Funds \$70.1 million  
Total Available \$18.9 million  
Balance

## RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 113021-R-01 Authorizing the submission of an Indian Housing Block Competitive Grant Application for the construction of houses at the Eastern Shawnee Tribal Housing Authority.

WHEREAS, the Eastern Shawnee Housing Authority Board shall implement the housing project planned with a total cost of \$5,583,285; and

WHEREAS, the planned housing project will be at 36°51'47.0"N, 94°38'05.2"W which is a Qualified Opportunity Zone located on Census Tract 40115574900; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma will commit Tribal/Non-Federal resources valued at \$2,116,167, including:

- \$2,054,349 in-kind for infrastructure development costs for the site (Tribal/Non-Federal); and
- 10 of 33 individual lots of land valued at \$6,181 per lot to the development of housing for low- and moderate-income tribal populations for a total of \$61,818 (Tribal/Non-Federal) (the remaining 33 lots will be for future development.)

WHEREAS, the Eastern Shawnee Housing Authority will commit \$141,750 annually towards operation and maintenance of the project and grant or the duration of grant period; and WHEREAS, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has an indirect cost rate of 22.97% and will not exceed the allowable 20% of the grant for administrative and planning expenses; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to submit a FY2022 application to HUD for the IHBG – Competitive Grant on behalf of the Eastern Shawnee Housing Author-

ity for the construction of houses in the amount of \$3,467,118.

MOTION: To approve Resolution Number 113021-R-01. The motion was made by 1st Council Gardner with second by 3rd Council Krause.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 113021-R-02 Resolution expressing intent of assuming environmental responsibilities under the Indian Housing Block Competitive Grant Application for the construction of houses at the Eastern Shawnee Tribal Housing Authority.

WHEREAS, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is submitting a grant for the Indian Housing Block Grant – Competitive Grant Program of which

The Eastern Shawnee Tribe Housing Authority will implement; and WHEREAS, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma acknowledges the requirement within the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) set forth by the HUD in the Indian Housing Block Grant – Competitive Grant Program to express intent of environmental review for the proposed housing project; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby accept and assume environmental responsibilities under 24 CFR part 58 for the proposed housing project for the IHBG – Competitive Grant.

MOTION: To approve Resolution Number 113021-R-02. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 113021-R-03 Resolution Approving a Budget Amendment to the FY2021 Tribal Administration Budget Department Re-allocation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve

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FY2021 budget modification #7 to reallocate expense line items for Cultural, Capital Outlay, and Shawnee Skies with a net effect of zero.

**MOTION:** To approve Resolution 113021-R-03. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield and seconded by Treasurer Barrett.

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

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 113021-R-04** Approving a Budget Amendment to the FY2021 Tribal Administration Budget Woodlands Construction.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve FY2021 budget modification #8 to allocate an additional \$22,712 from prior committed funds to the Woodlands Construction budget.

**MOTION:** To approve Resolution 113021-R-04. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Gardner.

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

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 113021-R-05** Approving a Budget Amendment to the FY2022 Tribal Administration Budget Capital Outlay Carryover.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve FY2022 budget modification #1 to increase the Capital Outlay budget by \$1,490,000.

**MOTION:** To approve Resolution 113021-R-05. Motion made by 1st Council Gardner with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 113021-R-06** Approving a Budget Amendment to the FY2022 Tribal Administration Budget Home Improvement Program (HIP).

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Business Commit-

tee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve FY2022 budget modification #2 to increase the Home Improvement Program (HIP) by the FY21 carry over budget balance of \$55,073.09.

**MOTION:** To approve Resolution 113021-R-06. Motion made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

## REQUISITIONS

**REQUISITION EN-81414** payable to Jeff Asbell Excavating & Truck in the amount of \$211,545.23 payment application No. 5. (Housing Authority HUD Project)

**MOTION:** To approve EN-81414. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

**PURCHASE REQUISITION PR-54824** from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$29,000.00 for Parking Lot Clean/Fill Cracks/Holes Parking Lot and Roads Casino Property. Magic Seal & Stripe.

**MOTION:** To approve PR-54824. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

**PURCHASE REQUISITION PR-54892** from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$78,333.50 for Financial Equipment Sales Quote QT3651.

**MOTION:** To approve PR-54892. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield and seconded by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

**PURCHASE REQUISITION PR-54902** from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$76,833.50 for Financial Equipment for Outpost Casino.

**MOTION:** To approve PR-54902. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett

with second by 1st Council Gardner. Motion carried: 5 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

## NEW BUSINESS

Committee Christmas Bonuses – Tabled.

## Election Board

**MOTION:** To approve Travel and Training Costs for the Election Board. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

**MOTION:** To move the December 8, 2021, Business Committee Meeting to December 15, 2021. The motion was made by 1st Council Gardner with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

**NOTE:** The second Business Committee Meeting will be held on December 22, 2021, per normal schedule.

## OLD BUSINESS

**MOTION:** To go into Closed Session at 6:09 p.m. The motion was made by 1st Council Gardner with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

## CLOSED SESSION

**MOTION:** To return to Open Session at 7:14 p.m. The motion was made by 1st Council Gardner with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

**MOTION:** To make a correction to Purchase Request #54902 that was previously approved in Open Session correcting the dollar amount from \$76,833.50 to \$78,333.50. Motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Gardner.

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

**MOTION:** To adjourn at 7:18 p.m. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

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**DATE: Wednesday, December 15, 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 5:31 p.m. by 2nd Chief Samples with the following answering roll call: 1st Council Gardner, 2nd Council Daugherty, 3rd Council Kraus, Secretary Littlefield. Treasurer Barrett not present but phoned in for the meeting. Chief Wallace and 2nd Chief Samples were present. A Quorum was declared by 2nd Chief Samples.

**NEW ENROLLEES**

Ruby Rose Faulkner DOB: 09/02/2021

**MOTION:** To approve New Enrollee.

The motion was made by 1st Council Gardner with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 3 approved, (Gardner, Daugherty, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 1 ab  
**MINUTES**

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the November 30, 2021, Business Committee Meeting. The motion was made 1st Council Gardner with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 3 approved, (Gardner, Daugherty, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 1 abstained, (Barrett) and 1 absent. (Kraus).

**REPORTS**

Chief:

**THANK YOU** – Thank you notes from NEO A & M College, Sandy Tayrien, Rhonda and Gary Larson, Clyde R. Burdick American Legion Post 163, the Talkington Foundation from Neosho, Mo., Kellie Jo Alleman, Gaming Commission and Surveillance and Professional Oklahoma Educators Foundation were received.

**DONATIONS REQUESTS** – 1) From Rotary Club of Miami, 2) The Joplin Area Shop with a Cop, and 3) Wyandotte HS Music Department.

**MOTION** to split donation for the campers with the Wyandotte Tribe for

\$450.00 to the Miami Rotary Club made by 1st Council Gardner with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

**MOTION** to donate \$750.00 from the Business Committee and \$250.00 from the Chief making a total of \$1,000.00 to Joplin Shop with a Cop made by 1st Council Gardner with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

The Business Committee requested more information on the Donation Request from the Wyandotte HS Music Department and Chief Wallace agreed to try to have this information by Dec.22,2021 Business Committee Meeting.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** – provided to each BC member. Chief Wallace commented on the HIP Report.

**SSBCI PROGRAM** – notice of intent submitted and will follow up with further study.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** – Held party under the roof of the bull pens and it was a great success. 200 children attended with approximately a total of 350 present. Gift cards were handed out to the ones that attended the Christmas Party for the children. Due to unexpected guests showing up at the party there may be a need to require that CDIB cards be shown to receive the gift cards in the future.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** have been mailed out and we have had some returned due to an inaccurate address.

**PEOPLE'S BANK OF SENECA** – formally announced they will be opening a new bank at Neosho, Missouri.

**PAY SCALES** – presented to each Business Committee member for further discussion.

**CARES ACT** – Original obligation date for how the funds are to be spent was December 31st, 2021. This was changed today and we were notified

that the funds need to be obligated by September 30, 2022.

**MSPI BATTING CAGES** have been completed and are open and available to the public

**SHAWNEE SKIES WOMEN'S CLASS** – reported that class was very successful and they are hoping to continue with similar events.

**AOA OPENING** – The AOA did open on the 6th of December. Three-fourths of the members continue to use the pick-up window with one-fourth coming inside to eat their meal.

**FERAL HOGS** – have been noted on trails at the Wellness Center.

**SANDY CAPTAIN CULTURAL BUILDING** – They were able to repair the equipment instead of purchasing new. (The dishwasher, the walk-in cooler and the freezer.)

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS** – A notice will be posted that appointments to the Housing Authority and Election Board will be taking place.

**DISTRICT #5 WATER** – Ted Bearden notified Chief and Billy Friend of the Wyandotte Tribe that this system is 45 years old and in need of repair. This will take approximately 3 million dollars and they are hoping that Tribes will share ARPA money.

**NATIVES CONNECTED BUILDING** – Plumbing problems have been repaired.

**LOCATION FOR TINY HOMES** – Two locations have been suggested for the location of these Tiny Homes. South on 695 Road south of the Police Station leaving adequate space. On the east side of the road the same side where the police station is. This is on Trust Land and has water and sewer there that could be connected and there would be room for 4 Tiny Homes there. The only other place would be the land directly across from the Haven Building that would be on what is called the Cook Property and this is not Trust Land. There is no water and sewer on this site.

**110 ROAD** – this is the road that comes

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out on State Line Road of the cemetery and it runs east and west and would go back to the Housing Authority. We have sufficient money in our BIA roads money to take care of that road and RFQ's has been sent out. There is a meeting set up Monday morning to review the RFQ's that have been submitted. The major decision is whether we want to keep that road in our ownership or convey ownership to the County.

**CHIEF'S MEETING** – Today at the Chief's Meeting there was a Team Meeting following the ITC meeting of the tribes who have been talking about getting a \$20,000,000 federal loan to discuss jail space and governmental spaces for tribal courts. There was a presentation made by companies that had designed and built facilities such as this. No decisions were made at this time.

**NEO A & M TRIBAL GATHERING – QUAPAW TRIBE/COLEMAN THEATER** – There was a gathering at the Coleman Theater a week ago Monday night where they showed two films that they had made.

**PROPHET LAND OR LOT 102** – Land by 110 Rd. We are going to have to decide if we are going to make our easements on South and North side of the road – we do not own an entire strip on either side but we do have ownership to get through it.

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION** – Volunteers needed for Food Distribution tomorrow.

**BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION OF OZARKS** – This event was held at Indigo Sky Casino and Chief Wallace was the featured guest speaker. The event was very successful and raised more money than it ever has – about \$150,000.00 was raised.

**ECLC CHRISTMAS CAROLING** – The children will be going to the Woodlands to carol for the Elders on December 22, 2021, at 10:00 A.M.

Chief Wallace provided each Business Committee member with the requested Pay Scales and a Statement of Rev-

enues Expenditures.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY REPORT** given by Bryce Washington  
End of the Year Report:

1. The Housing Authority is financially sound.
2. In managing the housing stock - the Housing Authority does not evict in Nov. or Dec.
3. Self-monitoring is required by law. HUD comes to monitor from time to time. Bryce reports that they do self-monitoring and that he hired Luke Two Boy to monitor him.
4. A walk through on the end of construction will begin next week.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Food Code moved to 12-22-12 meeting.

**MOTION TO ADD RESOLUTION NUMBER 121521-R-01 AND RESOLUTION NUMBER 121521-R-02** to the agenda. Motion made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 121521-R-01** Resolution to Rescind Resolution 113021-R-01 "Resolution authorizing the submission of an Indian Housing Block Competitive Grant Application for the construction of houses at the Eastern Shawnee Tribal Housing Authority" due to an error in the calculation of the ongoing operations and maintenance.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby wishes to Rescind Resolution 113021-R-01 "Resolution authorizing the submission of an Indian Housing Block Competitive Grant Application for the construction of houses at the Eastern Shawnee Tribal Housing Authority" due to an error in the calculation of the ongoing operations and maintenance.

1) Resolution 113021-R-01 – Listed \$141,750 as the annual commitment

for operations and maintenance of the project and grant for the duration of the grant period. The correct amount is \$12,025.

The Resolution will be resubmitted for approval December 15, 2021, with corrections.

**MOTION:** To Rescind Resolution Number 121521-R-01. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 121521-R-02** Resolution authorizing the submission of an Indian Housing Block Competitive Grant Application for the construction of houses at the Eastern Shawnee Tribal Housing Authority.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to submit a FY2022 application to HUD for the IHBG – Competitive Grant on behalf of the Eastern Shawnee Housing Authority for the construction of houses in the amount of \$3,467,118.

**MOTION:** To approve Resolution Number 121521-R-02. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

**REQUISITIONS**

Requisition EN-81708 payable to Early Childhood Learning Center in the amount of \$34,292.00 for childcare in October.

**MOTION:** To approve EN-81708. The motion was made by 1st Council Gardner with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

Requisition EN- 81800 payable to REDW in the amount of \$43,000.00 for first and second installment of single

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audit.

MOTION: To approve EN-81800. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty and second was by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Requisition EN-81715 payable to Pelivan Transit/Grand Gateway E.D.A. in the amount of \$27,600.43 for the Pelivan Inv.734 October 2021.

MOTION: To approve EN-81715. The motion as made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

Requisition EN-81713 payable to Corner Greer & Associates Inc. in the amount of \$64,760.58 for Consultant for ECLC Splash Pad and playground expansion – Construction documents and in house planning.

MOTION: To approve EN-81713. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by 1st Council Gardner.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Gardner,

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

Requisition EN-81840 payable to Brown and Brown of Oklahoma in the amount of \$86,333.00 for Installment payment for General Liability and Crime.

MOTION: To approve EN-81840. The motion was made by 1st Council Gardner with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

REQUISITION EN-81863 payable to Jeff Asbell Excavating & Truck in the amount of \$231,187.89 for pay application No. 6.

MOTION: To approve EN-81863. The motion was made by 1st Council Gardner with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Emergency Operations Plan – moved this item to the Dec. 22, 2021 Work meeting for further discussion.

MOTION: To go into Closed Session at 6:58 P.M. following a five-minute break. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty and seconded by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

3rd Council Kraus left the meeting at 6:58 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: To return to Open Session at 8:53 p.m. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty and seconded by 1st Council Gardner.

Motion carried: 3 approved (Gardner, Daugherty, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, and 2 absent (Barrett and Kraus).

MOTION: To adjourn at 8:54 p.m. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty and seconded by 1st Council Gardner.

Motion carried: 3 approved (Gardner, Daugherty, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained (Barrett), 2 absent (Barrett and Kraus).

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under the age of eighteen, to elders 62 and up as well as to our disabled and those on temporary social security disability. All total, we handled about 1500 gift cards. We have had some gift cards returned with labels such as “Undeliverable” or “Unable to forward. Address unknown” or “Post Office Box Vacant”. If you did not receive yours, please let us know. Remember that we do not send a Christmas card to every tribal citizen which would be more than 3,750 cards. As stated, we send to youth, elders, disabled and temporary disabled. To everyone we wish for Happy Holidays.

Last week we opened the Request for Qualifications or RFQ’s as they are

commonly called for 110 Road. We had eight submittals, which we were pleased about. We reviewed all eight, reduced the number to five and now will be interviewing them the first week in January. We’ll keep you posted regarding our progress.

Again I ask for tribal citizens to consider volunteering to serve on some committees. I want to make this request in writing more than once in case some did not see it the first time. Our tribe is only as strong as our tribal citizens’ willingness to serve, so give it a thought. Call me at (918) 666-2435 or text me.

Turning now to our Home Improvement Program known as HIP, I am so glad to report that we now have only two projects remaining to be finished in the 2020/2021 fiscal year, both of

them out of state, out of the area where both have run into contractual issues. We’ll help as much as we can and work through those remaining two. Moving on to fiscal year 2021-2022, we have received thirty applications which will deplete the \$300,000 budgeted for that program. Thus far we have completed eight of those thirty jobs which means we are a tad bit ahead of schedule. That’s certainly a new but nice feeling for the HIP program.

Other programs I want to remind you of include:

- **The Natural Disaster Program** which provides \$1,000 for natural disasters. I think of this now because of the 8 state tornado that was so destructive, especially in Kentucky. If you suffered financial loss from this hurricane or other

natural disasters such as floods, tornados, straight line winds, fires, etc., contact Karen Allen who oversees this Self Gov program.

- The **Down Payment Assistance Program** for first time homebuyers. This program provides \$3,000 to assist with closing costs, etc. Contact Amber Mittag.
- The **Temporary Social Security disability program**. If you have filed for Social Security Disability but that agency has not rendered a decision, you may apply with Amber Mittag to be placed on temporary social security disability which pays \$200 a month.
- The **Rental Assistance Program**. This program is a program for those renters who have fallen behind in their rent due to COVID factors. You must have had COVID or have someone in the house who had COVID which caused loss of income or significantly increased expenses. Contact Shelly Rogers.
- The **EAP or Employee Assistance Program** which is a mental health program that provides free counseling in person or by remote technology to any employee or any tribal citizen regardless of residential location as well as all members of your household. Contact James Sullivan or Sharon Farris.
- **Small Business Start UP**. Up to \$25,000 is available to qualifying applicants for this loan program. Must have good credit score, business plan, projections, references, etc. Contact Chad Kelly.

Our AOA or Title Six Program reopened to the public December 6. At this point we have both drive thru meal pickup or inside dining. Hours for both programs are 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. At this point about three fourths of our seniors are choosing the drive thru option with only about one fourth eating inside.

We continue to accept applications for our Woodlands Elder Housing. Remember these are for individuals 55 and up, are two bedroom duplexes with one and a half baths, contain all appliances,

garage, may have two small pets, maximum of two occupants, near our AOA and Wellness Center and rent for \$400 per month. Rentals are extremely difficult to come by in this area. Recently we had one of our farmhouses for rent and received 40 applications. That tells me if you are even considering moving to this area in the next six months or year, you should be making application now. Contact Kathleen Blanchard.

Recently I attended an All Tribal Leaders meeting in Shawnee, Oklahoma. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss political implications for all tribes in Oklahoma. With our gaming compacts threatened, with the resistance and defiance of the McGirt Supreme Court decision, with the cancellation of the hunting/fishing compacts for tribes and now with tribes being told tobacco compacts will be split 50/50 in 2022 and going to 75/25 in 2023 with the tribes receiving only 25% revenue, tribal revenues are critically threatened. The upcoming elections in Oklahoma will be extremely important. The most critical aspect we were told is that only approximately 30% of Native Americans in Oklahoma are registered to vote. Native Americans everywhere in each state of the United States need to become more active and let your voice be heard. I urge you to become registered if you are not now and participate in the upcoming primaries. How you vote is your decision, but you need to be registered to make that decision. Don't put it off. Get registered now!

Tribal citizen Elissa Patadal contacted me about some important Eastern Shawnee cultural items that are meaningful to her but that she is going to have to part with, including her mother's buckskin dress size 10-12, beaded moccasins size 8 1/2, beaded headbands and some jewelry. I don't ordinarily include information like this in my letters, but because of the rarity of these items and their cultural importance, I felt this was worthy of the exception. If you are interested, let me know and I will give your information to Elissa.

Finally I want to announce that Curt Lawrence, our tribal administrator for

the last three years, has announced his retirement. His last day will be January 7. We wish him well.

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 Road, 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 5151 ext. 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 Happy New Year!



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**Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm**



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- Hot Tub
- Therapy Pool
- Sauna
- Tanning Bed
- Group Fitness Classes
- Full Size Gymnasium
- Massage Chairs
- Outdoor 1 Mile, 3 Mile or 6 Mile Trails
- Massage Therapist
- Artificial Nails, Manicures, Pedicures

 Eastern Shawnee Wellness Center

## CORNER

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not in his room. They were in the bathroom. For a split second, I thought that something seemed odd about that, but then it was too late. I slipped on something wet and fell hard on my back. My skull smacked the tile and things went dim. I laid there for a minute, completely dazed, and that's when the smell hit me. I couldn't place it, but it was bad. I began to realize that something was very wrong about my situation.

I'm not sure if it was the putrid smell or the potential concussion that started to make me feel nauseous. I let out a painful groan, and that's when I heard her. My wife was sitting on the bathroom floor next to me and she started to laugh. Then she started to laugh even harder. That's when I realized what had happened. Will got sick and puked. He puked in his bed, and again on the tile in the hall on the way to the bathroom. Now, I was laying on that same tile with a potentially fractured skull in my son's puke. I was covered in it, and my wife was just sitting there next to me laughing. This was the third time that cancer made me cry. I just started to laugh with her, and we both sat there laughing until the tears started to fall. This time they were tears of joy. The total ridiculousness of the situation was overwhelming, and joy prevailed.

Shortly after that, I was in the shower washing off the vomit and I realized something. I didn't have to let this situation control me. I didn't have to focus on the negative side of my son's cancer battle if I didn't want to. If a potentially traumatic brain injury in a pile of puke could bring joy to my wife and I during the absolute worst time of our lives, there was no reason that we couldn't find joy in my son's battle. At that moment, I made a promise to myself—from then on, I would be an optimist. I would do everything possible to find joy and opportunity in every situation that life threw at me.

Over the next few months, we went



through a lot of hardship. My son had an extremely difficult battle, and it was often overwhelming. However, we were always together. We made memories. We spent time together. We laughed a lot. It seemed like no matter how bad things got, we were always able to find some joy in those moments, and we have great memories that we made despite the tragedy.

My son went on to dominate cancer. He is now neatly 5 years cancer free and living his best life. I have also changed. Since that moment in the shower, I have been on a tremendous path of personal growth. I am now able to view every trial as an opportunity. When life gets hard, I channel my inner Bastille and ask myself "How am I gonna be an optimist about this?" Then I focus on finding a way to use the hardship to improve myself. Over the course of three very impactful cries, cancer showed me how to live. I would certainly not wish this journey on anyone, but I am far better for having experienced it. I now know that if you let life beat you down, it will. However, if you choose

to make the most of every moment, you will find joy. When things seem to be too much, just ask yourself "How am I gonna be an optimist about this?"



### SKYLAR WALLACE

Skylar is from Seneca, Missouri. He spends his days working in the mortgage industry, and his nights focused on family. In his spare time, he tries to think of ways to improve his community, he invests in real estate, he provides free classes to wanna-be investors, and drinks a lot of craft beer. Perpetually pursuing passion summarizes Skylar's worldview.

### WILL WALLACE

**Will is officially 5 years cancer free and living his best life.**

# Eastern Shawnee Tribe

## Tribal Citizens Birthdays for January 2022

|                         |                           |                         |                            |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Alleman Jaxson 1/7      | Diaz James 1/12           | Kuykendall Elaina 1/9   | Sawyer Nicole 1/27         |
| Allen Amy 1/30          | Diaz Jim 1/23             | Lacy Tripp 1/27         | Sawyer Robert 1/26         |
| Amos Myka 1/13          | Dillard Noah 1/3          | Lacy Tyler 1/24         | Schott Robert 1/12         |
| Andrew Aaron 1/10       | Dirkx Christopher 1/8     | Langley Macy 1/17       | Schott Susan 1/14          |
| Applegate Autumn 1/11   | Doolittle Alexis 1/5      | Lazarus Courtney 1/10   | Schulte Ethan 1/28         |
| Azevedo Kathryn 1/11    | Duckett Wanda 1/15        | Leach Corey 1/10        | Seim Kyle 1/22             |
| Baldwin Melissa 1/15    | DuShane Mark 1/26         | LeFay Mickee 1/20       | Self Jimmy 1/22            |
| Bales Jaxson 1/7        | Eatwell Brinlee 1/24      | Lepak Chad 1/17         | Shapp Preston 1/18         |
| Barcliff Declan 1/2     | Edmonds Alexander 1/5     | Lerma Arron 1/26        | Sherwood Jaydn 1/12        |
| Barnes Madison 1/25     | Edmonds Jessica 1/30      | Littlefield Jeremy 1/10 | Shettlesworth Zayden 1/3   |
| Barnes Tyler 1/15       | Eiland Paul 1/28          | Littles Glenda 1/13     | Shores Linda 1/14          |
| Barnes Zachary 1/25     | Enyart Don 1/7            | Long Billie Jo 1/13     | Simianer Riley 1/25        |
| Barrett Austin 1/29     | Enyart Isabel 1/11        | Lorenz Melinda 1/23     | Simpson Christina 1/24     |
| Beare Lacey 1/14        | Espinoza Kingsley 1/4     | Lorenzen Tasha 1/11     | Smith Addie 1/20           |
| Belcher Emily 1/6       | Espinoza Mila 1/13        | Lowe Tracy 1/23         | Smith Calan 1/16           |
| Bell Jamy 1/18          | Evans Rebecca 1/22        | Luke Alyssa 1/5         | Smith Chloe 1/2            |
| Beller Michele 1/29     | Faulkner Edmund 1/8       | Luke Arik 1/6           | Smothers Clinton 1/16      |
| Bennett Zoey 1/6        | Felts Laura 1/12          | Maddy Benjamin 1/7      | Snow Kim 1/21              |
| Berryman Renasmay 1/20  | Fetters Harlee 1/27       | Magtibay Abigail 1/5    | Sorrell Koby 1/8           |
| Bird Jordyn 1/17        | Fleming Jessica 1/21      | Martin Ashlyn 1/23      | Stachura Georgia 1/24      |
| Blackmore Brent 1/3     | Fletcher Crosby 1/26      | Martin Jake 1/2         | Stamper Calvin 1/29        |
| Blair Cory 1/26         | Forbes Paula 1/10         | Mason Alicia 1/24       | Stephenson Stephannie 1/18 |
| Blanchard Steven 1/1    | Ford Karson 1/18          | Maxwell Brian 1/16      | Stewart Clayton 1/24       |
| Blizzard Addison 1/30   | Foster Kayson 1/26        | Maxwell Robert 1/2      | Stone Amy 1/22             |
| Blizzard Alexia 1/2     | Franklin Da'jour 1/29     | McIntosh Brandon 1/9    | Strickland Madison 1/15    |
| Blizzard April 1/10     | Frantz Tyson 1/28         | McLaughlin Belinda 1/5  | Sullivan Alicia 1/11       |
| Blizzard Emiry 1/9      | Ganser Carol 1/20         | McRae Cody 1/18         | Swift Amy 1/22             |
| Blizzard Tia 1/5        | Gardner Dee 1/27          | McRae David 1/10        | Tasker Jackson 1/16        |
| Bolin Dakota 1/11       | Garner Kristian 1/18      | McSarrow Journee 1/21   | Tasker Miranda 1/20        |
| Bolin Oaklynn 1/16      | George Kody 1/20          | McWatters Ace 1/29      | Taylor Lisa 1/12           |
| Bonfiglio Oakley 1/19   | Gibson Jordann 1/10       | Milbern Pamela 1/31     | Tayrien Christopher 1/17   |
| Bradley Steven 1/14     | Gillum Dustin 1/13        | Millhollin Mark 1/25    | Tayrien Mary 1/20          |
| Brock Paul 1/10         | Gonzales G'auna 1/20      | Millhollin Virgil 1/12  | Thompson Desiree 1/20      |
| Brock Sandi 1/17        | Greenfeather Angela 1/16  | Moats Alayna 1/12       | Thomsberry II Larry 1/16   |
| Brock Silas 1/29        | Hamilton LaForce 1/5      | Moore Kelsey 1/25       | Thorp Terran 1/5           |
| Brown Athena 1/16       | Hansen Patricia 1/10      | Moore Leslie 1/31       | Threet Madison 1/10        |
| Brown Christian 1/27    | Harnar Prym 1/14          | Morgan Micah 1/28       | Titus Axel 1/13            |
| Bushnell Charles 1/1    | Harris Michael 1/5        | Morris Ellianna 1/14    | Tomlinson Sara 1/3         |
| Buttram Curtis 1/28     | Harris Rocky 1/2          | Murphy Laramie 1/22     | Triplett Jackaline 1/10    |
| Buttram English 1/15    | Hart Bonnie 1/13          | Nichols Noah 1/25       | Triplett Marikah 1/5       |
| Buttram Riley 1/14      | Hart II Jesse 1/9         | Ogaz James 1/25         | Truelove Eric 1/9          |
| Buttram Torren 1/5      | Hartweg Monica 1/10       | Osborn Sheila 1/27      | Ulwick Aidan 1/18          |
| Buttram Tyler 1/21      | Hayworth Skye 1/24        | Overn Kaleb 1/19        | Vasta Hunter 1/28          |
| Buttram III Joseph 1/6  | Healy Sean 1/1            | Overn Zayden 1/28       | Vermillion Sara 1/31       |
| Cage Autumn 1/9         | Henley Barinda 1/1        | Pacheco Megan 1/9       | Virginia Amanda 1/19       |
| Callaway Breckyn 1/3    | Hilderbrand Madeline 1/13 | Pack Carson 1/19        | Vivier Douglas 1/31        |
| Canton Madelyn 1/5      | Hollis Tyler 1/12         | Painter Haley 1/8       | Wallace Holly 1/11         |
| Captain Emily 1/15      | Holmes Kaylin 1/17        | Pappan Cindi 1/13       | Wallace Hunter 1/11        |
| Captain Jordan 1/10     | Hooper Brenda 1/15        | Patterson Leonna 1/22   | Wallace Ted 1/27           |
| Carpenter Alice 1/7     | Hosten Adonis 1/31        | Patton Lanie 1/26       | Ward Clayton 1/30          |
| Carpenter Clifford 1/25 | Hotulke Axl 1/15          | Perez Annabelle 1/7     | Ward Gage 1/22             |
| Centeno Brandy 1/2      | Hotulke Brooklynn 1/8     | Perez Kenneth 1/22      | Warden Henry 1/22          |
| Channick Deborah 1/11   | Hudelson Ariat 1/14       | Perkins Dustin 1/24     | Warlick Taylor 1/18        |
| Chase Caden 1/17        | Huggins Mackenzie 1/8     | Perkins Lola 1/9        | Washington George 1/28     |
| Chesnut Sarah 1/5       | Hughes Jordan 1/8         | Pham Samantha 1/19      | Watkins Krishton 1/19      |
| Chioke Amziel 1/7       | Hughes Selah 1/18         | Phelan Elisabeth 1/12   | Webster Cindy 1/14         |
| Chioke Naftali 1/7      | Hurt Katelyn 1/21         | Phipps Michael 1/21     | Wegesend Tina 1/5          |
| Chlouber Cheryl 1/30    | Hutchinson Dana 1/11      | Pinkerton Shayna 1/16   | Welch Kyle 1/19            |
| Christian Amber 1/17    | Irwin Christian 1/31      | Probst Sandra 1/19      | Werth Cody 1/31            |
| Clark Glenn 1/28        | James Carter 1/31         | Prophet Brad 1/2        | White Eva 1/23             |
| Clouse Finley 1/18      | James Saawanwa 1/1        | Quapaw Leticia 1/25     | White Tiffany 1/19         |
| Cole Linda 1/15         | Johns Amanda 1/6          | Ramirez Angel 1/19      | Whitlock Lydia 1/4         |
| Compton Grace 1/12      | Johnson Hannah 1/14       | Ray Jeremiah 1/3        | Widner Crystal 1/21        |
| Conti Anthony 1/6       | Johnston Jonathan 1/24    | Rendel Anita 1/14       | Williams Dallas 1/18       |
| Cooper Sage 1/6         | Jones Analisa 1/13        | Rentfro Olivia 1/22     | Williamson Jodie 1/27      |
| Cozad Dakota 1/9        | Jourden Rylan 1/19        | Reynolds Johnathan 1/6  | Wilmoth Jeanita 1/24       |
| Culler Brayden 1/30     | Judd Clifford 1/21        | Rhyu Eugene 1/10        | Wilson Malorie 1/10        |
| Culler Brianna 1/20     | Keezer Jace 1/9           | Rinehart Casey 1/21     | Winland Abigail 1/10       |
| Cunliffe Phoenix 1/11   | Kelley Kambria 1/9        | Roche Aliza 1/24        | Womble Beth 1/5            |
| Curry Karen 1/21        | Kelly Ryan 1/26           | Ross Brandon 1/2        | Womble Marshall 1/27       |
| Daffron Garrett 1/22    | Kessel Ethan 1/26         | Ross Katelynn 1/10      | Wood Stormy 1/3            |
| Darwood Marshall 1/10   | King Chance 1/2           | Ross Kevin 1/15         | Wyatt Hadden 1/11          |
| Daugherty Brian 1/20    | King Dymond 1/23          | Ross Norman 1/30        | Wyrick Kennedy 1/16        |
| Daugherty Joshua 1/12   | King Kendal 1/11          | Roy Rebecca 1/8         | Ylarraz Thomas 1/30        |
| Dawe Kimberly 1/31      | Kinsey Fallon 1/6         | Salyers Daniel 1/24     |                            |
| Dawe Lilyanna 1/24      | Knolles Melonie 1/24      | Salyers Steven 1/17     |                            |
| Defer Alexis 1/27       | Kuykendall Austin 1/16    | Sanders Remi 1/25       |                            |