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## EASTER EGG HUNT

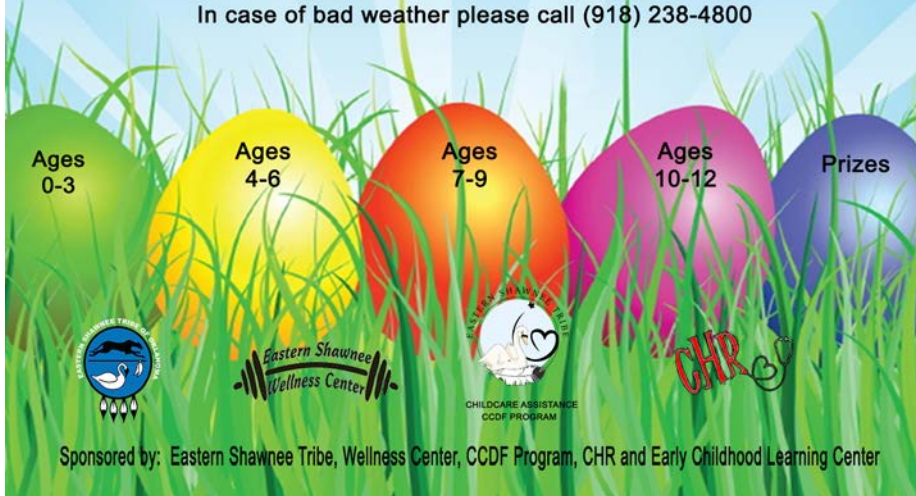
### SATURDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>

10:00 AM

### Eastern Shawnee Wellness Center

Located behind the Outpost Casino on Highway 10C

In case of bad weather please call (918) 238-4800



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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 **March 1, 8 & 22, 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

Dear Fellow Tribal Citizens, Hatito. Well Groundhog's Day has come and gone and Punxatawny Phil saw his shadow so supposedly there will be six more weeks of winter. Not exactly what I was wanting to hear because winter is my least favorite season. It's not the cold that I dislike, it's the 14 or 15 hours of darkness each day. I dread thinking about the months of December, January and February and think when those months are over, then life can get back to my normal. Those months have the longest dark days where I can't get outside, can't piddle with my flowers, can't bask in the warm rays of sunshine. I could never live in Alaska full time. Thankfully we are in the last week of February, and I'm ready for T-shirt days and 14 to 15 hours of daylight. For me the best part of winter, especially on weekends, is spending part of the day watching the birds from my large kitchen windows where I can see eight feeders swarming with spoiled birds accustomed to fine dining. From black oil sunflower seeds to cracked corn to peanuts to wild bird seed to suet cakes I never have to wonder if the feeders are empty, because the birds let me know. They fly up in the nearby trees and start their raucous chorus sometimes singing, chirping, whistling, warbling, cawing, hissing, cooing, whatever until I brave

the frigid temps replenishing their smorgasbord or free cafeteria. Grocery stores aren't the only places inflation is felt. Try buying bird feed for comparison. But I will stop with my grumpiness because the birds always entertain me. They are like watching masses of people. Eight or ten chickadees will politely exchange places moving from one feeder to another while four to six doves will spot their food supply on the ground where they munch to their hearts' content with ten or twelve beautiful red cardinals pecking at the sunflower seeds awhile then flitting up into the trees to observe everything then returning to feast again. They are joined by a red headed woodpecker whose tail feathers always hang down below the feeders. It's such a peaceful scene until suddenly a bossy bluejay zooms upon the scene demanding everyone leave as he must be the center of attention. When bluejay has had his fill and leaves, the family of mixed birds return and resume their conversations and eating. I will continue keeping the feeders full and being entertained by my feathered friends until about the end of March when they will be able to find their own meals. I'll end this discussion of winter and birds with a quote I read recently, "Never catch snowflakes with your tongue, until all the birds have gone south for the winter." Spring, I am so ready for you.

We are thrilled to have our Early Childhood Learning Center cleaned, refurbished and filled with our students again. There are simply not enough words to express our admiration and appreciation to Service Solutions for the speedy, professional and thorough restoration they did following the flooding of our ECLC on Christmas Eve. To think that they could work with such extensive destruction and have everything remediated in one month is nothing short of mind blowing. Again I compliment all of our staff for the cooperation and understand-

See *CHIEF* on page 25

## The Shooting Star

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### Business Committee Members

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# K9 Unit "Joker" Loses Battle with Cancer

By Jeanette Kruse, Eastern Shawnee Police Department



It is with our most heartfelt sympathy that the Police Department announces the loss of our long-time SRO K9 "Joker". Unfortunately, on January 26,

2003, Joker lost his battle with cancer. Joker's handler and partner is our K9/School Resource Officer Ray Harvey.

Joker has served the Eastern Shawnee

Tribe for eight years. Joker and Ray's duties consisted of conducting drug searches for various schools in this area such as Miami Public Schools, Afton Schools, Fairland Schools, Wyandotte Schools, and Turkey Ford School. Joker and Ray also taught Drug Education and Awareness Programs for the area schools and tribal events.

Joker's legacy will be carried on by K9 "Maggie", who will continue to keep the students and staff safe in our district. Thank you for your service Eastern Shawnee K9 #209, Joker. EOW 01-26-23.

## YOU'RE INVITED

Eastern Shawnee Tribal Employees/Members  
 Financial Education Workshops  
 Monday, March 20, 2023

### "Maximizing Credit"

How is credit scored? Why does my credit score matter?  
 Learn what steps to take for obtaining credit, using it wisely and  
 the impact money management has on your future credit standing.

11 a.m.-12 p.m.— Lunch will be provided!  
 Eastern Shawnee Wellness Center, 10135 S. Bluejacket Road

1 p.m.-2 p.m. — Virtual Microsoft Teams  
 Join on your computer or mobile app  
 Meeting ID: 231 042 095 057  
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## THE 8 ELEMENTS OF A HEALTHY HOME

*By: Kathleen Blanchard*

A healthy home supports the well-being of the people living there in many ways. Ensure your home is clean, healthy, and safe by following these eight simple steps.

### A healthy home is:



#### DRY

- Always clean spills and floods immediately
- Check your plumbing in your home for leaks
- Prevent rainwater from entering your home by making sure drainage around the outside is flowing away from the house
- Prevent water from entering your home by repairing roof leaks before they get too big



#### SAFE

- Always wipe spills away quickly
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and keep fire extinguishers on hand, especially in the kitchen
- Keep children away from windows, as a screen is not strong enough to prevent a fall



#### CLEAN

- Empty trash regularly
- Make sure you have a place to keep dirty laundry so it's not on the floor
- Reduce clutter
- Use wet cleaning instead of dry dusting



#### ENERGY EFFICIENT

- Caulk windows and door frames to ensure that they are air-tight
- Change the filter on your furnace regularly
- Install a programmable thermostat or turn your heat down (and air conditioning up) when you are not at home
- Seal your heating and cooling ducts
- Use compact florescent bulbs (CFL) in all of your lamps and light fixtures



#### CONTAMINANT-FREE

- Keep floors and window areas clean using a wet cleaning approach
- Have your home tested for radon, a naturally occurring dangerous gas that enters homes through soil, crawlspaces and foundation cracks
- Reduce lead-related hazards in homes built before 1978 by having deteriorated paint removed or made safe



#### WELL-MAINTAINED

- Inspect, clean and repair your home routinely
- Take care of minor repairs and problems before they become large



#### PEST-FREE

- If needed, use sticky-traps and baits in closed containers
- Seal cracks and openings throughout the home so pests can't get in
- Store food in pest resistant containers



#### WELL-VENTILATED

- Try to keep air moving in your home with fans or by opening windows
- Ventilate bathrooms and kitchens

## Tribal Second Grader Receives Kindness Award



Ryker Olbrey is pictured with his grandmother, Diane Durman, after being recognized at an all school assembly for his kindness on February 24, 2023. Ryker is a second grade student at Seneca Elementary School and the son of Rocky and Tiffany Olbrey.

## Congratulations New Tribal Enrollees

**CHAYCE HELEN LOUISE MOORE** DOB: 10/28/2021 Daughter of Jessica Louise Moore (ID #1628) Granddaughter of Darla Louise Goe (1964 #136) Great Granddaughter of Harold E. CAPTAIN (1964 #146) Great Great Granddaughter of John S. CAPTAIN (1938 #25)  
**TRISTYNN SLOANE MCRAE** DOB: 01/26/2021 Daughter of Cody Lee McRae (ID #1682) Granddaughter of John Michael McRae (ID #682) Great Granddaughter of Mary Victo-

ria Rosenow (1964 #640) Great Great Granddaughter of Madelyn O. DUSHANE (1938 #92)  
**CARLY MCCALL JONES** DOB: 08/14/2022 Daughter of Abby Renee Jones (ID #1536) Granddaughter of Stan Ray Rickner (1964 #623) Great Granddaughter of Donald Ray Rickner (1938 #239) Great Great Granddaughter of Sophronia Captain Rickner (1938 #235)

## Spencer Sworn-in to Serve on Housing Board



Bridget Spencer was sworn in on Tuesday, February 21 by Chief Glenna Wallace to serve on the Housing Board.

### VACANCY ON ELECTION BOARD

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

All Eastern Shawnee Tribal Forms can be

found at:

[www.estoonsn.gov](http://www.estoonsn.gov)

# Wellness Center Hosts Basketball Tournament

*Submitted by Ron Wallace, Wellness Center Director*

War on the Floor is a basketball tournament for local christian private and homeschool teams hosted by Lighthouse Christian Academy. The teams play for three days in a double elimination bracket. Four girls teams and six boys teams participated this year.

Joplin Missouri Christian Association coming in first for the girls and Victory Road Christian Academy for the boys.

### Girls Ranking:

1. JMCA (Joplin Missouri Christian Association)
2. VRCA (Victory Road Christian Academy)
3. LCA (Lighthouse Christian Academy)
4. SEKCA (Southeast Kansas Christian Academy)

### Boys Ranking:

1. VRCA (Victory Road Christian Academy)
2. ACA (Aurora Christian Academy)
3. Neosho Arrows
4. CMA (Christian Ministries Academy)
5. LCA (Lighthouse Christian Academy)
6. Trinity Christian Academy



# Obituary

## Helen Patricia “Pat” Hubbard Carrier



Helen Patricia “Pat” Hubbard Carrier, daughter of the late Helen Peacock, was born on September 23, 1938, in Claremore, Oklahoma, and departed this life on January 26, 2023, at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing in Dexter, Missouri, at

the age of 84 years.

Mrs. Carrier was a Veteran of the United States Navy, a former employee of Walmart in Dexter, and a resident of Dexter. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Dexter, a member of the Disabled American Veteran Auxiliary, where she was a former Treasurer and Adjutant; and a member of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

In 1959, in Waukegan, Illinois, she was first united in marriage to Charles Hubbard, he preceded her in death on September 5, 2002. On April 11, 1997, in Pensacola, Florida, she was united in marriage to Carl Carrier. Mr. Carrier preceded her in death on May 20, 2006.

She is survived by three sons, Doug Hubbard and wife Sonya of West Plains, Missouri, Denny Hubbard and wife Michelle of Dexter, Missouri, and David Hubbard and wife Anna of Paragould, Arkansas; by her daughter, Gwen Hubbard of West Plains, Missouri; by ten

grandchildren, Michael Johnson (Deborah), Stephanie Nelson (Gary), Nicole Kimbrough, Dillon Hubbard (Thu), Aaron Hubbard (Crystal), Hailee Hubbard, Britney Hubbard, Dalton Hubbard, Daniel Hubbard, and Keith Lanford (Janey); by eight great-grandchildren, McKenzie Hubbard, Easton Hubbard, Dallis Hubbard, Peyton Nelson, Baylieh-Ana Lanford, Zeth Lanford, Riley Lanford, and Christian Lanford; and by other relatives and many friends.

Other than by her mother, she was preceded in death by her sister, Karen Collins.

Visitation was held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, January 30, 2023. Funeral services were conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Mitch Grainger officiating. Interment was in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

## Thank You From the Gokey Family

The Frank Gokey Family would like to express our appreciation for the tribes help for traveling money to get him and us back to Oregon to be with his wife Eastern Shawnee Tribe member Vivian Claudean (Millhollin) Gokey to be laid

to rest.

Thank you... The Gokey Family Loretta Cansler, Franklin Gokey, Floyd K. Gokey, Lloyd Douglas Gokey, Robin Timblin. Thank you card sent by Ms. Lorett Cansler.

## Education Snapshot

*By Amber Mittag, Education/ Specialized Services Director*

Hello students!

February is here and will be gone by time you read this. We are in the midst of processing Spring applications now that many school drop dates have begun to pass. Before you know it you will have this semester under your belt.

I wanted to do a reminder in this article about our cords and stoles we offer to our

high school and college graduates. The stoles are beautiful and we are so proud to see our students wear them during their commencement ceremonies. You may find the application on the tribal website under the forms section. Don't forget to send a picture of you wearing it and we can print it in a future article!!

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# Child Care and Development Fund

*Submitted by Dian Randall, CCDF Director*

Our CCDF department is working with the area Tribes CCDF and ICW programs to put on a 4 day event for the Week of the Young Child in April. We will have 4 showings of the Buckets and Boards show at the Coleman Theater for grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. We will have a Fun Feast Day for area childcare facilities to bring their 3 & 4 year old's and a Petting Zoo day for Childcare facilities; Pre-K and Kindergarten age children to attend.

Our next Parenting Classes will be on April 25th & April 27th it will be on "Purposeful Parenting with a Twist."

Please call our office to reserve your spot. These classes will be held in the Education Training Room inside the Wellness Center.

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:

## Stomachaches

### What Are Stomachaches?

Pain is the body's way of signaling that something is going on. Belly pain alerts us to something that's happening inside that we might not know about otherwise. Stomachaches are a common complaint among kids and teens.

### Where Does Belly Pain Happen?

Stomachache is a general term for pain that begins somewhere in the abdomen or pelvis:

- The abdomen is the whole area between the chest and the pelvic (hip) bones. It contains many organs besides the stomach, such as the intestines, kidneys, liver, spleen, pancreas, gallbladder, appendix, and adrenal glands .
- The pelvis is right below the abdomen. It holds the urinary organs, as well as the reproductive organs (such as the uterus, ovaries, and vagina in girls, and the testicles and prostate gland in boys).

Sometimes problems in other areas can cause stomachaches too, like infections in the lungs or throat.

### What Causes Stomachaches?

Some reasons for belly pain are obvious, like when someone gets hit in the

gut or eats spoiled food. Other times, it can be hard to figure out. With so many organs in the abdomen, different problems can have similar symptoms.

### Here are some things that can cause stomachaches: Infections

When bacteria or viruses get into the digestive system, the body reacts by trying to rid itself of the infection, often through vomiting or diarrhea.

Bacterial infections cause what we call "food poisoning." Bacteria also are responsible for other conditions that may cause belly pain, such as:

- pneumonia
- urinary tract infections
- strep throat
- sexually transmitted diseases (STDs)
- the rare condition toxic shock syndrome

Viruses, another type of infection, are behind what we call "stomach flu," or

gastroenteritis (gas-troe-en-teh-RYE-tiss).

Bacteria and viruses both can pass easily from person to person. To avoid them:

- Wash your hands well and often.
- Don't share cups, straws, or utensils with others.

### Constipation

Constipation is one of the top reasons kids get belly pain. Kids can get constipated if their diet doesn't include enough fluids and fiber.

### Irritation and Inflammation

When one of the body's internal organs is irritated or swollen, that can bring on abdominal pain. Pain from problems like appendicitis, ulcers, gastroesophageal reflux, irritable bowel syndrome, and inflammatory bowel disease is the body's way of telling us to get medical help.

### Food Reactions





Food reactions can be more than eating too much or basic indigestion. When people can't digest certain foods, doctors say they have a food intolerance. Lactose intolerance, for example, causes belly pain when someone eats milk products. If you notice your child complaining of pain or other symptoms like gas, bloating, or diarrhea after eating certain foods, call your doctor.

Conditions like celiac disease (a reaction to proteins in some grains) or food allergies (like peanut allergy) are different from food intolerance. They involve immune system reactions that can actually harm the body beyond just producing a temporary reaction. Someone who has a true food allergy must always avoid that food.

### Reproductive Problems

The digestive system isn't the only cause of stomachaches. Menstrual cramps are a common cause of pain in the reproductive organs. Infections in the reproductive system, such as pelvic inflammatory disease, also can cause abdominal pain in girls.

Testicular injuries can make a guy feel sick or even throw up if they are severe. Women often feel nausea during pregnancy. Ectopic pregnancies (when the pregnancy implants in the wrong place) can cause abdominal pain.

Because problems like ectopic pregnancy need quick treatment, girls who have belly pain and think they might be pregnant should call a doctor right away. And girls who have had unprotected sex should be tested for STDs. Untreated STDs can cause problems like infertility and chronic belly or pelvic pain.

Teenagers should always use a condom when having sex to protect against STDs and pregnancy.

### Anatomical Problems

Some diseases or defects can affect how the organs do their jobs, causing pain. Crohn's disease can make the intestinal wall swell and scar so much that it may block the intestine.

Hernias also can block the intestines,

as can growths like tumors. Torsion is a medical term that means "twisting." Torsion can affect the intestines, ovaries, and testicles, cutting off blood supply or affecting how they work.

### Emotional Upset

When kids get stressed, anxious, or depressed, their emotions can trigger physical symptoms, such as headaches or abdominal pain.

### Other Causes

Belly pain also can be due to problems that can happen when people have certain illnesses, such as sickle cell disease or diabetes.

### How Do Doctors Find the Cause of a Stomachache?

To find the cause of a stomachache, doctors ask about:

- the symptoms
- illnesses the child had in the past
- health conditions that other family members have

The doctor will do an exam and sometimes might order tests, such as an X-ray, ultrasound, or blood test. It all depends on what the doctor thinks is causing the problem.

### When Should I Call the Doctor?

Sometimes, what seems like one problem — food poisoning, for example — can turn out to be something more serious, like appendicitis.

### Call the doctor if your child has a stomachache and:

- the pain seems very strong or gets worse over time
- the pain wakes them up from sleep
- the pain is in the right lower side of the belly
- is vomiting a lot
- is very fussy
- is lethargic (very sleepy)
- has another health condition

### Let the doctor know about other symptoms your child has, such as:

- a fever
- pain when pooping or peeing
- blood in poop or pee

- a bad cough
- weight loss over time

Also tell the doctor if the pain is from an injury, or if you think your daughter might be pregnant.

### How Can I Help My Child?

Most bellyaches in kids and teens don't have a serious cause. They can happen for many different reasons, but most are easy to treat.

If stress or anxiety seem to be behind the pain, for example, the doctor may recommend talking to a counselor or therapist. They can help people figure out what's behind their stress, and give advice on how to fix problems or handle them better.

### Can Stomachaches Be Prevented?

Not all belly pain can be prevented. But to help avoid common types of stomachaches, everyone in the family should:

- Wash their hands before eating or preparing food, and after using the bathroom.
- Eat healthy portions, and try not to eat right before going to sleep.
- Drink plenty of water and eat fiber-rich foods, such as fruits and vegetables, to keep food moving through the digestive system.
- Avoid foods that have passed their expiration date or weren't stored properly.
- Avoid foods that make them sick if they have a food allergy or intolerance. If they have a food allergy, they should always have access to an epinephrine auto-injector, and should know when and how to use it if they are old enough.

Reviewed by: Elana Pearl Ben-Joseph, MD

Date reviewed: February 2019

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## 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.



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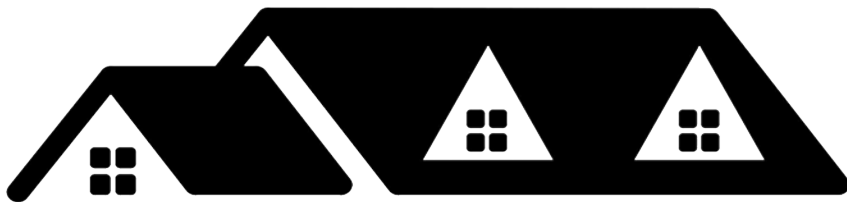
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Haven currently provides services to all Eastern Shawnee, regardless of where they live, and Ottawa County, Oklahoma survivors in need.

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Toll free: 1-855-219-6658  
Text line: 918-533-3070  
Victims of Crime: 541-602-0616

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Havenprogram.com  
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10200 S. 695 Road  
Wyandotte, OK 74370



### 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 or applications may be found on our website, www.estoo-nsn.gov

# 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: Please call our office for details.

## Program Update:

Hello all –

This month we are focusing on the basics of our program, what kind of program is Haven? Who do we serve? What services do we provide? It's important to us that you know that we are here for ALL victims of crime, including domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, stalking, elder abuse, burglary, etc. Read below and call if you have questions, we're here to help.

## What Kind of Program is Haven?

Haven is a tribal advocacy program that focuses on assisting all current victims of crime. While we are tribal program (focus specifically on Eastern Shawnee victims regardless of where they live), we assist all victims that come to our office for assistance within our local community. For Eastern Shawnee Tribal members, we assist all victims regardless of where they live, meaning if you live in Oregon or Oklahoma and are an Eastern Shawnee victim of current crime we are here to assist with your needs.

## Who do we assist?

We assist all current victims (Eastern Shawnee regardless of where they live and tribal and local community) of crime including, but not limited to, burglary, arson, victim of DUI/DWI crash, aggravated assault, fraud, elder abuse, identity abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking.

## What kinds of services do we provide?

We have two types of services, emergency services and long-term transitional housing services. Our emergency

services focus on the short-term urgent needs of victims such as legal and counseling services, emergency needs after the current victimization (locks changed after burglary etc), and change of clothes, birth certificate and ID's, etc. Our long-term transitional housing services focus on the long-term needs of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and are centered around creating self-sufficiency in the lives of our clients.

## What kinds of advocacy do we provide?

Our advocates can assist with emergency and transitional housing needs. We have advocates that focus on legal services – to walk you through the process of our legal services and explain the judicial process. We have transitional housing advocates – our transitional housing advocates work monthly with eligible clients to assist clients with becoming self-sufficient financially. We advocates in house to warmly answers your questions when you come into the office and walk you through the next steps and we have advocates who work with Eastern Shawnee tribal members who live outside of Oklahoma.

## Future Services – What Services Will we Have in the Future?

We are working to add a mobile advocacy unit that will bring advocacy to our rural areas to help those who can't get to our office have access to services. We will do intakes, pass out intake forms, pass out COVID tests, and be available for conversations about services. We're hoping to have the mobile advocacy unit ready within this fiscal year.

The type of services that best fit clients' needs will be determined during the intake process. Services are contingent upon needs verified during intake. If you have questions, please contact

HAVEN and talk with one of our advocates about how we can help and what services Haven can provide.

**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](mailto:havenprogram@estoo.net)**

**Facebook: HAVEN Tribal Program,**

**Twitter: @ProgramHaven, Insta-**

**gram: HAVENTRIBALProgram.**

# Pilot Project Continues

*Submitted by Ben Bingham, Native Connections Project Director*



Since last year, I have worked with the Fairland School system gardening with the 4th and 5th graders. This started with reaching out to some of the local schools about collaborating to help the youth regarding suicide and substance abuse prevention. I contacted the elementary science teacher Amber Schertz; she had recently taken over the greenhouse the school owned and wanted to use it as an activity for the children regarding what they were learning in her class. After a conversation over what she needed and what I could provide, my program purchased dirt, compost and various other supplies to help the project get started. We then began working with the kids filling raised beds with dirt and compost as well as teaching them how to plant different flowers to practice on and then moved to growing vegetables.

This year we started early and have already begun growing tomatoes, peppers, squash, okra, radishes, and lettuce. I also have been attempting to grow white sage, which has finally taken off and is

doing well. As we get closer to April, we will start growing corn, beans, and watermelon to transplant outside when it warms up.

A typical Friday starts around 8:30am and begins with filling starter pots and containers with dirt and potting soil, followed up by picking weeds from our raised beds. Once these tasks are completed, we check our compost machine and add water or extra material as needed and begin seeding our starter pots with plants we wish to try and grow, followed by transplanting seedlings into larger pots or a raised bed for it to grow and produce. The children are also responsible for much of the clean up as well. Once the children are done for the day, I finish the clean up and any tasks needing completion, before watering our plants using a misting system and standard water hose. It is my hope to expand this program to other schools as well, before my program ends.

The reason why my program does this



is for a variety of reasons, such as it teaches the children a fun and healthy past time, helps develop new skills and allows the children to learn about science and nature while growing crops. Children can learn responsibility, cooperation, creativity, self-confidence, and love of nature, as well as being physically active while gardening. It is part of the hope these will give a child tools needed if they begin to struggle with thoughts of suicide and substance abuse. It also gives the children an environment they can feel more at ease and adult they can form a connection with, one that they can feel safe discussing feelings of depression, suicidal thoughts, or substance abuse.





# Food Distribution

*By Shelly Rogers, Executive Administrative Assistant*

The Food Distribution Program provides food to financially qualified Eastern Shawnee members each month, the last Thursday of the month. We are located in the Growing Thyme Building, also known as the Red Barn on Highway 10C, just east of our former Travel Center. We are here to assist our tribal members.

Our program is growing in numbers. As seasons change so does the needs of families. I have added 5 new families this month to this program. This program provides five complete meals for a family to cook along with recipes and some of the basic items like sugar, tea, flour, etc. I also try and put easy things in for children to prepare for themselves for when parents work, such as lunch meat for sandwiches, chicken nuggets, French fries. Although it's hard to meet

everyone's dietary needs, we try to incorporate some of those items including sugar free or low sodium products from time to time.

This program could not be possible without the help of other departments. We have 10-15 employees each month, all coming together the day of distribution donating their time and muscles to put these baskets together.

This is an income based program and guidelines apply. If you are in need of food please reach out to me at (918) 238-5151 Ext. 1821. I will be happy to see if you meet the guidelines and answer any questions you have, such as pick-up time, etc. We are asking that every family please return the food bags monthly in order to keep our cost down.





# Vital Statistics Department

By *Monica Bettis, Director*

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

Service	Spent to Date	Members' Served Per Line
	January	Item
Auditory	\$2,231.98	5
Burial	\$41,701.25	7
Disabled/Elder Care	\$524,381.77	323
Elder Crisis Committee	\$25,847.22	15
Extracurricular	\$6,465.11	41
Healthcare	\$507,794.56	1049
Orthodontics	\$6,180.86	11
School Expenses	\$99,245.01	354
Special Medical Equipment	\$4,656.68	33
Utility/Emergency Assistance	\$433,440.45	707
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,651,944.89</b>	<b>2545</b>

\$298,521.21 paid out from January 13, 2023 - February 16, 2023

### Vital Statistics Activity January 2023

Status Changes	42
Deaths	0
Enrollees	1
ID Cards	4
Photo ID	8
Total Enrollees for current fiscal year	14
Total Deaths for current fiscal year	5
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>3782</b>

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

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

**To navigate the website, go to**

- 1. CONTACT US**
- 2. FORMS**

### VITAL STATISTICS Direct to Vendor Claim Form

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



## 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\*\*\***

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**DATE: Wednesday, January 11th, 2023**

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

**LOCATION:** Indigo Sky Casino – Mahogany Meeting Room

**INVOCATION:** Chief Wallace

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

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

**NEW ENROLLEES**

Avery Ellen Huggins.. DOB: 10/31/2022

**MOTION:** To Approve the New Enrollee 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 December 28th, 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, phone messages and FB posts were shared for Christmas gift cards received.

**DONATION REQUESTS:** 1) From a tribal member who is attending NEO A&M College and is a member of the NEO Spirit Dance Team requesting a sponsorship to the National Dance Championship. 2) for sponsorship for the 4th Grade Seneca Golden Boys Traveling Basketball team. 3) Tribal member requests sponsorship for the Volunteer K-6th Grade Boys and Girls Volleyball Teams and 4) Golf Tournament sponsorship. Treasurer Barrett will present Golf Tournament information at a later date.

**MOTION:** To Donate \$850.00 to the

NEO Spirit Dance Team to cover the cost for a tribal member to attend the National Dance Championships. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 2nd Council Daugherty. Motion carried: 5 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent.

**MOTION:** To make a joint donation of \$500.00 (\$250.00 from Chief and \$250.00 from Business Committee) to the 4th Grade Seneca Golden Boys Traveling Basketball Team. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

**MOTION:** To Donate \$750 for the K-6th Grade Boys and Girls Volleyball Teams.

The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Chief Wallace presented a donation of \$875. made to the Eastern Shawnee Tribe by Veronica Frost from the sale of her home in Ohio.

**DIRECTOR REPORTS** – provided to Business Committee members.

**FLOODING OF EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER AND BLUE-JACKET BUILDING:** Due to damage from broken water lines from the recent winter storm the ECLC and Bluejacket Bldg. have been closed due to ongoing repairs. The damage was significant to both buildings. The ECLC has been temporarily moved to the Travel Center with hopes of being back in the ECLC building by the first of February. The Chief has currently set up her office and is working in the Sandy Captain Cultural Center. Chief Wallace thanked the volunteers and employees who worked during the holidays to clean up water, move furniture and other items from the damaged areas and set-up temporary areas so that these services can continue to be carried out.

**EMERGENCY PLANNING:** Directors are working on getting maps of their

buildings, emergency phone numbers and plans to be placed on the walls in their buildings for future reference.

**BANK REPORTS:** Chief Wallace presented a report from Deron J. Burr, President/CEO of People's Bank. He reports that the Neosho Branch will have a soft opening tomorrow morning and advertise the opening on Thursday, Jan. 4th.

January board meeting will be held at Neosho branch for everyone to see it firsthand.

**NEWTONIA OR RICHEY MANSION:**

Two Civil War battles were fought at Newtonia and is famous as only Civil War battle in history where complete regiments of Indians fought against complete regiments of Indians. The Shawnees were part of the Indians who fought in that battle. Senator Blunt from Missouri submitted at the very last moment, and it passed, and it has been assigned to be part of Wilson's Creek National Park that is located by Springfield.

**OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR INSURANCE:** Jan. 11-12, 2023.

**CLASSES SPONSORED BY CULTURAL PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT JANUARY 21-22.** Classes will be at the Annex. Talon Silverhorn will be coming from Ohio to be part of it and they will have classes in flint napping, making moccasins and making a spoon from a buffalo horn and making clothing. Lynette

White will be the cook for the weekend.

**ZOOM LANGUAGE CLASSES** – The Shawnee Tribe is sponsoring classes and there are 13 classes with 106 students. Contact JOEL BARNES of the Shawnee Tribe for information. Chief Wallace said she is proud to announce that one of the classes is being taught by an Eastern Shawnee tribal member.

**SPLASH PAD:** June 1st substantial completion date of Splash Pad; July 15, 2023, substantial completion date for other portions of the project.

**ROBERT MILLER:** Mr. Miller is an Eastern Shawnee Tribal citizen and Attorney and is a Professor at Arizona State University which is a law uni-

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versity. He has written several books and his latest book is about the McGirt case. The book is now published, and you can purchase a copy of it. He is also a speaker at many places, and he has indicated that he could come to us in the month of June this year. Chief Wallace will be scheduling a speaking session for him to provide information on the McGirt case.

**MODOC NATION** – They have purchased some property on 689 road, and they indicate it would be an excellent hunting lodge rental. Chief Wallace, Chad Kelly and Tim Botts met with Chief Burkybile. Shawnee Skies Shooting Range will be hosting an important tournament in 2024 and there is a possibility of us renting this hunting lodge and the small homes for the tournament. Chief Wallace also indicated she will be scheduling another meeting with Chief Burkybile to discuss placing our Elders Complex property in trust. The taxes on this property are in MODOC jurisdiction.

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** Jan 26th, 2023. Currently serving 110 families.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY:** January 16th, 2023.

## RESOLUTIONS

Limited Waiver – Belt Built - moved to next agenda.

Eastern Shawnee Companies – moved to next agenda.

Woodlands Management – moved to next agenda.

Operating Agreements – moved to next agenda.

By-Laws – moved to next agenda.

Eastern Shawnee Tribal Enterprises – moved to next agenda.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 011123-R-01** Resolution to approve the FY2023 Eastern Shawnee Tribe ARPA Emergency Rental Assistance 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 Emergency Rental Assistance Program Policies and Procedures.

**MOTION:** To Approve Resolution Number 011123-R-01. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 011123-R-02** Resolution to approve the FY2023 Eastern Shawnee Tribe ARPA Emergency Homeowner Assistance 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 Emergency Homeowner Assistance Program Policies and Procedures.

**MOTION:** To Approve Resolution Number 011123 -R-02. 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 Add the Resolution Numbers 011123-R-03, 011123-R-04, 011123-R-05 and 011123-R-06 to the Agenda. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 011123-R-03** Resolution Authorizing the submission of an Indian Housing Block Competitive Grant Application for the construction of houses at the Eastern Shawnee Tribal Housing Authority.

**WHEREAS**, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, in conjunction with the Tribe's Housing Authority, will commit Tribal/Non-Federal resources valued at \$2,116,167 including:

- \$1,580,942 in-kind from the Eastern Shawnee Tribal Housing Authority for infrastructure development costs for the site (Tribal/Non-Federal); and
- 10 of 33 individual lots of land valued at \$6,181 per lot to the

development of housing for low- and moderate-income tribal populations for a total of \$61,818 (Tribal/Non-Federal) (the remaining 33 lots will be for future development)

**WHEREAS**, the Eastern Shawnee Tribal Housing Authority will commit \$12,025 annually towards operation and maintenance of the project and grant for the duration of grant period; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has an indirect cost rate of 20.51% and will not exceed the allowable 20% of the grant for administrative and planning expenses; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to submit a FY2022 application to HUD for the IHBG – Competitive Grant on behalf of the Eastern Shawnee Housing Authority for the construction of houses in the amount of \$3,539,173.

**MOTION:** To Approve Resolution Number 011123-R-03. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

**RESOLUTION Number 011123-R-04** Resolution certifying compliance of requirements under the Indian Housing Block Competitive Grant Application for the construction of houses at the Eastern Shawnee Tribal Housing Authority.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby certify that the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma will adhere to the requirements within the NOFO for the IHBG -Competitive Grant.

**MOTION:** To Approve Resolution Number 011123-R-04. The motion was made by

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1st Council Kissee with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

RESOLUTION Number 011123-R-05 Resolution expressing intent of assuming environmental responsibilities under the Indian Housing Block Competitive Grant

Application for the construction of houses at the Eastern Shawnee Tribal Housing Authority.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby accept and assume environmental responsibilities under 24 CFR part 58 for the proposed housing project for the IHBG-Competitive Grant.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution 011123-R-05. 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 011123-R-06 Approving the Attached Agricultural Lease of Property Owned by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Commonly Known as the Waggoner Property.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Property Management Department of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is authorized to conduct negotiations on behalf of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and approve and execute any and all documents relating to the subject lease. BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve the attached Agricultural Lease of property owned by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, commonly known as the Waggoner Property for a period of four (4) years with lease number

921000G040036 with BIA TAAMS Document Number 4200375435 under the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklaho-

ma Agricultural Leasing Act approved by the Department of Interior December 22, 2021; does hereby waive all bonds associated with this lease; does hereby waive insurance requirements; does hereby expressly waive administrative fees associated with this transaction; and does hereby approve environmental analysis documentation in the form of a categorical exclusion.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution 011123-R-06. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

## REQUISITIONS

Requisition Number EN-93009 payable to Midwest Pathogend Services for Decontamination Services in the amount of \$31,292.12.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition Number EN-93009. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Requisition Number EN-93014 payable to Dell Marketing, L.P. for VLA Enterprise (Licensing) in the amount of \$86,441.92.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition Number EN-93014. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

Requisition Number EN-93166 payable to Brown and Brown of Oklahoma for Workmen's Comp. in the amount of \$27,227.00.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition Number EN-93166. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

Requisition Number EN-93181 payable to Marion Company LLC for pay Application No. 10 Housing in the amount of \$153,692.79.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition

Number EN-93181. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Requisition Number EN-93199 payable to REDW for progress billing for Single Audit for year ending September 30, 2022, in the amount of \$27,094.40.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition Number EN-93199. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

NEW BUSINESS - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

MOTION: To go into Closed Session at 6:33 p.m. following a five-minute break. The motion was made 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

## CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: To return to Open Session at 8:13 p.m. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

## OPEN SESSION

MOTION: The motion to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

## ADJOURN

**DATE: Wednesday, February 8th, 2023**

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

LOCATION: Indigo Sky Casino – Mahogany Meeting Room

INVOCATION: Chief Wallace

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The Business Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. at the Indigo Sky Casino Mahogany Room by Treasurer Barrett with the following

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answering roll call: 1st Council Kissee, 2nd Council Daugherty, 3rd Council Kraus, Secretary Littlefield and Treasurer Barrett. A Quorum was declared by Treasurer Barrett. Chief Wallace was present. 2nd Chief Samples was absent.

## NEW ENROLLEES:

Chayce Helen Louise Moore DOB:  
10/28/2021

Tristynn Sloane McRae DOB:  
01/26/2021

Carly McCall Jones DOB: 08/14/2022

**MOTION:** To Approve New Enrollees: The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

## MINUTES

**MOTION:** To Approve the Minutes of the January 11th, 2022, Business Committee Meeting was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

## REPORTS

**CHIEF'S REPORT** – Chief Glenna Wallace

**THANK YOU** – Notes were read from employees and tribal members noting appreciation for Employee Health Insurance and from tribal members for Christmas Gift cards, Social Services provided and the Shooting Star. Thank you also from Talkington Foundation Recovery Center, Neosho, Missouri for donation of \$250.00.

## DONATION REQUEST –

1. A donation request for \$680.00 from a tribal member to pay for a school sponsored educational trip to Quebec, Canada.

**MOTION:** To donate \$680.00 to tribal member for trip to Quebec, Canada made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

2. A donation request from American Legion, Post 147 and DAV

Chapter 50 to provide gift bags for veterans in Ottawa and Craig County for Independence Day and Christmas. Donation amount \$500.00.

**MOTION:** The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** – Provided to BC members.

**ECLC PROGRESS** – Clean-up and repairs completed, and children were able to return to the ECLC on Monday morning.

**BLUEJACKET PROGRESS** – Thank you to Judy Brown and Shelly Rogers for working on this project. The dry-wall is going to be hung soon.

**SPLASH PAD PROGRESS** – Pipes have been laid and are ready to be covered.

**BROADBAND GRANT PROGRESS** – Kristi Laughlin has been asked to oversee this, they have met once, and she has indicated they will be asking for an extension.

**SEWER REPORT** – ECCI, the company out of Arkansas that put in the sewer was contacted to do a study on capacity of the sewer and they report the system is already at beyond capacity and that is without the new houses being proposed for the Housing Authority and governmental building. Justin Morehead, who is over water/ utilities had been asked to contact ECCI for a proposal and cost estimate plan. The cost estimate plan submitted was for \$3,250.00. Chief Wallace recommends acceptance of this plan.

**MOTION:** To accept the \$3,250.00 plan made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

**BANK REPORT** – Chief Wallace will present the Missouri Bank Performance report at the next meeting.

**110 ROAD REPORT** – Chief Wallace presented a summary financial report to the BC prepared by Karen Allen. This

will be put on hold until next week.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION** – The Tribal Administration has 183 employees and we recently recognized 20 employees who have been working for the Tribe for 15 or more years.

**EMERGENCY PLANNING UPDATES** – Chief Wallace presented copies of the Emergency Plans that will be posted in each department on the wall for employees to be able to access and implement correct procedures in cases of emergencies such as the recent flooding of two buildings.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY NOMINEE** – Chief Wallace nominated Bridgett Spencer to the Housing Authority Board for a three-year appointment. Following discussion over who is to make the appointment the nomination was tabled until the next meeting pending legal opinions.

**MOTION:** To table the Housing Authority Recommendation pending legal opinion made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

**ELECTION BOARD NOMINEE** – Josh Johnston presented as nominee by Chief Wallace. Term would be from now until May 2025.

**MOTION:** To confirm Josh Johnston's nomination to the Election Board made by Secretary Littlefield with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

**GRANT WRITER CONTRACT** – To be brought back next week by Chief Wallace.

**ARTS COUNCIL GRANT GENEALOGY** – We have had a \$20,000.00 grant funded through the Arts Council. That is the genealogy that has been started in the library with Lola Purvis overseeing and she will be up here in part of April and all of June to start working on it.

**WATER SYSTEM AT INDIGO** – They have had trouble with well one and well two. Getting well one fixed was \$17,000 and they do not have the cost

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on well two. Indigo indicates that they do have money in the budget for this. Chief Wallace was going to have the grant writer research water and what kind of grants would be available for that.

**INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION DUES \$25,000** – This amount is based on annual gross gaming revenue. These dues are due now. This will be taken up later in the meeting tonight.

**CASINO REPORT** – Melanie Heskett, General Manager

Indigo Sky Casino actuals to budget comparison shows revenues up 3% over projection with expenses down 4%.

Outpost Casino's actual to budget shows us under budget by 23% and expenses under budget by 10%.

Looking at Year to Date actual Budget, ISC is over those forecasted numbers by 4% with expenses 6% less than forecasted.

Outpost is just 11% under budget and expenses up by 27%.

This does conclude the first quarter of the fiscal year and we feel that we got a good start to the year as we and the rest of the industry have been waiting with bated breath as to what inflation and impending recession may mean for discretionary spending and while we have found that there is some impact to trips it doesn't always translate to spending.

**GAMING COMMISSION REPORT** – Jalene Wells, Gaming Commissioner (The Gaming Commissioner was unable to attend but sent the following report.)

Employees – Current 2022 – the Gaming Commission has 39 Total Employees as of 9/28/2022. 8 Tribal Members, 1 Tribal Spouse, 4 Native, 23.08 ESTOO Tribe, 33.34% Native American. The Licensing Department processed: Renewals – 20

New Hires – 22

Temp Help - 11

Conditional Employee Licenses monitored – 3

Non-gaming vendor companies – 12

Non-gaming vendor employee licenses

– 25

Gaming Companies – 3

Gaming vendor employees – 20

The Gaming Commission collected – \$26,580 (YTD \$55,130)

The EGM Department performed the following:

New Machine Installs – 4

Machines Removed – 0

Machine Software/Theme Conversions – 10

Software Upgrades – 12

Software replacements - 8

Gaming machine relocations – 0

Server installs/Upgrades – 1

Single pieces of software tested – 109

Seal Activities – 96

The Gaming Commission billed – \$2,325 (YTD \$5,200)

The Gaming Commission collected – \$2,325 (\$5,200)

The Compliance Department performed the following observations:

Cage – 59

EGM – 52

EGM Activity Assists - 0

Jackpot – 52

Players Club - 60

Exchanges – 6

Table Inventory – 71

Table Fill – 31

Table Credit – 2

Title 31 Inquiries – 5

The Surveillance Department performed the following for Indigo Sky Casino & Resort:

Phone Calls – 2719

Radio Calls – 755

Observations - 15506

Policy Violations Noted – 150

JDLR's Noted - 35

Incident Reports Written Total – 61

Medical Reports Written – 41

CD Requests from Tribal PD- 7

Review Requests from Operations - 13

The Surveillance Department performed the following for Outpost Casino:

Phone Calls – 180

Radio Calls – 88

Observations – 3709

Policy Violations Noted – 29

JDLR's Noted - 11

Incident Reports Written Total – 3

Medical Reports Written – 2

CD Requests from Tribal PD – 0

Review Requests from Operations – 1

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 020823-R-01** Noxious Weed Eradication Program Grant

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize the submission of an application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for implementation of a Noxious Weed Eradication Program. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby commit required in kind matching funds for the project.

**MOTION:** To Approve Resolution Number 020823-R-01. The motion was made 3rd Council Kraus with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 020823-R-02** Approving a Budget Amendment to the FY2023 Tribal Administration Budget Capital Outlay Carryover.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve FY2023 budget modification No. 2 to increase the Capital Outlay Budget by \$978,350.00 to carryover unused funds from FY2022.

**MOTION:** To Approve Resolution Number 020823-R-02. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 020823 -R-03** Approving a Budget Amendment to the FY2023 Tribal Administration Budget Home Improvement Program Carryover.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve FY2023

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budget modification No. 3 to increase the HIP Budget to \$78,870.00 to carry-over unused funds from FY2022.

**MOTION:** To Approve Resolution Number 020823-R-03. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 020823-R-04** Approving a Budget Amendment to the FY2023 Tribal Administration Budget Raw Food Expense.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve FY2023 budget modification No. 4 to increase the AOA Budget by \$100,000.00 with unused funding carried over to FY2024.

**MOTION:** To Approve Resolution Number 020823-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.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 020823-R-05** Resolution to approve the FY2023 Eastern Shawnee Tribe ARPA Internet 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 Internet Program Policies and Procedures.

**MOTION:** To Approve Resolution Number 020823-R-05. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 020823-R-06** Resolution to Rescind Resolution 011123-R-03 “Resolution authorizing the submission of an Indian Housing Block Competitive Grant Application for the construction of houses at the Eastern Shawnee Tribal Housing Authority” due to miscalculations in the Resolution.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-**

**SOLVED**, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby wishes to Rescind Resolution 011123-R-03 “Resolution authorizing the submission of an Indian Housing Block Competitive Grant Application for the construction of houses at the Eastern Shawnee Tribal Housing Authority” due to miscalculations in the Resolution.

The Resolution will be resubmitted for approval February 8, 2023, with corrections.

**MOTION:** To Approve Resolution Number 020823-R-06. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 020823-R-07** Resolution authorizing the submission of an Indian Housing Block Competitive Grant Application for the construction of houses at the Eastern Shawnee Tribal Housing Authority.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to submit a FY2022 application to HUD for the IHBG – Competitive Grant on behalf of the Eastern Shawnee Housing Authority for the construction of houses in the amount of \$3,539,173.

**MOTION:** To Approve Resolution Number 020823-R-07. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 020823-R-08** Resolution to approve the By-Laws of Eastern Shawnee Companies, LLC.

**NOT THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve the attached By-Laws of Eastern Shawnee Companies, LLC.

**MOTION:** To Approve Resolution Number 020823-R-08. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with

second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 020823-R-09** Resolution to approve the By-Laws of Woodlands Management, LLC.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve the attached By-Laws of Woodlands Management, LLC.

**MOTION:** To Approve Resolution Number 020823-R-09. 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:** To Add Resolution 020823-R-10 to the agenda. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 020823-R-10** 2023 Indian Gaming Association (IGA) Membership Renewal and Appointment of Delegates

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does desire to renew 2023 Indian Gaming Association Tribal Membership and appoint Treasurer Barrett as the Delegate and Second Chief Chris Samples as the Alternate Delegate.

**MOTION:** To Approve Resolution Number 020823-R-10. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

**REQUISITIONS**

Requisition EN-93455 payable to Arctic Information Technology Inc. for Inv-37547 Analysis Completion – Family Wellness in the amount of \$43,872.50.

**MOTION:** To Approve Requisition EN-93455. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

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Requisition EN-93471 payable to Fletcher Automotive #7 for Toyota Venza in the amount of \$47,742.00.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-93471. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

Requisition EN-93490 payable to VLP for Mulcher Head in the amount of \$39,000.00.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-93490. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

Requisition Number EN-93700 payable to Lakeshore Learning for replacement equipment for flood damage for Learning Center for \$50,147.95 in the amount of \$50,147.95. (Paid by Insurance Funds)

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-93700. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Requisitions EN-93713 thru EN-93718 – each of the (6) requisitions are payable to Superior Auto Group for (6) 2023 Chevy Tahoes with each requisition amount price \$55,825,.90.

MOTION: To Approve Requisitions EN-93713 thru EN-93718. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Requisitions EN-93854 payable to Marion Company LLC for Pay Application No. 11 Housing in the amount of \$32,808.20.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-93854. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

Estimate Number E230126715 from

Meyco to replace sod, dirt, labor, mulch and add sidewalks to Woodlands Duplexes in the amount of \$57,447.00.

MOTION: To Approve Estimate E230128715 from Meyco. 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 Request PR00060155 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$2,468,298.75 for IGT upgrade.

MOTION: To Approve Purchase Request PR00060155. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

Purchase Request PR00060157 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$488,861.25 for IGT system hardware and installation.

MOTION: To Approve Purchase Request PR00060157. 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 Request PR00060175 from Indigo Sky Casino for February progressives in the amount of \$40,588.75.

MOTION: To Approve Purchase Request PR00060175. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Purchase Request PR00060196 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$40,866.40 for Agilysys Professional Services Project Manager, Installation, Services Training, Technical Consult and Live Monitoring.

MOTION: To Approve Purchase Request PR00060196. 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 Request PR00060263 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$145,200.00 for June 2023 Continuity.

MOTION: To Approve Purchase Re-

quest PR00060263. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

Purchase Request PR00060264 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$148,863.20 for Continuity.

MOTION: To Approve Purchase Request PR00060264. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second made by 1st Council Kissee.

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

Purchase Request PR00060334 from Outpost Casino in the amount of \$83,864.80 for Carpeting.

MOTION: To Approve Purchase Request PR00060334. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

Indian Gaming Association 2023 Tribal Membership Invoice in the amount of \$25,000 for 2023 Tribal Membership Dues.

MOTION: To Approve the Indian Gaming Association 2023 Tribal Membership Dues.

The motion waws made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

## NEW BUSINESS

Chief – Tribal Member Request to be placed on the next agenda. All agreed for this request to be placed on the next agenda.

## OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer – Golf Tournament Sponsorship request presented by Treasurer Barrett.

MOTION: To provide a \$1,000.00 donation and \$250.00 hole sponsor. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

MOTION: To make a \$15,000.00 donation to OIGA split between the Business Committee and the Casino



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(\$7,500.00) each. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

MOTION: To go into Closed Session at 7:13 p.m. following a five-minute break. Motion made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

CLOSED SESSION

OPEN SESSION

2nd Chief Samples returned to chair remainder of meeting.

MOTION: To return to Open Session at 9:09 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.

MOTION: To call a Special Session of the Business Committee on March 1, 2023, at 1:00 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 9:10 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.

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## CHIEF'S REPORT

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ing they displayed during this challenging month. My hat is off to everyone!

Restoration continues with BlueJacket Building which was flooded due to pipes bursting at some point during the polar plunging Christmas holidays. Every inch of the building had at least five to six inches of water when I came in to work on the day after Christmas. New flooring is being installed throughout the building, all walls had to be redone, new furniture purchased and the list goes on. Again, a great big shout out to Judy BlueJacket Brown and my Administrative Assistant Shelly Rogers who are choosing all the colors, flooring, furniture, accessories, etc. I can't praise them enough and am eager to see the finished product. I know we will be proud of it. Meanwhile I continue to be officed in the Sandy Captain Cultural Center with the same email and telephone numbers if you need to contact me. As I said earlier, I am ready for winter to be over. I don't ever want to have to deal with burst pipes, flooded buildings again.

The burst pipes, flooding and destruction has resulted in our reviewing all of our Emergency Plans and Procedures. Every major building has had new drawings made, everything such as location of fire extinguishers, water

shutoff, fire suppression shutoff, electrical shutoff, natural gas shutoff, emergency shelter, location of such things as mops, brooms along with building contacts, telephone office extensions and cell phone numbers plus all emergency agencies and personnel listed. Updated drawings and information, especially contact information, have been reviewed and are now posted in each building. Thanks to Justin Burriss for all the work he did in updating our Emergency Plans and Procedures.

Now that the former Eastern Shawnee Travel Center is no longer the temporary relocation of our Early Childhood Learning Center, plans continue to be developed for the C-Store remodeling. As you recall, the Business Committee chose to close our Travel Center last year after extensive studying/reviewing of financials. Current proposed floor plans include thirteen offices primarily focusing upon current personnel involved in business entities and for future growth in this area. A hardened area for tornado/storm protection will also be included in the plans.

Plans also continue to be discussed, modified for a new Governmental Building on the 10C Complex. Proposed plans include housing of IT, Business Committee, Legal, and

Chief's offices plus spaces for Business Committee meetings, etc. At this point we have not received a proposal for addressing our need for additional capacity for our wastewater needs.

We have some upcoming events that I want to remind everyone of. Our Annual Elders Dinner is scheduled for Friday, April 28 at our AOA Building located on our Highway 10C Complex. Dinner is served at 5:30. Our Elders Dinner honors all Eastern Shawnee tribal elders age 60 and up. We visit, catch up with each other, meet new elders, sometimes meet relatives we didn't know we had, have a program featuring some of our elders and our tribal history. This year we plan to focus on genealogy as we have just received a \$20,000 genealogy grant. Hopefully Lola Purvis of Louisiana who is our tribal genealogy expert will be with us and will be happy to visit with you, perhaps schedule an appointment with you to advance your genealogy knowledge. So bring your paperwork if you are interested in visiting with Lola. We have several elders who come from a distance who stay at Indigo Sky at a special rate and enjoy the weekend. The cost is \$75 per night plus tax and specify Elders Program when making your reservations. We always recognize our oldest female and

our oldest male as our Elders of the Year and have many doorprizes and gifts for everyone. Plus it is a great time for taking family pictures. Elders may bring a guest. So mark your calendars and join us. We promise you a good time.

And the next event I want to call your attention to is on the other end of our age spectrum—our youngsters. Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 8 at 10 a.m. at our Wellness Center on Highway 10C Complex. We certainly want our tribal kiddos to attend, but I also want to emphasize this is for the entire community. We typically plan for 1,000 children. We have age specific categories for our Easter Egg Hunt, lots of food and refreshments, special prizes for special eggs and energized music. Everyone invited.

And still yet is another event, this time a historical cultural event will be the tapping of maple trees ultimately followed with the making of maple syrup. The Tribe has several trees on our property that will be tapped, not just maple trees. This event will be during the day times in March, so feel free to come and participate or just watch as the trees are tapped, buckets hung to collect the sap, listen to the laughter and enjoy the day experiencing our cultural traditions. This is certainly not a black tie event, so wear old comfortable shoes, dress warmly in your jeans, shirts or possibly sweaters and have coat or jacket nearby. Exact details and dates are on the Cultural Preservation Department's Facebook page or you may contact them.

I end by reminding you we still have several programs available to help tribal members if you are interested. We have openings in our Housing Improvement Program, better known as our HIP program where home owners can possibly be eligible for \$10,000 to upgrade their home. We have rental assistance programs, home owner payment assistant programs, internet assistance programs, first time home owners down payment assistance programs, medical and util-



*Progress continues at the BlueJacket Building.*

ity assistance programs to name a few. Call, email or text the Specialized Assistance Program in the Education Department for more information. (918) 238-1663.

I will end by asking all of you to remember your friends or relatives who might be ill. We continue to see Covid cases, high number of flu cases as well as lots of surgeries. Commit to sending a card or helping any way we can.

As always, it has been my honor to serve as your Chief. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached by mail

at 12755 S. 705 Road, Wyandotte, OK 74370, email at [gjwallace@estoo.net](mailto:gjwallace@estoo.net) I do not do face book nor linked in. I may also be reached at the following telephone numbers: Office (918) 238-5151 ext. 1820; cell, (918) 533-8422 or by text. My personal mailing address is 18675 Hwy 43, Seneca, MO, 64865. Stay safe. Stay healthy. Stay optimistic. Walk in balance. Remember, walk in balance!

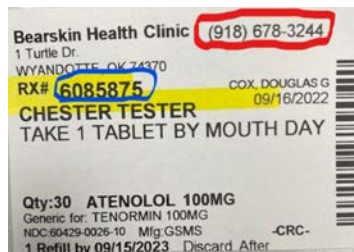
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## BEARSKIN HEALTHCARE PHARMACY

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

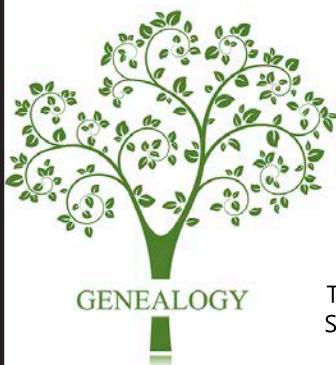
**HAVEN Does NOT provide 24- hour service.**

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.

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## Tribal Citizens Birthdays for March 2023

Adams Shona 3/10	Colvard Holly 3/22	Hilderbrand Annabelle 3/12	Millhollin Troy 3/21	Scott Rowan 3/2
AndersonPunk Hannah 3/12	Colvard Richard 3/26	Hollenbeck JayCee 3/17	Millhollin-Perry Amanda 3/1	Scribner Michael 3/13
Anglin Blaine 3/23	Colvard Sherry 3/19	Holley Glenna 3/13	Moczygamba Asher 3/8	Self Emily 3/16
Anzora Jahziel 3/31	Cooper Brenda 3/24	Hollis Chase 3/24	Moore Mila 3/1	Self Jesse 3/27
Applegate Jonathon 3/23	Cowell Luciana 3/20	Hollis Takoda 3/3	Moose Carmen 3/25	Shaffer Ryan 3/4
Arnold Trevyn 3/23	Cox Jennafer 3/25	Holmes Tanner 3/25	Morgan Isaac 3/25	Shearhart Tidus 3/26
Arousa Logan 3/23	Crossley Eddie 3/1	Hornig Drayke 3/23	Morgan Madilyn 3/10	Sheridan Drew 3/14
Ashford Andrew 3/9	Crump Braxton 3/5	Hubbard David 3/18	Morris Akira 3/16	Shipleigh Evan 3/24
Atkinson Blake Marcus 3/16	Cunliffe Andrew 3/11	Huggins Hudson 3/31	Morris Gabrielle 3/8	Shores Lionel 3/12
Atkinson Cody 3/25	Cunliffe Pamela 3/22	Huggins Nathaniel 3/26	Murray Camryn 3/30	Sisernos Kathy 3/19
Atkinson Nichelle 3/23	Cyr Starlene 3/3	Huggins Trace 3/24	Murray Makenna 3/11	Slegers Shanelle 3/7
Austin Dustin 3/30	Daggs Rachel 3/15	Huggins Jr Jimmie 3/23	Murray Ruby 3/25	Smalley John 3/19
Austin Toni 3/22	Dale Katherine 3/21	Hughes Beckett 3/13	Myrick-Duckett Jamie 3/14	Smith Cora 3/10
Avila Noelle 3/28	Daugherty Hannah 3/1	Hullender Shana 3/1	Nelson Brian 3/22	Smith Jasmine 3/18
Baker Joel 3/21	Davis Belle 3/2	Hunsinger Xander 3/9	Nelson Michael 3/11	Smith Lisa 3/25
Barber Bailey 3/3	Deese Jackson 3/22	Hutchinson Brandon 3/14	Nelson Stephanie 3/27	Solano Davina 3/28
Barnes Tyler 3/22	Defer Rhea1 3/17	Hutchinson Thomas 3/27	Neumann Alexander 3/14	Sparacio Macey 3/1
Barrett Joshua 3/26	Deltoro Stacy 3/14	Ingram III Paul 3/2	Neumann Ayla 3/7	Spencer Terry 3/1
Barstow Ashley 3/5	Devine-Hardy Heather 3/11	Jacobson Sharon 3/18	Neumann Lucian 3/8	Stewart Raylen 3/13
Bartlett Kameron 3/26	Diaz Jocelyn 3/27	Jameson Mallory 3/12	Nichols Jace 3/25	Stine Amy 3/23
Batori Hunter 3/9	Dirkx Keith 3/24	Jameson Tiffany 3/28	Nichols Jessica 3/28	Stoner Denise 3/4
Bear Emily 3/10	Duclos Morgan 3/11	Johnson Eden 3/4	Nunes Taylor 3/16	Strickland Chelsi 3/6
Bear Phoenix 3/19	Durman Diane 3/24	Jones Callie 3/27	Ochoa Naomi 3/17	Strickland Donald 3/23
Beaty Mia 3/21	Duroy Amber 3/7	Jones Randon 3/11	Olivera Meredith 3/16	Strickland Jeremy 3/1
Blanchard Opal 3/14	Dushane Aaron 3/24	Keezer Huxley 3/29	Overn Teresa 3/22	Strickland Kasey 3/18
BlueJacket Brooklyn 3/7	Dushane William 3/21	Keezer Zaraya 3/29	Pack Cooper 3/6	Strickland Ronald 3/23
BlueJacket Jeffrey 3/9	Edwards Kristin 3/5	Keliheleua Anikalea 3/7	Padilla Matthew 3/13	Sundell Ty 3/18
BlueJacket Nevaeh 3/23	Edwards Troy 3/23	Kennedy Michelle 3/14	Parker Catherine 3/15	Sweet Connor 3/22
Boatright Erin 3/23	Eledge Tatum 3/8	Kent Kathie 3/12	Payne Jr Charles 3/3	Swift Brad 3/30
Boedicker II Robert 3/5	Enyart Tufton 3/24	Kisler Caroline 3/15	Perez Gianni 3/22	Taylor Tenase 3/4
Boehme Brenden 3/29	Farley Lynix 3/31	Kropp Hannah 3/27	Pogue Hannah 3/30	Thrasher Damion 3/11
Botts Todd 3/4	Fletcher Alicia 3/27	Kuykendall Reed 3/26	Pollock Denee 3/10	Todacheenie Courtney 3/29
Botts Troy 3/28	Fletcher Bradley 3/3	Kuykendall Wyatt 3/30	Powers Sylvia 3/22	Trent Donna 3/25
Bourdon Tabitha 3/19	Floyd Jackson 3/3	Lacy Knoxx 3/14	Prophet Byron 3/1	Trisler Catherine 3/22
Brendlin Julie 3/19	Floyd Jeffrey 3/4	Landis Jacoby 3/9	Pryor Joesph 3/20	Truelove James 3/11
Bristol Ethan 3/26	Floyd Logan 3/19	Landis Mika-Rose 3/12	Purevich Walter 3/18	Truelove Thomas 3/11
Bristol Lila 3/9	Forbes Jonathan 3/6	Lane Eva 3/9	Quapaw II Anthony 3/31	Turner Cole 3/8
Brock Blayne 3/22	Foster Lakoda 3/5	Leach Paige 3/31	Reich Teresa 3/23	Turner Zoey 3/18
Brock Brendan 3/26	Freeman Emily 3/4	Lee Cynthia 3/4	Rendel Zachary 3/8	Uber Desiree 3/18
Brock Jackson 3/7	Freeman Mindy 3/6	Leo Derrick 3/3	Rhoades Chadley 3/5	VanWagenen Adam 3/13
Brock Payton 3/23	French Anna 3/9	Lilley George 3/31	Richardson Emily 3/2	Wallace Carly 3/17
Bryant Victoria 3/18	Garrett Stephan 3/13	Loftin Jared 3/8	Rickner Austin 3/20	Wallace Carter 3/20
Burkhart Margie 3/2	Gilmore Morgan 3/13	Loomis James 3/6	Rickner Stan 3/7	Wallace Ronald 3/6
Butcher James 3/10	Gokey Lloyd 3/4	Love Brittney 3/17	Rios Kevin 3/15	Warden Konlee 3/30
Butler Ciara 3/15	Gooch Lyndsey 3/12	Love Michael 3/24	Rosekrans James 3/12	Weinand Jamie 3/8
Butler Tina 3/26	Gotchal Kimberly 3/15	Lubbes Jordan 3/29	Ross Alexandra 3/28	White Kaddi 3/20
Camp Willow 3/24	Gouker Brock 3/15	Mackie Henry 3/29	Ross Courtney 3/12	White Wiley 3/15
Canton Christopher 3/13	Greer Ava 3/9	Maddy-Rinker Amy 3/19	Ross Jordyn 3/30	Whiteley Blythe 3/21
Captain Michael 3/7	Greer Savannah 3/27	Magtibay Gabriel 3/1	Ross Katherine 3/13	Williams Kiarra 3/17
Carr Kian 3/20	Griffin Michael 3/1	Mann Jaydden 3/9	Ross Kevin 3/25	Willoughby Jodean 3/15
Cavallo Vivian 3/23	Griffith Blane 3/23	Martin Reed 3/31	Ross Lance 3/19	Wilson Esme 3/16
Chancellor Josee 3/31	Griffith Gage 3/23	Martin Ryan 3/17	Ross Marlin 3/13	Winn Elijah 3/17
Charlton Landyn 3/29	Gruse Ashley 3/23	Martin Jr Glenn 3/14	Ross Trevor 3/31	Wright Mary 3/14
Chew Rylan 3/24	Hamby Sherry 3/26	McDaniel Brandon 3/22	Ryker Myka 3/16	Wright Michael 3/3
Christenson Evan 3/17	Hamett Andrea 3/16	McGinty Steven 3/5	Saltarello Tessa 3/7	Wright Steven 3/24
Christian Samuel 3/30	Hansen Jocelyn 3/21	McGraw Natalie 3/1	Salyers Jason 3/5	Yarbrough Jacqueline 3/1
Clark Ella 3/12	Harris Jeremy 3/23	McIntosh Brandy 3/9	Samples Christopher 3/15	Ylarraz Paula 3/8
Clark Michelle 3/22	Harrold Billy 3/23	McKinney Paul 3/30	Sanders Adrian 3/29	Zinn Rachell 3/9
Clark Jr Norval 3/21	Hart Baker 3/2	McQuerter Kelsey 3/14	Sanders Major 3/16	
Classen Jessica 3/9	Hartmann Scott 3/2	McRae John 3/27	Schafer Evelyn 3/2	
Cole Lyvia 3/31	Heck Anissa 3/8	Mendham Cheryl 3/9	Schertz Dana 3/11	
Cole Nyveeaudica 3/28	Heck Ashlynn 3/19	Merrell Brandy 3/6	Schott Claire 3/13	
Collins Heather 3/16	Higbee, Jr. James 3/30	Millhollin Gavyn 3/18	Schulte Sheri 3/22	