December 2022

News from the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Issue 12

## Trunk or Treat Held at Wellness Center





Winner of the Best Costume during Trunk or Treat "Monster Mash" is the Sanderson Sisters (Gaming Commission), and Best Trunk was the CCDF Department.

Thank you (Eastern Shawnee Staff)! Thanks for your time, creativity, passion and energy. Yes, it was a long couple of hours, but the smiles and memories we brought to so many will last much longer. Why do we do such events? Because we are a Tribe that cares about its members and neighbors. As I walked around last night I saw families sitting together eating hotdogs, children dancing to the music, pictures being taken. Just a lot of good quality family time.

We do not have an exact count of how many were there. We do know we served 750 hot dogs, 641 brave souls went through the spook house, and we gave away a mountain of candy and popcorn. It would be safe to say we had over 1,000 people there last night (Thursday, October 27, 2022). Thanks again for your presence and help. We appreciate you. Ron Wallace, Wellness Center Director.

# AGRICULTURE PROPERTY FOR LEASE:

120 acres for lease starting February 1, 2023, located at 10350 S. 652 Rd. Wyandotte, OK 74370. A map of the property and a bid sheet is located at www.estoo-nsn.gov. Bids will be accepted by Kristi Laughlin 10080 S. Bluejacket Rd. Wyandotte, OK 74370 until 4:00 pm December 15, 2022. Interested parties may call 918-238-5151 x 1041 or email klaughlin@estoo.net for more information.

You're Invited! Business Committee Meetings to be held December 14 & 28, 2022 in the Bluejacket Building. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday each month.

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Wyandotte, Oklahoma 74370
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## The Chief's Report . . .



Chief Glenna J. Wallace

Hatito Fellow Tribal Citizens,

Here In the four-state area we are accustomed to having four seasons. Not so this year. Summer with its sweltering heat and total lack of rainfall seemingly took up residence with us forever while fall spent about a two week vacation with us and was quickly whisked away by howling winds and plunging temperatures. Winter has arrived turning down the thermostat into the teens and low twenties almost overnight indicating intentions of staying several months. Snow has already visited us a couple of times, plus the persimmons have spoons in them this year, supposedly a sign that we might have lots of the white stuff to shovel. Regardless of the season or the weather conditions, work and activities continue here at the tribe.

Let's briefly go back to October where we had a perfect night for our Hallow-een Trunk or Treat. Several departments decorated their vehicles in Halloween themes and had their trunks full of candy for the spookies who came trick or treating. Not only were the kiddos dressed in their Halloween attire, but so were many of the employees. The sun was shining brightly at 4:30 p.m. making the temperatures most enjoyable with the weather beckoning all to come out and enjoy the evening. And come they did—at least 1,000. The Early Child-

hood Learning Center had a spook house prepared; bounce houses were up in the Wellness Center; maintenance guys had the tractor ready with the trailer filled with hay bales for the spookies to take a ride; hot dogs, popcorn and drinks were ready for the taking; every type of candy imaginable awaited all who visited the numerous trunks parked on the AOA parking lot and loud, upbeat music filled the air adding to the excitement. What a success and a big thank you to everyone who made this evening so outstanding for our youth.

Halloween is an annual traditional event. But we also participate in events that are a little bit out of the ordinary from the routine tribal occurrences. Recently our Wellness Center was able to make a Sunday afternoon a memorable day for several individuals as well as a rewarding day for the Wellness Center employees. The Seneca Assembly of God Church does not have a baptistry and asked to use our pool for a Baptism. Pastor Denny Sikes baptized 7 individuals in our pool at the Wellness Center. This is the second time they have used



Pastor Denny Sikes performs a baptism.

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#### The Shooting Star

12705 S. 705 Rd., Wyandotte, OK 74370

#### **Business Committee Members**

Chief Glenna J. Wallace (918) 533-8422; 2nd Chief Chris Samples (918) 848-1148; Secretary Debbie Littlefield (918) 314-1373; Treasurer Justin Barrett (918) 533-6299; 1st Council Clint Kissee (918) 676-6201; 2nd Council Shawn Daugherty (918) 533-2853; 3rd Council Norma Kraus (918) 848-0052

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Chief Glenna J. Wallace	1820
Chief's FAX	(888) 971-3905
Shelly Rogers Admin Assistant	1821
Kendra Stuart, Human Resources	1021
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Sharon Farris, Benefits	
Audrey Dixon, In House Counsel	1825
Lora Nuckolls, Library/Print Shop	1840
Ben Bingham, Native Connections	1860
Brandon McCombs, (918) 314-4761	1000
Native Connections Counselor	1822
Paul Barton, Cultural Dept Director/	
Brett Barnes, Language Preservation	1845
Jeanette Kruse, Tribal Police Office N	
Shawn King, Ceremonial Chief	(417) 674-0484
GAMING COMMISSION (918) 66 Jalene Wells, Gaming Commissioner	<u>66-9239</u>
MAINTENANCE (417) 776-1117	
Matthew Price, Director	1849
TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION BUI (918) 238-5151  (866) 666-3489 Toll	
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Kristi Laughlin, EPA	1041
Election Board	1065
Election Board FAX (888) 899-0249	
FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVI (918) 666-7710   (866) 978-1352 Tol	
Tammy Gibson, ICW Director (918)	
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CCDF/ICW Phone (918) 540-9970 F	
VITAL STATS/SOCIAL SERVICE	
Monica Bettis, Vital Stats, HHS	1110
FAX: (918) 666-7714	1110
Mary Alumbaugh, Tag Agent	1117
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Lisa Stivers, Tag Agent	
COMMUNITY BUILDING (AOA) (	
Whitney Morgan Director	1205
Elizabeth Chenoweth, CHR (918) 53	
EDUCATION & SPECIALIZED	PROGRAMS
(918) 238-242 <u>4</u>	
Amber Mittag, Director	1306
Education Department FAX (888) 97.	2-1834
WELLNESS CENTER (918) 238-4	<u>4800</u>
Ron Wallace, Wellness Center Direct	or 1301
HAVEN	
Kellie Alleman, Director 918-55HA	VEN (918) 554-2836
<u>IT</u>	1.420
Ben Dixon, IT Director	1420
FOUR FEATHERS RECYCLING	(918) 848-0907
TRIBAL POLICE	
Emergency Number	911
Ottawa County Dispatcher	(918) 542-2806
Tribal Police Department	(918) 238-0100
Roudy Rogers, Chief of Police	(918) 533-4103
HOUSING AUTHORITY (918)	238-5151 ext, 1440
ELDERS CRISIS & DISABLED	COMMITTEE
Shawn King	(417) 674-0484
EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNIN	` '
Office	(918) 238-7200
OTHER HELPFUL NUMBERS	(/ /
People's Bank of Seneca	(417) 776-2111
Indigo Sky Casino	(888) 992-SKY1
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Indigo Sky Hotel	(888) 992-7591

(918) 666-6772

(918) 678-3221

(918) 678-3228

(918) 678-3244

(918) 678-2282 | (888) 864-0725

(918) 238-CLAY | (918) 238-2529

## **Business Committee Report**

#### Submitted by Justin Barrett, Treasurer

#### **November 2022 Treasurer Report**

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Here is a quick snapshot of the Tribe's cash position compared to September 2021, 2020, and 2019. The 2022 numbers are preliminary as we are still closing out the 2022 Fiscal Year.

Year	9/30/2022	9/30/2021	9/30/2020	9/30/2019
General Fund	\$63,480,431	\$45,834,035	\$39,144,365	\$35,092,555
Land	\$672,604	\$521,117	\$382,860	\$240,616
Economic Development	\$2,486,253	\$2,842,639	\$387,860	N/A
HSS/Education Reserve	\$20,391,349	\$18,624,855	\$15,379,400	\$15,183,036
Maintenance Reserve	\$5,000,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Operating Reserve	\$10,000,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
Available Cash	\$21,704,547	\$20,479,033	\$18,384,850	\$17,330,564

As you can see the Business Committee has been very proactive in building up our accounts and reserve funds.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

On July 27, 2022, the Business Committee executed an agreement with Lucky Lady Games to develop a Web3 platform for Indigo Sky Casino & Resort. This will allow people to interact with the brand even when not on property. We are currently scheduling several press releases for this product. More details to come!

On September 14, 2022, the Business Committee authorized the Woodlands Management Board of Directors to issue a letter of intent to begin negotiations to acquire Belt Built. Belt Built is a construction company with offices in Texas and Maryland. The Board of Directors is currently negotiating purchase price and other items. We expect the acquisition to happen by the end of the calendar year.

On September 14, 2022, the Business Committee authorized the Woodlands Management Board of Directors to invest in Vetnos. Vetnos developed an app to offer Class II bingo-based sport themed games and Class III sports betting games. A press release was released in early October to announce the in-

vestment. The Chicken Ranch Tribe of Me-Wuk Indians (California) is also an investor.

We are still actively exploring different investments to diversify the Tribes portfolio.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

The Tribal Police Department received new vehicles at the beginning of the year to replace their aging fleet. The Business Committee has approved additional vehicles to be purchased from the Government Services line item in the ARPA appropriation to the Tribe. All police vehicles will be replaced by the end of 2024.

With the ever-increasing threat of an active shooter our management team at Indigo Sky Casino & Resort and Outpost Casino has taken proactive steps to protect our team members and guests. They have selected and the Business Committee has approved a weapon detection system to be installed at all entrances to the facilities. The contract has been approved and the installation process has been scheduled. The Business Commit-

tee has authorized the General Manager and Director of Security to select Security team members to carry firearms while on duty. The ones selected will go thru a CLEET course for training.

#### **AUDITS**

RSM was selected to perform the casino financial and MICS audits for the FY22 Fiscal Year. These audit reports are due to the NIGC late January.

REDW was selected to perform the Tribes single audit in compliance with the Single Audit Act.

Thank you all for taking the time to read this report. In closing I want to say how amazing the last two years have been financially for the Tribe. As Chief said, "The last two years have been our best financial years."

If we can ever be of any assistance the entire Business Committee may be contacted at bc@estoo.net. To contact me directly my email is jbarrett@estoo.net or my cell is (918) 533-6299.

#### REARSKIN HEALTCARE PHARMAC

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.

- <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.

## Vacancy on Housing Authority Board

If interested contact Glenna J. Wallace gjwallace@estoo.net or call 918-238-5151 ext. 1820



## Lola Purvis

Eastern Shawnee Tribal Member

318-419-5220 purvislh9@gmail.com

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

#### **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</u>: 918-678-3244. This is the number on your prescription label. 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.
- 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.
- 7. 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.

All Eastern Shawnee

Tribal Forms can be found at:

www.estoo-nsn.gov

## **Congratulations New Tribal Enrollees**

ROBERT CORY BAKER DOB: 04/28/2022 Son of Stephanie Marie Park Baker (ID #1532) Grandson of Marianne Denise Bristol Park (1964 #96) Great Grandson of Mary Ellyn Higbee Bristol (1938 #141) Great Great Grandson of Olive Mary Stand Higbee (1938 #140)

DANIEL EDWARD BUDYNAS DOB: 02/03/2022 Son of Anthony Michael Budynas (ID #2642) Grandson of Toni Rachelle Powers (ID #2626) Great Grandson of John Owen Blizzard Jr. (ID #1345) Great Great Grandson of Shirley Ann Hauser Nelson (1964 #63) Great Great Great Grandson Inez Olene PASLEY Hauser (1938 #204)

JACKSON RYLEY DEESE DOB: 03/22/2022 Son of Christopher Ryley Deese (ID #2648) Grandson of Toni Rachelle Powers (ID #2626) Great Grandson of John Owen Blizzard Jr. (ID #1345) Great Great Grandson of Shirley Ann Hauser Nelson (1964 #63) Great Great Great Grandson Inez Olene

PASLEY Hauser (1938 #204)

SOPHIA RAE WINLAND DOB: 09/05/2022 Daughter of Abigail Rae Winland (ID #2259) Granddaughter of Amy Rae Allen (ID #1253) Great Granddaughter of Misty Lynn Brown (1964 #338) Great Great Granddaughter of Carma Leta Handcock (1964 #336) Great Great Great Granddaughter of Vance DuShane Miller (1938 #278)

**LILLIAN MARIE ROMINE** DOB: 10/03/2022 Daughter of Matthew Ryan Romine (ID #2023) Granddaughter of Sherry Lynn Romine (1964 #621) Great Granddaughter of Donald Ray Rickner (1938 #239)

KORA'LYNN BELLE HOLLIS DOB: 08/12/2021 Daughter of Christopher Charles Hollis (ID #1451) Granddaughter of Tammi Lynn Hollis (ID #520) Great Granddaughter of Stephen G. Hollis (1964 #386) Great Great Granddaughter of Dorma B. Hollis (1938 #167)

#### **TIFFANY MARIE JAMESON DOB:**

03/28/2022 Daughter of Jason Charles Jameson (ID #1973) Granddaughter of Jacki Charlene Jameson (1964 #337) Great Granddaughter of Carma Leta Handcock (1964 #336) Great Great Granddaughter of Vance Sloan DU-SHANE Miller (1938 #278)

MASON WILLIAM COSTERISAN DOB: 07/23/2019 Son of Taylar Marie Costerisan (ID #2163) Grandson of Trampas Darrell Thomasson (ID #1092) Great Grandson of Ruthie Dicksene Ellison (1964 #174) Great Great Grandson of Virginia Evelyn BROCK Clark (1938 #21)

ROREY MARCELLO ATKINSON DOB: 08/18/2022 Son of Blake Marcus Alexander Hauser-Atkinson (ID #1656) Grandson of Gregory Scott Atkinson (ID #1644) Great Grandson of John Bruce Hauser (1964 #350) Great Great Grandson of Inez Olene PASLEY Hauser (1938 #204)



#### **EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

## Emergency Rental Assistance Program By Amber Mittag, Education Coordinator

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

#### **Eligibility:**

- Qualifies for unemployment or has experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced a financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to the Covid-19 outbreak.
- Demonstrates a risk of experiencing homelessness (rent) or housing instability (utilities and other expenses); and
- 3. Has a household income at or be-

low 80 percent of your area median (FY 2020).

#### **Assistance Provided:**

- 1. Rent
- 2. Rental arrears
- Utilities (electric, gas, water and sewer, fuel oil)
- 4. Utility arrears
- 5. Internet

Eligible households may apply and receive up to three months of assistance at a time, provided funds are available. A maximum of 12 months assistance or \$3,000, whichever should come first.

For more information please contact Amber Mittag, Education Coordinator, (918) 238-2424 or amittag@estoo.net or applications may be found on our website, www.estoo-nsn.gov

## **Bearskin Healthcare Services**

## Submitted by Kelly Friend, CPT,CES, MS

Optometry	<ul> <li>Must be seen by provider at Bearskin Healthcare once every three years to be eligible.</li> <li>Must be authorized prior to visit by Bearskin Healthcare</li> <li>Services must be provided by a Bearskin contracted provider</li> <li>AS FUNDING ALLOWS</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$225 for single vision—includes exam and one pair of glasses OR contacts</li> <li>\$275 for multi-focal vision—includes exam and one pair of glasses OR contacts</li> </ul>
Audiology	<ul> <li>Must be seen by provider at Bearskin Healthcare once every three years to be eligible.</li> <li>Must be authorized prior to visit by Healthcare</li> <li>Services must be provided by a Bearskin contracted provider</li> <li>AS FUNDING ALLOWS</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>\$1000 per ear towards hearing aids</li> <li>\$75 per hearing exam</li> <li>Hearing aids will only be replaced every five years. The only exception is significant additional hearing loss.</li> <li>If lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed before reaching the five-year mark, it will be the owner's responsibility to replace these appliances.</li> </ul>
Adult Emergency Dental	<ul> <li>Must be seen by practitioner at Bearskin Healthcare once every three years to be eligible.</li> <li>Must be authorized prior to visit by Healthcare</li> <li>Services must be provided by a Bearskin contracted provider</li> <li>AS FUNDING ALLOWS</li> </ul>	Up to \$1,000 per year Services provided: Limited x-ray Limited exam Extractions Re-cementing of crowns Partials and/or dentures Wisdom teeth removal
Children's Dental	<ul> <li>Must be seen by practitioner at Bearskin Healthcare once every three years to be eligible.</li> <li>Must be authorized prior to visit by Healthcare</li> <li>Services must be provided by a Bearskin contracted provider</li> <li>AS FUNDING ALLOWS</li> </ul>	Services excluded are orthodontics and whitening
Pharmacy	Must be seen by a provider at Bearskin Healthcare     Fills prescriptions written by Bearskin Healthcare providers     Prescriptions from outside providers are only filled if approved by and re-written by a Bearskin Healthcare provider under his/her authority	Mail order is now available.  30 day supply  No controlled RX will be mailed
Purchased/Referred Care	<ul> <li>Must be seen and referred by a         Bearskin Healthcare provider</li> <li>reside within one of the twelve         counties - Ottawa, Craig,         Mayes, Wagoner, Delaware,         Rogers, Okmulgee, Nowata,         Tulsa, Creek, Okfuskee,         Washington</li> <li>Must be authorized prior to         visit with exception of         emergency</li> </ul>	
Physical Therapy	<ul> <li>Must have a written order or RX from a Bearskin Healthcare Provider or a provider in which Bearskin referred patient to</li> </ul>	
Fitness Center Membership	Free to citizen with Tribal membership     Includes tanning and hydro massage bed	
Diabetic Dental	<ul> <li>Must be an active participant in the Bearskin Diabetic Clinic</li> </ul>	2 dental cleanings per year by a Bearskin contracted provider
Diabetic Optometry	•	1 Fundal Exam per by a Bearskin contracted provider

## **Obituaries**



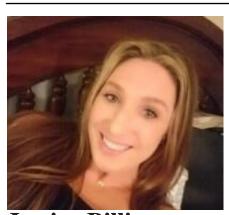
**Miles James** 

May 6, 1990 - October 31, 2022 Miles Knifechief James was born on Sunday, May 6, 1990 in Claremore, Oklahoma, the son of Shawn A. and Meshelle (McClain) James. He passed this life at his home in Broken Arrow on Monday, October 31, 2022. He was 32 years of age.

Miles worked as an inspector at Zeledyne Tulsa Glass Plant from 2009 to 2011. Most recently he had been a Technician at R & R Solutions. He enjoyed video gaming with his son, cheering his daughter on in gymnastics, and watching OU and KC Chiefs football games. He especially enjoyed spending time with his daughter, Skylynn, and son, Logan.

He is survived by, son, Logan James,

Smithville, MO; daughter, Skylynn James, Smithville, MO; father, Shawn A. James, Broken Arrow, OK; mother, Meshelle McClain, Palm Springs, CA; sisters, Loren Black, Broken Arrow, OK; Devyn James, Palm Springs, CA grandfather, Steve McKinzie, Broken Arrow, OK; grandmothers, Darlene James, Broken Arrow, OK; Jeanne McKinzie, Broken Arrow, OK; greatgrandmother, Vivian Toothman, Collinsville, OK; And numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, William Lee James and his uncle, Devon Knifechief James.



Jessica Billings

September 6, 1979 - November 16, 2022

Funeral services for Jessica Leah Bill-

ings, 43, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was held at 1:00 pm, on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at Rose Hill Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Rose Hill cemetery.

Jessica Leah Billings was born on September 06, 1979, in Springfield, Missouri, to Kenneth and Deborah (Griffith) Billings. She departed this life on November 16, 2022, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the age of 43.

Jessica had always considered Tulsa 'home'. She always enjoyed having a good time, whether it was through swimming, roller-skating, listening to music, riding on the back of motorcycles, shopping, or spending time with her family (and taking lots of photos

with them). Her unique soul and always having the brightest smile, made it easy to be loved by everyone around her. She will be remembered as one of a kind, who left us way too soon.

Jessica is survived by her daughters: Makenzie Billings-Lageose, and A-Mia Torres; grandson, Ayden Lageose-Edwards; mother, Deborah Bauer; sisters: Stacy (Paul) McAdoo, and Sarah (Kelly) Kile; nieces: Bailey Barber and Bella Kile; nephew, Jace Bauer; aunts: Cheryl Barnes, Kim Purcell, and Marla Haik.

Jessica was preceded in death by her father, Kenneth Billings.



**Kenny Stingley** 

August 19, 2004 - August 28, 2022

Kenneth Paul "Kenny" Stingley, age 18, of Granby, Missouri, died at 1:45 p.m. at his home on Sunday, August 28, 2022. He was born August 19, 2004, in Joplin, Missouri, to Russell and Annette (Dowd) Stingley.

Kenny was in his senior year at East Newton High School. He loved gaming, woodworking and his family. Kenny was an Eastern Shawnee Tribal member and lived in Granby his entire life. He will be dearly missed by his parents, Russell and Annette Stingley of Granby; his aunts, Sandra Probst, Kathi Lewis, Mary Nearing and Cheryl Wakley; uncle, Allen Rosenow; and numerous cousins.

His grandparents preceded him in death.

## Landis Chosen For 2022 Zenith Awards



Congratulations to Tribal member Terri Landis! She was recently nominated and chosen for the 2022 Zenith Awards, "The Behind The Scene Accounting Professional". This is an award that recognizes professionals who work in the Multifamily industry. There were 21 nominees and only 2 were chosen to receive this particular award. Terri has 32 years of experience in her accounting career. This is not her first award, last year she received the "Excellence Award" from her employer. Recognition like this takes dedication, hard work and perseverance.



918.238.4800

**Hours of Operation** 

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



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



## YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

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

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

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

More information: Havenprogram.com Facebook:HAVENTribalProgram

> 10200 S. 695 Road Wyandotte, OK 74370

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## **COVID**

Testing & Vaccinations

## BEARSKIN HEALTH CENTER

Available in the new drive thru facility located to the west of the facility. No appointment is necessary! Monday -Thursday 8-11:30; 1-4, Friday 8-11:30; 1-3

## Christmas Holiday Food Distribution Food Baskets for December, 2022

Due to the upcoming Christmas holidays a larger than normal distribution will be held in 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 (reference source: Ottawa County income guidelines).
- Only one basket per household.
- Live within 50 driving miles of the ESTO complex
- If you are not currently in the food distribution program that meet the guidelines,

### Please provide the following Information:

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

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

Christmas respond by December 12th with pickup on December 15th.

<u>Pickup Location:</u> Growing Thyme at the Little Red Barn (address: 69891 E. 100 Road Wyandotte, OK. 74370)



## FROM THIS CORNER

## By Chief Glenna J. Wallace

## **ALISTAIR BANE: A MAN OF MANY TALENTS**



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(Left to right)- AARP OK State President Jim Randall, AARP Oklahoma Associate State Director Mashell Sourjohn, Alistair Bane, Eastern Shawnee Elder of the Year and AARP Oklahoma Native American Elder, Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma City Aubrey Elaine Berry and former AARP Oklahoma Executive Council Member Tewanna Edwards. Photo by Jerry Hymer.

Eastern Shawnee tribal citizen Alistair Bane was recently honored at the 14th annual AARP Oklahoma Native American Elder Honors on November 9 in Oklahoma City at the First Americans Museum. Alistair is a man of many talents. He is an accomplished artist, writer and engaging storyteller among other things.

Let's begin with his artistic talents. In an interview Alistair stated that he finds "arts to be healing; he indicates art inspires confidence in oneself. Whatever you feel or think when you're creating, you stitch that into the work. He enjoys working in various mediums, including quilting, acrylic on canvas and beadwork. Alistair feels "each medium uniquely allows him to express different aspects of life." Alistair's quilts are nothing short of masterpieces. Each is unique, detailed, majestically filled with color and exciting design. It Is difficult to imagine how many hours he spends quilting each creation. At the November ceremony in Oklahoma City, I met more than one person who enthusiastically stated they had been gifted one of Alistair's quilts for their retirement or other significant event in their lives, proving to me that Alistair's talents are known to and admired by many.

Next is his ability as a writer. Alistair is a reflective person, one filled with poetic thoughts that he transfers to paper. His writing and his storytelling go hand in hand as he is an engaging storyteller. He serves as host and storyteller of "The Moth Radio Hour", a renowned production and series. He also frequently performs at The Moth Mainstage Shows. These shows, these stories Alistair has written down, choosing his phraseology precisely to further enhance his performance.

A third aspect of Alistair's diversity in art is his combining beadwork with other forms of art, especially dance regalia. Alistair did not grow up in Ottawa County where the Eastern Shawnee Tribe is located. Born in Maryland, Alistair is a member of the Stand familv. His father is Gary Keith Stonebraker with his grandmother being Henrietta Stand Stonebraker. In fact, Allistair did not begin to dance until he was in his 30's and he chose the straight dance According to Alistair, in many tribes "when someone begins dancing there is a big dinner and the community provides their new dancewear, but I didn't have that. I had to make my own dance set. I reached out to artists I admired, offered to help in their work and they taught me their technique. My teachers were from outside my tribe so I did research in the Smithsonian Institution to find old Shawnee pieces and patterns; it was sort of reverse engineering, learning the art first and then finding my inspiration." He goes on to say that he makes a full dance set but emphasizes "every part of the set for Southern Straight Dance has purpose,

is integral to the meaning of the dance itself. There's a template of sorts for Southern Straight, but the colors and patterns really speak to the personality of the dancer." A visual artist, Alistair's art is always striking, strong in color and design, standing out from other creations. That's appropriate for Alistair who states, "Our art is tied to how we should live as native people, as an art-

ist I want to bring something positive to our people."

In 2016 Alistair was a resident artist at the Denver Art Museum. He continues to live in Colorado, enjoys teaching others and has held classes for various organizations throughout the country, including classes at the Eastern Shawnee Tribe often focusing on art to heal generational trauma.

In his spare time, Alistair volunteers and enjoys rehabilitating feral rez dogs for dog rescue organizations, having rehabilitated more than 300 dogs. Alistair grins and adds, "It is a much more relaxing hobby than it might sound like, as long as you don't mind a tiny bit of growling."

Did I say that he is a man of many talents—and interests?

## Did you know you can find all the BENEFIT FORMS on the tribal website?

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

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

### **NEED CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE?**

#### Do you meet these requirements?

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

#### **You Could Also Qualify If:**

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

## Needed Documentation:

#### **Completed Application:**

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

#### **Proof of Indian:**

(Child or Parent) CDIB Member ship card.

#### **Birth Certificates and immunization records:**

On children attending daycare.

#### **Proof of Residence:**

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

#### **Proof of Employment:**

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

#### If parents are attending school:

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

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

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

Upcoming Events:

Support Group will now be IN PER-SON: Please call our office for details.

#### Program Update: Hello all -

Fall is here – the air is cooler and the leaves are changing. Speaking of change - our program has hired a new advocate! We'd like to introduce Ashley Beard! Working as our local Haven advocate, Ashley Beard, has worked as a child advocate in shelter, has a strong connection with the local community, and works as a liaison with our local domestic violence advocacy shelter. Ashley decided to make a change from early childhood education and child advocacy to work with the Haven team, assisting victims in shelter and those in need of emergency temporary safe housing. She utilizes her strong connection to the local community and shelters to support clients in need of services and emergency temporary housing.

Also, Haven found out it was awarded the Department of Health and Human Services Family Violence Prevention grant! This grant does amazing work providing the services that our larger grants can't offer. Lastly, we also found out that we were awarded the 2022 Tribal Victims Services Set-Aside grant which will fund the running of our emergency temporary safe houses for five full years! Such blessings!!

This month we're focusing our article on some program basics – what is Haven, what are our hours, how do services work for those outside the service area, and who can stay in the tiny safe homes?

#### What is Haven Program?

Haven is a tribal advocacy office that provides advocacy and services to all Eastern Shawnee Victims regardless of where they live and non-members within the program's service area of Ottawa County Oklahoma, and cities Vinita, Grove, Jay Oklahoma and Seneca MO.

We offer advocacy and services to all victims of crime, specifically domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking.

#### What are Haven's Hours?

We are open Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm. As we are a small program, we do not offer 24-hour emergency crisis hotline services. If you call our office after hours we list the phone number to access local 24-hour crisis advocacy and information through local shelters.

Office line: 918.554.2836 or text line: 918.533.3070

## Where to Access 24-hour Emergency Crisis Advocacy and Information

StrongHearts Native Helpline – 24/7 safe, confidential and anonymous domestic and sexual violence helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives – offering culturally appropriate support and advocacy. 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483). You can also find them at https://strongheartshelpline.org/ where they offer instant chat with advocates.

Community Crisis Center of Northeast Oklahoma – local domestic violence shelter. They offer a 24-hour hotline at 1-800-400-0883 or live chat through their website https://getmeout.org/

## How do Services Work for Eastern Shawnee Who Live Out of Area?

Haven provides services to all Eastern Shawnee victims regardless of where they live. For those outside our service area, Haven advocates will work in conjunction with local advocates who have determined lethality, dominant aggressor if applicable, and need to provide services

What are the Emergency Temporary Safe Houses For?

Haven provides emergency temporary safe houses in the form of tiny homes. Those in the local area have probably driven by and seen them. These homes are for current Haven clients (those who are current victims of crime and who have filled out our intake forms and it was determined by an advocate that they qualify for our temporary housing) who seek emergency temporary housing for a few days to make the necessary arrangements for long term shelter or services. These are not for long term stay – are not open to the general public - and are for clients who do not need a locked shelter unit for safety.

If you have concerns about what's happening in your relationship, we're here to listen and support you!

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

**Haven Office:** (918) 554-2836

<u>Text Line:</u> (918) 533-3070

### **Program Website:**

https://havenprogram.com/

### **Program Email:**

havenprogram@estoo.net

#### Facebook:

HAVEN Tribal Program,

#### **Twitter:**

@ProgramHaven

#### **Instagram:**

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Our advocates are here to help!

## **Inpatient Care and its Function**

## Submitted by Ben Bingham, Native Connections Project Director

Inpatient treatment is one of the ways to treat depression. This form of treatment is often used for a variety of reasons and inpatient care gives the individual a chance to get away from the outside stimuli affecting them as they suffer from depression. It also gives the doctors more time to help those affected from depression. This is through adjustment of medication, observation, counseling, and assisting in establishing a routine. A few examples of why inpatient can be beneficial to the one seeking help is as follows.

1. Drugs or Alcohol Abuse: As stated in other articles depression and substance abuse are common occurrence. People do use substances or alcohol to try and cope with their depression. Inpatient care allows the patient to be treated for both depression and substance abuse; this in turn also limits the

availability of the substance being used.

- 2. Gambling, Overeating, and Compulsive Shopping: People can develop compulsive behaviors that are used to try and abate the feeling of depression. Often these behaviors end with the individual becoming more depressed from feelings of shame and guilt.
- 3. Relationship Troubles: Depression often leads to strains on an individual's relationships with their loved ones. Inpatient care allows one to see exactly how the depression is affecting the relationships. This also provides a chance for individual, group, or family therapy to assist in skills and strategies for managing depression and repairing a damaged relationship.
- 4. Difficulty Leaving One's Home and Withdrawing from Others:
  When depressed often the individu-

- al becomes withdrawn and unlikely to engage with friends and family. Inpatient allows 24-hour care and assists in providing a stable schedule, nutritious meals, and therapy, which can eventually lead to a safe reengagement in daily life and the enjoyment of old hobbies.
- 5. Constant thoughts of self-harm: There are times that depression makes a person feel like life is unbearable to live and only through self-harm can the suffering end. Inpatient care allows the individual to learn to manage these thoughts, keep them safe and treat the symptoms of depression until a time that the patient is well.

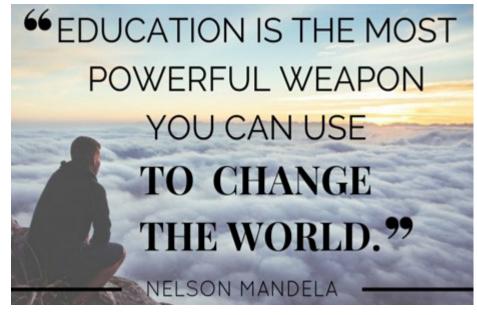
## **Education Snapshot**

## By Amber Mittag, Education/Specialized Services Director

Here we are, the end of November: Christmas will be here before we know it and for you students that means another semester will soon be under your belt! Congratulations on making it this far! We are in our slower period of the season after processing the large influx of Fall students. During these times we have a little bit of breathing room to maybe catch up on ideas or projects we might like to take on in the Department. If there is anything you might like to see, or an idea you might have, feel free to give us a shout and run it by us! Before long the Spring madness will begin!

Don't forget we have a Facebook page; you can find us at Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Education Department. We do our best to post updates there.

Until next time, keep up the good



work!! I will leave you with a motivational quote as a reminder to keep putting one foot in front of the other!

## News and Events from the Environmental Department

## By Kristi Laughlin, EPA/Land Management Director



Members from Miami Nation, Wyandotte Nation, Eastern Shawnee Tribe, Ottawa Tribe, Cherokee Nation, and Peoria Tribe received awards from Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Environmental Department is sharing some exciting news! The department received an Award for Tribal Excellence in Conservation on September 15, 2022, from Officials from the Department of Interior Fish and Wildlife Service. They presented seven area tribes the award for efforts in creating a Tribal Apprenticeship Program as part of Tar Creek restoration efforts. This is the first award of its kind.

Over the past 20 years, the Tar Creek Trustee Council has worked together to develop claims for injuries to natural resources from hazardous substances at the Tar Creek Superfund Site in Northeastern Oklahoma. This Trustee Council is the largest in the country with representatives from the State of Oklahoma, Department of the Interior (US Fish & Wildlife Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs), and seven federally recognized tribes.

The seven tribes were instrumental in the development and selection of multiple restoration projects in the Tar Creek Phase I Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment (RP/EA). The Phase I RP/EA selected six restoration projects that will replace the natural resources lost from the contamination.

One unique project proposed by all seven tribes is the Tribal Apprenticeship Program. Injuries to the natural resources at the Tar Creek site have impacted tribal lifeways. The tribes have lost opportunities to transfer their cultural knowledge on gathering, harvesting, hunting, fishing, preparing, and using these resources across generations. There has also been a loss of traditional ecological knowledge about caring for the land, and traditional practices to sustain it for future generations. The Tribal Apprenticeship Program will combine teaching tribal youth about their individual tribe's distinct heritage, language, cultural practices, and traditional uses with natural resource restoration. Each of the seven tribes will develop and implement a Tribal Apprenticeship Program which will include distinct tribal lifeway practices curriculum and the traditional uses of natural resources specific to each tribe.



Kristi Laughlin, Justin Burris, and Chief Glenna J. Wallace accepting award from Fish and Wildlife Service.

Upon completion of the program, each student will receive a State of Oklahoma lifetime combination hunting and fishing license, which will enable graduates to continue to practice their tribe's traditional activities after the program ends. Stay tuned as this program develops and watch for an advertisement for participants in the future!

The Environmental Department was also able to host the Lost Creek Water Festival on September 9, 2022. This is the first time we have been able to host the event since COVID-19 shutdowns. Approximately 500 4th and 5th grade students attended the event for an educational field trip on the banks of Lost Creek. Students were from Grove, Fairland, Wyandotte, and Seneca.

Educational stations along the street to the creek and some at Lost Creek were provided by several tribes and agencies. In addition to the Eastern Shawnee Tribe's staff, representatives from Quapaw Nation, Wyandotte Nation, Peoria Tribe, Seneca Cayuga Nation, and Cherokee Nation provided education stations. Missouri Stream Team, Oklahoma Conservation Commission, US Fish and Wildlife Service Neosho Hatch-



ery, Wildcat Glades Friends Group, and GRDA all provided stations as well.

Topics included the water cycle, butterflies and pollinators, mussels, macroinvertebrates, water quality sampling, wildlife, fish, and stream erosion. Live macroinvertebrates, reptiles, and amphibian representatives were available for the students to see and learn about their life cycles.

The day was only possible as a group effort, with lots of folks helping in the background. Eastern Shawnee Tribe's Maintenance Department had the grounds and the restrooms in great shape. Ben Bingham from Natives Connected and Dheather Sparks from ICW volunteered to help the day of the event. Jennifer Lankford from the Library took several great pictures during the event. CCDF Department provided shirts and ICW Department provided lunch for all our workers. The Environmental Department pitched in on a little bit of everything, from setting up tables, picking up lunch, manning a water station, passing out materials at the check in table, and cleaning up. A shout out to all those who participated and helped out, we couldn't have made it a great event without you!





## **Child Care and Development Fund**

## Submitted by Dian Randall, CCDF Director

CCDF department has been working on getting candy for our ESTOO Trunk or Treat. We supply all the department trunks with candy to hand out and we will decorate a trunk for the event along with ICW department.

We are providing an Active Shooter training for our Eastern Shawnee Early Childhood Learning Center teacher this month.

We still have our Car Seat and New-

born Starter Kit programs. You must live within a 100-mile radius of our office to be eligible for these programs. These programs are funded with the CCDF grant and this is our service area per our grant guidelines.

If you want to apply or have any questions about Child Care Assistance with our CCDF Program, please feel free to come by our office located at 10100 S. Bluejacket Rd. / Suite #3, Wyandotte,

OK 74370 or call us at 918-540-9970 or (Toll Free) 866-978-1352 and talk to Dian. You may email us at drandall@estoo.net.

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

The CCDF department would like to share some information with you on:

## **Keeping Your Child's Teeth Healthy**

When should I schedule my child's first trip to the dentist? Should my 3-year-old be flossing? How do I know if my child needs braces?

Many parents have a tough time judging how much dental care their kids need. They know they want to prevent cavities, but they don't always know the best way to do so When Should Kids Start Brushing Their Teeth?

Good dental care begins before a baby's first tooth appears. Just because you can't see the teeth doesn't mean they aren't there. Teeth actually begin to form in the second trimester of pregnancy. At birth, your baby has 20 primary teeth, some of which are fully developed in the jaw.

## Here's when and how to care for those little choppers:

- Even before your baby starts teething, run a clean, damp washcloth over the gums to clear away harmful bacteria.
- When your baby gets teeth, brush them with an infant toothbrush. Use water and a tiny bit of fluoride toothpaste (about the size of a grain of rice). Use fluoride toothpaste that carries the American Dental Association's (ADA) seal of acceptance. (If you are using baby toothpaste without the fluoride, keep it to the same amount because you still want to mini-

- mize any toothpaste that is swallowed.)
- When two of your baby's teeth touch, you can begin flossing between them.
- Around age 2, your child should learn to spit while brushing. Avoid giving your child water to swish and spit because this can make swallowing toothpaste more likely.
- Kids ages 3 and up should use only a pea-sized amount of fluoride toothpaste.
- lways supervise kids younger than 8 while brushing, as they're likely to swallow toothpaste.

Even babies can get tooth decay. Putting a baby to sleep with a bottle can harm a baby's teeth. Sugars from juice, formula, or milk that stay on a baby's teeth for hours can eat away at the enamel (the layer of the tooth that protects against tooth decay). This can lead to "bottle mouth" or "baby bottle tooth decay." When this happens, the front teeth can get discolored, pocked, and pitted. Cavities might form and, in severe cases, the decayed teeth might need to be pulled.

When kids are 6 months old, they can switch from a bottle to a <u>sippy cup</u> (with a straw or hard spout). This helps prevent liquid from pooling around a child's teeth. By their first birthday, they'll have the motor skills and coordination to use the cup on their own.

#### When Should Kids See a Dentist?

The ADA recommends that children see a dentist by their first birthday. At this first visit, the dentist will explain proper brushing and flossing techniques and do a modified exam while your baby sits on your lap.

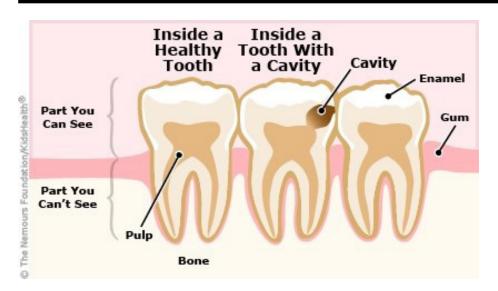
These visits can help find problems early and help kids get used to visiting the dentist so they'll have less fear about going as they get older. Consider taking your child to a dentist who specializes in treating kids. Pediatric dentists are trained to handle the wide range of issues associated with kids' dental health. They also know when to refer you to a different type of specialist, such as an orthodontist to correct an overbite or an oral surgeon for jaw realignment.

If a child seems to be at risk for cavities or other problems, the dentist may start applying topical fluoride even before all teeth come in (this also can be done in the pediatrician's office). Fluoride hardens the tooth enamel, helping to ward off the most common childhood oral disease — dental cavities (also called dental caries).

#### **How Can We Prevent Cavities?**

Cavities happen when bacteria and food left on the teeth after eating are not brushed away. Acid collects on a tooth, softening its enamel until a hole — or cavity — forms.

Here's how to keep cavities away:



- Start good oral habits early. Teach kids to brush at least twice a day with fluoride toothpaste and to floss regularly.
- Get enough fluoride. Regular use of fluoride toughens the enamel, making it harder for acid to penetrate. Although many towns require tap water to be fluoridated, others don't. If your water supply is not fluoridated or if your family uses purified water, ask your dentist for fluoride supplements. Most toothpastes contain fluoride but toothpaste alone will not fully protect a child's teeth. Be careful, however, since too much fluoride can cause tooth discoloration. Check with your dentist before supplementing.
- Limit or avoid some foods. Sugary foods, juices, candy (especially sticky gummy candy, gummy vitamins, or fruit leather or "rollups") can erode enamel and cause cavities. If your kids eat these foods, have them rinse their mouth or brush their teeth after eating to wash away the sugar. The same goes for taking sweetened liquid medicines: always have kids rinse or brush afterward.

As your child's permanent teeth grow in, the dentist can help prevent decay by applying a thin wash of resin (called a sealant) to the back teeth, where most chewing is done. This protective coating keeps bacteria from settling in the hard-to-reach crevices of the molars. But make sure that kids know that sealants aren't a replacement for good brushing and regular flossing.

## What Dental Problems Can Happen?

If you are prone to tooth decay or gum disease, your kids might be at higher risk as well. So sometimes even the best brushing and flossing habits can't prevent a cavity. Be sure to call your dentist if your child complains of tooth pain, which could be a sign of a cavity that needs treatment.

New materials mean pediatric dentists have more filling and repair options than ever. A silver-colored material called amalgam (a special mix of metals) was once the substance of choice for most fillings in permanent teeth. But now, other materials like composite resins are becoming popular. Resins bond to the teeth so the filling won't pop out, and also can be used to rebuild teeth damaged through injury or conditions like a cleft palate. Because resins are often tooth-colored, they're considered more attractive.

But in cases of fracture, extensive decay, or malformation of baby teeth, dentists often opt for stainless steel or ceramic crowns. Crowns maintain the tooth while preventing the decay from spreading.

In some rare instances, usually when a more complicated dental procedure is to be done, a dentist will recommend using general anesthesia. Parents should make sure that the professional who gives the medicine is a trained anesthesiologist or oral surgeon before agreeing to the procedure. Don't be afraid ask your dentist questions.

Regular checkups and good dental hygiene can help prevent the need for this kind of extensive dental work. Also, encourage your kids to use a mouthguard during sports, which can prevent serious dental injuries.

#### What Is Orthodontia?

As kids get older, their bite and the straightness of their teeth can become an issue. Orthodontic treatment begins earlier now than it used to, and braces have changed too. The embarrassing old gear — a mouth filled with metal wires and braces — is in the past. Kids as young as age 7 now wear corrective appliances, and plastic-based (sometimes clear) materials have replaced metal.

Orthodontists know that manipulation of teeth at a younger age can be easier and more effective in the long run. Younger children's teeth can be positioned with fairly minor orthodontic devices, preventing major treatment later on.

#### **Looking Ahead**

As kids grow, plan on routine dental checkups anywhere from once every 3 months to once a year, depending on your dentist's recommendations. Keeping sugary foods in check, encouraging regular brushing and flossing, and working with your dentist will lead good dental health.

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## EASTERN SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA TAX COMMISSION

#### TAG HOURS:

MONDAY thru FRIDAY 8:30 – 11:30 AM & 12:15 – 3:30 PM Tag Office 918-666-7710 Mary Alumbaugh ext. 1117 or Lisa Stivers ext. 1115

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

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

#### ITEMS REQUIRED FOR TAG RENEWALS

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

## ITEMS REQUIRED TO TAG NEWLY PURCHASED VEHICLES

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

#### TITLE - PENALITIES (After 30 Days)

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

#### **REGISTRATION – PENALITIES (After 30Days)**

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

#### **PAYMENTS ACCEPTED**

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

#### **VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES ARE**

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

#### TRAVEL TRAILERS

#### TITLE FEES

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

#### **REGISTRATION FEES**

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

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

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

## **Vital Statistics Department**

By Monica Bettis, Director

## Current Health & Social Service Budget Activity for FY 2022

Service	Spent to Date October	Member's Served Per Line Item
Auditory	\$4,760.40	14
Burial	\$129,885.95	19
Disabled / Elder Care	\$1,248,646.98	391
Elder Crisis Committee	\$79,718.86	36
Healthcare	\$1,629,210.39	1864
Orthodontics	\$31,510.00	43
School Expenses	\$377,816.55	709
Special Medical Equipment	\$11,843.65	70
Utility/Emergency Assistance	\$1,353,262.02	1023
Totals	\$4,866,654.80	4169

\$353,931.67 paid out from September 16, 2022 - October 16, 2022

## Current Health & Social Service Budget Activity for FY 2023

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	Spent to Date	
Service	October	Members' Served Per Line Item
Auditory	\$0.00	0
Burial	\$19,491.75	2
Disabled/Elder Care	\$56,105.23	91
Elder Crisis Committee	\$630.00	3
Extracurricular	\$859.94	6
Healthcare	\$51,583.85	150
Orthodontics	\$0.00	0
School Expenses	\$9,661.57	55
Special Medical Equpment	\$232.66	3
Utility/Emergency Assistance	\$21,238.33	77
Totals	\$159,803.33	387

\$159,803.33 paid out from September 16, 2022 - October 16, 2022

## **Vital Statistics Activity October**

Status Changes	56
Deaths	3
Enrollees	8
ID Cards	11
Photo ID	3
Total Enrollees for current fiscal year	67
Total Deaths for current fiscal year	19
Total Membership	3775

DATE: Friday, October 14, 2022 TIME: 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: BlueJacket Building INVOCATION: Chief Glenna Wallace

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The Business Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. with the following answering roll call: 1st Council Kissee, 2nd Council Daugherty, 3rd Council Kraus, Treasurer Barrett and Secretary Littlefield. Chief Wallace and 2nd Chief Samples were also in attendance. A quorum was declared by 2nd Chief Samples. NEW ENROLLEES – None Presented

#### **MINUTES**

MOTION: To approve the September 28, 2022, Business Committee Meeting minutes. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

OTTAWA COUNTY RURAL WATER

Presentation by Ted Bearden presenting handouts on Updated Leak Reduction, Location and Repair Costs, Water District Contribution to Indian Health Services Projects and Water District Contributions to Non-IHS Projects to the Business Committee members. He also presented a handout showing a monthly consumption log.

He requested a donation from the Eastern Shawnee Tribe to repair the leaking water pipes and replace necessary equipment. The Business Committee will consider his request and will get in touch with him on their decision.

#### **REPORTS**

Chief's Report – Chief Glenna Wallace

Thank You- A note was ready from Melody Wilson for the use of the

Shooting Range where she holds a fund-raising event to honor her deceased spouse, Kevin.

Announcement from the Wyandotte Youth Football program informing the public of a fund raiser where they will be selling Indian Tacos. The event will be Oct. 22nd. For further information contact Jennifer at 918-848-0935.

Jan Kellogg has announced the opening of a new restaurant that features Native American Cuisine at the old convenience store in Peoria, Okla. The hours are Sunday, 11-3 p.m. and Wednesday, 11-7 p.m.

Donation Request – N.E. Oklahoma Board of Realtors are holding their 26th Annual Golf Tournament. The proceeds of this event go to area food banks. Chief Wallace will contact Indigo Sky Casino to see if they would like to offer a week-end package and Chief Wallace will call and ask the price of a hole sponsor and if it is \$150.00 or less, Chief will take care of it through her budget.

DIRECTOR REPORTS: These have been distributed to the Business Committee's Drop Boxes for their review. We are now in a new budget year beginning Oct. 1. As of 9-30 we have 3,777 tribal citizens enrolled. We had 3 categories where we did not have sufficient money. Our burial fund (16 buried this year) is \$29,967.42 over budget, orthodontics was \$1,260 short and school expenses were \$38,286.30 short. We have extra money in Elder Care - \$357,000, and in Elder Crisis Committee we have \$111,314.00 remaining. Health Care still has \$331,000.

LATCF Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund which is a grant. We can get 1.2 million this year and 1.2 million next year. This doesn't cost us anything and Karen Allen has already applied for this. They are trying to get a waiver to BABA (Build

American Buy American) because that would mean that that money would need to be spent on infrastructure projects. It can also be spent on routine actions of normal government operations even meaning payroll.

TRIBAL SET ASIDE OVC – Cathleen Osborne-Gowey, Haven Projects Administrator notified me yesterday that they have received a grant in the amount of \$1,152,668.00. Three major grants that they have received in the last two years. In 2020 a grant for \$1,775,449.00 to be used for emergency assistance for clients, in 2021 a grant for \$693,278.00 to be used for all legal services and legal advocacy and in 2022 the grant for \$1,152,668.00 and covers Temporary Emergency Tiny Homes (monthly costs, supplies for clients, etc.).

SSBCI - State Small Business Credit Initiative. (This is also a grant). We submitted our intent to participate and tried working with our local bank, but it did not work out. Jay Calhoun of the Cherokee tribe contacted Chief Wallace and stated they had talked with the SSBCI, and they had suggested they contact our tribe to investigate forming a consortium, investing into various businesses and entities. This would be intertribal management; they have a management company that would own it APIS Holdings and GKFF. There would be a management fee for years 1 to 10, after that the management fee would be 2%. The distribution would be that they are going to invest in different businesses, building diversified intergenerational wealth and to build capacity to develop Indian country talent and to create quality jobs in the native communities. There would be no expense or risk to us to participate. All Business Committee Members agreed with joining this consortium of tribes.

HIP – We typically try to do 30 jobs

a year and the Business Committee increased the number to 50 this year. These are home improvement projects for our tribal members. They have been able to complete 38 of these projects and 6 more are currently in the process of being completed. The remaining 6 have indicated they have preferred contractors and that preferred contractor is unable to start on their project at this time.

RIVER RAISIN NATIONAL PARK in Michigan. There are 423 national park sites in the United States and of those 423 there are only 4 parks that have a concept that is called Shared Stewardship. These national parks are funded through the Department of the Interior. Scott Bentley is the park ranger of River Raisin National Park. Scott Bentley is pro native American and wants the true history told. He has a shared stewardship model that he writes and gets approved through the Department of the Interior and they pay for everything, and he has only one tribe that has been sharing in this model. He is ready to write for another grant and has invited us to share in this model. We would not be putting in any money whatsoever. He is asking that the Wyandotte tribe, Eastern Shawnee tribe, Ottawa tribe and a Pottawatomi tribe in Michigan join his issued invitation called Shared Stewardship. The Business Committee agreed to be included in this application.

ELDERS COMPLEX-ROCKS – Elders want to know when this job will be put out for bids again so that the rocks can be removed, and sod put in its place. Decision was made to remove the rocks and plant a winter grass with the plan of coming back in the Spring to put the sod down. Tribal member Dee Gardner suggested putting up a privacy fence on the north side of the duplexes. 2nd Chief Samples requested that an estimate be obtained for the fence and brought back

to the Business Committee. All were in agreement with this.

MPDG GRANT, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, 110 ROAD. We submitted some time ago and were told we would hear in August, and we finally received a notification this week that they needed additional information. Chief Wallace states she believes this is a good sign and there is a possibility that this grant will be funded.

ICDBG GRANT – This grant needs to be submitted by the 24th. Kristi Laughlin has taken over due to the resignation of our grant writer. Chief Wallace states a Resolution needs to be passed tonight so the application can be sent in.

WOOD FOR ELDERS OR DIS-ABLED - Two rick of wood will be made available to our Elders and Disabled. A form has been developed and they must provide their tribal card and proof of disability if they are disabled. The wood must be picked up by the recipient, we will assist in loading. We ask for their name, tribal roll number, telephone number, email address, the date and pick-up time and if they are authorizing somebody else to pick it up for them. Make the appointment for pick-up with Brooklynn Sorrell, the assistant in maintenance as to when they will be there so that the maintenance department can help. We are ready to do this immediately. it is determined that they are not able to unload the wood at their home, we will work to assist them. 2nd Council Daugherty offered his assistance to help with unloading wood if an Elder or Disabled member needs help.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION/THANKS-GIVING BASKET/CHRISTMAS BASKET – We are presently serving about 110 families. The food baskets will be combined with the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets this year. The dates will be November 17th for

the food/thanksgiving basket combination and please call by Nov. 14th if your name is not on the list. The date for December basket is the 15th for the combination food/Christmas basket. Contact by December 12th if you are not already on the distribution list.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – The Christmas Party will be held December 3rd at 10:00 a.m. Visa cards in the amount of \$25.00 (Visa will charge a \$2 fee to use the card) will be given to all tribal children 18 years of age and younger. These cards will also be mailed to Elders and the Disabled. Please send in notifications of any address change so that your children will get their cards.

SOCIAL SERVICES 2023 POLICY MANUAL – Updates each year and is on the web site and on public drive. Two change orders have been implemented: \$100.00 increase in utilities and \$250 per child for extra-curricular enhancement programs.

PRESCRIPTIONS FROM BEAR-SKIN AVAILABLE BY MAIL BE-GINNING OCTOBER 17. This will not include new prescriptions which require that the patient be educated concerning the new medication before it is provided to them by mail.

2nd Chief Samples read a thank you card from tribal member Lawanna Hayworth, and she also returned a duplicate gift card that she had received.

#### TREASURER REPORT

Total Committed Funds

Justin Barrett, Treasurer (these are preliminary numbers)

General Funds	\$63.4
million	
Gen. Funds with CD's added	64.7
million	
Total Federal Grant Funds	27.4
million	
Total Other Accounts	8.5
million	
GRAND TOTAL	\$100.7
million	

70

million

Total Available Cash 21.7 million

MOTION: To take a five-minute break at 7:32 p.m. before continuing made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

MOTION: To return to regular session at 7:49 p.m. made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

**RESOLUTIONS** 

RESOLUTION NUMBER 101422-R-01 Resolution Approving an addendum to the Thomson Reuters/West Publishing Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby approves the attached addendum to the Thomas Reuters/West Publishing Agreement for Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Account 1004254744.

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 101422-R-01. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 101422-R-02 Resolution approving an Owner's Representative/Advisor Agreement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and Connect Advisors, LLC.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby approves the attached Owner's Representative/Advisor Agreement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and Connect Advisors, LLC for the development of a new Tribal Government Building to be located on the Highway 10C Complex.

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 101422-R-02. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

MOTION: To Add Resolution Number 101422-R-03 to the agenda. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 101422-R-03 Resolution Authorizing Submission of an application to the Department of Development of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for an Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) FY2022 for an expansion of the Eastern Shawnee Wellness Center, a public facility improvement project, by the Authorized Representative (AOR).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize the submission of an application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for an Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) FY2022 for expansion of the Eastern Shawnee Wellness Center, a public facility improvement

project, by the Authorized Representative (AOR).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby commit the following to the Wellness Center expansion project:

1) \$400,000 tribal funds as leveraged resource

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 101422-R-03. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee. Questions were raised by 2nd Council Daugherty and Treasurer Barrett. Following Discussion 1st Council Kissee withdrew his motion with agreement that the motion be amended.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 101422-R-03 with the stipulation that if costs go over the project amount the scope is reduced to stay within budget. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

Requisition number EN-90777 payable to Brown and Brown of Oklahoma for General Liability, Business Auto and crime installment in the amount of \$92,798.00.

MOTION: To approve Requisition number EN-90777 made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

Requisition number EN-90964 payable to Brown and Brown of Oklahoma for Worker's Comp installment #5 in the amount of \$27,224.00.

MOTION: To approve Requisition number EN-90964 made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

Requisition number EN-90725 pay-

able to Marion Company LLC for application No. 7 Housing in the amount of \$178,330.69.

MOTION: To approve Requisition number EN-90725 made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Purchase Request No. PR00058781 from Indigo Sky Casino for compressor replacement in the amount of \$97,950.00.

MOTION: To approve PR00058781 made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Purchase Request No. PR00058805 from Indigo Sky Casino for Safepoint Installation and subscription fee in the amount of \$254,850.00.

MOTION: To approve PR00058805 made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

Purchase Request No. PR00058871 from Indigo Sky Casino for Visa Gift Cards for the tribe plus \$2 fee in the amount of \$62,100.00.

MOTION: To approve PR00058871 made by 1st Council Kissee with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

**NEW BUSINESS** 

SSBCI – previously discussed.

MOTION: To approve the MOU between Owner and Contractor, Connect Advisors, LLC and authorizing Chief Glenna Wallace as the signer. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

MOTION: To move the second regularly scheduled Business Committee meeting from November 23rd, 2022,

to November 30th, 2022. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

**OLD BUSINESS - None** 

MOTION: To go into Closed Session at 8:29 p.m. following a five-minute break. The motion was made Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

**CLOSED SESSION** 

MOTION: To return to Open Session at 10:22 p.m. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

**OPEN SESSION** 

MOTION: The motion to adjourn at 10:23 p.m. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

**ADJOURN** 

## DATE: Wednesday, October 26th, 2022

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: BlueJacket Building INVOCATION: Chief Glenna Wallace

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The Business Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m. by Second Chief Samples with the following answering roll call: 1st Council Kissee, 2nd Council Daugherty, 3rd Council Kraus, Secretary Littlefield. Treasurer Barrett was available via teleconference and will not be voting during this session. Chief Wallace and Second Chief Samples were in attendance. A Quorum was

declared by Second Chief Samples.

NEW ENROLLEE: Sophia Rae Winland DOB: 09/05/2022 Lillian Marie Romine DOB: 10/03/2022 Kora'Lynn Belle Hollis

DOB: 08/12/2021

MOTION: To Approve New Enrollees: The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Kissee, Daugherty, Kraus, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent. (Barrett not voting)

MINUTES

MOTION: To Approve the Minutes of the October 14, 2022, Business Committee Meeting. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Kissee, Daugherty, Kraus, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent. (Barrett not voting)

OTTAWA COUNTY RURAL WATER

2nd Chief Samples announced to Robert Blackburn, Representative of the Rural Water District that the Business Committee had reached a commitment decision on the Rural Water District's request for a donation to repair issues with the water system. He added that the Business Committee would like to see the money used for the Water District Contribution to Non-IHS Projects (ODOT project to widen Hwy 10c) and the Variable Frequency Device (VFD) at the well. 2nd Chief Samples also stated he would like the water district representatives to continue urging the other tribes to contribute to this project.

MOTION: To Donate \$250,000.00 from Treasury Grant to Rural Water District 5 for projects as discussed. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 3rd Council

Kraus.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Kissee, Daugherty, Kraus, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent. (Barrett not voting)

**REPORTS** 

CASINO REPORT – Melanie Heskett, General Manager

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

Outpost Revenues were down by 36%, Expenses down by 23%.

The comparison of actual to budget YTD have Indigo Sky revenues up 16%, Expenses down 4%.

Outpost YTD revenues are down 6%, Expenses down 8%.

GAMING COMMISSION REPORT: Jalene Wells, Gaming Commissioner The Gaming Commission currently has 40 total employees as of 10/26/22. An additional employee will be added next week. 8 employees are tribal members, 1 tribal spouse, 4 Native, 22.50% Eastern Shawnee, 32.50% Native American.

The Licensing Department processed: Renewals – 10

New Hires – 18

Conditional Employee Licenses monitored – 4

Non-gaming vendor companies -13Non-gaming vendor employee licenses -42

Gaming Companies – 3

Gaming vendor employees – 28

The Gaming Commission collected – \$24,275 (YTD \$277,510)

The EGM Department performed the following:

New Machine Installs – 12

Machines Removed - 14

Machine Software/Theme Conversions – 18

Software Upgrades – 0

Software replacements - 3

Gaming machine relocations – 10

Server installs/Upgrades – 2

Single pieces of software tested – 103

Seal Activities – 272

The Gaming Commission billed -\$3,150 (YTD \$107,050)

The Gaming Commission collected – \$3,150 (\$107,050)

The Compliance Department performed the following observations:

Cage - 16

EGM - 78

EGM Activity Assists - 0

Jackpot – 2

Players Club - 16

Exchanges – 4

Table Inventory - 16

Table Fill – 3

Table Credit – 1

Title 31 Inquiries – 4

Internal Auditors assisted External Auditors while on-site and performed document reviews for Internal Audit. The Surveillance Department performed the following for Indigo Sky Casino & Resort:

Phone Calls - 2910

Radio Calls - 731

Observations - 15027

Policy Violations Noted - 149

JDLR's Noted - 70

Incident Reports Written Total – 69

Medical Reports Written – 59

CD Requests from Tribal PD- 4

Imaging Requests from Tribal - 0

Review Requests from Operations - 19

The Surveillance Department performed the following for Outpost Casino:

Phone Calls – 221

Radio Calls - 99

Observations - 3366

Policy Violations Noted – 17

JDLR's Noted - 11

 $Incident\ Reports\ Written\ Total-5$ 

Medical Reports Written – 5

Imaging Requests from Tribal - 0

CD Requests from Tribal PD – 0 Review Requests from Operations – 2

Commissioner Updates

• Tort Claims- Updates provided to the BC.

- Commissioner has reviewed and approved all submitted promotions through December and all submitted promotions for Poker, Table Games and Bingo.
- Completed purchases and requisitions for year end. Had a few to process in October once invoices were received.
- Hosted a demo for License Plate Recognition with Casino Security, Surveillance, Seneca PD, Tribal PD and area Tribal PD's. Have received a quote and would like to request time on next agenda to present to BC.
- Facial Recognition was performed at casino and awaiting quote.
- Joined with Cultural Preservation and hosted a meet and greet at Annex for Tribal Members attending Pow Wow. Had more attend this year than years prior. Snacks and drinks were served, tours were given of the building and had a great time.

#### RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 102622-R-01 Approving the attached Memorandum of Agreement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and Wyandotte Nation for services provided at Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve the attached Fiscal Year 2023 Memorandum of Agreement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and Wyandotte Nation for services provided at Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 102622-R-01. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus. Motion carried: 4 approved (Kissee,

Daugherty, Kraus, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent. (Barrett not voting)

MOTION: To Add Resolution 102622-R-02 to the agenda. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Kissee, Daugherty, Kraus, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent. (Barrett not voting)

RESOLUTION NUMBER 102622-R-02 Resolution to change the name(s) of Indigo Sky Casino bank account(s) with People's Bank of Seneca.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to change the name of Account #1033409 with People's Bank of Seneca from Indigo Sky LLC Credit Card to Indigo Sky LLC Savings.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to change the name of Account #4227 with People's Bank of Seneca from Bordertown Bingo Credit Card to Indigo Sky Casino Credit Card.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 102622-R-02. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Kissee, Daugherty, Kraus, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent. (Barrett not voting)

#### **REQUISITIONS**

Requisition number EN-91199 payable to Early Childhood Learning Center for September Childcare in the amount of \$29,528.00.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition Number EN-91199. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus. Motion carried: 4 approved (Kissee, Daugherty, Kraus, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent. (Barrett not voting)

NEW BUSINESS – Question raised by tribal member Wanda Stovall as to whether the Business Committee receives legal updates on a regular basis.

OLD BUSINESS – None presented. MOTION: To go into Closed Session at 6:16 p.m. following a five-minute break. Motion made by 1st Council Kissee with second by Secretary Littlefield.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Kissee, Daugherty, Kraus, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent. (Barrett not voting)

**CLOSED SESSION** 

**OPEN SESSION** 

MOTION: To return to Open Session at 7:55 p.m. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Kissee, Daugherty, Kraus, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent. (Barrett not voting)

MOTION: To waive the procurement policy for solicitation bids for architects and construction companies for the new government building.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Kissee, Daugherty, Kraus, Littlefield), 0 opposed, abstained, 0 absent. (Barrett not voting)

NOTE: This was done to avoid having to do the formal advertising process as the owners rep. and the elected officials agreed on a predetermined list of firms to request an RFP from.

MOTION: To confirm Joshua Daugherty as a member of the Pow Wow Committee.

Motion carried: 3 approved (Kissee, Kraus, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 1 abstained (Daugherty), 0 absent. (Barrett not voting)

MOTION: To authorize Ceremonial

Chief to purchase a bull trailer as discussed.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Kissee, Daugherty, Kraus, Littlefield), 0 opposed, abstained, 0 absent. (Barrett not voting)

MOTION: To modify a hip project as requested by tribal member.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Kissee, Daugherty, Kraus, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent. (Barrett not voting)

MOTION: To adjourn at 7:58 p.m. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by 1st Council Kissee.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Kissee, Daugherty, Kraus, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent. (Barrett not voting)

**ADJOURN** 

#### **CHIEF**

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our facilities for this service. We do not charge them and they are always most appreciative. It's a wonderful feeling when we can all work together and be of service to one another.

Speaking of service, I want to thank Tracy Wright, our Maintenance Director for the last twelve years, for the service he has provided to the tribe. Tracy is a member of the Wyandotte Tribe and has accepted the opportunity to become Maintenance Director there. We wish him well. Also leaving us are two other valued employees, Randy Dedmon and Sherry Cook. Randy is joining Tracy in the Maintenance Department at Wyandotte Nation and Sherry has the opportunity to head up the Graphics Department at the local telephone company, an advancement she just couldn't turn down. Best of luck to Randy, Sherry and Tracy. We will miss them.

Our new fiscal year began October 1, 2022. I want to take the time to highlight some of the services we have for tribal citizens. I have already spoken of the frigid temperatures we have been experiencing. Those temperatures mean we have to be heating our homes. For our elders, meaning 62 and up, we have 2 ricks of wood available for you free of charge to help heat that home. Contact Brooklyn Sorrell of the Maintenance Department to set up an appointment for you to come and pick up the wood. Her contact information is (918) 238-5151 ext 1823 or cell number (918) 848-1170. Maintenance will assist with loading the wood. Unfortunately we are not able to deliver and unload except in extreme circumstances.

Also remember that we have a new service for children this year, a program known as an enrichment program. This program funds up to \$250 for enrichment activities such as dance classes, art classes, karate, tumbling, etc. For further information contact



Sunday, November 13th was a rewarding day at the Wellness Center. We allowed the Seneca Assembly of God Church to use our pool for a Baptism. Pastor Denny Sikes baptized seven individuals in our pool. This is the second time they have used our pool for this service.

Monica Bettis at Social Services (918)-666 7710 ext 1110. Also remember that these programs are explained on our website.

Then I need to remind you that some of our Specialized Services are still in effect, especially rental assistance and mortgage assistance. Utility payments will also be available AFTER depletion of your 2023 tribal utility reimbursement eligibility. For further clarification, contact Specialized Services (918) 238-1663 or see our website.

Right now we are working on our Children's Christmas Party which will be held as always the first Saturday in December, this year the 3rd, from 10-12 in the Annex, near the old Bordertown Bingo. The theme for this year is "Light Up the Holidays". We will have our entertaining Cherokee storyteller Robert Lewis as well as Tangles the Clown with all of her balloons along with many departments having games, prizes, entertainment and of course lots

of food. This is not a come and go event, so do your best to be there at ten and pick up your gift card for your child or children. And of course get your family photograph taken. And did I say Santa will be there? For those of you who can't attend, we will be mailing out gift cards for children, elders and disabled the following week. Make sure we have your updated address if you have moved within the last year. If you have questions, contact Shelly Rogers at (918) 238-5151, ext. 1821. And if you haven't received your VISA credit card by December 15, let us know. We really don't want to disappoint our tribal family members. I repeat, however, we need updated addresses.

Another Christmas event occurring this year is our elders' trip to Branson, MO. They will be attending the Hughes Brothers Christmas show, the top rated Christmas show in Branson for the last several years. The Hughes Brothers show is known for their numerous



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

EASTERN SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

Wishing you and your family all the warmth this Holiday Season has to offer. Have a wonderful Christmas and a New Year filled with peace and joy.

From the Chief and Business Committee

family members who participate in this extravaganza. The brothers themselves provide a private school for their families where they emphasize the arts. All the children take singing lessons, instrumental music lessons, dancing lessons and perform in the show. Because the family is so large, there is always a new born child who is baby Jesus in the production. The trip is scheduled for December 1 and cost is \$27, which is truly a bargain. If you are interested, contact the AOA at (918) 238-5600.

I will be out of the office November 29 through December 2 attending the Tribal Leaders Conference in Washington DC. I am looking forward to hearing updates from various Cabinet leaders as well as President Biden himself.

I want to take this time to offer our condolences to two of our tribal families who have recently experienced deaths in their families. Miles James, son of Shawn James and grandson of Darlene James, walked on recently as

did Jessica Billings, daughter of Debbie Griffith Bauer of the Dushane family. Deaths are always difficult, especially around the holidays. Please hold positive thoughts for both of these families. Finally I want to end this update on a positive note by wishing you the merriest Christmas ever and a Happy New Year to all.

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

Chief Glenna

## ENRICHMENT **PROGRAM**

This program funds up to \$250 for enrichment activities for children such as dance classes, art classes, karate, tumbling, etc. For further information contact Monica Bettis at Social Services (918)-666 7710 ext 1110.



# Eastern Shawnee Tribe Tribal Citizens Birthdays for December 2022

Adkins Hunter 12/29 Aguilar Deborah 12/3 Aguilar Miranda 12/21 Alday Maleah 12/10 Allen Joseph 12/17 Amos Jeremy 12/12 Anderson Andrew 12/7 Andrews Leah 12/18 Applegate Alexander 12/16 Arends Jennifer 12/6 Arnold Trentyn 12/11 Austin Boyce 12/21 Austin Bryston 12/31 Austin Iona 12/21 Austin Jennifer 12/18 Baggs Bree 12/8 Bailey Spencer 12/14 Bales Braxton 12/6 Bales Kenneth 12/5 Ballard Kenneth 12/16 Balun Valerie 12/18 Barker Gaylyn 12/21 Barnes Olivia 12/10 Barrett Brandon 12/13 Bartlett Timothy 12/19 Bear, Jr. Richard 12/4 Bennett Kyle 12/13 Bettis Monica 12/31 Betts Kinley 12/15 Bird Nicholas 12/5 Bishop Ashley 12/26 Blackmore Donald 12/30 Blackstock Ryan 12/1 Blanchard Raymond 12/8 Blizzard Anevay 12/7 Blizzard Chevy 12/18 Blizzard-Nash Dade 12/5 Blizzard-Nash Unique 12/11 BlueJacket Anthony 12/15 BlueJacket Autumn 12/7 BlueJacket Logan 12/20 Bolin Ethan 12/14 Bratcher-Rosekrans Kaya 12/11 Bridges Teri 12/21 Briggs Kaysha 12/28 Brink MacKenzie 12/23 Brock Brandy 12/13 Brock Brynlee 12/26 Brown Landynn 12/23 Bryant Crystal 12/21 Bunce Marsha 12/13 Busby Desiree 12/9 Busby Kristian 12/2 Butler Syncere 12/15 Buttram II Joseph 12/7 Captain Jason 12/25 Captain Michael 12/17 Captain, III John 12/23 Channick Ryan 12/2 Chaulet Brooklyn 12/20 Childers Maliah 12/27 Choate Dana 12/2

Christenson Landon 12/4 Clark Breon 12/8 Clark Kandace 12/30 Clouse Hudsyn 12/31 Clouse James 12/22 Clouse Lincoln 12/27 Corbus Ethynn 12/26 Costa Mikhaila 12/3 Cowell Amanda 12/16 Daugherty Kiona 12/22 Day Earnest 12/15 Defer Matthew 12/9 DeLuna Christopher 12/9 Diaz Phoenix-Harrison 12/19 Dirkx Casey 12/21 Dushane Lindsay 12/15 Eagleston Taylor 12/30 Edwards Elle 12/23 Eledge Lannie 12/13 Eudy Kyndall 12/31 Evans, Jr Eli 12/4 Faulkner Bennet 12/21 Fletcher Jared 12/1 Floyd Makenzie 12/30 Ford Natasha 12/27 Foster Leia 12/4 Francis Sophia 12/30 Frankel Michael 12/17 Frederick Abraham 12/25 Gardner James 12/23 Gaylord Ryan 12/5 Genel Paxton 12/27 Genel Willow 12/2 Gillum Abigail 12/2 Gilmore Regina 12/18 Gipson Deana 12/28 Gokey Floyd 12/19 Golden Billy 12/2 Gonzales Emery 12/7 Gonzales Quinn 12/18 Gooch Delaney 12/15 Gooch Kaiden 12/15 Graham Joshua 12/8 Graham Jr Dennis 12/1 Griffith Chance 12/16 Gunter Cailyn 12/19 Hallberg Ryan 12/12 Hamilton Kai 12/20 Hamilton Morgan 12/6 Hanson Jacquelyn 12/20 Harbison Mariana 12/10 Harris Callie 12/5 Harris Charles 12/21 Harris Dekota 12/15 Harris Jennings 12/20 Hart Jesse 12/19 Hauser Johnathan 12/30 Haynes Joshua 12/28 Hendrix Drew 12/11 Henry Keith 12/3 Herring Braylee 12/11

Higbee Henry 12/20

Hilderbrand Aaron 12/9 Hilt Allison 12/22 Hoey Liam 12/6 Holland Stephanie 12/17 Hollis Justin 12/22 Holmes Cole 12/17 Holmes Memphis 12/11 Hubbard Dallis 12/4 Hubbard Easton 12/4 Hudelson Matthew 12/26 Hudson Shawn 12/31 Huggins Anthony 12/16 Huggins Harley 12/25 Huls David 12/27 Hurley Emily 12/8 Hurley Kodi 12/4 Hutchinson Lesley 12/31 Hutchinson IV Franklin 12/6 Imig Zach 12/23 James Carley 12/20 James Emily 12/6 Jameson Jr Jason 12/21 Johnson Ivan 12/30 Johnston Micah 12/4 Jones Abby 12/8 Jones Amber 12/27 Judd Steven 12/23 Kees Debra 12/17 Kessel Shawnee 12/6 Kinsey Roxann 12/19 Kost-Day Rayden 12/26 Krauser Richard 12/20 Kuykendall Jacob 12/11 Kuykendall Mason 12/3 Laird Sandy 12/19 Landis Jayden-star 12/15 Lane Elizabeth 12/6 Lankford Harley 12/28 Leach Payton 12/1 Leahy Tara 12/12 Lee Abigail 12/2 Lee Reagan 12/6 Leis Rusty 12/14 Leo Deborah 12/23 Lewis Lakyn 12/27 Loicano Aaron 12/30 Lopez Antonio 12/22 Loucks Betty 12/30 Mansker Kaia 12/29 Marberry Uriah 12/25 Marney Sophia 12/19 Martens Bree 12/17 Martin Ashley 12/23 Martin Chance 12/19 Martin Douglas 12/28 Mathias Christina 12/13 Matthews Tonya 12/12 McAfee Brandi 12/1 McCoy Quinn 12/18 McLaughlin Mariska 12/6 Meadows Tamara 12/23 Mellen Austin 12/25

Melton Connor 12/6 Mercer Taylor 12/28 Miller Barbara 12/29 Miller Diana 12/4 Miller Jared 12/8 Millhollin Christian 12/1 Millhollin Gary 12/11 Millhollin Noah 12/23 Mitchell Ronnie 12/15 Mitchell-Seyfert Melissa 12/12 Morello Anthony 12/21 Murray Audrey 12/10 Nelson Emma 12/3 Nelson Ethan 12/29 Nelson Schade 12/1 Nichols Ayla 12/1 Nichols Braden 12/10 Nicholson Titus 12/18 Oldham Jed 12/22 Osborn Matthew 12/12 Patrick Melanie 12/28 Peacock Nathan 12/24 Pittman Shylena 12/21 Pope Jack 12/5 Porter Brionna 12/19 Profitt Jacob 12/9 Prophet Ellie 12/14 Prophet Trevor 12/14 Punk Kenna 12/5 Purcell Madyson 12/8 Purevich Christopher 12/8 Purvis Lola 12/19 Purvis Thomas 12/5 Randall Haedyn 12/1 Ratliff Lauren 12/7 Rhoades Daphne 12/28 Richards Camdyn 12/12 Rosekrans Jessamyn 12/28 Rosenberg Deborah 12/6 Rosenow Brittanie 12/18 Ross Melina 12/23 Ross Preston 12/12 Ross Jr Gary 12/6 Ross Sr Gary 12/2 Rubio Andrew 12/27 Salazar Audrey 12/6 Saltarello Anthony 12/12 Scarborough John 12/16 Self Randall 12/20 Sheridan Charles 12/19 Sherwood John 12/20 Shipley Jaxton 12/17 Shores Mason 12/4 Sky-Muir Darcy 12/29 Smith Dustin 12/23 Sparacio Jaxson 12/8 Squirrel Marilee 12/26 Staggs Denise 12/29 Stoner Nataanii 12/15 Strickland Alex 12/18

Strickland Andrew 12/3

Strickland David 12/21

Strickland Hailey 12/23 Strickland Krystal 12/18 Strickland Todd 12/12 Sullivan Darrell 12/22 Sullivan Darrell 12/27 Sullivan Heath 12/27 Sundell Laura 12/19 Sweat Andrew 12/2 Sweet Patrick 12/1 Swift Michael 12/18 Taylor Chad 12/27 Taylor Peyton 12/2 Tayrien Jarrod 12/23 Tayrien Max 12/28 Tayrien Fetter Sandra 12/26 Thomasson Trampas 12/20 Throgmorton Courtney 12/3 Titus Steven 12/7 Tomlinson Adam 12/17 Tomlinson Merriah 12/18 Tomlinson Teena 12/28 Trail Braden 12/22 Trail Tierany 12/1 Triplett Jacob 12/5 Tucker Arlo 12/10 Turner Avianna 12/1 Turner Kinsley 12/10 VanTassel Misti 12/12 Vincen Daxton 12/21 Waggoner Hunter 12/2 Wainscott Dorothy 12/14 Washington Beth 12/4 Watkins Tiffany 12/10 Webster, Jr. Jessie 12/19 White Hailey 12/16 White Nicole 12/11 Wilmoth Ivy 12/19 Wilson Cindy 12/1 Wood Dakota 12/2 Wood Tyler 12/10 York Eli 12/28