

# the SHOOTING STAR

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News from the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Issue 2

## Learning Center Temporarily Relocated to Travel Center



*Due to the recent flooding, it was decided to relocate the Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC) temporarily to the recently closed Travel Center and make the best of the situation for three weeks or so until the ECLC could be repaired, restored, made safe, and welcoming again.*

## Food Distribution

EASTERN SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

We have a Food Distribution Program for Eastern Shawnee Tribal Citizens the last Thursday of each month. Income guidelines apply. Food may be picked up from 10 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. at the Growing Thyme Building, located just east of the 10C Tribal Complex, near the Missouri line.

For information contact Shelly Rogers, Administrative Assistance at (918) 238-5151 ext. 1821.

**You're Invited!** Business Committee Meetings to be held **February 8 & 16, 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,  
 It's January, totally dark outside at 5:30 p.m. and once again weather is the topic of discussion here at the Eastern Shawnee Tribe. An unknown poet once wrote,  
**"Whether the weather be fine,  
 Whether the weather be not;  
 Whether the weather be cold,  
 Whether the weather be hot;  
 We'll weather the weather ;  
 Whatever the weather;  
 Whether we like it or not."**

I like it NOT, but the forecast is what it is: freezing temperatures and perhaps 5-10 inches of snow accumulation. I had best get this article written in case we have to close down. I love Oklahoma, but I must say Oklahoma could certainly improve when it comes to keeping roads cleared, drivable and safe during bad weather.

I suspect most of you know that over Christmas weekend we not only had bad weather but extremely bad results from that bad weather. Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. an alarm went off at our Early Childhood Learning Center. Thank goodness we have police presence 24/7 so law enforcement officer Brady Barrett heard the alarm and went to investigate, thinking it was the Wellness Center where the problem was. He im-

mediately called Ron Wallace, our Wellness Center Director who went to the Wellness Center and found nothing but stated that the alarm at the Early Childhood Learning Center was connected to the Wellness Center and they needed to check the ECLC to determine if a problem was located there. Sure enough, there was. Pipes had frozen resulting in pipes bursting resulting in water coming into the building. Most of the damage was done at both ends of the ECLC, meaning the north end and the south end while there were areas in the middle that didn't receive much damage, especially the kitchen area and the Safe Room. Help was immediately summoned with the Maintenance Department arriving soon as well as other volunteers. Sweep that water, move that furniture, sweep that water, stack those toys high, sweep that water, and so it went from 5 p.m. until midnight of Christmas Eve. Santa certainly didn't get any Christmas cookies or milk that night at our ECLC. Fans were placed throughout the building, insurance was notified, doors were locked and then we went home. We had the weekend to think about what we were going to do with the more than 100 kids who come next week.

But our Christmas adventures didn't end with the Early Childhood Learning Center. Sunday was Christmas Day and Monday, the following day, the tribe was closed providing the employees with a paid holiday. My family celebrated Christmas on Monday morning with a Christmas breakfast, followed by opening of presents. About noon my son Ron and I drove out to the ECLC to see how

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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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# Economic Development Report

*Submitted by Justin Barrett, Business Committee Treasurer*



*Justin Barrett, Treasurer*

## Vetnos Report

### Class II

October 5, 2022 - Press Release was issued – National coverage generated multiple stories

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

October 10 – 13, 2022 - Vetnos Participates at G2E

Presentation on the Class II panel.

Potential client meetings were held with three tribes.

October 21, 2022 - Chicken Ranch Tribal Gaming Agency issues authorized “approval” document

Chicken Ranch Tribal Gaming Agency (“CRTGA”) Classification Determination for the “Play Tac Toe” Class II Bingo Game System.

November 8, 2022 - Sports Betting Initiatives in CA Fail

PlaySqor Class II Only sports themed app available to CA Tribes

November 2022 With a Large Tribe Commences Game Review

Anticipated classification review completion within the 1st Quarter 2023

November Chicken Ranch Casino Beta

### Preparation

Private label app design in progress / Servers received for configuration and testing / In GeoComply queue for beacon deployment and testing / Promotional launch strategy in progress  
Anticipated installation Q1

### Class III DFS

Currently anticipating a final agreement with the MLB Team  
PlaySqor will design and implement a private label app for a MLB team. A relationship with the team is the MLB will be valuable to the overall company and its reach in the market.

### Additional Patent Filings

The filings cover further games from Vetnos including the Class II app

## Woodlands Management Report

Woodlands Management will move funds to Woodlands Development to purchase the Tecumseh property from Burggraf. The amount will be \$1,016,251 (For the building and land and the value of the lease).

The lease will be transferred to Woodlands Development from Burggraf.

ESTE will request a transfer of funds from Burggraf to pay off ESTE physical assets/property then the BC will transfer this back to the holding company.

The note balance will be forgiven in the amount of approximately \$200,000.00.

## ESTE and Burggraf Report

ESTE will be selling the last property to Woodlands Development. The existing lease will be transferred to Woodlands Development. The reason we are selling to Woodlands Development is to reduce the tax liability of Burggraf.

ESTE and Burggraf Corporation will be dissolving after this. The cash will be

used to pay the outstanding notes. My recommendation is to then re-allocate this cash to the holding companies for operating capital.

Eastern Shawnee Economic Services  
This is a new holding for the possibility of acquiring two construction companies. These funds were set aside a few months by resolution. The new holding company is needed for the bonding company to prevent from having to release the casino and Tribe’s financials.

Eastern Shawnee Economic Services is being renamed to Eastern Shawnee Companies.

## Totem

The Business Committee executed a letter of intent with Totem Technologies. Totem is a digital banking app that anyone can use. The Tribe will receive a percentage of the revenue earned by Totem from debit card transactions. Totem is trying to resolve access to banking faced by tribal members. 17% of Native Americans are not banked. A press release will be issued next month announcing our partnership. This cost the tribe nothing. The app is expected to launch in the second quarter of 2023.

You can go to this link to sign up for the waiting list. <https://www.mytotem.app/estoo-join-waitlist>

## Indigo Sky Online

Our social casino development is coming along nicely as we close out the year with the completion of the Indigo Sky Casino digital twin structure as well as the key brand components that include 3D staff avatar costumes, a custom branded progressive slots game and the framework for our mobile app. The tech team is currently working with 3rd party casino game providers to put together a library of the most popular casino games to stock our virtual floor. Official dates and more to be announced in early 2023.



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 19, 2023

### **Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma first to offer Totem accounts**

Partnership provides digital bank accounts to enrolled members, revenue to the tribe

Tulsa, Oklahoma — Totem Technologies, Inc. and the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma have entered into a strategic partnership to create pathways to financial inclusion for tribal members through digital banking. The entities will work together to deliver culturally relevant financial products and education, while streamlining access to the benefits provided by the tribe.

“We are always looking at ways to empower our citizens,” said Eastern Shawnee Chief, Glenna J. Wallace. “Working with Totem provides a great opportunity for us to provide best-in-class financial products to our people while simultaneously growing economic opportunities in areas that we already lead in — namely, financial services and innovation.”

The Eastern Shawnee Tribe is Totem’s first announced partner and already has an established expertise in financial technology. The tribe is a majority owner of the Peoples’ Bank of Seneca, a \$364 million asset institution based in Seneca, Missouri, and recently announced that it is developing a gaming venture in the Metaverse featuring a variety of virtual goods.

Partnering with Totem will enable the tribe to offer FDIC-insured accounts with no monthly fees or balance minimum requirements to its members nationwide. Accounts are held in partnership with Oklahoma-based First Priority Bank, Member FDIC.

In addition to a virtual and physical debit card, a network of 55,000 surcharge free ATMs, and 2-day early paycheck access (see terms and conditions here), Totem is designed to improve its customers’ financial health. It encourages incremental savings and responsible spending, and the company plans to roll out a credit-builder product later this year.

Totem is distinguished from other digital banks through its focus on building Native wealth. First, the app provides information on national and tribe-specific benefit programs to enable its users to access financial support. Second, it engages in revenue-sharing with its partner tribes. Every time a tribal member uses their Totem debit card to make a purchase, a portion of the fees generated from the transaction go back to the tribe.

“We couldn’t be happier to be working with the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to launch Totem,” said Amber Buker, Totem’s founder and CEO. “Together with our current and future tribal partners, we’re working to create a new tradition of Native wealth-building that will help all of our people thrive for generations to come.”

Totem is set to launch in spring 2023. Individuals can sign up for the waitlist to receive monthly updates and early account access here.

#### **About Totem Technologies, Inc.**

Totem is creating pathways to financial inclusion for Native Americans through digital banking. We’re partnering with sovereign tribal governments to deliver culturally relevant financial products and education, make tribal benefits more accessible, and help the growing number of self-identifying Natives born off-rez connect to culture.

#### **About Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma**

The Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is headquartered near Wyandotte, OK, with over 3,500 enrolled members. The tribe has a vibrant culture with a modern constitution, elected officials, and a multi-branch governmental structure. The Eastern Shawnee tribe is dedicated to excellence in its journey to build the tribe of the future.

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# Casino Happenings

*By Justin Barret, Treasurer*



Justin Barrett, Dee Gardner, Melanie Heskett, Norma Kraus, Debbie Littlefield and Shawn Daugherty.

Indigo Sky Casino celebrated its 10 year anniversary this past September. The General Manager and Business Committee held an employee appreciation event. General Manager Melanie Heskett, Chief Glenna J. Wallace, and Treasurer Justin Barrett spoke at the event.

Chief discussed the history of the Tribe and its gaming activities. Treasurer Barrett thanked the team members for their hard work and recapped what the Tribe has accomplished the last two years. "I want to thank our teams at Indigo Sky Casino & Resort and Outpost Casino. As our largest business enterprise your work is immeasurable to the Tribe. It is because of your hard work that we are able to fund tribal government operations, tribal benefits, and diversify our business portfolio. Thank you for your hard work" said Treasurer Barrett



Team meeting the Lucky Lady Games team in person. Bobby Mann, Vice President Customer Success, Lucky Lady Games, Justin Barrett, Treasurer, Eastern Shawnee Tribe, Sandra Wong, Chief Executive Officer, Lucky Lady Games, Melanie Heskett, General Manager, Indigo Sky Casino & Resort and Outpost Casino and Wendi Long, Marketing Director, Indigo Sky Casino & Resort and Outpost Casino

# Congratulations New Tribal Enrollee

**AVERY ELLEN HUGGINS** DOB: 10/31/2022 Daughter of Tyler Jeffrey-David Huggins (ID #1852) Granddaughter of Frank David Huggins (ID #531) Great Granddaughter of Harley David Huggins (1964 #394) Great Great Granddaughter of Ruth E. Crain Huggins (1938 #156)

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## FROM THIS CORNER

By Chief Glenn J. Wallace

### BUD NELSON: DON'T TELL HIM WHAT TO DO

Former mechanic, Navy veteran, member of the prestigious Seals, owner of a Consignment Auction Company, restorer of antique furniture, voracious talker, one who shares his opinions freely and in country vernacular tells you just how to cut the cabbage, Bud Nelson is an active Eastern Shawnee elder. From attending Business Committee meetings to talking to many tribal citizens on the phone, the man loves to talk and doesn't mince words. If that description seems harsh to you, let me quickly add that he's also the man who pays for a lady's groceries at the store when she is running short of cash, stops his vehicle to give a walking man a ride, gets down on the floor and wrestles with his grandchildren, keeps bicycles at his house for kids without one to ride, helps people whenever or however he can. Yes, he's a man who never meets a stranger, never shies away from giving his opinion and giving it in plain words with maybe a cuss word or two laced in there someplace. For example, take his often quoted line known as the six p's: "Prior Planning Prevents Piss Poor Performance." Bud is Bud.

Now 88 years young, Bud has a long history with the tribe. The son of Forrest and Vance Dushane Nelson, he is the grandson of our second Chief since the adoption of our constitution in the late 1930's, Chief Dave Dushane and wife Allie. Bud comes from a family of six children: sisters Carmalita Nelson Handcock, Marcella better known as Dee Nelson Griffith, Josephine or Jo Nelson Barnes, Rhonda Nelson, younger brother Doyle better known as Butch Nelson and Bud himself. He has lived in the Seneca/Wyandotte area much of his life. In his childhood days the family lived on Eastern Shawnee Tribal land just across Lost Creek which is now our Ceremonial Grounds. His grandparents



*Buddy Nelson*

lived on the old Dushane Farm just below Indigo Sky which they now refer to as the Old Homeplace where he and his family spent many hours along the banks of and in Lost Creek fishing, climbing trees, swimming, picnicking and playing on gravel bars as well as looking for arrowheads amongst the rocks. He fondly recalls Lost Creek as having a nearby Spring that was so cold they would begin their day by placing a watermelon in the cold, cold water and

when they were ready to eat the melon was ice cold.

A not so pleasant memory regarding the Old Homeplace is the death of his uncle Jimmy Curtis Dushane, named after Charles Curtis the first with American Indian ancestry to hold the second highest office in the United States, who being only a few months older than Bud made them more like brothers than uncle and nephew. Jimmy Curtis went

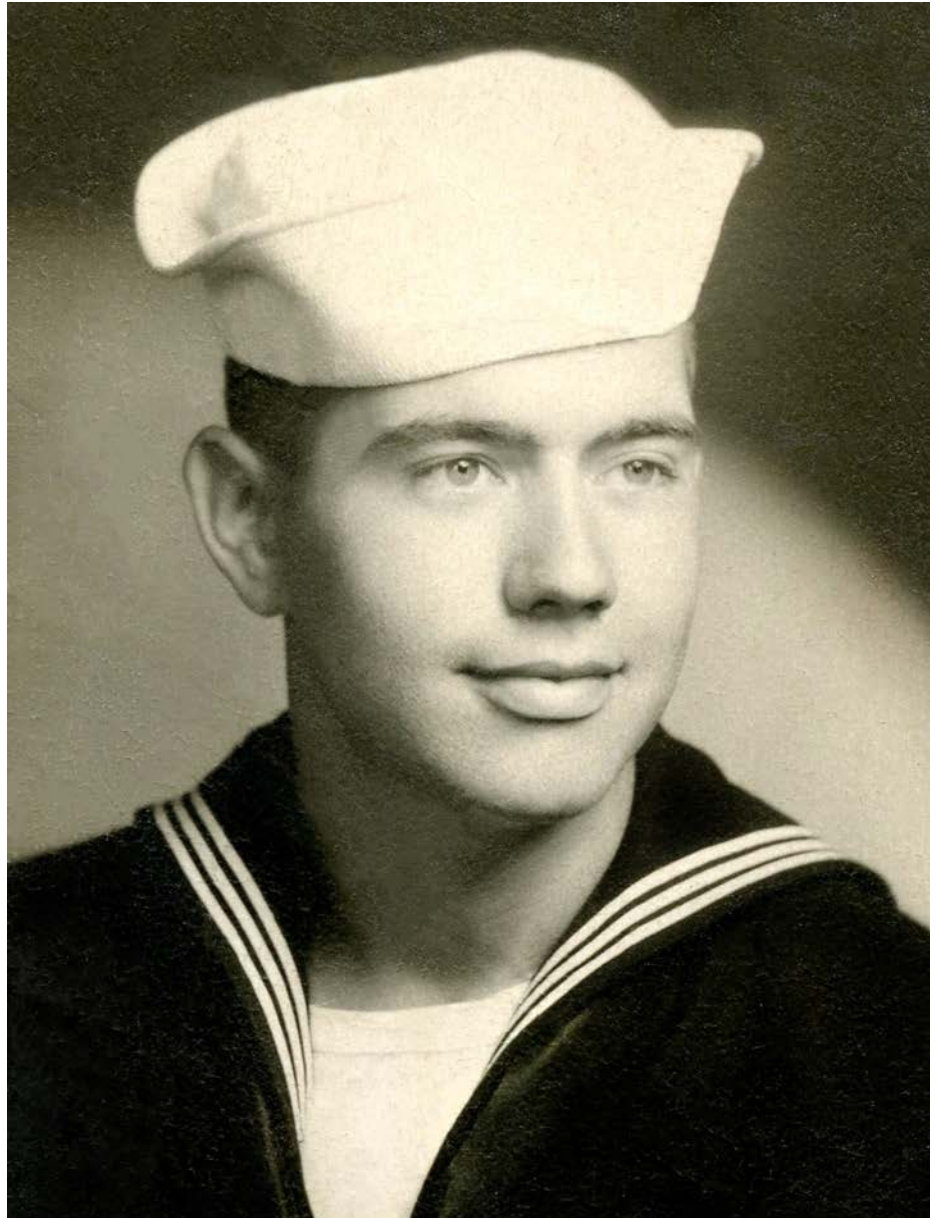




*Dhaloree Pogue, the great-granddaughter of Buddy, is his yearly dinner date for the Annual Elder's Dinner.*



to the rural school of South Number 7 which is located about one mile west of Indigo Sky. Jimmy loved to trap animals on the steep bluffs of the Old Homeplace and was running his traps one morning before going to school when he slipped, lost his footing and fell, not surviving the accident. Losing Jimmy Curtis, the youngest of Dave and



Allie's family, seemingly left a curse or eerie feeling on the land and life there was never the same. Years later the Dushane Homeplace was sold to Vic and Imogene Elbert who later sold it to the Eastern Shawnee Tribe for construction of Indigo Sky.

A distinct personality, Bud doesn't believe in the word "can't". Tell him something can't be done and he will prove to you that it can be. One of the most unusual oddities about Bud is that he does not have a certified birth certifi-

cate. A midwife living near where Indigo Sky is today delivered Bud when he was born. When the doctor came to check on the birth, the doctor didn't write down the date. Consequently Bud was never able to have a certified birth certificate. Years passed without verifiable documentation. He even used his sister Dee's birthyear to join the Navy at age 16. He was told he would never be able to draw Social Security because

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# Child Care and Development Fund

*Submitted by Dian Randall, CCDF Director*

CCDF department writes a new grant every 3 years. We are working on our grant for years 2023-2025 and will be submitting it by 1/31/23.

We held our 1st set of Parenting Classes for this year on Jan. 10th and 12th, 2023. It was on "Parenting Tools 101" Trainer Kathie Benson talked about all the tools it might take you to build your parenting skills in this 2 part class. Each person who attended received a certificate of completion if they attended both classes. If you or someone you

know would like to attend Parenting Classes, please contact our office for our next scheduled classes.

We still have our Car Seat and Newborn Starter Kit programs; you must live within a 100-mile radius of our office to be eligible for these programs. These programs are funded with the CCDF grant and this is our service area per our grant guidelines.

If you want to apply or have any questions about Child Care Assistance with our CCDF Program, please feel free to

come by our office located at 10100 S. Bluejacket Rd. / Suite #3, Wyandotte, OK 74370 or call us at 918-540-9970 or (Toll Free) 866-978-1352 and talk to Dian, Dheather or Michelle. You may also email us at drandall@estoo.net, dheather.sparks@estoo.net, or 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)

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

## 9 Steps to More Effective Parenting

Raising kids is one of the toughest and most fulfilling jobs in the world — and the one for which you might feel the least prepared.

These 9 child-rearing tips can help you feel more fulfilled as a parent.

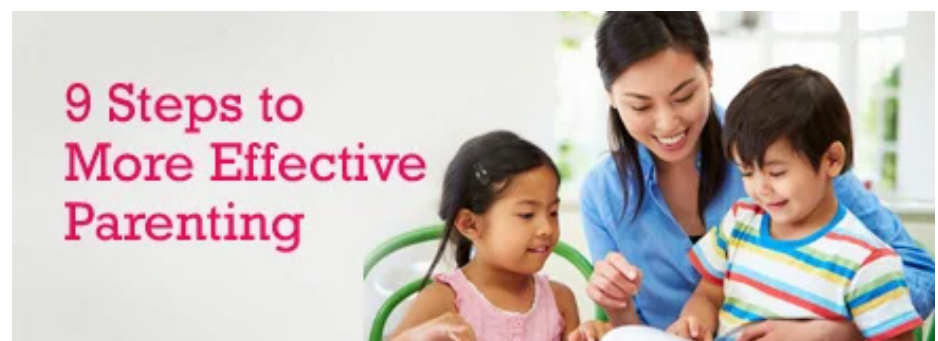
### 1. Boost Your Child's Self-Esteem

Kids start developing their sense of self as babies when they see themselves through their parents' eyes. Your tone of voice, your body language, and your every expression are absorbed by your kids. Your words and actions as a parent affect their developing self-esteem more than anything else.

Praising accomplishments, however small, will make them feel proud; letting kids do things independently will make them feel capable and strong. By contrast, belittling comments or comparing a child unfavorably with another will make kids feel worthless.

Avoid making loaded statements or using words as weapons. Comments like "What a stupid thing to do!" or "You act more like a baby than your little brother!" cause damage just as physical blows do.

Choose your words carefully and be compassionate. Let your kids know that everyone makes mistakes and that you still love them, even when you don't love their behavior.



### 2. Catch Kids Being Good

Have you ever stopped to think about how many times you react negatively to your kids in a given day? You may find yourself criticizing far more often than complimenting. How would you feel about a boss who treated you with that much negative guidance, even if it was well-intentioned?

The more effective approach is to catch kids doing something right: "You made your bed without being asked — that's terrific!" or "I was watching you play with your sister and you were very patient." These statements will do more to encourage good behavior over the long run than repeated scoldings.

Make a point of finding something to praise every day. Be generous with rewards — your love, hugs, and compliments can work wonders and are often reward enough. Soon you will find you

are "growing" more of the behavior you would like to see.

### 3. Set Limits and Be Consistent With Your Discipline

Discipline is necessary in every household. The goal of discipline is to help kids choose acceptable behaviors and learn self-control. They may test the limits you establish for them, but they need those limits to grow into responsible adults.

Establishing house rules helps kids understand your expectations and develop self-control. Some rules might include: no TV until homework is done, and no hitting, name-calling, or hurtful teasing allowed.

You might want to have a system in place: one warning, followed by consequences such as a "time out" or loss of privileges. A common mistake parents make is failure to follow through with



the consequences. You can't discipline kids for talking back one day and ignore it the next. Being consistent teaches what you expect.

#### 4. Make Time for Your Kids

It's often hard for parents and kids to get together for a family meal, let alone spend quality time together. But there is probably nothing kids would like more. Get up 10 minutes earlier in the morning so you can eat breakfast with your child or leave the dishes in the sink and take a walk after dinner. Kids who aren't getting the attention they want from their parents often act out or misbehave because they're sure to be noticed that way. Many parents find it rewarding to schedule together time with their kids. Create a "special night" each week to be together and let your kids help decide how to spend the time. Look for other ways to connect — put a note or something special in your kid's lunchbox.

Teens seem to need less undivided attention from their parents than younger kids. Because there are fewer windows of opportunity for parents and teens to get together, parents should do their best to be available when their teen does express a desire to talk or participate in family activities. Attending concerts, games, and other events with your teen communicates caring and lets you get to know more about your child and his or her friends in important ways.

Don't feel guilty if you're a working parent. It is the many little things you do — making popcorn, playing cards, window shopping — that kids will remember.

#### 5. Be a Good Role Model

Young kids learn a lot about how to act by watching their parents. The younger they are, the more cues they take from you. Before you lash out or blow your top in front of your child, think about this: Is that how you want your child to behave when angry? Be aware that you're constantly being watched by your kids. Studies have shown that children who hit usually have a role model for aggression at home.

Model the traits you wish to see in your kids: respect, friendliness, honesty, kind-

ness, tolerance. Exhibit unselfish behavior. Do things for other people without expecting a reward. Express thanks and offer compliments. Above all, treat your kids the way you expect other people to treat you.

#### 6. Make Communication a Priority

You can't expect kids to do everything simply because you, as a parent, "say so." They want and deserve explanations as much as adults do. If we don't take time to explain, kids will begin to wonder about our values and motives and whether they have any basis. Parents who reason with their kids allow them to understand and learn in a nonjudgmental way.

Make your expectations clear. If there is a problem, describe it, express your feelings, and invite your child to work on a solution with you. Be sure to include consequences. Make suggestions and offer choices. Be open to your child's suggestions as well. Negotiate. Kids who participate in decisions are more motivated to carry them out.

#### 7. Be Flexible and Willing to Adjust Your Parenting Style

If you often feel "let down" by your child's behavior, perhaps you have unrealistic expectations. Parents who think in "shoulds" (for example, "My kid should be potty-trained by now") might find it helpful to read up on the matter or to talk to other parents or child development specialists.

Kids' environments have an effect on their behavior, so you might be able to change that behavior by changing the environment. If you find yourself constantly saying "no" to your 2-year-old, look for ways to alter your surroundings so that fewer things are off-limits. This will cause less frustration for both of you.

As your child changes, you'll gradually have to change your parenting style. Chances are, what works with your child now won't work as well in a year or two. Teens tend to look less to their parents and more to their peers for role models. But continue to provide guidance, encouragement, and appropriate discipline

while allowing your teen to earn more independence. And seize every available moment to make a connection!

#### 8. Show That Your Love Is Unconditional

As a parent, you're responsible for correcting and guiding your kids. But how you express your corrective guidance makes all the difference in how a child receives it.

When you have to confront your child, avoid blaming, criticizing, or fault-finding, which hurt self-esteem and can lead to resentment. Instead, try to nurture and encourage, even when disciplining your kids. Make sure they know that although you want and expect better next time, your love is there no matter what.

#### 9. Know Your Own Needs and Limitations as a Parent

Face it — you are an imperfect parent. You have strengths and weaknesses as a family leader. Recognize your abilities — "I am loving and dedicated." Vow to work on your weaknesses — "I need to be more consistent with discipline." Try to have realistic expectations for yourself, your partner, and your kids. You don't have to have all the answers — be forgiving of yourself.

And try to make parenting a manageable job. Focus on the areas that need the most attention rather than trying to address everything all at once. Admit it when you're burned out. Take time out from parenting to do things that will make you happy.

Focusing on your needs does not make you selfish. It simply means you care about your own well-being, which is another important value to model for your children.

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# Flu: What To Do If You Get Sick

*Submitted by Kelly Friend, Director of Health Services*

## COMMON SIGNS & SYMPTOMS OF FLU

### FLU SYMPTOMS

Influenza (flu) can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. Flu symptoms usually come on suddenly. People who have flu often feel some or all of these symptoms:

- fever\* or feeling feverish/chills
- cough
- sore throat
- runny or stuffy nose
- muscle or body aches
- headaches
- fatigue (tiredness)
- some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

\*It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever.

### What should I do if I get sick?

Most people with flu have mild illness and do not need medical care or antiviral drugs. If you get sick with flu symptoms, in most cases, you should stay home and avoid contact with other people except to get medical care.

If, however, you have symptoms of flu and are in a higher-risk group, or are very sick or worried about your illness, contact your health care provider (doctor, physician assistant, etc.).

Certain people are at increased risk of serious flu-related complications (including young children, people 65 and older, pregnant people, and people with certain medical conditions). For a full list of people at increased risk of flu-related complications, see [People at Higher Risk of Developing Flu-Related Complications](#). If you are in a higher-risk group and develop flu symptoms, it's best for you to contact your doctor early in your illness. Remind them about your higher-risk status for flu. CDC recommends that people at higher risk for complications should get antiviral treatment as early as possible, because benefit is greatest if treatment is started within 2 days after illness onset.

### Do I need to go to the emergency room if I am only a little sick?

No. The emergency room should be used for people who are very sick. You should not go to the emergency room if you are only mildly ill.

If you have emergency warning signs of flu sickness, you should go to the emergency room. If you get sick with flu symptoms and are at higher risk of flu complications or you are concerned about your illness, call your health care provider for advice.

### Are there medicines to treat flu?

Yes. There are drugs your doctor may prescribe for treating flu called "antivirals." These drugs can make you better faster and may also prevent serious complications. See [Treatment – Antiviral Drugs](#) for more information.

### How long should I stay home if I'm sick?

CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or other necessities. Your fever should be gone without the need to use a fever-reducing medicine, such as Tylenol®. Until then, you should stay home from work, school, travel, shopping, social events, and public gatherings. CDC also recommends that children and teenagers (anyone aged 18 years and younger) who have flu or are suspected to have flu should not be given Aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid) or any salicylate containing products (e.g. Pepto Bismol); this can cause a rare, very serious complication called Reye's syndrome. More information about Reye's syndrome can be found [here](#).

### What should I do while I'm sick?

Stay away from others as much as possible to keep from infecting them. If you must leave home, for example to get medical care, wear a facemask if you have one, or cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue. Wash your hands often to keep from spreading flu to others.



## What are emergency warning signs of flu?

People experiencing any of these warning signs should obtain medical care right away.

### In children

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish lips or face
- Ribs pulling in with each breath
- Chest pain
- Severe muscle pain (child refuses to walk)
- Dehydration (no urine for 8 hours, dry mouth, no tears when crying)
- Not alert or interacting when awake
- Seizures
- Fever above 104°F
- In children less than 12 weeks, any fever
- Fever or cough that improve but then return or worsen
- Worsening of chronic medical conditions

### In adults

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- Persistent dizziness, confusion, inability to arouse
- Seizures
- Not urinating
- Severe muscle pain
- Severe weakness or unsteadiness
- Fever or cough that improve but then return or worsen
- Worsening of chronic medical conditions

*These lists are not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptom that is severe or concerning.*  
*CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

# ATTENTION:

The entrance to Bearskin Clinic is located on the north, lower level of the gymnasium. This is the basement shelter door.

Please call 918.678.3228 with any questions

## Education Snapshot

*By Amber Mittag, Education/ Specialized Services Director*

Hello Students!!

Welcome to Spring semester!! This is a friendly reminder that all students must reapply with a new application each semester. If you received scholarship in Fall, you do not automatically qualify for Spring without sending in new paperwork. We are currently busy sending student award letters to your schools! Most of you are aware of this but the reason we send award letters is to let your schools know of your impending award and to let them know that we do not pay out scholarships until after the school's final drop date for the semester. This letter ensures that you will not be dropped from your classes for nonpayment until we are able to send a check. Most all the schools we have worked with will honor our award letter, however, there have been a select

few that will not. If this is the case for you, generally the best plan is to set up a payment plan with the school to ensure that you are not dropped from classes. Anything that you may have to pay out will be reimbursed to you. Just be sure to communicate with us so that we can help guide you. We hate to see students dropped from classes as a lot of the time it is difficult to get back into them.

I would also like to highlight this month the benefits that we offer our younger students. First of all, we offer a grade incentive for all student's 6th through 12th grade!! Once a year at the end of the school year all tribal members can send in a copy of their grades for the entire school year. If the cumulative gpa at the end of the year is either a B or A average, we will reward you! A B average gets an award of \$250, and an

A average gets an award of \$500.

Next, we have our Junior/ Senior benefit for those in the 11th and 12th grades. These students have an allowed benefit max of \$750 for each year that can go towards items that are junior/ senior specific. These items include senior pictures, class rings, prom attire, graduation packages, ACT or SAT fees, etc.

Then specifically for our seniors we have a graduation award. Once a high school senior graduates and receives their diploma if they send us a copy they will receive \$500 for their hard work!!

You can find all of this information on the tribal website under the forms section. It is listed on the 6th through 12th grade application that will need to be filled out to receive these benefits.

# Looking to the Sky

*By Debbie Dotson, Water Quality Officer*

People have always been interested in precipitation and strive to predict patterns in the sky. Basic needs of knowing when to grab a coat or umbrella and using complex sciences to study the effects of flooding and drought are important to all people. Precipitation affects our daily lives and impacts our health, economy, agriculture, and culture.

The water cycle is highly dependent upon precipitation rates, in both the amount of precipitation and the intensity. Recharge of the groundwater supply and our creeks and rivers can vary greatly depending upon precipitation frequency and amounts. Intensity of rainfall is a great concern as climate continues to change and the number of high intensity storms leading to increased flooding.

There is always a lot to learn from the weather no matter your job title or age. There are a couple of great free resources available for monitoring precipitation and tracking past rainfall events.

The first is Mesonet, with at least one site in every county in Oklahoma, and a total of 120 sites currently in the state. The site in Ottawa County is in Miami, OK and it has been active since 1994. Mesonet began in the 1980's with the need to get more real-time, local weather information for agricultural applications and emergency management.

The following are some common parameters that many stations measure:

- Air temperature
- Barometric pressure
- Rainfall amount
- Relative humidity
- Soil moisture
- Soil temperature
- Solar radiation
- Wind direction
- Wind speed

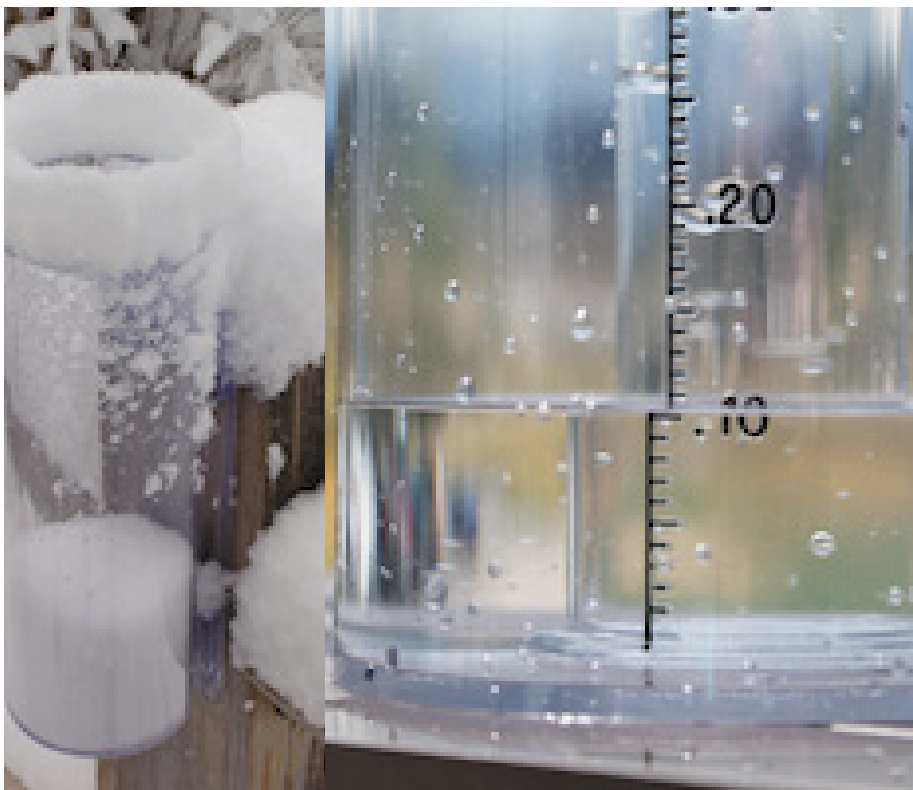
The following link <https://www.mesonet.org> will take you to the website, where you can select a station for local weather data, past and present.

Another way to monitor precipitation as an individual is using a rain gauge and reporting to a volunteer rainfall network at CoCoRaHs, or the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network. The nationwide network of rain gauges has been active since 1998 and is comprised from daily reports of precipitation by private citizens. Zero readings are just as important as accumulation “because every drop counts” and the lack of rain is just as important as the quantity in tracking long term.

From the website <https://www.cocorahs.org>, you can sign up to purchase a standardized rain gauge (approximately \$30) and start entering rainfall from your exact location. Each daily precipitation value is displayed on a map of the United States, and each dot represents a rain gauge location. Precipitation can vary even in a small area, so the more reports, the better the accuracy.

The Eastern Shawnee Tribe Water Quality Monitoring Program has participated in CoCoRaHs since 2012 and uses the data in correlation with tracking spikes in bacteria results, runoff pollution areas, and flow changes in area creeks and rivers.

Mesonet and CoCoRaHs data are both valuable resources for tracking precipitation long term and monitoring flooding and drought conditions. Both websites are available to anyone and have information to help with a wide range of things, from planning what to wear, when to work or plant, and planning for long term building projects and standards.





## Request for Statements of Intent

### By LaQuita Williams, Housing Director

The Eastern Shawnee Tribal Housing Authority is requesting a statement of intent from any interested Indian owned economic enterprises or Indian organizations who wish to submit a bid or proposal for the performance of services related to the carrying out of affordable housing activities. Services and work items include but are not limited to appraisal, building materials, construction, equipment, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, maintenance, inspections, pest control, landscaping, and lawn care, lead based paint testing and remediation, surveys, and legal.

The statement of intent may be submitted to the Eastern Shawnee Tribal Housing Authority at 69495 E. 105 Rd Wyandotte, OK 74370. For more information, contact LaQuita Williams at (918) 238-5151 ext. 1440. (La-Quita.Williams@estoo.net). This request is being offered pursuant to the Indian preference requirements as stated in 24 CFR Part 1000. There is no deadline for submissions.

However, submissions not received in a timely manner may prevent an otherwise qualified firm from receiving Indian preference or being able to compete for contract award under certain or previously announced solicitations.



**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.

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

## 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.

## 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

# 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 –

We're deep in the heart of winter – it's cold and we're stuck inside more. However, being inside more, especially with those we care about, can be a good thing. We can spend time together, talk, and notice the small things that perhaps we'd miss in an otherwise busy time. If you have teens in your life, as I do, it's a good time to chat with them about their friends and relationships -maybe over a cup of coffee and or a game of cards. This month, in our article, we're focusing on how to talk to your teens about teen dating violence. Did you know, according to LoveisRespect, "1 in 3 U.S. teens will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse from someone they're in a relationship with before they become adults". That's a lot of teens! Please read the article below, grab a cup of coffee/cocoa/tea and talk to your teen. It could be one of the most beneficial conversations you ever have with them.

## February is Teen Violence Dating Awareness Month

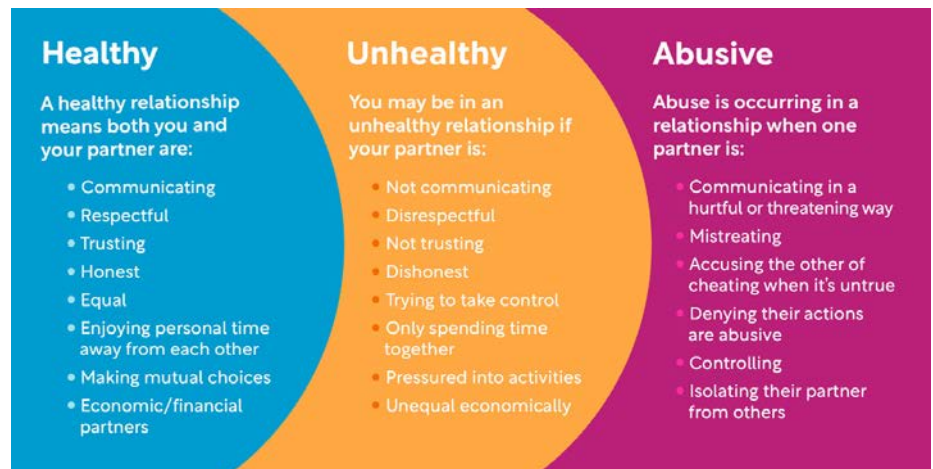
Have you talked to the teens in your life (kids, grandkids, nieces, and nephews) about healthy relationships? Do they know what's healthy and what's not? Do they know the warning signs of an abusive relationship? Do you?

"Relationships may be defined in different ways depending on who's involved, but healthy relationships

all depend on a few key elements: healthy communication, healthy boundaries, mutual respect, and support for one another. Check in with each other's needs regularly while also giving each other space and privacy and be sure to

7. Possessiveness or controlling behavior.
8. Pressuring you or forcing you to have sex.

Abusive relationships are all about



keep an eye out for the warning signs of dating abuse". (loveisrespect.org)

It's so important to make sure that we and our teens understand what the warning signs of dating abuse look. Here are a few of the signs – do you notice any of these things happening in your teens relationship? Have you seen your teen check their boyfriend or girlfriends social media accounts? Have you noticed your teen worrying that their partner temper? Take time this month and talk with your teen.

## Warning Signs:

1. Checking your phone, email, or social media accounts without your permission.
2. Putting you down frequently, especially in front of others.
3. Isolating you from friends or family (physically, financially, or emotionally).
4. Extreme jealousy or insecurity.
5. Explosive outbursts, temper, or mood swings.
6. Any form of physical harm.

power and control. While your teen may be unwilling or unable to leave their relationship right now, it's important that they know that abusive partners are unlikely to change their behavior. You and your teens first priority should always be personal safety.

Contact Haven to discuss your teen's situation and to identify possible signs of an unhealthy or abusive relationships.

Haven 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) or 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 or  
Text Line: (918) 533-3070

Program Website:  
<https://havenprogram.com/>  
Program Email:  
havenprogram@estoo.net

Facebook: HAVEN Tribal Program, Twitter: @ProgramHaven, Instagram: HAVENTRIBALProgram.



## INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL FOOD DISTRIBUTION

We are a federal program that provides commodity foods to low-income households residing in approved areas. To be eligible to participate, the household must contain at least one

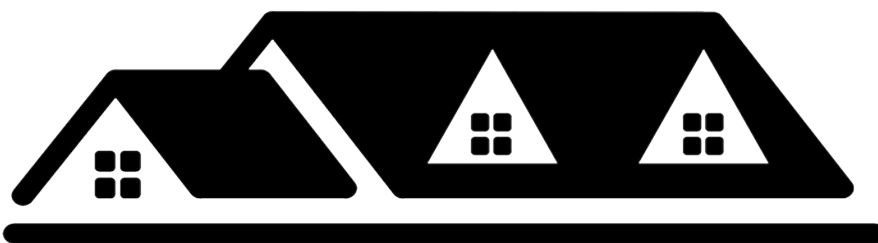
person who is a member of a federally recognized tribe. Eligible households are certified based upon income and resource standards act by the federal government.

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

ties in Missouri.

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

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



## EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

### 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](mailto:amittag@estoo.net) or applications may be found on our website, [www.estoo-nsn.gov](http://www.estoo-nsn.gov)

# Defying the Odds and Moving Forward

By Ashley Crawford RMA, CPhT, Clinic Liaison

## Defying the Odds and Moving Forward

By Ashley Crawford

On July 19, 2016, James "Eric" Clouse was riding his motorcycle home after leaving work at his automotive business. In an instant, Eric was pummeled by an SUV pulling out of a parking lot in Tulsa. When the driver stopped and got out of the vehicle to look at what they had hit, they came upon a mangled motorcycle. Eric had been thrown over the hood of the SUV and was laying on the ground nearby.

When EMS arrived, he was barely breathing and he had obvious injuries to his head, chest, legs and wrist. Once at the hospital, it was determined that he had rib fractures on both sides, traumatic brain injury, skull fractures, liver and spleen lacerations, both femurs broken, a crushed right heel, and numerous other injuries. In simpler terms, he had multiple life-threatening injuries and was intubated upon arrival.

His initial neurological exam showed minimal activity and the doctor was not convinced that he would survive his injuries. Over the next few hours, they performed another neurological exam and noticed that he had miraculously made some minimal improvements. Unfortunately, he needed to have a portion of his skull removed in order to relieve pressure on his brain. A couple weeks later, they took him to surgery and placed hardware in his ankle and legs. From the time he had been admitted into the hospital to the time he was transferred to a nursing home the doctors told him and his family three different times that he was going to die.



**Motorcycle Rider Critical After Tulsa Crash With SUV**

Channel 6 News Tulsa



Eric's Hand-Built Harley Motorcycle

On October 6<sup>th</sup> 2016, he was transferred to a nursing home in Warner, OK after the hospital did everything they could do for him. His mother Joyce, spent every day with him and was diligent on taking detailed notes on his status and any little changes that she noticed. She then relayed that information over to the doctors. Joyce worked tirelessly to find a facility that accepted patients with a tracheotomy. Thankfully, she found one and he was able to be transferred to a long-term care facility in Webb City and was closer to home.

His mother also helped take him to specialty doctors. She received the surprise of her life while visiting an ear, nose and throat office one day. The doctor took out his trach tube, which he had since the wreck, and he spoke for the first time since the wreck on May 1, 2017. Joyce stated that he said "I'm thirsty, I want something to drink". He then proceeded to take the cup of water they offered and started drinking. A phrase that you would have never thought would make you cry, had Joyce crying tears of joy.

With every win, there was always a battle just around the corner. Later that year, despite all efforts to fix his right leg and ankle, he had his leg amputated above the knee in November of 2017.

In January of 2018, he met with a neurosurgeon and had cranioplasty surgery to replace the portion of the skull that they had removed in the hospital. The neurosurgeon had a 3D synthetic skull made and placed. Against all odds he was then able to return home in July of 2018. In September of 2019 he was fitted with a prosthetic leg and had a wrist fusion about a year and a half ago.

He completed occupational therapy and was able to meet all of his own set goals and still goes to physical therapy to help with contracture of his left side twice a week. He is his harshest critic when it comes improvements and states that he is still working on getting his posture in tip top shape and getting used to the prosthetic.

Eric is a walking miracle and the journey has not been easy, but things worth fighting for don't always come easy. Eric stated that "The wreck tragically altered my life in many ways and that nothing should ever be taken for granted. Everything can change in a moment."

His son Lincoln has been an enormous influence on his recovery. He hopes that his drive and passion for success may influence his son to succeed in every aspect of his life. Eric's attitude and determination have also played big part in his recovery. He did not and will not ever stop fighting to get better. His mother Joyce played a pivotal role in his life as well. She spoke for him and fought for him when he couldn't. The community helped as well. The Downed Bikers Association in Tulsa held an event in his honor to help with expenses throughout treatment.

He wants people to know to never give up your passions or hope. He corrected me when I asked him if he "hoped" to ride with the Downed Bikers Association one day for an event. He stated "I will ride with them one day." Eric wants his story to influence

others going through hard times to not give up and never lose your positive attitude since that plays such a huge part with recovery. With his tenacity, I have no doubt that he will keep moving forward and succeed in anything he puts his mind to.



Rachelle McCloud RN, Eric, and Dr. Doug Cox



Eric and his son Lincoln



# Cocaine Facts

*Submitted by Ben Bingham, Native Connections Project Director*

Cocaine is a stimulant drug that is highly addictive. It is created from the leaves of the coca plant located in South America and is one of the oldest drugs known. Cocaine comes in two chemical forms. The first is powdered and generally taken intravenously by using needles to inject into a vein or intranasally, which is by inhaling it through the nose. It is generally sold in a white powder known as snow, flake, coke and others slang terms and is often diluted with material such as cornstarch, talcum powder and/or sugar, and at times with other drugs such as anesthetics, and stimulants such as amphetamines. The second form is known as “freebase” which is smokable is known as crack in the drug community. It is referred to this, due to the crackling sound made when it is smoked. Crack is generally processed with ammonia or baking soda and water followed by heating it to remove the hydrochloride. Smoking it causes a quick high and combined with it is inexpensive to make and buy leads to its popularity.

Cocaine increases dopamine in the brain that is associated with motor control and the body’s natural reward system, it does this by causing dopamine to build up in the nerve cells and stopping the normal process that occurs to cycle dopamine back within the body, this causes the brain to be flooded with dopamine. Some of the short-term effects include mood swings from extremely happy to extreme paranoia, higher mental alertness, hypersensitivity to sight, sound, and touch. If taken in large amounts it can lead to unpredictable and violent behavior or overdose. These effects appear quickly and disappear within a minute or can last if an hour. Long term use of the drug can lead to a variety of effects depending on how it is routinely taken.

Nasally causes a loss of smell, nosebleeds and sinus problems, as well as swallowing difficulties. Smoking results in respiratory illness and higher



risks of infections. Orally causes reduced blood flow in the abdomen and can cause your internal organs to die and decay. Injections lead to an increased risk of contracting HIV, Hepatitis C and other bloodborne diseases as well as skin infections and collapsed veins. Cocaine can also lead to other illnesses and injuries due to a lack of judgement while impaired by the drug, such as malnourishment due to lack of eating and even hallucinations.

Overdoses can and do happen when using cocaine in either form, this can be from taking too much on the first time using, taking higher dosages due to your body building up a tolerance to the drug, or due to one of the ingredients sellers dilute it with, or by mixing

it with other drugs. This can lead to heart attack, seizure, and stroke. For those addicted to the drug and not using typical withdrawal include depression, increased appetite, nightmares and lack of ability to sleep, difficulty with completed mental tasks. Unfortunately, there is no medication to take to assist those attempting to get off the drug, but there is behavioral therapy, motivational incentives, therapeutic communities, and community-based recovery groups.

As always, we have a counselor on staff if need someone to speak to or if seeking treatment in the Miami area you can contact Grand Lake Mental Health at 1-844-458-2100.



## Nu:yah Nu:yah

As we pass through the beginning of a New Year, The earth "Our Mother" will once again begin to awaken from her time of rest. Following the instructions of Our Creator, the Sap will once again begin to flow. It is at this time we show our gratitude to all the Trees for the gifts they provide, the Sap is not only a sweet treat to provide the sweet syrup/sugar it also provides nourishment to our bodies (a natural medicine) to lift our spirits, minds and provide strength to our bodies.

The Cultural Department will be preparing for our Tree Tapping later in the month of February. How we say, the time winter is slowing, the nights are freezing and the Day time is getting above freezing. This allows the process of the Sap to go up into the Maples, with the thawing of the Sunshine the Sap will flow down the Trees giving us the opportunity to catch the Sap and begin boiling down to Maple Syrup and or Sugar. This time of year, and activity is not only a time to gather Sap, it also gives us as a people to gather and enjoy each other's company with stories, singing and working together. If you are interested feel free to come on out and join us.

We will be providing more details as to when and where on our Facebook Page (Eastern Shawnee Cultural Preservation Department) and through Tribal email.





# Vital Statistics Department

*By Monica Bettis, Director*

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

Service	Spent to Date December	Members' Served Per Line Item
Auditory	\$1,231.98	3
Burial	\$30,191.75	4
Disabled/Elder Care	\$369,004.58	296
Elder Crisis Committee	\$18,789.42	11
Extracurricular	\$5,191.28	34
Healthcare	\$349,537.08	824
Orthodontics	\$4,770.00	8
School Expenses	\$74,796.96	299
Special Medical Equipment	\$3,597.18	25
Utility/Emergency Assistance	\$257,406.35	565
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,114,516.58</b>	<b>2069</b>

\$227,035.59 paid out from December 16, 2023 - January 13, 2023

### Vital Statistics Activity December 2022

Status Changes	64
Deaths	0
Enrollees	6
ID Cards	6
Photo ID	1
Total Enrollees for current fiscal year	79
Total Deaths for current fiscal year	23
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>3779</b>

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

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



# Business Committee Minutes

**DATE: Wednesday,  
December 14th, 2022**

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

LOCATION: BlueJacket Building

INVOCATION: Chief Wallace

## CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The Business Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. with the following answering roll call: 1st Council Kissee, 2nd Council Daugherty, 3rd Council Kraus Treasurer Barrett and Secretary Littlefield. 2nd Chief Samples and Chief Wallace was present. A quorum was declared by 2nd Chief Samples.

## NEW ENROLLEES –

Sydney Trillium McElveny DOB:  
11/27/2021

Emery Jolene Osburn DOB:  
08/03/2022

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

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

## MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the November 30th, 2022, Business Committee Meeting minutes. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

## REPORTS

Chief's Report – Chief Glenna Wallace

THANK YOU – Thank you notes from Tribal Administration Employees for their Christmas Bonus and a thank you from the Oklahoma City Indian Clinic for a donation made to them were read by Chief Wallace.

DONATION REQUESTS – A donation request for \$1,000.00 from the NICWA to sponsor the 41st Annual Protect Our Children Conference was presented by Chief Wallace.

MOTION: To Donate \$1,000.00 to the

NICWA for their 41st Annual Protect Our Children Conference made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS – provided to Business Committee members.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – was held Sat., Dec. 3rd at the annex with 60 children attending. Santa, a storyteller from the Cherokee Tribe, Robert Stevenson and a balloon lady were also present. Christmas gift cards were given to each child present.

CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS FOR YOUTH, ELDERS AND DISABLED - 2,333 individual cards totaling \$63,174.95 have all gone out in the mail to tribal children, tribal elders and disabled tribal members.

ELDERS LUNCHEON – will be Saturday December 17th, 2022, from 12-3 p.m. Lunch, visiting and bingo will be enjoyed by all. The event will be held in the annex.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION – Thursday, Dec. 15th, 2022, the monthly food distribution will be combined with the Christmas food baskets to be provided starting at 10:00 am.

BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY GRANT has been funded for \$2,650,630. This will help to lay fiber around entire complex on Hwy. 10 and will also extend to Housing Authority and Woodland's

OHIO SUPREME COURT – Ruled six to one to make a public park making the mounds available to visitors every day all day long. There is one more trial to go and this will go to Jury Trial in Lincoln County. This trial is to determine what is a fair price to pay the Mound Builders Country Club. They currently have a lease to lease the land until 2078, so we need to pay them the money they would have paid plus any improvements made. We are hoping this will be done within the next six months.

TRANSPORTATION GRANT – We have heard back once, and they were asking for additional information which we provided. Chief Wallace states that in her experience that has always been a good sign. We have not heard anything since they contacted us back, but Chief Wallace has contacted Milo Booth, Federal Department of Transportation Tribal Liaison. He contacted the Federal Department of Transportation. He wrote back that they have not made final decisions, but they hope to make that that decision in December.

TRIBAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT BIDEN – President Biden and Vice President Harris has pledged their support for the Indian Child Welfare Act. This conference was important for us and had good results. Chief Wallace was able to meet personally with the Department of Justice to talk about the effects of Tar Creek and how it affects the Tribes. She was also able to meet personally with the Secretary of Transportation, Pete Buttigieg, and spoke with him about our Transportation Grant. She was also able to meet with the Department of the Interior, Deb Holland. SHAWNEE TRIBE REQUEST SHAWNEE INDIAN MANUAL LABOR BOARDING SCHOOL – The Boarding School is presently owned by the State of Kansas. The Shawnee Tribe wants to take possession and ownership of that school and are willing to pay \$15 million to rehabilitate and to make the school a museum. They have asked for a letter of support. Chief Wallace has responded to them stating our support for their effort to purchase the school and the letter has been sent to Chief Barnes. The Business Committee was in support of this action.

REQUEST FROM EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANHY/LIBERTY RIGHT OF WAY WYANDOTTE 114 ACRES – The Business

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Committee will be receiving this Resolution tonight. They need us to provide them a resolution and approve access to the 114 acres that several tribes own together to upgrade the IT support, Electrical support in the Wyandotte area.

**PEOPLE'S BANK OF SENECA** – Reports November was an excellent month. Net profit for the month of November was \$417,885.00 which brings year to date to \$5,022,945.00 – an increase of over one million from last year. Total assets are now \$381.7 million and past dues finished the month at 0.36% - one of our lowest months ever for past dues.

**SHOW ME MAGAZINE** – The city of Seneca will be featured in their January issue. They will be writing articles on our donations to the Fire Department and the Police Department.

**BURN** – We have not had a controlled burn in some time, and this comes out of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Environmental Department. We have five people here from the Navajo tribe who are preparing the grounds to do a controlled burn. The burn will be postponed a while due to the rain that we have had. Obviously in this controlled burn there are some cedar trees and Rachel Holcomb our Tribal Administrator reached out to our Ceremonial Chief King and informed him of this, seeking his permission. He requested to be notified in advance so that he can bless the trees.

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE** – Monday, December 26th, 2022, offices will be closed for the Christmas holiday.

**NEW EMPLOYEES** – Three new employees have been hired by the maintenance department.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER**- Information requested by the Business Committee has been emailed showing the hours that the Splash Pad would be available to the public.

**ELECTION BOARD** – Preston Ross has submitted his resignation which results in a vacancy on the Election Board

and this vacancy will be advertised in the Shooting Star.

**TALON SILVERHORN** – He and some friends of his from Fort Pitt, Pennsylvania museum will be here to conduct workshops that have to do with cultural aspects. They will be here Jan. 21st and they will provide lessons on how to make moccasins,

18th century clothing, and how to do an 18th century spoon. On Jan. 22nd they will do fire starting with flint and steel and an intro to flint napping.

**CLOSED SESSION** – Chief Wallace has information to present in closed session.

## RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 121422-R-01** Resolution approving Amendment 1, acceptance of GMP, to the Construction Management At-Risk Proposal submitted by Branco Enterprises, Inc. for the Construction Management of the Eastern Shawnee Splash Pad connected to the Eastern Shawnee Early Childhood Learning Center.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to accept the attached GMP Breakdown totaling \$2,323,490.00 as Amendment 1 to the Construction Management At-Risk Proposal submitted by Branco Enterprises, Inc. for the Construction of the Eastern Shawnee Splash Pad connected to the Eastern Shawnee Early Childhood Learning Center.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize Chief Glenna J. Wallace to execute the amendment once it has been reviewed and approved by In-House Counsel.

**MOTION:** To Approve Resolution Number 1121422-R-01. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by 1st Council Kisse.

Motion carried: 3 approved (Kisse, Kraus, Littlefield), 2 opposed (Daugh-

erty and Barrett), 0 abstained, 0 absent.  
**MOTION:** To add four Resolutions to the agenda. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 121422-R-02** Resolution approving submission of an application for attorney's fees to fund to prepare, file, and argue before the OCCA in defense of the Tribe's Reservation and its jurisdiction over Indian defendants on the Reservation.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby approves the submission of an application for attorney's fees to fund to prepare, file, and argue before the OCCA in defense of the Tribe's Reservation and its jurisdiction over Indian defendants on the Reservation, all communications and strategic efforts relative to this case, and fees incident to any petition for certiorari to the United States Supreme Court relative to State of Oklahoma v. Harry William Hull, Jr. S-2021-110.

**MOTION:** To Approve Resolution Number 121422-R-02. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kisse.

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

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 121422-R-03** Resolution Authorizing a Utility Right-of-Way Easement for Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative, Inc.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the attached Utility Right-of-Way Easement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe and Northeast Oklahoma Electric Cooperative, Inc.

More specifically: A Strip of land 1500 Feet on either side of a line with a Point of Beginning in the Southwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 28N, Range

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25E which lies S1° 56'25.465"E a distance of 3,822 Feet from NW Corner Sec 32 T28 R25E monument located at 36° 52'17.087"N, 94° 38'42.907"W in the Northwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 28N, Range 25E; thence S0° 55'7.172"E a distance of 996 Feet to the Point of Termination located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 28N, Range 25E.

**MOTION:** To Approve Resolution Number 121422-R-03. 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 121422-R-04 Approving a Budget Amendment to the FY2022 Tribal Administration Budget Miscellaneous Budget Transfers

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve FY2022 budget modification No. 9 transferring line item over/under for Human Resources, Pow Wow, and High Cost Medications with no additional funding required.

**MOTION:** To Approve Resolution Number 121422-R-04. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

**MOTION TO TABLE:** Resolution to approve the FY2023 Eastern Shawnee Tribe ARPA Utility & Medical Program Policies and Procedures.

**RESOLUTION** Number 121422-R-05 Authorizing an Electric Right-of-Way Easement for Liberty Utilities on Seneca-Cayuga tract 923 T 1010.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve an Electric Right-of-Way Easement for Liberty Utilities on Seneca-Cayuga

tract 923 T 1010 along the North side of Highway 60 near Wyandotte, Oklahoma.

More specifically: A portion of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section 21, Township 27 North, Range 24 East, Indian Meridian, County of Ottawa, State of Oklahoma being a 30 foot wide strip of land, the center line of which is described as: Beginning at a point on the line between Sections 20 and 21, South 00° 07'08" East, 874.63 feet along the section line from the quarter corner of Section 20 and 21. Thence from the point of beginning, the following five courses: 1) North 76° 12' 34" East, 279.74 feet, 2) North 76° 45'12" East, 1,127.73 feet; 3) North 76° 41'51" East, 739.81 feet; 4) North 77° 35'41" East, 299.88 feet; 5) North 76° 10'25" East, 244.06 feet to the North and South center line of Section 21 and the point of termination. Containing 1.85 acres m/l.

**MOTION:** To Approve Resolution 121422-R-05. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

## REQUISITIONS

Requisition number EN-92440 payable to Marion Company LLC for pay application No. 9 Housing in the amount of \$269,248.89.

**MOTION:** To approve Requisition number EN-92440 made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Requisition number EN-92653 payable to Brown and Brown of Oklahoma for Workmen's Comp. Installment #2 in the amount of \$27,230.00.

**MOTION:** To approve Requisition number EN-92653 made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

Requisition number EN-92654 payable to Brown and Brown of Oklahoma for General Liability in the amount of \$92,798.00.

**MOTION:** To approve Requisition number EN-92654 made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Purchase Requisition Number PR00059550 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$357,119.88 for Cisco Server Refresh Pinnacle.

**Motion:** To approve PR00059550. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

Purchase Requisition Number PR00059562 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$159,900.00 for continuity for March 2023.

**Motion:** To approve PR00059562. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

Purchase Request Number PR00059565 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$158,400.00 for April 2023 continuity.

**Motion:** To approve PR00059565. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Purchase Request Number PR00059567 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$136,400.00 for May 2023 continuity.

**Motion:** To approve PR00059567. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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



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posed, 0 abstained, 0 absent.

Purchase Request Number PR00059580 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$26,339.00 for Poker Room Carpet down payment and balance at completion.

Motion: To approve PR00059580. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

Tribal Admin. Submitted 3 quotes in re: Lighting Protection System Quotes to the Business Committee with the recommendation being to use Bright Lighting Inc. in Tulsa, Ok. 2nd Chief Samples recommended that surge protection should be added to the quote and the Business Committee members agreed.

MOTION: To approve the Bright Lighting Inc. bid with authorization for Chief Wallace to sign the change order. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

## NEW BUSINESS

Tribal Elder Bud Enyart – Requested an update be given by the Business Committee at the next Business Committee meeting on how tribal members may access tribal records. He states the present process of having to view them in person and not being able to make copies creates a hardship on out of state tribal members. Concerns are also stated as to how records being placed on the web site could make it difficult for some tribal members who do not have access to computers or knowledge on how to access these records.

The present process is to contact the Business Committee Secretary or the BC Chief of Staff to view records. Copies may be made at the cost of the current click rate.

The Business Committee agreed to his

request of addressing this at the next Business Committee meeting.

Mr. Enyart also addressed his concerns that the length of closed sessions is too long. He also thanked the tribe for the wood that he was provided to heat his home.

OLD BUSINESS - None

MOTION: To go into Closed Session at 7:37 p.m. following a five-minute break. The motion was made 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

## CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: To return to Open Session at 11:52 p.m. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

## OPEN SESSION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 121422-R-06 Resolution to Approve the Articles of Organization Eastern Shawnee Economic Services, LLC

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the attached Articles of Organization of Eastern Shawnee Economic Services, LLC.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution number 121422-R-06. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 121422-R-07 Resolution to Adopt the Operating Agreement of Eastern Shawnee Economic Services, LLC.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the attached Operating Agreement of

Eastern Shawnee Economic Services, LLC.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution 121422-R-07. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 121422-R-08 Resolution to Open a DDA at People's Bank of Seneca for Eastern Shawnee Economic Services, LLC  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to open a demand deposit account at People's Bank of Seneca for Eastern Shawnee Economic Services, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby designates Chief Glenna J. Wallace, Treasurer Justin Barrett, and Secretary Debbie Littlefield as authorized signers.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby designates Chief Financial Officer Karen Allen as the Administrator of Cash Management.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 121422-R-08. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

MOTION: The motion to adjourn at 11:55 p.m. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

ADJOURN

**DATE: Wednesday,  
December 28th, 2022**

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

LOCATION: BlueJacket Building /

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Indigo Sky Casino

INVOCATION: Chief Wallace

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL,  
DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The Business Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Blue-Jacket Building by Second Chief Samples with the following answering roll call: 1st Council Kissee, 2nd Council Daugherty, Secretary Littlefield, and Treasurer Barrett. 2nd Chief Samples declared a quorum.

MOTION: To move the Regular Business Committee Meeting to Indigo Sky Casino due to the recent water damage at the BlueJacket Building. 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). Chief Wallace and 3rd Council Kraus joined the meeting at Indigo Sky Casino.

NEW ENROLLEES:

Clyde Allen Foley DOB: 05/15/2022

Kira Morgan Channick DOB:  
11/07/2022

Sophia Dawn Summers DOB:  
12/13/2021

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

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

MINUTES

MOTION: To Approve the Minutes of the December 14, 2022, Business Committee Meeting with the following corrections – line 56 changing Lincoln to Licking and line 75 correcting the spelling of Holland to Haaland. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

REPORTS

CASINO REPORT – Melanie Heskett,  
General Manager

Reporting for the month of November:

Indigo Sky Casino – Revenue down 6%, Expenses down 10%.

Outpost Casino – Revenue down 3%, Expenses down 7%.

Comparison of Actual to Budget for YTD:

Indigo Sky – Revenue up 4%, Expenses down 7%.

Outpost Casino – Revenue down 4%, Expenses down 8%.

GAMING COMMISSION REPORT: Jalene Wells, Gaming Commissioner – Reporting for the month of November: The Gaming Commission currently has 39 total employees. 8 employees are tribal members, 1 tribal spouse, 4 Native, 23.08% Eastern Shawnee, 33.34% Native American.

The Licensing Department processed: Renewals – 22

New Hires – 23

Conditional Employee Licenses monitored – 3

Non-gaming vendor companies – 15

Non-gaming vendor employee licenses – 42

Gaming Companies – 0

Gaming vendor employees – 16

The Gaming Commission collected – \$13,525 (YTD \$28,550)

The EGM Department performed the following:

New Machine Installs – 28

Machines Removed – 16

Machine Software/Theme Conversions – 24

Software Upgrades – 8

Software replacements - 2

Gaming machine relocations – 9

Server installs/Upgrades – 7

Single pieces of software tested – 157

Seal Activities – 149

The Gaming Commission billed – \$1,350 (YTD \$3,875)

The Gaming Commission collected – \$1,075 (\$2,600)

The Compliance Department performed the following observations:

Cage – 79

EGM – 55

EGM Activity Assists - 2

Jackpot – 66

Players Club - 75

Exchanges – 7

Table Inventory – 87

Table Fill – 46

Table Credit – 1

Title 31 Inquiries – 9

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 – 2657

Radio Calls – 644

Observations - 14724

Policy Violations Noted – 152

JDLR's Noted - 32

Incident Reports Written Total – 50

Medical Reports Written – 39

CD Requests from Tribal PD- 4

Review Requests from Operations - 16

The Surveillance Department performed the following for Outpost Casino:

Phone Calls – 165

Radio Calls – 52

Observations – 3222

Policy Violations Noted – 33

JDLR's Noted - 7

Incident Reports Written Total – 3

Medical Reports Written – 1

CD Requests from Tribal PD – 0

Review Requests from Operations – 2

Trainings and Events

EGM Supervisor, Surveillance Director and IT Manager attended Leadership Training in Tulsa that was provided free of charge by Castle Hill Gaming.

Ashley Burnside, Regina DeMoss, Sarah North, Simon Tottingham, Eb Scroggins, and Kodi Hurly attended OTGRA conference in Durant, Ok.

Internal Auditors attended 2 Virtual Sessions with NIGC: Cyber Symposium and How to Calculate Fees and Fee Reconciliation.

Commissioners, Licensing and Tech Staff completed the CJIS Security Awareness Certification.

Commissioner Updates

- Commissioner has reviewed and

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approved all submitted and updated promotions through November, December and January.

- Commissioner reviewed and approved P&P's.
- Commissioner met with IT and Maintenance Departments to get additional information for the LPR Quote. Will be reaching out to get a meeting with Vendor to get a more detailed quote.
- Tribal IT and GC is awaiting directive or action of the BC concerning Surveillance of Tribal Buildings.

TREASURER REPORT – Justin Barrett, Treasurer

Cash Balance Report as of 12/28/22 – Preliminary Numbers

General Fund ... 61 million

People's Bank CD's - 1.2 million

Combined General Fund - 62.2 million

Land Account - 1.2 million

Economic Development - 3 million

Social Services/Ed. Reserves - 20.9 million

Education - 1.8 million

Total Committed Funds - 80 million

Total Available Cash - 18.9 million

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT – Justin Barrett, Treasurer

Vetnos Report

Class II

October 5, 2022 – Press Release was issued – National coverage generated multiple stories Tribal Nation Gaming Milestone: Three Tribes, Two States, and One Purpose Bringing a First-of-its-Kind, Class II, Sports Themed App to the Market.

October 10-13, 2022 – Vetnos Participates at G2E

Presentation on the Class II panel.

Potential client meetings were held with three tribes.

October 21, 2022 – Chicken Ranch Tribal Gaming Agency issues authorized "approval" document.

Chicken Ranch Tribal Gaming Agency ("CRTGA") Classification Determination for the "Play Tac Toe" Class II Bingo Game System.

November 8, 2022 – Sports Betting Initiatives in CA Fail.

PlaySqor Class II Only sports themed app available to CA Tribes

November 2022 With a Large Tribe Commences Game Review

Anticipated classification review completion within the 1st Quarter 2023

November Chicken Ranch Casino Beta Preparation

Private label app design in progress / Servers received for configuration and testing/in GeoComply queue for beacon deployment and testing / Promotional launch strategy in progress

Anticipated installation Q1

Class III DFS

Currently anticipating a final agreement with the MLB Team

PlaySqor will design and implement a private label app for a MLB team. A relationship with the team is the MLB will be valuable to the overall company and its reach in the market.

Additional Patent Filings

The filings cover further games from Vetnos including the Class II app

Woodlands Management Report

Woodlands Management will move funds to Woodlands Development to purchase the Tecumseh property from Burggraf. The amount will be \$1,016,251 (For the building and land and the value of the lease.

The lease will be transferred to Woodlands Development from Burggraf.

ESTE will request a transfer of funds from Burggraf to pay off ESTE physical assets/property then the BC will transfer this back to the holding company.

The note balance will be forgiven in the amount of approximately \$200,000.00.

ESTE and Burggraf Report

ESTE will be selling the last property to Woodlands Development. The existing lease will be transferred to Woodlands Development. The reason we are selling to Woodlands Development is to reduce the tax liability of Burggraf.

ESTE and Burggraf Corporation will be dissolving after this. The cash will

be used to pay the outstanding notes. My recommendation is to then re-allocate this cash to the holding companies for operating capital.

Eastern Shawnee Economic Services

This is a new holding for the possibility of acquiring two construction companies. These funds were set aside a few months ago by resolution. The new holding company is needed for the bonding company to prevent from having to release the casino and Tribe's financials.

Eastern Shawnee Economic Services is being renamed to Eastern Shawnee Companies.

Totem

The Business Committee executed a letter of intent with Totem Technologies. Totem is a digital banking app that anyone can use. The Tribe will receive a percentage of the revenue earned by Totem from debit card transactions. Totem is trying to resolve access to banking faced by tribal members. 17% of Native Americans are not banked. A press release will be issued next month announcing our partnership. This cost the tribe nothing, The app is expected to launch in the second quarter of 2023.

You can go to this link to sign up for the waiting list. <https://www.mytotem.app/estoo-join-waitlist>.

Indigo Sky Online

Our social casino development is coming along nicely as we close out the year with the completion of the Indigo Sky Casino digital twin structure as well as the key brand components that include 3D staff avatar costumes, a custom branded progressive slots game and the framework for our mobile app. The tech team is currently working with 3rd party casino game providers to put together a library of the most popular casino games to stock our virtual floor. Official dates and more to be announced in early 2023.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 122822-R-01 Resolution to Approve a Letter of



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Agreement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and Seneca Telephone, dba Rally Networks  
 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the attached Letter of Agreement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and Seneca Telephone, dba Rally Networks with the following receivables:

1. Fiber optic network design for plant installation.
2. Bill of materials.
3. Recommendations for central office electronics.
4. Recommendations for customer premise electronics.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize Chief Glenna J. Wallace to execute the Letter of Agreement.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 122822-R-01. The motion was made 1st Council Kisse with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 122822-R-02 Resolution to approve the forgiveness of Notes Payable issued by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to Burggraf Corporation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to forgive the balances of Notes Payable issued by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to Burggraf Corporation. The amounts forgiven will be the balances in excess of the available Burggraf cash balances as of 12/31/2022.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 122822-R-02. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kisse.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 122822-R-

03 Authorizing the Land Management Department to submit an application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to pursue placing the McKibben Properties containing 112.32 acres into trust.

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

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

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 122822-R-03. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 122822-R-04 Resolution to approve FY2023 Eastern Shawnee Tribe ARPA Utility and Medical Program Policies and Procedures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to adopt the attached FY2023 Eastern Shawnee Tribe ARPA Utility and Medical Program Policies and Procedures.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 122822-R-04. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 122822-R-05 Resolution to Authorize the Amendment to the Articles of Organization of Eastern Shawnee Economic Services, LLC.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of

Oklahoma does hereby approve the Amendment to the

Articles of Organization of Eastern Shawnee Economic Services, LLC approved by Resolution 121422-R-06, to change its name to Eastern Shawnee Companies, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma further specifically authorizes the execution of the Amendment by the Chief of the Tribe on behalf of the Business Committee.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 122822-R-05. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kisse.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 122822-R-06 Resolution to Rescind Resolution 121422-R-08 Opening of Peoples Bank Account for Eastern Shawnee Economic Services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to Rescind Resolution 121422-R-08 Opening of Peoples Bank Account for Eastern Shawnee Economic Services due to changing the name of Eastern Shawnee Economic Services, LLC to Eastern Shawnee Companies, LLC.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution 122822-R-06. The motion was made by 1st Council Kisse with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 122822-R-07 Resolution to Open a DDA at People's Bank of Seneca for Eastern Shawnee Companies, LLC.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to open a demand deposit account at People's Bank of Seneca for Eastern Shawnee Companies, LLC.

# Business Committee Minutes

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby designates Chief Glenna J. Wallace, Treasurer Justin Barrett, and Secretary Debbie Littlefield as authorized signers of the account.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby designates Chief Financial Officer Karen Allen as the Administrator of Cash Management of the account.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 122822-R-07. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

## REQUISITIONS

Requisition Number EN-92842 payable to Miracle Recreation Equipment Co. for ECLC Splash Pad/Playground Equipment in the amount of \$132,523.89.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition Number EN-92842. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Requisition Number EN-92926 payable to REDW for the 1st installment of the 2022 Compensation Study in the amount of \$27,696.67.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition Number EN92926. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

Four quotes were presented for the rock removal and sod replacement at Elder Housing.

2nd Chief Samples requested that Tribal Administrator come back with the cost for removing the rock from the different companies as it was listed only on one quote. It was agreed not to get an additional quote from the company that already quoted rock removal – just from the three companies that did

not quote the rock removal.

Quote from GHA Technologies, Inc., for the Barracuda Email Protection, Premium Plus for a 3-year subscription in the amount of \$75,224.25.

MOTION: To Approve the GHA Technologies, Inc. quote. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

## NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: To appoint Audrey Dixon, Chad Kelly, and Karen Allen to Eastern Shawnee Companies Board of Directors. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

2nd Chief Samples inquired if the BC would be interested in pursuing the purchase of a strip of land across from BC Blvd – Hwy. 60. All were in agreement for Chad Kelly to pursue through Woodland's Development and present to the Business Committee when the information has been obtained.

## OLD BUSINESS

110 Road Project – Chief Wallace reports that this 4.1 million Grant we wrote was not funded. An email was received by Chief Wallace and forwarded to BC members from the Transportation Director from the BIA office in Muskogee. He proposed some ways of helping. We get funding every single year. It doesn't vary, it is their formula. He indicated that it would be a minimum of \$150,000 a year that we would be receiving in Roads Funds. They could lend it for 10 years and the tribe would take out a note and agree on a percentage that we would pay and that could be used for the funding of this road.

An update of information from Karen Allen indicates that as of now we have a balance of \$2,130,457.80 as our balance of Road Funds. As a total we have spent \$320,647.82 on 110 Rd. leaving a balance of \$1,810,809.98

in roads funds. If we chose to take out the income that would be coming from the Roads, it would be a total of \$3,310,809.98. The original bid was 4.4 million. The tribe could choose to put in 1 million from ARPA Funds or General Funds

2nd Chief Samples requested that we see if the bidding company will update their numbers, hold it for 30 days and see what we can do with our cash balances.

Resolutions – Treasurer Barrett gave an update on progress of Resolutions being uploaded on the web site without attachments beginning in 2023. A disclaimer will be placed on the web site that we cannot guarantee that these will all be active or have not been superseded or rescinded by another resolution. For all previous resolutions you will still need to contact the Secretary Debbie Littlefield or Chad Kelly to schedule an appointment to review the resolutions. 2nd Chief Samples requested that Ben Dixon research what the work plan is to do the labor and get estimates.

Program Policies and Procedures to be discussed further in Closed Session

MOTION: To go into Closed Session at 7:03 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 at 9:15 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.

MOTION: To adjourn at 9:16 p.m. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

## ADJOURN



## CHIEF'S REPORT

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the drying process was coming along and to reposition the fans. By that time I had determined that we would need to relocate our ECLC kiddos to the recently closed Travel Center and make the best of the situation for three weeks or so until the ECLC could be repaired, restored, made safe and welcoming again. Dropping me off at my house, Ron went on home. I decided to go to BlueJacket Building and work since no one would be there and I can get far more work done when no one is around. Imagine how shocked I was when I unlocked BlueJacket Building, opened the front door to discover at least five inches of water standing in every room with more pouring in. Immediately I opened all three doors to let the water begin to run out then grabbed my cell phone to call Ron and tell him to come to town immediately, which he did. Following him was grandson Chance and it was déjà vu all over again—grab a broom, sweep the water, call everyone for help, sweep the water, figure out where to turn off the water—Oh we are on the city of Seneca's water. We will need to contact them. Who has their number and they aren't going to be working today either. Just as before, Maintenance came immediately and performed miracles along with other employees, other volunteers. But I was the only one sweeping water because all the brooms and other disaster items had been taken to the ECLC and left there Saturday night. What a day, what an evening. Pizza was brought to us meaning we took a short break then we commenced working again. We finally stopped at 6 p.m., having been there 6 hours. Both buildings were destroyed, but not our spirits.

The next morning which was Tuesday morning all employees gathered at 8 a.m. and received our assignments. The entire ECLC staff would go to the aban-



*Bluejacket Building*



*Learning Center*





*Learning Center moved to the Travel Center because of flooding.*

done but full of things Travel Center, completely empty out everything, clean the gutted building then begin to decide how the building would be arranged to accommodate our youngsters. From 8 to 11 we emptied out the building, washed everything down and began to move what could be moved from the former ECLC to the new ECLC. Employees were fantastic—no complaints, no bickering, no moaning, just an attitude of “We can do this” and they did. Some worked until about 8 that night. But the next morning we were ready to

reopen to accommodate the children of the employees and the following day we were open for everyone. Closed for one day! It was miraculous. Open to everyone the second day! Some parents had tears of gratitude in their eyes to have a place, a safe place, a loving place to leave their children to enable the parents to go to work and not lose more income from missed work because of no place to leave their children. Yes, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday were tough days but they brought out the spirit of teamwork, apprecia-



tion, and the desire to overcome in all of us. What a Christmas week we had! Today, both buildings have been gutted and restoration underway. We are hopeful within 10 more days the Early Childhood Learning Center will be finished, bright and shiny to begin anew. And BlueJacket Building, well we have said our kiddos come first and we have concentrated on the ECLC but we are ready to begin restoring every single room in BlueJacket Building. We have enlisted Judy Brown, a BlueJacket descendant, to oversee all interior decorating there along with Shelly Rogers, Administrative Assistant. It will be something all of will be proud of and I can't wait to see it. With all that being said, along with being so proud of our employees, I don't want to be Scrooge and say Bah Humbug, but I do hope we





have a more traditional Christmas next year.

Last month I promised that I would talk about 3 projects we are working on this year—a new governmental building, a splashpad and 110 Road. Actually there are more than 3 major projects but all of them take planning and have needs that must be addressed before we can complete any one of them. As you know for several years we have been relocating from our downtown flood plain location near Seneca, MO up to Highway 10C, a distance of about four miles. Before completing future plans, we must address issues of capacity. Do we have sufficient water capacity to add more facilities? Do we have a sufficient sewer system? What about our

energy needs and our roads? And the list goes on.

To address these issues, we recently hired ECCI, a firm from Arkansas that we had used before, to evaluate the Tribe's existing wastewater treatment system. More specifically, since the initial installation of the Tribe's current wastewater treatment system, the Tribe has continued to expand our housing and businesses. With this added growth, we may need additional capacity to meet our current demand. The Tribe has also emphasized that we wish to evaluate the potential future demands based on additional planned expansion over the next four years. The purpose of the requested evaluation was to determine the remaining operating capac-

ity of the existing wastewater treatment system and make recommendations for future expansion. The wastewater treatment system has been in operation for 14 years with no upgrades or major maintenance issues. The results of that study are now in.

The Tribe has grown significantly in the last 14 years. Several additions were made within the community and the housing district since the construction and commissioning of the wastewater treatment system. We also know we have future plans of additional homes and community buildings in the near future. The goal of this evaluation is to review current needs based on flow data, determine what the capacity increase needs are, and provide final recommendations that are to include capacity evaluations for any planned expansions within the Tribe.

ECCI designed the Tribe's current wastewater treatment system in 2007, based on a needed wastewater flow of 20,000 gal/day. We chose a treatment plant with a capacity of 49,500 gal/day to allow for future growth, choosing an AdvanTex – Orenco system with an original design that included 4 primary tanks, 1 dose tank, 2 recirculation tanks, 15 filter pods and a 2-acre drip field for our wastewater treatment system. The wastewater treatment system treats the wastewater biologically prior to discharging to the drip fields. We installed and began operating the current wastewater treatment system in 2008. Several years after the construction of the original wastewater treatment system, we added a 5th primary tank to the wastewater treatment system that increased the total volume capacity by 15,000 gallons. The additional tank was deemed the appropriate size to fit the needs at the time we started expanding and adding buildings to the community. A site visit was completed by ECCI at the 10C Tribal Complex on September 27, 2022, to gather data and inspect the wastewater treatment system. The purpose of the onsite meeting was to

gather updated information regarding the list of homes, community buildings, and businesses that are serviced by the wastewater system. The updated list of structures connected to the wastewater treatment system shows we have grown significantly since the wastewater treatment system began operation and continue to grow. The originally sized system included a few office buildings and 13 – 3 bedroom/2 bath homes. Since that time, the Tribe has added the following businesses and homes after the wastewater treatment system began operations in 2008:

1. Wellness Center that includes:
  - a. Swimming pool;
  - b. Hot tub; and
  - c. Therapy pool
2. Learning Center;
3. Child WellCare Center;
4. AOA – Elder Care Center;
5. Police Station;
6. 15 – 3 bedroom/2 bath Homes; and
7. 18 – 2 bedroom/2 bath duplexes.
8. HAVEN center for violence against women.

The original wastewater treatment system design was based on a demand of approximately 20,000 gallons, with an additional 30,000 gallons for future planned expansions and population growth. During ECCI's site visit, the Tribal EPA office personnel and ECCI determined the occupancy ratings for the businesses and homes. The occupancy ratings were determined by reading existing plans, occupancy plaques on the buildings, estimating the number of employees in each business, and estimating the number of students/occupants for the wellness center and AOA. The occupancy of the pool was assumed to be 10 gallons per person. The occupancy rating was utilized to determine the typical flow per day for each of the businesses and homes. Our current flow is about 56,385 gallons. The current flow is approximately 6,385 gallons over the original design capacity of the wastewater treatment system and our drip field has capacity



of 52,272 gallons per day but the current flow is approximately 4,113 gallons over the original design capacity of the drip field.

The Housing Authority has plans to build an additional 20 more 3 bedroom/2 bath homes while the Tribe's future plans include a large governmental building, a splash pad at the ECLC and a second therapy pool in the Wellness Center. Yes, we have grown and before growing more, we must address water, wastewater treatment and energy needs before we can proceed much further. Thanks to ECCI for supplying us with this information. We have our work cut out for us.

I want to remind everyone we have vacancies on our Housing Authority Board and on our Election Board. If you are interested in serving, please get in touch with me by calling (918) 238-5151 or text me at (918) 533--8422 or emailing me at gjwallace@estoo.net I must make those nominations soon.

We have just learned that our World Heritage nomination for 8 sacred mounds in Ohio will be heard this coming September at a meeting in Saudi Arabia. Yes, I plan to go at no expense to the tribe. And we are still waiting for a jury trial to be set in Licking County in Ohio to determine fair price to buy out the Moundbuilders Country Club's lease to eliminate the golf course there.

Hopefully this will take place in the next 6 months. The end is in sight!

I ask each of you to remember the family of Margie Ross, wife of tribal citizen Roy Ross. Margie walked on this week and we extend our condolences to Roy, their son Chad, daughter Cyndie and their children. Roy was formerly employed at the tribe, then became a B.C member and is currently serving on our Election Board. Son Chad teaches our Drivers Education Program in the summer which is free to our youth. Margie was Tribal Administrator for the Ottawa Tribe for 30 years with Roy also working there in the Indian Child Welfare Program. Please remember this family with your prayers.

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



## CORNER

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he couldn't prove his identity. At some point he went to Vital Statistics, got a letter and today has a Social Security Card, ID, and guess what—today he draws Social Security. Don't tell him he can't.

Bud has had three marriages, fathering five children from his first marriage – Terri Landis, Bonita Payton, Patti Cochran, Mike Nelson, Lori Neuman—and one from his second marriage, Kelly Nelson along with four stepchildren, and one from his third marriage, Forest Nelson and two stepchildren adopting both of them. And grandchildren— Oh My! 28 grandchildren, 41 great grandchildren, 3 great great grandchildren with one on the way.

Always active in the tribe, always telling us when we have fallen short and sometimes telling us when we have done well, Bud has been on the Business Committee, on the Housing Authority Board, on the Elder Crisis Committee. Below is an article showing his participation and wisdom back in 1965, a decision made 58 years ago that has enormous consequences, especially today.

“What is the value of \$3,000.00 to this tribe in 1965?”

Most of us today are not aware that Grace Dixon stood strong to save this Tribe from extinction along with Buddy Nelson who said NO we will not sell the land for \$15,000 but what almost ended in a tragic sale of the tribes remaining 52 acres would or could have ended us as a Tribe. When the vote for selling the land for \$15,000 {to the city of Seneca} had no votes the City Manager at that meeting Mr Hall said “we raise the offer to \$18,000”.

And the \$3,000 dollar raise made 9 members vote YES to sell this land.

Chief Captain: ‘All those in favor of selling this 52 acres of land to the City



*Buddy be recognized as the Male Elder of the Year at Elders Dinner.*

of Seneca for \$15,000 please stand This question has zero votes in favor all of those NOT in favor of selling the land. The NO vote got 20 votes. (30 voters were present)

“Comment from the floor”

Grace Dixon: “We want to keep this land!”

Grace Dixon: “I am in receipt of an envelope from Washington DC that if we sell this land our tribe will be terminated by the US Government”.

NOTE: She refused to tell who the letter was from”

Buddy Nelson: “We are not here to give these people anything”

Mr Hall “has just been informed the city of Seneca has raised its offer to \$18,000 (the Mayor was present at this meeting)

Mr Hall: “I know positively as human beings that you will never again be of-

fered this much money for this land If you ever want to sell it you will have to sell it for less”

“Chief Captain informally asked how many members would be willing to sell this land for \$18,000, 9 members agreed to sell the land for this price. 16 members opposed selling this land for that price.”

“Chief Captain thanked them and showed them the door and from that action we are who we are today”

Those 52 acres is the land where the BlueJacket Building is located today, the site of the old Bingo Hall, of Bordertown, the origins of gaming for the Eastern Shawnee Tribe. Thank goodness Grace Dixon and Bud Nelson were vocal and said, “No, this land is ours and you can't have it.

# EASTERN SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA TAX COMMISSION

## TAG HOURS:

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

Tag Office 918-666-7710

Mary Alumbaugh ext. 1117 or Lisa Stivers ext. 1115

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

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

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

**ITEMS REQUIRED FOR TAG RENEWALS**  
Current UT Bill  
Proof of Insurance  
Tribal Members Valid OK Driver's License  
Tribal Members ID card

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

**ITEMS REQUIRED TO TAG NEWLY PURCHASED VEHICLES**  
Original Title (Seller's signature notarized)  
Bill of Sale  
Lien Information  
Current UT Bill  
Proof of Insurance  
Tribal Members Valid OK Driver's License  
Tribal Members ID Card

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

**TITLE – PENALTIES (After 30 Days)**  
Minimum Penalty.... \$10  
Daily Penalty...\$0.50  
Maximum Penalty.... \$50

**TITLE FEES**  
New Title.... \$15  
Replacement Title.... \$10  
Transfer Title.... \$15  
Add Lien.... \$10

**REGISTRATION – PENALTIES (After 30Days)**  
Minimum Penalty.... \$1  
Daily Penalty.... \$0.25  
Maximum Penalty.... \$25

**REGISTRATION FEES**  
Replace Registration.... \$10  
Transfer Registration.... \$10  
Replace Tag.... \$15

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

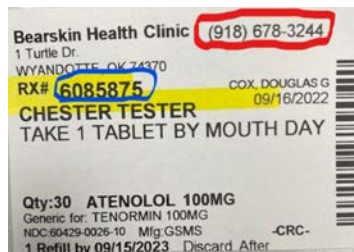
**\*\*\*FEES ARE BASED ON PURCHASE PRICE\*\*\***

## 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.

## HAVEN PROGRAM

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

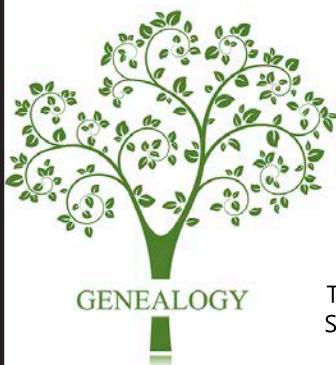
**HAVEN Does NOT provide 24- hour service.**

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



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Eastern Shawnee Tribal Member

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



# Eastern Shawnee Tribe

## Tribal Citizens Birthdays for February 2023

Ackerman Laci 2/7	Dixon Justin 2/28	Kelly Kristen 2/10	Peacock Harvey 2/23	Wainscott Matthew 2/13
Anglin Stacy 2/17	Duclos Caydie 2/11	Kimbrough Braydon 2/21	Peterson Alice 2/3	Waldon Riley 2/17
Ankeny Keegan 2/11	Dushane Jon 2/1	King Shawn 2/19	Peterson Michael 2/8	Walker Ke'aira 2/20
Applegate Stormie 2/17	Dushane Lori 2/9	Kirkham Jr. Eric 2/5	Phelan Chad 2/25	Walsh Beau 2/24
Ascenio, Jr Ivan 2/22	Edwards Trevor 2/26	Koch Michael 2/9	Phillips Shauna 2/9	Warden Jr Danny 2/6
Austin Grant 2/15	Edwards-Fanning Dakota 2/25	Koslowsky Blythe 2/29	Pogue Dhaloree 2/20	Washington Bryce 2/19
Austin Noah 2/11	Ellis Kyanah 2/16	Kraus Timothy 2/21	Pollock Nicholas 2/26	Weinberg Amanda 2/17
Babcock Blake 2/28	Fanning Kolten 2/11	Kropp Marilyn 2/26	Preston Jason 2/13	Wells Devon 2/24
Badger Sally 2/13	Fasolino Alison 2/26	Landis Jeremy 2/6	Prete Zachary 2/4	Wendling Alyce 2/26
Bailey Nicholas 2/26	Floyd John 2/23	Leach Ryan 2/6	Punk Nolan 2/13	Werth Samuel 2/19
Barbarick Katie 2/25	Foss Annjanette 2/9	Landis Terri 2/2	Purcell Dakotah 2/23	White Aiden 2/28
Barker Grant 2/9	Francis Olivia 2/23	Latimore Kaylee 2/1	Purvis Wade 2/3	White Amy 2/14
Barrett Dillon 2/15	Friedman Constance 2/4	Lawson Braden 2/2	Quapaw Tezlynn 2/5	White Annie 2/7
Barrett Dustin 2/16	Garcia Aieleeziabet 2/18	Leach Kathleen 2/28	Quillen Janice 2/24	White David 2/7
Barrett Ellie 2/9	Gaylord Hayden 2/2	Leach Olivia 2/24	Rabb Whitney 2/8	White Donovan 2/86
Barrett Gavin 2/25	Gensinger Arianna 2/25	Lee Aurora 2/21	Reinke Sarah 2/11	White Kaylee 2/24
Barrett Rynlee 2/21	George Jaci 2/7	Lefors Luna 2/16	Rendel Shannon 2/17	White Kyle 2/24
Batori Arabella 2/18	Gibson Justice 2/10	Lewis Joanne 2/27	Rice Brian 2/6	Williams Carson 2/17
Beets Shelby 2/25	Gilley Erica 2/13	Lewis Jr Jimmy 2/13	Roberson Rhonda 2/16	Williams Laquita 2/21
Belcher Benjamin 2/25	Gouker Bryce 2/18	Loucks Jeremy 2/7	Romine Paizley 2/26	Wilmouth Justus 2/13
Bernard Madeleine 2/26	Graham Codi 2/22	Loureiro Toni 2/23	Ronning Abbe 2/12	Winkle Whalen 2/14
Bettis Jesse 2/3	Graham Ethan 2/14	Lowe Andie 2/8	Rosenow Alijah 2/16	Woodruff Julie 2/7
Bird Ashley 2/2	Grubbs Ella 2/8	Lowe Ashley 2/8	Ross Aaron 2/3	Worley Jonah 2/2
Blackmon Brody 2/27	Hansen Janet 2/4	Lynd Breanna 2/17	Ross Ethel 2/17	Worley Rachel 2/5
Blackmore Woodrow 2/8	Harris Aliviah 2/11	Mansker Shelly 2/4	Ross Robert 2/22	Wright Amoni 2/3
Blanchard Joella 2/14	Harris Angela 2/8	Marberry Noah 2/4	Salyers Cameron 2/22	Wright Mitchell 2/8
Blizzard Scott 2/18	Harris Ripken 2/13	Marney Brandon 2/13	Schott Roberta 2/17	Wright Taylor 2/10
Blizzard Shane 2/23	Hauser John 2/7	Martin Taylor 2/24	Schubert Richard 2/17	York Samuel 2/2
Blizzard Teghan 2/19	Hayworth Raven 2/3	Martinez Avery 2/18	Schulte Cole 2/17	York Sophia 2/2
BlueJacket Madison 2/15	Heller Ryan 2/6	Matheny Owen 2/18	Scott Danni 2/3	
Boehme Erin 2/11	Henegar Akley 2/13	Mccamish Ramsey 2/18	Scott Destine 2/10	
Boehme Nolan 2/3	Henry Dalee 2/27	McDonald Aubree 2/1	Sharp Gillian 2/20	
Brendlin Blayne 2/1	Henry Dane 2/24	McGill Miles 2/3	Sherwood James 2/15	
Brendlin Bruce 2/7	Hinkle Debra 2/18	McMinn Rocky 2/6	Sherwood Keara 2/10	
Brendlin Tamala 2/10	Hollis Haley 2/2	McMinn Travis 2/6	Shores Kyndell 2/11	
Bristol Faith 2/25	Hollis Preston 2/6	Mellen Stacie 2/15	Shuey Karli 2/19	
Brock Glen 2/29	Hollis Shonna 2/28	Melton Kylin 2/24	Sims Jason 2/1	
Budynas Daniel 2/3	Holmes Jack 2/25	Miller Leslie 2/10	Smith Brenda 2/28	
Burkhart Doris 2/29	Holubik Blanche 2/3	Millhollin James 2/1	Smith Caleb 2/16	
Butler Dominique 2/28	Hotulke Boston 2/17	Millhollin Joshua 2/17	Smith Caspian 2/6	
Calhoun Jesse 2/4	Hubbard Britney 2/15	Millhollin Joshua 2/9	Smith Mathieu 2/28	
Captain Brian 2/10	Hubbard Dalton 2/2	Millhollin Maudie 2/1	Smith Melissa 2/6	
Captain George 2/28	Hubbard McKenzie 2/6	Mix Kelly 2/10	Smith Shadow 2/3	
Captain Kye 2/23	Hudson Landri 2/23	Moose Clare 2/27	Stewart Caleb 2/15	
Captain Tucker 2/16	Hueston Shea 2/16	Moose Holden 2/27	Stine Micha 2/7	
Castleberry Kerri 2/5	Huls Olivia 2/18	Morgan Kristan 2/29	Storey II Matthew 2/7	
Chamberlain Christopher 2/18	Hunter Ash 2/12	Murphy Lilaina 2/21	Strauss Coulter 2/24	
Channick Kurt 2/16	Hurt Raelynn 2/18	Murray Nora 2/5	Strickland Tanisha 2/9	
Channick Patrick 2/3	Hutchinson Allison 2/8	Naval Joshua 2/26	Strickland Tracy 2/19	
Chaulet Jax 2/10	Hutchinson Karin 2/23	Navarro Jessica 2/4	Strickland Ferci Lori 2/15	
Childers Chasen 2/5	Hyde Nakoa 2/14	Nichols Keith 2/29	Sullivan Oliver 2/6	
Clark Eloy 2/25	Iamsamang Toria 2/26	Nichols Michael 2/3	Tandy Lindsey 2/17	
Clark Tristan 2/11	Jacobson Neal 2/24	Nicholson Derick 2/27	Tayrien Troy 2/12	
Colvard Christopher 2/12	James Anpo 2/23	Nunley Kendra 2/1	Thomasson Preston 2/3	
Conrad James 2/2	James Mason 2/7	Ogaz Mark 2/29	Thomasson Ransom 2/14	
Cortez Ulises 2/26	James Shawn 2/23	Olbrey Tiffany 2/12	Thomasson Trampas 2/6	
Crain Lawrence 2/6	James Wakinian 2/22	Olbrey Tori 2/21	Thompson Melaney 2/20	
Cremonini Chloe 2/12	James Jr Charles 2/6	Olson Cassandra 2/5	Thorp Brycen 2/10	
Crossley Avery 2/14	Jardee Regina 2/9	Osborne Dorinda 2/11	Thrasher Justice 2/17	
Crump Adrienne 2/28	Johnson Cheryl 2/8	Overn Natalie 2/8	Throgmorton Michael 2/7	
Daniels Faith 2/15	Johnson Ethan 2/9	Overn Natalya 2/8	Trisler Ethan 2/14	
Daugherty Michael 2/11	Johnston Carter 2/24	Parsons Malissa 2/16	Truelove Emily 2/10	
Davis Penny 2/7	Johnston Elijah 2/24	Patrick Thomas 2/14	Turner Caleb 2/23	
DeClue Jody 2/9	Johnston Joshua 2/17	Patterson Susan 2/17	VanHouten Bennett 2/8	
Delmont Kolton 2/26	Jones Curtis 2/25	Payne Raina 2/2	Vermillion Karen 2/17	
Devine Margaret 2/24	Jones Keylan 2/22	Payton Danielle 2/14	Wachman Tegan 2/21	