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News from the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

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Tecumseh returns to Darke County with emotional statue unveiling



Multiple leaders within the Absentee Shawnee, Eastern Shawnee and Shawnee tribes were in attendance for the statue unveiling. (*Gaylen Blosser photo*). The event honored Shawnee warrior Tecumseh, and welcomed him back to Darke County, where he lived 225 years ago. With help from the Absentee Shawnee, the Eastern Shawnee and the Shawnee tribes, DCCA and DC Parks unveiled a sculpture of Tecumseh made by Joshua Shepherd, of Union City, Ind.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

Candidates for Chief

Glenna Wallace, Shawn Daugherty, Ben Bingham, Brett Barnes

Candidates for First Council Person

Dee Gardner, Clinton Kissee

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You're Invited! Business Committee Meetings to be held **August 8 (date change) & 24, 2022** in the Bluejacket Building. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday each month. Masks and social distancing measures will be observed.

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The Chief's Report . . .



Chief Glenna J. Wallace

Dear Fellow Tribal Citizens,

Once again I am writing this article early because of travel plans to take our summer youth and a few other teenagers active in the tribe on a historical, educational trip through Ohio and Michigan and on to Canada where Tecumseh was slain. We leave Sunday, July 17 and will be gone one week. We will first drive to Chillicothe, Ohio where we will be meeting up with youth from the Wyandotte Tribe, individuals from Michigan's River Raisin National Park and several schoolteachers to embark on a bus trip known as Journey to Understanding. We will visit historical Shawnee and Wyandotte sites in Ohio including some famous battle sites plus some of the mounds nominated for World Heritage status. We will then depart for Monroe, Michigan where we will visit the lands where BlueJacket lived in his later life (interestingly enough also the childhood home of Custer), learn about the River Raisin battle in the war of 1812, kayak the river then go on to Canada's River Thames where Tecumseh was slain. Everywhere we will have the most knowledgeable lecturers informing us of the history, the inside stories. On our return trip to Oklahoma, we will focus on the removal route taken by Shawnees in their 1832 removal march, stopping at several of the actual removal sites. Those Michigan teachers will then stay

at Indigo Sky for a week, visit the nine tribes in Ottawa County and write curriculum, lesson plans based upon history books and what they have experienced, learned in the two weeks, using that for teaching in their schools this upcoming year and hopefully thereafter, hence the name of our travels, Journey to Understanding.

Bottom line is that I will be gone when it is time to submit this article to the Shooting Star, so I am doing it early. It is hot here and so dry! And it has been for some time with more of the same predicted for the future. We've had a few claps of thunder that seemingly suggested we might get some rain, but unfortunately like so many current politicians' promises, it was all noise with no results. It's so hot Wyandotte, Oklahoma and Seneca, Missouri areas could easily be referred to as Death Valley. That is definitely true for vegetation. My plants/flowers certainly would not argue with that descriptor. For an hour in the early morning and again for an hour in the late evening I lug hoses from one flower bed or flowerpot to another, soaking them with water trying to keep them blooming. It is a war I fear I am going to lose as there is no end in sight to this heat according to the weather forecasters. However lugging those hoses has certainly gotten me in shape for the walking that will take place on this upcoming trip. That's the optimist in me as I always try to look on the bright side.

Speaking of trips, let me give you a short synopsis of our recent time in Ohio at Darke County's Shawnee Prairie and Adam's County Serpent Mound. Eight of us were able to make the trip to Shawnee Prairie along with my good friend and navigator Lynette White for the unveiling of the statue of Tecumseh. It was three celebrations rolled into one for Darke County as they were honoring the famous Shawnee warrior and his influence on local history, the launch of the Darke County Art Trail and the 50th anniversary of Darke County Parks. At-

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15TH ANNUAL SHAWNA STOVALL CHILDREN'S BACK TO SCHOOL POWWOW

*The Eastern Shawnee's
Present the Shawna Stovall*



AUGUST 6TH, 2022

HEAD STAFF

Head Singer: Damien Blackfox
Head Man: River Stovall
Head Lady: Alexandria Hope
Head Little Boy: Daxton Pogue
Head Little Girl: Dhaloree Pogue
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

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

Candidate for the office of Chief

Glenna J. Wallace



PERSONAL INFORMATION

Once again I am asking for your vote to continue being your Chief. My personal information has not changed. I was born in Ottawa County, Oklahoma and have lived within 15 miles of my birthplace my entire life with the exception of 3 years when at age of 9 my family and I were migrant workers on the west coast moving from town to town, field to field, patch to patch, school to school, living in the back of a flatbed truck or an abandoned barn or even sleeping in actual pig sties at a green bean operation. These formative years impacted me greatly, teaching me to set goals, develop a work ethic, work hard, accomplish these goals, accept accountability, treat each person with dignity, be optimistic, strive to be a positive change agent and take pride in my work. The first female in my family to

graduate from high school, I attained a BA, MA, EDS and worked at Crowder College for 38 years being promoted from instructor to department chair to division head to interim Academic Dean where I managed multi-million dollar budgets and supervised large staffs annually. Interspersed with those duties was writing/directing grants and director of travel which enabled me to visit more than 70 countries, learning from each country. I have lived on the same farm for more than 50 years, lost my husband almost 35 years ago, have 3 grown children, 7 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. I am able to devote my full attention and time to the tribe, regularly working 60 or more hours per week.

QUALIFICATIONS IN BRIEF

I have been Chief since 2006 and served on the Business Committee 17 years prior to my being elected Chief. I have educational experience, financial experience, ethical character, stability, history with this tribe, and most of all love and concern for what is best for both our tribe and our people. I have managed multi-million dollar budgets with consistent flawless audits, led in the addition of 9 duplexes or 18 units housing our elders, oversaw the birth of our Early Childhood Learning Center where in 6 years we have gone from an enrollment of 20 to approximately 120 children each day, expanded our Wellness Center programs where we now have outdoor trails, outdoor batting cages, indoor walking track, swimming pool, aquatic therapy pool for ailments such as arthritis, knee replacements, joint problems, etc. Our benefits have increased dramatically with the additions of utility reimbursement, Medicare premiums reimbursement, elder crisis, down payment assistance for first time homeowners, loans for start-up businesses, natural disaster assistance, housing improvement program. It has

been important to me that the citizens living away have the same opportunities as those who live locally.

REASONS FOR RUNNING FOR OFFICE

Observe any tribe and you will note that continuity and stability have proven to be the greatest predictors of success. We have made such progress in the last decade. In spite of a two year devastating pandemic, we have not only survived, we have progressed. Our casinos are doing well, we have completed four transitional housing units for individuals who are victims of crime/violence, we are constructing a 3.5 million dollar access road to our Housing Authority, we have just finished a million dollar expansion to our Learning Center. I have not done this alone. The BC has not done this alone. Tribal citizens have not done this alone. WE have done it together. This is not a job to me; this is a passion. As most of you know, I had an almost fatal experience with COVID last August. I had person after person ask me to run again for Chief. My answer was always the same: I won't run unless I am physically healthy. I am healthy and I am a candidate for Chief. I am for continued success for the Eastern Shawnee Tribe. Yes, mistakes have been made but successes have far outweighed those errors. I am for locating successful businesses, strengthening our programs, serving our people. I humbly ask for your vote.

Chief Glenna

Candidate for the office of Chief

Shawn Daugherty



Hello Tribal Members,

I would like to start by introducing myself and my involvement in the Tribe with a small story. About 16 years ago, I ran for the position of Chief against 2 of my tribal elders. After the election, a member of our Tribe approached me and stated, “We would like to see what you would do sitting on the Business Committee before running for Chief.” Since that day, I have been on a journey to be as involved as possible and to learn everything I could about our Tribe and our government.

I began this journey by serving on the Pow Wow Committee, where I grew individually and learned invaluable lessons from the elders that walked with me on that committee. I mention this only because it was not the lesson from one elder that “you don’t kiss butt or

wash windows,” but the lesson of unity that I gained from walking together with my elders that stuck with me and drove me to strive higher and always do better. No one person leading but working together as one. Me being the young one and working beside my elders, 3 on one side, 2 on the other, made me feel protected and loved. I have carried this lesson of unity with me ever since.

Lessons I learned from another tribal member taught me about heart. His teachings I carry in my everyday life. During this time, I was working at the casino, our elected body took a chance on me and hired me to manage our Travel Center Casino. This position would later turn into the position of Assistant General Manager of the Outpost Casino. The lesson of heart and pride drove me to see our Tribe prosper and to work as a team to turn profits at the casino. I didn’t do it alone; the casino employees were a unit. I couldn’t have done such a good job if I didn’t have those employees walking beside me and showing a sense of unity for the betterment of the place we worked.

Unfortunately, during this time, I did make a mistake and was let go. By dating an employee under my supervision, I broke policy. I mention this because it is brought up in every election. When I was asked about this, what was on my heart was to speak the truth. I could have denied my actions, but that was not being what I was feeling, so I told the truth and was let go the next day. After this, I was hurt and did not want to come out of my shell.

For the following 3 years, there were those that would ask if I was okay, but I could not bring myself to participate in tribal affairs. There was one friend, mentor, and tribal member who never gave up on me and let me have my space; through this support, I was

called back to the Tribe just as I was told I would be.

I was called back for the unity and heart to serve and help our Tribe and our people. At first, I tried to come back and work for the Tribe in some capacity. However, what I found was being away for 3 years, there were plenty of brick walls for employment on the casino and tribal side. Tribal preference was not being followed. This bothered me, and I confronted the Casino General Manager about this practice at a Business Committee meeting. He admitted that he was not following tribal preference and hired 2 non-tribal members for a position qualified tribal members had applied for. I was labeled at that meeting as a disgruntled tribal member. After that meeting, I decided to be a voice of change. I ran for my current position on the Business Committee. That was almost 9 years and 3 elections ago (5 elections if you count runoffs), and I have tried to make our people proud and stand up for what I feel is right every day since.

The reason I speak of these stories and life events is the reason I am running for Chief today. Recently, a tribal member asked in a meeting what I was doing to change a policy I didn’t agree with. The only response I could give was that I was not sitting the Chief’s position, who oversees administration.

I feel we need to get back to honoring our tribal preference policy and putting qualified tribal members in career positions within the Tribe. We need accountability for the actions of not just tribal members but the employees who work for us – what is considered wrong for one should be considered wrong for all. We need to continue to seek out grants that will help the Tribe grow but will also lead to self-sufficiency once the grant funding ends. We need to be

Candidate for the office of Chief

prepared to reduce reliance on federal funding by allowing the Business Committee to do their job and find ways to make this happen.

For our Tribe and our tribal members, we need to look for new programs that we can offer. We must find better ways to make sure medical needs are being properly taken care of and not just meeting the minimum requirements. We need to build a legacy for our future grounded in unity, pride, heart,

and love. Unity by walking together and joining as a united front as we did many years ago. Pride by having pride within our Tribe and within our people together. Heart in everything we do (from helping fellow tribal members to building a future free of negativity). And love, because it is the love for the Tribe and keeps us wanting to serve and move our people forward.

I have walked with and taken care of my elders as a CNA for the last 11

years, and proudly served as 2nd Council for close to 9 years; I am now ready to step up to the role of Chief of this great Tribe and to serve the Tribe and its tribal members with the groundwork of the 4 lessons I have had embedded into me since I started my journey with the Tribe. To do so, I need your help and humbly request that when you cast your vote in this year's election, you cast it for me as the Chief.

Thank you,
Shawn E. Daugherty

Ben Bingham



My name is Benjamin Bingham and I have decided to run for the position of chief. I believe it is time for change. Our tribe is growing and adapting to many different circumstances and it needs individuals who will be able

to try new things. It needs someone who can work with all tribal members regardless of familial background, it needs individuals of integrity and honesty leading it into the future. I believe with each and everyone of your support I could be that individual. I have been involved within the tribe for the last twelve years both as an employee and within tribal politics and other tribal functions.

I started working in surveillance in 2010, protecting our tribal assets and employees as an agent, a position that demands ethics and honesty. I moved to EPA and became the employee for recycling and while under my watch we doubled its customer base and streamlined its collection process. I currently am the Director for our Native Connection program, this is a suicide and substance abuse prevention program for our tribal youth, a program that requires the utmost confidentiality. I accepted the position knowing that it was facing difficulties and in the last few years have made it a successful and beneficial program.

It is my belief with the skills I have learned by working for the tribe and participating in the tribal political field, I can be the chief each of you needs.

One who will stand up for what is right and to see our tribe prosper and grow past our current generations.

Currently I am also working part-time at the Muskogee Renaissance Fair as an actor.

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Candidate for the office of Chief

Brett Barnes



Hello Fellow Shawnees,
My name is Brett Barnes. I am running in this election for the position of Chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. I am married to my best friend and soul mate of 26 years, Rhonda Barnes. Together we have five grown children, a daughter, Hailey Easton, daughter Lindsey Shoemaker, son, Kyle Easton, all three from Rhonda's first marriage. Two sons Zach and Tyler Barnes, both from my first marriage. We have four beautiful Grandchildren, Emily and Tanner Shoemaker, Cash Armstrong, and Andy Blake Barnes. We live a humble and modest life. We are not financially wealthy by any means, but I feel that I am one of the richest men on earth because of my family. I am so thankful for this. I enjoy spending my time with my wife and family. I am also proud to come from

the family that I come from. My father was Irvin J. Barnes, who's mother was Viola Mae Dushane Barnes, the daughter of Simpson Dushane. My mother is Annie Winifred (Winkie) Dick Barnes Froman. She is among the oldest living members of our tribe and our family. She is also one of very few living full blood Shawnees. Our family is very active in our Ceremonial Ground at White Oak. I am so thankful that I have been led down that path in life. Other family names that I am descended from include Washington, Daugherty, Secondine, Carpenter, and even Captain.

My time working for our Tribe started back in June of 1988, starting out as a bingo caller/security guard. Soon I started working as a floor clerk/admissions clerk. When the electronics games started making their way into our gaming operations, I worked some hours each week as a slot attendant. In 2007 I was promoted to manager of the Travel Center Casino (not the Travel Center Store). In 2008 I started in the position of Gaming Commissioner. During my tenure as Gaming Commissioner, I received the award of Regulator of the Year for Indian Country from the International Masters of Gaming Law. I was elected for two terms as Chairman of the Oklahoma Tribal Gaming Regulators Association. I served a term and a half before stepping down from that position because now I was going to work in the Casino as an Assistant General Manager. I left this position voluntarily due to health matters. In September of that same year, I started as the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer/ Cultural Preservation Office Director. At the current time I am the Shawnee Language Director for the Eastern Shawnee Tribe.

I would like for every member of our Tribe to be as proud as I am to be Shawnee. I wish to strengthen our sense of

community and family. I would be honored to represent every member of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. Therefore, I am asking for your vote in this upcoming election. I wish all of you many blessings and much happiness.

Niyaawe,
Niwesikapawe, Horse Clan
Brett Barnes



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 Eastern Shawnee Wellness Center

Candidate for the office of First Council Person

Dee Gardner



My name is Dee Gardner, and I am running for reelection as 1st Council of the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. I am the daughter of Frances (Buttram) Jenkins, and the granddaughter of Gladys (Millhollin) Newberry.

For the past 4 years, I have had the honor and the privilege of serving and representing you, the General Council, in my capacity as 1st Council of the Business Committee. Prior to serving on the Business Committee, I worked in the Social Services Department, worked in the Cell Tower Program, and worked as the Coordinator of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Department. Each of these experiences afforded me the opportunity to build partnerships and de-

velop successful working relationships throughout the Tribe, the community, and within Indian Country.

The last 4 years have brought many opportunities for growth and success. As a Tribe, we have prospered, growing our Social Services and Education reserves by more than \$5,000,000.00 and ensuring the security of these benefits for future generations. We have grown both the Land and Economic Development accounts by more than \$2,000,000.00, allowing us the funds to pursue future growth and economic diversification. Additionally, we have put legislation in place to protect our culture and our heritage. While this list is not exhaustive, it highlights the diligence, cooperation, and commitment I have had to move our Tribe forward and to working with the entire Business Committee to represent the General Council with honor and dedication.

While we have seen many advancements the last 4 years, I would be remiss if I did not mention the emergence of COVID-19 and the subsequent challenges it presented. First and foremost is the health and safety of our Tribe and our employees. To address these health and safety concerns, I supported actions such as issuing a State of Emergency, direct stimulus payments (\$1,000 from CARES funding, \$2,500 from ARPA funding, and an additional \$1,000 for elderly and disabled tribal members), and establishing ongoing programs to address future medical, utility, internet, and supplemental pay needs.

In addition to the actions mentioned above, I have been committed to working towards achievements that benefit the Tribe as a whole and protect our sovereignty. I am proud to have voted to provide funding to the Housing Authority to build desperately needed

homes, to have supported multiple land purchases within our jurisdiction, to have advocated for the establishment of our own tribal court, to have voted to increase funding to the Home Improvement Program and First Time Down Payment Assistance Program, and to have supported the involvement of youth in extracurriculars (both through donations and through the establishment of a benefits program).

Over the last 4 years, I have worked hard to maintain and strengthen the integrity, sovereignty, and culture of the Tribe and to move us forward economically. I am dedicated to continuing the work as 1st Council of the Business Committee. I ask for your continued support and your vote this election.

Sincerely,
Dee Gardner

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Candidate for the office of First Council Person

Clinton Kissee



Board for several years, and served on the Powwow Committee for 10+ years, serving as Co-chair and Chairman for the last 6 years of my tenure. I resigned a couple years ago to help take care of my parents when Dad's health started failing. During my teaching career, I was an officer in the Career Tech teachers association for my subject area for many years, serving one term on the executive board as Vice-President and President. My years of service in my career and with the tribe will help me to serve on the Business Committee. I have worked with people most of my life, and have learned to hear and listen to other points of view, and make decisions that are based on all input.

REASONS FOR RUNNING FOR OFFICE

I am running for the BC to try and help our tribe create and expand our business interests. Many other tribes in OK are creating diverse business opportunities outside of gaming, and creating many jobs for tribal members, as well as providing services to tribal members. I also want to help ensure our tribe will hire qualified tribal members for jobs whenever possible, and ensure tribal members feel they have job security no matter what their tribal politics

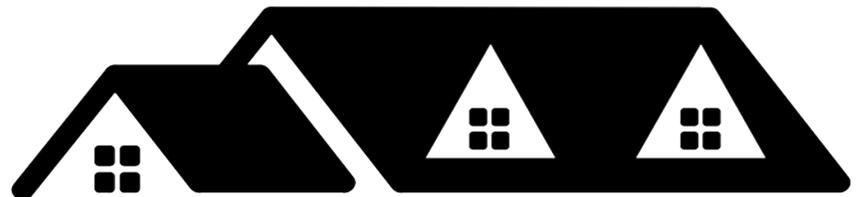
or family name is, as long as they are doing the job as they are supposed to. We have many very smart and talented younger tribal members who would be great additions to our tribal workforce. But many won't give up their current jobs/careers to work for our tribe because they don't want to have to worry after every tribal election if they will have job security. I feel our tribe hasn't progressed much the last several years because of continuous turmoil within our tribe due to tribal politics, and I feel several tribal members who were also tribal employees were terminated or harassed because of this turmoil. It's time to start making decisions based on what is best for the tribe as a whole, not who is or is not supporting one side or the other. It's also time to start recruiting our qualified tribal members to come and help build our tribal businesses and work in our tribal government with the confidence they can do so with competitive pay and the job security to allow them to make a career and raise a family while doing so. It's way past time to change the mindset of making decisions based on tribal politics, and time to start making decisions based on what will strengthen and build our tribe as a whole.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

My name is Clint Kissee. I am 59 years old, and have lived in the Wyandotte area most of my life. I am running for the position of First Council on the Business Committee. I taught STEM classes for 32 years, and had a very active and successful student organization called the Technology Student Association (TSA). I also coached MS and HS baseball, and HS softball. I am retired now, and stay busy working in the garden, taking care of the family land, and learning native archery skills such as bowmaking, flintknapping, arrow making, and other primitive skills.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE IN BRIEF:

I have been involved with the tribe for many years. I served on the Election



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Obituary



Byron Elton Prophet

Byron Elton Prophet, age 90, of Santa Clarita, California passed away on Friday, July 8, 2022. Byron was born September 8, 1931.



Congratulations New Tribal Enrollees

ASHER PIERCE MOCZYGEMBA DOB: 03/08/2022 Son of Faith Noelle Eledge (ID #3122) Grandson of Stephen Scott Eledge (ID #359) Great Grandson of Lannie David Eledge (1964 #262) Great Great Grandson of Maxine E. Nichols (1938 #58)

JESSE ELLIOTT MURRAY DOB: 01/22/2022 Son of Tonia Louise Murray (ID #1366) Grandson of Howard Neil Smothers (1964 #715) Great Grandson of Wanda Lee Huggins Pengelly (1938 #160)

ELOY JAMES CLARK DOB: 02/25/2022 Son of Bryan D'wayne Clark (ID #1969) Grandson of Kimberly Ann Martinez (ID #232) Great Grandson of Beverly Ann Bluejacket Moss (1964 #64) Great Great Grandson of Junior William Bluejacket (1938 #5)

MADELYN RAE GREER DOB: 05/04/2022 Daughter of Meagan Lea Greer (ID #1504) Granddaughter of Donald Lee Blackmore (ID #78) Great Granddaughter of Woodrow Duaine Hampton Blackmore (ID #80) Great Great Granddaughter of Woodrow Raphael Hampton (1938 #135)

MEADOW RAYNE SERNA DOB: 06/07/2021 Daughter of Summer Star DiGiuseppe (ID #2516) Granddaughter of Tiffany Nicole DiGiuseppe-Samples (ID #2102) Great Granddaughter of April Lynette Smothers Smith (1964 #713) Great Great Granddaughter of Wanda Lee Huggins Pengelly (1938 #160)

ATLAS ISAIAH ELEDGE DOB: 11/01/2021 Son of Vashti Kallai Eledge (ID #2599) Grandson of Grant Riley Eledge (ID #1958) Great Grandson of Gregory Allan Eledge (1964 #261) Great Great Grandson of Maxine Elizabeth Nichols Damm Eledge (1938 #58)

ESTO | Pow Wow Committee

Pow Wow Committee is wanting ALL Eastern Shawnee Princesses to do the Lord's Prayer in Indian sign language at the Pow Wow.

Dear Tribal Members & Employees:

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) has been extended for an additional year. This program is a benefit that is available to assist you and your immediate dependents (spouse & children) in the identification and resolution of personal problems or concerns that may have a negative impact on your personal or professional life. Personal problems or concerns include, but are not limited to; marital, family, alcohol, drug, emotional, stress, anger, depression, relationships, parenting, separation/divorce, job related, grief and any other areas causing concern. All counselors are Master-level Licensed. In extreme cases, face-to-face sessions may be arranged.

For confidential EAP assistance, please call (918) 594-5232 or 800-221-3976 which are a 24-hour crisis line that is answered by a licensed mental health professional 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The EAP is an employee and tribal benefit that is separate from the health insurance and is already paid for by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe.

James Sullivan, Project Director SAMHSA

Tribal Member Harley Lankford Makes Her Boxing Debut



Harley Lankford (left) in her Amateur Debut June 18, 2022 at Buffalo Run Casino, Miami, Oklahoma. Dallas Cook, Harley's boxing coach from Heartland Boxing said "She faced a tough oppo-

nent, with both girls trading punches making for an exciting fight for the crowd. Harley became more consistent landing shots as the fight progressed and she found her stride, giving her opponent two standing eight counts and winning a Unanimous Decision!"

Harley is the fourteen year old daughter

of Jennifer and Ryan Lankford, granddaughter of Tim and Diane Durman and Joe Lankford and the late Billie "Chunestudey" Lankford. She is also the great granddaughter of Chief Glenna Wallace, great great granddaughter of the late Vergie Enyart.



Do you have a great idea? Apply to the Idea Accelerator to make it happen!

Heartland Forward and its partner Builders + Backers are seeking applications from the Eastern Shawnee Tribe for a new program aimed at supporting entrepreneurship. **Have a great idea? Want to make it reality?**

Apply to the Idea Accelerator today by visiting <https://www.buildersandbackers.com/idea-accelerator-learn-more#idea-learn-more-apply-now>!

August 16 at midnight is the closing period. 75 mile radius from the tribal complex.

This virtual cohort-based program includes a 45-day Builder Bootcamp to teach participants how to put ideas into action, followed by 45 days of actively executing their ideas through a single experiment. Participants will also receive a \$5,000 Pebble Grant to test their ideas.



EASTERN SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

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Bluejacket Building (918) 666-2435, Fax: (918) 666-2186

RESOLUTION NUMBER 071222-R- 02

FY2023 Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Tribal Administration Operating Budget

WHEREAS, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of 1936, with a Constitution approved by the Secretary of the Interior, April 4, 1994 and Amended March 2, 1999; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Article IX, Section 1, empowers the Business Committee to protect and preserve the interests of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is committed to protecting and preserving the interests of the tribal membership; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is committed to the concept of Indian Tribes functioning as sovereign governments; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the proposed FY2023 Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Tribal Administration Operating Budget. (attached).

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution NUMBER 071222-R- 02 was adopted at a duly called (regular and/or special) meeting of the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma conducted on July 12, 2022. A quorum was present at said meeting with the vote reflecting:

5 FOR
0 AGAINST
0 ABSTAINING
0 ABSENT
0 VACANCY

Debbie Littlefield
Debbie Littlefield,
Secretary

7-12-22
Date

Justin Barrett
Justin Barrett,
Treasurer

7-12-22
Date

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Vetoed: YES ___ NO X

Glenna J. Wallace
Glenna J. Wallace, Chief
Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

7-13-2022 16:57
Date Time

Tribal Admin Budget FY23				
Budget by Department				
No.	Department	Revenue	Expense	Net
100	Accounting	191,630	560,996	(369,366)
105	Grant Development	28,810	74,861	(46,051)
170	Communications	28,486	74,020	(45,534)
230	Tribal Administrator	54,432	267,109	(212,677)
260	Human Resources	73,046	185,727	(112,681)
280	Information Technology	222,150	579,049	(356,899)
290	Tribal Insurance	96,211	275,000	(178,789)
320	Maintenance	274,536	745,989	(471,453)
	Total Indirect Departments	969,301	2,762,751	(1,793,450)
110	AOA	25,000	145,945	(120,945)
415	Agriculture - Growing Thyme	12,000	26,800	(14,800)
146	Buffalo Mgmt		200,000	(200,000)
120	Business Committee		1,285,771	(1,285,771)
140	Capital Expenditures		500,000	(500,000)
141	Lease Contracts	26,400	84,000	(57,600)
145	Ceremonial Chief		194,714	(194,714)
150	Chief		467,261	(467,261)
510	Child & Family Services	2,000	15,871	(13,871)
180	Cultural Preservation		428,114	(428,114)
515	Early Childhood Learning Center	735,600	735,600	-
200	Education		2,175,980	(2,175,980)
210	Election Board	250	52,200	(51,950)
220	Environmental Services	77,000	226,737	(149,737)
500	Gift Shop	5,000	4,300	700
250	Health & Social Services		5,860,292	(5,860,292)
420	ICW		-	-
270	IHS Bearskin	45,000	130,765	(85,765)
300	Library		81,606	(81,606)
340	Police		852,793	(852,793)
350	PowWow	5,000	96,750	(91,750)
360	Print Shop	50,000	127,263	(77,263)
365	Project Management		152,084	(152,084)
370	Property Mgmt. Rentals	232,418	232,418	-
191	Shooting Range and Training Ctr	314,467	314,467	-
470	Specialized Programs		370,475	(370,475)
470	Specialized - HIP		300,000	(300,000)
840	Tags	100,000	13,610	86,390
841	Taxes	700,000		700,000
105	Tribal Match/Grant Development		120,000	(120,000)
460	Vital Statistics		9,500	(9,500)
271	Wellness Center	80,500	470,984	(390,484)
491	Woodlands Construction			-
	Total General Fund	2,410,635	15,676,300	(13,265,665)
	Total Tribal Admin (Non-Grant)	3,379,936	18,439,051	(15,059,115)



September

16, 17 & 18, 2022

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY September 16	SATURDAY September 17	SUNDAY September 18
GOURD DANCE 6:00-7:00 pm	Prayer	Honor the Elders Breakfast 9:00 am
Prayer	GOURD DANCE 1:00-2:00 pm	GOURD DANCE 12:00-1:00 pm
GRAND ENTRY 7:30 pm	Specials	Prayer
Flag Song	SUPPER BREAK 5:00-6:00 pm	GRAND ENTRY 1:00 pm
Memorial Song	GOURD DANCE 6:00-7:00pm	Flag Song
Victory Song Round Dance	LORD'S PRAYER 7:15 PM	Memorial Song
Introduction of Head Staff	GRAND ENTRY 7:30 pm	Round Dance
War Dance	Flag Song	Introduction of Head Staff
2019 Princess Special	Memorial Song	War Dance
Crowning of 2022 Princesses	Round Dance	Intertribal Dances
Elder Honor Dance	Introduction of Head Staff	MENS TRADITIONAL
TINY TOT'S CONTEST	War Dance	MENS GRASS
Intertribal Dance	Elder Honor Dance	MENS FANCY
JR. GIRLS BUCKSKIN	GLEN STONER JR. MEMORIAL	MENS STRAIGHT
JR. GIRLS CLOTH	NOTHERN TRADITIONAL	HAND DRUM
JR. BOYS STRAIGHT	DANCE CONTEST	MENS & WOMENS
JR. BOYS TRADITIONAL	WOMEN'S BUCKSKIN	EXHIBITION DANCE
Intertribal Dance	Intertribal Dance	Intertribal Dance
JR. GIRLS FANCY SHAWL	WOMENS FANCY SHAWL	Presentation of Prizes
JR. GIRLS JINGLE	WOMENS JINGLE	Victory Song
JR. BOYS FANCY	WOMENS CLOTH	
JR. BOYS GRASS	GOLDEN AGE MEN & WOMEN	
Two-Step	Two-Step	
Snake Dance/ Buffalo Dance	Intertribal Dance	
Veterans Song	MENS & WOMENS	
	EXHIBITION DANCE	
	Veterans Song	



Head Staff

- Head Man - Justin Barrett
- Head Lady - Danielle Hart
- Head Singer - Gaylon Motah
- Arena Director - Murray Rhoades
- Gourd Club - Comanche Little Ponies
- Color Guard - Lenape Color Guard
- Master of Ceremonies - Neil Lawhead
- Head Judge - Murray Rhoades
- Judge - Cricket Rice
- Host Northern Drum - War Chief

- 2022 Princess - Katherine Ross
- 2022 Jr. Princess - Kiaria Williams



TARYN FRANTZ
2019 Pow Wow Princess
Taryn pictured with her brother
Justin Barrett, HeadMan 2022



LEXI HOPE
2019 Jr. Pow Wow Princess

Eastern Shawnee Pow Wow Grounds, 12615 S. 705 Rd., Wyandotte, OK 74370
 Kelley King, ChairPerson, ESTO 2022 Pow Wow Committee, PO Box 531, Seneca, MO 64865 | espwc@outlook.com.
 In case of inclement weather our alternate location will be at the Eastern Shawnee Wellness Center.
 Schedule of Events is subject to change without notice.

DANCE CLASS

Native American

July 13, 27, and Aug 10, 24, 2022

Schedule

- 2:30 P.M.- Prayer, Eat
- 3:00 P.M.- Class begins with the 1st Song- Grand Entry, Flag Song, Memorial Song
- 3:30 P.M.- Round Dance
- 3:45 P.M.- War Dance
- 4:00 P.M.- Intertribal Dance
- 4:15 P.M.- Two-Step
- 4:30 P.M.- Snake Dance/ Buffalo Dance
- 4:45 P.M.- Last Song: Veterans Song
- 5:00 P.M.- Class Ends with a Prayer



Dance Categories

GIRLS

- Buckskin
- Cloth
- Fancy Shawl
- Jingle

BOYS

- Straight
- Traditional
- Fancy
- Grass

SONGS

- Flag Song
- Memorial Song
- Victory Song
- Veterans Song

DANCES

- Gourd Dance
- Grand Entry
- Round Dance
- War Dance
- Elder Honor Dance
- Intertribal Dance
- Two-Step
- Snake/ Buffalo Dance
- Exhibition Dance

Age Categories

- Tiny Tots (ages 5 and under)
- Juniors (6-12)



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FROM THIS CORNER

By Chief Glenna J. Wallace

TRAVELS TO OUR HOMELANDS

It is most unusual, but various Business Committee members or I have traveled to Ohio to represent our tribe on three different occasions in the last month. The first trip was to attend the unveiling of the sculpture of Tecumseh where all three federally recognized Shawnee Tribes were honored by re-

questing our presence at the unveiling. Attending were Business Committee members Second Chief Chris Samples, first council Dee Gardner, third council Norma Kraus and Chief Glenna J. Wallace. That two-day event ended on a Saturday night and the next morning Gardner, Kraus and Wallace drove to Serpent Mound where programming for the spiritual Shawnee Summer Solstice was already in process and Chief Wallace made presentations for three days.

The following week Chief Wallace returned to Ohio for the ground-breaking of Ohio's 76th State Park, the Great Council, where tribal citizen Talon Silverhorn and Chief Wallace have been active for several months in the planning of the ten million Shawnee facility. Chief Wallace also met with Ohio Governor Mike DeWine to discuss the possibility of his coming to Oklahoma later this year. Following are newspaper write-ups of two of these occasions.

OHIO'S 76TH STATE PARK SIGNALS MORE COLLABORATION WITH SHAWNEE TRIBE

*Chris Welter, Published July 5, 2022
Ideastream public media*

A new state park is coming to southwest Ohio. Great Council State Park will be located between Xenia and Yellow Springs at the site of a former Shawnee settlement called Oldtown.

The park will feature a \$10 million interpretive center designed in the traditional council house form used by Shawnee tribes. It's expected to open in 2023.

Glenna J. Wallace, chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, was at the park's groundbreaking and has been involved in the center's planning process.

"It's a combination of the past, the present and the future. I think it's an excellent concept," Wallace said. "I think that we want to tell our stories, but we also want to correct some incorrect stories that have been told and that people might think about today."

The interpretive center at Council State Park is planned to be three stories tall, with one floor dedicated to modern stories of the Shawnees.

"Too many people think that when we left Ohio, we disappeared from the surface of the United States. That's simply not so. We are strong tribes today." She said. "We have our challenges, we

have our successes and we work hard at maintaining our culture, working for our people, and making them proud of being Shawnee."

The center will also tell the stories of people from other Ohio Valley tribes and settlers like Daniel Boone and Simon Kenton.



From left to right: Shawnee Councilman Kenny Paul Hood, Absentee Shawnee Tribal Secretary Alicia Miller, Eastern Shawnee Chief Glenna Wallace, and Absentee Shawnee Governor John Johnson traveled from Oklahoma to attend the unveiling of the Tecumseh statue at Shawnee Prairie Preserve and Nature Center on June 17. *Tammy Watts | Daily Advocate*

Tecumseh returns to Shawnee Prairie

By Tammy Watts
DailyAdvocate.com

GREENVILLE — More than 200 people witnessed Tecumseh's return to Shawnee Prairie Preserve on Friday, June 17, 2022. The unveiling of Tecumseh's statue was a three-fold celebration honoring the intrepid Shawnee warrior, and his influence on local history, the launch of the Darke County Center

for the Arts (DCCA) public Art Trail, and the 50th anniversary of Darke County Parks (DCP).

DCP Director Roger Van Frank, who will retire in December, emceed the event, taking special pride in introducing representatives from all three federally recognized Shawnee tribes: The (Loyal) Shawnee, the Eastern Shawnee, and the Absentee Shawnee (so named because they did not attend the signing of an 1854 treaty for a Kansas reservation). They traveled from

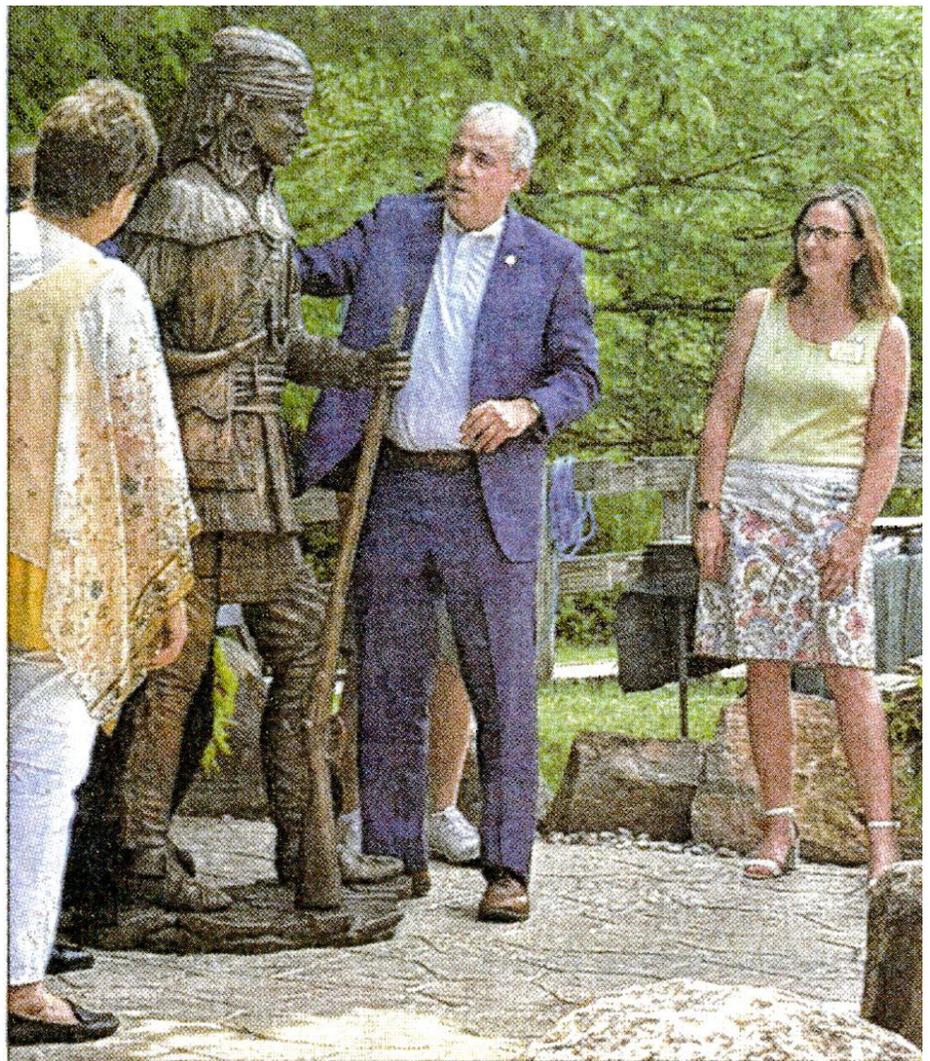
Oklahoma to attend the ceremony, marking the first time all three Shawnee Tribes have been back in Ohio, at the same time, since the Indian Removal Act of 1832 forced them westward.

Chief Glenna Wallace of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe, spoke of her ancestors, who, together with the Seneca, were known as the "mixed band." U.S. soldiers planned to load them onto watercraft for the journey

See *CHIEF* on page 38



Tecumseh, sculpted by Joshua Shepherd, is the initial installations of the Darke County Art Trail.



From left to right: Eastern Shawnee Chief Glenna Wallace, Ohio Senate President Matt Huffman, and DCCA Executive Director Andrea Jordan react to the newly unveiled Tecumseh statue, sculpted by Joshua Shepherd, at Shawnee Prairie Preserve and Nature Center.

Child Care and Development Fund

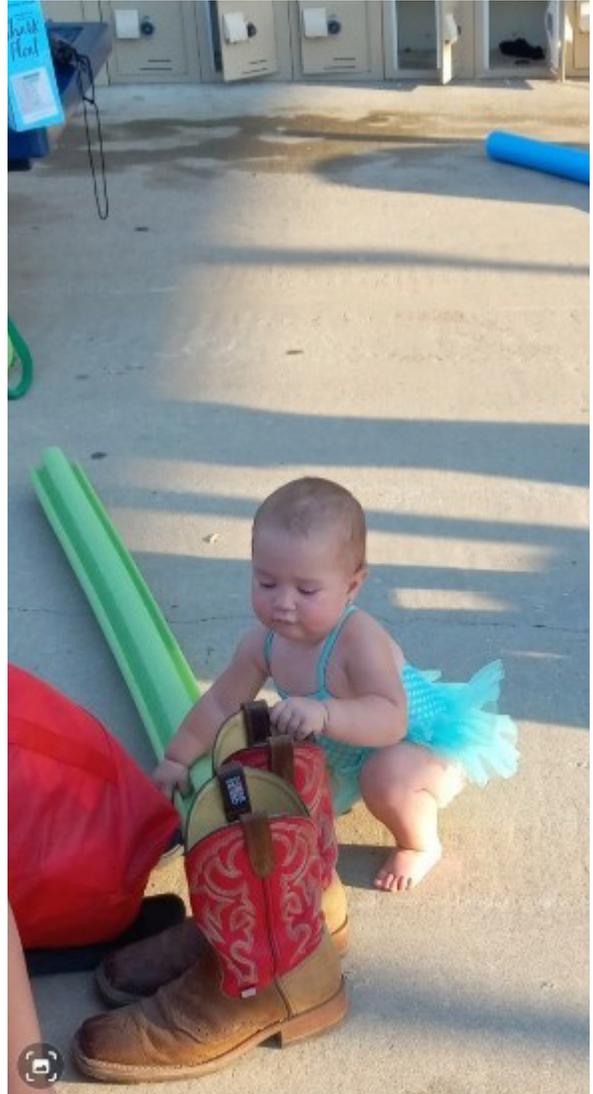
Submitted by Dian Randall, CCDF Director



Check in table.



Calling raffles.



Children enjoying the pool party.

We have opened the ARPA stimulus grant for Home Child Care again. We are about finished with taking applications for the ARPA stimulus funding. CCDF program is a requirement by the federal government to spend the ARPA Stabilization stimulus funding we received on Child Care Homes and Centers.

Shawna Stovall Children's Back-to-School Pow Wow will take place on August 6th with children's activities from noon to 3:00 p.m. At 5:00 p.m., a traditional Eastern Shawnee meal will be served, and grand entry at 7:00 p.m.

This year we are having children's contest dancing! The location will be at the Eastern Shawnee Tribe's Pow Wow grounds. We can't wait to see everyone.

We had our annual Family Pool Party on July 15th at the Miami City Pool, with 131 attending this year. We served a lite meal, had door prizes and passed out summer safety items and information.

We still have our Car Seat and Newborn Starter Kit programs; you must live within a 100-mile radius of our office to qualify for these programs. These programs are funded with the

CCDF grant, which is our service area per our grant guidelines.

If you want to apply or have any questions about Child Care Assistance with our CCDF Program, please feel free to come by our office located at 10100 S. Bluejacket Rd. / Suite #3, Wyandotte, OK 74370 or call us at 918-540-9970 or (Toll Free) 866-978-1352 and talk to Dian, or Hailey or email us at drandall@estoo.net, or hharper@estoo.net. You can also find our information on the tribe's website at www.estoo-nsn.gov

Driver's Education Program

By Jeanette Kruse, Police Department Administrative Assistant

May 23rd through May 27th was the 2022 Driver's Education Program hosted by the Eastern Shawnee Tribal Police Department. There we had a total of 20 students from various surrounding communities.

The week consisted of classroom instructions and testing by Chad Ross of Fairland School, State Trooper Will Langley with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, and Nate Long from State Farm who spoke and answered questions from students.

This program has been going on for several years now. We want to thank Chief Glenna Wallace and the Business Committee for constantly approving and allowing us to continue this program.

If you have a child who will be 15 years old by May 2023, don't hesitate to contact Jeanette Kruse at (918) 238-0100 at the ESTO Police Department to enroll your child. This is a free program.



LIHWAP

Low Income Home Water Assistance Program

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

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



Applications processed on a first come first serve basis.

Not all who apply will qualify

Documents required are:

1. Completed Application.
2. Copy of income of all household members (tax form 1040)
3. Copy of water bill (city utility bill accepted if water is itemized.)
4. Copy of CDIB card. Some applicants may prequalify omitting the need for certain documents.

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RECEIVE AN APPLICATION CONTACT: ESTO SPECIALIZED SERVICES, LIHWAP/ LIHEAP, AMBER MITTAG amittag@estoo.net; STACIE TRIPLETT striplett@estoo.net; PH: 1-918-238-2424, FAX: 1888-972-1834; LIHWAP App can be downloaded on website <https://estoo-nsn.gov/tribal-forms/>

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Tar Creek Happenings

By *Debbie Dotson, Water Quality Officer*

For the second year in a row, Tar Creek has been named one of the America's Most Endangered Rivers by American Rivers. Although many years ago, the mining around Tar Creek was abandoned, the pollution that still comes up from the underground discharge into the creek is still a public health concern. That doesn't mean that there is no hope for Tar Creek. The work to improve Tar Creek continues.

One of the groups working on Tar Creek is LEAD Agency in Miami, OK. Local Environmental Action Demand-ed, or LEAD, has been active in the Tar Creek area for many years and is still busy informing residents and demanding improvement for the creek and for public health. Rebecca Jim is the Tar Creekkeeper and Martin Lively is the Grand Riverkeeper as part of the Waterkeeper Alliance. Both are active this summer in surveys, trainings, cleanups, and planning the next conference.

The 24th Tar Creek Conference will be held October 10-12 at NEO College Student Union, on the banks of Tar Creek. The annual conference is a great opportunity for residents to hear from the tribes and agencies working to make things better, and monitoring changes in water quality and in the health of people. There is always work happening. More information on the Conference can be found at the LEAD Agency website and Facebook page.

LEAD Agency is also conducting flood survey and a well survey in Miami, OK. The well survey is for residents east of Tar Creek with private wells and will be used to get the wells sampled by Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality or Indian Health Services. These wells may be compromised by the Boone Aquifer, and it is important to get them checked. And thanks to a small grant from the Western Mining Action Network to LEAD Agency, Brita pitchers and filters will be provided to the first 40 who give permission to get their wells sampled.

Save these Dates:
24TH NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE AT
TAR CREEK

OCTOBER 10, 11, 12, 2022

NEO A&M COLLEGE MIAMI, OK *See you in October!*



Other active groups at Tar Creek include the area tribes, including the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. Quapaw Nation is remediating much of their tribal lands around Tar Creek. All area tribes participate in Tar Creek Trustee Council and Tri-State Mining District meetings and studies. Many government agencies like United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Geological Service, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and state environmental agencies like Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality are working with the tribes in these groups.

University of Oklahoma has active student participation in Tar Creek studies.

The Center for Restoration of Ecosystems and Watersheds and Dr. Bob Nairn from OU have been working for many years on remediation and using natural infrastructure and ecological engineering to filter the mining discharge. The passive treatment systems they have established are making a difference and are an excellent example of education in action.

To find out more about the happenings at Tar Creek, contact LEAD Agency in Miami, attend one of the next public meetings, or get the summary of all things Tar Creek by attending the Conference in October. Keeping people informed is key to making a difference.

H.A.V.E.N. Update

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

Upcoming Events:

Haven will be attending the Children's Powwow this month and our larger Powwow in September – contact our office for more details.

Support Group will now be IN PERSON: Please call our office for details.

Program Update:

Hello all –

Summer is still hot, but fall is in the air! This month, as we prepare to get our kids back into school, we're focusing on cyberbullying. Did you know that cyberbullying is a crime? Have you had a chance to talk to your kids about cyberbullying? Do you feel you know what to say or how to help the kids in your life prevent cyberbullying? Below is an article from [stopbullying.gov](https://www.stopbullying.gov) full of types for adults on how to help teens. <https://www.stopbullying.gov/cyberbullying/what-is-it>

What is Cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is bullying that takes place over digital devices like cell phones, computers, and tablets. Cyberbullying can occur through SMS, Text, and apps, or online in social media, forums, or gaming where people can view, participate in, or share content. Cyberbullying includes sending, posting, or sharing negative, harmful, false, or mean content about someone else. It can include sharing personal or private information about someone else causing embarrassment or humiliation. Some cyberbullying crosses the line into unlawful or criminal behavior.

The most common places where cyberbullying occurs are:

- Social Media, such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, and Tik Tok
- Text messaging and messaging apps on mobile or tablet devices
- Instant messaging, direct messaging, and online chatting over the internet

- Online forums, chat rooms, and message boards, such as Reddit
- Email
- Online gaming communities

Special Concerns

With the prevalence of social media and digital forums, comments, photos, posts, and content shared by individuals can often be viewed by strangers as well as acquaintances. The content an individual shares online – both their personal content as well as any negative, mean, or hurtful content – creates a kind of permanent public record of their views, activities, and behavior. This public record can be thought of as an online reputation, which may be accessible to schools, employers, colleges, clubs, and others who may be researching an individual now or in the future. Cyberbullying can harm the online reputations of everyone involved – not just the person being bullied, but those doing the bullying or participating in it. Cyberbullying has unique concerns in that it can be:

Persistent – Digital devices offer an ability to immediately and continuously communicate 24 hours a day, so it can be difficult for children experiencing cyberbullying to find relief.

Permanent – Most information communicated electronically is permanent and public, if not reported and removed. A negative online reputation, including for those who bully, can impact college admissions, employment, and other areas of life.

Hard to Notice – Because teachers and parents may not overhear or see cyberbullying taking place, it is harder to recognize.

Laws and Sanctions

All states have laws requiring schools to respond to bullying. As cyberbullying has become more prevalent with the use of technology, many states now

include cyberbullying, or mention cyberbullying offenses, under these laws. Schools may take action either as required by law, or with local or school policies that allow them to discipline or take other action. Some states also have provisions to address bullying if it affects school performance. You can learn about the laws and policies in each state, including if they cover cyberbullying.

Resources and Stopbullying.gov

Check out the [stopbullying.gov](https://www.stopbullying.gov) website for more information on how to prevent cyberbullying, social media and apps, cyberbullying and gaming, digital awareness for parents, how to establish rules, tips for teachers, how to report cyberbullying, and how to deal with “haters”. The best way to help our kids is to educate ourselves. This isn't the world we all grew up in, so we parents/guardians/teachers have to educate ourselves on what our kids are facing. It's important that everyone in our community know they are NOT ALONE! Haven is here to help and provide services.

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

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,

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Our advocates are here to help!

The George J. Captain Library participates in and hosted several summer activities





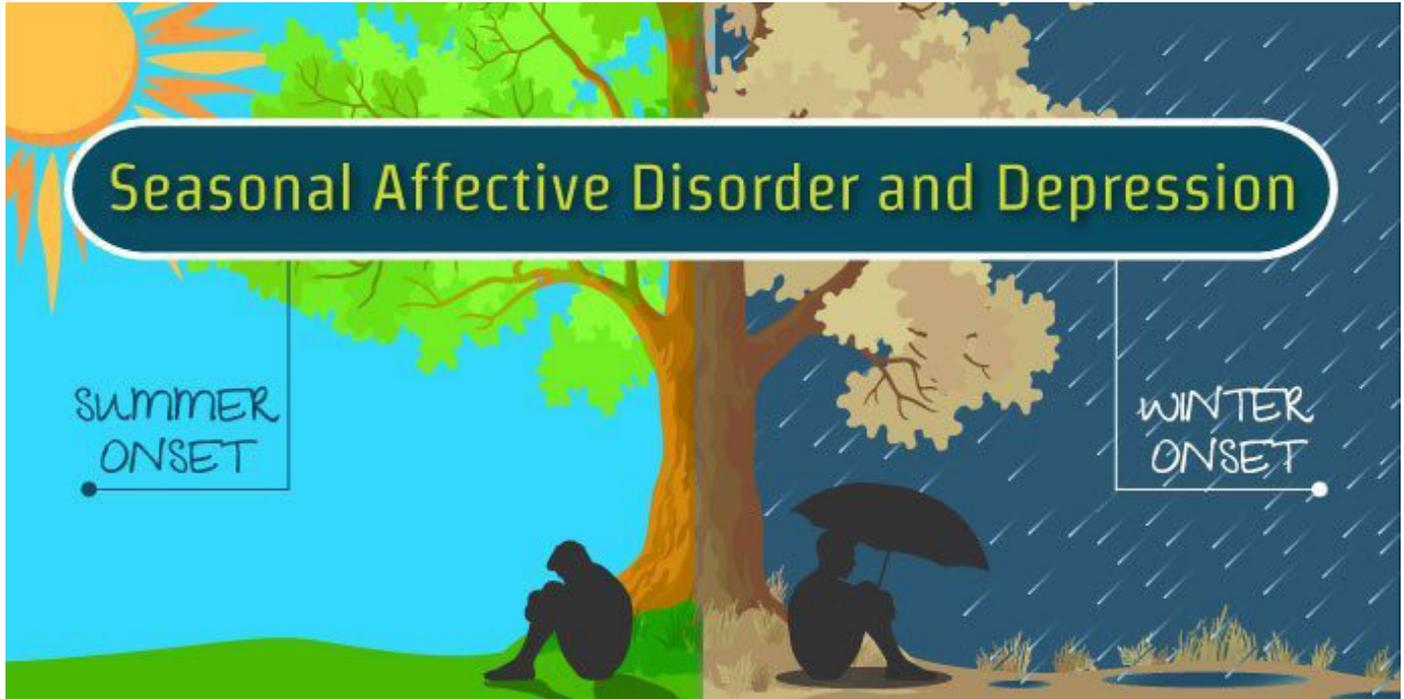
Fourth of July parade Seneca Missouri. The Jen Jen Mobile Book Library makes its way down main street of Seneca, during the 4th of July parade with her crew Jennifer Lankford (bus driver) and volunteers Harley Lankford and Bella Middick passing out candy during the parade route.

Interior graphics: Interior graphics have been installed and the bus is ready to begin its bus routes to the Early Childhood Learning Center, AOA Center and the Woodlands.

Summer Library Program: Tribal member Michael Daugherty reads from his book "The Snake Hunter" to the children from the Early Childhood Learning Center. On a separate day the ESTO Police Department K9 unit Maggie, and handler Ray Harvey taught the children about the Police Department K9 unit about how she is trained and "Maggie does her job."

Seasonal Affective Disorder

Submitted by Ben Bingham, Native Connections Project Director



Typically winter with its grey skies and frigid days are known to go hand in hand with feeling down during the winter months. The feeling of sadness or becoming depressed can occur during the summertime as well for up to 30 percent of individuals. Typically the common symptoms of depression are experienced during the four or five months of warmer weather.

An individual suffering from SAD during summer may experience agitation, anxiety, insomnia, lack of appetite, and in extreme cases instances of violent behavior. These can be triggered by the sudden change in routine caused by summer. This can include heat and humidity, financial stress due to rising cost of cooling a home or childcare, vacationing, body image issues due to the more revealing nature of summer clothes and change in daily routine. This can include having children

at home from school, lack of sleep due to longer day hours etc. The risk of Seasonal Affective Disorder increases for females, those that have a familial history of mental illness or if you have been diagnosed with major depressive disorder, bipolar disorder, or other mental illness.

Some helpful ways to cope with Seasonal Affective disorder is to identify the triggers causing it, getting plenty of sleep, creating a routine and staying with it, getting plenty of sun as your body absorbs vitamin D from the sunlight, and taking time for yourself. If these do not help, seeing your physician or counselor is recommended.

If you find yourself in crisis and need to speak someone immediately the National Suicide and Crisis hotline is 1-800-273-TALK and soon will be also the three digit number 988.

INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL FOOD DISTRIBUTION

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

government.

The area served by the Inter-Tribal Food Distribution Program is a portion of Ottawa County, 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**

Vital Statistics Department

By *Monica Bettis, Director*

Current Health & Social Service Budget Activity for FY 2021

Service	Spent to Date June	Member's Served Per Line Item
Auditory	\$1,900.40	7
Burial	\$80,411.74	13
Disabled / Elder Care	\$968,677.44	372
Elder Crisis Committee	\$59,799.81	25
Healthcare	\$1,101,063.21	1547
Orthodontics	\$16,174.72	23
School Expenses	\$173,853.96	462
Special Medical Equipment	\$7,402.90	46
Utility/Emergency Assistance	\$1,017,168.98	912
Totals	\$3,426,453.16	3407

\$155,191.29 paid out from June 18, 2022 - July 15, 2022

Vital Statistics Activity June 2022

Status Changes	48
Deaths	2
Enrollees	0
ID Cards	6
Photo ID	7
Total Enrollees for current fiscal year	29
Total Deaths for current fiscal year	9
Total Membership	3754

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

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

To navigate the website, go to

1. CONTACT US

2. FORMS

VITAL STATISTICS

Direct to Vendor Claim Form

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

EASTERN SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA TAX COMMISSION

TAG HOURS:

MONDAY thru FRIDAY 8:30 – 11:30 AM & 12:15 – 3:30 PM

Tag Office 918-666-7710

Mary Alumbaugh ext. 1117 or Lisa Stivers ext. 1115

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

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

PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

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

ITEMS REQUIRED FOR TAG

RENEWALS

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

VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES ARE

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

ITEMS REQUIRED TO TAG NEWLY

PURCHASED VEHICLES

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

TRAVEL TRAILERS

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

TITLE – PENALTIES (After 30 Days)

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

TITLE FEES

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

REGISTRATION – PENALTIES (After 30Days)

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

REGISTRATION FEES

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

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

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

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

**DIRECT TO VENDOR PAYMENT
EXPENSE CLAIM FORM**

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

Tribal Member Information

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

Primary Provider Information

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

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

Direct to Vendor Request

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

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



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

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

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

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

Tribal Member Signature _____ Date _____

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DATE: Wednesday, June 8, 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 5:34 p.m. with the following answering roll call: 2nd Council Daugherty, 3rd Council Kraus, Treasurer Barrett and Secretary Littlefield. 1st Council Gardner was absent. Chief Wallace and 2nd Chief Samples were in attendance. A Quorum was declared by 2nd Chief Samples.

NEW ENROLLEES

Asher Pierce Moczygemba-DOB: 03/08/2022

Jesse Elliott Murray-DOB: 01/22/2022

Elroy James Clark-DOB: 02/25/2022

MOTION: To approve New Enrollees. Motion made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the May 31, 2022, Business Committee Meeting as presented. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

REPORTS

Chief's Report – Chief Glenna Wallace Thank You- received from Suzanna Profit for the tribe's sponsorship of the application submitted to the World Heritage Designation for the protection of the mounds in Ohio and Mary Ledford thanking the Chief and tribe for the food distribution program.

Donation Request – Seneca Fire Auxiliary submitted a request for a donation for their Annual 4th of July Celebration. Melanie Heskitt, GM of Indigo Sky reports that Indigo Sky had donated, and the BC did not take any action for this donation.

Director's Reports – Reports were pre-

viously provided to all BC members.

HIP Report – 20 additional applications have been approved. 6 remain available for \$10,000 for home improvement. You must own the home for at least one year.

SUMMER YOUTH – The summer youth program is ready to start.

TINY HOMES – A video of the Tiny Homes was presented by Chief Wallace showing what the Tiny Homes looked like. A gazebo and fencing will be added. These homes have been turned over to HAVEN.

SANDY CAPTAIN CULTURAL CENTER – The room next to the outer kitchen will be turned into a bedroom area for when the cooks come. The cooks could be there for three days, and this will provide a sleeping area. There will be a washer and dryer as well and an ice machine placed in this area. It was agreed by all to increase the amount of money needed to complete this project as the \$6,000 remaining is insufficient for the completion.

DARKE COUNTY'S TRAIL OF ART – will be held June 18-19, 2022, in Ohio. Talon Silverhorn, tribal member will be joining us there.

SERPENT MOUND – June 19, 20, and 21st, 2022.

OLDTOWN GROUNDBREAKING – June 27th, 2022, in Ohio.

BREAK IN NATIVES CONNECTED – A female broke into this building. After breaking a glass and doing other damage to the building the keys to a van was found leading to the van being stolen resulting in \$37,802.33 in damages. The female subject has not been arrested at this time. Federal charges will be filed.

FHLB CONTRACT – Paperwork has been received and the check will be sent to pay off the \$160,000 loan from the Federal Home Loan Bank.

GUY BARKER MEET AND GREET – Mr. Barker is running against Mark Wayne Mullin in the upcoming elections. Chief Wallace would like permission to sponsor a meet and greet

at the ITC building stating it would be beneficial to have a Native American from this area elected to this position. Mr. Barker is the Treasurer of the Quapaw tribe. Discussion followed concerning donating to his campaign fund. **MOTION:** The motion to make a \$2,000 donation not to exceed the donation limits was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield

Motion carried: 4 approved (Daugherty, Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Gardner). **FOOD DISTRIBUTION** – scheduled for the 23rd of this month. This is going well and staying within budget.

110 ROAD – We had a meeting this afternoon at 2:30 and final plans and drawings are scheduled to be in by July 15th.

RURAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM-We contracted with Jenny McCullan who owns her own grant writing company. She feels this is a strong grant and it would pay for 110 Road. This is a \$4,785,000 grant. This grant has been submitted and we should know something in 45 days.

BROADBAND GRANT 2.6 million – we have received positive feedback on this grant.

ICDBG GRANT, NOT FUNDED

IHBG GRANT, NOT FUNDED

ECLC SUMMER PROGRAM INCIDENT – Friday of last week the buses had gone to All Abord which is close to Redings Mill. On the return trip home on Hwy. 86 one of the children on the bus unbuckled their seat belt and got up and began moving around the bus causing the driver to pull over to return the child to their seat. Unfortunately, the driver pulled over into the ditch and another child opened the back door and started letting children out. In the chaos no one was hurt. Meetings were held to determine how to respond to incidents like this in the future.

SPLASH PAD – Chief has requested additional information from Brinko

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and this information will be sent to In-house Counsel when received.

SEWER PROJECT – \$65,000 has already been allocated for the pipe. We have contacted the Pipe Company and they will refund every penny. We had purchased 6- and 8-inch pipe for this project but to connect to the City of Seneca sewer lines we need 10-inch pipe. The company that holds the \$65,000 has submitted a bid for \$85,000 as they would have to go deeper for the 10-inch. This is a firm bid with the exception that right across the road there is lots of limestone so this could cause use of a jackhammer, and this would be an additional fee. 2nd Chief Samples asked Chief to obtain a contingency for a rock remediation clause from the company.

WOODLANDS ROCKS/SOD-Three bids were presented. The first bid - \$74,000, second bid - \$46,700 and third bid - \$59,400. All in agreement to accept the low bid.

OTHER QUOTES-Waste Water Treatment Center (to evaluate the capacity of our wastewater treatment center). The bid is \$15,100 from ECCI. All in agreement to accept this quote. The quotes for the fence around the wastewater treatment plant – First quote - \$26,685.81 and second quote - \$30,495.00. (These quotes are for replacement of the wooden fence that is in deteriorating condition and needs to be replaced). Request by 2nd Council Daugherty for our construction department to do the work to replace the fence. Chief Wallace will take this back to Tracy to see if our construction crew may be able to handle this project. Chief Wallace agrees and this discussion will be moved to the next meeting.

ELDERS CRISIS PROGRAM – Chief Wallace requests that this program be placed under the direction of Amber Mittag under special projects.

Treasurer Barrett requested that OTFC be added to the next agenda.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 060822-R-

01 Authorizing the Eastern Shawnee Haven Program to submit a OVC FY 2022 Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formulated Grant available through the Office for Victims of Crime.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to authorize the Eastern Shawnee Tribe Haven Program to submit funding request from the Office for Victims of Crime for an approximate amount of at least \$854,713 (award is formulated first on population size and then redetermined by funds available after all applicants have submitted pre-applications). Funds will be used for the Haven Emergency Temporary Homes daily running hiring of an advocate to assist with the clients in the homes, purchase of a modular office for the advocate to be located at the Emergency Temporary Homes as well as establishing safety at the space. We will use funds to put in a fence, set up security cameras, and furnish the office at the space. These funds will pay for the monthly electric, water/sewer, and internet charges of the homes as well as the modular office and pay for the supplies needed for clients in the homes such as bedding, food, and cleaning of the homes, etc. The funds will allow Haven to cover food costs for all outreach and education events held by Haven and pay for the continuation salary (in year four and five) of the Haven Mobile Unit and transport Advocate (hired with the FVPSA ARP funds in 2022).

This grant application is due in Just-Grants by June 23, 2022. This is a non-competitive formulated grant. No matching funds are required.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 060822-R-01. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

MOTION: To Add Resolutions

060822-R-02 and 060822-R-03 to the agenda.

Motion made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Daugherty, Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Gardner). **RESOLUTION NUMBER 060822-R-02 Authorizing the Land Management Department to submit an application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to pursue placing the Highway 60 Properties containing 36.59 acres into trust.**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to place approximately 36.59 acres of tribal land in Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma jurisdiction into trust.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Chief Glenna J. Wallace to sign the conveyance documents on behalf of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 060822-R-02. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Daugherty, Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Gardner). **RESOLUTION NUMBER 060822-R-03 Authorizing the Land Management Department to submit an application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to pursue placing the McKibben Properties containing 112.32 acres into trust.**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to place approximately 112.32 acres of tribal land in Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma jurisdiction into trust.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize Eastern Shawnee Tribe of

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Oklahoma Chief Glenna J. Wallace to sign the conveyance documents on behalf of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 060822-R-03. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 060822-R-04 Approving transfer of funds from Eastern Shawnee Tribal Enterprises.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize the transfer from Burggraf Corporation to Eastern Shawnee Tribal Enterprises to pay-off the balance of ESTE Note No. 2 to Burggraf dated July 2015 in the amount of \$208,383.54 plus interest of \$24,287.26 for a total payment of \$232,670.80.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize the transfer of \$232,670.80 from Eastern Shawnee Tribal Enterprises to the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma for deposit into the Tribal Economic Development account at People's Bank of Seneca, account number 11932.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 060822-R-04. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

MOTION: To add Resolution Number 060822-R-05 to the agenda. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 060822-R-05 Resolution Approving FY2022 Budget Amendment for Hardship As-

sistance Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve the attached FY2022 Budget Modification #6 for the Hardship Assistance Program.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 060822-R-05. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

REQUISITIONS

Requisition number EN-86206 payable to Marion Company LLC for payment application number 3 (Three Bedroom Housing) in the amount of \$451,135.17.

MOTION: To approve Requisition number EN-86206 made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Requisition number EN-86470 payable to Grand Lake Mental Health for May SAMHSA Crisis Services in the amount of \$44,632.33.

MOTION: To approve Requisition number EN-85578 made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer Barrett announced the Business Committee will increase benefits for FY23 with utilities increasing \$100.00, first time homeowner down payment will increase to \$10,000.00 and an enrichment program for school age children of \$250.00 will be added to help with the cost of extra-curricular activities such as dance, cheer, basketball, football, etc.) to keep the kids active. Will become effective Oct. 1, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

Constitutional Amendments tabled until the next meeting.

The Business Committee announced that the Travel Center on Hwy 10 will be closed. The target date for a full closure is June 30, 2022. We have engaged a very reputable firm that does a lot of work in Indian Country for feasibility opportunities in other locations for a Travel Plaza on Hwy 60.

MOTION: To go into Closed Session at 7.00 p.m. following a five-minute break. The motion was made Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: To return to Open Session at 9:41 p.m. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

OPEN SESSION

MOTION: To confirm personnel action as discussed. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

MOTION: Authorizing Treasurer Barrett to sign NDA. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

MOTION: To appoint In-house Counsel as third-party designee. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

MOTION: Authorizing In-house Counsel to sign the Lexus-Nexus agreement. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council

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Daugherty.

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

MOTION: To add Resolution 060822-R-06 to the agenda. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 060822-R-06. A Resolution Appointing Members to the Elder & Disabled Crisis Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to appoint Shawn King to the Elder & Disabled Crisis Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby appoint Shawn King as the Elder & Disabled Crisis Committee Chair. The Chair shall report directly to the Business Committee.

MOTION: To approve Resolution Number 060822-R-06. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

MOTION: To adjourn at 9:45 p.m. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

ADJOURN

DATE: Wednesday, June 29, 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 5:37 p.m. with the fol-

lowing answering roll call: 1st Council Gardner, 2nd Council Daugherty, 3rd Council Kraus, Treasurer Barrett and Secretary Littlefield Chief Wallace and 2nd Chief Samples were in attendance. A Quorum was declared by 2nd Chief Samples.

NEW ENROLLEES

Madelyn Rae Greer - DOB: 05/04/2022
Meadow Rayne Serna-DOB: 06/07/2021, Atlas Isaiah Eledge - DOB: 11/01/2021

MOTION: To approve New Enrollees. Motion made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the June 8, 2022, Business Committee Meeting as presented. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

REPORTS

CASINO: Melanie Heskitt, General Manager

May 2022 Comparison of Actual to Budgeted Numbers

Indigo Sky Casino – Revenue up 21% over budgeted numbers with Expenses down 3%.

Outpost Casino – Revenue up 2 1/2 % over budgeted numbers with Expenses down by 7%.

Year to Date Actual to Budget

Indigo Sky Casino – Revenue up 16% over forecast numbers with expenses down 7%.

Outpost Casino – Revenues up 1% with expenses down 5%.

General Manager reports the Casinos are very fortunate they have been able to keep expenses down due to expenses that they have no control over. States her teams are working very hard to do this and she is very proud of them.

TOWER 1 is coming along as planned. Floors 2 and 3 will be reopened by July 7-11. Floors 5, 6 and 7 are still under-

going mold remediation.

Rooms are still available for the Pow Wow. 30 rooms were allocated for the Pow Wow. Tribal members wanting a room need to book ASAP.

GAMING COMMISSION: Jalene Wells, Gaming Commissioner

The Gaming Commission has 36 total employees as of 5-22-11. 8 Employees are tribal members, 1 tribal spouse, 4 Native, 25% ESTOO, 36.12% Native American.

There are 2 vacancies.

The Licensing Department processed: Renewals – 23

New Hires – 29

Conditional Employee Licenses monitored – 1

Non-gaming vendor companies – 14

Non-gaming vendor employee licenses – 33

Gaming Companies – 0

Gaming vendor employees – 15

The Gaming Commission collected - \$14,350 (YTD \$160,550)

The EGM Department performed the following:

New Machine Installs – 10

Machines Removed – 12

Machine Software/Theme Conversions – 16

Software Upgrades – 0

Gaming machine relocations – 29

Server installs/Upgrades – 0

Single pieces of software tested – 100

Seal Activities – 114

The Gaming Commission billed - \$1250 (YTD \$99025)

The Gaming Commission collected - \$1250 (YTD \$98925)

The Compliance Department performed the following observations:

Cage – 89

EGM – 67

Jackpot – 83

Exchanges – 4

Table Inventory – 57

Table Fill – 35

Table Credit – 0

Title 31 Inquiries – 6

The Surveillance Department performed the following for Indigo Sky

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Casino & Resort:

Policy Violations Noted – 89

Incident Reports Written Total – 51

Medical Reports Written – 40

CD Requests form Tribal PD – 5

Review Requests from Operations – 19

The Surveillance Department performed the following for Outpost Casino:

Policy Violations Noted – 45

Incident Reports Written Total – 2

Medical Reports Written – 2

CD Requests form Tribal PD – 0

Commissioner Update:

NIGC Audit – Letter attached

Internal Audit – Sent to BC and Casino Management May 18, 2022

NIGC Conference – Jalene Wells, Amber Graham, Steve Batson Jr., Desiree Wilson and Heather Fisher attended. All attended Compliance Track with exception of Jalene who also attended some sessions for Commission Track and participated as panelist for Cashless/Digital Wallets.

NIGC Bulletin 2022-4 – Attached

1 Tort Claim Active – Deposition completed and hearing scheduled. 1 Tort denied by ESTGC but still in CFR with motion to dismiss filed by Audrey in June 2019. Still no update from CFR. NTGCR Commissioner Academy – Jalene and Amber attended and presented on Internal Audit and Licensing. Conference Calls have been held with External Auditors and Dates have been scheduled for the FY2022 AUP and Financial Audits.

Commissioner has reviewed and approved all Promotions through August and the September Anniversary Promotion.

Resort Wallet/Cashless P&P's have been submitted and approved with understanding that these documents will need to be updated and detail added as more is learned on the new system.

TREASURER: Justin Barrett, Treasurer

Cash Balances

- General Fund \$61,380,579
- Land \$621,932

- Economic Development \$2,651,889
- Social Services or Education Reserves \$20,391,349
- Education Reserves \$1,293,454
- Maintenance Reserve \$5,000,000
- Operating Reserve \$10,000,000
- Total Available Cash \$20,006,172

BENEFIT INCREASES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

Health and Social Service Utility Program \$100.00

First Time Homebuyer will increase to \$10,000.00 from \$3,000.00

NEW BENEFITS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

Enrichment Program in Health and Social Services for \$250.00. This is for children's extracurricular activities. This will pay for dance, sports, etc. More guidelines to come in the FY23 Health and Social Services Manual.

BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Business Committee has decided to close the Eastern Shawnee Travel Center at the end of June.

We have engaged Klaus Robinson to conduct two feasibility studies for us. One is for Indigo Sky Casino and Resort. The second is for economic development opportunities on the Elbert property. We should have those back for us to review in July.

CASINO OPERATIONS

Our gaming operations continue to do well. We were able to transfer \$14.5 million to the tribe that was not budgeted in May. We committed those funds to a \$10 million Operating Reserve and \$4.5 to a Maintenance Reserve. Based on financial data we are doing better than 2018, 2019, and 2020. 2021 was a record-breaking year across the country for the gaming industry both tribal and commercial. Some months we are exceeding the 2021 numbers and some we are not.

The Business Committee has taken a proactive step to commit funding to reserves the past two years in anticipation of an economic downturn. In 2021 we committed \$7 million to reserves and

this year we committed \$14.5 million.

ESTE UPDATE

We are continuing to wind down Burggraf Corporation operations. All the N2N companies have been dissolved. Burggraf is transferring \$232,670.80 to ESTE to pay off the loan and interest for the loan ESTE gave Burggraf in July of 2015. ESTE is then transferring this money to the tribe. This money will be deposited into the tribe's economic development account.

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

The Business Committee approved a \$200,000 budget modification for the HIP Program a few months ago. The last report we received is that there are still open spots in this program. We also approved a \$20,000 budget modification for the Hardship Program since it ran out of funding last month.

Treasurer Barrett read a thank you not from JR Conrad for the donation made to the football camp for children which provided financial assistance for the Ellick family whose daughter is currently undergoing treatment for cancer in Memphis, Tennessee.

Treasurer Barrett provided information about the Heartland Forward program. Along with its partner Builders +Backers they have used a new approach to problem solving to stimulate entrepreneurial thinking and action across the heartland. Working with local partners, they have supported 15 Builders in Oxford, MS and Tulsa, OK to launch their ideas and solve community challenges. We are the first tribe that they are working with. There will be more information included in the Shooting Star.

The Oklahoma Tribal Finance Consortium will be hosting an event to celebrate the partnership between our Tribal Nations in Oklahoma, Oklahoma Communities and their Business Partners with a special dinner and reception on Tuesday, August 9th, 2022, at Cox Business Center in Tulsa.

Information was also provided on TFCU. TFCU has a partnership pro-

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gram that they offer. Federal Credit Union is the largest credit union in the state with over 32 branches. They partner with large and small companies, tribes, non-profits, churches, schools, universities and other community organizations. They offer many great perks that come with the partnership. They present free, in-person financial education workshops throughout the state of Oklahoma with virtual workshops as well. Their trained financial educators are a great resource. The partnership does not involve a contract and is non-exclusive. It is completely free and only a benefit to your members and employees. With this partnership it provides access to the credit union for your employees and tribal members.

Treasurer Barrett read a donation request from a tribal member for \$480.00 to attend a Fast Pitch Master's Softball Camp.

MOTION: To approve Donation Request. The motion was made by 1st Council Gardner with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 062922-R-01 Approving the attached Farming & Grazing Lease Modification #1 of Property owned by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma commonly known as the Pence Property.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, 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 Farming and Grazing Lease Modification #1 of Property owned by the Eastern

Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma located on E. 120 Rd. Wyandotte, Ok 74370 commonly known as the Pence Property for a lease period of one (1) year and six (6) months with lease number 921 000G040016, TAAMS Document Number 921 4200184472; does expressly waive all bonds associated with this lease; and does expressly waive administrative fees associated with this transaction; and does expressly waive insurance requirements; and does accept the negotiated rent value; and does hereby grant permission to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to approve a lease amendment for the Pence Property.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 0602922-R-01. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 062922-R-02 Approving the Attached Residential Lease of Property Owned by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Commonly Known as the Rickner House.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Property Management Department of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma 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 11990 S. 670 Rd., Wyandotte, Ok 74370, commonly known as the Stoner House for a period of one (1) year with lease number 921 000G040035 with BIA TAMMS Document Number 4200357570 under the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Residential Leasing Act approved by the Department of Interior January 24, 2022; does hereby expressly waive administrative fees associated with this

transaction; and does hereby approve environmental analysis documentation in the form of a categorical exclusion.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 062922-R-02. The motion was made by 1st Council Gardner with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

REQUISITIONS

Requisition number EN-85624 payable to Ferguson Waterworks for waterline pipe in the amount of \$94,625.97.

(A motion that was put forth by 2nd Council Daugherty was withdrawn following discussion.) Will request further information from Kristi Laughlin, EPA.

MOTION: To table Requisition number EN-85624 made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

Requisition number EN-86828 payable to Early Childhood Learning Center for May Childcare in the amount of \$36,701.00.

MOTION: To approve Requisition number EN-86828. Motion made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

Requisition number EN-87028 payable to CDW Government for Dell VxRail Support and maintenance (3-year renewal) in the amount of \$52,951.91.

MOTION: To approve Requisition number EN-87028. Motion made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Purchase Request Number PR-00057292 payable to Presidio for renewal Securelink SSL License in the amount of \$33,882.24. (Includes upgrades and support)

MOTION: To approve PR-00057292. Motion made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Gard-

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

QUOTE NUMBER 2001222037178-01 payable to Presidio for Sisco Software Renewal in the amount of \$99,183.36.

MOTION: To approve Quote #2001222037178-01. Motion made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: To approve Brown & Brown to be the Broker of Record. Motion made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Gardner.

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

MOTION: To approve the insurance proposals from Brown & Brown to include an additional \$50 million in coverage for Indigo Sky Casino & Resort. Motion made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

MOTION: To approve tribal member donation request as discussed. Motion made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Gardner.

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

MOTION: To authorize Business Committee Chief of Staff to solicit bids for demolition of Bordertown Casino. Motion made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Gardner.

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

MOTION: To move the first Business Committee meeting of July to July 12, 2022. Motion made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

MOTION: To retain Ryan Cannonie to represent past and current employees and elected officials named in case of CIV-22-M03. Motion made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

MOTION: To rescind the previous motion. Motion made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

MOTION: To retain Ryan Cannonie

to represent past and current employees and elected officials named in case number CIV-22-M03. Motion made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Ben Bingham presented concerns that he was removed from the ESTE Board without being notified and he requests a copy of the qualifications to be on the ESTE Board. He also had concerns about votes that were made before he was removed from the board being legal. Explanation on the votes being legal due to the quorum was provided by 2nd Chief Samples.

CLOSED SESSION

No Business to conduct in Closed Session.

OPEN SESSION

MOTION: To adjourn at 6:38 p.m. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

ADJOURN

CHIEF

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tending for the Eastern Shawnees were Chris Samples, his wife and daughter; Dee Gardner and husband Jeff along with Norma Kraus and husband Joe and I. Attending also were Absentee Shawnee Governor John Johnson and Absentee Shawnee Secretary Alicia Miller as well as Business Councilman Kenny Hood representing the Shawnee Tribe. We were told this was the first time all three Shawnee Tribes had been back in Ohio at the same time since 1832 when the 1830 Indian Removal

Act forced them to leave. We had the Tecumseh unveiling ceremony Friday followed by a banquet that night where everyone was most welcoming and excited to host us. Saturday, we visited the Old Council House in Greenville as well as Tecumseh's Point plus viewed the statue of Miami's Little Turtle who fought with BlueJacket. Sunday Chris Samples and his family had to leave for Oklahoma but Dee, Norma, their husbands and Lynette and I drove to Serpent Mound for the summer solstice observance. There I spoke twice a day for three days about the sacredness of all Native American mounds there in

Ohio, but especially Serpent Mound. I reminded them that a certain decorum, a certain reverence was expected for sacred sites and that did not include drugs, liquor, sexual activities, and foreign objects such as crystals thrust into the mounds. It was an excellent trip where everyone came home with more appreciation and knowledge than we had when we first departed Oklahoma. I wish each of you had been able to attend.

Let's turn to things that are currently happening here in the four state corner. Unfortunately we have lost another elder who had been active for many years

in the tribe: Jack Ross. Jack served our tribe in several different capacities. He volunteered to lead our Bingo operations many years ago in our early days of gaming, the late 1980's. He then left the area and returned sometime later. At that point he once again became active in gaming and served as our Gaming Commissioner. Even later he ran for a position on the Business Committee, where he served as Second Chief for 12 years. Our condolences go to Norma, his wife of 63 years, his son Jay and his wife, his granddaughter and two great grandchildren, plus his many siblings and numerous nieces and nephews. Jack's death came quickly after he was diagnosed with cancer. The Eastern Shawnee Tribe is indebted to Jack and his family for the many years he devoted to us. Jack was buried in the Wyandotte Cemetery.

Our Children's Summer Camp and our Shawna Stovall Back-to-School Children's Pow Wow is coming up shortly. The summer camp occurs for three days, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the first week of August so that those who come from some distance away can stay one extra day and participate in the Children's Pow Wow on Saturday of that same week. Our Children's Pow Wow is always the first Saturday in August. We are so pleased that we can have the nighttime youth contests this year as we were unable to do these the last two years while COVID was rampant. Daytime activities begin at noon, Saturday, August 6. Free backpacks, school supplies, booth activities and other prizes/gifts will be available. This year Ohio History Connection will be present to film many of the activities with portions of the film footage to be used in future exhibits in various locations.

Other news would be in reference to the progress we have made on 110 Road which as a reminder will connect 695 Road on Highway 10 C just west of the Outpost Casino with 110 Road which will then connect with Stateline Road leading into Seneca, Missouri. We have completed our first phase. This

phase which took six months was the Engineering phase. The road itself is about 1.2 miles in length, will be in the shape of a right triangle with the road running south from Hwy 10C on 695 Road then turning east to connect with Stateline Road. The land is extremely hilly, has several trees that will need removed plus having a wet weather creek run through it and then gas lines and other utility features, making a complicated set of circumstances to engineer. It also takes quite a chunk from our walking trails which we will have to redesign. But as of July 15, we have the finished blueprints. Hudson-Prince, our engineering firm, stayed dedicated to the project. We are indebted to them but thankful to have this portion finished. Next is partnering with Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) out of Muskogee who will lead us through the next two phases: preparing bids/advertising the project, selecting the road construction firm and then the final phase of actually constructing the road. We have met with BIA and will be preparing the bid packages for interested parties. We'll keep you apprised of the progress on this undertaking.

The end of this fiscal year is fast approaching. Remember that our financial year runs from October 1 through September 30. That means we have two months remaining: August and September. Our General Council meets the first Saturday following Labor Day, September 10 at Indigo Sky. At the time of this writing, we still have seven remaining slots in our Home Improvement Program (HIP). This program provides up to \$10,000 in home repairs to homeowners, must not have been used in the last 5 years and if awarded cannot be used again for 10 years. I would also remind you that we have a \$3,000 closing costs assistance program for first time home ownership. It is proposed that this program will increase to \$10,000 in assistance in the next fiscal year so if you are considering purchasing a home for the first time, you might consider waiting until after October 1 to request use of these funds.

I remind you that our Annual Fall Pow Wow is fast approaching. The dates this year are September 16, 17, and 18. Indigo Sky has set aside rooms for tribal citizens and made a special rate of \$69 per day available if you ask for your tribal discount. As always, the Pow Wow Committee will be assisting with travel costs. If you have never attended, you don't know what you are missing. After COVID cancellations the last two years, we are eagerly looking forward to seeing everyone.



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Do remember that each year we have an election. This year we vote upon the positions of Chief and First Council. I encourage you to become registered to vote if you have not registered previously. And then of course vote for your candidates of choice. Best of luck to each candidate.

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

CORNER

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west. They refused, fearing the rafts would be set on fire, or the blankets would be laced with cholera. Determined to leave Ohio the same way they came: by horseback, or on foot, the Shawnee walked 800 miles to a reservation in Oklahoma.

“Our first return to Ohio was in 2007, and there was a gentle rain for three days,” Wallace recalled. “We know our ancestors were crying for joy that we had returned.”

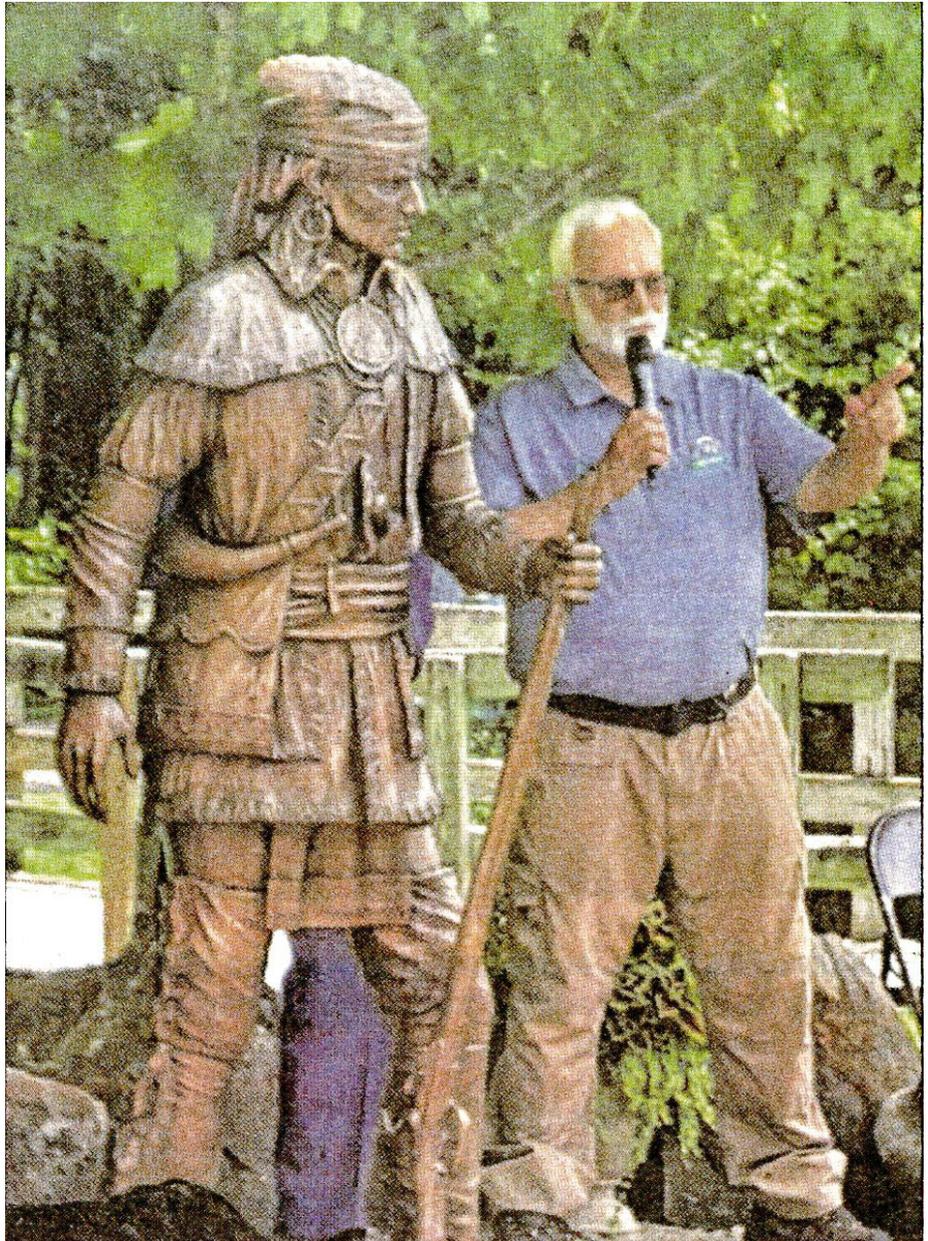
Quoting Tecumseh, Absentee Shawnee Governor John Johnson stated “A single twig breaks, but a bundle is strong.” He added that Tecumseh, whose name means “falling star,” spent his whole life fighting for independence and unity.

“We are the warrior group, we know our language, and we practice our culture,” said Absentee Shawnee Tribal Secretary Alicia Miller.

“We’re all related,” added Shawnee Councilman Kenny Paul Hood, referring to the other two Tribes.

Van Frank responded, “We learned a lot in your words today, and I hope we listened well.” He explained the significance of unveiling Tecumseh’s statue at Shawnee Prairie: “We know Tecumseh was here,” he said, citing Shaker accounts dating back to 1807 that describe their visit to Tecumseh and his brother, Tenskawatawa, The Prophet.

It is therefore fitting that Tecumseh’s statue was chosen as the first stop on the new Darke County Art Trail. “We are proud to be unveiling the initial installation, and offering new and unique arts experiences, as well as celebrating art that is



Darke County Parks Director Roger Van Frank concluded the event proclaiming Tecumseh's return to Shawnee Prairie.

already here in the county,” stated DCCA Executive Director Andrea Jordan. Other stops along the Art Trail include Greenville’s Annie Oakley statue, St. Clair Memorial Hall, the Maid-Rite Gum Wall, Ansonia’s Annie Oakley Barn Mural, and Union City’s Mural.

Tecumseh sculptor Joshua Shepherd, a self-taught artist, said, “It was a hobby that accidentally grew

into a career. I’ve always been interested in history, so this is a dream job.” Shepherd takes all types of commissions, but prefers historical figures such as his rendition of Miami Chief Little Turtle (also part of the Art Trail), located at Greenville City Park, and Tecumseh.

Tim Wells, of Michigan, served as coordinator between DCP and the DCCA on the Art Trail. Wells spent

a year as an artist-in-residence in Darke County, advising students at Mississinawa Valley on the Union City Mural. He is starting a podcast on Spotify, and will feature Van Frank, Jordan, Shepherd, and Marilyn Delk. "Roger (Van Frank) and Andrea (Jordan) make my job easy," said Wells, noting their dedication and thoroughness with regards to every aspect of the project. Twenty artists will be included in the Art Trail, with new commissions located along the Tecumseh bike trail.

"I couldn't ask for a better collaboration than DCP and DCCA," stated Darryl Mehaffie, DCCA chairman. "There hasn't been one iota of a

problem." He credited Ohio Senator Matt Huffman's 2020 proposal, and subsequent securing of \$40,000 in the state budget, as being the impetus for the statue. The 2021 state budget included \$180,000 for future Art Trail projects. "We're small compared to other communities, but they saw that we were important enough to get the funding," Mehaffie stated.

"Not everyone has people as dedicated as Darryl Mehaffie and Roger Van Frank," stated Huffman, remarking that Mehaffie has advocated for Darke County on every state budget with which the senator has been involved.

Proclamations were sent to mark the occasion by Governor Mike DeWine's office, as well as that of Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted. U.S. Senators Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman, Congressman Warren Davidson, along with State Representatives Susan Manchester and Jena Powell, sent commendations via senior staff members.

In conclusion, Van Frank turned to the Shawnee leaders, saying, "You've honored Shawnee Prairie, you've honored me. I hereby proclaim, Tecumseh has returned." After a round of applause, and a standing ovation, Van Frank presented the Tribes' officials with framed copies of Tecumseh's Teachings.

NEED CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE?

Do you meet these requirements?

- *Your child(ren) are of Indian descent*
- *You're currently working or going to school*
- *You live within a 100 mile radius of the tribal complex*
- *Your child(ren) are under the age of 13*
- *Your household income does not exceed 85% of the State Median Income*

You Could Also Qualify If:

- *The child(ren) are receiving or needs to receive protective services*
- *Child(ren) are over the age of 13 who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care*

Needed Documentation:

Completed Application:

Applications can be picked up at our office, found online at www.estoo-nsn.gov or we can email them to you.

Proof of Indian:

(Child or Parent) CDIB Member ship card.

Birth Certificates and immunization records:

On children attending daycare.

Proof of Residence:

Current utility bill (electric, gas or water bill) showing physical address, name and date.

Proof of Employment :

Current pay stub (if your name is not on the check stub we will also need a copy of your check).

If parents are attending school:

We will need a copy of your class schedule and a copy of all grants received.



Eastern Shawnee Tribe

Tribal Citizens Birthdays for August 2022

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