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News from the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

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Kailey Littlefield finding balance of success and the need for speed



Jamie Hudson, BVM Sports Contributor, January 24, 2022 LUCAS, Texas — A majority of high school athletes never get the opportunity to hoist up a championship trophy or celebrate a state title.

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You're Invited! Business Committee Meetings to be held March 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

Hato Fellow Tribal Citizens,

Spring gets closer and closer. Predictions for this last week in February are pretty bleak here and two weeks ago we missed two days of work because of snow and ice, but better days are coming. The two days at home were actually a respite as daily dealing with Covid and all its complexities and challenges was beginning to lead to decision fatigue. Those two days the most important decisions I had to make were keeping the fire going in my fireplace and keeping the birds fed, both relaxing activities.

While I was deliberately navigating at a more relaxed pace those two days, the birds certainly were not. They came by the dozens—cardinals, juncos, doves, chickadees, bossy blue jays, blackbirds, woodpeckers all crowding around the three feeder bird houses, all jostling for perching space to eat or seeking space to claim the black sunflower seeds topping the white snow on the ground. My favorites were the cardinals. The males swoop in with their bright red plumage squawking and scuffling for the choicest seeds. The females with more muted tones of grays and browns with warm pinkish shades of red are less aggressive and far more patient. I have read those cardinals might be visitors from above in more than just the literal sense. I have always heard that if you

see a cardinal in your yard, that means a loved one from heaven is visiting. So when I see either the male or female, I catch my breath, inhale deeply, say a prayer of thanksgiving and think of my mother and father. There were so many cardinals feasting on the sunflower seeds in my yard that day it was just like a family reunion. Watching all those birds was the perfect antithesis to the worrisome times of the last couple of years. Thank goodness for that snow and ice. Although I didn't know that I needed it, It provided escapism at its finest. I hope that you are able to find some contentment and relaxation in these unprecedented times. As I said, thank goodness spring gets closer and closer. And now back to work.

COVID is the omnipresent word. Nationwide I read that COVID has declined 92 percent from its peak about a month ago. Many have been negatively affected by it either in health or by finances or by both. So I want to remind you of many ways you might be able to receive assistance if you are a tribal citizen. I am not going to go into a description of the assistance program as that can be found on our website or you can contact the program director. Here are a few and all assistance listed immediately below must be Covid related.

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- Other Utility Assistance including water Contact Amber Mittag 918 238 2424 or amittag@estoo.net
- Homeowner Payment Assistance Contact Amber Mittag 918 238 2424 or amittag@estoo.net

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Littlefield

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Kailey Littlefield knows the feeling of success all too well. And she isn't even halfway through her high school career yet.

Now as a sophomore on the Lovejoy Leopards track and field team, Littlefield is looking for back-to-back individual state titles.

This year, Littlefield and the Lovejoy's girls cross country team captured the 5A state championship.

But while Littlefield has found success in long distance, speed is her passion.

Last year's 5A UIL 800-meter state champion is now on a quest of balancing her own expectations for her sophomore season and continuing to build off of last season.

"My freshman year was really great," Littlefield told BVM. "It started out with cross country and I did All-State cross country, which was really big for me because I always thought, 'I'm a track runner, I'm speed.' So to get top-10 in cross country was really great. Fast forward to track season, winning state, that was my main goal all year."

And she accomplished just that.



Littlefield grew up playing soccer, but she always fell back on running as her number one sport.

Running runs in her family.

"My mom is my coach," Littlefield explained. "She ran in college. She's been a coach for a while. So, I've grown up around running my whole life."

Carly, Lovejoy's cross country and track and field coach and Littlefield's mother, ran track and cross country on scholarship at the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

"We do talk track quite a bit," Little-field said with a big smile. "It's a great experience. I love it so much. She's such a great coach. Sometimes you would think, you're just surrounded with track, but that's what I love, that's what I do. So I like that we get to come home and talk about what workouts we're going to do the next day, and she gets to ask me my feedback all the time, and I think it makes our relationship really strong because we're around each other a lot."

The duo does set boundaries, though, to ensure that running doesn't take over.

"Sometimes we go camping or just do family stuff and we make rules before we go," Littlefield explained. "We're like, 'Ok, we're not going to talk about track on this trip."

It's all about balance, and balancing is something Littlefield has found a way to do.

In elementary school and middle school, she participated in soccer as well as continuing to run at organized events. During her middle school days, she also took part in basketball, but once her freshman year rolled around, it was all running all the time.

Before Littlefield turned 10 years old, she knew running was in her blood.

After running summer track at age nine, that's where Littlefield said she "developed her love for running."

Now as her spring high school season ramps up, Littlefield is looking for even more balance in her life. But this time, it's about managing her own expectations.

"I definitely put a lot of pressure on myself," Littlefield said. "I think it'd be really cool to win back-to-back."

In her first indoor meet this year, she ran a strong 800-meter performance at the Texas A&M High School Indoor Classic on Jan. 8, debuting with a time of 2:12.68.

She ran a 56.73 in the 400-meter.

"That was a really good meet for me," Littlefield said. "It's a good season starter because we haven't done much speed. So I know that I'll get faster throughout the year."

After falling behind in the 800-meter at Texas A&M, Littlefield finished strong with an impressive finishing kick to overcome a three-second deficit in the final 150 meters. She passed Boerne-Champion High School senior Anastacia Gonzales.

who had led the entire race up to that point. Last May, Gonzales won the UIL state Class 5A 1600-meter run and took third behind Littlefield in the 800-meter.

During Littlefield's run of capturing the 800-meter state title last year, she ran a 2:08.04 personal best.

The 5A state meet record was set in 2019 by Bailey Goggans of Marble Falls with a time of 2:07.39.

Littlefield's 800-meter time as a freshman ranks her sixth in the nation, according to MileSplit.com.

The Lovejoy star is now focused on her speed as well as filling in her mom's shoes with distance running. "I just want to drop my time in the 400 because I think that will help me for the 800 and the mile," she said.

"I really want to get the stamina and mental part of the mile down because that's a barrier that I faced last year. I was always mental about the mile, but I think I can overcome that this year."

Littlefield has yet to give too much consideration to where she will take her talents at the college level but says that is one of her goals to earn a track and field scholarship.

Looking long term, Littlefield's biggest goal is to run at the Olympic Tri-

als and then possibly the Olympics.

"I think if I keep putting in the work, I think I can do it," she said.

One thing's for certain, Littlefield will always have her mother's support and advice on how to achieve such impressive feats.

The only exception to the rule: The family camping trip.

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Congratulations New Tribal Enrollees

WRENLEY JANAE HUNSINGER

DOB: 07/30/2021 Daughter of Natalie Janae Huggins (ID #2253) Grand-daughter of Jarrod Lee Huggins (ID #534) Great Granddaughter of Jimmie Douglas Huggins Jr. (1964 #397) Great Great Granddaughter of Jimmie Douglas Huggins Sr. (1938 #159)

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Physical Therapy	Must have a written order or RX from a provider	
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FROM THIS CORNER

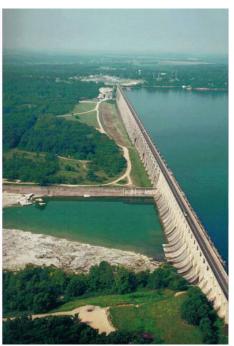
By Chief Glenna J. Wallace

DAVID AND GOLIATH: CITY OF MIAMI VS. GRDA

The weather forecast for this corner of the four-states calls for the last week of February 2022, to be wild and wideranging, calling for temperatures to vary 50 or more degrees from one day to another, a possibility of tornadoes, large hail up to the size of half dollars, a possibility of rain, freezing rain, sleet and snow, a possibility of wind gusts in excess of 60 mph, ending with a possibility of severe thunderstorms and areas of flooding. Following this wild and varied ending of February comes March, the month that is known for its reputation of coming in like a lion and going out like a lamb. At least we know there is quite the likelihood that the lion portion of this axiom will be true.

Threatening weather possibilities continue with March and April often bringing more spring-like weather, especially those spring rains further producing areas of flooding. If you haven't lived in this corner of the four-states, you might not be aware of just how often those spring floods are, how wide-spread they can be and how much devastation they can wreak. The city of Miami, Oklahoma is a case in point. Our Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is located in Miami as is our Intertribal Council (ITC) as well as our county courthouse. Thus, even though the tribe is located approximately twenty miles from there, we often have needs of traveling to Miami. The Neosho River and Tar Creek cover much of Miami's city limits and If there has been much rain, there's likely to be considerable flooding there. Reaching Miami via roads requires thought in these situations as so many roads flood. Road after road bears signs such as Impassable during high water, frequent flooding, detour during high water, etc. Then there's Spring River, Lost Creek, and Sycamore Branch converging with the Neosho River to form Grand Lake, all contributing to the flood conditions







Steve Owens Blvd. in Miami Oklahoma.

of Ottawa County.

Complicating this flood scenario is Pensacola Dam and Grand River Dam Association, known as GRDA. For years the city of Miami has contended that GRDA has caused floods in Miami because of maintaining high lake levels, not opening the flood gates and recently requested in a license renewal to raise the lake level even more.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH said the city fathers of Miami and the legal battles began. It was truly a rematch of David vs. Goliath with the financially challenged city of Miami taking on the coffers of the more affluent Grand River Dam Association. Enlisting the support of several area tribes, including the Eastern Shawnee Tribe, Miami took on a longtime battle with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Grand River Dam Authority. Legal suits were filed, meetings were held resulting in official hearings being conducted, remarks made by selected individuals including myself, resulting in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) ruling in favor of GRDA. Goliath won. But David or the City of Miami would not put its slingshot away. They went to battle again, appealing the ruling, knowing this was going to be a high financial battle for the city but the cost of ruined homes, closed businesses, loss of life and untold human suffering was more costly.

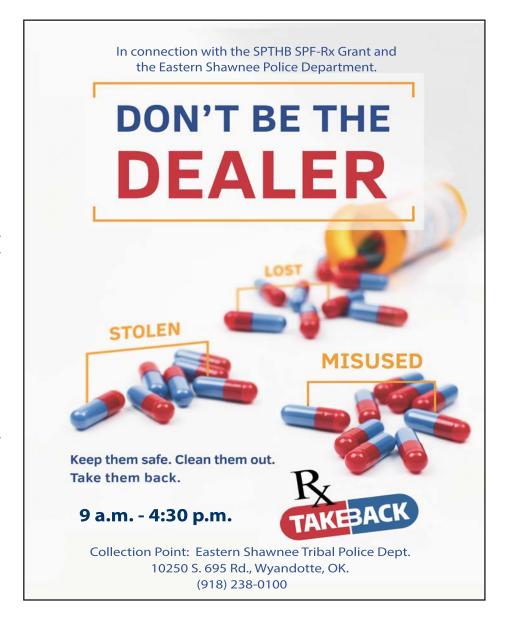
David prevailed. With all odds against it but believing they were right and after 2 appeals, the city of Miami rejoiced when in January 2022 the Miami News-Record featured the heading "RULING FAVORS CITY OF MIAMI IN BAT-TLE WITH FERC, GRDA" going on to write "Pensacola Dam is at the center of a District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission failed to appropriately analyze the City of Miami's complaints about how the dam is operated. The City of Miami has scored a victory in its battle with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Grand River Dam Authority in its longtime battle concerning GRDA's operation of the Pensacola Dam. The District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission failed to appropriately analyze the City of Miami's complaints. A three-judge panel unanimously ruled that the city's complaints be remanded to FERC calling FERC's argument that GRDA hasn't violated its current operating license "surprisingly unpersuasive." The court found that,

while the city provided: powerful "evidence that GRDA had caused flooding in Miami, FERC had not conducted a thorough analysis in its review."

"The city had argued that GRDA was in violation of its existing license issued by FERC in the 1990's by flooding property it does not have the legal right to flood. The city's concerns are compounded by the fact that GRDA is also currently in the process of a renewal of that license, and as part thereof, asking to raise the lake level by another 2 feet. City of Miami officials have argued that would only add to the already extensive flood problems in the City and Ottawa County. We have been battling this problem for decades and until now, it seems that nobody would even listen

to our issues, let alone care about our problems, except for the Courts Miami city attorney Ben Loring said. "That is because GRDA provides Oklahoma with cheap electricity and so it doesn't matter that they do it unfairly and illegally at the expense of the citizens of Miami and Ottawa County. We feel like someone is finally listening."

The battle may not be over so the city of Miami isn't putting its slingshot away but GRDA is watching the floodgates at Pensacola Dam closer than ever, opening them more, not increasing the lake level so maybe, just maybe we won't have to worry about so many areas of flooding. Welcome David. It's nice to have you in our corner! You may have to fight again.



Wellness Center Health Walk

Submitted by Madelyn Branham, Aquatic Coordinator/Front Desk



February is Heart Disease Awareness Month. On Friday, February 18th, the Wellness Center hosted the Heart Walk to raise awareness for heart disease. The Heart Walk included walking a mile around our indoor track and reading posters with facts about heart diseases. Throughout the day, we had 80 participants walk around our indoor track and receive a heart disease shirt.

Prevent Heart Disease

By living a healthy lifestyle, you can help keep your blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar levels normal and lower your risk for heart disease and heart attack.

Choose Healthy Habits

You can choose healthy habits to help prevent heart disease.

Choose Healthy Foods and Drinks

Eating lots of foods high in saturated fat and trans fat may contribute to heart disease.

- Eating foods high in fiber and low in saturated fats, trans fat, and cholesterol can help prevent high cholesterol.
 - 1. Limiting salt (sodium) in your diet can also lower your blood pressure.

 Limiting sugar in your diet can lower your blood sugar level to prevent or help control diabetes.

Do not drink too much alcohol, which can raise your blood pressure. Men should have no more than 2 drinks per day, and women no more than 1 drink per day. For more information, visit CDC's Alcohol and Public Health website

Keep a Healthy Weight

- People with overweight or obesity have a higher risk for heart disease. Carrying extra weight can put extra stress on the heart and blood vessels.
- To find out if your weight is in a healthy range, you can calculate your Body Mass Index (BMI) at CDC's Assessing Your Weight website.

Get Regular Physical Activity

 Physical activity can help you maintain a healthy weight and lower your blood pressure, blood cholesterol, and blood sugar levels. For adults, the Surgeon General recommends 2 hours and 30 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise, like brisk walking or bicycling, every week. Children and adolescents should get 1 hour of physical activity every day.

Don't smoke

Cigarette smoking greatly increases your risk for heart disease. If you don't smoke, don't start. If you do smoke, quitting will lower your risk for heart disease. Your doctor can suggest ways to help you quit.

Take Charge of Your Medical Conditions

 If you have high cholesterol, high blood pressure, or diabetes, you can take steps to lower your risk



for heart disease.

Check your Cholesterol

• Your health care team should test your blood levels of cholesterol at least once every 4 to 6 years. If you have already been diagnosed with high cholesterol or have a family history of the condition, you may need to have your cholesterol checked more often. Talk with your health care team about this simple blood test. If you have high cholesterol, medicines and lifestyle changes can help reduce your risk for heart disease.

Control Your Blood Pressure

- High blood pressure usually has no symptoms, so have it checked on a regular basis. Your health care team should measure your blood pressure at least once every 2 years if you have never had high blood pressure or other risk factors for heart disease.
- If you have been diagnosed with high blood pressure, also called hypertension, your health care team will measure your blood

pressure more often to make sure you have the condition under control. Talk with your health care team about how often you should check your blood pressure. You can check it at a doctor's office, at a pharmacy, or at home.

 If you have high blood pressure, your health care team might recommend some changes in your lifestyle, such as lowering the sodium in your diet; your doctor may also prescribe medicine to help lower your blood pressure.

Manage your diabetes

 If you have diabetes, monitor your blood sugar levels carefully. Talk with your health care team about treatment options. Your doctor may recommend certain lifestyle changes to help keep your blood sugar under control. These actions will help reduce your risk for heart disease.

Take your Medicine as Directed

• If you take medicine to treat high blood cholesterol, high blood pressure, or diabetes, follow your doctor's

instructions carefully. Always ask questions if you don't understand something. Never stop taking your medicine without first talking to your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

Work with your Health care team

- You and your health care team can work together to prevent or treat the medical conditions that lead to heart disease. Discuss your treatment plan regularly, and bring a list of questions to your appointments. Talk with your health care team about how heart disease and mental health disorders are related.
- If you've already had a heart attack, your health care team will work with you to prevent another one. Your treatment plan may include medicines or surgery and lifestyle changes to reduce your risk. Be sure to take your medicines as directed and follow your doctor's instructions.

Content source: National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention

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Child Care and Development Fund

Submitted by Dian Torres, CCDF Director

January's Parenting Class went well. These classes are offered free to parents, and we try to do one every 3 months. If you are interested in attending or want information on an upcoming class feel free to contact our office or email us. Our contact information is listed below.

We are preparing to start taking applications from childcare providers on our subsidy program for the ARPA stimulus funding we received due to COVID. It has a number of ways to help childcare facilities with the issues they have endured during these trying times like staying open and keeping staff through this pandemic. Once it is up and running, you will find the application on our tribal website that is listed below.

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. 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:

Becoming a Stepparent

Becoming a stepparent by blending families or marrying someone with kids can be rewarding and fulfilling. If you've never had kids, you'll get the chance to share your life with a younger person and help to shape his or her character. If you have kids, they can build relationships and establish a special bond that only siblings can have.

In some cases, new family members get along without a problem. But sometimes there are bumps in this new road. Figuring out your role as a parent — aside from the day-to-day responsibilities that come with it — also may lead to confusion or even conflict between you and your partner, your partner's ex, and their kids.

While there's no easy formula for creating the "perfect" family, it's important to approach this situation with patience and understanding for the feelings of all involved. Here's how to make things easier as you adapt to your new role.

Start Slow

The initial role of a stepparent is that of another caring adult in a child's life, similar to a loving family member or mentor. You may desire a closer bond right away, and might wonder what you're doing wrong if your new stepchild doesn't warm up to you or your kids as quickly as you'd like. But relationships need time to grow.

Start out slow and try not to rush into things. Let things develop naturally — kids can tell when adults are being fake or insincere. Over time, you can develop a deeper, more meaningful relationship with your stepchildren, which doesn't necessarily have to resemble the one they share with their birth parents.

Things That Affect Your Relationship

Children who are mourning the loss of a deceased parent or



the separation or divorce of their birth parents may need time to heal before they can fully accept you as a new parent.

For those whose birth parents are still alive, remarriage may mean the end of hope that their parents will reunite. Even if it has been several years since the separation, kids (even grown ones!) often cling to that hope for a long time. From the kids' perspective, this reality can make them feel angry, hurt, and confused.

Other things that may affect the transition into stepparenting:

- How old the kids are. When it comes to adjusting and forming new relationships, younger kids generally have an easier time than older kids. But there can be a "sleeper effect" with young children. Some take big changes in stride at first, but disruptive behaviors or challenging emotions come up years later. Talk openly with kids, even if they seem OK with the big changes, to help prevent trouble later.
- How long you've known them. Usually, the longer you know the kids, the better the relationship. There are exceptions (for example, if you were friends with the parents before they separated and are blamed for the breakup). But in most cases, having a history together makes the transition a little smoother.
- How long you dated the parent before marriage. Again, there are exceptions but typically if you don't rush into

- the relationship with the adult, kids have a good sense that you are in this for the long haul.
- How well the parent you marry gets along with the exspouse. This is critical. Minimal conflict and open communication between ex-partners can make a big difference regarding how easily kids accept you as their stepparent. It's much easier for kids to adjust to new living arrangements when adults keep negative comments out of earshot.
- How much time the kids spend with you. Trying to bond with kids every other weekend when they want quality time with a birth parent they don't see as often as they'd like can be a hard way to make friends with your step-kids. Remember to put their needs first: If kids want time with their birth parent, they should get it. So sometimes making yourself scarce can help smooth the path to a better relationship in the long run.

Knowing ahead of time what situations could be a problem can help you prepare. Then, if complications arise, you can handle them with an extra dose of patience and grace.

Steps to Great Stepparenting

All parents face difficulties now and then. But when you're a stepparent, they can be harder because you're not the birth parent. This can open up power struggles within the family, whether it's from the kids, your partner's ex, or even your partner.

When times get tough, putting kids' needs first can help you make good decisions. Here's how:

- Put needs, not wants, first. Kids need love, affection, and consistent rules above all else. Giving them toys or treats, especially if they're not earned with good grades or behavior, can lead to a situation where you feel like you're trading gifts for love. Similarly, if you feel guilty for treating your biological kids differently from your stepchildren, don't buy gifts to make up for it. Do your best to figure out how to treat them more equally.
- House rules matter. Keep your house rules as consistent as possible for all kids, whether they're your kids from a previous relationship, your partner's kids from a previous relationship, or new children you have had together. Children and teens will have different rules, but they should be consistently applied at all times. This helps kids adjust to changes, like moving to a new house or welcoming a new baby, and helps them feel that all kids in your home are treated equally. If kids are dealing with two very different sets of rules in each home, it may be time for an adults-only family meeting otherwise kids can learn to "work the system" for short-term gain but long-term problems.

It also helps to "spread" rewards and punishments across both households. When kids do a good deed and earn praise or a privilege in one household, they should receive similar praise or rewards when they go back to

- the other household. The same goes for punishment, such as loss of electronics time for breaking a house rule. This can help kids feel like both families are on the same page, and it keeps one parent or household from being the "good guy" or the "bad guy."
- Create new family traditions. Find special activities to
 do with your stepkids, but be sure to get their feedback.
 New family traditions could include board game nights,
 bike riding together, cooking, doing crafts, or even playing quick word games in the car. The key is to have fun
 together, not to try to win their love kids are smart
 and will quickly figure out if you're trying to force a
 relationship.
- Respect all parents. When a partner's ex is deceased, it's important to be sensitive to and honor that person. If you and your partner share custody with the birth parent, try to be courteous and compassionate in your interactions with each other (no matter how hard that can be!). Never say negative things about the birth parent in front of the kids. Doing so often backfires and kids get angry with the parent making the remarks. No child likes to hear their parents criticized, even if he or she is complaining about them to you.
- Don't use kids as messengers or go-betweens. Try not to question kids about what's happening in the other household they'll resent it when they feel that they're being asked to "spy" on another parent. Wherever possible, communicate directly with the other parent about things like scheduling, visitation, health issues, or school problems. Online custody calendars make this process a little easier because parents can note visitation days and share this information with each other via the Internet.
- Talk to your partner or spouse. Communication between you and your partner is important so that you can make parenting decisions together. This is especially crucial if you each have different notions on parenting and discipline. If you're new to parenting as a stepparent, ask your partner what would be the best way to get to know the kids. Use resources to find out what kids of different ages are interested in and don't forget to ask them.

No matter how your new family came to be, chances are there'll be some challenges along the way. But even if things start off a little rocky, they still can (and probably will) improve as you and your new family members get to know each other better.

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Specialized Services Department Amber Mittag, Education/ Specialized Services Director

Hello Students!!

I had a recent request to pass on information this month regarding colleges that are tuition free for Native American students. Please see the following information by the isd12.org website.

Many states have enacted laws providing for scholarships, tuition waivers, or grant programs for Native Americans. Most of the states require that students be residents of the state prior to enrolling in a state college/university and/or be a member of a tribe from that state. Students should check with the colleges they are interested in to see if Native American scholarships or tuition waivers are offered.

The following states provide in-state tuition rates or tuition waivers to Native American students, with additional requirements such as tribe, state residency or graduation from a BIA high school in that state. Visit the state college/university website and search under Financial Aid for 'American Indian' tuition waivers:

California

In-state tuition for AI students who graduated from a California BIA high school.

Iowa

In-state tuition for American Indians who have origins in any of the original people of North America and who maintain a cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition with one or more of the tribes or nations connected historically with the present state of Iowa, including the Iowa, Kickapoo, Menominee, Miami, Missouri, Ojibwa (Chippewa), Omaha, Otoe, Ottawa (Odawa), Potawatomi, Sac and Fox (Sauk, Meskwaki), Sioux, and Winnebago (Ho Chunk).

Maine University of Maine

Tuition waiver and scholarship that covers room and board for members of historical tribe of Maine area OR a resident of Maine from any federally recognized or Canadian tribe. Student can

be tribally enrolled OR have a parent or grandparent enrolled.

Massachusetts

Tuition waiver for historical Massachusetts area tribes who are Massachusetts residents.

Michigan

Tuition waiver for residents of Michigan enrolled in a Michigan tribe. (see PDF at bottom of page).

Oklahoma Oklahoma University In-state tuition to tribal enrollees.

Utah and Washington

In-state tuition for AI students whose tribes are from the state or neighboring states.

The following colleges offer tuition waiver programs to Native American students from any state:

*requirements from previous header

Colorado Fort Lewis College at **Durango-**Student must be 1/4 Native American OR enrolled in a federally recognized tribe OR a direct decedent of a tribal member who lived on a reservation prior to June 1, 1934.

https://www.fortlewis.edu/tuition-aid/ scholarships/native-american-tuitionwaiver

Kansas Haskell Indian Nations **University** - Students do not need to be tribally enrolled, but must document 1/4 or more tribal descent. http://www.haskell.edu/

Montana MT University System

*Tuition waiver for MT residents enrolled in a federally recognized tribe. http://www.mus.edu/campuses.asp

Minnesota U of MN, Morris -Student must be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe OR a parent OR grandparent must be enrolled.

http://www.morris.umn.edu/financialaid/scholarshipswaivers/americanindia.

North Dakota State Colleges and **Universities** Search by college under Financial Aid resources or Scholarships for the Diversity Tuition Waiver http://www.ndus.edu/campuses/

There may be more out there as well, a quick google search can always do the trick!

Until next time, Keep studying!



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 Trail
- Massage Therapist
- Artificial Nails, Manicures, Pedicures



Eastern Shawnee Wellness Center

Emergency Rental Assistance Program By Shelly Rogers, Executive Administration Assistant



EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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.

Eligibility:

- 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.
- Demonstrates a risk of experiencing homelessness (rent) or housing instability (utilities and other expenses); and
- Has a household income at or below 80 percent of your area median (FY 2020).

Assistance Provided:

- 1. Rent
- 2. Rental arrears
- 3. Utilities (electric, gas, water and sewer, fuel oil)

- 4. Utility arrears
- 5. Internet

Eligible households may apply and receive up to three months of assistance at a time, provided funds are available.

A maximum of 12 months assistance or \$3,000, whichever should come first.

For more information please contact 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:

Support Group: Please call our office for details.

Program Update:

Hello all -

This month we are focusing on the basics of our program. What kind of program is Haven? Who do we serve? What services do we provide? It's important to us that you know that we are here for ALL victims of crime, including domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, stalking, elder abuse, burglary, etc. Read below and call if you have questions, we're here to help.

What kind of program is Haven?

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

Who do we assist?

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

What kinds of services do we provide?

We have two types of services, emergency services and long-term transi-



The act of pleading or arguing in favor of something, such a cause, policy, or interest

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

What kinds of advocacy do we provide?

Our advocates can assist with emergency and transitional housing needs. We have advocates that focus on legal services – to walk you through the process of our legal services and explain the judicial process. We have transitional housing advocates - our transitional housing advocates work monthly with eligible clients to assist clients with becoming self-sufficient financially. We have advocates in house to warmly answer your questions when you come into the office and walk you through the next steps and we have advocates who work with Eastern Shawnee tribal members who live outside of Oklahoma

Future Services - What services

will we have in the future?

We are working to add a mobile advocacy unit that will bring advocacy to our rural areas to help those who can't get to our office have access to services. We will do intakes, pass out intake forms, pass out COVID tests, and be available for conversations about services. We're hoping to have the mobile advocacy unit ready within this fiscal year.

The type of services that best fit clients' needs will be determined during the intake process. Services are contingent upon needs verified during intake. If you have questions, please contact HAVEN and talk with one of our advocates about how we can help and what services Haven can provide.

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

Haven Office: (918) 554-2836 Text Line: (918) 533-3070 Crime Victim Advocate: (541) 602-0616

Program Website:

https://havenprogram.com/

Program Email:

havenprogram@estoo.net

Facebook:

HAVEN Tribal Program,

Twitter: @ProgramHaven, Instagram: HAVENTRIBALProgram.

Our advocates are here to help!

COUNCIL FOOD DISTRIBUTION

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

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

Applications can be found on our website: ITCFDP.ORG. If you have any questions please contact us via phone or e-mail.

Call (918) 542-3443
Between the Hours of 8-12 & 1-4:30
E-mail: carol@itcfdp.org or katrina@itcfdp.org.



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.



YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

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.

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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

Monarch Butterflies are Good for your Garden By Kathleen Blanchard, ESTOO Tribal Realty/Land Use Coordinator



When it comes to growing a healthy, productive garden, there are all kinds of tricks and tips you can follow.

However, if you'd like your garden to be a natural, somewhat wild place that serves a need for local wildlife, you've got to consider these ways to attract monarch butterflies.

Sure, creatures like spiders and soldier beetles are good for the garden, too – but monarch butterflies are way more beautiful, aren't they?

Tips to Attract Monarch Butterflies to Your Garden

Each spring, I'm delighted to see monarch butterflies fluttering around the garden and landing on my plants. They're beautiful to behold that's for sure. You might wonder if they're doing any good in a garden or just there for show?

The reality is that monarch butterflies are beyond valuable for any kind of garden.

Unfortunately, their populations are in decline. You can help get them back

into fighting shape and encourage them to hang out in your garden.

What Are Monarch Butterflies?

The monarch butterfly is perhaps one of the most recognizable butterfly species on the planet. It has iconic orange wings that are laced with black. This is a creature that can be found in most parts of North America.

An iconic pollinator species, the North American monarch butterfly is known scientifically as Danaus plexippus. It is also sometimes referred to as a milkweed butterfly wandered, and black-veined brown butterfly.

Whatever you call them, monarch butterflies are breathtaking to behold. They offer lots of benefits to any kind of garden. Unfortunately, their populations are in decline due to threats such as habitat loss, parasites, and migratory losses. Many of these are related to climate change such as a colder, wetter winter (which can be lethal for monarchs) while hotter drier summers alter their habitats to the north. Fortunately, there are things you can do to help.

If you want to attract monarch butterflies to your garden, either out of the goodness of your heart or to help your garden thrive, here are some tips to help you do so.

1. Grow Native Plants

It's easy to create a butterfly-friendly oasis in your garden if you put some thought into it.

One easy way to do this is to plant native plants. Milkweed is the obvious



choice since this is where monarch butterflies lay their eggs. These butterflies are unique in that they are reliant solely to this single plant species. They can only lay their eggs on the milkweed and the caterpillars can only eat the milkweed.

Planting milkweed, of course, is the recommended course of action by most experts. In many cases, it can even be grown along roadsides or right of ways. Monarch butterflies will often be able to pollinate (and use as a food source) other kinds of plants. However, native plants are always going to be the preferred way to go. After all, these are the species the butterflies are used to depending on.

It's important to take note of the best

monarch butterfly habitat when you are out hiking or walking. However, you shouldn't collect them from the wild and add into your own landscape.

Instead, you can buy seeds or starts from native plant nurseries and seed exchanges. Ask your local nursery or garden center about the best place to find these resources.

2. Avoid Herbicides and Pesticides

Whenever possible, avoid using pesticides and herbicides.

Not only can they affect pollinators of all kinds (including bees and other species besides monarch butterflies),



but they can also negatively affect non-target species.

In other words, you might be trying to get rid of the crabgrass growing on your lawn and accidentally kill all the milkweed growing nearby.

If you absolutely must use these chemicals, use them as spot treatments instead of broadcast sprays. Look for natural ways to get rid of pests and weeds, like hand pulling.

Using natural methods of weed and pest control offers many benefits beyond just helping keep the populations of monarch butterflies intact, so keep this in mind.

3. Grow Nectar Rich Foods

Plant at least two milkweed species

in your garden. Make sure you attract monarchs and other pollinators throughout the breeding season. There are many species of milkweed you can grow depending on where you live. For example, if you live east of the Rocky Mountains, common milkweed or butterfly milkweed might be best. You can get an idea of which milkweed species are best for your area by checking with your local cooperative extension office.

Milkweed is by far the best nectarrich food source to grow for monarch butterflies, but you can grow other nurse crops too. These will help nurture the slower-growing milkweed and block weeds while they're getting established. Plus, many will provide nectar for other pollinators, too. Some good options include things like native grasses, black-eyed Susans, and goldenrod.

4. Provide Water

Consider putting out a few shallow saucers of water in the garden. Butter-flies, like all other living things, need water. Giving them a place to stop by for a drink is a great way to encourage them to stay a bit longer in your garden. The shallow water will be much more attractive to the butterflies than deep standing water.

Therefore, you may want to skip birdbaths or modify them by adding rocks, pebbles, or other features that the butterflies can perch on.

5. Add Minerals

Adding water for the monarch butterflies you'd like to attract is one smart move- but you can go one step further by adding other minerals. For example, a bit of table salt or composting fruit will add minerals and keep you monarch friends healthy.

6. Educate Your Self

There is so much information, online and otherwise, about monarch butterflies that it would be silly not to do some research.

From print to digital, there's a staggering amount of information out there about every aspect of monarch butterfly biology, conservation, and distribution. It's also a good idea to check in with local public or university libraries, garden clubs, native plant societies, Master Gardeners or Naturalists Programs, and more.

All of these nature-oriented programs will have resources you can tap into to understand the role that monarch and other butterflies play in your garden.

Plus, since these groups are local, they'll have a better idea of which specific plants will be best at attracting monarch butterflies in unique situations.

If you want to take an even deeper dive into the subject, you can always visit a nearby arboretum or botanical garden, or participate in local Earth Day activities that are pollinator focused.

If you really want to invest some time in this, most community colleges offer classes in local wildflowers, pollinators, and butterflies, too.

Sources for this article are taken from notes at a Tribal Alliance for Pollinator Conference held at the Euchee Butterfly Farm located in Bixby, Oklahoma and multiple visits to the Houston Museum of Natural Science located in Houston, Texas at the Cockrell Butterfly Center.



Fentanyl and Its dangers

Submitted by Ben Bingham, Native Connections Project Director

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid used to treat severe pain especially after surgery or individuals with chronic pain who have a tolerance to other opioids like morphine, but is 50 to 100 percent more potent. Fentanyl is a prescription medication and is often made and used illegally. Synthetic opioids such as fentanyl are now the most common drug involved in overdose deaths in the United States. In 2017 59% of opioid related deaths involved fentanyl compared to 14 percent in 2010. Over 150 people die per day from such overdoses.

Prescription fentanyl generally comes in three forms; a shot, a patch to be placed on to the skin, or lozenges to be used much like a cough drop. Illegal fentanyl often comes as a powder that is placed onto blotter paper, eye dropper, or even nasal sprays. It is often made into pill form to mimic other prescription drugs. Illegal fentanyl is often mixed with other drugs such as heroin, cocaine, meth, and MDMA as it makes it cheaper to sell. This is a dangerous combination as many people do not know it has been mixed in and it may be a stronger dose than their bodies can handle and will cause an overdose.

Fentanyl binds to the body's opioid receptors found in the brain that controls pain and emotions. As with other overused drugs, your brain adapts to the drug diminishing its sensitivity and causing it to be harder to feel pleasure from anything but the drug. Some examples of fentanyl's effects are extreme happiness, drowsiness, nausea, confusion, constipation, sedation, problems breathing, and unconsciousness. Overdoses can occur when the drug produces serious adverse effects and lifethreatening symptoms, such as slow breathing or complete loss of the ability to breath, which leads to hypoxia or decrease of oxygen to the brain. Hypoxia can lead to coma, permanent brain damage, and death. Warning signs of

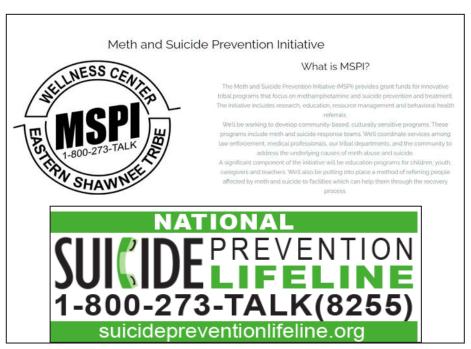


an overdose can include the following: small, constricted pupils, falling asleep or falling unconsciousness, slow, weak, or no breathing, choking or gurgling sounds, limp body, cold/clammy skin, discolored skin (noticeably the lips and nails).

If you suspect someone is suffering an overdose of fentanyl the most important step should be to call 911. If discovered in time an overdose can be treated with

naloxone, which can be administered as an injection or nasal spray. Some states have created and passed laws that allow pharmacists to sale naloxone without personal prescription. This allows community members to have access to the spray version of naloxone to save someone who is overdosing.

> Brandon McCombs Counselor: (918) 314-2761



Area Agency on Aging By Linda Hill, Program Director



STUFFED PEPPER SOUP

Stuffed peppers are one of America's favorite comfort foods, and there are all kinds of ways to fix the dish. Instead of stuffing the peppers and baking them, why not make a soup with the ingredient? Soup takes just minutes to prep, and you get all the flavor with less fuss and mess. If your family loves stuffed peppers, they will love this soup.

This soup takes about 45 minutes total prep time and simmering time. Serve with cornbread, crusty rolls, or crackers. Adding a tossed salad would make it a nice, hearty dinnertime meal or serve it as lunch with a half sandwich.

It's also quite versatile. Add some diced carrots and celery to the soup or make it with corn. Beans would be an excellent addition as well. Feel free to use all green bell peppers or use multicolored peppers for a more colorful soup. This recipe makes about 2 quarts of soup. **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 ½ tablespoons extra-virgin olive
- 1 lb. lean ground beef
- 1 small yellow onion
- 2 to 3 bell peppers
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can of petite diced tomatoes with juice
- 1 (15-ounce) can tomato sauce
- 2 cups unsalted or low sodium beef stock

- 1 to 2 tablespoons sugar to taste
- ½ teaspoon salt or to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 cup long-grain white rice or brown rice, cooked

DIRECTION

Heat the olive oil in a Dutch oven or stockpot over a medium heat. Add ground beef and cook until no longer pink, breaking up and stirring frequently. Meanwhile peel the onion and remove the stem and seeds from the peppers. Chop the vegetables and set aside. Drain the beef well and return it to the pot. Add the chopped onion and peppers to the beef and continue cooking over medium heat for about 5 minutes. Add the diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, and beef stock. Taste and add sugar salt as desired. Add the black pepper. Bring the soup to simmer. Reduce the heat to low, cover pot and simmer for about 25 minutes, or until the vegetables are tender. Add the cooked rice to the soup or mound the rice in bowls and ladle the soup around it. Serve and enjoy.

January

- We opened the building on December the 6th but had to close it back down on the 18th of January because of the rise in covid.
- The Gift Shop is open but limited to the number of people at one time and a mask is required.
- We were closed on January the 17 for Martin Luther King Day.
- We serve lunch Monday thru Friday from 11:00 to 12:30. If you have a CDIB card and are 60 or older you may eat free. We suggest a \$5.00 donation if you are under 60 years old. Children 12 and under we suggest a donation of \$3.00.
- Our Building is now closed, and we are serving out front as a drive thru until further notice.

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

All of our events were canceled for



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 (citv 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/

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

ITEMS REQUIRED FOR TAG RENEWALS

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

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

TITLE - PENALITIES (After 30 Days)

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

REGISTRATION - PENALITIES (After 30Days)

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

PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

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

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

TRAVEL TRAILERS

TITLE FEES

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

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 January 2022

Status Changes	59
Deaths	2
Enrollees	3
ID Cards	9
Photo ID	6
Total Enrollees for current fiscal year	21
Total Deaths for current fiscal year	4
Total Membership	3752

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

Direct to Vendor Claim Form

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

HOW TO REQUEST REIMBURSEMENT

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

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

Step 1: Fill out the form

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

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

Complete all sections of the form.

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

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

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

Step 5: Submit your form

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

Please remember that Social Services has a minimum reimbursement of \$25.00 Type of Supporting Documentation:

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

Helpful Hints:

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

Please Do NOT:

Use a highlighter on your receipts or any part of the form----Staple your receipts to the form **Please DO:**

Submit claims within 90-days----Collect claims & submit monthly----Send original documentation Questions? Contact the department at 918-666-7710 or toll free at 866-978-1352

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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
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To receive payment, appropria Please do not hesitate to conta eligible expenses.	te supporting docume act Social Services to	ents must accompa confirm necessary	ny this form. documentation, ti	or you and/or your dependents.
Sign this form. Minimum amo			n or supplier and ke	eep a copy for your records.
Name of Service Provider	Type of Service Rec	eived Da	te of Service	Amount of Claim
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				\$
				\$
	such information is tr	ue and correct and	that the expenses v	cial Services to consider this claim were incurred by the above-named

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICE SCHOOL EXPENSE FORM

	s, cleaning supplies, etc. Please complete and attach along with your red m Form. List the articles of clothing you are claiming rather than copy with the dian Signature	ceipts the Health & Socia that appears on the recei	l Service Benef pt.
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OTAL RE	QUESTED \$	
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DATE: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 TIME: 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Bluejacket Building INVOCATION: Chief Glenna Wallace CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The Business Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Treasurer Barrett with the following answering roll call: 1st Council Gardner, 3rd Council Kraus, Secretary Littlefield and Treasurer Barrett. Chief Wallace was also present. 2nd Chief Samples and 2nd Council Daugherty were absent. A Quorum was declared by Treasurer Barrett.

MOTION: To take agenda out of order and go into closed session at 5:32 P.M. made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Gardner.

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

MOTION: To return to open session at 5:56 p.m. made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Gardner.

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

NEW ENROLLEES

Wrenley Janae Hunsinger

DOB: 07/30/21 Skylene Dawn Cyr DOB: 11/06/21 Finley Jo Freeman DOB: 08/30/21

MOTION: To approve New Enrollee. The motion was made by 1st Council Gardner with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the January 12, 2022, Business Committee Meeting. The motion was made 1st Council Gardner with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

REPORTS

Chief Glenna Wallace:

THANK YOU: Thank you notes from Frank Hubbert of Oregon, Susannna Prophet, Billy and Vivian Mitchell, Jack and Martha Dushane and the Wellness Center Staff were presented by Chief Wallace.

DONATION REQUEST: A donation request from the Wyandotte High School Music Department to pay for expenses for students to attend a music competition in New York City was presented. There is one student from the Eastern Shawnee Tribe and her mother as a chaperone planning to attend.

MOTION: To pay the \$2500.00 cost for the student to attend made by 1st Council Gardner with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

DIRECTORS REPORTS: Provided for each Business Committee Member. (Reports from 19 of 21 Directors.)

HIP REPORT: for the Year 2021 there

is one HIP project left to complete. For 2022 thirty applications have been taken. 10 projects have been completed. (This program provides \$10,000 for 30 tribal applicants totaling \$300,000.00) 110 ROAD REPORT - We have had a meeting and interviewed five different companies. We have selected one company. Hudson Prince was the company that was selected. We have had one meeting with them and they will be coming back the 31st with designs and things that we must select for this road. PERSONNEL REPORT: The Tribal Administrator Curt Lawrence has resigned. We had four applicants who were interviewed. Rachael Holcomb, who is employed in City Services in Neosho, Missouri was offered the contract and has accepted the position. She will begin duties as the Tribal Administrator on January 24, 2022.

There was also a vacancy in ICW, and an employee who was already in the CCDF program Karen Brashear was interviewed and hired for the position. NIGA DUES: In the past we have paid dues based upon net profit. Their instructions say that dues should be paid on gross profits. In the past we have been paying \$3,500/yr. and was paid from the Chief's Budget. This year based on the gross we need to pay \$25,000.00.

COVID REPORT: Cases have been rising. In Tribal Administration cases have been very low with only 4 testing positive.

CARES REPORT: The report has been completed and all the money has been spent for a total of \$2,894.465.96. A summary of how the money was spent was ready by Chief Wallace and a copy given to each BC member.

ARPA REPORT: There are three years to work on this with two years after that to spend the funds. The report has to be turned in at the end of this month. The EPA Department has submitted a proposal to build a bridge across Lost Creek on the Dushane property down below Indigo Sky. This would allow a maintenance road from 10C all the way to Indigo Sky all on the Oklahoma side and would not have to cross over into Missouri. The Wellness Center has submitted a proposal to add on an open- air weight room and to add additional space for an additional treadmill water therapy pool. Shawnee Skies has submitted another proposal as well. Estimates for the above proposals have been submitted.

ECLC SPLASHPAD: Work on this project should begin next week.

WYANDOTTE RESPONSE TO PROPERTY REQUEST: Rejected allowing this property to be put into Trust. The first step that will need to be accomplished is to get a survey. We have to go with BIA for the survey and they have only one person who is doing the surveying resulting in a backlog.

PROPHET PROPERTY: Twenty-four acres that is on Stateline Rd. Paperwork has been signed and sent to the BIA to be signed off and completed.

We are not permitted to do anything to this property until we get total clearance.

SHOOTING STAR: Please let the staff know if there is anything you would like to put into the Shooting Star.

CHRISTMAS CARD ADDRESSES: 1,907 Christmas cards were mailed to children, elders, disabled and temporary disabled. In addition we had 464 employee children. 59 cards were returned undeliverable. 16 tribal members called to report they did not receive their card. The 75 that were not delivered have been addressed.

McGIRT/EASTERN SHAWNEE – Explanations were provided by Audrey Dixon, Inhouse Council and Chief Wallace.

HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTEE – These vacancies have been advertised for the last two months in the Shooting Star. Four individuals have expressed interest. A nomination has been prepared by Chief Wallace to renominate Ben Dixon.

MOTION: To accept the nomination of Ben Dixon to continue serving as a Housing Board Commissioner. Motion made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Treasurer Barrett requested that a waiting list be kept for the HIP Program as more money may need to be appropriated for that program.

Treasurer Barrett suggested and all agreed that the Business Committee would pay the additional NICG dues since they have increased to \$25,000 this year. Chief Wallace will continue to pay \$3,500 from her budget with the balance paid from the Business Committee funds.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 011222-R-01 Resolution Approving Standards for Food Safety.

WHEREAS, the Eastern Shawnee

Tribe of Oklahoma is committed to supporting the Environmental Department's program for the protection of the environment for the tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is committed to protecting Tribal member's health, the public's health, and Tribal businesses through implementing and enforcing food code regulations.

WHEREAS, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma adopted the 1999 FDA Food Code April 19, 2001.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the FDA Food Code for the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and its entities shall meet or exceed the most recently published FDA Food Code. This Resolution supersedes any and all prior ESTO Food Code Resolutions.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 011222-R-01. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by 1st Council Gardner.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 012212-R-02 Resolution approving the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Covid 19 Use of Funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the attached American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) COVID 19 Use of Funds Plan.

MOTION: To approve Resolution Number 011222-R-02. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Gardner.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 011222-R-03 Resolution to approve the FY2022 Eastern Shawnee Tribe ARPA Internet Program Policies and Procedures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the attached FY2022 Eastern Shawnee Tribe Tribe ARPA Internet Program Policies and Procedures.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 011222-R-03. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 011222-R-04 Resolution to approve the FY2022 Eastern Shawnee Tribe ARPA Supplemental Pay Program Policies and Procedures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the attached FY2022 Eastern Shawnee Tribe Tribe ARPA Supplemental Pay Program Policies and Procedures.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 011222-R-04. The motion was made by 1st Council Gardner with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 011222-R-05 Resolution to approve the FY2022 Eastern Shawnee Tribe ARPA Utility & Medical Program Policies and Procedures.

NOW THEREFRORE BE IT RE-SOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the attached FY2022 Eastern Shawnee Tribe Tribe ARPA Utility & Medical Program Policies and Procedures.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 011222-R-05. The motion was made by 1st Council Gardner with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 011222-R-06 Renewing the 2022 National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) Membership Renewal and Appointment of Delegates.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does desire to renew 2022 National Indian Gaming Association Tribal Membership and appoint Glenna J. Wallace, Chief as Delegate with Justin Barrett, Treasurer as Alternate Delegate.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 011222-R-06. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 1st Council Gardner.

Motion carried: 3 approved (Gardner, Kraus, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 1 abstained (Barrett), 1 absent (Daugherty). RESOLUTION NUMBER 011222-R-07 Approving the Eastern Shawnee Tribe Emergency Homeowner Assistance Program Policies and Procedures. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the attached Eastern Shawnee Tribe Tribal Emergency Homeowner Assistance Program Policies and Procedures.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 011222-R-07. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

MOTION TO ADD Resolution Number 011222-R-08 to the agenda. The motion was made by 1st Council Gardner with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

RESOLUTION NUMB ER 011222-R-08 Approving Resolution to approve the Eastern Shawnee Triba Tribal Hardship Assistance Program Policies and Procedures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the attached Eastern Shawnee Tribe Tribal Hardship Assistance Program Policies and Procedures.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 011222-R-08. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

REQUISITIONS

Requisition EN-82417 payable to Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$194,667,63 for Retention Pay Outpost Casino and Indigo Sky Casino.

MOTION: To approve EN-82417. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Gardner. Motion carried: 4 approved (Barrett,

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

REQUISITION EN-82431 payable to Bill's Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$48,700.00 for Construction for ECLC Splash pad and playground expansion Electric Lines

MOTION: To approve EN-82431. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

REQUISITION EN-82433 payable to Early Childhood Learning Center in the amount of \$35,326.00

for Childcare November.

MOTION: To approve EN-82433. The motion was made by 1st Council Gardner with second by Treasurer Barrett. Motion carried: 4 approved (Barrett,

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

REQUISITION EN-82438 payable to Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$60,574.00 for Alliant Insurance Profit Sharing Policy.

MOTION: To Approve EN82438. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by Secretary Littlefield. Motion carried: 4 approved (Barrett,

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

REQUISITION EN-82568 payable to Dell Marketing LP in the amount of \$86,441.92 for Microsoft renewal Year 2 of 3.

MOTION: To Approve EN-82568. The motion was made by 1st Council Gardner with second by 3rd Council Kraus. Motion carried: 4 approved (Barrett, Gardner, Kraus, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Daugherty).

REQUISITION EN-82612 payable to Grand Lake Mental Health in the amount of \$44,632.33 for December SAMHSA Crisis Services.

MOTION: To Approve EN-82612. The motion was made by Secretary Little-field with second by 3rd Council Kraus. Motion carried: 4 approved (Barrett, Gardner, Kraus, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Daugherty).

Requisition EN-82613 payable to Grand Lake Mental Health in the amount of \$44,632,33 for November SAMHSA Crisis Services.

MOTION: To approve EN-82613. The motion was made by 1st Council Gardner with second by 3rd Council Kraus. Motion carried: 4 approved (Barrett, Gardner, Kraus, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Daugherty).

PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST 00055270 from Indigo Sky Casino payable to Satterlee Plumbing Heating & Air-Conditioning Co. in the amount of \$507,148.00 for HVAC and boiler upgrades.

MOTION: To approve PO 00055270. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield. Motion carried: 4 approved (Barrett, Gardner, Kraus, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained 1 absent (Daugherty).

NEW BUSINESS

Aaron Epperson reported on the EDA Grant.

Bryce Washington gave an update on the 12 houses that are waiting to be built and provided three bids. He presented information on how to reduce the costs as prices to build have increased. At pres-

ent time the Board is planning to build 10 houses due to the increased costs and will continue to work on ways to fund the other two houses. Infrastructure project is completed.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION: To go into Closed Session at 7:07 P.M. following a five-minute break. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield and seconded by 1st Council Gardner.

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

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: To return to Open Session at 9:08 p.m. The motion was made by 1st Council Gardner with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

MOTION: All Employees are required to pay for their own COVID test kits unless they are exposed at work. Motion made by 1st Council Gardner with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

MOTION: To adjourn at 9:09 p.m. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

DATE: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 TIME: 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Bluejacket Building INVOCATION: Chief Wallace CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, DECLARATION OF QUORUM

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

absent. Quorum was declared by 2nd Chief Samples.

NEW ENROLLEES

New Enrollees were not presented.

MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the January 12, 2022. The motion was made to approve the minutes with a correction to line 45 (changing the word their to her) by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Gardner.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Littlefield).

REPORTS

Ted Bearden, Rural Water District #5. Mr. Bearden presented a report on the need for line and equipment repair due to the age of the present equipment causing multiple water leaks in the pipes. He reports that Rural Water District 5 does not have enough funds to complete this project. An approximate cost and a donation request were presented to the Business Committee. Mr. Bearden agreed to provide additional information requested by the Business Committee and that he would be approaching the other tribes in this area with the same request and would also report back on their response. Treasurer Barrett provided Mr. Bearden with the contact information of a professional grant writer that may be able to provide assistance.

Casino Melanie Heskitt, General Manager.

Casino CFO Jay Ross presented the Casino Financial Report for December.

Comparison for the month of Decem-

Indigo Sky Casino Revenues were up 15%

Expenses were up 17%

EBIDA was up 12%

ber over November

Month over Month Actual to Budget for Indigo Sky

Revenues were up 25% more than budgeted numbers

Expenses were down 5% EBIDA was 148% higher Outpost Casino Month over Month

Revenues were up 15%

Expenses were up by 40% EBIDA was down 7%

Year to Date Numbers for Indigo Sky

Revenues up by 0.23%

Expenses up by 5%

Casino

EBIDA down 7%

Budget to Actual Numbers for Indigo Sky Casino

Revenues are 17% higher than budgeted

Expenses were 7% lower than budgeted EBIDA was 112% higher than projected

Outpost Casino Year to Date

Revenues were up by 17%

Expenses up by 18%

EBIDA up by 16%

Budget to Actual for Year to Date

Revenues are 1.8% higher

Expenses are down 3.3% lower

EBIDA is up 8% higher than budgeted Gaming Commission – Jalene Wells,

Gaming Commissioner

Gaming Commissioner Wells presented the ESTGC Report for December 2021. The Gaming Commission has 38 total employees as of 10/27/2021. Open position for

Administrative Assistant/Receptionist. 11 employees of the Gaming Commission are tribal members, 1 tribal spouse and 4 are native.

The Licensing Department processed: 20 renewals and 23 new hires for employee licenses

2 Conditional Employee Licenses Monitored

6 non-gaming vendor companies

27 non-gaming vendor employee licenses

2 gaming companies

24 gaming vendor employees

The Gaming Commission collected \$14,250 in licensing for the month of December

\$51,025 year to date.

The EGM Department performed the following:

2 new machines were installed

10 machines removed

0 machine software/theme changes

0 Software upgrades
4 software replacements
8 gaming machine relocations
2 server installs/upgrades
40 single pieces of software tested
105 seal activities
The Gaming Commission billed \$3075
for machine fees with \$12,075 year to
date

The Gaming Commission collected \$925 in machine fees with \$5725 year to date

The Compliance Department performed the following observations:

Cage-102

EGM - 78

EGM Activity Assists - 0

Jackpot - 118

Players Club - 87

Exchanges - 4

Table Inventory – 77

Table Fill – 40

Table Credit – 3

Title 31 Inquiries – 4

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

Policy Violations Noted – 144

 $Incident\ Reports\ Written-40$

 $Medical\ Reports\ Written-32$

CD Requests from Tribal Police – 4 Requests for reviews from Casino Mgmt. – 25

Requests from Casino and PD for ongoing notifications and reviews (close watch) when patron on property – 5
The Surveillance performed the follow-

ing for Outpost Casino

Policy Violations Noted – 10

Incident Reports Written – 5

Medical Reports Written – 5

CD Requests from Tribal Police – 0 Request for reviews from Casino Man-

agement - 1

Treasurer – Justin Barrett, Treasurer Reporting on Cash Balances:

Cash Balance Available \$20.3

Million

Tribal Admin Budget 17% has been spent from the 25% budgeted for the first quarter.

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION: To add 9 Resolutions to the Agenda made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Gardner.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 012622-R-01 Authorizing Indigo Sky Casino, LLC to open a Demand Deposit Account with People's Bank to be used with the IGT Cashless System.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby authorizes Indigo Sky Casino, LLC to open a DDA with People's Bank to be used with the IGT Cashless system. The account will be known as IGT Cashless.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma designates Casino CFO Jay Ross as the Administrator of Cash Management for the account.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorizes Chief Glenna J. Wallace, Treasurer Justin Barrett, 1st Council Dee Gardner, and Casino CFO Jay Ross as signers of this account.

MOTION: To approve Resolution Number 012622-R-01. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 3 approved (Daugherty, Kraus, Sample), 0 opposed, 2 abstained (Gardner, Barrett), 1 absent (Littlefield).

RESOLUTION NUMBER 012622-R-02 Approving the Attached Residential Lease of Property Owned by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Commonly Known as the Stoner House.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED, Glenna J. Wallace, Chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, or her designee (as provided in writing), is authorized to conduct negotiations on behalf of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and approve and execute any and all documents relating to the subject lease.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve the attached Residential Lease of property owned by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma located at 10995 S. 679 Rd., Wyandotte, Ok. 74370, commonly known as the Stoner House for a period of one (1) year with lease number 921 000G040033 with BIA TAAMS Document Number 4200324536; does hereby waive all bonds associated with this lease; does hereby waive insurance requirements; and does hereby expressly waive administrative fees associated with this transaction.

MOTION: To approve Resolution Number 012622-R-02. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Gardner.

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

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ARK-0 BROADBAND TO APPLY FOR A USDA RECONNECT GRANT TO PROVIDE FIBER TO THE HOME IN THEIR AREA OF SERVICE ON EASTERN SHAWNEE TRIBAL LAND – FAILED DUE TO LACK OF A MOTION.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 012622-R-03 Dual Enrollment Policy for Tribal Benefits.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RE-SOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the Dual Enrollment Policy for Tribal Benefits for all claims and benefits which shall include but is not limited to Health and Social Services, Education, and Specialized Services. Indian Child Welfare, CCDF, and HAVEN are specifically excluded from this resolution. This policy shall also be posted in the Health and Social Services Manual.

It has long been the policy of the Eastern Shawnee tribe that persons who

meets the membership requirements of more than one tribe may be a member of both tribes provided that the constitution, resolution, ordinance, or membership policy does not expressly exclude enrolling persons who are members of another tribe. Persons who possess these qualifications that allow them to meet the membership requirements in more than one tribe may share in the benefits of only one of them.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 012622-R-03. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 012622-R-04 Fraudulent Sanctions Policy for Tribal Benefits.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RE-SOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the Fraudulent Sanctions Policy for Tribal Benefits for all claims and benefits which shall include but is not limited to Health and Social Services, Education, Specialized Services, CCDF, ICW, and HAVEN. This policy shall also be posted in the Health and Social Services Manual.

The Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe; therefore theft of funds from the tribe is a criminal offense, which is punishable by law. This policy was created in order to protect the trust tribal members have placed in the staff of the Eastern Shawnee tribal office and conduct the (insert department) programs with integrity. This will ensure that funds continue to be available to all the tribal members who have needs and qualify for (insert department) benefits. The following actions will occur with any fraudulent claims submitted

 ATTEMPTED FRAUD – Warning with denial of claim package that contained fraudulent material. Multiple attempts shall result in the review of suspension of services.

- PROVED FRAUD One (1) year household suspension from ALL tribal programs, with suspension permanent until repayment of all monies are reimbursed to the tribe.
- REPEATED FRAUD Suspension to be determined by the (insert review board, in the absence of a review board the Business Committee shall assume the responsibility). Suspension could range as far as lifetime banishment from ALL tribal programs.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 012622-R-04. The motion was made by 1st Council Gardner with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 012622-R-05 Approving the attached Memorandum of Agreement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and Wyandotte Nation for services provided at Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve the attached Fiscal Year 2022 Memorandum of Agreement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and Wyandotte Nation for services provided at Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 012622-R-05. Motion made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 012622-R-06 Approving a Budget Amendment to the FY2022 Tribal Administration Budget Woodlands Construction.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve FY2022 budget modification #3 to increase the Woodlands Construction Budget by the FY21 carry over budget balance of \$58,844.88.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 012622-R-06. Motion made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 012622-R-07 Approving a Budget Amendment to the FY2022 Tribal Administration Budget Tribal Match.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve FY2022 budget modification #4 to increase the Tribal Match Budget by the FY21 carry over budget balance of \$200,000.00.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 012622-R-07. Motion made by 1st Council Gardner with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

REQUISITIONS

REQUISITION EN-82894 payable to Early Childhood Learning Center in the amount of \$37,818.00 for Childcare December.

MOTION: To approve EN-82894. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

REQUISITION EN-82922 payable to Pelivan Transit/Grand Gateway E.D.A. in the amount of \$29,561.98 for Pelivan Inv. 739 November 2021.

MOTION: To approve EN-82922. The motion was made by 1st Council Gardner with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Gardner, Daugherty, Kraus, Barrett), 0 opposed,

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0 abstained, 1 absent (Littlefield). REQUISITION EN-82993 payable to Midwest Pathogend Services in the amount of \$43,613.37 for Decontamination services at Indigo Sky.

MOTION: To approve EN-82993. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

REQUISITION EN-82994 payable to Midwest Pathogend Services in the amount of \$43,402.77 for Decontamination services at Indigo Sky.

MOTION: To approve EN-82994. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

REQUISITION EN-83000 payable to Moates Excavating LLC in the amount of \$58,900.00 for progress payments for cart paths Shawnee Skies.

MOTION: To approve EN-83000. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION to assist a tribal member with medical expenses as discussed (out of the Donation line item) made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 3 approved (Daugherty, Kraus, Barrett), 0 opposed,

1 abstained (Gardner), 1 absent (Little-field).

Chief's Veto of Resolution 011222-R-02. Chief Wallace read her reasons for vetoing Resolution 011222-R-02 concerning supplemental pay for tribal employees. Discussion followed.

MOTION TO SUSTAIN VETO MADE BY 1ST Council Gardner with second by Treasurer Barrett.

VETO SUSTAINED: 4 approved (Gardner, Daugherty, Kraus, Barrett, 0

opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Little-field).

RESOLUTION NUMBER 012622-R-08 approving American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) COVID 19 Use of Funds. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the attached American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) COVID-19 Use of Funds.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NUMBER 012622-R-08. Motion made by 1st Council Gardner with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

(The Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma American Rescue Plan Act CO-VID-19 Use of Funds spending plan as adopted was read by Treasurer Barrett for the benefit of the viewers and those attending the Business Committee Meeting.)

OLD BUSINESS

1st Council Gardner reports that she has learned EAP Counseling provided for all Tribal members does not provide privacy. States Counselors are required to provide all notes taken during client visits to EAP.

Treasurer Barrett requested further clarification from Chief Wallace on the Broadband Grant. Discussion followed.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: To adjourn at 8:10 p.m. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty. Motion carried: 4 approved (Gardner, Daugherty, Kraus, Barrett), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Littlefield). ADJOURN

DATE: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 TIME: 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Bluejacket Building INVOCATION: Chief Glenna Wallace CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, DECLARATION OF QUORUM The Business Committee Meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by 2nd Chief Chris Samples with the following answering roll call: 1st Council Gardner, 2nd Council Daugherty, Secretary Littlefield and Treasurer Barrett. Chief Wallace and 2nd Chief Samples were present. 3rd Council Kraus was absent. A Quorum was declared by 2nd Chief Samples.

MOTION: To go into closed session at 2:02 P.M. was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Gardner.

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

CLOSED SESSION: Director's Reports

MOTION: To return to open session at 5:42 p.m. made by Treasurer Barrett with second

by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

NEW ENROLLEE

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DOB: 06/02/21

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, 0 absent.

MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the January 26, 2022, Business Committee Meeting. The motion was made 1st Council Gardner with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

REPORTS

Chief Glenna Wallace:

THANK YOU: None presented.

DONATION REQUEST: None presented.

DIRECTORS REPORTS: Provided for each Business Committee Member. The Business Committee met with each individual Director today prior to the regularly scheduled meeting to obtain

their input on what their financial needs and goals for their department would be in the next year.

WEATHER CLOSINGS: The Administration offices were closed on Wednesday and Thursday last week due to the inclement weather. All offices were reopened on Friday of the same week.

DIRECTOR'S MEETING: The Directors Meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 10th, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.

TINY HOUSES: This project is closer to completion. The Tiny Houses are presently located on the parking lot of Bordertown due to the availability of water, electricity and sewage.

ARPA SPENDING PLAN: Chief Wallace went over each area of this plan with explanations This plan will be printed in the Shooting Star to be made available for tribal members to view. Questions should be directed to Amber Mittag.

OUTDOOR PLAYGROUND/ SPLASH PAD/TREES: The process was started yesterday for the outdoor playground/splash pad. Reporting on the trees that had to be removed – one large and one small cedar tree had to be removed. The Ceremonial Chief King was notified of this. These trees will be hauled away and cut up and the wood will be available to our Ceremonial Chief for his program and if there is any extra it will be provided to tribal members for their use.

GRANT STATUS: Broadband Grant has been resubmitted. Calamus Pond Grant has been approved. This is a \$20,000 grant received by the print shop/library, that is doing the lineage of the people who have been buried at Calamus Pond. The HSS Grant which is a \$60,000 formula grant has been approved we were notified last week. This grant has to be used working with elders and may be utilized in the AOA although final determination has not been made yet.

110 ROAD REPORT: BC members were provided a visual. 110 Road used

to be a county road and was open to the public. We have roads money to be used for this project. An engineering firm to study three different routes has been hired and they have made their recommendation. Their recommendation has been sent to the Housing Authority. Completion date for the engineering company's project is July 15th. Their cost estimate is 3.3 million and we have a little over 2 million in roads money.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION: The next Food Distribution will be held on February 24, 2022. 107 families are currently being served. The Business Committee approved continuation of this program for one more year.

NEW ARPA SPECIALIZED PROGRAM APPLICATIONS: These forms are available on the Web site and can also be picked up at Amber's office in the Education Department at the Wellness Center.

NEW SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS EMPLOYEE: Due to the new programs that have been added we will be hiring a new employee. Interviews are being conducted and hopefully a person will be hired in the next two weeks.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 020922-R-01 Resolution Approving the Attached Business Lease on Joint Trust Property Owned by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and the Bureau of Indian Affairs

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED, Glenna J. Wallace, Chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, or her designee (as provided in writing), is authorized to conduct negotiations on behalf of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and approve and execute any and all documents relating to the subject lease for the operation and maintenance of facilities to house a Wildland Fire Station and Operations Center and other administratively determined purposes.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern

Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve the attached Business Lease of 1.09 acres of property jointly owned by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma for a period of ten (10) years; does hereby grant permission for the Bureau of Indian Affairs to approve a lease for the operation and maintenance of facilities to house a Wildland Fire Station and Operations Center and other administratively determined purposes; does hereby expressly waive the Secretary's obligation to perform an appraisal in conjunction with the lease set forth above; does hereby expressly waive the rights to actual consideration associated with the lease, and all bonds associated with this transaction.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 020922-R-01. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 020922-R-02 Resolution approving the Attached Business Lease on Joint Trust Property Owned by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED, Glenna J. Wallace, Chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, or her designee (as provided in writing), is authorized to conduct negotiations on behalf of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and approve and execute any and all documents relating to the subject lease for the existing building and facilities to be used for the operation of a Tribal Child Care Facility.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve the attached Business Lease of 2 acres of property jointly owned by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma for a period of ten (10) years; does hereby grant permission for

the Bureau of Indian Affairs to approve a lease for the existing building and facilities to be used for the operation of a Tribal Child Care Facility; does hereby expressly waive the Secretary's obligation to perform an appraisal in conjunction with the lease set forth above; does hereby expressly waive the rights to actual consideration associated with the lease, and all bonds associated with this transaction.

MOTION: To approve Resolution Number 020922-R-02. The motion was made by 1st Council Gardner with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 020922-R-03 Resolution Approving the Attached Business Lease on Joint Trust Property Owned by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED, Glenna J. Wallace, Chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, or her designee (as provided in writing), is authorized to conduct negotiations on behalf of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and approve and execute any and all documents relating to the subject lease for housing of the tribal office headquarters and other such uses as may be determined including commercial operations acceptable to the lessor.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve the attached Business Lease of 2.68 acres of property jointly owned by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma for a period of ten (10) years; does hereby grant permission for the Bureau of Indian Affairs to approve a lease for the housing the tribal office headquarters and other such uses as may be determined including commercial operations acceptable to the lessor; does hereby expressly waive the Secretary's obligation to perform an

appraisal in conjunction with the lease set forth above; does hereby expressly waive the rights to actual consideration associated with the lease, and all bonds associated with this transaction.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 020922-R-03. The motion was made Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 020922-R-04 Resolution Approving the Attached Business Lease on Joint Trust Property Owned by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and the Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma and the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED, Glenna J. Wallace, Chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, or her designee (as provided in writing), is authorized to conduct negotiations on behalf of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and approve and execute any and all documents relating to the subject lease for housing the Ottawa/Peoria Warehouse and Community Center and other such uses as may be determined including commercial operations acceptable to the lessor.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve the attached Business Lease of 1.20 acres of property jointly owned by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma for a period of ten (10) years; does hereby grant permission for the Bureau of Indian Affairs to approve a lease for housing the Ottawa/Peoria Warehouse and Community Center and other uses as may be determined including commercial operations acceptable to the lessor; does hereby expressly waive the Secretary's obligation to perform an appraisal in conjunction with the lease set forth above; does hereby expressly waive the rights to actual consideration associated with the lease, and all bonds associated with this transaction.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 0020922-R-04. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Gardner. Motion carried: 5 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 020922-R-05 Resolution Approving the Attached Business Lease on Joint Trust Property Owned by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

NOW THEREFRORE BE IT RE-SOLVED, Glenna J. Wallace, Chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, or her designee (as provided in writing), is authorized to conduct negotiations on behalf of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and approve and execute any and all documents relating to the subject lease for housing of tribal office headquarters and other such uses as may be determined including commercial operations acceptable to the lessor.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve the attached Business Lease of 2.85 acres of property jointly owned by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma for a period of ten (10) years; does hereby grant permission for the Bureau of Indian Affairs to approve a lease for housing of tribal offices headquarters and other such uses as may be determined including commercial operations acceptable to the lessor, does hereby expressly waive the Secretary's obligation to perform an appraisal in conjunction with the lease set forth above; does hereby expressly waive the rights to actual consideration associated with the lease, and all bonds associated with this transaction.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 020922-R-05. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 020922-R-06 Resolution Approving the Attached Business Lease on Joint Trust Property Owned by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and the Seneca-Cayuga Nation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED, Glenna J. Wallace, Chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, or her designee (as provided in writing), is authorized to conduct negotiations on behalf of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and approve and execute any and all documents relating to the subject lease for housing of the tribal office headquarters and other such uses as may be determined including commercial operations acceptable to the lessor.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve the attached Business Lease of 5.04 acres of property jointly owned by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma for a period of ten (10) years; does hereby grant permission for the Bureau of Indian Affairs to approve a lease for housing the tribal office headquarters and other uses as may be determined including commercial operations acceptable to the lessor; does hereby expressly waive the Secretary's obligation to perform an appraisal in conjunction with the lease set forth above; does hereby expressly waive the rights to actual consideration associated with the lease, and all bonds associated with this transaction.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 020922-R-06. The motion was made by 1st Council Gardner with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 020922-R-07 Approving the Attached Business Lease on Joint Trust Property Owned by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Okla-

homa between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and the Shawnee Tribe.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED, Glenna J. Wallace, Chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, or her designee (as provided in writing), is authorized to conduct negotiations on behalf of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and approve and execute any and all documents relating to the subject lease for housing the Inter-Tribal Council office and other uses as may be determined including commercial operations acceptable to the lessor.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve the attached Business Lease of 5.13 acres of property jointly owned by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma for a period of ten (10) years; does hereby grant permission for the Bureau of Indian Affairs to approve a lease for housing the inter-Tribal office and other uses as may be determined including commercial operations acceptable to the lessor; does hereby expressly waive the Secretary's obligation to perform an appraisal in conjunction with the lease set forth above; does hereby expressly waive the rights to actual consideration associated with the lease, and all bonds associated with this transaction.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 020922-R-07. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

Requisition EN-83186 payable to Grand Lake Mental Health in the amount of \$44,632.33 for January SAMHSA Crisis Services.

MOTION: To approve EN-83186. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield. Motion carried: 5 approved, 0 opposed,

0 abstained, 0 absent.

REQUISITION EN-83248 payable to Moates Excavating LLC in the amount of \$95,000.00 for EST2522 Cart Path Shawnee Skies.

MOTION: To approve EN-83248. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST 00055631 from Indigo Sky Casino for \$59,964.00 for 2022 Ford Transit Van.

MOTION: To approve PO 00055631. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST 00055663 from Indigo Sky Casino for \$31,400.00 for Golf Cart EZ-GO Platinum Express S6 EFI 2022.

MOTION: To approve PO00055633. The motion was made by 1st Council Gardner with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation by Tina Waggoner on new programs available for us to submit for and they are in development for down payment assistance and new loan programs. Information shared and copies provided to Chris Samples, 2nd Chief for further study by the Business Committee. The importance of bringing policies up to date was stressed.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION: To go into Closed Session after a five- minute break, at 6:49 P.M. made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: To return to Open Session at 9:32 p.m. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 3 approved (Daugherty,

Littlefield, Barrett), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 2 absent (Gardner and Kraus). MOTION: To adjourn at 9:33 p.m. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett

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

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- Medical Assistance Contact Amber Mittag (918) 238-2424 or amittag@estoo.net
- Computer/Broadband/Internet Assistance for expenses related to required remote work, self-employed or school related expenses due to classes conducted virtually Contact amittag@estoo.net
- Supplemental Pay Assistance for those who have directly or indirectly lost employment or lost wages due to Covid Contact Amber Mittag (918) 238-2424 or amittag@estoo.net

Other programs we have that are not Covid related include:

- Academic or Vocational Education, post high school graduation Contact Amber Mittag (918) 238-2424 or amittag@estoo.net
- High school Junior and Senior Year benefits Contact Amber Mittag (918) 238-2424 or amittag@estoo.net
- Grade incentives for students sixth grade and higher Contact Amber Mittag
- Graduation incentives from high school, Associates Degree, Bachelor degree or higher Contact amittag@estoo.net
- First time home ownership



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stipend of \$3,000. Contact Amber Mittag (918) 238-2424 or kallen@estoo.net

- Hardship of \$750 for terminal illness, extenuating circumstances Contact Amber Mittag
- Natural disaster assistance of \$1,000 for major fire, flood, tornado, hurricane, earthquake, etc. Contact Karen Allen (918) 238-5151
- Standard benefits through Health and Social Services Department Contact Monica Bettis (918) 666-7710 or mbettis@estoo.net
- Special home healthcare items such as crutches, canes, walkers, wheel chairs Contact Linda Hill (918) 238-5600 or Ihill@estoo.net

As you can see, we offer many ser-

vices and want to help as many as possible.

We long for the time when we can gather together again, have our events and catch up with everyone. Hopefully that's not far off. Meanwhile, take care.

As always, it has been my honor to serve as your Chief. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached by mail at 12755 S. 705 Road, Wyandotte, OK 74370, email at gjwallace@estoo.net I do not do face book nor linked in. I may also be reached at the following telephone numbers: Office (918) 238-5151 ext. 1820; cell, (918) 533-8422 or by text. My personal mailing address is 18675 Hwy 43, Seneca, MO, 64865. Stay safe. Stay healthy. Stay optimistic. Walk in balance.

Chief Glenna

Eastern Shawnee TribeTribal Citizens Birthdays for March 2022

Adams Shona 3/10 Anderson Punk Hannah 3/12 Anglin Blaine 3/23 Anzora Jahziel 3/31 Applegate Jonathon 3/23 Arnold Trevyn 3/23 Arousa Logan 3/23 Ashford Andrew 3/9 Atkinson Blake Marcus 3/16 Atkinson Cody 3/25 Atkinson Nichelle 3/23 Austin Dustin 3/30 Austin Toni 3/22 Avila Noelle 3/28 Baker Joel 3/21 Barber Bailey 3/3 Barnes Tyler 3/22 Barrett Joshua 3/26 Barstow Ashley 3/5 Bartlett Kameron 3/26 Batori Hunter 3/9 Bear Emily 3/10 Bear Phoenyx 3/19 Beaty Mia 3/21 Blanchard Opal 3/14 BlueJacket Brooklyn 3/7 BlueJacket Jeffrey 3/9 BlueJacket Nevaeh 3/23 Boatright Erin 3/23 Boedicker II Robert 3/5 Boehme Brenden 3/29 Botts Todd 3/4 Botts Troy 3/28 Bourdon Tabitha 3/19 Brendlin Julie 3/19 Bristol Ethan 3/26 Bristol Lila 3/9 Brock Blavne 3/22 Brock Brendan 3/26 Brock Jackson 3/7 Brock Payton 3/23 Bryant Victoria 3/18 Burkhart Margie 3/2 Butcher James 3/10 Butler Ciara 3/15 Butler Tina 3/26 Camp Willow 3/24 Canton Christopher 3/13 Captain Michael 3/7 Carr Kian 3/20 Cavallo Vivian 3/23 Chancellor Josee 3/31 Charlton Landyn 3/29 Chew Rylan 3/24 Christenson Evan 3/17 Christian Samuel 3/30 Clark Ella 3/12 Clark Michelle 3/22 Clark Jr Norval 3/21 Classen Jessica 3/9 Cole Lyvia 3/31 Cole Nyveeaudica 3/28 Collins Heather 3/16 Colvard Holly 3/22 Colvard Richard 3/26 Colvard Sherry 3/19 Cooper Brenda 3/24 Cowell Luciana 3/20 Cox Jennafer 3/25 Crossley Eddie 3/1 Crump Braxton 3/5 Cunliffe Andrew 3/11 Cunliffe Pamela 3/22 Cvr Starlene 3/3 Daggs Rachel 3/15 Dale Katherine 3/21 Daugherty Hannah 3/1

Davis Belle 3/2 Defer Rhea'l 3/17 Deltoro Stacy 3/14 Devine-Hardy Heather 3/11 Diaz Jocelyn 3/27 Dirkx Keith 3/24 Duclos Morgan 3/11 Durman Diane 3/24 Duroy Amber 3/7 Dushane Aaron 3/24 Dushane William 3/21 Edwards Kristin 3/5 Edwards Troy 3/23 Eledge Tatum 3/8 Enyart Tufton 3/24 Farley Lynix 3/31 Fletcher Alicia 3/27 Fletcher Bradley 3/3 Floyd Jackson 3/3 Floyd Jeffrey 3/4 Floyd Logan 3/19 Forbes Jonathan 3/6 Foster Lakoda 3/5 Freeman Emily 3/4 Freeman Mindy 3/6 French Anna 3/9 Garrett Stephan 3/13 Gilmore Morgan 3/13 Gokey Lloyd 3/4 Gooch Lyndsey 3/12 Gotchal Kimberly 3/15 Gouker Brock 3/15 Greer Ava 3/9 Greer Savannah 3/27 Griffin Michael 3/1 Griffith Blane 3/23 Griffith Gage 3/23 Gruse Ashley 3/23 Hamby Sherry 3/26 Hamett Andrea 3/16 Hansen Jocelyn 3/21 Harris Jeremy 3/23 Harrold Billy 3/23 Hart Baker 3/2 Hartmann Scott 3/2 Heck Anissa 3/8 Heck Ashlynn 3/19 Higbee, Jr. James 3/30 Hilderbrand Annabelle 3/12 Hollenbeck JavCee 3/17 Holley Glena 3/13 Hollis Chase 3/24 Hollis Takoda 3/3 Holmes Tanner 3/25 Hornig Drayke 3/23 Hubbard David 3/18 Huggins Hudson 3/31 Huggins Nathaniel 3/26 Huggins Trace 3/24 Huggins Jr Jimmie 3/23 Hughes Beckett 3/13 Hullender Shana 3/1 Hunsinger Xander 3/9 Hutchinson Brandon 3/14 Hutchinson Thomas 3/27 Ingram III Paul 3/2 Jacobson Sharon 3/18 Jameson Mallory 3/12 Johnson Eden 3/4 Jones Callie 3/27 Jones Randon 3/11 Keezer Huxley 3/29 Keezer Zaraya 3/29 Keliiheleua Anikalea 3/7 Kennedy Michelle 3/14

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