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# SHOOTING STAR

2023  
*Happy New Year*

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News from the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Issue 1

## Annual Children's Christmas Party A Big Hit With The Children!



*As you can see, the children are listening intently to Santa Claus, who visited the Annex for the Children's Christmas Party on December 3rd.*

## Temporary Relocation of the Chief's office and the ECLC because of flooding.

We are ready for 2023. The ending of 2022 was most unpleasant for the Eastern Shawnee Tribe.

Below-zero temperatures caused pipes to burst, flooding the Bluejacket building and the Early Childhood Learning Center. Both buildings have extensive damage. Please be patient with us. We are relocating our ECLC to the Travel Center building and the Chief's office to the Sandy Captain Cultural Building. Telephone numbers and e-mail contacts will remain the same.

**You're Invited!** Business Committee Meetings to be held **January 11 & 25, 2023** at **Indigo Sky Casino**. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday each month.

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# The Chief's Report . . .



Chief Glenna J. Wallace

Hatito Fellow Tribal Citizens,

“Oh the weather outside is frightful....” Those are the beginning words of a most famous Christmas carol, but they are also an accurate description of not only our four-state corner area but also much of the United States. Yes, I am writing this article the week before Christmas and it looks like many of us just might be experiencing frigid temperatures and that “white Christmas” we often “dream” and sing about. My wish is for everyone to be safe. As for me, that means staying home where “the fire is so delightful” with my fireplaces being in full use. The only problem--Someone is going to need to cut more wood!

We’ve been experiencing Christmas here at the tribe in various ways this past month. We began with our Children’s Christmas Party Saturday, December 3 which we held in the Annex, the site of our old Bingo Hall starting in 1984. Our decorators outdid themselves carrying out the theme of “Light Up the Holidays.” Lights were everywhere, beginning with creating a formation of archways in the entrance hall, lighting up numerous Christmas trees of all shapes, sizes with various hues of colors. Then almost any decoration associated with Christmas could

be found somewhere in the room. We had nutcrackers, huge Christmas ornaments, wrapped presents, candy canes, reindeer, wreaths snowmen, bows, even large fluffy cotton snowballs in a room designated for snowball fights. The kids loved it. They listened to famed Cherokee storyteller Robert Lewis with many of the youngsters actively participating in the telling of the stories. And of course we had the man in a red suit with a white beard, none other than Santa Claus. Shelly Rogers and Lora Nuckolls outdid themselves with the decorations and we had so many employees volunteering to help them. Special thanks to Tim Botts for coming all the way from the North Pole to talk with our kiddos about Christmas ☺ Kudos to everyone for a spectacular event.

Then immediately following that festive Saturday party, Monday morning, December 6 found us toiling away trying to get Christmas cards including Christmas gift cards ready for mailing. Our Print Shop made original Christmas cards for us; we had help from Indigo Sky ordering special red Visa cards listing our tribal name and our Social Services Department and IT Department teamed up with our Print Shop to print our envelopes. Once again we formed an assembly line of volunteers to get the work completed. Tape the gift card to the Christmas card, insert directions, fold the Christmas card, insert card in envelope, tear off envelope sticky strip, seal the envelope, attach a stamp, and repeat 2,333 times. Simple but tedious and tiring

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**Due to flooding at the BlueJack-et building - From This Corner will continue in the February edition of the Shooting Star.**

## The Shooting Star

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# ESTO in Partnership with Lucky Lady Games, Inc.

*Submitted by Justin Barrett, Business Committee Treasurer*



## Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and Lucky Lady Games, Inc. to Launch Metaverse and Online Gaming Venture

WYANDOTTE, OK, December 1, 2022 – The Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma today announced a partnership with Lucky Lady Games Inc. to bring metaverse-based online gaming to northeast Oklahoma. This groundbreaking new venture seeks to bring the excitement of the Tribe’s flagship property, Indigo Sky Casino & Resort, to the metaverse for the enjoyment of a global audience.

This partnership is the latest in a string of cutting-edge developments adopted by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, cementing their commitment to being at the vanguard of entertainment technology and maintaining their reputation as a leader in the tribal gaming industry of northeast Oklahoma.

“The Eastern Shawnee Tribe is excited about our partnership with Lucky Lady Games Inc.. We strive to be leaders in the gaming industry, and this allows us to engage with our customers in a new and exciting way,” said Justin Barrett, Treasurer of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma’s Business Committee. “We have enjoyed working with Sandra Wong from Lucky Lady Games to develop this platform. We are continuing to look at ways to diversify our business portfolio. The Tribe is a strong supporter of our surrounding communities, and this will allow us to continue to be a good partner. I want to thank everyone on the project team from LLG and Indigo Sky Casino & Resort, especially our General Manager Melanie Heskett and Marketing Director Wendi Long.”

The project is currently slated to launch in the latter half of 2023. “Our eyes are always on the horizon,” said Melanie Heskett, Indigo Sky Casino & Resort’s General Manager. “The future of gaming is bright, and we’re excited to forge new paths in partnership with Lucky Lady Games.”

Sandra Wong, CEO & Founder of Lucky Lady Games is in line with this sentiment. “The team at Lucky Lady Games is very excited to be collaborating with such a forward-thinking tribe to build something never before seen in Web3 gaming. Indigo Sky Online will feature both off & on-chain casino gaming with integrations that tie back to the land-based property. It is a very exciting time for innovation in the casino gaming space and the team at Indigo Sky Casino & Resort really know their customers and their growing needs. We are happy to be a part of their success story.”

**Media contact:** Wendi Long, [Wendil@indigoskycasino.com](mailto:Wendil@indigoskycasino.com), (918) 666-9221.

# AOA Seniors Head to Branson

*Photos submitted by Whitney Morgan, Director*

The AOA/Title VI program took a trip to Branson the 1st of December for lunch and a show. It was an early morning as we left around 6:30 am. We saw the Hughes Brothers Christmas show and had lunch at the Grand Country Buffet. There was a total of 36 people from the Eastern Shawnee Tribe that attended and 185 total with the other surrounding Title VI programs. It was a full day of fun, and we are all looking forward to the next trip.



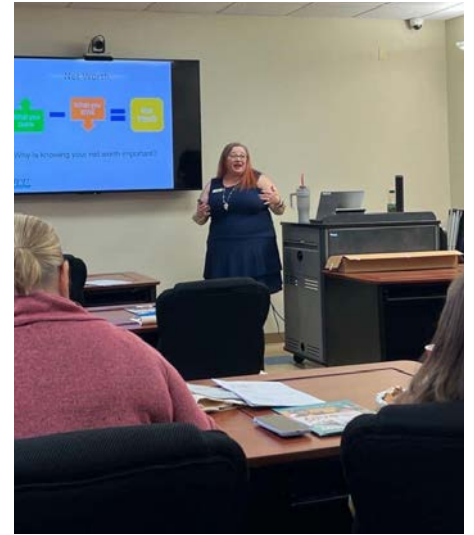
## TFCU - Offers Free Financial Education

*Submitted by Justin Barrett, Business Committee Treasurer*



Tinker Federal Credit Union (TFCU) was able to offer their first free financial education class to employees of the Tribe November 29, 2022!

We made Indian tacos for lunch. I am so thankful for their partnership. Please watch my report in the Shooting Star as we begin to roll out classes for tribal members in 2023 with remote options!



## Melanie Heskett is Recognized for 33 Years of Service

*Submitted by Justin Barrett, Business Committee Treasurer*



The Business Committee recognized General Manager, Melanie Heskett for 33 years of service. Thank you for everything you do Melanie!

# Children's Christmas Party December 3, 2022



*Jesse Harti family.*



*Jesse Harti youngest daughter.*



*Oldest female Wink Barnes.*



*Santa, Tim Botts and Santa's helper, Bridget Spencer.*



*Each child had the opportunity to talk to Santa about what they want for Christmas this year.*



*Chief Glenna J. Wallace reads *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*.*



*River Stovall, Cayla and Mark Barrera with their children.*



*Clinton Kissee with his grandchildren.*

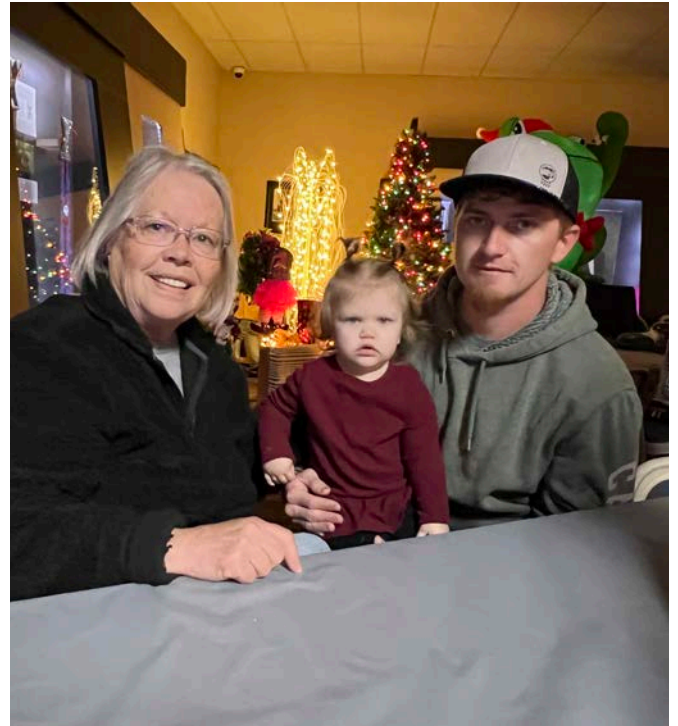


*Santa talking with the children.*





*AOA Departmental furnished all the food and drinks.*



*Velma Millhollin, Florence King, and Jasper King.*



*Kathleen Blanchard and Debbie Dotson, from the EPA Department sponsored the selfie station.*

# Congratulations New Tribal Enrollees

**BEAU BEAR SWEAT** DOB: 06/17/2022 Son of Austin Thomas Sweat (ID #2364) Grandson of Jeanne Marie Young (1964 #249) Great Grandson of Jack Warren DuSHANE (1938 #95)

**SHYLOH DAWN SPENCER** DOB: 04/22/2021 Daughter of La'cinda Sha'donn Spencer (ID #2133) Granddaughter of Rebecca Joyce Marney (ID #2111) Great Granddaughter of Nancy Jane Spencer (1964 #420) Great Great Granddaughter of Colleen Joyce DU-

SHANE Carpenter (1938 #86)  
**ADAM LEE SUMMERS** DOB: 11/17/2020 Son of Johnny Lee Summers (ID #2503) Grandson of Tabitha Diane Bourdon (ID #1592) Great Grandson of Rebecca Lee Watson Ruffin (1964 #773) Great Great Grandson of Lottie Mae Watson (1964 #772) Great Great Great Grandson of Rebecca DUSHANE Longbone (1938 #171)  
**SYDNEY TRILLIUM MCELVENY** DOB: 11/27/2021 Daughter of Dannel Elyse Timblin (ID #1893) Granddaugh-

ter of Robin Nell Gokey Timblin (ID #1100) Great Granddaughter of Vivian Millhollin Gokey (1938 #187)  
**EMERY JOLENE OSBURN** DOB: 08/03/2022 Daughter of Madelyn Lynette Branham (ID #2218) Granddaughter of Rebecca Louise Branham (ID #726) Great Granddaughter of Billie Charles Millhollin (1964 #506) Great Great Granddaughter of Jasper Charles MILLHOLLIN (1938 #189)

## EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP)

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) has been extended for an additional year. This program is a benefit that is available to assist you and your immediate dependents (spouse & children) in the identification and resolution of personal problems or concerns that may have a negative impact on your personal or professional life. Personal problems or concerns include, but are not limited to; marital, family, alcohol, drug, emotional, stress, anger, depression, relationships, parenting, separation/divorce, job related, grief and any other areas causing concern. All counselors are Master-level Licensed. In extreme cases, face-to-face sessions may be arranged. For confidential EAP assistance, please call Sharon Farris (918) 238-5151 EXT. 1022 which are a 24-hour crisis line that is answered by a licensed mental health professional 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The EAP is an employee and tribal benefit that is separate from the health insurance and is already paid for by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe.



## Emergency Rental Assistance Program By Amber Mittag, Education and Specialized Services

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:**

1. Qualifies for unemployment or has experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced a financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to the Covid-19 outbreak.
2. Demonstrates a risk of experienc-

ing homelessness (rent) or housing instability (utilities and other expenses); and

3. Has a household income at or below 80 percent of your area median (FY 2020).

**Assistance Provided:**

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

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

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

# Light up the Holidays

## By Shelly Rogers, Administrative Assistant

We had our very first Elders Christmas Dinner held at the Annex this year. Our theme was "Light up the Holidays" where we had the Annex decorated with lights all around the room. It was like a Hallmark movie. The scenery was perfect. We had approximately 47 elders to attend and served them a Christmas dinner. After the dinner we played Bingo. We plan on continuing this tradition in the upcoming years.




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# COVID Testing & Vaccinations

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# 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 PERSON: Please call our office for details.

## Program Update:

Hello all – Winter is here – temperatures have dropped – and the holiday season has passed. This month we’re focusing our article on what are the signs of domestic violence. Often – violence comes on quietly and slowly –sometimes we don’t recognize it’s beginning. Below is an article, found at psychcentral, detailing how to recognize the signs of domestic violence.

## Signs of Domestic Violence

(What are the Signs of Domestic Violence at <https://psychcentral.com/lib/symptoms-of-domestic-violence#characteristics>)

Recognizing domestic violence can be challenging — but there are signs to look out for. Domestic violence can come in many forms. It could involve sexual abuse, financial abuse, or the often-subtle emotional abuse.

It can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, or race. The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence estimates that more than 10 million people — men and women — are affected by domestic violence each year.

Not every situation will look the same, making it difficult to recognize. If you’re in a domestic violence situation, understanding the most common signs of domestic violence can help you navigate this situation.

## What is domestic violence?

While the term “domestic violence” often refers to intimate partner violence, it could also include elder abuse, child abuse, and any other kind of abuse within a home or family unit.

The abuse could be psychological, emotional, financial, physical, or sexual.

## Physical abuse

Physical abuse includes directly hurting someone physically. It could also include threats to hurt you or your children, pets, or loved ones.

## Sexual abuse

Sexual abuse refers to any type of sexual-related abuse, including sexual violence and assault.

This type of abuse could also include patterns of sexual coercion — for example, you might be manipulated into sexual activity by a partner who threatens to hurt you.

It’s important to note that elder abuse could also encompass sexual abuse.

## Emotional abuse

Emotional abuse isn’t always easy to recognize — it can be subtle and covert. It can come in the form of actions or words from anyone, even a boss or co-worker.

Two of the most common forms of emotional abuse are gaslighting and projection.

It could include:

- attempts to control you and your behavior
- humiliating you
- insulting or belittling you
- putting down your interests, career, and/or relationships
- manipulating you through emotional blackmail or guilt-tripping you
- blaming you for their issues
- accusing you of cheating or not loving them
- outbursts, especially when you don’t do what they want
- isolating you from loved ones
- Emotional abuse could also be a component of other forms of abuse.

## Financial abuse

Financial abuse includes restricting a person’s access to their own money. You might be forced to depend on the person

who’s abusing you for financial needs. This often makes it difficult to leave a violent situation.

## What are the signs of domestic violence?

The symptoms of domestic violence vary depending on the type of abuse. While some types of abuse leave visible scars and bruises, others do not.

## Physical signs of domestic abuse

A person being physically abused might have frequent injuries and bruises. Signs of physical abuse could include:

- black eyes
- bruises on the arms, limbs, or neck
- sprained wrists
- broken bones
- unexplained pain

A person who is being physically abused might be unable to explain what caused their injuries, or their explanations might seem shaky and inconsistent.

They might attempt to cover up their injuries by wearing heavy makeup or more clothing than usual such as a scarf or long-sleeved shirt when it’s hot.

They might also cancel events or avoid seeing people until their injuries heal.

## Emotional signs of domestic abuse

All types of domestic abuse could impact a person emotionally.

If a person is in a domestic violence situation, you might notice changes in their behavior, such as:

- increased levels of anxiety
- increased levels of irritability and anger
- low self-esteem
- seeming more fearful, including flinching at sudden movements or sounds
- lack of interest in usual hobbies or activities
- fatigue and lack of energy
- increased crying
- seeming more sad, tearful, or numb
- suicidal ideation

These symptoms don't necessarily prove that someone is being abused. There could be another explanation, including a recent trauma or loss.

### **Behavioral signs of domestic abuse**

As a result of the abuse, a person's behavior might change. This could include:

- sleeping too much or too little
- change in appetite
- using substances, such as drugs and alcohol, more often

- isolating themselves from loved ones
- withdrawing from social events
- avoiding activities/events they usually enjoy

Not every domestic abuse survivor will display these symptoms. There's no one way to feel or act after abuse, and everybody reacts differently.

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  
Text Line: 918.533.3070**

**Program Website:  
<https://havenprogram.com/>**

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## *Education Snapshot*

*By Amber Mittag, Education/ Specialized Services Director*

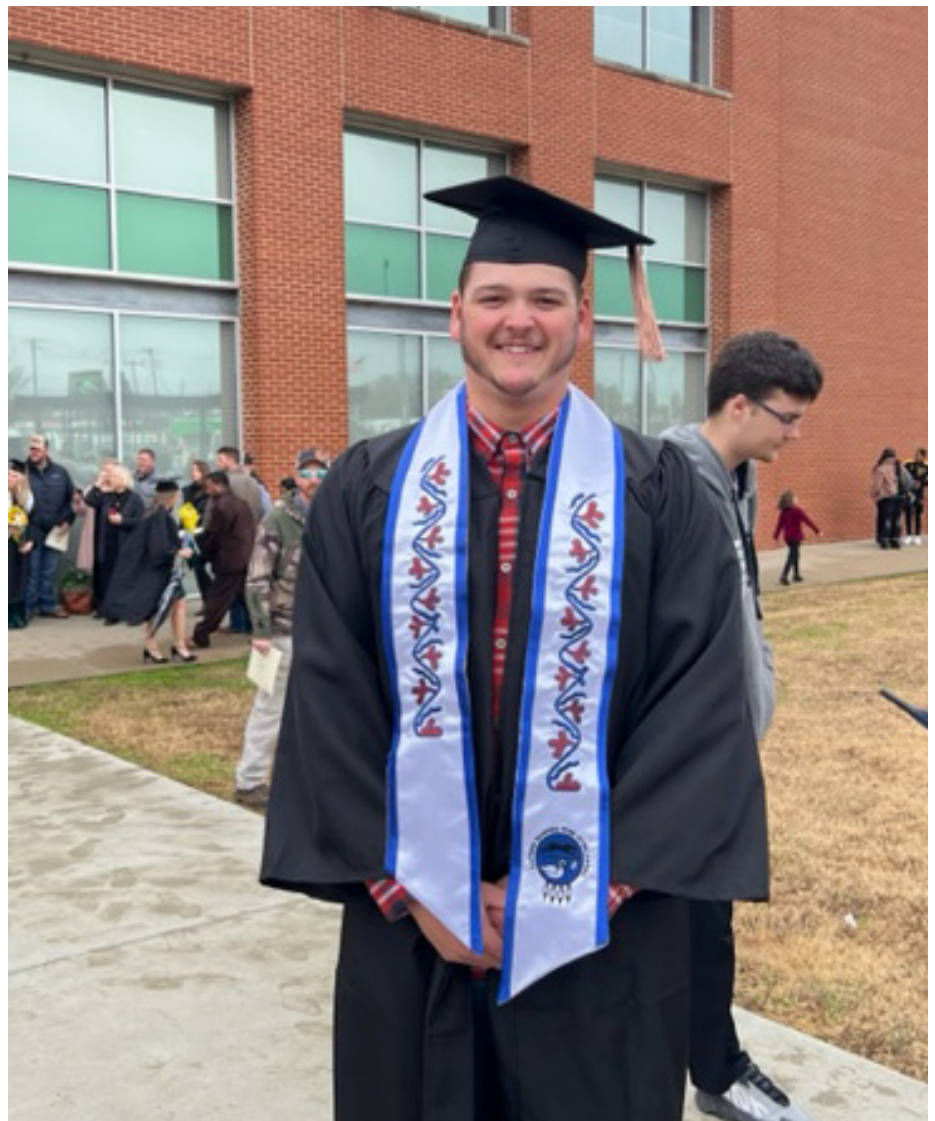
Hello students!!

Here we are the week of Christmas! How does time fly?? We, here in the office, are on the quiet side this time of year as we find ourselves in the lull between semesters. It's always a good time to catch up on much needed busy work that gets put on the back burner throughout the rest of the year. The bustling days of the beginning of Spring semester will no doubt be here by time you read these words. I am excited to share with you a student shout out this semester.

I am pleased to congratulate Charles White IV who has recently received his Bachelors in Business Administration degree from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah. He will continue at NSU to receive his Masters Degree in January.

Charles is the son of Sonny and Katherine White and grandson of Charles D White Sr and Lorene White.

Congratulations Charles, we are so very proud of you and can't wait to see what the future holds!



*Charles "Sonny" White, IV*

Indian Health Service  
National Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee  
COVID-19 Emerging Treatments Update



December 9, 2022

## FDA Authorizes Updated (Bivalent) COVID-19 Vaccines for Children Down to 6 Months of Age

On December 8, 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) amended the emergency use authorizations (EUAs) of the updated (bivalent) Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines to include use in children down to 6 months of age. Following FDA action, the CDC expanded the use of updated (bivalent) COVID-19 vaccines for children ages 6 months through 5 years on December 9, 2022.

Parents and caregivers should be aware of the following information:

- Children 6 months through 5 years of age who received the original (monovalent) Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine are now eligible to receive a single booster of the updated (bivalent) Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine two months after completing a primary series with the monovalent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine.
- Children 6 months through 4 years of age who have not yet begun their three-dose primary series of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine or have not yet received the third dose of their primary series will now receive the updated (bivalent) Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine as the third dose in their primary series following two doses of the original (monovalent) Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine.
- Children 6 months through 4 years of age who have already completed their three-dose primary series with the original (monovalent) Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine will not be eligible for a booster dose of an updated bivalent vaccine at this time. Children in this age group who already completed their primary series would still be expected to have protection against the most serious outcomes from the currently circulating omicron variant. The data to support giving an updated bivalent booster dose for these children are expected in January. The agency is committed to evaluating those data as quickly as possible.
- The Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech bivalent COVID-19 vaccines include an mRNA component corresponding to the original strain to provide an immune response that is broadly protective against COVID-19 and an mRNA component corresponding to the omicron variant BA.4 and BA.5 lineages to provide better protection against COVID-19 caused by the omicron variant.
- Individuals who receive the updated (bivalent) vaccines may experience similar side effects reported by individuals who received previous doses of the original (monovalent) mRNA COVID-19 vaccines.
- The fact sheets for both bivalent COVID-19 vaccines for recipients and caregivers and for healthcare providers include information about the potential side effects, as well as the risks of myocarditis and pericarditis.

### Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent

The monovalent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine is authorized as a two-dose primary series in individuals six months of age and older and as a third primary series dose for individuals 6 months of age and older who have been determined to have certain kinds of immunocompromise. With the authorization, the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent is now authorized for administration in those 6 months through 5 years of age as a single booster dose at least 2 months after completion of primary vaccination with the monovalent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine. The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent is also authorized for use in individuals 6 years and older as a single booster dose at least two months after completion of either primary vaccination with any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine, or receipt of the most recent booster dose with any authorized or approved monovalent COVID-19 vaccine.

For authorization of a single booster dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent for children 6 months through 5 years of age, the FDA relied on immune response data that it had previously evaluated from a clinical study in adults of a booster dose of Moderna's investigational bivalent COVID-19 vaccine that contained a component corresponding to the original strain of SARS-CoV-2 and a component corresponding to the omicron lineage BA.1.

In addition, the FDA conducted an analysis of data from a clinical study that compared the immune response among 56 study participants 17 months through 5 years of age who received a single booster dose of monovalent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine at least six months after completion of a two-dose primary series of the vaccine to the immune response among approximately 300 study participants aged 18 to 25 years who received a two-dose primary series of monovalent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine in a previous study which determined the vaccine to be effective in preventing COVID-19. The immune response to the booster dose of monovalent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine in the 17 months through 5 years' age group was comparable to the immune response to the two-dose primary series in the adult participants.

The safety of a single booster dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent for children 6 months through 5 years of age is supported by safety data from a clinical study which evaluated a booster dose of Moderna's investigational bivalent COVID-19 vaccine (original and omicron BA.1), safety data from clinical trials which evaluated primary and booster vaccination with the monovalent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, and postmarketing safety data with the monovalent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine and Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent.

In one clinical study, the safety of a single booster dose of monovalent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine was evaluated in 145 clinical study participants 6 months through 5 years of age who received a booster dose of monovalent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine at least six months after completion of the monovalent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine two-dose primary series. The most commonly reported side effects after a booster dose of the monovalent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine across this age group included pain, redness and swelling at the injection site, swelling/tenderness of the lymph nodes of the injected arm or thigh, and fever. In clinical study participants 17 months through 36 months of age, other commonly reported side effects included irritability/crying, sleepiness, and loss of appetite. In clinical trial participants 37 months through 5 years of age, other commonly reported side effects included fatigue, headache, muscle pain, joint pain, chills, and nausea/vomiting.

The data accrued with the investigational Moderna bivalent COVID-19 vaccine (original and omicron BA.1) and with the monovalent Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine are relevant to the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent because these vaccines are manufactured using the same process.

#### **Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent**

With this authorization, children 6 months through 4 years of age who have not yet received the third dose of the three-dose primary series with the monovalent Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine will now receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent as the third dose of the primary series. The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent is also authorized for administration in individuals 5 years of age and older as a single booster dose at least two months after completion of either primary vaccination with any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine, or receipt of the most recent booster dose with any authorized or approved monovalent COVID-19 vaccine.

With this action, the monovalent Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is no longer authorized for use as the third dose of the three-dose primary series in children 6 months through 4 years of age. The monovalent Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine remains authorized for administration as the first two doses of the three-dose primary series in individuals 6 months through 4 years of age, as a two-dose primary series for individuals 5 years of age and older, and as a third primary series dose for individuals 5 years of age and older who have been determined to have certain kinds of immunocompromise.

The authorization of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent for administration as the third dose of a three-dose primary series following two doses of the monovalent Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine in children 6 months through 4 years of age is supported by the FDA's previous analyses of the effectiveness of primary vaccination with the monovalent Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine in individuals 16 years of age and older and individuals 6 months through 4 years of age, and previous analyses of immune response data in adults greater than 55 years of age who had received a two-dose primary series and one booster dose with the monovalent Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine and a second booster dose with the investigational Pfizer-BioNTech bivalent COVID-19 vaccine (original and omicron BA.1).

The safety of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent for administration as the third dose of a three-dose primary series following two doses of the monovalent Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine in children 6 months through 4 years of age is based on safety data from a clinical study which evaluated a booster dose of Pfizer-BioNTech's investigational bivalent COVID-19 vaccine (original and omicron BA.1) in individuals greater than 55 years of age, safety data from clinical trials which evaluated primary vaccination in individuals 6 months of age and older with the monovalent Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, safety data from clinical trials which evaluated booster vaccination in individuals 5 years of age and older with the monovalent Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine and post-marketing safety data with the monovalent Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine and the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent.

The data accrued with the investigational Pfizer-BioNTech bivalent COVID-19 vaccine (original and omicron BA.1) and with the monovalent Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine are relevant to the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent because these vaccines are manufactured using the same process.

#### **Reference(s):**

1. U.S. Food & Drug Administration. [FDA Authorizes Updated \(Bivalent\) COVID-19 Vaccines for Children Down to 6 Months of Age](#). Published online December 8, 2022.
2. U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. [CDC Expands Updated COVID-19 Vaccines to Include Children Ages 6 Months through 5 Years](#). Published online December 9, 2022.

# Child Care and Development Fund

*Submitted by Dian Randall, CCDF Director*

CCDF and other ESTOO departments put on our Annual Children's Christmas Party on December 3th. The Annex was decorated with many lighted trees and wrapped packages everywhere. It was wonderful. We had many games for the children and even a snowball-throwing booth. There was a storyteller and balloon artist; Chief Glenna read aloud "Twas Night Before Christmas" to all the children. There were treats, Frito chili pies, hotdogs, chips, hot cocoa, sugar cookies, kettle corn, and cotton candy, with each child receiving a bag of candy.

We are getting ready for our next set of parenting classes, "**Parenting Tools**

**101,"** with the trainer Kathie Benson. This will be a 2-part class scheduled for January 10 & 12. Classes start at 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. each night with a light meal included. Upon completion of both classes, you will receive a Certificate of Completion. Classes will be held in the Education Room at the Wellness Center at 10135 S. Bluejacket Rd., Wyandotte, OK 74370.

We still have our Car Seat and Newborn Starter Kit programs available. You will be eligible for these programs if you live within a 100-mile radius of our office. These programs are funded with the CCDF grant, and service area guidelines apply.

If you want to apply or have questions about Child Care Assistance, please feel free to come by our office 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, Dheather, or Michelle. E-mail us at [drandall@estoo.net](mailto:drandall@estoo.net), [dheather.sparks@estoo.net](mailto:dheather.sparks@estoo.net), or [michelle.bolin@estoo.net](mailto:michelle.bolin@estoo.net)

You can also find our information on the tribe's website at [www.estoo-nsn.gov](http://www.estoo-nsn.gov).

## 5 Ways to Fight the Flu

The flu is annoying enough on its own. So it doesn't help that flu season falls at one of the most exciting times of the year.

To avoid missing out on sports events, Halloween parties, Thanksgiving feasts, and holiday fun, follow these tips:

1. **Get the flu vaccine.** It's the best way to protect yourself against the flu. Getting vaccinated doesn't just protect your own health. It also helps the people around you because there's less chance you'll catch the flu and pass it on.
2. **Wash your hands well and often.** Hand washing is an important defense against germs like flu viruses. Why? The body takes about 2 weeks to build immunity after a flu vaccine — and even a vaccine isn't foolproof if a new type of the virus starts making the rounds. Hand washing also helps protect against other germs and illnesses that there aren't vaccines for, like the common cold. Wash your hands after using the bathroom; after coughing or sneez-
3. **Steer clear of someone who is sick (coughing, sneezing, etc.).** Flu viruses travel through the air, so try to stay away from people who look sick. Of course, people who have the flu virus don't always look sick. That's where vaccines and hand washing come in. It's also a good idea to avoid touching your nose, eyes, and mouth — three places where flu viruses can easily enter the body.
4. **Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow — not into your hands.** That way, you're not spreading the virus when you touch surfaces that other people may touch too.
5. **Stay home** if you have the flu. You don't want to pass your germs

to someone else. Staying home is a great excuse to curl up and watch your favorite movie, play video games, or read. Rest can help the body recover faster. You also can fight the flu on a daily basis by keeping your immune system strong. Some great immune boosters are:

- getting enough sleep
- eating healthy foods (including five or more servings of fruits and veggies a day!)
- drinking plenty of fluids
- getting regular exercise

Don't let the flu mess with your fall and winter fun. Fight back!

*Reviewed by: Elana Pearl Ben-Joseph, MD*

*Date reviewed: November 2022*

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# Heroin and its Dangers

*Submitted by Ben Bingham, Native Connections Project Director*

Heroin is a drug derived from morphine. Morphine is created from poppy plants. These plants are commonly grown in Afghanistan, Burma, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, China, Mexico, and Colombia. When produced it is graded into four categories based on how pure the drug is. The purest form is a white powder commonly known as salt, which is easily dissolved for injecting during use. This is followed by a brownish powder known as brown sugar and is used for smoking. The last two categories are the unprocessed raw heroin of salt and brown sugar. When found on the streets for sale illegally it is found in white, or brownish powder, or as a black sticky variety known as “black tar”. Pure heroin can be purchased, but generally it is mixed or “cut” with other drugs or different ingredient, these include sugar, starch, powdered milk or quinine (a malaria treatment drug).

## Heroin is typically used in multiple different ways:

**Injection:** Known as slamming, banging, shooting up, digging, or mainlining. Is when salt form of heroin is mixed with water and with an acid, most generally citrus acid such as lemon juice and injected into a vein. This results in a higher blood concentration to the drug. **Smoking:** Vaporizing heroin and inhaling its fumes, this is usually done in glass pipes and at times lightbulbs, it is also done by placing it in aluminum foil and heating it with a flame underneath. **Insufflation or snorting:** The user will crush the heroin into a fine powder and inhale it through the nose, often using a straw or rolled up form of paper currency, much like cocaine. This allows the drug to be absorbed through soft tissue of the sinus cavity. It is often mixed with cocaine as well which is known as speed balling.

**Oral:** It can be ingested though this is a less common method as there is little



rush and less potent effects.

**Suppository:** Heroin is inserted into the body as a means of administration where the body is absorbed through the membranes lining the internal walls of the body.

Heroin is an addictive drug that when taken provides a state of euphoria or rush followed by sleep and wakefulness. This is because heroin binds to opioid receptors that are attuned to pain, pleasurer, sleeping and breathing. Short term effects include dry mouth, flushing of the skin, limbs feeling heavy, nausea and vomiting, severe itching of the skin, reduced mental functioning, and slipping between consciousness and semi consciousness. Long-term effects include insomnia, collapsed veins from repeat injections, damaged nasal tissue due to sniffing or snorting, infection of heart linings and valves, abscesses, constipation and stomach cramping, liver/kidney disease, lung complications, mental disorders, sexual dysfunction in men, irregular menstrual cycles for women. Other effects can be contributed to the ingredients used to cut the drug. These can clog blood vessels in the body and cause permanent damage. Those injecting the drug and the impaired judgement from using can result in an increase in contracting HIV and Hepatitis.

Withdrawal from heroin can begin as quickly as two hours from the last use of the drug, this can change based upon the tolerance of the individual as well as the amount of the last consumed dose, but

typically begins in 6-24 hours of stopping. Symptoms of withdrawal include sweating, malaise, anxiety, depression, general feeling of heaviness, excessive yawning/sneezing, insomnia, cold sweats, severe muscle/bone aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, cramps, watery eyes, involuntary spasms in the limbs.

Overdoses can happen when an individual takes too much heroin. A heroin overdose is characterized by slow breathing and in severe cases breathing stops altogether. Which if caught in time can be treated with naloxone, which reverses the effects of heroin and will immediately return consciousness, but may cause withdrawal symptoms, but due to the half life of naloxone, it may need to be given multiple times until the heroin is metabolized by the body. If not, death can occur within several minutes to several hours due to lack of oxygen. Generally, overdoses can occur due to an increase in dose or purity of the heroin or due to the persons tolerance of opioids, another contributing factor can be when heroin is used in other conjunction with other drugs both legal and illegal.

Treatment and recovery generally require both mental and physical counseling as well as the use of Naxalone to treat the drug, Methadone, and Buprenorphine to assist in losing dependence on the drug. Iofexidine is a medicine designed to reduce opioid withdrawal symptoms when in treatment, Naltrexone is used to block opioid receptor's and prevent opioid drugs from affecting the body.

# EASTERN SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA TAX COMMISSION

## TAG HOURS:

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

Tag Office 918-666-7710

Mary Alumbaugh ext. 1117 or Lisa Stivers ext. 1115

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

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

### PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

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

### ITEMS REQUIRED FOR TAG

#### RENEWALS

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

### VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES ARE

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

### ITEMS REQUIRED TO TAG NEWLY PURCHASED VEHICLES

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

### TRAVEL TRAILERS

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

### TITLE – PENALTIES (After 30 Days)

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

### TITLE FEES

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

### REGISTRATION – PENALTIES (After 30Days)

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

### REGISTRATION FEES

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

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

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

# Vital Statistics Department

*By Monica Bettis, Director*

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

Service	Spent to Date November	Members Served Per Line Item
Auditory	\$1,231.98	3
Burial	\$30,191.75	4
Disabled/Elder Care	\$207,967.18	237
Elder Crisis Committee	\$9,249.00	6
Extracurricular	\$2,433.61	18
Healthcare	\$217,466.40	537
Orthodontics	\$2,500.00	4
School Expenses	\$50,907.29	216
Special Medical Equipment	\$1,907.86	13
Utility/Emergency Assistance	\$136,217.76	394
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$660,072.83</b>	<b>1432</b>

*\$259,757.98 paid out from November 16, 2023 - December 16, 2023*

### Vital Statistics Activity November

Status Changes	67
Deaths	2
Enrollees	6
ID Cards	12
Photo ID	5
Total Enrollees for current fiscal year	73
Total Deaths for current fiscal year	23
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>3776</b>

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

**The direct link is [estoo-nsn.gov/tribal-forms/](https://estoo-nsn.gov/tribal-forms/)**

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

### VITAL STATISTICS Direct to Vendor Claim Form

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

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**DATE: Wednesday,  
November 9th, 2022**

**TIME: 5:30 p.m.**

LOCATION: BlueJacket Building

INVOCATION: 1st Council Clint Kisse

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL,  
DECLARATION OF QUORUM

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

MOTION: To take the agenda out of order. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kisse.

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

HEARTLAND FORWARD: The ESTO has partnered with Heartland Forward and Builders and Backers to participate in an entrepreneurial program. Katie Milligan of Heartland Forward was present to introduce Donna Harris, CEO of Builders and Backers who presented on the entrepreneurial program and provided information to tribal members who might be interested in participating. The program is a short program, 90 days and the goal of the program is to help you learn how to make your idea work in the real world in order to start up a business. Mentors work with you to learn about financials, how to put pitch decks together, etc. Applications will be available soon for the second session.

MOTION: To return to the agenda's original order. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kisse.

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

NEW ENROLLEES –

Tiffany Marie Jameson...DOB:

03/28/2022

Mason William Costerisan...DOB:  
07/23/2019

Rorey Marcello Atkinson...DOB:  
08/18/2022

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

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

MINUTES

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

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

REPORTS

Chief's Report – Chief Glenna Wallace  
This report was not presented due to the Chief's absence.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 110922-R-01 Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) FY23 Budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the FY23 project budget for the US Department of the Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF); American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). (attached)

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 110922-R-01. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 1st Council Kisse.

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

PRINTER CONTRACT – moved to November 30th, 2022, agenda.

MOTION: To add six Resolutions to the agenda (110922R-02 thru 110922R-07).

The motion was made by Treasurer

Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 110922-R-02 Resolution to request funding of DOI appropriated FY2023 attorney fees on behalf of the seven tribes party to the Agreement among the Tar Creek Trustee Council Indian Tribes for their FY 2023

Legal counsel needs pertaining to the Tar Creek Superfund Site.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby request funding of DOI appropriated FY 2023 attorney fee funds in the amount of \$96,000.00 to be received and administered on behalf of the seven tribes party to the Agreement among the Tar Creek Trustee Council Indian Tribes for their FY 2023 legal counsel needs pertaining to the Tar Creek Superfund Site.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 110922-R-02. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 110922-R-03 Resolution Authorizing an Application for Elder Services Funding from the Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging Older Americans Act Title VI Nutrition, Supportive Services and Caregiver Grants (Parts A/B and C).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby request funding for the Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging Older Americans Act Title VI grants (Parts A/B and C) for the grant period of April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2026.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 110922-R-03. The motion

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was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

RESOLUTION Number 110922-R-04 A Resolution Joining the United Indian Nations of Oklahoma.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby request to join United Indian Nations of Oklahoma and authorize an expenditure of \$4,000.00 for membership dues for FY23.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby appoint the following as delegates or alternate delegates to UINO until the expiration of their terms or until amended by resolution of the Business Committee:

Position.....Title.....Name.....  
Term Expiration

Delegate | Chief | Glenna J. Wallace | September 2026

Alternate | Second Chief | Chris Samples | September 2025

Alternate | Treasurer | Justin Barrett | September 2024

Alternate | Secretary | Debbie Littlefield | September 2023

Alternate | First Council | Clint Kissee | September 2026

Alternate | Second Council | Shawn Daugherty | September 2025

Alternate | Third Council | Norma Kraus | September 2024

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 110922-R-04. The motion was

made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

RESOLUTION Number 110922-R-05 A Resolution Requesting an Additional Transfer from the Tribe’s Gaming Operations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby request Indigo Sky Casino, LLC and Bordertown Outpost Casino, LLC to transfer a combined nine million five hundred thousand dollars (\$9,500,000.00) to the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma on or before December 1, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize Chief Financial Officer Karen Allen to transfer the funds from the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to Woodlands Management, LLC for the acquisition of Belt Built and Severn Associates pending a due diligence review and the execution of the purchase agreement by the Woodlands Management, LLC Board of Directors.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that in the event Belt Built and Severn Associates are not acquired by Woodlands Management, LLC that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize Chief Financial Officer Karen Allen to commit the funds in the following manner.

Economic Development \$3,000,000.00  
Land \$1,000,000.00  
Operating Reserve \$2,500,000.00  
Woodlands Management Operations \$3,000,000.00

MOTION: To Approve Resolution 110922-R-05. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

posed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Kraus).

RESOLUTION NUMBER 110922-R-06 A Resolution Committing Tribal Funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to commit funds from the Tribe’s Available Cash to the following:

Economic Development \$500,000.00  
Social Services or Education \$500,000.00  
Education \$500,000.00  
Land \$500,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize Chief Financial Officer Karen Allen to transfer the funds to the appropriate accounts.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution 110922-R-06. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 110922-R-07 Approving a Budget Amendment to the FY2023 Tribal Administration Budget Capital Outlay Vehicles.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve FY2023 budget modification No. 1 to increase the Capital Outlay Budget by \$600,000.00 for vehicle purchases.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 110922-R-07. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

REQUISITIONS  
Requisition number EN-91430 payable to Indigo Sky Casino for Christmas gift cards in the amount of \$62,349.75.

MOTION: To approve Requisition number EN-91430 made by 2nd Council

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Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

Requisition number EN-91478 payable to CDW Government for Zenetec Video and Access Control in the amount of \$93,214.90.

MOTION: To approve Requisition number EN-91478 made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

Requisition number EN-91635 payable to Jay Hatfield Chevrolet for 2023 Silverado Crew Cab in the amount of \$54,318.00.

MOTION: To approve Requisition number EN-91635 made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

Requisition number EN-91793 payable to Landers Chevrolet for 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe in the amount of \$71,694.00.

MOTION: To approve Requisition number EN-91793 made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

Requisition number EN-91821 payable to Covert Ford of Hutto Inc. for 2023 Ford F-150 Truck in the amount of \$52,958.21.

MOTION: To approve Requisition number EN-91821 made by Secretary Littlefield with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

Requisition number EN-91834 payable to Brown and Brown of Oklahoma for WC Installment #6 in the amount of

\$27,224.00.

MOTION: To approve Requisition number EN-91834 made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

## NEW BUSINESS

### Treasurer Report

Treasurer Barrett presented the following information in his report:

### TINKER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION CLASSES

Employees only class on Tuesday, November 29th at 11 am and 1 pm. at the Education Classroom inside the Wellness Center.

Housing Authority is also going to start having classes for the residents and applicants.

I am working with TFCU to set up classes next year for tribal members with remote options also.

### NCAI REPORT

The Eastern Oklahoma caucus is requesting us to become members of NCAI along with any federally recognized tribe that is not already a member. The caucus wants to address state recognized and other groups that do not have federal recognition at NCAI.

The caucus wants to stand together and state that all tribes seeking federal recognition should go through the OFA office instead of bypassing and going to Congress.

UNITED INDIAN NATIONS OF OKLAHOMA INO Meeting on Monday November 21 from 11 am to 5 pm. The meeting will be at the Pawnee Round Chief Building.

### OTFC GOLF TOURNAMENT CONFERENCE

Sponsorship information in your packets.

Golf Tournament is Wednesday.

Conference is Thursday and Friday.

This is the week of a BC Meeting. I probably won't be able to attend the

meeting on Wednesday due to the conference and set up.

### COMPENSATION STUDY

The casinos have submitted almost all the required documentation to kick off this project. We will be scheduling a key leader call with the casino management team.

The Tribe is still lacking a lot of information that was requested in August. I sent follow-up emails to try to obtain the documentation.

### TETON TRADE CLOTH

Teton Trade Cloth designs blankets and is a competitor to Pendleton.

Teton Trade Cloth was recently purchased by the Delaware Tribe of Indians and is being rebranded as Teton Trade Cloth by Lenape.

### TRIBAL AUDIT

Single audit has begun. Accounting is doing the audit prep. REDW will be doing the audit onsite and remote.

### OLD BUSINESS - None

MOTION: To go into Closed Session at 6:15 p.m. following a five-minute break. The motion was made 1st Council Kissee with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

### CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: To return to Open Session at 10:55 p.m. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

### OPEN SESSION

MOTION: To hold the Notice of Award for the 110 Road project until Notice of Grant Funding is awarded. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

MOTION: To approve the Totem LOI as discussed with the Treasurer signing. The motion was made by 2nd Council

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Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

MOTION: To approve a net 3% Christmas Bonus based on the actual earnings for the preceding 12 months, excluding tips, for all Admin. Employees, Casino Employees and Elected Officials. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

MOTION: To approve Change Order Request Number 07 from Marion Company for \$514,473.00 with \$25,000.00 additional for contingency with all funds from ARPA. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

MOTION: To approve EN-91573 payable to Marion Company for \$299,208.83 for pay application number 8. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

MOTION: The motion to adjourn at 11:00 p.m. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

ADJOURN

**DATE: Wednesday,  
November 30, 2022**

**TIME: 5:30 p.m.**

LOCATION: BlueJacket Building

INVOCATION: 1st Council Clint Kissee

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL,

## DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The Business Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Second Chief Samples with the following answering roll call: 1st Council Kissee, 2nd Council Daugherty, 3rd Council Kraus, Secretary Littlefield and Treasurer Barrett. A Quorum was declared by Second Chief Samples. Chief Wallace was absent.

The Business Committee presented Melanie Heskett, General Manager of Indigo Sky and Outpost Casino's with a blanket to recognize a team member who has shown their dedication and loyalty to this tribe. Treasurer Barrett made the following statements during the presentation. "July 21, 1989 was Melanie Heskett's first day. She started in bingo. At Bordertown Casino she became our Marketing Director. She was promoted to Assistant General Manager and shortly after the Business Committee made her General Manager. Since becoming the General Manager, she has led the property management team, continued to drive revenue, and led the properties thru a pandemic."

"As a tribal government we have been able to transfer over \$30 million that wasn't budgeted in the last two years from the gaming operations. This allowed us to expand benefits and diversify the tribe's portfolio."

"On July 21, 2022, Melanie celebrated her 33rd anniversary with the tribe. The Business Committee wants to honor her for her service to our properties and our tribal people with this blanket." The blanket was presented to Melanie by her mother, Norma Kraus, 3rd Council member of the Business Committee.

## NEW ENROLLEES:

Beau Bear Sweat

DOB: 06/17/2022

Shyloh Dawn Spencer

DOB: 04/22/2021

Adam Lee Summers

DOB: 11/17/2020

MOTION: To Approve New Enrollees: The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council

Daugherty.

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

## MINUTES

MOTION: To Approve the Minutes of the November 9, 2022, Business Committee Meeting. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

## REPORTS

CASINO REPORT – Melanie Heskett, General Manager

Comparison of actual to budget for October total revenues for Indigo Sky was up 14%, Expenses down 3 ½%.

Outpost Revenues were down by 6%, Expenses down by 9%.

YTD numbers would match since this is the first month of the year.

Outpost Anniversary Celebration will be held Saturday, December 26th, 2022. The General Manager conveyed gratitude from the Employees of the Casinos for their Christmas Bonus. She also expressed thanks for the new Chevy Tahoe provided for the Casino.

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

The Licensing Department processed:  
Renewals – 12

New Hires – 18

Conditional Employee Licenses monitored – 4

Non-gaming vendor companies – 25

Non-gaming vendor employee licenses – 26

Gaming Companies – 1

Gaming vendor employees – 26

The Gaming Commission collected – \$15,025 (YTD \$15,025)

The EGM Department performed the following:

New Machine Installs – 15

Machines Removed – 13

Machine Software/Theme Conversions

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– 3

Software Upgrades – 6

Software replacements - 1

Gaming machine relocations – 0

Server installs/Upgrades – 1

Single pieces of software tested – 118

Seal Activities – 131

The Gaming Commission billed –\$1,525 (YTD \$1,525)

The Gaming Commission collected – \$1,525 (\$1,525)

The Compliance Department performed the following observations:

Cage – 103

EGM – 80

EGM Activity Assists - 0

Jackpot – 78

Players Club - 112

Exchanges – 5

Table Inventory – 57

Table Fill – 33

Table Credit – 6

Title 31 Inquiries – 7

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 – 2868

Radio Calls – 655

Observations - 15763

Policy Violations Noted – 206

JDLR's Noted - 38

Incident Reports Written Total – 53

Medical Reports Written – 38

CD Requests from Tribal PD- 2

Imaging Requests from Tribal – 0

Review Requests from Operations - 20

The Surveillance Department performed the following for Outpost Casino:

Phone Calls – 167

Radio Calls – 110

Observations – 3207

Policy Violations Noted – 29

JDLR's Noted - 11

Incident Reports Written Total – 2

Medical Reports Written – 0

Imaging Requests from Tribal - 0

CD Requests from Tribal PD – 0

Review Requests from Operations – 0

## Commissioner Updates

- Tort Claims- Updates provided to the BC.
- Commissioner and Learning Center Director attended job fair in Neosho with Tribal HR. Casino HR also had a booth and we set up, side by side.
- Commissioner has reviewed and approved all submitted and updated promotions through November and December.
- Commissioner approved updated AML Program as submitted. Some sections will need to be added and updated.
- Commissioner reviewed and approved P&P's 1200.14, 1200.25.
- Tribal IT Director and Commissioner met after the last BC meeting and discussed the teams working together on future projects. Neither of our departments have received anything in writing from the BC on transferring any of the surveillance equipment, but in anticipation of receiving, we scheduled a team meeting and began the first trial with the move of the Travel center and Growing Thyme since these buildings are connected and house the IT Department.
- LPR (License Plate Recognition). The Commissioner presented briefly and it was decided to move this to the next Business Committee meeting in closed session for further discussion.

TREASURER REPORT – Justin Barrett, Treasurer

Cash Balance Report as of 11/30:

General Fund...61 million

Land Account...1.1 million

Economic Development...3 million

Social Services/Ed. Reserves...20.8 million

Education...1.8 million

Total Available Cash...18.6 million

The tribes audit will start next week on site.

## RESOLUTIONS

BRANCO CONTRACT – Tabled

MOTION: To table the Branco Contract. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 113022-R-01 Authorizing a Service Lease Agreement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and Copy Products, Inc. for Eastern Shawnee Tribal Administration copiers and printers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve the attached Service Lease Agreement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and Copy Products, Inc. for Eastern Shawnee Tribal Administration copiers and printers.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 113022-R-01. The motion was made Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

## REQUISITIONS

Purchase Request Number PR-00059319 payable to Indigo Sky Casino for Dell Maintenance Renewal in the amount of \$86,076.16.

MOTION: To Approve Purchase Request Number PR-00059319. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

## NEW BUSINESS

LPR discussed during Gaming Commissioner's report.

## OLD BUSINESS

MOTION: To go into Closed Session at 6:36 p.m. following a five-minute break. Motion made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee. Motion carried: 5 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent.

## CLOSED SESSION

## OPEN SESSION

MOTION: To return to Open Session



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at 10:38 p.m. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

MOTION: To approve the bid from BW Builders in the amount of \$45,000.00 for the cemetery fencing. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

MOTION: To authorize Woodland's Management Board of Directors to invest in Stash link pending legal review. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

MOTION: To authorize Connect Advisors to issue a Limited Notice to Pro-

ceed to BRP Architects. 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 adjourn at 10:40 p.m. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

ADJOURN

## CHIEF'S REPORT

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and definitely time consuming. But we made it. We have already received a thank-you card from some of you. SuZanna Prophet of Urbandale, Iowa wrote "Dear Chief Wallace and the Business Council, Thank you for the Visa debit for the holidays! Everyone involved in the mammoth task of checking lists twice, coordinating, assembly and mailing the cards to tribal members deserves many pats on the back. WOW!" "Thank you SuZanna. If you are an elder, a disabled Social Security recipient or 18 and under and did not receive a Christmas gift card, please let us know. As the saying goes, We aim to please or at least we try very hard.

Because the Christmas decorations in the Annex were so beautiful, I decided we needed to share, use those decorations in more than one event. Thus we decided to host an Elders Christmas Luncheon for our 62 and over elders. It was a last minute decision, but one I am glad we made. We had two weeks to plan, inform, shop, cook for the event. Immediately we sent email announcement to all employees, placed the information on our website and internal reader boards as well as Facebook. Indigo Sky assisted us greatly by hosting Bingo games complete with prizes and providing delicious desserts. Shelly Rogers pre-



pared the meal of ham, baked potatoes, green beans, salad, hot rolls and a special punch with Pat Brock and her daughter Leia making homemade chicken and noodles. It was a festive, fun-filled afternoon of visiting, eating, playing bingo, laughing, some jeering the Bingo caller and some even winning prizes. About forty to fifty elders participated in our first Elders Christmas Luncheon which we will repeat again next year with the hopes of even

more participating. Do remember that we will still have our evening Elders Dinner the last Friday in April, so put that on your calendar and plan to attend.

The spirit of Christmas can be exhibited in so many different places, different ways. I was delighted and humbled when Natalie Koch of our Housing Authority brought a hand written letter from a youngster named Kale who lives in Guthrie, Oklahoma

who wrote, "Attention Eastern Shawnee Housing Authority, Hope to all and have a Blessed Holiday Season, 2023! Going to be Amazing. God Bless. Eastern Shawnee Blessings. P.S. A donation of \$2.00 enclosed. " May all of us be filled with the spirit this young man possesses!

Recently I attended the 10th Tribal Nations Summit in Washington DC, this one hosted by President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris to help foster Nation-to-Nation relationships and provide tribal leaders the opportunity to speak directly with senior administration officials. Both President Biden and Vice President Harris expressed their on-going support for the Indian Child Welfare Act which is under attack again. I was personally able to speak with the Department of Justice about the constant flooding and contamination relative to Tar Creek in Ottawa County, had lunch with Pete Buttigieg, cabinet secretary of the Department of Transportation and spoke with him regarding a grant for our 110 Road project, and visited with U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona as well as Ambassador Susan Rice, White House Domestic Policy Advisor, and Senators Amy Klobuchar and Elizabeth Warren. All were exceptionally willing to listen and interact with us. I felt it was a most worthwhile trip as it gave me an opportunity to speak directly to federal officials about the priorities of our tribe and those affecting all of Indian Country.

One issue that could affect all of Indian Country focuses upon our neighboring tribe, the Cherokees. For the first time in nearly 200 years, a member of a tribal nation may have a seat in Congress. The House Rules Committee recently held a first-of-its-kind hearing to discuss potentially adding a non-voting delegate to represent the Cherokee Nation in Congress. The Cherokees state this provision was

written into their 1835 Treaty of New Echota promising them a delegate in Congress in exchange for some tribal lands. Kim Teehee is optimistic that she will be representing the Cherokee Nation as a non-voting member in the House, similar to the District of Columbia, Guam and other U.S. territories. While she would be unable to cast a final vote, she could participate in and vote in committees and speak on the House floor. That inclusion of her voice and views could be most beneficial to all of Indian Country.

An upcoming event I hope many of you will attend is a workshop featuring artisans and speakers from the Fort Pitt Museum in Pennsylvania. Joining them will be Talon Silverhorn, Eastern Shawnee citizen now living in Ohio and an artisan/speaker himself. The workshop will be January 21 and January 22 and will be held in the Annex, near the old Bordertown Casino. Three sessions will occur on January 21, how to make puckered toed moccasins, creating 18th century clothing, and how to make a cultural wooden spoon. On the second day or January 22, flintknapping will be the feature of the day plus starting a fire with flint. Further details will be listed on our website as we determine specific times, etc. For further information, contact Paul Barton (918) 238-5151, extension 1833.

Projects we are still working on include 110 Road, Splashpad located at out Early Childhood Learning Center and a new Governmental Building on Highway 10 C Complex to house the Chief, Tribal Administrator, Chief of Staff, Business Committee, Legal Department and other offices. More will be written about those projects in next month's Shooting Star.

I am sad to announce that Preston Ross has submitted his resignation

from the Election Board. He states he is getting older; his health and the health of his wife is beginning to deteriorate and it is time for others to step up and serve in this capacity. I have always admired Preston for his actions and demeanor on the Election Board. If a mistake has been made, he is the first to admit it and assess its impact. If an accusation was ever made to the Election Board, he was the first to say, "Let's look into it and prove to others a mistake was not made." He is a man of transparency and honesty. We will miss him on the Election Board. Now we need others to step up and indicate their willingness to serve. This position pays for every hour worked and transportation costs. Please contact the Chief's office to indicate your interest, 918 238 5151, extension 1820 or send email to [gjwallace@estoo.net](mailto:gjwallace@estoo.net) As we prepare to gather with family and friends this holiday season, I cannot help but think of those who came before us, those who worked so hard and fought and sacrificed for this tribe that we could have what we have today. Let us appreciate that and love one another. Merry Christmas and 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](mailto:gjwallace@estoo.net) I do not do face book nor linked in. I may also be reached at the following telephone numbers: Office (918) 238-5151 ext. 1820; cell, (918) 533-8422 or by text. My personal mailing address is 18675 Hwy 43, Seneca, MO, 64865. Stay safe. Stay healthy. Stay optimistic. Walk in balance. Remember, walk in balance!

Chief Glenna

## VACANCY ON ELECTION BOARD

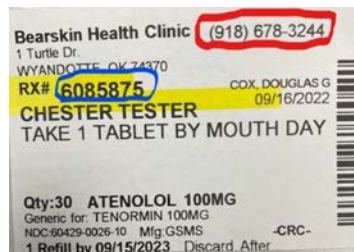
If interested contact Glenna J. Wallace  
[gjwallace@estoo.net](mailto:gjwallace@estoo.net) or call 918-238-5151 ext. 1820

## BEARSKIN HEALTHCARE PHARMACY

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

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

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



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

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

## REFILLS BY MAIL

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

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

How do I get started with Refills by Mail?

1. **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.
2. **To request refills**, call the **Automated Refill Line: 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.
3. **ALWAYS UPDATE** your current address and telephone number with Registration **AND** the Pharmacy. If packages are returned due to incorrect addresses you will be disenrolled from the Refill by Mail program.
4. You may call in to request refills up to 7 days early to allow time for processing and mailing. **NOTIFY THE PHARMACY** if you have not received your meds within 7 days, otherwise non-notification will be accepted as confirmation of medication delivery.
5. **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. **CHECK your mail regularly** 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.

## 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  
purvish9@gmail.com

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

## HAVEN PROGRAM

Office Hours: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm  
Monday – Friday

**HAVEN Does NOT provide 24- hour service.**

After hours please call:  
**StrongHearts Native Helpline**  
<https://strongheartshelpline>  
**1-844-762-8483 (call or text)**

**Community Crisis Center, Miami, OK**  
**1-800-400-0883**

**StrongHearts and Community Crisis Center**  
**have 24 hour service**

HAVEN is a tribal advocacy program offering support for all victims of crime, specifically domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. We serve all ESTOO tribal members REGARDLESS of where they live and local community members within Ottawa County and the cities of Vinita, Jay, Grove OK and Seneca, MO. Please call the HAVEN office during business hours for more information. 918-554-2836

# Eastern Shawnee Tribe

## Tribal Citizens Birthdays for January 2023

Allemann Jaxson 1/7	Conti Anthony 1/6	Holley Jimmie 1/10	Milbern Pamela 1/31	Smith Calan 1/16
Allen Amy 1/30	Cooper Sage 1/6	Hollis Tyler 1/12	Millhollin Mark 1/25	Smith Chloe 1/2
Amos Myka 1/13	Cozad Dakota 1/9	Holmes Kaylin 1/17	Millhollin Virgil 1/12	Smothers Clinton 1/16
Andrew Aaron 1/10	Culler Brayden 1/30	Hooper Brenda 1/15	Moats Alayna 1/12	Snow Kim 1/21
Applegate Autumn 1/11	Culler Brianna 1/20	Hosten Adonis 1/31	Moore Kelsey 1/25	Sorrell Koby 1/8
Azevedo Kathryn 1/11	Cunliffe Phoenix 1/11	Hotulke Axl 1/15	Moore Leslie 1/31	Stachura Georgia 1/24
Baldwin Melissa 1/15	Curry Karen 1/21	Hotulke Brooklynn 1/8	Morgan Micah 1/28	Stamper Calvin 1/29
Bales Jaxon 1/7	Daffron Garrett 1/22	Hudelson Ariat 1/14	Morris Elliana 1/14	Stephenson Stephannie 1/18
Barcliff Declan 1/2	Darwood Marshall 1/10	Huggins Mackenzie 1/8	Murphy Laramie 1/22	Stewart Clayton 1/24
Barnes Madison 1/25	Daugherty Brian 1/20	Hughes Jordan 1/8	Murray Jesse 1/22	Stone Amy 1/22
Barnes Tyler 1/15	Daugherty Joshua 1/12	Hughes Selah 1/18	Nichols Noah 1/25	Strickland Madison 1/15
Barnes Zachary 1/25	Dawe Kimberly 1/31	Hurt Katelyn 1/21	Ochoa Sandi 1/17	Sullivan Alicia 1/11
Barrett Austin 1/29	Dawe Lilyanna 1/24	Hutchinson Dana 1/11	Osborn Sheila 1/27	Swift Amy 1/22
Beare Lacey 1/14	Defer Alexis 1/27	Irwin Christian 1/31	Overn Kaleb 1/19	Tasker Jackson 1/16
Belcher Emily 1/6	Diaz James 1/12	James Carter 1/31	Overn Zayden 1/28	Tasker Miranda 1/20
Bell Jamy 1/18	Diaz Jim 1/23	James Saawanwa 1/1	Pacheco Megan 1/9	Taylor Lisa 1/12
Beller Michele 1/29	Dillard Noah 1/3	Johns Amanda 1/6	Pack Carson 1/19	Tayrien Christopher 1/17
Bennett Zoey 1/6	Dirkx Christopher 1/8	Johnson Hannah 1/14	Painter Haley 1/8	Tayrien Mary 1/20
Berryman Renasmay 1/20	Doolittle Alexis 1/5	Johnston Jonathan 1/24	Pappan Cindi 1/13	Thompson Desiree 1/20
Bird Jordyn 1/17	Duckett Wanda 1/15	Jones Analisa 1/13	Patterson Leonna 1/22	Thornsberry II Larry 1/16
Blackmore Brent 1/3	DuShane Mark 1/26	Jourden Rylan 1/19	Patton Lanie 1/26	Thorp Terran 1/5
Blair Cory 1/26	Eatwell Brinlee 1/24	Judd Clifford 1/21	Perez Annabelle 1/7	Threet Madison 1/10
Blanchard Steven 1/1	Edmonds Alexander 1/5	Keezer Jace 1/9	Perez Kenneth 1/22	Titus Axel 1/13
Blizzard Addison 1/30	Edmonds Jessica 1/30	Kelley Kambria 1/9	Perkins Dustin 1/24	Tomlinson Sara 1/3
Blizzard Alexia 1/2	Eiland Paul 1/28	Kelly Ryan 1/26	Perkins Lola 1/9	Trayler Perry 1/19
Blizzard April 1/10	Enyart Don 1/7	Kessel Ethan 1/26	Pham Samantha 1/19	Triplett Jackaline 1/10
Blizzard Emiry 1/9	Enyart Isabel 1/11	King Chance 1/2	Phelan Elisabeth 1/12	Triplett Marikah 1/5
Blizzard Tia 1/5	Espinoza Kingsley 1/4	King Dymond 1/23	Phipps Michael 1/21	Truelove Eric 1/9
Bolin Dakota 1/11	Espinoza Mila 1/13	King Kendal 1/11	Pinkerton Shayna 1/16	Ulwick Aidan 1/18
Bolin Oaklynn 1/16	Evans Rebecca 1/22	Kinsey Fallon 1/6	Probst Sandra 1/19	Vasta Hunter 1/28
Bonfiglio Oakley 1/19	Faulkner Edmund 1/8	Knoles Melonie 1/24	Prophet Brad 1/2	Vermillion Sara 1/31
Bradley Steven 1/14	Felts Laura 1/12	Kuykendall Austin 1/16	Quapaw Leticia 1/25	Virginiana Amanda 1/19
Brock Paul 1/10	Fetters Harlee 1/27	Kuykendall Elaina 1/9	Ramirez Angel 1/19	Vivier Douglas 1/31
Brock Silas 1/29	Fleming Jessica 1/21	Lacy Tripp 1/27	Ray Jeremiah 1/3	Wallace Holly 1/11
Brown Athena 1/16	Fletcher Crosby 1/26	Lacy Tyler 1/24	Rendel Anita 1/14	Wallace Hunter 1/11
Brown Christian 1/27	Forbes Paula 1/10	Langley Macy 1/17	Rentfro Olivia 1/22	Wallace Ted 1/27
Bushnell Charles 1/1	Ford Karson 1/18	Lazarus Courtney 1/10	Reynolds Johnathan 1/6	Ward Clayton 1/30
Buttram Curtis 1/28	Foster Kayson 1/26	Leach Corey 1/10	Rhyu Eugene 1/10	Ward Gage 1/22
Buttram English 1/15	Franklin Da'jour 1/29	LeFay Mickey 1/20	Rinehart Casey 1/21	Warden Henry 1/22
Buttram Riley 1/14	Frantz Tyson 1/28	Lepak Chad 1/17	Roche Aliza 1/24	Warlick Taylor 1/18
Buttram Torren 1/5	Ganser Carol 1/20	Lerma Arron 1/26	Ross Brandon 1/2	Washington George 1/28
Buttram Tyler 1/21	Garcia Crystal 1/21	Littlefield Jeremy 1/10	Ross Katelynn 1/10	Watkins Krishton 1/19
Buttram III Joseph 1/6	Gardner Dee 1/27	Littles Glenda 1/13	Ross Kevin 1/15	Webster Cindy 1/14
Cage Autumn 1/9	Garner Kristian 1/18	Long Billie Jo 1/13	Ross Norman 1/30	Wegesend Tina 1/5
Callaway Breckyn 1/3	George Kody 1/20	Lorenz Melinda 1/23	Roy Rebecca 1/8	Welch Kyle 1/19
Canton Madelyn 1/5	Gibson Jordann 1/10	Lorenzo Tasha 1/11	Salyers Daniel 1/24	Werth Cody 1/31
Captain Emily 1/15	Gillum Dustin 1/13	Lowe Tracy 1/23	Salyers Steven 1/17	White Eva 1/23
Captain Jordan 1/10	Gonzales G'auna 1/20	Luke Alyssa 1/5	Sanders Remi 1/25	White Tiffany 1/19
Carpenter Alice 1/7	Greenfeather Angela 1/16	Luke Arik 1/6	Sawyer Robert 1/26	Whitlock Lydia 1/4
Carpenter Clifford 1/25	Hamilton LaForce 1/5	Maddy Benjamin 1/7	Schott Robert 1/12	Williams Dallas 1/18
Centeno Brandy 1/2	Hanna Nicole 1/27	Magtibay Abigail 1/5	Schott Susan 1/14	Williamson Jodie 1/27
Channick Deborah 1/11	Hansen Patricia 1/10	Martin Ashlyn 1/23	Schulte Ethan 1/28	Wilmouth Jeanita 1/24
Chase Caden 1/17	Hamar Prym 1/14	Martin Jake 1/2	Seim Kyler 1/22	Wilson Malorie 1/10
Chesnut Sarah 1/5	Harris Michael 1/5	Mason Alicia 1/24	Self Jimmy 1/22	Winland Abigail 1/10
Chioke Amziel 1/7	Harris Rocky 1/2	Maxwell Brian 1/16	Shapp Preston 1/18	Womble Beth 1/5
Chioke Naftali 1/7	Hart Bonnie 1/13	Maxwell Robert 1/2	Sherwood Jaydn 1/12	Womble Marshall 1/27
Chlouber Cheryl 1/30	Hart II Jesse 1/9	McIntosh Brandon 1/9	Shettlesworth Zayden 1/3	Wood Stormy 1/3
Christian Amber 1/17	Hartweg Monica 1/10	McLaughlin Belinda 1/5	Shores Linda 1/14	Wyatt Hadden 1/11
Clark Glenn 1/28	Hayworth Skye 1/24	McRae Cody 1/18	Simianer Riley 1/25	Wyrick Kennedy 1/16
Clouse Finley 1/18	Healy Sean 1/1	McRae David 1/10	Simpson Christina 1/24	Ylarraz Thomas 1/30
Cole Linda 1/15	Henley Barinda 1/1	McSarrow Journee 1/21	Smith Addie 1/20	
Compton Grace 1/12	Hilderbrand Madeline 1/13	McWatters Ace 1/29		