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News from the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Issue 2

Building Community

By Kathleen Swift • Photos by Mandy Edmonson, Show Me Magazine, Jan 2022



Chief Glenna J. Wallace

The Eastern Shawnee Tribe, its business committee and Chief Glenna Wallace have worked successfully over the years to build their community and a relationship with the City of Seneca. As they look to the new year and their connection with the City of Seneca, that dynamic work continues.

Chief Glenna explained, “We are thankful for the support Seneca has shown us throughout the years. City officials have made it possible for us to share city utilities such as water and sewer, and community members have been supportive of our businesses, including our shooting range, travel center, print shop and, of course, our casinos, Indigo Sky and Outpost. The Eastern Shawnee Tribe and the City of Seneca try to work together whenever we can for the benefit of both commu-

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ATTENTION

ALL EASTERN SHAWNEE CITIZENS 12 AND OVER PLUS SPOUSES AS WELL AS TRIBAL EMPLOYEES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR COVID VACCINATIONS AT BEARSKIN CLINIC.

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You're Invited! Business Committee Meetings to be held **February 9 & 23, 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

Hatiito Fellow Tribal Citizens,

You will notice that I am using a different spelling for the Shawnee word that means hello. Shorter versions of this word are aho or hato. The different spelling or orthography is the result of an online Shawnee language course sponsored by the Shawnee Tribe of Miami. I recall an instructor always started the class by saying, "Let's jump right into the lesson we have today." So let's jump right into what has been happening here at the tribe.

The Business Committee has approved some new assistance programs, all related to COVID, all funded through ARPA, the American Rescue Plan Act. All of these programs will fall under the Specialized Programs umbrella which is headed by Amber Mittag, Education and Specialized Programs Director. It will be necessary to hire an additional employee. The position has been advertised and applications are now being accepted. These are new programs, new policies and procedures which will mean a learning curve for everyone, so please be patient with us. We will announce the new employee's name when we have that person on board, but for now questions will be fielded by Amber Mittag, contact number (918) 238-2424, extension 1306 and her assistant, Stacie Triplett, (918) 238-2424, extension 1307. These funds are available

for Fiscal Year 2022 which ends September 30. Summaries of the new tribal assistance programs are provided below and are effective immediately. Remember these are summaries, not every detail so make sure if you are applying for any one of these programs that you are familiar with the entirety of policies and procedures which are available on our website.

ARPA INTERNET PROGRAM

This program provides direct financial assistance to tribal households who need assistance with internet or equipment insurance services due to Covid-19 and/or required insurance for school-issued education equipment. To be eligible, someone in the household must be performing work remotely or someone is self-employed or child(ren) in household in K-12 with remote learning schedule due to Covid-19 pandemic. Eligible households may apply and receive up to 3 months of assistance at a time for total of 12 months, provided funds are available. Household maximum benefit is \$500.00.

ARPA SUPPLEMENTAL PAY

The purpose of this program is to provide direct financial assistance to tribal members who have a reduction or loss of wages due to Covid-19. Loss of wages is due to furlough, separation from employment due to Covid-19 or medical conditions due to having Covid-19 with documentation required. Funding restrictions require that assistance provided to an eligible household should not be duplicative of any other federally or Tribal funded assistance provided to such household. Household maximum benefit is \$2500.00 for Fiscal Year 2022 ending September 30.

ARPA UTILITY AND MEDICAL PROGRAM

This program provides **reimbursements** of \$1,000.00 to tribal members who need assistance with utilities and

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Business Committee Members

Chief Glenna J. Wallace (918) 533-8422; 2nd Chief Chris Samples (918) 848-1148; Secretary Debbie Littlefield (918) 314-1373; Treasurer Justin Barrett (918) 848-0971; 1st Council Dee Gardner (918) 533-4777; 2nd Council Shawn Daugherty (918) 533-2853; 3rd Council Norma Kraus (918) 848-0052

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 Rachel Holcomb, Tribal Administrator 1023
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 Election Board 1065

Election Board FAX (888) 899-0249

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 CCDF/ICW Phone (918) 540-9970 FAX (888) 971-3908
 Monica Bettis, Vital Stats, HHS 1110

FAX: (918) 666-7714

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 Lisa Stivers, Tag Agent 1115

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 Elizabeth Chenoweth, CHR (918) 533-1993 1202

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Amber Mittag, Director 1306
 Education Department FAX (888) 972-1834

WELLNESS CENTER (918) 238-4800

Ron Wallace, Wellness Center Director 1301

HAVEN

Kellie Alleman, Director 918-55HAVEN (918) 554-2836

IT

Ben Dixon, IT Director 1420

FOUR FEATHERS RECYCLING (918) 848-0907

TRIBAL POLICE

Emergency Number 911
 Ottawa County Dispatcher (918) 542-2806
 Tribal Police Department (918) 238-0100
 Roudy Rogers, Chief of Police (918) 533-4103

HOUSING AUTHORITY (918) 238-5151

Bryce Washington, Housing Dir. (HUD) 1440

ELDERS CRISIS & DISABLED COMMITTEE

Bobby BlueJacket (918) 770-1916

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER

Office (918) 238-7200

OTHER HELPFUL NUMBERS

People's Bank of Seneca (417) 776-2111
 Indigo Sky Casino (888) 992-SKY1
 Indigo Sky Hotel (888) 992-7591
 Outpost Casino (918) 666-6772
 Eastern Shawnee Travel Center (918) 238-2400
 Bearskin Clinic (918) 678-2282 | (888) 864-0725
 Dental/Optomety (918) 678-3221
 Appointments (918) 678-3228
 Pharmacy (918) 678-3244
 Shawnee Skies (918) 238-CLAY | (918) 238-2529

Business Committee Report

Submitted by Justin Barrett, Treasurer



Justin Barrett, Treasurer

It has been a very busy start to Fiscal Year 2022 and even the month of January.

Several programs were written by members of the Business Committee to offer direct assistance to our tribal members with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money the tribe received. The programs are going to be administered by the Specialized Services Department under the direction of Amber Mittag.

- **Homeowner Assistance Program**
 - ✓ The Homeowner Assistance Program was designed to assist tribal members with up to \$3,000.00 for the fiscal year if they are about to lose their home.
- **ARPA Utility and Medical Program**
 - ✓ This program has \$1,000.00 maximum in addition to the benefits administered by Health and Social Services (HSS).
 - ✓ The Utility portion can only be accessed after all funds have been exhausted in the HSS account.
 - ✓ The Medical portion allows

- for PPE, test kits, etc. to be reimbursed to the tribal member.
- **ARPA Internet Program**
 - ✓ This program will allow tribal members who either are working remotely or have tribal children remote learning to be reimbursed up to \$500 for the fiscal year.
 - ✓ This allows covers insurance on school issued devices.
- **ARPA Supplemental Pay Program**
 - ✓ This program allows tribal members who have COVID-19 to provide documentation and receive funds up to \$2,500.00 for the fiscal year if they have been furloughed, had a reduction in wages, etc. due to COVID-19. Performance and attendance separations from employment are not eligible.
- **Please see the program policies and procedures for more information on these programs.**

Casino Financial Information

Indigo Sky Casino Financials 1st Quarter (October 2021 to December 2021) Budget to Actual

- Total Revenue is up \$3,780,273.09 compared to the budget
- Total Operating Expenses are under budget \$1,327,332.90
- EBIDA is up \$2,905,914.31 compared to the budget

Outpost Casino Financials 1st Quarter (October 2021 to December 2021) Budget to Actual

- Total Revenue is up \$54,852.37 compared to the budget
- Total Operating Expenses are under budget \$51,706.27
- EBIDA is up \$110,475.88

For anyone who does not work in the gaming industry almost all of the revenue comes from the gaming ma-

chines. When revenue is up that means the expenses are up for the games. Our properties pay a percentage to the vendor for every game and the State of Oklahoma gets a percentage of Class III gaming revenue which increases our expenses. *Way to go to our casino management team for controlling expenses!*

If you have any questions for your Business Committee members, please reach out to us directly. The Shooting Star has our cell phone numbers. If you call the tribal offices we also have offices with extensions; my extension forwards to my cell phone. You can also reach us by e-mail using the website by going to the "Government" tab and selected "Business Committee".

Did you know
you can find
 all the
Benefit Forms
 on the
website?

The direct link
is estoo-nsn.gov/tribal-forms/

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

COMMUNITY

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nities. Recently, as an expression of the tribe's appreciation for the community support extended to us throughout the years, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe donated \$100,000 to the Seneca Police Department and \$253,000 to complete the new fire station on Business Highway 60, just east of Seneca Dairy Queen.

"Support has been extended to our service centers such as our Agency on Aging, where elders over the age of 60 are served 100 to 150 meals daily, our Wellness Center where we have between 500 and 1,000 visitors weekly, and our Early Childhood Learning Center, which we began five years ago serving 20 children six weeks to five years of age. Today, our enrollment surpasses 100 children. And, we can't forget our majority ownership in People's Bank of Seneca. Originating in this small town, we have expanded to four locations with a fifth expansion underway in Neosho. People's Bank of Seneca is known for its business savvy, dedicated employees and community service.

"Within the last 15 years, thanks to dedicated business committee members and committed employees, our Eastern Shawnee Tribe has seen the addition of nine duplexes for elders, the completion of 11 new tribal buildings or additions, two casinos, road construction, a host of grants funded, new programs initiated, including a Shawnee language program, and land holdings growing from approximately 400 acres to more than 2,500," continued Chief Wallace.

Currently, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe plans to add approximately 20 new homes at its Housing Authority, which is located south of 695 Road on Highway 10C near Outpost Casino. Additionally, a new site, appropriately named Natives Connected, will showcase all of the nine federally recognized tribes in Oklahoma's Ottawa County and is scheduled to open in the spring. "Ottawa County is unique in that we are the only place in the entire United

"The Eastern Shawnee Tribe and the City of Seneca try to work together whenever we can for the benefit of both communities."

—Eastern Shawnee Tribe Chief Glenna Wallace



States to have nine federally recognized tribes in one small county," said Chief Wallace. "Some tribes were forced to remove to this area immediately following the passage of the Indian Removal Act in 1830 and others followed after the Civil War. Natives Connected, located on Highway 60 between the roundabout and Indigo Sky, will be a place for people to learn our history through videos, stories and displays created by each of the nine tribes."

The Eastern Shawnee Tribe has supported the Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks, whose annual fundraiser has been held at Indigo Sky Casino for the last several years. This year marked a special occasion: Chief Wallace, a three-time cancer survivor, was surprised with a portrait of herself from lo-

cal artist Doug Hall. Hall is known for his portrayal of Eastern Woodland tribe members in his nationally recognized paintings.

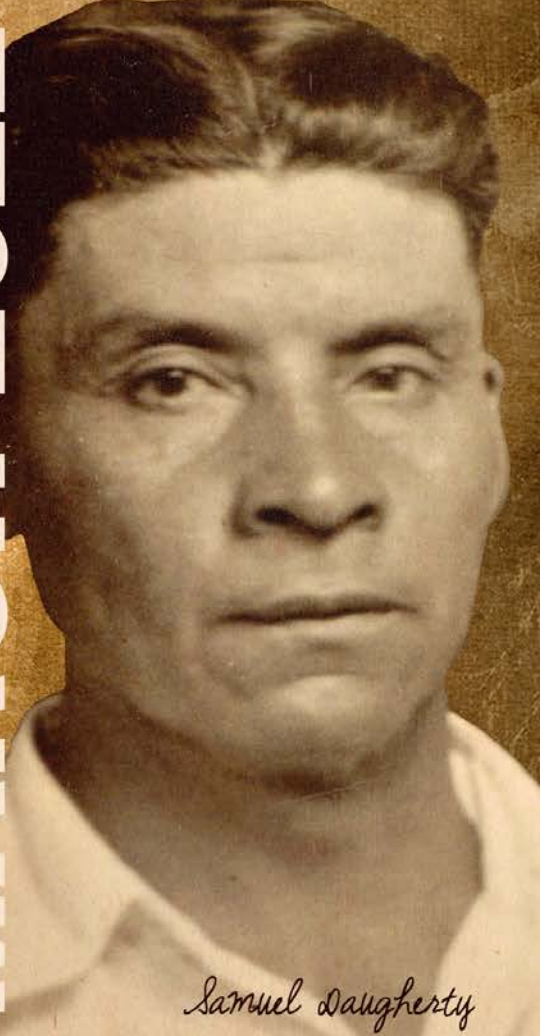
"I was speechless," she said, "and I am never speechless! It's a marvelous painting. Doug has generously donated a painting each year for our auction for the Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks, and I was shocked to see myself portrayed in my regalia. I had teased Doug in years past that his paintings of warriors were wonderful but reminded him our tribe did have women and children, too. I never expected to be a woman he portrayed. It is a marvelous gift."

You can see a giclee of Chief Wallace's portrait along with other Doug Hall works at Indigo Sky Casino.

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 Inuckolls@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
8/15/1865 | 11. Littlechief, (Punch) Martha 7/4/1874 |
| 2. Bone, (Lewis) Dora
11/2/1914 | 12. Prophet, Bertha
5/6/1901 |
| 3. Creek, (Quick) Mary-Gibson 1891 | 13. Pruitt, Wanda Bell
11/25/1932 |
| 4. Dushane, Elmer
10/7/1920 | 14. Quapaw, Russell Lee
9/13/1923 |
| 5. Dushane, Lyman
12/1/1909 | 15. Reynolds, Dora Earnestine 12/24/1933 |
| 6. Dushane, Rosetta Lee
7/6/1926 | 16. Reynolds, (Hollandsworth) Ida-Jobe
10/26/1908 |
| 7. Fishcarrier, (Bill, Fannie W.) (Cayuga) Fannie W.
0/00/1864 | 17. Riley, (For'd) Wm. K.
9/16/1917 |
| 8. Hampton, John Pershing
6/11/1917 | 18. Tomahawk, Jacob
0/00/1862 |
| 9. Hoegerl, (Hampton) Edna 1/3/1910 | 19. Vansant, George
7/2/1902 |
| 10. Hollandsworth, Opal Fay
10/26/1908 | 20. Washington, Ollen M.
9/24/1921 |



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extension 1043



Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma - Now Hiring!

Cyber Security Analyst

Open Position – Cyber Security Analyst * Full Time/Non-Exempt Status * Wage: \$70,000/Yr

The Cyber Security Analyst is responsible for monitoring and evaluating cyber threats that could potentially compromise the organization's network, applications, or websites. The analyst will continuously look for ways to enhance the company's IT infrastructure/network security and protect its sensitive information. Under the supervision and direction of the Director of Information Technology, the Cyber Security Analyst will communicate cyber security issues and propose solutions. In addition, an essential duty of this position is to provide timely and effective service to the Tribe, Tribal entities, and the Tribal members.

Required Education and Qualifications/Experience

- Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or a related field and 5-years of experience (including internships & military) or combination of education and work experience
- CISSP or capable of receiving CISSP within 6-9 months of hire
- Experience with IT ticketing systems
- Remote desktop support experience

Preferred Education and Qualifications/Experience

- Applicable certifications (e.g., Network+, Security+, CISM, CISA, etc)
- Experience in a tribal setting

Requirements

- Must be able to pass pre-employment drug test and adjudicated background check after conditional offer of employment is made
- Must have favorable verifiable employment references
- Valid Driver's License
- Willing and able to work weekends and holidays and any shift

Responsibilities:

- Develop and demonstrate an understanding of organizational needs within the Tribe's infrastructure
- Monitor computer networks and systems for security issues
- Investigate security breaches and other cybersecurity incidents
- Document security breaches, initiate forensics analysis, and assess the damage they cause
- Handle operational work with respect to security scans, testing, conducting vulnerability audits and assessments.
- Install and manage security measures and operate software to protect systems and information infrastructure
- Detect and identify vulnerabilities to improve and maintain security posture
- Assist in developing company-wide best practices for IT security
- Assist personnel in installing security software and information security management
- Provide one-on-one end-user training as needed
- Research security enhancements and make recommendations to management
- Conduct proof of concepts for new security tools
- Perform patch management on systems
- Compose security policies and report violations
- Conduct security training
- Maintain current knowledge of industry technologies and continually strive to improve knowledge of internal operations
- Assist with non-security related service desk tickets or issues as needed
- Identify, diagnose and resolve issues as reported to helpdesk either through the helpdesk portal, via phone, or email

Posted internally and externally for 10 business days

Native American preference policy is as follows: Legally enrolled Eastern Shawnee Tribal members shall be given preference if the tribal member's experience, qualifications, training, and all other criteria included in the job posting are equal. Tribal Members or Citizens of other Federally Recognized Tribes shall have second preference following the same criteria, followed by any other applicants. (Resolution # 021011-R-03) Only Certified Degree of Indian Blood cards will be accepted as verification of Native American Heritage for other tribes. Copy of CDIB card must be included with application. To apply, you must fill out our standard application form. You may attach a resume to the application if you desire. Applications are available at our Charles Enyart Building, located at 10080 S. Bluejacket Road, Wyandotte, OK 74370 or request by email at hr@estoo.net. Call 918-238-5151, ext. 1021, if you have any questions.

Closes: January 24, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma - Now Hiring! Housing Authority Director

Open Position Housing Authority Director*Full-Time*Non-Exempt Status * Wage: TBD

The Housing Authority Director provides assistance to the Housing Authority Board in the day- to- day management of the ESTO Housing Authority office and any other assigned duties. The highest mission of this position is to provide effective and timely services delivery to Tribal citizens

Qualifications:

- A High School diploma or GED
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent; or four or more years related experience and/training; or equivalent combination of education and experience
- Knowledge and experience in NAHASDA
- Knowledge and experience, as it relates to the Indian Community Development Block Grant and the Indian Housing Block Grant
- Construction knowledge preferred
- Experience working for a Native American Tribe preferred
- Must be able to pass pre-employment drug test, and adjudicated background check as required by Federal law after conditional offer of employment is made
- Valid Driver's License required

Responsibilities:

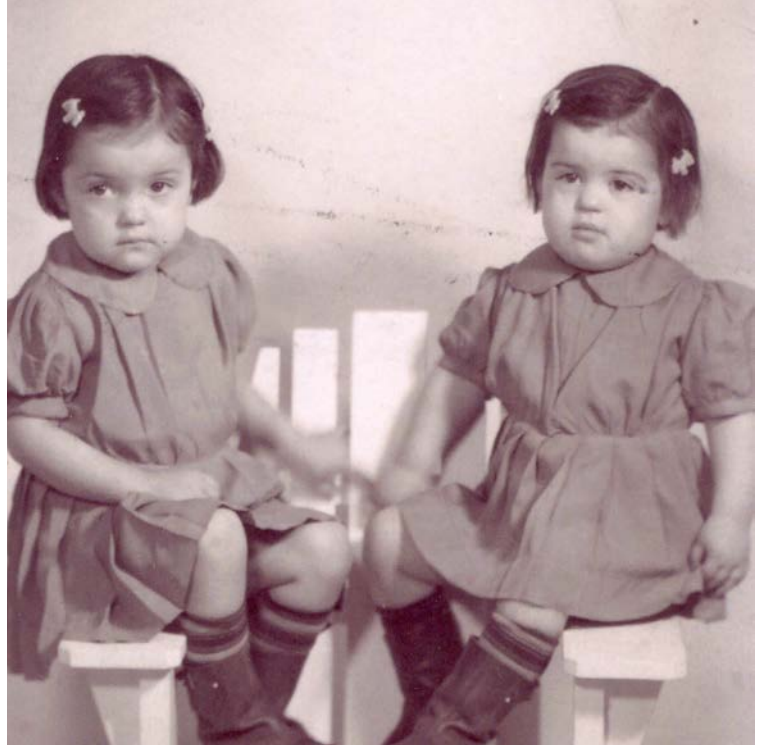
- Manages the day-to-day operation of ESTO's Housing Authority office and any other assigned duties
- Assist in formation of plans and policies to meet the social, economic, and physical needs of the tribal community and develop strategies to make these plans work and further the success of ESTO and the Housing Authority
- Maintain records and ensure compliance with all federal regulations and standard operations
- Diligently look for new grant opportunities, as well as changes in federal regulations
- Participates in meetings with federal agencies, local community, state government, and with other tribal groups as needed in regard to Housing
- Prepare required Housing reports
- Prepare requisitions and time sheets and coordinate recordkeeping of each
- Issue payments to vendors through Tribal requisition process with appropriate codes and within budget guidelines
- Implement and maintain consistent and efficient file system
- Write new programs and guidelines as requested by Housing Board
- Create and effectively manage budgets for programs listed previously
- Maintains confidentiality of clients served and all ESTO business affairs.
- Will provide occasional needed support to other departments as needed to ensure a cohesive and timely service to clients served.
- Represent the Tribe in a professional manner at all times, when working with Tribal members in dealings with outside entities and situations with fellow employees.

This position will be posted internally and externally simultaneously for at least 10 business days and open until filled by qualified candidate.

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Posting Closes: February 9, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Obituary



Shirley June Deweese Alexander

July 13, 1937 – October 8, 2021

Born in Miami, Oklahoma to Sylvester “Buck” Deweese and Ernestine Cape Deweese.

She was a member of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe.

It was a bright Saturday. The early afternoon breeze added to the comfort and joy of being at the tribal ceremonial park where our annual Powwow was in session when I stopped to greet Shirley Alexander.

She was walking the campsites, welcoming and reacquainting old friendships when she invited me to join her. Our conversation was the tribe – our families, her life in Arizona, the happiness that flowed from her in traveling and being a part of the powwow. She then said in her inimitable self, “I’m gathering memories; come on.”

Apart from her gathered memories are those she created, always etched in our hearts – at our beck and call – and always alive.

Shirley's memories are made with intention, joy, love and compassion. She loved people, which gave her a deepened zest for life.

She loved Harold, her husband of 64 years. Shirley loved her daughter Rosalynde, tribal attorney for the Tahano O’odham tribe of Arizona. She loved her son, Harold of Flagstaff, Arizona. Shirley June Alexander was loving and truthful.

In everything that Shirley did, she was so easy to love. As kind and as generous as she was, she was not reluctant to face issues about herself or injustices she saw in communities. She made herself available to friends, coworkers and strangers. She believed in the best of people and did not define them by their moments of weakness.

What is it that we seek in moments like these? We know, of course, there is no replacement. But we can be the pebble that ripples the water. We can be an echo and live out the principles that we have learned from our friend. We

can be passionate. We can love and be present to friend and stranger alike. We can be people who are truthful and honest about ourselves; people of integrity who won't let injustices go without being confronted. We can be people who make others feel special – that are a vital part of our tribal community. We can do these things with a warm and caring pure heart. For what is charity if it is given with a cold heart? They now can live with the piquantly of life.

On the final day as she was discussing the options of her care at the famous Mayo Clinic of Scottsdale, Arizona, her eyes held the excitement of the moment.

Breathing softly, she reached for the hand of her daughter, Rosalynde, and said, “I just want to be with the Lord.” As it had always been, so it now was.

Bobby BlueJacket
Tribal Elder

Shirley Deweese and Carol Deweese Clark

These thoughts were shared at Shirley Alexander's memorial service held in Stafford, Arizona:

We consider life the greatest gift from the Creator. Yet I have thought recently about life and I know that the Spirit of life, the breath of life, is the important part of this most important gift.

There was always life around Shirley Alexander. As I reflect and remember, Shirley was always the spirit, the breath of that life.

We would gather at the old cabin on the allotment that was in their family for 170 years or more. The old men thought themselves to be important as they regaled the stories of the elders and the ancient ones. Shirley let them believe their importance, but as I reflect on it, it was her breath of life into these times that made them what they were.

Shirley was always busy doing for all those gathered around her. She was the spirit of life in those times at the cabin, making the most marvelous meals and letting the men tell their stories. She

was the spirit and the breath of those times.

In her work, she was not the leader, but nothing in the running of the mines happened without her help, without her touch. The leadership would not exist without her as the spirit, the breath, of the company.

It is in this reflection that I realize the life of the tribe is great, but the breath, the spirit of any celebrations Shirley was at was influenced within her kind spirit. It is in this reflection that I have come to know how important Shirley is to the tribe. In many examples, she is the breath and the spirit of our tribal life.

I am blessed that Shirley loved me. It was like she was more to me than that of a sister. She would listen to me and the caring of her answers back gave me life. She added breath and spirit to me like no one I have ever known.

And not only to me. I am sure that many of our tribe would have the same experience with Shirley. I cannot tell you what she has meant to my granddaughters. I have a picture of her as Senior Princess and Wendy as Junior Princess sitting by the creek at the Powwow. Shirley was a great influence on Wendy both before and after that moment. As with many, Shirley has added spirit and breath to my granddaughter's life.

I have learned the lesson of life-- that life is nothing without the breath and the spirit of life. It is there that a life has meaning. In her last words, Shirley gave us all a lasting breath. She said, "I just want to be with the Lord." Even now, as I think of those words, the spirit of life breathes within me.

Bobby BlueJacket
Tribal Elder

Welcome Little Ones



Skylene Dawn Cyr was born November 6, 2021 in Carson City, Nevada at 1:40am. She weighed 7lbs, 7oz and 19" long! She is a 5th generation living member of the Eastern Shawnee and 5th living female generation; her great grandmother is Sharlene Nielson.

Announcement submitted by Shania Cyr.



Breon Montero Clark was born December 8, 2021, to Alysha Lorenz and Brian Clark. Grandson of Melinda and Randy Lorenz and Sheryl and Ralph Clark. Great Grandson of Colleen Carpenter. Related to the Dushane family. Eastern Shawnee, Seneca Cayuga and Wyandotte Nation decent.

Submitted by Alysha Lorenz.

Congratulations New Tribal Enrollees

RUBY ROSE FAULKNER DOB: 09/02/2021 Daughter of Maria Helen Faulkner (ID #2026) Granddaughter of Michael Keith Nichols (1964 #555 Great Granddaughter of Keith Robert NICHOLS (1938 #198)

SYNDIA DAINISE HUESTON DOB: 11/06/2021 Daughter of Shea Lynne Hueston (ID #1999) Granddaughter of Tialeesa Ballard (ID #1245) Great Granddaughter of Edgar Lee Bear (1964 #34) Great Great Granddaughter of Richard Vance BEAR (1938 #113)

FROM THIS CORNER

By Chief Glenna J. Wallace

BUD ENYART

Memories! Seventy-eight years, four months and sixteen days of them were recounted one Friday morning December 24, 2021, Christmas Eve Day to be exact when I sat down to spend a few hours with my younger brother and interview him for an article. Although he has been most active in the tribe for years, he has never been written about. Born to Champ and Vergie Crain Enyart on August 8, 1943, he was named Buddie Joe Enyart, not Bud but Buddie and Joe after Joe Dimaggio, famous New York Yankee baseball slugger our father greatly admired. The youngest of five children, he was preceded by three older sisters and one brother: Jean Enyart Buxton, Charles Enyart, Glenna J. Enyart Wallace and Dixie Enyart Martin, in that order.

He described the family as being close, a descriptive word he chose for several reasons. First, the seven of us lived in a two-room house, that's two rooms, not two bedrooms, 12X24 consisting of a total of less than 300 feet. Tiny homes, the fad-of-the-day, is nothing new to him and nothing he cares about experiencing again. The house had no bathroom, no running water. Running occurred when a family member was taking off down below the hill for the outhouse, complete with a Sears Roebuck Catalogue. Our family certainly never contributed to a shortage of toilet paper!

Close was also selected because five children were born within nine years. Close further describes the sleeping arrangements in that two-room house. One room was the kitchen and the other room was the everything-else room. Bud slept in the bed with his mom and dad while the remaining four slept in a fold-up rollaway bed, two at the head of the bed with the other two at the foot of



Bud Enyart

the bed with legs interspersed between bodies. A common screech heard during those “close” nights was, “Mom, make him or her cut his or her toenails.”

Close also described the heating system in the house—a black pot-bellied stove fueled with coal where you were either freezing or burning up. If you stood

close to the stove, you were burning up whereas if you were not close to the fire, you were freezing. Insulation wasn't even a word that had been invented in those days, much less used.

Bud's memories then skipped to when he was four years old and the word close became yet another reality. His father Champ had been a lead and zinc miner in the Pitcher area who chose to take his mining settlement and head for greener pastures on the west coast, namely Oregon and California. Buying an old flat bed truck where trusses were added then covered with a tarp oleum, Champ and Vergie took off with their five children as well as Vergie's brother Junior Crain, his wife Jewel Dushane Crain and their two children Sonny and Shirley, making a total of eleven who all now lived in about 100 feet. Bud remembered those long-ago Oregon days well, recalling that he was the only child who didn't go to school out there. He also recalled the family picking strawberries to make a living, saying he didn't pick many berries, but he surely did eat plenty, after which he would disappear, not able to be seen by anyone because he was curled up between two rows of strawberries taking a delightfully long afternoon nap. California memories included living high upon a mountain in Pulga where the Feather River twisted and flowed so far below, a sight and height that was new to him coming from the flat lands of Oklahoma's Ottawa County.

Bud recalled moving back to Eastside, nine miles east of Miami, Oklahoma where he went to the rural neighborhood school, Moccasin Bend, District #5, graduating from the eighth grade. His thoughts went to Uncle Thomas and Aunt Florence, owners of Captain's Grocery Store where he often went to eat lunch. Uncle Thomas was Thomas A. Captain, brother of our grandmother, Sarah Captain Crain who died at the age of 29. Uncle Thomas was Chief of the tribe, serving the longest of any of our Chiefs, 25 years. The most interesting thing Bud said was that Uncle Thomas never once talked about Indians or being an Indian. We all knew we were Indians, we were Eastern Shawnee but everyone lived the same way. We had no powwows, no ceremonies, no tribal headquarters, no tribal events to identify us as Indians. We had community pie suppers, community rodeos, community baseball games, community swims at Cave Springs or Porters' swimming hole, and community Christmas parties complete with the biggest most beautiful cedar tree that could be found that we proudly cut down and decorated with strings of popcorn, colored paper chains, and strings of cranberries. We were all one.

At this point in his memories, Bud was 12 years old, recalling his Granddad Crain. Granddad Crain's wife, our grandmother Sarah who was Eastern Shawnee, died at age 29, leaving six children for Granddad to raise, which he did, never remarrying. Sometime after grandmother died, Granddad moved from Sperry back to Ottawa County and lived across the road from Uncle Thomas. They were best buds, often speaking

about the fact that both of them had spent their entire lives working for and living on starvation wages. Bud recalled that after Granddad's house burned down, he had to live the rest of his life in a chicken house with cold cement floors. Fortunately the chicken house did have a long row of windows on the south side for him to look out and to gain some warmth from the sun. One Christmas Granddad received an electric heater as a present. Bud watched as Granddad plugged it in, stretched his feet out near the heater, basked in the warmth and then took Bud outside to look at the electric meter which was spinning fast. Around and around and around. "Can't afford that," he said going back into the house, unplugging the heater, replacing it in the box never to be used again. Such was life in this age of no TV, no running water, no need to complain. It was a different world, Bud observed. You knew everyone within a four-mile walking distance. Now in 2022, you are lucky to know your next-door neighbor. Too many times you don't know anyone.

Bud recalled an incident where it was good that everyone knew everyone. The house had no running water and we had to haul water in milk cans. Being out of water one day, under-age Bud jumped into the car and took off, filled up the cans in the trunk, then proceeded to drive home. Uh oh—a Highway patrolman stopped him, asked to see his driver's license. Of course Bud didn't have one to produce and the officer asking him what he was doing driving on the road. Bud explained that he was hauling water to the house. The patrolman's response: "Son, I drive down this highway everyday about 4 p.m. Don't let me see you driving on the road again, even if you are out of water."

Bud then recalled the two biggest influences on his life while he was growing up: Thurman Captain and Granddad Crain. Uncle Thomas had a roping arena next door to the grocery store. Everyone gathered there, either to participate or just to watch. It didn't matter if you were a youngster as Bud was at the age of 12 or you were an older adult. If you were a male, you learned about horses. Thurman Captain, oldest son of Uncle Thomas, took Bud under his wing and taught him how to ride, rope, care for a horse. Thurman's youngest son Rex and Bud were best friends. They did everything together until Rex passed away, many years later. Our dad wasn't one to participate in father-child activities. Unfortunately he was an alcoholic. There was no doubt that he loved us but his addiction took the best of him and affected all of us. Thankfully in later life he was able to overcome that addiction to become the greatest grandfather in the world. Alas, he was not that man in our childhood. And so it was that Thurman Captain and neighbor Ern Albro always saw that Bud went to father and son banquets or had a way to go to all other community events.

Healthy Waterways

By Debbie Dotson, Water Quality Officer

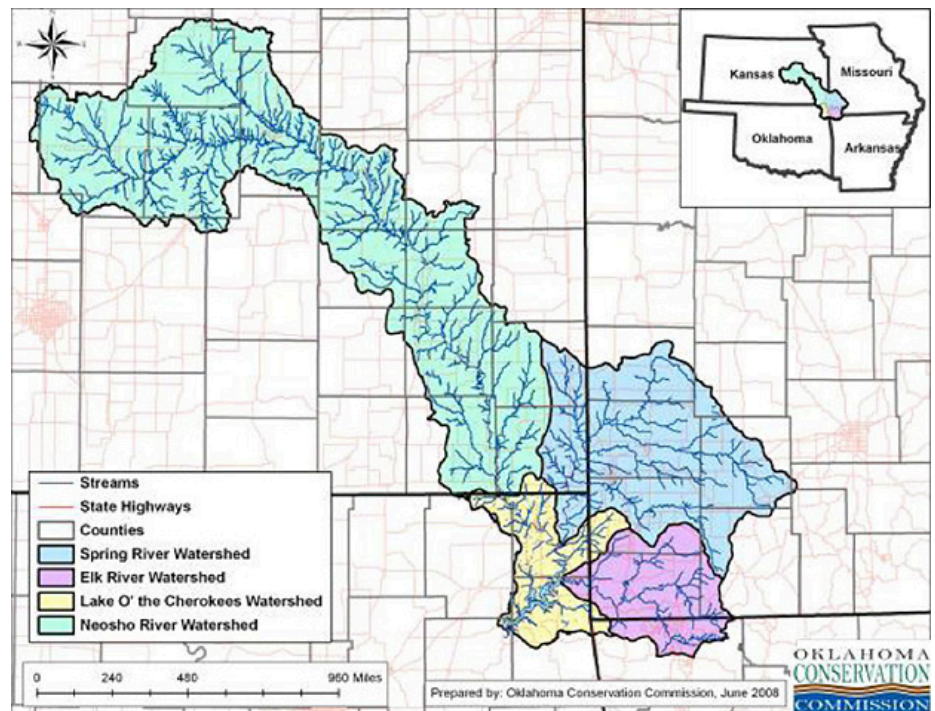
A watershed is an area of land that drains into one location such as a stream, lake, or wetland. These water bodies supply our drinking water and water for agriculture and manufacturing, offer opportunities for recreation, and provide homes to numerous plants and animals.

Watersheds sustain life in more ways than one. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), more than \$450 billion in foods, fiber, manufactured goods, and tourism depend on clean, healthy watersheds.

The major watershed in the area that includes Eastern Shawnee treaty jurisdiction is the Grand Lake Watershed. There are four parts, or sub-watersheds, from four different states that make up the Grand Lake Watershed—Spring River, Lake O' The Cherokees, Elk River, and Neosho River. And within the four sub-watersheds are smaller watersheds, like Upper and Lower Lost Creek Watershed.

So how do you find your watershed? And how do you know how if your watershed is healthy? One way is to use a new online tool called **How's My Waterway** at <https://www.epa.gov/waterdata/how-my-waterway>. The EPA developed the tool to help make information available to anyone in the US by just entering a zip code or city and state. You can find out information like what water quality issues are a problem, are the fish safe to eat, is it swimmable, and is the drinking water safe.

Various forms of pollution, including runoff and erosion, can interfere with the health of the watershed. Waterways can be degraded by pollutants such as sediments, bacteria (like E. coli) and excess nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus). Although nutrients sound like things that belong in a healthy envi-



ronment, too much can cause algae overgrowth, leading to toxic blue green algae blooms that are harmful to health of people and animals. Erosion, runoff of animal waste, and overflowing of sewers and septic tanks are just a few ways these pollutants reach our waters.

We all live downstream from someone. I don't know who originally said it, but it is true. There are many things we can do as individuals to help protect our watersheds and our neighbor downstream:

- Conserve water every day. Take shorter showers, fix leaks & turn off the water when not in use.
- Dispose of chemicals properly. Never pour chemicals, pharmaceuticals, oil or paint into the drain or toilets. Check with your county's household hazardous waste program to properly dispose of or recycle chemicals and keep them out of rivers and oceans.
- Plant a native tree. Or use hardy plants that require little or no watering, fertilizers, or pesticides in your yard. Additionally, alter your mowing practices by allowing vegetation and trees to grow along the streambank.
- Keep your septic system maintained.
- Recycle! Making new stuff uses more water and energy, so recycle and use less stuff.
- And keep your car maintained. A lot of chemicals from the roads run into our waterways from cars with leaks and poor exhaust.

I encourage you to get to know your local stream and your local watershed. And learn how to protect it.

Education Snapshot

By Amber Mittag, Education/Specialized Services Director

Hello Students!!

Welcome to Spring semester!! This is a friendly reminder that all students must reapply with a new application each semester. If you received scholarship in the Fall, you do not automatically qualify for Spring without sending in new paperwork. We are currently busy sending student award letters to your schools! Most of you are aware of this but the reason we send award letters is to let your schools know of your impending award and to let them know that we do not pay out scholarships until after the school's final drop date for the semester. This letter ensures that you will not be dropped from your classes for nonpayment until we are able to send a check. Most all the schools we have worked with will honor our award letter; however, there have been a select few that will not. If this is the case for you, generally the best plan is to set up a payment plan with the school to ensure that you are not dropped from classes. Anything that you may have to pay out will be reimbursed to you. Just be sure to communicate with us so that we can help guide you. We hate to see students dropped from classes as a lot of the time it is difficult to get back into them.

We also have a student highlight this month!! Below is a letter we received from student **Brady Kropp** as well as a few pictures he included.



Congratulations Brady!! We are so very proud of you!
Until next time, keep studying and keep up the good work.
Amber Mittag
 Education/ Specialized Services Director



Dear Amber and the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma,

I wanted to address my appreciation I had for the continuous help and support throughout my educational career. I am very thankful for the help put forth by Amber as well as the Eastern Shawnee Tribe in allowing and helping me continue my educational career throughout my college years.

As of the 17th of December 2021, I graduated from Northeastern State University (Tahlequah) with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health and Safety Management, with a minor in Business management. As well as obtaining a college degree I was a four-year letterman on the football team, where I was lucky enough to finish out a great football career.

Again, I just wanted to express my gratitude put forth by Amber and the Eastern Shawnee Tribe and just let you guys know how much I appreciate all the support and help throughout my educational career.

Thank you and have a good day,

Brady Kropp

Specialized Services Department

Amber Mittag, Education/ Specialized Services Director

Here in the Specialized Services department, we are going through some changes, so I thought it was time for a rundown of our normal programs as well as the new additions coming. First and foremost, we have our usual programs that many of you are aware of.

DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

This is assistance for first time home-buyers. The maximum allowed is \$3,000 and goes towards closing costs.

LIHEAP

LIHEAP is a federally funded grant and stands for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. This program is income based and can be used towards heating and cooling assistance. This program is limited to tribal members within the state of Oklahoma plus those within a 50-mile radius of tribal headquarters.

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

This program is used to help tribal members with home improvements. Cosmetic improvements are not allowed. Maximum allowance is \$10,000 per household and available to tribal members once every ten years. We have a maximum allowance of 30 applications a year with an opening date of October 1st each year to be able to apply.

TSSD

Temporary Social Security Disability. The purpose of this program is to provide temporary assistance to Tribal households suffering extreme financial hardship during which time their Social Security Disability Application is "Pending" with the Social Security Administration.

HARDSHIP PROGRAM

The purpose of this program is to provide temporary assistance to Tribal households suffering extreme financial hardship due to Terminal Illness, Natural Disaster, or loss of employment, etc.

LIHWAP

The LIHWAP is a program that is one of our most recent additions. It is now up and running. It is a federally funded grant and stands for Low Income Household Water Assistance Program. This program is income based and will be used towards payment of water and wastewater bills. It aligns alongside the LIHEAP program and can be utilized under the same LIHEAP/ LIHWAP application. Like the Liheap program this is also a grant funded program limited to tribal members within the state of Oklahoma plus those within a 50-mile radius of tribal headquarters. LIHEAP assistance is allowed once per fiscal year and LIHWAP assistance is available quarterly.

Now for our new programs recently approved by the Business Committee. These programs have been made available through ARPA funding and are subject to available funding.

EMERGENCY HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The purpose of this program is to provide direct financial assistance, including mortgage, utilities and home energy costs, utilities and energy costs and other expenses related to housing. The program will make available a limited amount of assistance to households that are unable to pay their mortgage and utilities due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

ARPA UTILITY AND MEDICAL PROGRAM

The purpose of this program is to provide direct financial assistance to tribal members who need assistance with utilities and medical expenses due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

ARPA SUPPLEMENTAL PAY PROGRAM

The purpose of this program is to provide direct financial assistance to tribal members who have a reduction or loss of wages due to Covid-19.

ARPA INTERNET PROGRAM

The purpose of this program is to pro-

vide direct financial assistance to tribal households who need assistance with internet services due to Covid-19. Eligible tribal members are those who are performing work remotely, those who are self-employed or students K-12 with a remote learning schedule due to Covid-19.

There are further stipulations and guidelines for each of these programs that can be found within each application. Applications can be found on the tribal website or can be accessed by calling our office.

Furthermore, I'm excited to announce that the addition of these new programs will also bring the addition of another staff member to our office! By time you read this article the interview process should be finished and very close to having that person on board and learning these programs.

As you know we are a multi program department combining both the Education Department as well as the Specialized Services Department. With this new addition we will be able to have a dedicated Education assistant (Stacie) as well as a dedicated Specialized Services assistant to help you.

To help streamline the process the Specialized Services department will have its own phone number as well as its own email address. You will be able to reach the Specialized Services department by calling (918) 238-1663. The email address will be specializedservices@estoo.net. The number you currently call, (918) 238-2424 will solely become the Education phone number.

As always, with growth comes growing pains as well. I have no doubt you will, but just continue to be patient with the process. Along with a new assistant, will also be our new programs. They will not only be new to you but will be new to us as well! We will be learning them together, but we are confident in the process and super excited for the new opportunities for 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.

Applications may be found on our website, 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 or by fax at 888-971-3905.



H.A.V.E.N. Update

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

Upcoming Events:

- 1) 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.
- 2) Giveaway Event in Progress – Contact Office for More Details
- 3) Local Schools – Look for us in the Local Schools – We'll be giving away information on Healthy Dating Relationships

Program Update:

Hello all –

Gracious, I don't know about you all, but I am ready for spring! However, we're not there yet and this is the month for Valentines and a time to stop and remember those we care about – that may be a husband/wife, girlfriend/boyfriend, your best friend, a neighbor who seems lonely, or your beloved pet. February is a time to think about those we care about.

Speaking of relationships, it's a good time to chat about healthy relationships and remind ourselves what is a healthy relationship and what are the signs of an unhealthy relationship.

Healthy Relationships

This article was made possible by loveisrespect.org where you can find information about healthy relationships, services available, and ideas for change.

“All relationships exist on a spectrum from healthy to abusive, with unhealthy relationships somewhere in the middle. Explore our interactive Relationship Spectrum by rating different scenarios as healthy, unhealthy, or abusive and find out where your own relationship falls.

If you recognize any of the warning

Healthy

A healthy relationship means both you and your partner are:

- Communicating
- Respectful
- Trusting
- Honest
- Equal
- Enjoying personal time away from each other
- Making mutual choices
- Economic/financial partners

Unhealthy

You may be in an unhealthy relationship if your partner is:

- Not communicating
- Disrespectful
- Not trusting
- Dishonest
- Trying to take control
- Only spending time together
- Pressured into activities
- Unequal economically

signs, it may be an indication that your relationship is abusive. Create a safety plan or text, call, or chat now to connect with an advocate to confidentially discuss your situation and explore available options”.

Loveisrespect Relationship Spectrum

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
 - Domestic Violence Advocacy
 - Sexual Assault Advocacy
 - Victim of Crime Advocacy
 - 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.

Abusive

Abuse is occurring in a relationship when one partner is:

- Communicating in a hurtful or threatening way
- Mistreating
- Accusing the other of cheating when it's untrue
- Denying their actions are abusive
- Controlling
- Isolating their partner from others

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

Facebook: HAVEN Tribal Program, Twitter: @ProgramHaven, Instagram: HAVENTRIBALProgram.

Our advocates are here to help!



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Haven is an advocacy program focused on confidential, safe, judgement free support.

Haven currently provides services to all Eastern Shawnee, regardless of where they live, and Ottawa County, Oklahoma survivors in need.

Office: 918-55-HAVEN (554-2836)
Toll free: 1-855-219-6658
Text line: 918-533-3070
Victims of Crime: 541-602-0616

More information:
Havenprogram.com
Facebook: HAVENTribalProgram
10200 S. 695 Road
Wyandotte, OK 74370

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

Child Care and Development Fund

Submitted by: Dian Torres, CCDF Director

CCDF only has two staff members now as Karen Brasier took a position in our ICW department. For the meantime your CCDF contacts are Hailey Harper and Dian Torres.

We are working on getting things ready for our Parenting class that will be held on January 31, 2022, here at our Childcare Center. If you would like more information on our Parenting classes, please feel free to contact our office or email. Use our contact information listed below.

We have extended paying 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 come by our office located at 10100 S. Bluejacket Rd. / Suite #3, Wyandotte, OK 74370 or call us at 918-540-9970 or (Toll Free) 866-978-1352 and talk to Dian or Hailey. Also you may email us at dtorres@estoo.net, or hharper@estoo.net

You can also find our information on the tribe's website at www.estoo-nsn.gov.

The CCDF department would like to share some information on:

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Questions & Answers About Vaccines

Q. Should kids get a COVID-19 vaccine?

A. Yes, safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines are available for adults and all children ages 5 and older. Booster shots are recommended for adults and kids 12 and older. Everyone who is eligible should get the COVID-19 vaccine and booster shot as soon as possible.

Occasionally, a vaccinated person may get infected with the virus or even get mild symptoms. This is called a "break-through infection." But the vaccine is very good at preventing serious illness, hospitalization, and death due to COVID-19.

Q. Are COVID-19 vaccines safe for kids?

A. So far, all studies done in kids show that COVID-19 vaccines are very safe. A vaccine goes through intensive testing before people can get it. Millions of U.S. kids are fully vaccinated already, with no serious safety concerns identified.

Q. How many doses of vaccine do kids need?

A. Most kids get two initial doses of vaccine, at least 3 weeks apart. Some children with weak immune systems

(from some illnesses or medicines) need a third dose 28 days after their second one to create a strong immune response.

Like many other vaccines, COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness can decrease over time. A booster dose helps to "boost" how well the vaccines work and maximize protection. It is recommended that everyone age 12 and older get a booster shot 5 months after their initial vaccine doses.

Q. What side effects can COVID-19 vaccines cause?

A. Like many vaccines, COVID-19

vaccines can cause mild side effects, like a sore arm, body aches, headache, a fever, or tiredness for a day or two. These are signs that the immune system is responding to the vaccine and building immunity to the virus. They're not a cause for concern.

Q. Could a person get COVID-19 from a COVID-19 vaccine?

A. No, people can't get COVID-19 from a COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccines contain a piece of genetic material from the coronavirus, and not the whole virus. So people who get a vaccine can't develop COVID-19 from it.



Q. Can a woman get a COVID-19 vaccine if she is pregnant or breastfeeding?

A. Women who are pregnant or breastfeeding can and should get a COVID-19 vaccine. It is now known that the vaccine is safe for them. On the other hand, getting sick with COVID-19 is not safe. Pregnant women who get COVID-19 are at higher risk for severe illness than women who aren't pregnant. So experts recommend that fully vaccinated pregnant women also get a booster dose of the vaccine.

Q. Is it safe for someone to get

the COVID-19 vaccine if they've already had COVID-19?

A. Yes, a person can and should get a vaccine even if they have had COVID-19. There are no known risks to getting the vaccine after being infected with coronavirus. Because we don't know how long a person's immunity will last after they get infected, it's important to get the vaccine too.

Q. Can kids get the COVID vaccine at the same time as their annual immunizations?

A. Yes. In fact, the American Acad-

emy of Pediatrics (AAP) supports kids getting routine immunizations at the same time they get a COVID-19 vaccine. This is especially important if kids missed getting some vaccines during the pandemic.

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Suicide and the Elderly

By Ben Bingham, Native Connection Project Director

As many of you know, my program's primary focus is our tribal youth with the age range of 8-24. This doesn't mean it's the only age demographic that suffers from suicide. Our elders make up approximately 12% of the US population, but account for 18% of all suicide deaths. This can be a shocking statistic considering the elderly are our fastest growing population, which can make this a public health priority as time wears on.

In 2017 approximately 47,000 suicides took place and of those elders 65 and up accounted for 8,500 of them. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention reports that men who are 65 or older face the highest risk; adults 85 and older whether male or female are the second most likely age group to die from suicide. In 2015 there were 47.8 million individuals over the age of 65 in the U.S... by 2060 that number is projected to reach 98.2 million. It has been reported that 1 in 4 senior citizens that attempt suicide dies. This is comparison to 1 in 200 of young adults. While exactly why this occurs remains unclear, experts suggest seniors are frailer and thus more vulnerable to self-inflicted injury. They are often more isolated which makes rescues more difficult and perhaps they plan their attempts more carefully.

Seniors are more at risk for a mul-



multiple reasons. The most common is loneliness. Often, they live in isolation and may be attempting to cope with the death of a lifelong spouse or grief of losing close family or friends. Research has shown that bereavement is "disproportionately experienced by older adults" and can trigger physical or mental illnesses, such as major depression and complicated grief. Often seniors are miles away from their children and left craving love and human connection family visitation brings. Growing older presents transitions that can be difficult to cope with. Approximately 80% of older adults live with some form of chronic disease, such as arthritis, diabetes, and high blood pressure. At least 77% have at least 2 of the diseases. Often depression sets in as it becomes more difficult to do daily tasks such as driving, reading or even engaging in conversations and other activities

that allow a person to stay independent. There are certain red flags that can point to an elder considering suicide. These include stockpiling medication, rushing to revise a will, using alcohol or drugs increasingly, altered sleeping habits, and sharing statements of hopelessness and withdrawing socially. This can include the elder saying goodbye or expressing feelings of being a burden.

If you or someone you know needs suicide prevention assistance below are a few resources that may help.

National Suicide Hotline 1-800-273-(TALK)8255

Grand Lake Mental Health 918-540-1511 ext. 2350

Thrive Counseling Services 918-857-7252

Grand Lake Mental Health Crisis Line 800-722-3611

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.



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; STACIE TRIPLETT 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/>

Area Agency on Aging

By Linda Hill, Program Director



Easy Blueberry Crunch Dessert

Like all crumbles, this dessert is especially good while still warm, served with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream. But it also travels well so it is suitable to bring to a potluck, party, or cookout. If you make it right before leaving and you don't have far to go, it might still be warm when you get to your destination. You can also pop it in an oven preheated to 200 F for a few minutes to serve it warm.

Prep: 10 mins, Cook: 45 mins, Total: 55 mins, Servings: 8

Ingredients

- 1 (20-ounce) can crushed pineapple
- ½ cup unsalted butter, melted
- 3 cups fresh or frozen blueberries
- ¼ cup sugar
- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 cup coarsely chopped pecans
- 1 package yellow cake mix

Steps to make it

1. Preheat oven to 350 F
2. Generously butter a 9x13-inch baking pan
3. Put pineapple and blueberries in pan: sprinkle with ¾ cup

sugar

4. Pour the dry cake mix over the blueberry mixture then drizzle melted butter over the dry mix. Sprinkle with ¼ cup of sugar and chopped pecans. Do not stir.
 5. Bake for 45 minutes
 6. Serve and enjoy
- On December 21st we had our Christmas party. We served ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, salad, hot rolls and dessert. We served 190 meals that day. Tickets were handed out for 10 prizes, 8 turkeys and 8 hams.
 - We were closed on the 24th for

Christmas.

- Because of the rising number of Covid cases, we have CLOSED the dining room, but we will still be serving at the drive thru.
- We serve lunch Monday thru Friday from 11:00 - 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.
- Our building is closed until further notice.

Contact information below:

LINDA HILL, PROGRAM DIRECTOR (918) 238-5600 Ext 1205 or Cell (918) 533-7991, Karen Hamilton, Susan Patterson, and Leia Foster cooks (918) 238-5600 Ext 1206.

Due to the current spike in COVID cases we have CLOSED in-house dining at our AOA program until further notice.

We will CONTINUE serving meals with DRIVE-THRU PICKUP

1 UNIT
Available February 1st

2 bedroom, 2 bath w/Storm Room And Garage off Hwy 10C Near OK/MO border

Interested Parties may call **(918) 238-5151 EXT 1043**
Or email kblanchard@estoo.net



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 December	Member's Served Per Line Item
Auditory	\$1,097.88	3
Burial	\$16,263.02	4
Disabled / Elder Care	\$354,962.18	292
Elder Crisis Committee	\$25,706.89	13
Healthcare	\$314,492.86	747
Orthodontics	\$5,250.00	7
School Expenses	\$66,662.07	282
Special Medical Equipment	\$1,054.10	12
Utility/Emergency Assistance	\$244,421.85	573
Totals	\$1,029,910.85	1933

\$257,586.30 paid out from December 16, 2021 - January 14, 2022

Vital Statistics Activity

Dec. 2021

Status Changes	58
Deaths	0
Enrollees	2
ID Cards	11
Photo ID	2
Total Enrollees for current fiscal year	16
Total Deaths for current fiscal year	2
Total Membership	3751

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

The direct link is estoo-nsn.gov/tribal-forms/

To navigate the website, go to

- 1. CONTACT US**
- 2. FORMS**

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

TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTED \$ _____

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

**DIRECT TO VENDOR PAYMENT
EXPENSE CLAIM FORM**

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

Tribal Member Information

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

Primary Provider Information


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

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

Direct to Vendor Request

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

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

 Attach the original bill or statement from the physician or supplier and **keep a copy for your records.**

Sign this form. Minimum amount of each separate claim is \$25.00.

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

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

Tribal Member Signature _____ Date _____

Business Committee Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, December 22, 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 at 5:38 p.m. by 2nd Chief Samples with the following answering roll call: 1st Council Gardner, 2nd Council Daugherty, 3rd Council Kraus, Secretary Littlefield and Treasurer Barrett. 2nd Chief Samples and Chief Wallace were in attendance.

A Quorum was declared by 2nd Chief Samples.

NEW ENROLLEES

Syndia Dainise Hueston DOB:
11/06/2021

MOTION: To approve New Enrollee. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the December 15, 2021. The motion was made by 1st Council Gardner with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

REPORTS

Casino – Melanie Heskett, General Manager

General Manager Heskett presented the Casino Financial Report for November. Indigo Sky Casino and Resort month to previous month (November over October) revenue down by 11% with expenses down 8.8%.

Outpost Casino month to previous month (November over October) revenue up 1.5% with expenses down 4.5%. Indigo Sky Casino and Resort November 2021 to November 2020 revenue down 5.4% with expenses down 1.1/2%.

Outpost Casino November 2021 to November 2020 revenue is up 14% with expenses up 7%.

Indigo Sky Casino and Resort Year to Date revenue is down 4%.

Outpost Casino Year to Date revenue is up 7 1/2% with.

While the revenue was down the coin in was up almost 1 million. Marketing is continuing to drive play, but they cannot control the hold which effects revenue.

Gaming Commission – Jalene Wells, Gaming Commissioner

Gaming Commissioner Wells presented the ESTGC Report for November.

The Gaming Commission has 38 total employees as of November 2021. Open positions are an EGM Agent and Administrative Assistant/Receptionist.

11 employees of the Gaming Commission are tribal members, 1 tribal spouse, and 3 are native.

The Licensing Department processed: 2 renewals and 22 new hires for the employee licenses.

2 Conditional Employee Licenses Monitored

6 non-gaming vendor companies

22 non-gaming vendor employee licenses

3 gaming companies

24 gaming vendor employees

The Gaming Commission collected \$16,350 in licensing fees for the month of November and \$36,775 year to date.

The EGM Department performed the following:

12 new machines were installed

16 machines removed

0 machine software/theme changes

85 software upgrades

5 software replacements

5 gaming machine relocations

3 server installs/upgrades

149 pieces of software tested

81 seal activities

The Gaming Commission billed \$4,625 for machine fees with \$9,000 year to date.

The Gaming Commission collected \$425 in machine fees with \$4,800 year to date.

The Compliance Department performed the following observations:

Cage – 120

EGM – 37

Jackpot – 84

Players Club – 106

Table Inventory – 99

Table Fill – 44

Table Credit – 2

Title 31 Inquiries – 6

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

Policy Violations Noted – 96

Incident Reports Written – 33

Medical Reports Written – 23

CD Requests from Tribal Police – 1

Request for reviews from Casino Mgmt. – 31

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 – 7

Incident Reports Written – 3

Medical Reports Written – 1

CD Requests from Tribal Police – 0

Request for reviews from Casino Mgmt. - 0

Treasurer – Justin Barrett, Treasurer

Reporting on Cash Balances.

General Funds	44.5 million
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Total Grant Funds	33.5 million
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Economic Development	2.8 million
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Land Account	.5 million
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The Business Committee has committed more funds to Social Services and the Education Department.

Social Services	20.1 million
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Education Department	1.2 million
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TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH	19.7 million
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RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 12221R-01 Resolution approving the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Emergency Operation and Communicable Dis-

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ease Emergency Response Plans.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe does hereby wish to approve the attached Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Emergency Operation and Communicable Disease Emergency Response Plans.

MOTION: To approve Resolution Number 122221R-01. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett and seconded by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

REQUISITIONS

Requisition EN-82266 payable to Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$28,104.32 for PPE November 2021.

MOTION: To approve EN-82266. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 1st Council Gardner.

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

Requisition EN- 82321 payable to Miracle Recreation in the amount of \$173,227.00 for splash pad equipment 50% down- payment.

MOTION: To approve EN-82321. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus and seconded by Secretary Littlefield.

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

Requisition EN-82331 payable to PPS Health LLC in the amount of \$84,541.80 for Covid Testing Kits.

MOTION: To approve EN-82331. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

Motion carried: 5 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, and 0 absent

NEW BUSINESS

Social (Tribal) Benefits – 1st Council Gardner stated she would like to see our tribe change our policy to accept extra-curricular activities as something that is acceptable under our Social Services program. Statistically it shows that if children are involved in things like football, dance, etc. they are less likely to be involved in drugs or gangs. There are

many children in our tribe that may not be able to afford to participate in these extra-curricular activities or afford the personal equipment and fees that may be needed to participate. Chief Wallace suggested that we have Monica Bettis from Social Services develop the policy to include extra-curricular activities to be brought back to the Business Committee for review and revision.

Housing Down Payment was brought up by Treasurer Barrett. He states that the current closing costs when you purchase a new home is \$9,000-12,000. The \$3,000 that we currently provide to first time homeowners does not even cover closing costs let alone a down payment. He would like to see us make our people home- owners not renters paying someone else's home mortgage. He stated he would like to see these amount increased. Chief Wallace will present this to Amber and Karen and have them present something at the January 26th Business Committee meeting.

Chad Kelly read a donation request from L.C. Grover, ADVANT Program Manager from Integris Miami Hospital requesting a vehicle that is no longer in use by the tribe for use by their Hospital Patrol Service.

Treasurer Barrett read a donation request from the Oklahoma Panhandle State University Police Department for a vehicle request.

Chad Kelly stated that the Tribe may have two vehicles retiring from the fleet in February.

OLD BUSINESS

Sherry Hamby presented information to the 2nd Chief and discussed the Christmas Bonus paid to the BC and Chief. She requests that this information be reviewed by the Business Committee members.

Jack Ross presented information on how the Budget works and information from the Constitution.

MOTION: TO AUTHORIZE the Director of Accounting to transfer funds from the General Health Reserve Ac-

count to the EHCP account to take the balance back to two million dollars made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Gardner.

Motion carries: 5 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, and 0 absent.

MOTION: To approve the infrastructure costs for roads at Shawnee Skies as discussed. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

MOTION: To go into Closed Session at 7:18 p.m. after a five-minute break. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett and seconded by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: To return to Open Session at 10:16 p.m. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett and seconded by 1st Council Gardner.

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

MOTION: To add Resolutions 122221-R-02 and 122221-R-03 to the agenda made by Treasurer Barrett and second made by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 122221-R-02 Part VI: Exclusions of Eastern Shawnee Tribal Gaming Commission Regulations.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to confirm funds derived from unauthorized transactions under 600.5 Right to Remove From Premises will be deposited as follows:

- 1) 20% of the funds from unauthorized transactions shall be donated annually to the Oklahoma Association on Problem & Compulsive Gambling
- 2) 80% of the funds from unauthorized transactions will be donated to the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Elder Crisis Program to assist Tribal Elders in

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need of assistance.

MOTION: To approve Resolution Number 122221-R-02. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 122221-R-03 Approving the Articles of Organization of Woodlands Entertainment LLC. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Okla-

homa does hereby wish to approve the Articles of Organization of Woodlands Entertainment LLC.

MOTION: To approve Resolution Number 122221-R-03. The motion was made by 1st Council Gardner with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

MOTION: To approve a \$500 net retention pay to all employees of the tribal government and business entities who are employed for one year as

of 12-22-21, not including elected officials. The motion was made by 1st Council Gardner with second made by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

MOTION: To adjourn at 10:20 p.m. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty and seconded by Treasurer Barrett.

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

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medical expenses **due to the Covid-19 pandemic**. The tribal member must have exhausted all allowable reimbursement funding for utilities or medical bills under the Tribal Health & Social Services Benefits Program (HSS).

EMERGENCY HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Financial income is a factor. Individuals must be homeowners and applicants that are at risk of homelessness or other housing instability must include past-due notices, utility notices, and eviction notices with their application to expedite assistance. Eligible households may apply and receive up to 3 months of assistance at a time (for a total of 12 months, provided funds are available. Household maximum benefit is \$3,000.00 total for mortgage, utilities, and/or utility arrears. Contact Amber Mittag or Stacie Triplett.

I want to thank everyone who expressed interest in serving on the board of the Housing Authority. I have renominated Ben Dixon who was the Chairman of the Housing Authority Board, the Business Committee affirmed the nomination and Ben has accepted the new term. It is now time for me to address the appointment of the Gaming Commission Director whose term will soon be up. This is a full-time employ-

ment position. This person needs to have gaming experience and needs to submit in writing his or her interest in serving in this position. An email or text message to me will suffice.

Our Tribe did receive kudos recently in a Joplin Globe article written by Frankie Meyer. She writes a weekly genealogy column and she praised our history book **THE EASTERN SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA: RESILIENCE THROUGH ADVERSITY** for the details, history, research and quality information the book contains. Thanks Frankie. It's nice to be positively noticed by others. We also need to thank Indian Country Today for their coverage of the citizens of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe and the Shawnee Tribe historical return to Serpent Mound for the Summer Solstice to present programs and to preserve the sanctity of this site of our ancestors. Indian Country Today rated this story as their number one story. Quite an honor to say the least.

I sound like a broken record, but the daily words here are still COVID, COVID, COVID. Hopefully we are at an area peak as last week Claremore Indian Hospital indicated 54% of the individuals who were tested were positive. Interestingly enough, Bearskin Clinic at Wyandotte reported the identical percentage, 54% positive. We have several employees out with COVID now. We have once again closed our inside din-

ing room at our AOA Elders Center until further notice. We continue to serve our senior citizens but limit that service to drive-through meal pickup. Likewise, we closed our toddler room at our Early Childhood Learning Center because of a positive case. After the quarantine time ended, we reopened that room only to have a positive case in our three-year-old room which we immediately closed. We recognize this makes inconveniences to parents, but the safety and health of all will always be our number one priority.


It is times like these that I am thankful that I live in the country, have open spaces and quiet to meditate. Even though it has been extremely cold the week of this writing, I enjoy going home, getting the fire in my fireplace roaring, then stepping out into the cold, brisk air to reflect on the day and to energize myself for the next day to come. My musings as I stand inhaling the freezing night air looking out at my back yard leading on to the cattle filled pastures and Sycamore Creek that flows through the entire farm are disrupted by a rustle on the lower part of my driveway. Out of the corner of my eye I catch a fat opossum scuffling along, nose to the ground, seeking scraps of food that I scatter for my birds and farm critters, completely oblivious to my presence. I make a noise and he quickly waddles away seeking shelter, telling me it is time for me to do the same and go back

into the warmth of the house. Taking a deep breath and chilled to the bone, I acknowledge the few freezing moments felt good, refreshed, cleansed and readied me once again for the challenges of this COVID world, but for the immediate moment the warmth of the fireplace and the house beckon.

COVID is difficult but it also frequently brings out the best in many of our employees. Tribal administration is shared services and when one department is short or having difficulty, another department steps up to share its employees, take on some of the uncovered responsibilities of the department in need. Here in tribal administration our new tribal administrator reports to work on Monday morning and we are certainly in need of her. Hours have been long and challenging and masks after wearing them for a long day, as

necessary as they maybe, can be stifling, making one sometimes feel the world is closing in on them, almost suffocating them. To cite a famous quotation, "We shall overcome."

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. Happy Valentine's Day everyone!
Chief Glenna




10135 S. Bluejacket Road
Wyandotte, OK 74370


918.238.4800

Hours of Operation

Monday Friday 5:00 am – 8:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm



- Heated Swimming Pool
- 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

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LOW INCOME HOME
ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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3. Copy of energy statement (natural gas, propane, electric)
4. Copy of CDIB card

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FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RECEIVE AN APPLICATION

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Darlene and Bud Enyart

As far as Granddad Crain, well Bud says he was one of the best men he ever met in his life. He was a good, sound person. He never had money, but everyone respected him. I reminded Bud that Granddad lived alone for many, many years and often had only one of anything. That included silverware. Grandson Jimmie Huggins came to spend a few weeks with Granddad one summer and when they ate, one would have to eat first, then wash the silverware before the other one could eat. Bud recalled that Grandmother Sarah died young, was buried in Tulsa, Oklahoma and for 44-45 years Granddad never missed going to Tulsa, decorating her grave, always respecting her memory. Bud carries on that tradition as today he and his wife Darlene decorate seven different cemeteries in three different states.

Bud recalled a specific time when he misbehaved and how Granddad Crain handled the incident. Rex and Bud decided they wanted to try smoking and they would get the cigarettes from Granddad, without asking him

of course. Rex began an intense conversation with Granddad outside of the chicken house while Bud slipped inside and stole an opened pack of cigarettes. Unfortunately for Bud, he put them in his pocket and unknowing to him, the cigarettes began to spill out of the package. Granddad never said a word to the boys. Instead he went to Mom, told her what Bud and Rex did, and let her decide how to handle it. Bud said he got in trouble, which he should have, but Granddad never said a word about the incident.

Graduating from high school, Bud went to work at Eastern State Hospital at Vinita, OK for 1 ½ years. He then had the opportunity to go to NEO A&M College at Miami on a one-year machinist program. He indicates it was the best decision he ever made in his life. There he learned to operate seven different machines, ultimately going to work at King Press in Joplin, Missouri where he worked a union job for 24 years until retiring.

During that time Bud married his high school sweetheart, Darlene Passley and they have now been married 58 years. Three children, seven grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren later, Bud states that overall it has been a good life. There have been immense difficulties such as the death of his son Bobby and his granddaughter Angela due to an automobile accident and the death of a great grandchild at birth, but there have also been numerous highs—six of his family graduating from NEO A&M with nursing degrees, with his son Don going on to become an anesthesiologist. His daughter Kim Harnar chose to major in accounting and is now Chief of Staff for the Wyandotte Tribe.

And speaking of Tribes, Bud says in school he knew he was Indian but never thought about it then. He stresses the need for all to get involved. He himself has served on several committees, including the Housing Authority Board, the first Election Board, helped start and served on the Elders Crisis Com-

mittee, as well as the committee who set up the FEMA trailer homes and guidelines.

When asked why he has never run for an elected position, he indicated family was too important to him, explaining that his brother Charles served as Chief for eight years and now his sister Glenna is in her sixteenth year, plus his sister Jean served several years on the Business Committee as did his mother. He said one of the greatest sorrows was seeing different members of a family serve at the same time and not getting along, causing friction, a friction that continues to divide some families today. He never wants that to happen to his family.

Bud ended by saying that he believes he can serve his tribe without being an elected official. He smiles, then looks remorseful when he states some people don't understand his role as one of the sponsors of a facebook discussion board. He states lots of things are placed there that he disagrees with, that there is too much complaining, too much bickering, too much negativity, but also a great deal of good positive things come from it as well. He believes! It is a place where everyone can become informed, can listen to both sides of an issue, then determine the facts for themselves. Instead of griping, he says, people should be thankful for the really, really, good benefits and education opportunities the tribe provides, ending with "We can always do better and that's why all of should be involved, elected or not."

The reminiscing ended with Bud suddenly declaring, "I've got to go. I have 50 mama cows waiting on me and 8 to 10 bulls that need fed if I am going to make any money off of them when they're sold. Took a long time to make the farm profitable and I want to keep it that way. I don't get rich, but I enjoy it. And even at the age of 78, there needs to be enjoyment in life."

Amen to that!

Eastern Shawnee Tribe

Tribal Citizens Birthdays for February 2022

Ackerman Laci 2/7	Floyd John 2/23	Lefors Luna 2/16	Ross Ethel 2/17
Anglin Stacy 2/17	Foss Annjanette 2/9	Lewis Joanne 2/27	Ross Robert 2/22
Ankeny Keegan 2/11	Francis Olivia 2/23	Lewis Jr Jimmy 2/13	Salyers Cameron 2/22
Applegate Stormie 2/17	Friedman Constance 2/4	Loucks Jeremy 2/7	Schott Roberta 2/17
Ascenio, Jr Ivan 2/22	Garcia Aieleeziabet 2/18	Loureiro Toni 2/23	Schubert Richard 2/17
Austin Grant 2/15	Gaylord Hayden 2/2	Lowe Andie 2/8	Schulte Cole 2/17
Austin Noah 2/11	Gensingier Arianna 2/25	Lowe Ashley 2/8	Scott Danni 2/3
Babcock Blake 2/28	George Jaci 2/7	Lynd Breanna 2/17	Scott Destine 2/10
Badger Sally 2/13	Gibson Justice 2/10	Mansker Shelly 2/4	Sharp Gillian 2/20
Bailey Nicholas 2/26	Gilley Erica 2/13	Marberry Noah 2/4	Sherwood James 2/15
Barbarick Katie 2/25	Gouker Bryce 2/18	Marney Brandon 2/13	Sherwood Keara 2/10
Barker Grant 2/9	Graham Codi 2/22	Martin Taylor 2/24	Shores Kyndell 2/11
Barrett Dillon 2/15	Graham Ethan 2/14	Martinez Avery 2/18	Shuey Karli 2/19
Barrett Dustin 2/16	Grubbs Ella 2/8	Matheney Owen 2/18	Sims Jason 2/1
Barrett Ellie 2/9	Hansen Janet 2/4	Mccamish Ramsey 2/18	Smith Brenda 2/28
Barrett Gavin 2/25	Harris Aliviah 2/11	McDonald Aubree 2/1	Smith Caleb 2/16
Barrett Rynlee 2/21	Harris Angela 2/8	McGill Miles 2/3	Smith Caspian 2/6
Batori Arabella 2/18	Harris Ripken 2/13	McMinn Rocky 2/6	Smith Mathieu 2/28
Beets Shelby 2/25	Hauser John 2/7	McMinn Travis 2/6	Smith Melissa 2/6
Belcher Benjamin 2/25	Hayworth Raven 2/3	Mellen Stacie 2/15	Smith Shadow 2/3
Bernard Madeleine 2/26	Heller Ryan 2/6	Melton Kylin 2/24	Stewart Caleb 2/15
Bettis Jesse 2/3	Henegar Akley 2/13	Miller Leslie 2/10	Stine Micha 2/7
Bird Ashley 2/2	Henry Dalee 2/27	Millhollin James 2/1	Storey II Matthew 2/7
Blackmon Brody 2/27	Henry Dane 2/24	Millhollin Joshua 2/17	Strauss Coulter 2/24
Blackmore Woodrow 2/8	Hinkle Debra 2/18	Millhollin Joshua 2/9	Strickland Tanisha 2/9
Blanchard Joella 2/14	Hollis Haley 2/2	Millhollin Maudie 2/1	Strickland Tracy 2/19
Blizzard Scott 2/18	Hollis Preston 2/6	Mix Kelly 2/10	Strickland Ferci Lori 2/15
Blizzard Shane 2/23	Hollis Shonna 2/28	Moose Clare 2/27	Sullivan Oliver 2/6
Blizzard Teghan 2/19	Holmes Jack 2/25	Moose Holden 2/27	Tandy Lindsey 2/17
BlueJacket Madison 2/15	Holubik Blanche 2/3	Morgan Kristan 2/29	Tayrien Troy 2/12
BlueJacket Robert 2/23	Hotulke Boston 2/17	Murphy Lilaina 2/21	Thomasson Preston 2/23
Boehme Erin 2/11	Hubbard Britney 2/15	Murray Nora 2/5	Thomasson Ransom 2/14
Boehme Nolan 2/3	Hubbard Dalton 2/2	Naval Joshua 2/26	Thomasson Trampas 2/6
Brendlin Blayne 2/1	Hubbard McKenzie 2/6	Navarro Jessica 2/4	Thompson Melaney 2/20
Brendlin Bruce 2/7	Hudson Landri 2/23	Nichols Keith 2/29	Thorp Brycen 2/10
Brendlin Tamala 2/10	Hueston Shea 2/16	Nichols Michael 2/3	Thrasher Justice 2/17
Bristol Faith 2/25	Huls Olivia 2/18	Nicholson Derick 2/27	Throgmorton Michael 2/7
Brock Glen 2/29	Hunter Ash 2/12	Nunley Kendra 2/1	Trisler Ethan 2/14
Burkhart Doris 2/29	Hurt Raelynn 2/18	Ogaz Mark 2/29	Truelove Emily 2/10
Butler Dominique 2/28	Hutchinson Allison 2/8	Olbrey Tiffany 2/12	Turner Caleb 2/23
Calhoun Jesse 2/4	Hutchinson Karin 2/23	Olbrey Tori 2/21	VanHouten Bennett 2/8
Captain Brian 2/10	Hyde Nakoa 2/14	Olson Cassandra 2/5	Vermillion Karen 2/17
Captain George 2/28	Iamsamang Toria 2/26	Osborne Dorinda 2/11	Wachman Tegan 2/21
Captain Kye 2/23	Jacobson Neal 2/24	Overn Natalie 2/8	Waincott Matthew 2/13
Captain Tucker 2/16	James Anpo 2/23	Overn Natalya 2/8	Waldon Riley 2/17
Castleberry Kerri 2/5	James Mason 2/7	Parsons Malissa 2/16	Walker Ke'aira 2/20
Chamberlain Christopher 2/18	James Shawn 2/23	Patrick Thomas 2/14	Walsh Beau 2/24
Channick Kurt 2/16	James Wakinian 2/22	Patterson Susan 2/17	Warden Jr Danny 2/6
Channick Patrick 2/3	James Jr Charles 2/6	Payne Raina 2/2	Washington Bryce 2/19
Chaulet Jax 2/10	Jardee Regina 2/9	Payton Danielle 2/14	Weinberg Amanda 2/17
Childers Chasen 2/5	Johnson Cheryl 2/8	Peacock Harvey 2/23	Wells Devon 2/24
Clark Tristan 2/11	Johnson Ethan 2/9	Peterson Alice 2/3	Wendling Alyce 2/26
Colvard Christopher 2/12	Johnston Carter 2/24	Peterson Michael 2/8	Werth Samuel 2/19
Conrad James 2/2	Johnston Elijah 2/24	Phelan Chad 2/25	White Aiden 2/28
Cortez Ulises 2/26	Johnston Joshua 2/17	Phillips Shauna 2/9	White Amy 2/14
Crain Lawrence 2/6	Jones Curtis 2/25	Pogue Dhaloree 2/20	White Annie 2/7
Cremonini Chloe 2/12	Jones Keylan 2/22	Pollock Nicholas 2/26	White David 2/7
Crossley Avery 2/14	Kelly Kristen 2/10	Preston Jason 2/13	White Donovan 2/26
Crump Adrienne 2/28	Kimbrough Braydon 2/21	Prete Zachary 2/4	White Kaylee 2/24
Daniels Faith 2/15	King Shawn 2/19	Punk Nolan 2/13	White Kyle 2/24
Daugherty Michael 2/11	Kirkham Jr. Eric 2/5	Purcell Dakotah 2/23	Williams Carson 2/17
DeClue Jody 2/9	Koch Michael 2/9	Purvis Wade 2/3	Williams Laquita 2/21
Delmont Kolton 2/26	Koslowsky Blythe 2/29	Quapaw Tezlynn 2/5	Wilmoth Justus 2/13
Devine Margaret 2/24	Kraus Timothy 2/21	Quillen Janice 2/24	Winkle Whalen 2/14
Dixon Justin 2/28	Kropp Marilyn 2/26	Rabb Whitney 2/8	Woodruff Julie 2/7
Duclos Caydie 2/11	Landis Jeremy 2/6	Reinke Sarah 2/11	Worley Jonah 2/2
Dushane Jon 2/1	Landis Ryan 2/6	Rendel Shannon 2/17	Worley Rachel 2/5
Dushane Lori 2/9	Landis Terri 2/2	Rice Brian 2/6	Wright Amoni 2/3
Edwards Trevor 2/26	Latimore Kaylee 2/1	Roberson Rhonda 2/16	Wright Mitchell 2/8
Edwards-Fanning Dakota 2/25	Lawson Braden 2/2	Romine Paizley 2/26	Wright Taylor 2/10
Ellis Kyanah 2/16	Leach Kathleen 2/28	Ronning Abbe 2/12	York Samuel 2/2
Fanning Kolten 2/11	Leach Oliviah 2/24	Rosenow Alijah 2/16	York Sophia 2/2
Fasolino Alison 2/26	Lee Aurora 2/21	Ross Aaron 2/3	