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News from the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

**Issue 11** 

# 2022 Annual Eastern Shawnee Pow Wow



The official photograph of the Eastern Shawnee Tribal citizens for the 2022 Eastern Shawnee Pow Wow was taken Sunday, September 18, 2022. Our pow wow had to be canceled the last two years because of COVID, so everyone especially enjoyed this occasion to be together. Tribal members from at least thirteen states attended this year's pow wow and are looking forward to next year.

You're Invited! Business Committee Meetings to be held **November 9 & 30**, 2022 in the Bluejacket Building. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday each month.

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# The Chief's Report . . .



Chief Glenna J. Wallace

Hatito Fellow Tribal Citizens, This month we continue to share the General Council Report presented to all who attended our Annual General Council Meeting in September. This is the second and last section of our booklet.

I do want to thank you for the honor of being reelected to serve as your Chief. I know what a tremendous responsibility this position entails and I am committed to work hard and represent you to the best of my ability. Several years ago I shared a prayer written by the late Wyandotte Chief Leaford Bearskin. This is a prayer that I frequently read because it contains so much wisdom and so many of my thoughts on this occasion that I want to share it with you again.

## THIS CHIEF'S PRAYER

Oh, Great Spirit, I am in need of your eyes, your voice, your heart and your wisdom.

My people have chosen me to lead them. Show me the way Oh Great One so that I may lead properly and wisely.

My heart says to me to be friends to all, yet my head says to me that my greatest need is their respect and loyalty. I know that sometimes they may not like the Ground I walk or the air that I breathe. I know that at times they will grow tired and I must push them on. I know that sometimes their weakness must be punished or penalized.

If so, my heart will tell me to help carry the load that is imposed.

My head will tell me that each must carry his own.

Oh, Great Spirit, teach me to push without breaking their spirit.

Teach me persuasion with fairness. Show me how to earn respect, not fear.

Teach me to treat all men equal, just as you do.

I ask more Great Spirit.

Watch over my people. Protect them. Keep them unharmed in spirit as well as in body. Help me to regard each life as highly as my own.

And I say to you lastly—I ask not that my pathway be made smooth. I pray that at the end of the path when we meet that I can walk to you proud and tall—with pride and dignity.

Oh Great Spirit, If I measure up, Grant me these things.

Amen

May we all read and reread these words and do our best to work together and walk in balance.

Chief Glenna

## The Shooting Star

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# **Congratulations New Tribal Enrollees**

IVAN DONALD JOHNSON DOB: 12/30/2021 Son of Kelsey Kaylyn Carr Johnson (ID #1586) Grandson of Jill Rene Belcher Carr (ID #71) Great Grandson of Marilee Ellen ROSS Squirrel (1964 #46) Great Grandson of Preston (Jack) Deneen ROSS (1938 #255)

ELSY DENEE POLLOCK DOB: 07/15/2022 Daughter of Nicholas Anthony Pollock (ID #1291) Granddaughter of DeNee Hollandsworth Pollock (1964 #377) Great Granddaughter of Maurice Lee Hollandsworth (1964 #378) Great Great Granddaughter of Winona Bear Hollandsworth (1938 #152)

MYLES ALEXANDER JONES DOB: 05/30/2022 Son of Devon Leigh Wells (ID #2045) Grandson of Melissa Dee Amos Baldwin (ID #13) Great Grandson of Norman Leroy Amos (1964 #10) Great Great Grandson of Viola Mildred DEWEESE Amos (1938 #68)

MYLES LEE HIGBEE DOB: 06/02/2020 Son of Christopher James Higbee (ID #2240) Grandson of Lawrence Wayne Higbee (ID #484) Great Grandson of James Franklin Higbee (1938 #142)

REED MICHAEL LEE MARTIN AGE:7 DOB: 03/31/2015 Son of Amanda Malia Rae Martin (ID #1286) Grandson of Norma Marie McGill Williams (1964 #799) Great Grandson of Dorothy Marie McGill Stand (1938 #47)

JOCELYN RAYNE VINCEN AGE: 7 DOB: 10/07/2015 Daughter of Helen Marie Vincen (ID #1589) Granddaughter of Jacqueline Ann Bailey Warren (1964 #21) Great Granddaughter of Helen Adeline Hampton Bailey (1938 #128)

**ALEXANDRIA SLOAN NELSON** AGE: 9 DOB: 05/06/2013 Daughter of

Matthew Gene Nelson (ID #1558)

Granddaughter of Stephanie Kaye Nelson Quinlan (ID #1210) Great Granddaughter of Doyle Gene Nelson (1964 #535) Great Great Granddaughter of Vance DuShane Nelson (1938 #278)

EMMA GENE NELSON AGE: 12

DOB: 12/03/2009 Daughter of Matthew Gene Nelson (ID #1558) Grand-daughter of Stephanie Kaye Nelson (ID #1210) Great Granddaughter of Doyle Gene Nelson (1964 #535) Great Granddaughter of Vance DuShane Nelson (1938 #278)

**BREE ANN BAGGS** AGE: 18 DOB: 12/08/2003 Daughter of Scott Alan Blizzard (ID #94) Granddaughter of Shirley Ann Hauser Nelson (1964 #63) Great Granddaughter of Inez Olene Pasley Hauser (1938 #204

# Thanksgiving & Christmas

holiday food distribution/ food baskets for November and December, 2022

Due to the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays a larger than normal distribution will be held in November and December. This will incorporate the monthly food distribution and the holiday food baskets.

### Guidelines for consideration are as follows:

- Eastern Shawnee tribal elder OR a family with Eastern Shawnee children in the home.
- Total of all household income not to exceed \$37,550.00/year (Source of reference: (HUD Income Guidelines for Ottawa County).
  - Only one basket per household.

Live within 50 driving miles of the ESTO complex
 If you are not currently in the Food Distribution program but meet the guidelines.
 Please provide the following Information with:

Name, Address (no PO box please), Phone number, Living in the household

### Deadline to submit request and pick-up dates:

Thanksgiving: respond by November 14th with pickup on November 17th Christmas: respond by December 12th with pickup on December 15th.

**Pickup location:** Growing Thyme at the Little Red Barn 69891 E. 100 Road, Wyandotte, OK. 74370)



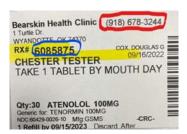
#### BEARSKIN HEALTCARE PHARMACY

Dear Bearskin Healthcare Pharmacy Clients,

To help us to better serve you, please call in refill requests by utilizing the automated refill system. It's really simple and goes a long way towards making our Pharmacy have a more efficient workflow.

- 1. <u>Dial 918-678-3244</u>. It can be found in the upper right hand portion of your prescription label. (It is circled in red in the example below.) Have your prescription bottle handy.
- 2. Follow the voice instructions given.
- 3. Press 1 to refill a prescription.
- 4. Enter your prescription number. PLEASE USE THE MOST RECENT PRESCRIPTION BOTTLE as it will have the most recent prescription number!

The prescription number is located just above your name on the label. This number and your name are both highlighted in yellow. It is circled in blue in the example attached.



- 5. The system will ask you to confirm the first three letters of the last name on the prescription. **Press 1 if it is correct.**
- 6. If you need to enter another prescription, press 1, if not press 2.
- 7. That's it! Pretty simple.

Please keep in mind that refills called in during business hours will be ready the following business day after 1pm.

### **REFILLS BY MAIL**

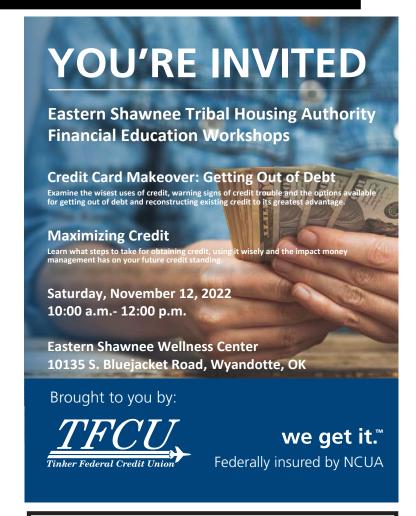
As of October 17, 2022, Medication Refills will be available by mail for *most* chronic medications. We are pleased to offer this service as a way for our patients to save time and money.

New prescriptions will not be mailed. These must be picked-up at the clinic.

How do I get started with Refills by Mail?

- Enrollment must be made in person at Bearskin Healthcare Pharmacy. A form will be available for each patient to register for refills by mail. Patients under the age of 18, must have a parent/guardian signature.
- To request refills, call the <u>Automated Refill Line: 918-678-3244. This is the number on your prescription label.</u> If you get a message that says your prescriptions are on "HOLD" or "there are no refills remaining" the Pharmacy will get these messages and process them accordingly. If you are told by the automated system that it is too early to refill your medications, call back 7 days prior to running out of meds.
- ALWAYS UPDATE your current address and telephone number with Registration AND
  the Pharmacy. If packages are returned due to incorrect addresses you will be disenrolled from the Refill by Mail program.
- 4. You may call in to request refills up to 7 days early to allow time for processing and mailing. NOTIFY THE PHARMACY if you have not received your meds within 7 days, otherwise non-notification will be accepted as confirmation of medication delivery.
- Controlled medications (Tylenol with Codeine, clonazepam, tramadol, Lyrica, butalbital products, diphenoxylate/atropine, testosterone injection/gel, Provigil, and others) will not be eligible for refills by mail.
- 6. <u>CHECK your mail regularly</u> on the days following your requests to help prevent loss and exposure to the elements. If you have several medications you may receive more than one package. If you repeatedly have medications which come up missing we may disenroll you from the RBM program.
- PLEASE CONSOLIDATE refill requests as much as possible to help keep postage costs down.

The pharmacy reserves the right to dismiss any patient from the program as necessary. Reasons for dismissal include but are not limited to; returned deliveries, missed or denied receipt of medications, chronic early refill requests, failure to keep scheduled appointments, etc.



# Children's Christmas Party Saturday, December 3rd, Tribal Annex

For disabled elders and children not attending the party, gift cards will be mailed. Please make sure we have your most recent mailing address. Notify Social Services of address changes and name of all 18 and under living in the home.



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To receive help with your Eastern Shawnee genealogy research text your name and phone number.



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### Tribal Nation Gaming Milestone: Three Tribes, Two States, and One Purpose Bringing a First-of-its-Kind, Class II, Sports Themed App to the Market

New York, NY – The Chicken Ranch Tribe of Me-Wuk Indians of Jamestown, California, the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes and Eastern Shawnee Tribe, both of Oklahoma, have partnered with Vetnos LLC to create PlaySqor, a first of its kind Class II sports themed gaming technology.

PlaySqor's creators, Vetnos LLC, designed the game to advance the reach of Class II while filling a need in Tribal sports gaming offerings. PlaySqor targets the casual fan betting on their favorite athletes on a fast, fun-fixed odds betting platform, strategically developed with a bingo engine.

Chicken Ranch Tribal Chairman Lloyd Mathieson sums it up: "It's the future. We know that the best thing that you can do is diversify. And what's a better way to diversify into an offering than around something that you already know, which is gaming. Because it's Class II, the Tribes really have more control. The federal government is still involved, but the State involvement ceases. That's what really drew us to this app, was the ability for Tribes to strengthen their sovereignty."

"For us, it's important to always be looking for ways to enhance the future of our Tribe and our communities," said President Terri Parton, of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes. "Because it's Class II, there is no revenue share with the State, so Tribal Nations will earn more. When Tribes earn more, that means more jobs and stronger communities." The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes have partnered through the development of PlaySqor.

The Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma sees particular benefit for Tribal Nations like theirs. "We are not one of the larger Tribes, but we are strategic, forward-thinking and progressive. When Tribes are able to expand and manage our gaming offerings properly, we can generate more revenue for the betterment of our people and our communities," said Treasurer Justin Barrett of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe.

"This is an exciting time for our Tribal Nation Partners and Vetnos. We set out to deliver value and opportunity to Indian Country and are committed to deepening our relationships with Tribes throughout

the country. Our proprietary technology platform and patented games change the landscape for Tribal Nations looking for a lower-risk entry point into sports gaming in a purely Class II format," said Vetnos Founder and Executive Chairman Joshua Berkowitz.

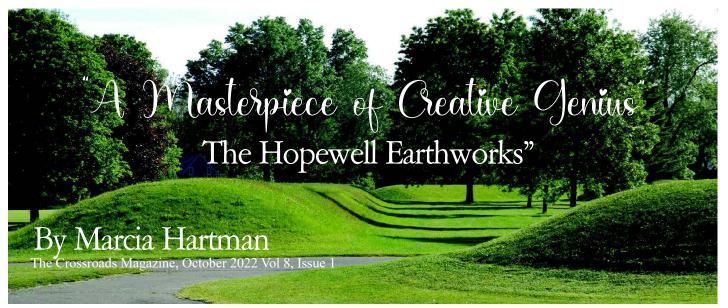
PlaySqor, a Class II app, is an easy-to-learn twist on sports themed gaming with an added layer of strategic fun. Traditional sports betting can be complicated, intimidating and aimed at a small percentage of possible players, but the PlaySqor games are easy to understand, and the entry point is low. Developed in consultation with Class II legal experts and using a Class II-experienced independent testing lab for strict compliance with Class II technical standards, PlaySqor democratizes the sports vertical, with a fixed odds approach to wagering.

Vetnos, LLC, was founded by Joshua Berkowitz, who has 30 years of Global Macro investing experience. He is currently Founder and President of Shield Street Capital, a family office focused on Global Macro and alternative investments, and CEO of PlaySqor, a sports gaming company. Previously, Berkowitz founded Woodbine Capital Advisors, a Global Macro Hedge Fund that managed \$3.5B and served as the Chief Executive and Investment Officer. Vetnos owns a patented list of more than 20 fixed-odds games. The Vetnos team includes Dan Orlow, President, and Co-Founder and Valerie Spicer, Chief Gaming Officer, Class II Gaming.

# FROM THIS CORNER

# By Chief Glenna J. Wallace

The magical year is 2023—at least that is what we hope and what we have been working for. I am talking about official recognition of our nomination for World Heritage status for several mounds built by Native Americans in Ohio some two thousand years ago . When I think of World Heritage sites, places like the Great Wall of China, the Pyramids of Egypt, Stonehenge in England, Mount Uluru or Ayers Rock in Australia, the Acropolis in Greece, Notre Dame in France and the list goes on. There are more than 1,000 World Heritage sites in the world but only 24 in the United States. Our mounds in Ohio equal those sites just listed and could become the 25th site in the U.S. Last month I spent three days along with others meeting with the official evaluator of the nomination of those mounds. We visited all eight sites with the evaluator from Canada. The closing comments were complimentary and encouraging. We remain optimistic. Following Is an excellent article written about these majestic mounds and our nomination.



The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has a committee that designates certain places on earth to be World Heritage sites. They choose locations that are of "outstanding universal value and should, therefore, form part of the common heritage of humankind." It is hoped that the designation provides a framework for protecting and preserving natural areas and cultural treasures throughout the world. Examples of current World Heritage sites are the Great Wall of China, the Egyptian Pyramids, the Notre Dame Cathedral, Yellowstone National Park, and the Statue of Liberty. Ohio is not home to any World Heritage site – yet.

Recently, the National Parks Service announced that in the summer of 2023, Ohio's Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks will be considered by the UNESCO committee to receive the designation World Heritage site. The criteria used to submit the nomination of the Earthworks included their representation of a "masterpiece of human creative genius"

and that they bear a unique, or at least exceptional, testimony to a cultural tradition which is living or has disappeared" (Columbus Dispatch, April 6, 2022).

The Hopewell Earthworks are the "largest concentration in the world of prehistoric monumental landscape architecture" according to www.worldheritageohio.org, the website of the group of agencies working towards this World Heritage designation. The sites that would be included are five sites that comprise the Hopewell Culture National Historic Park in Ross County, the Fort Ancient Earthworks in Warren County and, closest to us, the Great Circle and Octagon Earthworks in Newark, Obio

Dr. Brad Lepper, senior archaeologist with the Ohio History Connection, provided information about the reasons we

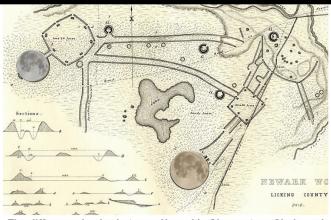
should view the earthworks as a masterpiece of "human creative genius":

Consider the people who called Ohio

home 2,000 years ago when the earthworks were constructed. Their ancestors, over 15,000 years earlier, crossed into North America from northeastern Asia and settled this last unoccupied continent on the planet, eventually establishing a vibrant culture in our Ohio Valley. This exploration and settlement constitute an incredible and courageous achievement.

- These settlers lived in small scattered villages without a strong central government. Their leaders were spiritual leaders who had earned the respect of their people. They did not govern through police or military power, and there was no forced labor to build the earthworks which is unique when compared to other massive manmade constructions.
- Originally many of the earthworks were built on open grassland; at a few locations, it has been shown that their base is prairie soil, not forest soil. Building these massive constructions in open





The difference in size between Newark's Observatory Circle and the Great Circle appears to reflect the apparent size difference between the Moon at perigee (when it's closest to the Earth) and at apogee (when it's farthest from the Earth).

The northernmost moonrise will next occur in March 2025 according to Mike Mickelson, retired professor of physics and astronomy at Denison University.

space allowed for their walls to align with certain risings and settings of the sun and moon. Not coincidentally, the area of the geometric enclosures and their circumferences are nearly equal across various locations despite their massive size. The inside of the Octagon Earthworks in Newark could hold four Roman Colosseums. Its area is also equal to the area of the circles nearby. If one stands on the Observatory Mound at the Octagon Earthworks and looks down through the set of walls that connects the circle with the octagon, one will be looking at the point where the moon rises at its most northerly position every 18.6 years. People viewing this moment of alignment have been moved to tears. Other points on embankments align with eight other key rise and set points of the moon during this 18.6-year cycle.

- These are the largest earthworks in the world that are not fortifi cations or defensive structures. A ditch was created along the inner side of the Great Circle enclosure at Newark that some have incorrectly referred to as a moat. "A moat would be on the outside," said Lepper. "The creation stories of many indigenous American Indian tribes have the earth rising out of a watery, spiritually powerful underworld. The original entryways into the Earthworks were from creeks, so we think the water-fi lled ditch also helped represent this story of creation."
- The earthworks were built using simple tools such as pointed sticks and clam-

shell hoes. Dirt was hauled in baskets. Neil Thompson of the Ohio History Connection commented that he'd learned the enclosure at Fort Ancient, just one small section of these earthworks, required moving "the amount of dirt that would fi II a line of dump trucks extending from Cincinnati to Cleveland."

"These indigenous societies in North America had interconnections, and the mounds appear to have served as spiritual gathering places or pilgrimage centers where many thousands of people would come," said Lepper. "Archaeologists in the nineteenth century excavated the mounds and found shells from the Gulf of Mexico, copper from the Lake Superior region, and volcanic glass from Yellowstone park. We believe this did not represent trade because little if anything from Ohio has been found at those locations. It appears people came with offerings of precious items. Also, we have been able to identify at least 6 ½ miles of the remains of a walled road that left the Newark Octagon and, if extended, would have gone to the earthworks near Chillicothe, reinforcing our idea of these mounds as pilgrimage sites that, for this culture, were as important as Mecca is today for Muslims."

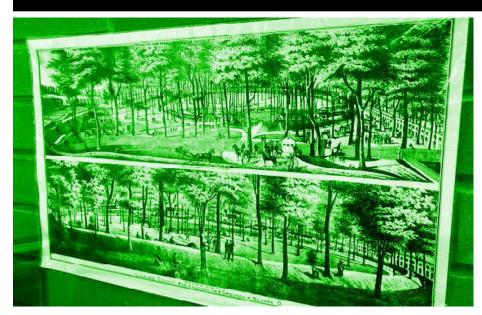
A section of the Newark Earthworks was destroyed by the growth of the City of Newark. The Great Circle Earthwork was saved because it became the county fairgrounds. Later, it was used as a Civil War army train-

ing camp, and after the war, hosted events such as horse races and Buff alo Bill's Wild West Show. In 1874, there was a reunion with 20,000 to

30,000 Civil War Union Army and Navy veterans gathering inside the mound. Famous folks were on the speakers' platform: President Rutherford B. Hayes, future President James Garfi eld and General William Tecumseh Sherman. A near disaster occurred when the wooden platform buckled. Fortunately, the celebrities were able to throw themselves forward out of their chairs and did not fall into the collapsing debris, so they escaped injury. The State of Ohio owned the Octagon Earthworks from 1892 to 1908 and used the area for a militia encampment. The site was next transferred to the Newark Board of Trade until 1918. The Board of Trade leased the Octagon Earthworks to the Mound builders Country Club in 1910. Since 1933, Ohio History Connection has owned the earthworks, but the Octagon Earthworks still serve as a golf course for the country club; their longterm lease doesn't end until 2078.

"As time went by, the ways of life of the indigenous people changed, and the earthworks became less important to their ceremonial lives," said Lepper. "Gradually forests replaced the grasslands, and this seeming abandonment of

the mounds led European settlers to conclude the American Indians they encountered in this region had nothing to do with the builders of the earthworks and that this mysterious lost race of genius Moundbuilders must



The Great Circle Earthwork once served as the county fairground.



The ditch along the inner side of the Great Circle.

have been overrun by the American Indians. Viewing the Indians as only recently arrived barbarian hordes served the interests of the colonists, who wanted them removed from these rich lands. And by 1843, they had removed the last of the indigenous inhabitants of the Ohio country, the Wyandot, to a reservation in Kansas. Amazingly, this baseless myth of a lost race of Moundbuilders is still embraced by some people today."

Thousands of smaller earthworks used to dot the landscape of southeast Ohio. They have been built over, farmed over, and as in the case of the Octagon Earthworks – golf-coursed over. Possibly the most important person trying to turn that around is Glenna

J. Wallace, chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, one of three federally recognized Shawnee tribes in that state. The Eastern Shawnee Tribe Wallace represents is located in the corner of Oklahoma that is adjacent to Missouri, Arkansas, and Kansas. Wallace actually lives in Missouri. Prior to becoming chief, she taught at Crowder College in Neosho, Missouri, which draws students from Newton and McDonald counties, two rural and very poor counties. "I also served the college in administrative positions," said Wallace. "For quite a while, I was the division chair of the College of Communication, Fine Arts and Design. I understood communications well but had less of a background in fine arts and design, and our corner of Missouri did not offer a lot of opportunities to experience cultural and fine arts events. I decided that if the mountain hadn't come to us, we needed to go to the mountain and organized two international trips for students and community members each year. We went to the finest locations in the world for theaters, museums, and architecture and history sites each year. I later realized many of the places we visited were World Heritage sites. I eventually counted that I had gone with students to numerous World Heritage sites in 70 different countries."

"In 2000, I was approached by Michael Bowman, chair of Missouri Humanities, who was planning events for the Bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, which had started off from Missouri," Wallace continued. "He wanted every tribe that had been in existence and somehow involved in that expedition to have a role in the celebration and asked me to talk about my Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma for a Chautauqua-style event. I said, 'No.' I told him I couldn't because I did not know my tribe's history. The other two Shawnee tribes were often mentioned in the accounts of Shawnee history – but my tribe's history was generally not written about. He told me, 'You have many degrees; you know how to do research; the program is three years away - so you have time to find this history.' He wouldn't take no for an answer! I had to do it. Before being forced to Oklahoma, my tribe was located in the Ohio Valley - in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan, so I did a lot of research about Ohio to prepare my presentation."

This work brought Wallace better connections to her tribe. "In 2006, when the chief decided not to run again, I decided maybe I could, and I did so and won - the first woman to serve as chief," she said. "In 2007, the Ohio State University held a lecture series about Native Americans, and I decided to attend. I was especially wanting to hear a lecture by John Sugden, a historian who wrote an excellent biography about the Shawnee leader Tecumseh. The day after that lecture, the university was taking Sugden to visit the Newark Earthworks. I had never heard of the earthworks, and I decided to go along. When we arrived at the Octagon Earthworks, the country club was hosting a golf tournament on them. My group wanted to walk to a viewing platform to see the enclosures from above and assumed

we could. The area was very crowded with spectators walking and employees driving golf carts around the earthworks. The employees were very rude to us as we tried to make our way to the platform. They told us we were in the way and that we didn't belong here, but we finally got to the platform. When I climbed up and saw the Octagon, I had the most beautiful feeling and pride of knowing that this was constructed by Native Americans and was still in existence. So large. So massive. So peaceful. So serene. I knew immediately that this was spectacular and a World Heritage place – it was as grand as any of the sites I had seen in my travels."

Wallace's awe soon gave way to disappointment. "These earthworks are sacred and spiritual, and golf is fi ne - but not sacred and spiritual," she said. "After feeling sad, I got angry. I thought, How could Ohio let a golf course be built on top of this? How could anyone not realize this to be a violation of a sacred site? I began crying, and the passage of Scripture that came to mind was, 'Father, forgive them; they know not what they do." At the time, the Moundbuilders Country Club only opened the site to the public one day out of the year. Wallace thought, "I live in Missouri; I can't necessarily get here on just one day out of 365. How do we get out of this lease?" Wallace decided she had to be a voice and found other voices to join hers to complain about the situation. People listened. "They came to realize what they had here and began to see the possibilities," she said. "Forty-four or forty-five tribes used to live in Ohio, and there are none today, so there is no voice. I decided my tribe and others needed to speak up. My people are gone from Ohio, and we love our home in Oklahoma, but the accomplishments of my people don't have to be removed like we were. We want to preserve what our ancestors created."

Ohio is attempting to regain possession of the earthworks, and while the country club understands the value of the land they lease, the two sides have not been able to come to terms on an amount for the state to pay to compensate the club. The issue has traveled through the courts and is before the Ohio Supreme Court awaiting their decision. Wallace understands the Moundbuilders Country Club has a long history too and their own heritage of having important events such as weddings and celebrations occur at the club. She is



How the Newark Earthworks may have appeared originally.

looking forward to a resolution. "I'm impatient; I've been pushing for this from 2007, and now it is 2022, but I feel the torch has been lit, and I'm pleased that a realization of the important heritage that exists here is spreading from town to town along with the realization about what a World Heritage designation will mean economically for the region." Wallace hasn't thought too far ahead about the kind of involvement present-day tribes should have once the earthworks are established as a World Heritage site. She says tribes have already traveled to participate in some events. Representatives from two tribes have gone to Serpent Mound, which was built in a different time period and is not part of the World Heritage Site proposal – but still an important place. "We have gone there to educate so that events at that mound are conducted in a way that is respectful and honors the sacredness and spirituality of the site," she said.

While Wallace doesn't know with certainty that her ancestors participated in the building of the earthworks, she knows they lived in the area and were certainly caretakers of the earthworks and took part in ceremonies there. "We currently have similar beliefs and cultural characteristics to the ancient American Indians who constructed these enclosures," she said, "We believe in the Creator. We are people who believe in coming together. We are a communal-type people. Gatherings and ceremonial rites are still important to us. We know there were items in the earthworks that were brought as a form of sacrifice and respect, and we still use items like this. We have medicines that we use in prayers: cedars, sage, sweetgrass. We have fires as part of ceremonies. It is the smoke that is important; we see the smoke as spiritual and cleansing as it raises our prayers to the Creator – just as these ancestors did."

Dr. Lepper pointed out, "Two thousand years ago, Ohio really was the 'heart of it all,' with thousands of indigenous people traveling here on pilgrimages to participate in ceremonies and enjoy community." If things go as hoped for the earthworks, we will see many more people coming to gain appreciation for these early Ohioans and their genius.

Consider visiting this internationally significant site that is right in your backyard! Contact information for the sites included in the World Heritage proposal: Fort Ancient Earthworks and Nature Preserve. 6123 OH-350, Oregonia, Ohio 45054. 513-932-4421. Museum and grounds open Wednesday through Saturday 10 to 5 and Sunday 12 to 5. Guided tours available at 2:00 p.m. daily. www.ohiohistory.org.

Hopewell Culture National Historical Park (under the National Park Service). 16062 OH-104, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601. 740-774-1125. www.nps.gov/hocu/index.htm.

Newark Earthworks Great Circle Earthworks. 455 Hebron Rd., Heath, Ohio 43056. 740-344-0498. Grounds are open during daylight hours. A guided tour of the Great Circle is offered the first Friday of the month at 12:30 p.m. See www.ohiohistory.org for details and locations of the nearby Octagon and Wright Earthworks.

# GENERAL COUNCIL - PART 2

# Early Childhood Learning Center

Stacie Frieze, Director

This last year has been one of finding our new normal at the Learning Center. While COVID is still very much present, we have worked as a team to develop ways of staying healthy and safe while still providing high quality care and education to those in our community. We have slowly started incorporating our Family Events back into our calendar. We were able to have a Parent Night where we hosted approximately 80 people and our Preschool Graduation which honored 17 graduates.

We currently have 119 children enrolled in both of our regular programs (6 weeks-5 years) and our Summer/After School Program. Of our 119 children, 75 are members of a Federally Recognized Tribes and 27 are Eastern Shawnee. We currently accept Missouri, Oklahoma, and all tribal subsidies. We have partnered with five tribes to receive tribal subsidies.

Our children in the 2, 3, and 4/5-year-old classrooms attend Physical Education classes every day of the week at the Eastern Shawnee Wellness Center. The 4/5-year-old classroom also has a weekly free swim. We have partnered with the CCDF department to assist in parenting classes; we provide childcare while the parents attend classes.

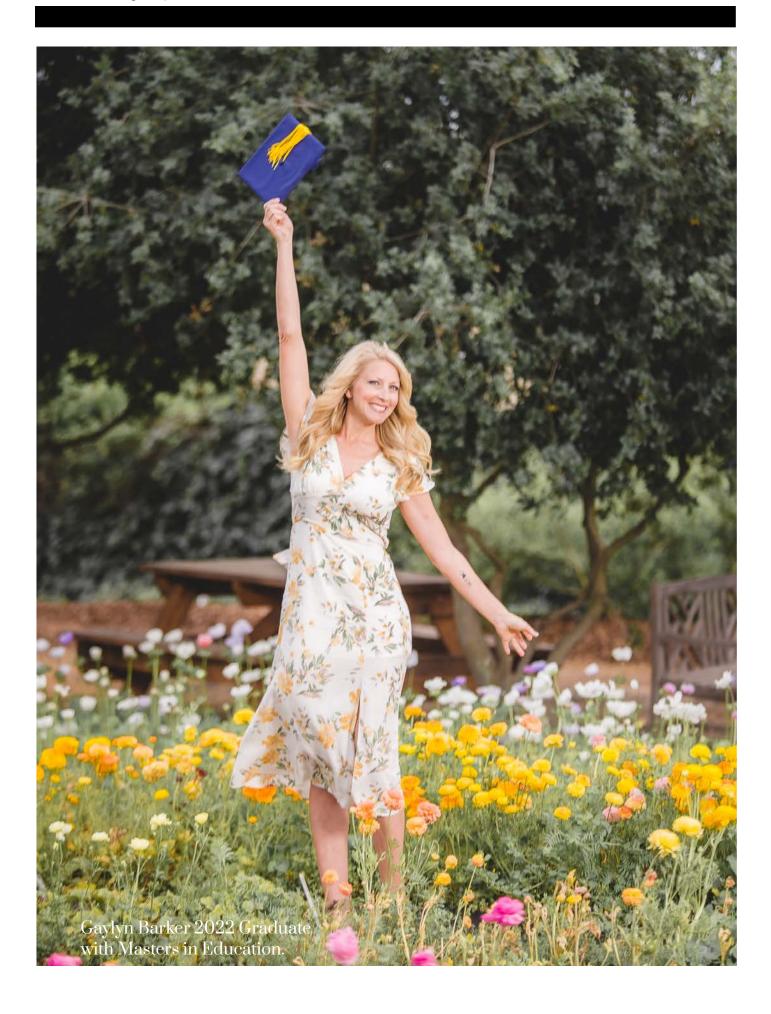
We currently have 39 employees; 29 that are permanent and 10 that are substitutes. Seven of our employees are Eastern Shawnee.

During this last school year, it was our goal to start a before-school-program to help parents with early morning care and transportation to school. We were very successful in this endeavor. We provided care for up to 10 children before school and had transportation for both Seneca and Wyandotte. We successfully hosted our annual Summer Program for our school-age children this year. We have had 40 children enrolled all summer and they have had field trips ranging from art museums to aquariums to zoos.

The Learning Center has set several goals for next year. We are excited for the expansion of our outdoor learning facilities, as a major push is for outdoor activities with COVID-19. As a center, we want to partner more with the surrounding schools to help with the transition to kindergarten. We look forward to our next year and are grateful for the growth we have experienced in this last year.







# Education Department

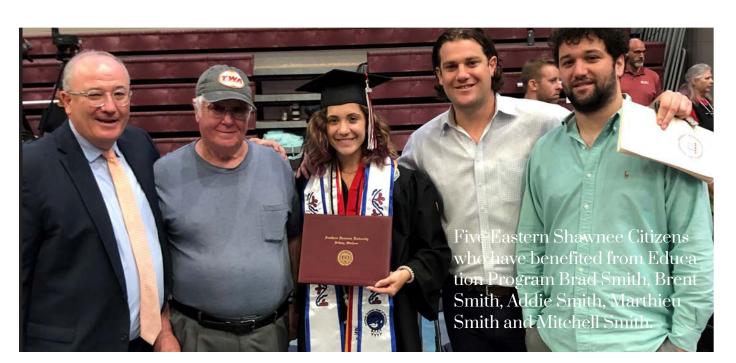
Amber Mittag, Education Director

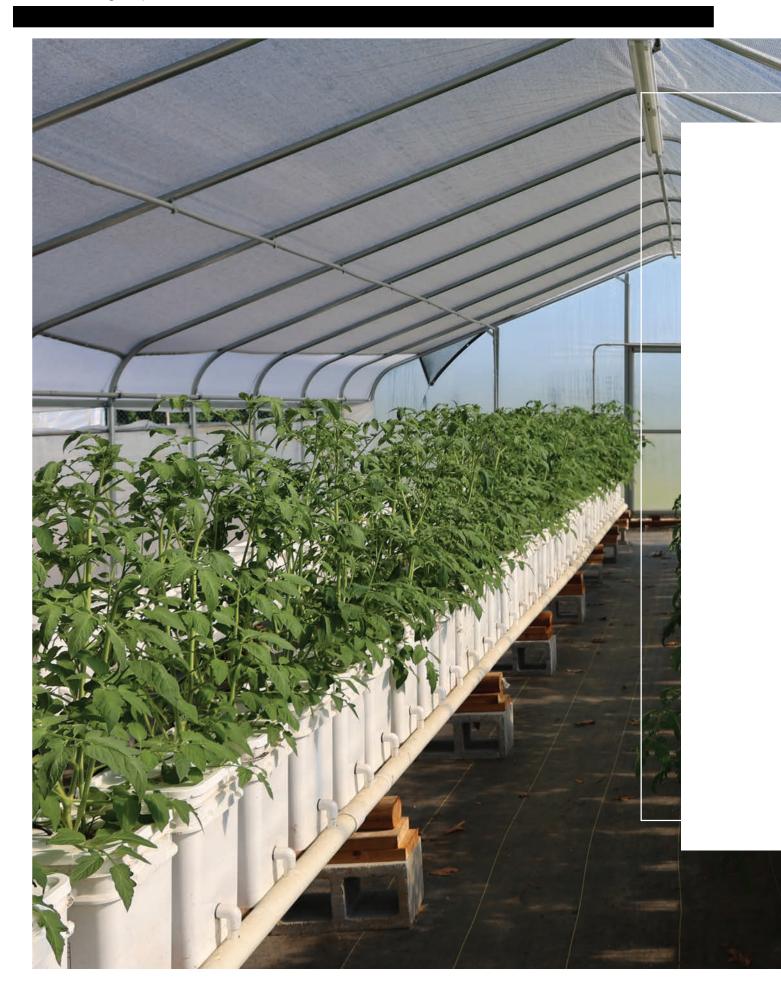
Your Education staff is comprised of two members, Amber Mittag, Education Director, and Stacie Triplett, Education Assistant. Funding for Education is a tremendous benefit that the tribe provides for its members. The program offers assistance for tuition, fees, books, supplies, on-campus housing, or off-campus housing, if no on-campus housing is available, computers, transportation, a junior/senior benefit, and graduation and grade benefits. We take pride in serving our students and love to see them succeed. We have been busy as usual this year.

The following represents our numbers for this 2021-2022 year beginning from October 01, 2021.

- 410 undergraduate requisitions processed totaling \$895,118.24.
- 182 graduate requisitions processed totaling \$261,242.73.
- 33 Jr/Sr benefit award requisitions processed totaling \$13,662.72.
- 134 6th through 12th grade awards given totaling \$56,250.
- 27 High School graduation diplomas awards given totaling \$13,250.
- 374 students have utilized the Education program 2020-2021 thus far.

We look forward to continuing to serve and coming up with new educational endeavors in the future.







# Environmental Department

Kristi Laughlin, Director

**EPA Grants:** The Environmental Department's main source of funding is through EPA grants for stewardship and protection of the environment. The department received three grants from the U.S. EPA totaling \$299,600 with no cash match required in exchange for environmental monitoring and activities for the Tribe. These grants provide for the work of the Eastern Shawnee Environmental Department staff, including recycling services, water quality monitoring and pollution reduction, public health and safety services. Promotion of a healthier environment for the long-term benefit of the tribe and the community.

The EPA General Assistance Program (GAP) grant provides funds for recycling, safety, public health, and community education activities. This grant allows the Tribe to work with EPA and stay up to date on environmental regulations. The grant also provides funding for Four Feathers Recycle Center. This year, tribal offices and casinos have recycled over 2.90 tons of paper, 0.24 tons of plastic, 0.50 tons of tin cans, 0.044 tons of aluminum, 3.01 tons of shredded paper, and 22 tons of cardboard. The recycle center was able to ship out and sell 3.90 ton of mixed paper, 4 tons of white paper, 0.37 ton of plastic, 96.220 tons of cardboard, 0.72 ton of tin, and 6.21 ton of shredded paper for a total of 139.133 tons of materials recycled this year. The annual tire collection event was held in May where 2,407 tires were collected over a two-day period.

EPA also funds the department's water quality monitoring program through Section 106 of the

Clean Water Act. The program improves water quality and public health in Tribal jurisdiction and the Grand Lake watershed by monitoring year-round to evaluate and address water quality and runoff concerns. The department has a mature water quality monitoring program and is operating at the maximum level of the statutory requirements as allowed by grant funding.

This year we have continued to monitor 3 sites on Lost Creek, one site on Flint Branch, and 2 sites on Spring River for nutrients and water quality pollution indicators. We have also provided free private well testing for bacteria and heavy metals, monitored recreational sites for bacteria in summer months, and conducted fish tissue analyses and water analyses for metals on Spring River sites. Macroinvertebrate collections at two Lost Creek sites and habitat assessments for all sample sites were completed in the summer.



Promotion of a healthier environment for a long-term benefit of the tribe and community.

## **Various Activities**

Education and outreach are an important part of the EPA grant programs. This year the department hosted a Kid's Fishing Derby where approximately 40 children from the Early Child Learning Center were able to catch sunfish in the pond at the Housing Authority, learn fish identification, make a lure to take home, and play a fish matching game. The Department also had two education days at the Eastern Shawnee Library with children from the Eastern Shawnee Learning Center for water quality and natural resources. The annual Lost Creek Water Festival is scheduled for September 9 at the Tribe's Pow Wow Grounds. Environmental Department staff also participated in tribal events like the Back-to-School Pow Wow and Culture Camp, and public events like and Earth Day Festival and Shoal Creek Water Festival.

The Environmental Department also receives funding to focus on stormwater runoff and erosion control.

The rain garden implemented next to the Public

Safety building was updated this year and doing great.

Signage to discourage illegal dumping was posted at recreational sites, and trash was picked up as part of each biweekly sampling event at those sites. The grant provided funds used to hire a service to pump two tribal septic systems at Hwy 10 complex. Water quality staff painted storm drains on Hwy. 10 complex to discourage dumping. Outreach included a rainfall simulator video that is available on the Tribe's YouTube channel.

# **Water Utilities**

The Eastern Shawnee Tribe Water Utilities has been in operation since 2008. The daily, monthly, and yearly samples are being collected and tested to make sure that good, clean, quality water is being provided for the customers. The Eastern Shawnee Tribe Water Utilities offers service to 46 Tribal homes and businesses as well as Indigo Sky Casino. The Eastern Shawnee Tribe Water Utilities worked with Indian Health Service to get lightning protection on the water tower on the Highway 10 Complex. This will help stop water interruptions that would be caused by lightning strikes. The Eastern Shawnee Tribe Water Utilities will also be working with Indian Health Service to install a second well at Highway 10 Complex. This will ensure that an adequate backup source will be available. The Eastern Shawnee Tribe Water Utilities had a new security fence installed around the wastewater treatment plant.

# **Property Management**

The Environmental Department manages rental properties including the Woodlands, residential leases, agricultural leases, and storage units. This year we have 16 units in the Woodlands leased, 6 residential homes leased, 11 agricultural properties leased, and all 24 storage units leased. The Woodlands added two additional units this year, that were immediately filled upon completion. Currently, the Woodlands has 2 vacancies and is accepting applications for elders 55+.

## **Trust Services**

The Environmental Department is the point of contact for trust services including negotiated sale of trust or restricted Indian lands, applications for removal of restrictions, gift deeds, and trust appraisal requests. The department has completed 3 gift deed applications. The department also works to place land into trust. No land was placed into trust this year; however, two trust applications were submitted totaling 148.91 acres. The Tribe's total land acreage is approximately 2,675.7 acres with 1,308.39 acres in trust



The Environmental Department took over operations of Growing Thyme at the Red Barn in February 2022. It has come with some challenges in learning hydroponics and expanding the hydroponic systems. Extreme heat and drought also caused challenges this year.`

However, we were able to harvest lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, and peppers that were sold to the AOA and the monthly food distribution that feeds approximately 100 families each month.

We are currently planning sowing fall plants and starting more lettuce as temperatures start to cool. We have planted almost 900 tomato plants in the outdoor garden area and 42 plants in the tomato hydroponic house. We have raised beds that we are growing peppers, squash, cucumbers, and herbs. We have been able to yield approximately 300 lbs. of tomatoes, 150 cucumbers, 100 bell peppers, 30 zucchini squash, and 35 yellow squash this summer. We are continuing to grow vegetables and are currently in the process of planning for next year activities activities.



# Tribal Police Department

Roudy Rogers, Chief of Police









Various Activities of the Police Department.

The primary goal of the Police Department is to serve, protect, and assist people. We proudly serve Eastern Shawnee tribal citizens, tribal employees, guests, area families, schools, other agencies, and communities. The police department has worked steadily toward improving relationships with area law enforcement agencies and area youth programs that have already been implemented in the area schools.

The police department strongly believes that every positive interaction we can create within our community, especially our youth, makes the future much brighter. Part of ensuring more positive interaction between law enforcement and our community is giving law enforcement the knowledge and training they need to support the people they serve. The following list is a few areas we have focused on over the past year.

## **Law Enforcement Training:**

Eastern Shawnee has seventeen certified Law
Enforcement Officers. Thirteen of these officers are
certified to teach law enforcement at the state and/
or federal levels. This allows the department to do a
lot of in-house training and offer that training to other
local agencies who may not have those same resources
available.

### **Driver's Education Program:**

Another successful year with the driver's education program. This program aims to provide Eastern Shawnee Tribal Teens, Victims of Domestic Violence, and other area youth assistance in receiving their Driver's Licenses. To date, this program has assisted approximately 465 tribal and area families. Tribal citizen Chad Ross, who teaches at Fairland schools, has served as the driving instructor for this program over the past few years and has been invaluable to its success. The

demand for this service has continually grown over time. Our goal is to offer additional classes in 2022 and reach double the number of families as were in 2021.

### **School K9 Program:**

Eastern Shawnee Officers continue to serve area schools. Officer Ray Harvey and K9 Maggie serve area schools K thru 12 by detecting illegal drugs on campus. The team also visits grade schools regularly to interact with younger kids. K9 Maggie is a great ambassador for the department to help reach kids and build a trusting relationship with police officers.

### **Reserve Academy for Law Enforcement Officers:**

We hope to resume offering this to other area Law Enforcement Agencies in January 2023. The Reserve Academy will be taught at Shawnee Skies Shooting Complex. Shawnee Skies provides a classroom for the cadets and a police shooting range for their training. We are checking on the possibility of hosting a citizen's academy in the Fall of 2022. This academy provides citizens a chance to experience some of the training law enforcement officers use daily, hopefully strengthening trust between the people we serve and us.

### **New Officers:**

We added two new officers the last year. Officer Brady Barrett, an Eastern Shawnee tribal citizen, and Officer Mark Hickey. Both are skilled officers and true assets to the tribe and the police department. We are proud to have both officers as part of our team.

Eastern Shawnee Police Department will first and foremost protect and serve the people and communities they serve, emphasizing helping those in need. We will always strive to improve the quality of service we provide and bless the community we serve.







# IMLS Basic (1 year)

The Library was awarded \$10,000 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Basic Grant that provides funds to purchase software, books, media, shelving, travel/training and supplies.

# Oklahoma Heritage Preservation Grant, Oklahoma Historical Society

"Finding the Faces to the 1938 Base Roll" utilized the library resources and community outreach to discover the faces of the names depicted on the 1938 base roll of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. The grant ended February 2022. Our digital book can be found on the tribal website under Culture, 1937-1938 Indian Census Roll. We also created an exhibit in the library.

# Native American Library Services Enhancement Grant (2 year)

This grant allowed us to renovate a school bus that was donated by the ESTO Police Department into a library truck. The "Jen Jen" book bus will promote library services and increase circulation. As the renovations proceed, STEM sessions have occurred with the summer children from the ECLC. This grant allowed us to purchase several costumes such as a squirrel, Donald Duck, Sponge Bob, a Minion, etc., along with a generous sponsorship from the ESTO Police Dept., Chase the police dog and EPA Dept. that sponsored Water Droplet.

# George J. Captain Library Printshop/Communications/Grants

Lora Nuckolls, Director

# Library

October 2021 to August 2022: Materials checked out 756, renewals 87, new cards 29, reference in-house 187, historical information 103, books accessioned 302, videos accessioned 86, number of adults 670, number of children/juvenile 376, browsers 215, Internet 378 and OverDrive checkouts 196. Summer Program/Jen Jen Mobile Bus: Foil fish painting, pirate booty-bracelets, chalk art-jellyfish, Tribal PD Ray & Maggie K9 Unit. Children checkout books on the Jen Jen bus during summer program and at the Early Childhood Learning Center. Tribal member Michael Daughtery read one of his books titled The Snake Hunter.

# Printshop

The Printshop printed for: People's bank Seneca, People's Bank Loma Linda, People's Bank 20th Street, St. James Club, Enchanted Florist, Ortegis Restaurant, Heartland Boxing Gym, Skip Stewart Promotions, KNEO Radio, Wyandotte Lions Club, HAVEN, Modoc Tribe, Bank of Wyandotte, Heavy Metal Training Institute, Upper Cut Tree Service, Pro Bladez Lawn Care, Shawnee Skies, ISKY, Outpost, Natives Connected, Joplin Area Beekeepers Association, Travel Center, SAMSHA, C&K Salon, Jenny's Restaurant, Crunch Time Kettle Corn, Susie's Thrift and Gift, Agent

of Farm Bureau Insurance, Seneca Cayuga Nation, J&E
Bakery, and various ESTO tribal departments. Printed for
various individuals such as graduation announcements,
birth announcements, memorial cards for funerals, baby
shower invitations, wedding invitations, RSVP detail cards,
party announcements, architectural plans, etc., all of which
require different types of media requiring either/or sizes
of prints, cuts, folds, comb, spiral, and/or wire binding,
padding, perfect binding, etc. The Printshop created
decorations, did setup and teardown for the Old Fashioned
Children's Christmas party at Bordertown outside arena.

Created vinyl graphics for department shirts, hats, backpack bags, funeral ribbons, window decals, building signage. We continue to photograph the tribal events throughout the year for use in department reports, the tribal newsletter, and for grant documentation. We entered the Jen Jen Book Bus in the Seneca 4th of July parade. We featured the bus at the Children's Pow Wow for a walk through tour. We created and printed approximately 20,000 Shooting Star Newsletters. Cataloged and sorted photographs, newspaper clippings, etc. We worked at the Natives Connected building to help setup a nine tribes exhibit. We did photographic sessions with ESTO Business Committee and Seneca Cayuga Nation Business Committee.

# Haven Program

Kellie Jo Allemann, Director

HAVEN is a victims of crime advocacy program that serves Eastern Shawnee Tribal victims no matter where they live, and victims in our local area. We have had an eventful year. Our client load has steadily increased and COVID has required our staff to get creative on how to continue to meet client needs. Haven opened its doors in 2012 and has had 1,134 open cases since that time. In this past fiscal year (Oct 2022 to July 2022), we have had 782 crisis calls and have provided daily advocacy 3,989 times.

Haven has had exciting new additions. Our new Legal /Sexual Assault Advocate, hired last fiscal year, has settled into her position nicely and added a tremendous amount of experience to our program. We have, in the past month, hired a new advocate to assist with clients seeking services in our tiny homes and with clients in the local community shelter.

Ashely Beard comes to us with a deep connection to the community, experience working with victims of abuse, and a desire to make a difference. Here are a few words of introduction from Ashley herself, "I am from South Arkansas. I was born in Hope Arkansas. I spent several years of my childhood living in Noel, Missouri. I have been visiting Grove since I was a small child. I finally moved there almost 2 years ago. I am happily married and have one daughter who is 21. I enjoy nature. I love water, shopping, arts and crafts, time with my family, and my little dog. For several years I worked as a preschool teacher and with the Early Head Start Program. I decided to make a change after I moved to Oklahoma. I left early childhood education and became a child advocate at a domestic violence shelter. This is where I fell in love with the advocate side of the job. I am now a member of a wonderful team and hope to grow and develop here under great supervision."

Outreach, over this past year, has opened to more in-person events and allowed our program to reach those in need in our community more easily. Haven advocates have contributed to CCDF, AOA, and Culture Department events, the Children's Pow Wow and donated Comfort Kits for children experiencing domestic violence, to our ESTOO Tribal Police Department. We have hosted outreach events at Indigo Sky Casino, ESTOO Wellness Center and several local schools. Haven participated in the Ottawa County Pride Festival and provided program information to numerous community events.











This year has also brought program and financial change. With COVID, programs were awarded specific funds through the Department of Health and Human Services – American Relief Plan (ARP) funding. Because we had already been awarded HHS Family Violence Prevention Funds through our annual tribal grant, the ARP funds were not competitive, but were awarded without application. These funds focus on creating mobile advocacy that can reach clients in rural areas, transport clients, provide COVID information, tests, and vaccines and bolster sexual assault services and education. We hope to implement our mobile/transport advocacy unit in late fall.

In October of 2021 we were awarded our annual Health and Human Services Family Violence Prevention (FVPSA) formulated grant, the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) 2021 Tribal Victim Services Set Aside Grant and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) 2021 Grants to Indian Tribal Governments. These grants will allow our program to continue to provide transitional housing and legal services, employ staff, and provide outreach. Below is a breakdown of Haven's current funding.

### Grant Breakdown:

HHS Family Violence Prevention Tribal Grant October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022.

- a. Annual grant that assists clients with past utility bills, services not provided/allowed by our larger grants, and is flexible with outreach funds.
- 2. OVC 2020 Tribal Victim Services Set Aside Grant January 1, 2021 December 31, 2025.
  - a. All emergency services including counseling
  - b. Salary for Director and Administrator/Advocate
- 3. OVC 2021 Tribal Victim Services Set Aside Grant January 1, 2022 December 31, 2025.
  - a. Legal Services and Legal Advocacy
  - b. Salary for Legal/Sexual Assault Advocate and Advocate for Tiny Homes and Shelter
- 4. OVW 2021 Grants to Indian Tribal Governments October 1, 2021 September 30, 2024.
  - a. Transitional Housing Services
  - Salary for Outreach/Transitional Housing Advocate and Salary for Transitional Housing Advocate to be hired 2023
- FVPSA ARP Supplemental October 1, 2020 September 30, 2025.
  - a. Internet and Tablets for Clients in need
- FVPSA ARP COVID Mitigation Grant October 1, 2020 -September 30, 2025.
  - a. Mobile Transport Advocacy and Unit, tests,
- FVPSA ARP Sexual Assault Services October 1, 2020 -September 30, 2025.
  - a. No services, only outreach focused on sexual assault

Lastly, our program is supporting our community and clients with the addition of Safe Haven (emergency temporary tiny homes). There is a large unfulfilled need in our area for emergency shelter. Many victims need a safe space for a night or two to rest and think through next steps. However, shelters in our area are often full, and those who do not need long term shelter are turned away. With this in mind, we decided to use the four tiny homes given to us by the tribe for clients who are NOT high lethality (meaning they are not in dangerous situations that require a locked facility or 24-hour surveillance) to use as emergency temporary space. To provide the operating



costs of Safe Haven we applied for the 2022 Office for Victims of Crime Tribal Set Aside Grant which will allow our program to pay the utilities for the homes, food for clients, small needs of the homes themselves (such as restocking of toiletries, bedding, furniture, etc.), salary for a Safe Haven advocate, an additional tiny home to be placed at the site for the on-site advocate to use as office space, as well as contribute funds for outreach and food for Haven events. We are excited to make this first step in helping to meet the need for client housing.

The needs of our clients grow every year, and we are proud to be able to expand and help our program meet those needs through our increase in staffing and the creation of Safe Haven.







Community Advertising, Tiny Homes and Emergency Kits for Clients.





Fairland Garden Project | Equine Therapy.

# Natives Connected

Ben Bingham, Project Director

The 2022 year is ending for the tribe and an interesting year it has been. We were able to open to the public and begin to interact with those we have not seen in some time. We started with putting televisions into the Fairland and Seneca Public Schools, which highlights information on suicide prevention, substance abuse awareness, and other topics that the school wishes to show, or we would like to draw attention to. We have teamed up with the Fairland Schools as well as on a gardening project. The school had an empty greenhouse and with the elementary science teacher we have begun to actively garden with the school's 4th and 5th graders. It started out small, but we grew a variety of vegetables and other plants with them. The children had such an enjoyable time, we plan on doing it again next year. It is our hope to begin growing vegetables with them shortly after the school year starts. We have also spent some time with the summer youth gardening at the greenhouses on Highway 10C. Spring-boarding off this, we have purchased a greenhouse dedicated solely to the use of the cultural focus of our program, and it will be located behind the Natives Connected building. This greenhouse will be used to grow different variety of plants throughout the year. The greenhouse will also be open to the counselor's clients if they wish to use it during sessions. Gardening has been shown to be therapeutic.

We are looking at starting a seed bank with the seeds that we were gifted by the EPA department. It is our hope to be able to grow culturally significant plants, harvest the fruits of our labor, and collect seeds for future generations. We continue to research the process and hope to be able to offer seeds through the Natives Connection Center and the Cultural Department once our grant has ended. The Natives Connection Center has created four videos for the year. These videos have covered a variety of topics that I believed to be prudent to the times. We continue to provide Equine Therapy to the Summer Youth Program and Cultural Camp. Unfortunately, we were unable to host the Horse Camp for this year. Our Facebook page currently has over five hundred followers, who get to read our monthly newsletter articles, view our videos, and are offered the opportunity to speak their minds through our posted surveys. Our billboard is still on highway 60 and has been updated as the 1-800-273-TALK hot-line is now being merged and replaced with the new 988 three-digit number. We continue to work alongside Haven, the rest of the Cultural Department and the Indian Child Welfare Department in our quest to raise awareness for our tribal families and the local community.

Counselor Brandon McCombs has brought in an assistant and continues to help those in need. He is seeing approximately eighty-one individuals a month. Break down into age groups: (24 years and under: 13 per month), (25-50 years old: 45 per month), (51+ years: 12 per month), with topics ranging from drugs and alcohol, trauma, covid, suicide, domestic violence, family reunifications, and supervised visitations. Brandon continues to amaze us with his dedication to the tribe, hard work, and willingness to assist in various subjects. He continues to aid our people, as well as those of the Wyandotte, Quapaw, Miami, Shawnee, and Seneca Cayuga Nations, along with local schools. He has facilitated goodwill among the Ottawa County Court System and local attorneys in aiding people.



epartment

Ben Dixon, Director

The Tribal IT Department has been busy this year keeping up with system maintenance, security, many new projects.

We are currently preparing our environment to comply with Windows 11 upgrade requirements. A portion of this upgrade will require replacing most of our older workstations. This has been viewed favorably by our employees that have been working to keep the older workstations up and running. To date, we have processed 711 helpdesk tickets.

Security is a critical aspect of our department and goals. We have received approval to hire an internal Cyber Security Analyst that will assist with the continued development of our security profile and protection. We are extremely excited about this opportunity, as this is the first time in over ten years that our department has grown. We have been searching for the best candidate and would love to see more Tribal applicants. If you know of anyone interested in Technology and Security, please contact our department, or visit the careers page of our website for more information.

One of our upcoming projects involves adding fiber connections to each of the existing and future houses near the Highway 10C campus. We are extremely excited about this project, as this will allow our department to offer new and improved services to our Tribal residents. While we enjoy the support we are able to offer our organization, we find it extremely fulfilling when we get the opportunity to have a direct, positive impact on our Tribal citizens.

The Tribal IT Department is here to assist with technical needs of our Tribe. Please contact us with any questions, concerns, ideas or comments by emailing itdept@estoo.net or leave a comment on the Tribal website. It is a pleasure to serve this Tribe and we look forward to another great and productive year.

# Community Health Representative

# Elizabeth Chenoweth, CHR Transport

The main goal of the CHR Department is to provide Tribal Members health education, community health services, and transportation for routine, non-emergency medical problems. Additional goals of the CHR Department are:

- 1. Look for new ways to attract Tribal members to utilize the Wellness Center.
- 2. Offer new services to increase the health and wellness of Tribal members.
- 3. Provide health education and prevention to tribal members and surrounding community.
- 4. Increase contacts made by CHR representatives to all tribal members.
- 5. Sponsor at least 4 major events that will benefit not only Tribal members but surrounding community as well.

This past year we successfully assisted with numerous events including:

- Blood drives
- Health screenings at the Wellness Center
- Food and Toy Holiday Drive- Donations of Toy and Nonperishable food donated to local food bank.
- Tecumseh Challenge (Coming up in September!)
- Zombie Run (Coming up in October!)
- Turkey Trott
- Suicide Awareness walk
- Trunk or Treat
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Stroke Awareness Walk- Provided Education to Elders and tribal members on Stroke Signs and Safety
- Autism Awareness Walk
- Heart Disease Education and Walk Focused on different forms of heart disease like
   Coronary Artery Disease
- Childhood Cancer Awareness- Recognizing children and families affected b childhood cancer
- UV Safety Awareness Walk Provided sunscreen and sun safety tips to reduce skin cancer exposures.

# SAMHSA E-COVID 19

James Sullivan, SAMHSA Project Director

The goal of our project is to prevent and reduce suicidal behavior, substance use and promote mental health through this COVID-19 pandemic and beyond, reduce the impact of trauma, and promote mental health among American Indian/ Alaska Native (AI/AN) and community members residing in our project service area. This project has allowed us to partner with three services: Employee Assistance Program, Grand Lake Mental Health, and Trinity Circle Horses.

# The Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

Our CCDF program is providing childcare assistance for 260 children at this time. This program insures our children are getting quality & safe childcare while our Native Parents are working or attending college so they may become self-sufficient.

# Grand Lake Mental Health (GLMH)

GLMHC partnered with tribal law enforcement by providing each officer with a mobile device equipped with the MyCare application. The app will allow law enforcement to contact licensed mental health professionals that are available 24/7, providing instant, face-to-face crisis deescalation and stabilization, consultation to law enforcement regarding need for higher level of care and referral and/or safety planning and follow-up for individuals and families.

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

# **Trinity Circle Horses**

Provided Equine-Assisted Activities (EAA) for the Early Childhood Learning Center. Equine-assisted activities are any specific center activity, e.g.. therapeutic riding, mounted or ground activities, grooming and stable management, shows, parades, demonstrations, etc., in which the center's clients, participants, volunteers, instructors and equines are involved. Equine-Assisted Therapy (EAT): Equine assisted therapy is treatment that incorporates equine activities and/or the equine environment. Rehabilitative goals are related to the patient's needs and the medical professional's standards of practice.

# Human Resources

Kendra Stuart, ATHRP, HR Director

Welcome Rachel Holcomb, our new Tribal
Administrator. She brings city government
experience, a fresh perspective, and creative ideas
ESTOO.

The Human Resource Department supports the Tribal Administrator and Chief in meeting its employee recruitment, retention, and growth goals.

The family friendly work environment encourages creativity and growth in each employee as they grow and succeed so does the Tribe! Hard work is celebrated; informative communication and training opportunities foster a rich positive environment.

Monthly Director meetings, quarterly All Staff Day meetings are held; focusing on reward, recognition, education, and personal/professional growth. Our longevity retention of employees is outstanding.

Hard to fill 24/7 departments (Tribal Police/Gaming/ Surveillance) have successfully retained many employees who have remained with us for 10-15 years or more. I'm pleased to say our employee population is currently at 188, and we continue to grow. Multiple employment opportunities are open at this time and new faces will be joining us within the month.

Our Employee Handbook is in the process of an update and our evaluation form has been standardized with evaluations now effective October 1.

COVID 19 devastated the nation and has taken a toll on our local economy and recovery has been slow, but we continue to grow and thrive.

HR functions as a liaison between Tribal leaders and employees and it's been a true pleasure to be a part of the growth that I've seen in my 15 years here. I can't wait to see the great things that will be accomplished in the near future.

(ATHRP) Advanced Tribal Human Resources Professional.

# Maintenance Department

By Tracy Wright, Director

As you may already know, my name is Tracy Wright and I have had the privilege of being the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma's Maintenance Director since July 2010. In this amount of time, our department has continued to grow in size and in responsibility. Currently, we are a department of seven: Randy Dedmon, Richard Qualls, Jasper King, Ryan Terry, Colton Ehrhart, our new administrative assistant, BrookLynn Sorrell and me. I am very proud of my staff as they work hard and always do their best to complete, at times, never-ending tasks.

Several years ago, I purposefully started hiring staff that could add specific skills to our team. My thought in doing this was to save the tribe money by using staff to complete projects instead of hiring outside contractors. I am a licensed plumber and have an extensive background in welding, Randy is HVAC certified, Richard is a carpenter, Jasper has a CDL, and Ryan is certified to work on small engines. I believe these skills are crucial to our department, and I fully support my staff in any training or certifications they may be interested in obtaining. Colton was hired this year, and he has fit right into our team. BrookLynn has taken on the challenge of a much-needed administrative assistant position. We do everything from supporting all departments within tribal administration, decorating for holidays, and maintaining buildings.

We have done a lot over the last year, some projects are still in the works, and we are very optimistic about the future of the maintenance department. When you think of maintenance, you may think we just change light bulbs and clean bathrooms. We do so much more, and I would like to share that with you.

Over the last year, we have been able to support several departments such as EPA/Land Management, Early Childhood Learning Center, AOA, etc. We have fixed wells, moved trees, delivered meals to elders, planted tomatoes, fixed rental homes, transformed office spaces, fixed leaks, fixed appliances for several departments, and put together playground equipment. There truly is an endless list of tasks every day as you will see in the following bullet points.

A total of 53 HVAC systems were replaced between our downtown campus in









- Seneca and our 10C campus in Wyandotte. We coordinated the work with Lyerla Heating and Air.
- Replaced the roof of the Maintenance shop, Annex, and the Chief Charles Enyart building. We coordinated the work with Callen Construction.
- The tiny homes are now complete, and we are pleased to say that we were able to help move, plumb, and hang decorations for them.
- We purchased new mowers and have access to a new skid steer. Both were a huge help this summer.
- Each year we play a major role in the Fishing Derby, Culture Camp, Tire Collection, Christmas Parties, All Staff Days, and Pow Wows.
- This year we completed the following work on the pow wow grounds: stained all the buildings, added mulch, painted the fence, worked on the benches, new electric, and new water lines. We take great pride in getting the pow wow grounds ready for tribal citizens.
- Remodeled offices in the Chief Charles Enyart Building
- Planted and watered trees at both campuses
- We have worked on the following tribal owned properties:
  - ✓ Converted the McKibben property from gas to electric.
  - √ Replaced the jet pump on the Rickner property.
  - ✓ Put in a new central box well at the Felkins house.
  - ✓ Fixed the fence and replaced the water pressure tank at the Harkin property.
  - √ Fixed the air conditioner, the gates, and put in a new gas line at the Stoner house.
  - $\checkmark\,$  Fixed the well at the Wagner property.
- We have done extensive work at the Natives Connected building:
  - √ Built display boxes.
  - ✓ Put up new blinds.
  - ✓ Glass shelves.
  - ✓ After the break-in we helped clean up and replaced windows.
- Coordinated with the Police Department and Early Childhood Learning Center to start a new driving training program for the teachers.
- Our general maintenance duties include painting elder homes, painting offices,
  painting buildings, cutting wood (this year we will have 50 rick ready for tribal
  members), changed oil in tribal vehicles, mowing and weed eating, treated several
  residences for bed bugs, helped with mowing at the Growing Thyme, putting up
  Christmas lights and decorations, and anything else we can help with.

Over this next fiscal year, we plan to utilize a new scheduling system. Our goal is to stay ahead of the curve by developing a yearly maintenance plan. Because we are involved with all departments and are responsible for maintaining buildings, vehicles, appliances, etc., we will be involved the bidding/quote process for these large purchases. We are creating a contractor database to have a list of several contractors from which to choose. My staff and I are always willing and ready to help and we are excited about the year to come.

# Specialized Services

Amber Mittag, Director

Your Specialized Services employees are Amber Mittag, Education/Specialized Services Director and Shawnay Enyart, Specialized Services Assistant. Many of you may not know what the Specialized Services Department entails. We have six different programs that fall within the Department. On top of those six, our department has inherited five ARPA programs as of December 2021 that also fall under Specialized Services, totaling eleven different programs. They are as follows:

## **Down Payment Assistance**

This is assistance for first time homebuyers. The maximum allowed has been \$3000 and goes towards closing costs. This next fiscal year this maximum allowed amount will change to \$10,000

### **LIHEAP**

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

### **Home Improvement Program (HIP)**

This program is used to help tribal citizens with home improvements. Cosmetic improvements are not allowed. Maximum allowance is \$10,000 per household and available to tribal members once every ten years. There is an allowance of 30 HIP applicants per fiscal year beginning each October.

### **TSSD**

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

## **Hardship Program**

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

### **LIHWAP**

LIHWAP is a federally funded grant and stands for Low Income Household Water Assistance Program. This program is income based and is used towards payment of water and wastewater bills. This grant aligns along side the LIHEAP program and is available to be utilized under the same LIHEAP/LIHWAP application.

# The Five ARPA programs are listed as follows:

## **ARPA Emergency Rental Assistance Program**

The purpose of the program is to provide direct financial assistance, including rent, rental arrears, utilities and home energy costs, utilities and home energy costs arrears, and other expenses related to housing. This Program will make available a limited amount of assistance to households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **ARPA Internet Program**

The purpose of the program is to provide direct financial assistance to tribal households who need assistance with internet services due to COVID-19.

## **ARPA Supplemental Pay Program**

The purpose of the Program is to provide direct financial assistance to tribal members who have a reduction or loss of wages due to COVID-19.

## **ARPA Utility and Medical Program**

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

# ARPA Emergency Homeowners Assistance Program

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

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

# The following represents the requisition numbers for the Specialized Services Department so far, this 2021-2022 fiscal year beginning Oct 1st, 2021.

- 1. 22 Down Payment Assistance requisitions processed totaling \$63,028.
- 2. 84 Home Improvement requisitions processed totaling \$406,289.73.
- 3. 15 LIHEAP requisitions processed totaling \$4,000.
- 4. 59 TSSD requisitions processed totaling \$18,020.27.
- 5. 68 Hardship requisitions processed totaling \$49,500.
- 6. 13 LIHWAP requisitions processed totaling \$3,414.25.
- Additionally, there were 5 Emergency applications processed under the Hardship Assistance for Natural Disasters totaling \$5,000.
- 8. 25 ARPA Supplemental Pay requisitions processed totaling \$38,018.54.
- 12 ARPA Emergency Homeowner Assistance requisitions processed totaling \$19,213.15.
- 10. 39 ARPA Utility and Medical program requisitions processed totaling \$22,439.75.
- 11. 11 ARPA Emergency Rental Assistance requisitions processed totaling \$26,050.
- 12. 14 ARPA Internet Assistance requisitions processed totaling \$4,550.

# Cultural Preservation

Paul Barton, Director

The Culture Preservation Program continues the review of Section 106 projects. These projects include but are not limited to Cell Tower, Federal Highway, National Forest, Pipeline construction, USDA, Military and HUD projects throughout the Tribal Areas of Historical interest.

| Projects Reviewed  | Oct 2021 – Aug 2022 |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Cell Towers        | 9,302               |
| Other 106 Projects | 1908                |
|                    |                     |

The Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) has been awarded FY2022/23 funding for the THPO Program through the National Park Service. This is the ongoing Annual funding used by the THPO. There was a small increase in apportioned funding, which comes at a convenient time to update computers and software planned by the Tribal I.T. Department. Federal Programs have begun to return to in-office working, and communications and announcements are becoming easier and timelier.

The Department in cooperation with several Tribal Programs (ICW, CCDF, SAMHSA, and Haven) held the Youth Summer Culture Camp. There were 43 youth signed up and in attendance of this year's Camp. While several from past camps have aged out or just weren't able to make it, we had several new faces and first-time campers attend; one coming as far away as Arizona. The Department was excited to see this project take off with success; it is an exciting time to see relief from COVID restrictions and a return to something normal such as our Youth Summer Camp. Activities included Lacrosse, Indian football, horse back riding and Hatchet Throwing to name a few. Also camp included games and crafts.

The Department was able to have the Annual Wild Onion Dinner and raise funds for the Tribal Christmas Tree program. This was composed of a Dinner of Traditional foods, raffles, and video presentation from the Culture Tourism Program.







Summer Cultural Camp Participants.



#### NAGPRA:

The Department continues with email reviews, on-line meetings, and consultations of various projects. Networking with various Agencies and Universities to gather information on collections and consult with NAGPRA applications for repatriations.

#### **SAMHSA:**

The program has updated the Year 5 continuation, to complete the 5-year funded program and workplan. The Program will be entering its final year of Granted Contract. The Program continues counselling services on site, including the Miami and Tulsa areas. Both the Director and the Assistant attended the Southwest Regional Conference in Denver, Colorado. The Conference provides the opportunity to network and share information with other Tribal SAMHSA Programs. Work continues at the Fairland Schools Greenhouse and the "Growing Thyme" Hoop houses, sharing gardening with the Summer Youth Program from the Wellness Center. The Department has recovered from a break-in and theft. Additional Security measures have been addressed improving security for the building and safety of personnel.

#### **ANA Culture Tourism:**

The Program Director Vanna Barger presented videos at the Youth Summer Camp with an Ice Cream Sundae bar. The Program continues to prepare the building for the Welcome Center.

The Department is looking forward to a new year with more activities with the Covid restrictions relieved. We are aware the concern of COVID and variants is not completely gone and we continue to practice safety measures.











Indian Dice Champions.

# Shawnee Summer Camp



Indian Football in the rain.



## We have worked closely with other departments to provide services and events to our tribal families.

We are most proud of being able to deliver food from our Food Distribution program to tribal families as we do our monthly home visits. This has been a wonderful program this year and has brought many blessings to tribal families. We have also worked closely with our Natives Connection Program and utilizing their counselor for our ICW families

We were also able to contribute, and/or attend the following events in 2022.

- Green Onion Event .
- Culture Camp.
- Shawna Stovall's Children Back-to-School Pow Wow.
- ESTOO Children Christmas Party.
- Angel Tree Event.
- Parenting Classes.
- Halloween Trunk or Treat.
- Easter Egg Hunt .
- Summer Safety Night/ Pool Party.

## Indian Child Welfare

#### Tammy Gibson, Director

This last year has been a busy one for ICW. We had staff changes hiring Karen Braiser. Karen is our Administrative Assistant/ Social Worker. Together we have advocated for more than fifty ESTOO tribal families in the past year in state or tribal court and/or prevention.

#### FY 2022 Case Counts Data:

- Prevention Cases 49 Children— Open DHS cases that the tribe assisted with. These children were not removed from the home. The tribe worked with the tribal family to assist the family to correct the issues for state referral.
- Guardianship Cases—Children, all placed in ICWA compliance Kinship homes. Most of these are Grandparents that have stepped up to care for their grandchild when their parents are not able to. The parents can work a case plan and hopefully have their children placed back in their care.
- Permanent Guardianship—1 These children were placed in a forever home with a Kinship Tribal member.
- Tribal Foster Home/Tribal Custody Cases— 2 children in tribal foster home, set of siblings and 12 in state foster homes throughout the united states.
- State Foster Home with ICWA compliance Homes—7 Children, those seven are in soon to be adoptive homes.
- We had two adoptions last year, and because of BIA court being closed, it was held in our office for the first time.
- We were advocates for our ICW tribal children in case management, DHS team meeting, state and tribal court
  appearance, home visits and transportation. We supply families with essential items to care and protect families
  within our grant guide lines.

The ICW Department administers the Title IV-B program, as well as manages and supervises the administration of all programs under the Title IV-B Federal Grant from the Children's Division. We also operate with BIA Self Governance funding and ESTOO General Funding. The ICW Director converses with the Tribal Administrator, Tribal Court Presiding Officer, ESTOO Accounting Department, for legal guidance, case planning, and financial management.

This year I was chosen to be a member of the Oklahoma Task Force against Child Abuse. I represent our tribe and hold the only Tribal seat on the board.

We continue to improve our cultural kits to send to out-of-state ICW families, so they can have a connection to their tribe. Just recently assisted with Culture camp and provided seven youth counselors plus provided rooms for traveling campers at our own Indigo Sky Hotel. ICW plays a major role in putting on the Children's Pow Wow, something we take great pride in and feel honored to be a part of. The ICW Department's number one goal remains the same; to provide the highest quality of care possible by supporting our tribal children and their families. We concentrate on providing support, resources, and services that families need in order to strengthen themselves and reunify their families. We would like to keep expanding services connected with prevention to assist before times of crisis arise. Karen and I look forward to a new year and working with all tribal families, at events, or lending a helpful hand.



rants epartment

Aaron Epperson, Director

The Eastern Shawnee Tribal Grants Department is dedicated to researching and applying for federal, state, and foundation grants in order to benefit the tribe and tribal community. Selecting particular grants is based upon several factors including, but not limited to, goals of the strategic plan, community needs assessments, availability of funding opportunities, and requests to the Grant Review Committee (GRC). Below is a list of some but not all grants that were funded this year or have not ended from the previous year.

**Planned Tasks:** Implement the Strategic Plan, continued meetings involving the GRC for the upcoming year and reviewing all grant programs, research and apply for grants depending on decisions from the GRC and/or Business Committee. Grants often serve the Tribal citizens within a 50-mile radius of tribal headquarters; however, it is our desire to serve and positively impact all Tribal citizens across the United States.

| Approved Projects:  |             |             |   |  |  |  |  |
|---|-------------|-------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| GRANT   | AMOUNT      | DURATION    | SUMMARY   |  |  |  |  |
| IMLS Enhancement  | \$115,047   | 2 Years     | Engage tribal citizens and the community through technology as we enhance our tribe's digital access to native literature, collections, and content.  |  |  |  |  |
| Institute for Museum & Library<br>Services' (IMLS) Native American<br>Museum Services | \$98,805    | Year 2 of 2 | Create a Living Timeline project of Shawnee History. This project aims to be an inspiring and innovative experience that promotes the use of technology to facilitate discovery of cultural heritage. |  |  |  |  |
| IMLS - Native American Library<br>Services Basic Grant Award                          | \$10,000    | 1 Year      | Continue to expand services for learning and access to information and educational resources in a variety of formats and for library staff to attend library-related trainings.                       |  |  |  |  |
| SAMSAH  | \$751,000   | 1 Year      | To provide the Tribe with Suicide prevent therapist and outreach which will close out this year   |  |  |  |  |
| Oklahoma Historic Society   | \$20,000    | 1 Year      | To catalog historic picture and digitalize them to preserve the pictures forever  |  |  |  |  |
| Tribal Historic Preservation Grant  | \$57,651    | Year 2 of 2 | Protect cultural resources from adverse impacts; participate in regulatory processes in accordance with the priorities of the Cultural Preservation Department  |  |  |  |  |
| ANA Language Grant  | \$87,000    | 1 Year      | To assist cultural department in language training and supplies   |  |  |  |  |
| SAMHSA – Native Connections   | \$137,000   | Year 4 of 5 | Prevent and reduce suicidal behavior and substance use, reduce the impact of trauma, and promote mental health among tribal youth through the age of 24 years in our project service area.            |  |  |  |  |
| ANA - Social and Economic<br>Development Strategies                                   | \$461,371   | Year 3 of 3 | Design and develop resources and services that promote travel<br>and cultural tourism in northeastern Oklahoma while telling the<br>story of the 9 Tribes in Ottawa County.                           |  |  |  |  |
| IMLS Enhancement  | \$134,164   | 2 Years     | To engage tribal citizens and the community through technology with our Jen Book Bus and STEM.  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL APPROVED:   | \$1,869,038 |             |   |  |  |  |  |

## Benefits

#### Sharon Farris, Director

COVID has been a huge part of the benefits department since 2020. I am happy to say that numbers have decreased dramatically, and I am not having to spend time testing and monitoring. Employees are now handling their own care. We are following the CDC guidelines, five days off and then five days at work masked. We are no longer offering supplemental pay for time off because of COVID; employees are using PTO. While we have laxed on our Covid measures, we are still diligently keeping track of outbreaks and will continue to update employees if procedures change.

We meet weekly with new employees at the casino to provide them with education on our benefits and to get their paperwork completed. We have just recently started to meet with new employees on the tribal administration side to offer the same. This process is very important because it prevents members from missing their enrollment deadlines and to provide them with all their educational material. Currently we have 130 tribal administration employees and 436 casino employees on our insurance.

We recently bid out our GL/Property/Auto/General Liability/Crime, etc. carrier with Brown & Brown, Premier, and Amerind. The BC decided to remain with Brown & Brown and Tribal First. This process requires a lot of data collection to provide appropriate coverage. The most important issue is the tribal assets are protected and Brown & Brown has a very successful track record.

In 2022 we have had 7 incident reports, 6 auto, 1-break in, and 5 work comp reports.

We have begun meeting with Cowin Construction to replace all the tribal roofs. Due to hail damage in this area, Cowin offers a roof that is guaranteed for 30 years. The roof is a solid one-piece sheeting that is installed in layers. This project is still underway.

We are updating the 401K plan to include a partial enrollment assistance. Prior to this, employees had to call or go to the TransAmerica website to enroll. We have found that this overwhelmed some members. We spoke with our broker to add an assistance program that will allow members to sign off on instructions to allow me to enroll them and get their contributions started. I will only be able to enroll them, not to select their investment options.

I feel honored to help our employees with all their benefit needs. I take my job very seriously and I believe that to stay abreast of the ever-changing markets, training is a must. This past year, I went to the SHRM conference with our new Tribal Administrator, Rachel Holcomb. I am thankful the tribe allows me to offer such a health benefit package to our employees.

## Language Department

Brett Barnes, Director

#### **Cultural Camp**

We had a successful Children's Culture Camp. The kids learned how to play Indian dice, how to keep score, how to keep score in Shawnee, we worked on counting in Shawnee, and we learned a sampling of Shawnee words that were pertinent to our activities. The kids seemed to really enjoy it and seemed eager to learn.

#### Shawna Stovall's **Back to School Pow Wow**

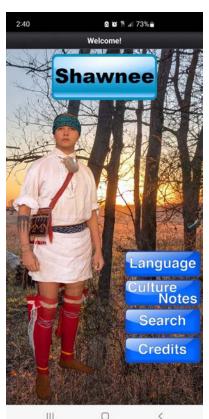
We had Stomp Dancing after the Pow Wow was over with. The visitors that stayed to participate had an enjoyable time and were a big help in having the Stomp Dance. I estimate we had about 12 to 14 leaders and about 20 shell shakers.

#### **Speak Shawnee** Language App.

We have launched the "Speak Shawnee" Language App and it is now available on Smart Phones, Samsung, PC, MAC, Tablets. All you have to do is go to the App Store on your device, search for "Speak Shawnee", Press "download", and in a matter of seconds you will be able to enjoy learning our language in a fun and userfriendly way. The feedback that I have received has been very positive and even exciting.

Shawnee Language App.









Language Classes.

#### **On-Line Language Classes**

We are in the process of collaborating with the Shawnee Tribe in their SLIP program. (Shawnee Language Immersion Program). The plan is to replicate the curriculum and orthography in much the same way as the SLIP Program, but designing it with a beginners level approach. I am confident that this is and will be a very successful teaching method. Anyone that is interested in learning the Shawnee Language should email me with their preferred day to attend, and I will connect them up with the program administrator. This way you can attend on-line, from your home, whichever night of the week you prefer. The feedback I'm receiving about this course has been very positive. Of those individual that I have spoken to, many have stated that if you attend these classes with the intention to learn, you will learn. Interested learners should email me at bbarnes@estoo.net.

I receive emails and phone calls occasionally from people wanting to know how to say a

certain word or phrase. These calls are very welcome. So feel free to reach out to me for meanings of words or how to say something. If I don't know the answer right off the top of my head, I will seek out the answer.

#### **Face-to-Face Classes**

We have been having face-to-face classes, in the same location that classes have been taking place for years now prior to COVID. So far the class consists of only the few people that I reached out to, knowing that they preferred the face to face setting over the on line setting. This has given me the practice that I was hoping for. It also gives us all the opportunity to discuss the words we use, how they relate to other words, and sometime our memory is jarred loose, reminding us of stories of when we were young. We have been meeting on Tuesday evening at 5:00 pm. Everyone that has been coming say that they really enjoy the classroom environment, the fellowship, and the meal that we share as fellow Shawnees.

#### The Nine Tribes of Ottawa County

Today we are celebrating the NINE Tribes of Ottawa County.

Ottawa County is unique in the fact that there are nine tribes located within one county in the state of Oklahoma.

Though each tribe may have its own language, traditions and share similarities, we are all uniquely different.

Eastern Shawnee Tribe ANA Grant Staff: Paul Barton – Cultural Preservation Director Vanna Barger – Project Director

Meredith Ludwig - Artistic Di-

Moment Media Company

#### YouTube Premiere

Friday, April 22, 7 pm YouTube - Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Join us as we watch videos produced in Ottawa County about the people who live here. After the premiere this series will continue to stream on the Eastern Shawnee's YouTube Channel.





LIVES WE WEAVE- (6:00 min.) Based through Patty Harjo-Shinn's description of finger weaving, we examine the lives we choose to lead through this traditional educator's poetry and artwork

All Artwork, Regalia and Poem by Patty Harjo-Shinn Meredith Ludwig – Producer Vince Baron – Video David Frazier – Editor Music – "Kingfischer Dance" – Watson Whitewing Green Corn Recordings – Roy Stovall "Cry of the Ancestors" – Cathy Bar-

Photographs: Young William, Patty Harjo-Shinn, Patty & William Tarrant, Gary Crow, Miami News Record, Patty and Abby-Crystal Tarrant, and others through the years.



#### **Indigenous** Greetings From Ottawa County & Beyond

#### INDIGENOUS GREETINGS FROM OTTAWA COUNTY- (6:09)

Six languages are spoken in Ottawa County and we get to hear each of them from language students and teachers.

Indigenous Greeters Inagenious Greecers In order of appearance: Kim Garcia, Wyandot Talon Silverhorn, Eastern Shawnee Brandy & Korbin McCombs, Shawnee Kalisha Burtrum, Ottawa Dixie Ramm, Quapaw Paul Barton, Cayuga Wesley Farless, Ava, Aurora & Kasy, Peoria/Miami Brett Barnes, Eastern Shawnee Jessica Mullin, Modoc Richard Zane Smith, Wyandot Kelly Nelson, Eastern Shawnee Karen Hildreth, Quapaw Ilannah Burtrum, Ottawa Ben Bingham, Eastern Shawnee Mahayla Perryman-Matthews, Cayuga Steve Moore, Quapaw

Paul Barton, Seneca-Cayuga Arakwa Siouï, Wvandot Anasstasia Stwyer, Ottawa Music: Seneca Dance, Shawnee Version by Brett Barnes & Paul Barton



#### A PIECE THAT WAS MISSING THROUGH- (5:05)

Kalisha Burtum shares experiences with birchbark and quillwork; this artist shares the connection to the past that these arts can provide.

Kalisha Burtrum - Artist, 2nd Chief, Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma Meredith Ludwig – Producer David Frazier – Video & Editor Rex Butrum - Music







#### **YOU AND I - (4:39)**

With words from Winona LaDuke and the music of Laurence Cole, these simple lyrics explore our shared surroundings and remind us how connected we are.

Winona LaDuke - Words Laurence Cole – Music Meredith Ludwig – Co-producer Richard Zane Smith – Co-producer/ editor, video/photographer Kaylee Barton – Songstress/Creekwalker

Suzanne Carter – Video David Frazier – Drone footage Levi Yeaky – Sunset photo Angela Dawn Helmig – Hands and water film footage Talon Silverhorn – Native American

Paul Barton – Cayuga language Richard Zane Smith – Wa"dat lan-guage, "He can't catch me", Compos-

2015 3rd graders – Wyandotte Public School

Sassy - Four Legged Creek Walker



#### Koko's Secret Treasure-

Michael Daughterty's delightful story of a child's search for her grandmother's most cherished belonging.

Written, Illustrated and Narrated by Michael Daugherty

#### SAP SUCKERS

a brief history of Oklahoma

#### Sap Suckers – (5:53)

The time of maple sap collecting. We are sharing the story of 12 years of collecting, to revive traditions that have been set aside long ago.

Paul Barton – Story and Music William Tarrent and Paul Barton – Photography Meredith Ludwig – Editing



#### In This Place- (6:47)

We visit with the artist in his studio as he works and talks about his life and the journey he has taken.

Richard Zane Smith – Artist Producer – Meredith Ludwig Talon Silverhorn Editor, Video & Drone Footage Meredith Ludwig – Video Blue Rain Gallery, Santa Fe New Mexico – Photography Richard Zane Smith – Music, Traditional Wyandot Songs



#### Painful Language Lesson -(8:59)

Kwezakwe, a racoon, has decided to share a new teaching technique with his favorite student.

Richard Zane Smith – Starring Kwezahkweh – Co-starring Richard Zane Smith – Actor, Editor, Kwehzakweh – Language Consul-

tant Meredith Ludwig – Video DISCLAIMER- no humans were harmed in the taping of this video.

Richard Zane Smith



#### Cooking is a Way of Life -(5:43)

We get a first-hand look at what goes into being a cook for the many events in need of a big meal to feed a whole lot of people.

Head cook – Mariah Tyner, Absentee Shawnee and Cherokee Meredith Ludwig – Producer Meredith Ludwig & David Frazier – Video

George Valliere, Shawnee & Quapaw – Music, "Grand Entry" and "Blanket Dance" Brian White, Shawnee & Quapaw

"Seneca-Cayuga Social Dance Sagey Hicks, Creek – "Stomp-

Photographs: Mariah Tyner, Family and Friends







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WORDS FOR TAR CREEK- (6:53) Inspired by LEAD Agency's Tar Creek SlaM, we hear from two poets and the Executive Director of the LEAD Agency Waterkeeper Alliance.

Poetry of J. Michael Scruggs, Shawnee & Angela Dawn Helmig, Shawnee Interview – Rebecca Jim, Cherokee, Executive Director, Lead Agency, Waterkeeper Alliance, Tar Creekkeeper Meredith Ludwig – Producer Suzanne Carter – Video David Frazier – Editor & Drone foot-

age For more information on the Tar Creek Poetry Slam and other activities contact LEADAGENCY.ORG (Local Environmental Action Demanded)





NOW IT'S OUR TURN -(6:30) Presently the Wyandotte Nation's Cultural Officer, Kim Garcia, shares her passion for beading and the added benefits she has received

Kim Garcia – Artist Meredith Ludwig – Producer David Frazier – Editor Suzanne Carter – Video David Frazier – Drone footage Richard Zane Smith – Music, Standing Quiver Stomp Wampum Belt Photograph – Wyandotte Culture Center and Museum



### Administration For Native Americans (ANA)

Vanna Barger, Cultural Tourism Project Director

This year, we have come a long way at our Cultural Tourism Center on Highway 60, east of Indigo Sky Casino. This project has been plagued with difficulties and still a work in progress, but we have made significant progress.

Installed on kiosks at the center are videos of the nine tribes of



#### ng Hope in Horses –

sit with the horses essica Mullin who is nsible for leading an e therapy center for odoc Nation.

Mullin, LCSW Director of oral Health Modoc Nation ith Ludwig – Producer ne Carter – Video Frazier – Editor & Drone

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ight Tribes Trail, Suite B , OK 74354





#### Circle of Cedars – (5:43)

Cynthia West sings her song inspired by her ancestors and others who attended the Seneca Indian School.

Don Charles – Producer Ron Nieman – Engineer Cyd West, Wyandot – Vocal/ Gui-

Deb Gessner – Accordion/Bass Harmonica Don Charles – Slide guitar/ Bowdrum Meredith Ludwig & CYD West – Video Producers David Frazier – Editor Adi Benning – Video David Frazier – Drone footage Richard Zane Smith – Wyandot Language Consultant

Photographs: Dr. Charles Marius Barbeau, Indian Country Today; Charles R Scott, Red Shawl Photos; E.L. West, Daughter of Grey Eyes by Thelma R. March, and other Tribal Members

#### Remembering LARRY DUSHANE

1942 - 2021

#### Remembering Larry Dushane - (6:51)

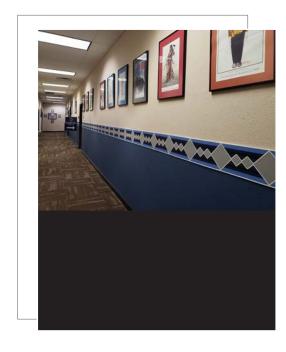
We listen in on one of the story circles held with Eastern Shawnee elders and celebrate the life and humor of one of them.

Video Clips from Eastern Shawnee Story Circle 2019 Lora Nuckolls & Sherry Cook – Camera Photographs: Lora Nuckolls & others compiled by Jennifer Lankford Meredith Ludwig – Editing Brett Barnes & Paul Barton – Music " Go Get'em Dance"



Ottawa County, covering a wide range of subject matter. You can come in anytime, watch and enjoy the exhibits that represent each tribe. Displays range from pottery to corn husk dolls to ribbon work, beadwork, and much more. Anyone interested in the real story of how the tribes were relocated to Northeastern Oklahoma can hear and see how we are all striving to tell our stories in our own words.

We are open from 8:00 am. to 4:30 pm., Monday thru Friday. We will also have a soon-to-open gift shop, so drop in and see us!



## Gaming Commission

Jalene Wells, Gaming Commissioner

It is the responsibility of the ESTGC to provide Regulatory oversite of the Tribes Gaming Operations, Indigo Sky Casino and Bordertown Outpost Casino. To accomplish this, The ESTGC has five departments that are under the direct supervision of the Deputies and Commissioner. Licensing, Surveillance, and our Tech Departments are under the direction of Deputy Ashley Burnside. Internal Audit and EGM (Electronic Gaming Machine) Compliance is under the direction of Deputy Amber Graham.

#### Licensing

Under direction of Deputy Ashley Burnside with 1 Supervisor, 1 Employee Licensing Agent, 1 Vendor Licensing Agent, and 1 Licensing Clerk

- Processed 205 New hire and 208 renewal licenses for employees.
- Processed 122 Vendor Company Licenses and 612 Vendor employee
- Collected a total of \$219,885 as of July for licensing fees.

#### Surveillance

- Documented 177,276 observations, 596 JDLR's and 77 Kudos for Indigo and Outpost Casinos.
- Reported 1,357 possible policy violations at Indigo Sky and Outpost Casinos.
- Received 30,053 phone calls.
- Received 7,178 radio Calls.
- · Written 132 incident Reports.
- Written 421 medical Reports.
- Assisted Tribal PD and provided 41 imaging CD's for Indigo Sky and Outpost Casino.
- Assisted Tribal PD with 27 requests and 4 imaging CD's for Tribal Buildings.

#### **Technical Department**

Under direction of Deputy Ashley Burnside with 1 IT Manager, 1 Systems Administrator, and 1 Lead Surveillance Technician.

- Currently the department supports and maintains the following in the casinos and Tribal buildings:
  - ✓ Over 1250 cameras.
  - √ 183 Access Control doors.
  - √ 40 Work Stations.
  - √ 49 Servers.
  - √ 4 "point to point" fiber links.
  - √ 20 UPS Battery backup appliances.
- Received and completed over 700 help desk tickets through July

#### **Internal Audit**

- Compliance Auditors completed a total of 3,704 observations through July in the areas of Table Games, Cages, EGM's, Players Club, Title 31 and jackpots at both casinos.
- Completed a 6-month NIGC Minimum Internal Controls, Tribal Internal Controls and Title 31 audits for period ending March 31, 2022. Currently working on observations and reviewing control documents for September Internal Audit.
- Assisted RSM McGladrey with the FY 21 External Audit and have started the FY22 Audit.

#### **EGM Compliance**

Under direction of Deputy Amber Graham with 1 Supervisor and 2 Agents. We currently have one opening for the Agent Position.

- Performed responsibilities for removing 90 machines, relocating 212 and installing 87 in casinos.
- Competed a total of 404 Software Conversions, Upgrades or Replacements with testing of 1352 pieces of software.
- Installed or upgraded 24 severs.
- Performed 1343 activities with machines that required Seals.
- Billed and collected \$101,400 for fees from gaming machine vendors.

Circumstances beyond my control created some uncertainty in the Gaming Commission this year. This has taken a toll on the morale in the department. We have had several employees take other positions outside of the Tribe or Gaming Commission which has left us short staffed for most of the year, but I do believe we are about to jump that hurdle. We have several new hires coming on board in the next few weeks and look forward to welcoming to our family. We may struggle but we will continue to succeed, and this year is proof of that.

Each department came together to take on additional tasks to ensure all responsibilities were met for their departments. We performed a major system upgrade that each of the Supervisors had a hand in developing. The NIGC and State of Oklahoma performed Compliance Audits that were satisfactory. The Eastern Shawnee Tribal Gaming Regulations were drafted, proposed and approved. These new regulations include standards for Cashless- Carded play at our Casinos. This is another project that the team stepped up and worked with Casino Management. It has been a long process, but I am excited to see the Casino expand and offer this technology. This year, our employees have accomplished many goals, set new goals, and participated in virtual trainings, and webinars.

Your Eastern Shawnee Gaming Commission is not just a department, or team...we are also a FAMILY! I could not be prouder of this group! It is truly an honor and blessing to work with each of them, watch them grow in life and be a part of their success professionally. We will continue to strive to be better than we were the day before and a leader in the industry. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this report or any of our departments. I thank you for this opportunity and I cannot express enough how blessed and honored I am to be serving as your Tribal Gaming Commissioner.

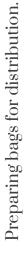
## Food Distribution Program

Shelly Rogers, Coordinator















Food distribution is going strong. This program is such a blessing to so many people. Not only is it helping tribal citizens but seeing employees work together and creating unity within the tribe to make all of this happen. We have grown vegetables in the summer to help supply these bags. We print out menus with recipes, and hope to help teach children how to cook.

I LOVE seeing the smiling faces as they receive their baskets. Tribal citizens have expressed their gratitude for this program. Kids smile when they get popsicles or cookies, as some cannot provide the extra things other than the staples needed to survive in today's economic times. In January 2021, we passed out 75 food bags to tribal members.

Fast forward to now. We are making approximately 100 bags a month. The Food Distribution Program is an income-based program, and we need to increase this number in September as the need continues to grow. We started this program in the Natives Connection building on Highway 60 and now have moved to the Growing Thyme (Red Barn) on Highway 10C, where we have plenty of space to house three freezers to store meat in until distribution time. I am genuinely proud of this tribe and how it helps its citizens. Feel free to stop by and check it out anytime.



#### EASTERN SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

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Vital Statistics Department 10100 S. Bluejacket Rd., Suite 1, Wyandotte, OK 74370

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#### Service Budgets

| Service                              | Year           | Month        | Year Served | Budget         | Balance        | 1st Year<br>Users | 1st Month<br>Users |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Auditory                             | \$3,395.40     | \$1,470.00   | 11          | \$7,000.00     | \$3,604.60     | 11                | 3                  |
| Burial                               | \$109,967.42   | \$0.00       | 16          | \$80,000.00    | (\$29,967.42)  | 16                | 0                  |
| Disabled   Elder Care<br>  Emergency | \$1,190,492.08 | \$41,721.93  | 385         | \$1,500,000.00 | \$309,507.92   | 385               | 3                  |
| EC-DC Covid                          | \$435,000.00   | \$0.00       | 435         | \$500,000.00   | \$65,000.00    | 435               | 0                  |
| Elder Crisis<br>Committee            | \$73,820.07    | \$0.00       | 32          | \$185,134.54   | \$111,314.47   | 32                | 0                  |
| Healthcare                           | \$1,502,900.64 | \$70,282.60  | 1793        | \$1,750,000.00 | \$247,099.36   | 1793              | 37                 |
| Orthodontics                         | \$28,510.00    | \$2,250.00   | 39          | \$25,000.00    | (\$3,510.00)   | 39                | 3                  |
| School Expenses                      | \$328,773.29   | \$35,235.76  | 648         | \$250,000.00   | (\$78,773.29)  | 648               | 50                 |
| Special Medical<br>Equipment         | \$10,215.40    | \$338.79     | 62          | \$15,000.00    | \$4,784.60     | 62                | 2                  |
| Utility Assistance  <br>Emergency    | \$1,280,185.46 | \$41,812.85  | 995         | \$1,750,000.00 | \$469,814.54   | 995               | 12                 |
| Totals                               | \$4,963,259.76 | \$193,111.93 |             | \$6,062,134.54 | \$1,098,874.78 | 4416              | 110                |

#### **Vital Statistics Activity**

| Status Changes                          | 52   |  |  |
|---|------|--|--|
| Deaths                                  | 2    |  |  |
| Enrollees                               | 8    |  |  |
| ID Cards                                | 6    |  |  |
| Photo ID                                | 40   |  |  |
| Total Enrollees for current fiscal year | 59   |  |  |
| Total Deaths for current fiscal year    | 16   |  |  |
| Total Membership                        | 3777 |  |  |

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

The direct link is estoo-nsn.gov/tribalforms/

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.

DATE: Wednesday, September 14, 2022

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: BlueJacket Building INVOCATION: Chief Glenna Wallace CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, DEC-LARATION OF QUORUM

The Business Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. with the following answering roll call: 1st Council Gardner, 2nd Council Daugherty, Treasurer Barrett and Secretary Littlefield. Chief Wallace and 2nd Chief Samples were also in attendance. 3rd Council Kraus was absent. A quorum was declared by 2nd Chief Samples.

**NEW ENROLLEES** 

Robert Cory Baker DOB: 04/28/2022 Daniel Edward Budynas DOB: 02/03/2022

Jackson Ryley Deese DOB: 03/22/2022 MOTION: To approve new enrollees as presented. Motion made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Gardner.

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

MOTION: To approve the August 24, 2022, Business Committee Meeting minutes. The motion was made by 1st Council Gardner with second by Treasurer Barrett.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Gard-Barrett, Littlefield), ner, Daugherty, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Kraus). **REPORTS** 

Chief's Report - Chief Glenna Wallace Thank You- Notes from Farmers Feeding Neighbors, Miami Route 66 Festival, Bill Mann, Jim Bouche, Fred Brown and All Saint's Episcopal Church Teacher's Toolbox were shared.

Donation Request – None presented. DIRECTOR REPORTS: These have

been distributed to the Business Committee's Drop Boxes.

GENERAL COUNCIL REPORT - 123 Tribal Members over the age of 18 signed in and attended General Council.

POWWOW PREPARATIONS - Work is continuing for the preparation of the pow wow. There will be 25 opportunities for tribal members that would like to participate in the 10 for \$10 program.

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND GRANT - Received notification for funding of \$167,504 for IT.

110 ROAD - Mandatory meeting last Monday and six companies were present. They were given tours and an opportunity to ask question concerning the work to be done. The companies will submit bids. The second phase will begin soon.

OSAGE DISTRICT COURT IN STATE V. PHILLIPS - Courts have ruled Osage Reservation has been disestablished. Joe Halloran, Counsel has made a request for tribes to join in Amicus Brief.

MOTION: The Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to participate in State v. Phillips Amicus Brief. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Gardner, Daugherty, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Kraus). Employee Appreciation Day - To be observed Thursday, September 22, 2022.

HOLIDAY INDIAN DAY - To be observed Friday, September 23, 2022.

WORLD HERITAGE NOMINATION – The official evaluator will be in Ohio next week and Chief Wallace will make the trip to Ohio to meet with the evaluator. She will be gone Tuesday thru Saturday. ARK-O BROADBAND GRANT RESO-LUTION REQUEST - Grant is through USDA and was submitted earlier. Does not conflict with other grants. Will need a Resolution. Will be presented later during meeting.

ICDBG GRANT – Presentation made by Aaron Epperson, Grant Writer with handouts provided to the Business Committee. FOOD DISTRIBUTION/THANKSGIV-ING/CHRISTMAS BASKETS - The monthly food distribution will be combined with the Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets. The dollar amount will be increased from \$100.00 to \$150.00 for each basket. The baskets will include a turkey in November and a ham in December.

NEW COVID BOOSTER FOR OMI-CRON VARIANT - The booster is now available at Bearskin Clinic. Moderna is available for adults and Pfizer is available for children 12 and under.

SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS UTILITY MEDICAL UP TO 1,000 AVAILABLE -\$1,000 is available to tribal members through Specialized program for those who have expended all their utilities and medical (medical if covid related) for this fiscal year.

TAR CREEK TRUSTEE COUNCIL AWARD – EPA – there are seven tribes involved and they have won a special national award for the work that they have done. There is a special program tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. at ITC to recognize these tribes, make the special award and our tribe is one of the tribes to be honored.

TRIBAL PRIORITY ALLOCATION PROGRAMS (TPA) THROUGH BIA -They have extra funds to award, and we can apply for these funds for the following:

- Water Resource to improve water linespipe size at Growing Thyme as noted and a second one, removing Haven from a well and connecting to the tribal water
- · Wildlife and Parks Program for walking trails and recreational pond \$100,000.

OVC GRANT **INCREASED** \$297,955 FOR FINAL AWARD OF \$1,152,668 (daily running of emergency temporary homes, an advocate to manage the homes, and food for outreach events.

TWO LARGE GRANTS STILL OUT - Transportation Grant and Broadband Grant. We continue checking but do not have final word or amount yet.

**ORDINANCES** 

GAMING ORDINANCE - Not presented.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 091422-R-01 Resolution to amend the FY2022 Eastern Shawnee Tribe ARPA Utility & Medical Program Policies and Procedures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to adopt the attached amendment to the FY2022 Eastern Shawnee Tribe ARPA Utility & Medical Program Policies and Procedures.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 091422-R-01. The motion was made

by 1ST Council Gardner with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 091422-R-02 FY2023 Resolution approving an Agreement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma – Haven Program and Boyce Investments, LLC for the lease of billboard space on Highway 10.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby approves the attached Agreement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma – Haven Program and Boyce Investments, LLC for the lease of bill-board space on Highway 60.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby authorizes Chief Glenna J. Wallace, or her designee as provided in writing, to execute the attached agreement.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 091422-R-02. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Gardner, Daugherty, Barrett, Littlefield),

0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Kraus). RESOLUTION NUMBER 091422-R-03 Resolution to approve a Contract Extension and Modification between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and The Cleary Law Group, P.C. pertaining to the Tar Creek Superfund Site.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the attached Contract Modification and Extension between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and The Cleary Law Group, P.C. for matters pertaining to the Tar Creek Superfund Site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorizes Chief Glenna J. Wallace, or her designee as provided in writing, to sign the Contract Modification and Extension.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Num-

ber 091422-R-03. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 091422-R-04 Resolution to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 091422-R-04. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 091422-R-05. Resolution approving an Agreement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and Branco Enterprises, Inc. for the construction of a Splash Pad at the Eastern Shawnee Early Childhood Learning Center.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby approves the attached Agreement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and Branco Enterprises, Inc. for the construction of a Splash Pad at the Eastern Shawnee Early Childhood Learning Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby authorizes Chief Glenna J. Wallace, or her designee as provided in writing to execute the attached contract.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 091422-R-05. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Gardner, Daugherty, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 op-

posed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Kraus).

MOTION: To Add Two Resolutions to the Agenda. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 1st Council Gardner.

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

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ARK-O BROADBAND – Tabled

RESOLUTION NUMBER 091422-R-06. Confirming Nine (9) Individuals listed as Appeals Officers for the Court of Indian Offenses (CFR) Trial Division and Appellate Division, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Oklahoma Region, Miami Agency.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma confirms the appointment of the following nine (9) individuals as Appeals Officer for the Court of Indian Offenses (CFR Court) Trial Division and Appellate Division, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Oklahoma Region, Miami Agency: Susan M. ArkeketaKyle B. Haskins, Richard D. Osburn, Richard G. Van Dyck, Jacob R. Parker, Robert E. Reavis, II, Deborah A. Reed, Gregory D. Smith, Charles H. Tripp

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 091422-R-06. The motion was made by 1st Council Gardner with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

REQUISITIONS

Requisition number EN-89449 payable to Arctic Information Technology Inc. for Arctic IT in the amount of \$87,211.00

MOTION: To approve Requisition number EN-89449 made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

Requisition number EN-89464 payable to Lyeria Heating and Air for materials and labor in the amount of \$46,313.30.

MOTION: To approve Requisition number EN-89464 made by 1st Council Gardner with second by 2nd Council Daugh-

erty.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Gardner, Daugherty, Barrett, Littlefield,

0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Kraus).

Requisition number EN-89492 payable to Dell Marketing LP for Dell Latitude Rugged Laptops in the amount of \$27,720.11. MOTION: To approve Requisition number EN-89492 made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Gardner.

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

Requisition number EN-89527 payable to Midwest Pathogend Services for Bio decontamination services in the amount of \$29,649.06.

MOTION: To approve Requisition number EN-89527 made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

Requisition number EN-89584 payable to Marion Company LLC for pay application No. 6 Housing in the amount of \$306,646.78.

MOTION: To approve Requisition number EN-89584 made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

Requisition number EN-89622 payable to Early Childhood Learning Center for childcare July in the amount of \$34,469.00.

MOTION: To approve Requisition number EN-89622 made by 1st Council Gardner with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

Requisition number EN89624 payable to Brown and Brown of Oklahoma for WC Installment #4 in the amount of \$27,224.00.

MOTION: To approve Requisition number EN89624 made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

Requisition number EN89634 payable to Hudson Prince Engineering and Inspection, PLLC for direct labor design in the amount of \$28,155.50.

MOTION: To approve Requisition number EN89634 made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty. Motion carried: 4 approved (Gardner, Daugherty, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Kraus).

Requisition number EN89819 payable to Merydyan Technologies LLC for Annual Maintenance Fee (3 yr. renewal) in the amount of \$84,415.20.

MOTION: To approve Requisition number EN89819 made boy Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

Purchase Request No. PR00058332 from Indigo Sky Casino for November 2022 Continuity in the amount of \$158,400.00. MOTION: To approve PR00058332 made by 1st Council Gardner with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

Purchase Request No. PR00058397 from Indigo Sky Casino for Power Kiosk Promo Annual SFT in the amount of \$49,440.00.

MOTION: To approve PR00058397 made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Gardner.

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

Purchase Request No. PR00058401 from Indigo Sky Casino for Global Payments in the amount of \$35,640.00.

MOTION: To approve PR00058401 made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Gardner.

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

LLG Budget Amendment -

MOTION: To approve the invoice from Lucky Lady Games for Lite Lobby View

and game video trailer in the amount of \$68,250.00. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

HUD ICDBG Grant – to be discussed further in closed session.

General Council Action Items:

Denay Valdez presented the following list of items for consideration. 1) Early adjournment of General Council being called before all business of the tribal citizens has been presented. 2) For the word "Member" to be used instead of "citizen" of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. 3) Also, would like the see the Facebook sites representing the Eastern Shawnee Tribe be monitored by the Tribe.

Cheryl Barnes requested clarification on who is the actual spokesperson for the tribe

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

MOTION: To go into Closed Session at 7:44 p.m. following a five- minute break. The motion was made 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Gardner.

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

MOTION: To return to Open Session at 1:31 a.m. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

#### OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Authorizing Woodlands Management Board of Directors to issue letter of intent to begin negotiations to acquire Belt Built. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Gardner.

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

MOTION: Authorizing Woodlands Management Board of Directors to invest in Vetnos and execute any and all agreements. The motion was made by Trea-

surer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

MOTION: Authorizing the Casino, Gaming Commission and Surveillance retention pay for the 10th Anniversary as discussed. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

MOTION: To approve the Safe Point Agreement and authorizing the General Manager to sign the agreement. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

MOTION: To appoint Rachael Holcomb to the Elder and Disabled Crisis Committee

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

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

MOTION: To Approve the Elder and Disabled Crisis payment as discussed.

The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

MOTION: Authorizing Tribal Administration to apply for the HUD ICDBG Grant. The Motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

MOTION: To adjourn at 1:35 a.m. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

DATE: Wednesday, September 28, 2022

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: BlueJacket Building INVOCATION: Chief Glenna Wallace CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, DEC-LARATION OF QUORUM

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

NEW ENROLLEE: None presented MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the September 14, 2022, Business Committee Meeting. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

REPORTS

CASINO REPORT – Melanie Heskett, General Manager

Comparison of actual to budget for August total revenues for Indigo Sky was up 19%, Expenses up 1%.

Outpost Revenues were down by 25%, Expenses down by 13%.

The comparison of actual to budget YTD have Indigo Sky revenues up 16%, Expenses down 5%.

Outpost YTD revenues are down 3%, Expenses down 6%

General Manager states the Casino continues to work to keep expenses down, stating they are seeing the trend of people having to choose between food, gas and entertainment.

She expressed thanks to all who worked to make the Employee Appreciation Event successful.

Indigo Sky will be hosting a Fall Festival at the RV Grounds on Oct. 4 between the hours of 3-7p.m. This is a come and go event.

An explanation of the change orders for Tower One Remodel was presented by the General Manager. States funds to do this will be taken out of the contingency fund.

MOTION: Authorizing Chief of Staff to sign the change orders for floors 6 and 7 drywall repair if required. Motion made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

GAMING COMMISSION REPORT: Jalene Wells, Gaming Commissioner The Gaming Commission currently has 40 total employees as of 9/28/22. 8 employees are tribal members, 1 tribal spouse, 4 Native, 22.50% Eastern Shawnee, 32.50% Native American.

The Licensing Department processed:

Renewals - 11

New Hires – 21

Conditional Employee Licenses monitored – 2

Non-gaming vendor companies – 23 Non-gaming vendor employee licenses – 76

Gaming Companies – 2

Gaming vendor employees – 17

The Gaming Commission collected – \$33,200 (YTD \$253,235)

The EGM Department performed the following:

New Machine Installs – 29

Machines Removed – 13

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{Machine Software/Theme Conversions} \\ -10 \end{array}$ 

 $Software\ Upgrades-32$ 

 $Gaming\ machine\ relocations-0$ 

 $Server\ installs/Upgrades-3$ 

Single pieces of software tested – 261

Seal Activities – 362

The Gaming Commission billed –\$2,200 (YTD \$103,900)

The Gaming Commission collected – \$2,0255 (\$108,625)

The Compliance Department performed the following observations:

Cage - 79

EGM-43

EGM Activity Assists - 27

Jackpot - 61

Players Club - 86

Exchanges – 4

Table Inventory – 45

Table Fill – 27

Table Credit – 0

Title 31 Inquiries – 6

The Surveillance Department performed

the following for Indigo Sky Casino & Resort:

Phone Calls – 2881

Radio Calls - 838

Observations - 14675

Policy Violations Noted - 130

JDLR's Noted - 32

Incident Reports Written Total – 57

Medical Reports Written – 42

CD Requests from Tribal PD-9

Review Requests from Operations – 23

Imaging Requests from Tribal – 2

Review Requests from Operations - 23

The Surveillance Department performed the following for Outpost Casino:

Phone Calls - 161

Radio Calls - 121

Observations - 2888

Policy Violations Noted – 43

JDLR's Noted - 7

Incident Reports Written Total – 4

Medical Reports Written – 2

Imaging Requests from Tribal - 1

CD Requests from Tribal PD – 1

Review Requests from Operations – 0

Commissioner Updates

· Tort Claims

1 Active with deposition completed. Extension was filed by Claimant and Hearing rescheduled.

1 Tort denied by ESTGC but still in CFR with motion to dismiss filed by Audrey in June 2019. Still no update from CFR.

1 received 9-20-2022 at 4:26 p.m. Copies submitted to State, Casino Management and In-House Counsel. Commission determination to dismiss the claim for filing not being in accordance with the regulations.

- Licensing Hearings Commissioners conducted 1 Licensing hearing that resulted in a revocation of license.
- · Commissioner has reviewed and approved all Updated Promotions through October, and all submitted promotions for Poker, Table Games and Bingo.
- Commissioner reviewed and approved updated Organizational Charts for OP and ISC. 2 job descriptions were approved with 2 being denied.
- Commissioner reviewed and approved P&P's 2100.16, 3600.14, 2300.05.

BEARSKIN CLINIC - Kelly Friend, Director of Healthcare Services at Bearskin Clinic and Ashley Crawford, Eastern

Shawnee Liaison at Bearskin clinic attended the Business Committee meeting per request. Kelly answered questions and offered to give an overall presentation to the Business Committee in a small group meeting. She discussed the drive thru clinic that was added due to Covid and a pharmacy drive thru addition. Five additional exam rooms have been added with an expansion to the laboratory department. The emergency dental fund has been increased from \$750 to \$1000 per year. Medicaid has picked up sedation dentistry. Medicaid guidelines are followed for the dental program. Optometry services have also been increased. It was decided to have an annual consensus meeting prior to signing the MOU in the future. Also discussed having the Director and/or Eastern Shawnee Liaison from Bearskin Clinic come quarterly to provide a report to the Business Committee. The transition is also being made for mail order prescriptions to be made available by Oct 17th, except for new prescriptions as patients need to be counseled prior to filling new prescriptions.

Tribal Elders spoke concerning their support of the Bearskin Clinic and how much they appreciate the care they receive there. Each one stated this is the clinic of their choice due to convenience and quality of care. Discussion followed about the possibility of sending a survey to tribal members so they would be able to express additional needs for medical care that they may be experiencing.

ORDINANCES: None Presented. RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 092822-R-01 Resolution to Approve the FY2023 Tribal Member Benefits Manual.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve the FY2023 Tribal Member Benefits Manual.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 092822-R-01. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

BEARSKIN MOU RESOLUTION - Tabled until further information is provided.

ARK-O BROADBAND RESOLUTION - Tabled

MOTION: To Table Ark-O Broadband Resolution made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 092822-R-02 A Resolution Approving the attached Farming & Grazing Lease of Property owned by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma commonly known as the McKibben 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 of Property owned by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma located at 69991 E. 120 Rd. Wyandotte, Ok 74370 commonly known as the McKibben Property for a lease period of two (2) years nine (9) months with lease number 10012022.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 092822-R-02. Motion made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

MOTION: To Add Six Resolutions to the Agenda. (Resolution 092822-R-03,

Resolution 092822-R-04, Resolution 092822-R-05, and Resolution 092822-R-06, Resolution 092822-R-07, Resolution 092822-R-08).

The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugh-

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 092822-R-03 Approving the 2022 Long Range Transportation Plan of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the East-

ern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve the attached 2022 Long Range Transportation Plan of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 092822-R-03. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 092822-R-04 Resolution to update signature authority on Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Bank Accounts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to add Secretary Debbie Littlefield as an authorized signer on all Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma accounts with the People's Bank of Seneca. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe Oklahoma does hereby wish to remove Dee Gardner from all Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma accounts with the People's Bank of Seneca. MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 092822-R-04. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 092822-R-05 Resolution to update signature authority on Indigo Sky Casino and Outpost Casino Bank Accounts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to add Secretary Debbie Littlefield as an authorized signer on all Indigo Sky Casino and Outpost Casino accounts with the People's Bank of Seneca. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to remove Dee Gardner from all Indigo Sky and Outpost Casino accounts with the People's Bank of Seneca.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 092822-R-05. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 092822-R-06 Resolution to update signature authority on Burggraf Corporation Bank Accounts. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to add Secretary Debbie Littlefield as an authorized signer on all Burggraf Corporation accounts with the People's Bank of Seneca.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to remove Dee Gardner from all Burggraf Corporation accounts with the People's Bank of Seneca.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 092822-R-06. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 092822-R-07 Resolution to update signature authority on Eastern Shawnee Tribal Enterprises (ESTE) Bank Accounts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to add Secretary Debbie Littlefield as an authorized signer on all Eastern Shawnee Tribal Enterprises (ESTE) accounts with the People's Bank of Seneca.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to remove Dee Gardner from all Eastern Shawnee Tribal Enterprises (ESTE) accounts with the People's Bank of Seneca. MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 092822-R-07. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Kissee, Daugherty, Kraus, Barrett), 0 opposed, 1 abstained (Littlefield), 0 absent.
RESOLULTION NUMBER 092822-R-08 Resolution to update signature authority on Woodlands Bank Accounts.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to add Secretary Debbie Littlefield as an authorized signer on all Woodlands Construction Management, Woodlands Development, Woodlands Entertainment, Woodlands Hospitality, Woodlands Management, and Woodlands Management Services accounts with the People's Bank of Seneca.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to remove Dee Gardner from all Woodlands Construction Management, Woodlands Development, Woodlands Entertainment, Woodlands Hospitality, Woodlands Management and Woodlands Management Services with the People's Bank of Seneca.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 092822-R-08. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

#### REQUISITIONS

Requisition number EN-90256 payable to Dell Marketing LP for XK71R3CX7 portion of the Workstation Upgrade in the amount of \$72,278.88. This is paid from ARPA Funds.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition Number EN-90256. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Requisition number EN-90146 payable to Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to be paid through CCDF Grant for August childcare in the amount of \$36,280.00.

MOTION: To approve Requisition Number EN-90146. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second made by Treasurer Barrett.

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

Purchase Request Number PR00058554 from Indigo Sky Casino for Recoating EIFS System Tower 1 to Deihl Enterprises Inc. in the amount of \$280,968.00. MOTION: To Approve Purchase Request Number PR00058554. The motion

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

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

NEW BUSINESS – None presented. OLD BUSINESS

Jennifer Lankford addressed concerns in re: her home, upcoming court date and Housing Authority and requested a time to discuss with the Business Committee. Bud Enyart expressed concerns over the length of the Business Committee Meetings and time in closed sessions.

Cheryl Barnes made a request for the Casino Financial reports to be provided in real numbers and percentages. Also requested when real numbers were presented that all non-tribal persons present be requested to leave the room.

MOTION: To go into Closed Session at 7:21 p.m. following a five-minute break. Motion made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

3rd Council Kraus left Closed Session at 9:00 p.m.

#### **OPEN SESSION**

MOTION: To return to Open Session at 11:14 p.m. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

MOTION: Authorizing Chief Glenna J. Wallace to sign the engagement letter with REDW. Motion made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

MOTION: To move the Oct. 12, 2022 Business Committee Meeting to Oct. 14th, 2022. Motion made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

MOTION: To approve the Casino Budget for FY2023. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Sec-

retary Littlefield.

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

MOTION: To approve the STL234 Outreach Contract and to designate Chief Glenna J. Wallace as the signer. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 092822-R-09. Resolution to Approve the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Specialized Services Program(s) Policies and Procedures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve the attached Policies and Procedures of the following Specialized Services Programs: Home Improvement Program, TSSD Program, First Time Homeowners Program and Hardship Program.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 092822-R-09. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Kissee, Daugherty, Littlefield, Barrett), 0 op-

posed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Kraus). RESOLUTION NUMBER 092822-R-10. Resolution to Approve the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma ARPA Program(s) Policies and Procedures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve the attached Policies and Procedures of the following ARPA Programs: Pay Program, Emergency Homeowners Assistance Program, Emergency Rental Assistance Program and Internet Program.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 092822-R-10. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

MOTION: To adjourn at 11:19 p.m. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

ADJOURN



## Eastern Shawnee Tribe Tribal Citizens Birthdays for November 2022

Anderson Melissa 11/21 Andrews Nicole 11/26 Andrews Owen 11/6 Ankeny Christy 11/15 Auten-Ponder Kiara 11/22 Avila Leste 11/22 Badger Clayton 11/5 Bales Kimber 11/15 Bales Natalie 11/5 Barbarick Mackenzie 11/30 Barcliff Jennifer 11/11 Barcliff Wyatt 11/26 Barnes Erin 11/20 Barnett Lucille 11/17 Barta Garrett 11/17 Bauerly Jennifer 11/11 Beach Delaney 11/2 Bear Danny 11/15 Belcher Jericho 11/22 Bell Carter 11/30 Bird Greta 11/20 Blizzard Brandon 11/21 Boedicker Jr David 11/2 Bonfiglio Takotah 11/10 Brewer Chloe 11/17 Bristol Maci 11/1 Bristol Roy 11/27 Bristol Timothy 11/17 Brock Jasmin 11/9 Broner Theresa 11/1 Brown Judith 11/30 Brown Michael 11/3 Budynas Anthony 11/19 Budynas Nora 11/2 Burch Johnny 11/15 Bushnell Charles 11/7 Butler Khylee 11/14 Cao Kevin 11/6 Captain Charles 11/2 Captain Cole 11/9 Captain Kaycee 11/15 Captain Steven 11/18 Carpenter Andrew 11/19 Chaulet Jake 11/8 Chaulet Jimmie 11/4 Childers Calvin 11/29 Clark Britany 11/10 Clark Ethan 11/21 Clark Kimberly 11/9 Click Sylei 11/3 Cole Shawna 11/12 Collins Fallon 11/14 Collins Stetson 11/18 Commons Sawyer 11/17 Conrad Priscilla 11/19 Corkrum Chantel 11/30 Crain Amanda 11/15 Crain Melvin 11/17 Crain Tyler 11/9 Crawford Jennifer 11/16 Crawford Kennedy 11/8 Cremonini Giulien 11/18

CYR Skylene 11/6 Daggs Kareigh 11/2 Davis Adalee 11/29 Davis Jeremy 11/7 Defer Raymond 11/9 Dilliner John 11/14 Dinwiddie Andria 11/24 Dixon Debra 11/22 Dixon Desarae 11/22 Dixon Fox 11/4 Dixon Hava 11/13 Dotson Ryan 11/30 Duckett James 11/14 Dull Iv Max 11/16 Durman Adron 11/30 Durman William 11/15 Edwards Kristin 11/14 Eledge Atlas 11/1 Eledge Noah 11/29 Ellis Justine 11/9 Enyart Cadence 11/17 Enyart Charles 11/24 Fasolino Joseph 11/1 Fitzgerald Justin 11/5 Flatter Marjean 11/19 Fleming Wyatt 11/28 Fletcher Kaiden 11/24 Flora Cathleen 11/30 Fox Paula 11/20 Francesco Linda 11/14 Frederick Samantha 11/18 Friedman Jesse 11/3 Friedman Wyatt 11/3 Gardner Gentry 11/17 Garnette Enallia 11/30 Geyer Mercedes 11/27 Gibson Beckett 11/8 Giveswater-Smith Joey 11/8 Gonzales Marissa 11/1 Gonzales Jr. Christopher 11/2 Gorton, Jr. Jason 11/25 Graham Ronald 11/11 Green Hayley 11/29 Greenfeather James 11/21 Gribskov Janice 11/5 Griffin Amara 11/12 Gschwind David 11/21 Hammitt Bently 11/22 Hammitt Joel 11/10 Hancock Tina 11/11 Hardy Daniel 11/16 Harvey Ana'Lina 11/2 Haugen Theresa 11/14 Hayward Angela 11/24 Hayworth Dana 11/25 Henry Heidi 11/29 Higbee Oliver 11/11 Hilderbrand James 11/25 Holmes Genevieve 11/24 Hotulke Toa 11/11 Howell Darla 11/23 Howland Shana 11/24

Hudelson Kylee 11/6 Hueston Syndia 11/6 Hukill Courtney 11/24 Hurt Joseph 11/6 Irwin Lillie 11/24 Johnston Kenneth 11/22 Jones Alexis 11/18 Jones Colton 11/8 Jones Leighton 11/8 Kesner Zachary 11/16 Kiblinger Stockton 11/16 Koslowsky Haleigh 11/5 Koslowsky Kevin 11/16 Kuykendall Garth 11/6 Kuykendall Hayden 11/17 Lacy Taylor 11/8 Landis Britany 11/24 Landis II John 11/2 Latimore David 11/22 Lazarus Bailey 11/8 Lee Colton 11/8 Lenard Wells III Jimmy 11/2 Leo Isabelle 11/15 Lewis Dora 11/2 Loerzel Wendy 11/1 Loges Kimberly 11/25 Loges Sloane 11/29 Lore Heather 11/7 Love Cassandra 11/5 Love Kevin 11/18 Love Sharon 11/26 Luther Gracelyn 11/3 Maddy Erin 11/9 Martin Braysen 11/19 Martin Brynley 11/19 Martinez Alexandra 11/5 Mashburn III Donnie 11/21 Matthews Darla 11/5 McCorkle Brock 11/6 McCrackin Hayden 11/9 McCrackin Juliet 11/2 McGinty Teresa 11/6 McGraw Autumn 11/15 McIlnay Brandon 11/22 McLaughlin Maikel 11/27 McLaughlin Malikai 11/27 McWatters Aidan 11/30 McWatters Jr George 11/3 Moore Anna 11/3 Morris Byron 11/16 Naval-Geistlinger Vicki 11/11 Navarro Anderson 11/5 Neel Anita 11/22 Nelson Nova 11/8 Nichols Levi 11/28 Nicholson Jace 11/21 Nyberg Zachary 11/19 Oldham Adriane 11/18 Oldham Amelia 11/18 Olson Elijah 11/22 Parker Trenton 11/27

Patrick Michelle 11/14

Preston Paul 11/26 Prince Brian 11/3 Purevich Edith 11/13 Quillen Liam 11/18 Quillen Maddox 11/7 Quintana Elizabeth 11/28 Ray Tamera 11/22 Raymen K-Liss 11/23 Reel Keyana 11/23 Rendel Courtney 11/2 Rendel Nathan 11/10 Repetto John 11/10 Repetto Landon 11/23 Rhatigan Lynnix 11/15 Rice Samantha 11/21 Rickner Donald 11/6 Roche Rickey 11/3 Rockwell Alta 11/9 Romine Michael 11/13 Ross Casey 11/3 Ross Mallizae 11/30 Ross Olivia 11/7 Ross Remi 11/30 Ross Jr Captain 11/21 Ross Jr Carl 11/9 Russow Sheila 11/27 Salinas Shelly 11/26 Samples Kenslei 11/17 Scofield Peggy 11/6 Seaman Linda 11/26 Secondine Howard 11/9 Shearhart Justin 11/18 Shearhart Seth 11/1 Sherwood Deagn 11/19 Sherwood John 11/8 Sherwood Lexi 11/2 Shettlesworth Seth 11/5 Shuey Sofia 11/18 Silverhorn Maliah 11/23 Smith Corban 11/19 Smothers Wyatt 11/28 Solar Ava 11/21 Solar Max 11/22 Spencer Jasmine 11/27 Staiger Jaden 11/5 Stine Michelle 11/24 Stivers Lisa 11/19 Strauss Lisa 11/13 Sullivan Bryson 11/1 Sullivan Justin 11/10 Summers Johnny 11/18 Sumner Karis 11/10 Taylor Ella-Mae 11/18

Patterson Shaylee 11/10

Peacock Cheryl 11/28

Penn Jaxon 11/16

Perkins Brandi 11/2

Perry Amanda 11/1

Peterson Cole 11/25

Peterson Joseph 11/9

Peterson Robert 11/5

Piland Tiana 11/11

Taylor Mark 11/5 Taylor Sandra 11/9 Tayrien Todd 11/7 Timblin Robin 11/13 Titus Brandi 11/19 Tobener Amanda 11/7 Torres Ivan 11/26 Trayler Rorick 11/14 Turner Carla 11/26 Turner Kylie 11/19 Untersee Zaiden 11/9 Wachman Ryder 11/29 Wallace Glenna 11/24 Walraven Hayden 11/1 Ward Ciara 11/7 Ward Jacob 11/14 Washington Gary 11/13 Welch Matthew 11/8 White Jasper 11/1 White Olivia 11/26 White Rebecca 11/4 Williams Lori 11/4 Wilmoth Braylon 11/12 Winkle Andrew 11/7 Wood Jonathon 11/24 Wyatt Emalee 11/28 Yarbrough Alizah 11/6 Yarbrough Maxfield 11/27 Zinn Greyson 11/26

# Vacancy on Housing Authority Board

If interested contact Glenna J. Wallace giwallace@estoo.net or