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News from the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

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Robert Miller Speaks on McGirt and the Impact Upon the Nine Tribes of Ottawa County



“On the far end of the trail of tears was a promise,” one of the often quoted attorneys regarding the McGirt decision is Robert Miller, an Eastern Shawnee Tribal Citizen.

Robert has served as Judicial Law Clerk for a Federal Judge, Instructor, and Professor, Attorney at Law and currently serves as Tribal Judge for three different tribes and the Northwest Inter-tribal Court System as Appellate Judge.

Robert spoke at two location on Thursday, April 20th at the Inter-Tribal Council, Miami, Oklahoma and the Eastern Shawnee Tribe later in the day.

A Professor at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University since 2013; Robert has authored several books and numerous articles. He co-authored “A Promise Kept: The Muscogee (Creek) Nation and McGirt v. Oklahoma” (the University of Oklahoma Press January 2023), which has been selected as the January 2023 book of the month by the NPR affiliate in Oklahoma, KGOU.

NOTICE
OF ANNUAL ELECTION
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

Secretary

FILING FOR CANDIDACY
Monday, June 5th, 2023 to June 9th, 2023
Deadline for Filing: 4:30 PM
at the close of business.

All qualified members of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma desiring his/her name placed on the ballot as a candidate for Elective Office must file a Declaration of Candidacy in person with the Election Board Secretary or designated representative.

No person shall be a candidate for more than one (1) office at any one time. A filing fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be assessed for each candidate payable to the Eastern Shawnee Tribe by certified check, cashier's check or money order to be paid on the same date the Declaration of Candidacy is filed. Said filing fee is non-refundable.

Location: 10080 S. Bluejacket Road,
Wyandotte, OK 74370
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Toll Free: 866-899-0249 Ext. 1065

You're Invited! Business Committee Meetings to be held **May 17 & 31, 2023** at **Blue-Jacket Building**. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday each month.

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The Chief's Report . . .



Chief Glenna J. Wallace

Hatito Fellow Tribal Citizens,

It doesn't seem possible that April is almost over and the month of May will be with us complete with Mother's Day, school graduations and Memorial Day. Previously known as Decoration Day, this holiday is one of my favorites. My grandmother on my mother's side died when my mother was only seven years of age. My grandfather on my dad's side died when my father was only six months old. Thus both my mom and dad grew up going to cemeteries, always observing Decoration Day doing just that—decorating family graves, meeting with relatives, reminiscing, and of course eating together. Grandmother Crain was buried in Tulsa, Oklahoma and at first my mom's family lived near there. Later after moving to her allotment, it was a trip of almost 100 miles. I recall how Mom said they had no money to buy flowers, so as they drove to Tulsa they would spot wild flowers growing alongside the roads and they would stop, pick the flowers and weave them into garlands to place on Grandmother's grave. They picked enough to cover the entire grave with those flowers. Not a blade of grass could be seen because of the mass of flowers. For 84 years she went every single year to Tulsa to decorate that grave with the last few years decorating both graves

as Granddad had joined Grandmother there in the cemetery. The same was true with Dad's side of the family. Beside his father's grave at Baxter Springs, Kansas, were the graves of two of Dad's older siblings who died in infancy. As the years passed, others joined them at the cemetery. Thus thinking of family, decorating graves has been ingrained in my siblings and me. Family members now rest in seven different cemeteries and it takes me at least two days to get to all of them, but it's two days of recalling special memories. As I said, Decoration Day is one of my favorite holidays and I look forward to it. I just need to make sure I have enough beautiful flowers for beautiful people.

April has been a busy month for us here at the tribe. We had a beautiful warm, sunny day for our Easter Egg hunt, resulting in more children than we have ever had before. And we loved it! The Wild Green Onion and Eggs festivities did not have the biggest of crowds, but the food was fabulous, prizes were plentiful and laughter filled the room. This week we say a fond farewell to Monica Bettis, Director of Health and Social Services. Monica has been with us for 33½ years. We will miss her but both she and her husband have had health issues in the past, are doing better, and she wants to retire and enjoy their lives together. She has definitely earned this and while we will miss her, we certainly understand, support her decision and wish her well. Jana Edwards Johnson, Shawnee Tribe, will be the new Director and will report to work later in May. Until then, James Sullivan, tribal citizen and new Tribal Administrator, will be spending quite a bit of time in Social Services until Jana is full time.

Speaking of James, we have filled the Tribal Administrator position with two of our current employees, James Sullivan and Kristi Laughlin. They will share responsibilities with James focus-

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Business Committee Members

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 Dental/Optomtry (918) 678-3221
 Appointments (918) 678-3228
 Pharmacy (918) 678-3244
 Shawnee Skies (918) 238-CLAY | (918) 238-2529

Treasurer Report

Submitted by Justin Barrett, Business Committee Treasurer

FINANCIAL

I am excited to report our cash balances as of April 11, 2023. I thought it would be nice to look back to 2020 and see the progress we have made since then. As you can see below our cash position and accounts have increased significantly the last few years. In addition to adding to our Social Service Reserves, Economic Development, and Land accounts we have created an operating reserve and significantly increased on maintenance reserve.

Account	2020	2021	2022	4/11/2023	Change
General Fund	36,285,215	47,059,974	64,709,870	67,316,081	31,030,866
Federal Funds	4,712,897	34,943,127	27,457,366	25,459,361	20,746,464
Land	382,860	521,117	672,604	1,249,497	866,637
Economic Development	387,860	2,842,630	2,486,253	4,014,279	3,626,419
Grand Total - All Tribal Admin Accounts	43,027,226	51,672,910	100,378,267	102,449,926	59,422,700
Account	2020	2021	2022	4/11/2023	Change
Social Service or Education Reserves	15,379,400	18,624,855	20,391,349	20,891,349	5,511,949
Education Reserves	1,174,884	1,232,706	1,314,957	1,857,197	682,313
Maintenance Reserves	500,000	500,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	4,500,000
Operating Reserves	0	0	10,000,000	12,500,000	12,500,000
Total Committed Funds	33,388,060	70,111,628	79,031,721	82,143,844	48,755,784

Our total available cash for the Tribe is \$20,306,082.

PARTNERSHIPS:

Heartland Forward and Builders & Backers

As you have seen in several articles and ads, we have partnered with Heartland Forward and Builders & Backers. There is a press release in this edition of the Shooting Star for the new cohort they are starting. If you have a business idea, I strongly encourage you to consider submitting it to the program.

Totem:

In November of last year, the Business Committee approved a Letter of Intent with Totem. Totem is a digital bank, and they are in the process of launching their app. This was at no cost to the Tribe. Here is a little bit from their website "Totem breaks down the systemic barriers and old policies that exclude Native people from the modern financial system." You can check out their website or sign up for news at mytotem.app.

Bearskin Healthcare Service Guide

<p>Optometry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be seen by provider at Bearskin Healthcare once every three years to be eligible. • Must be authorized prior to visit by Bearskin Healthcare • Services must be provided by a Bearskin contracted provider • AS FUNDING ALLOWS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$225 for single vision—includes exam and one pair of glasses OR contacts • \$275 for multi-focal vision—includes exam and one pair of glasses OR contacts
<p>Audiology</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be seen by provider at Bearskin Healthcare once every three years to be eligible. • Must be authorized prior to visit by Healthcare • Services must be provided by a Bearskin contracted provider • AS FUNDING ALLOWS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1000 per ear towards hearing aids • \$75 per hearing exam <p>(Hearing aids will only be replaced every five years. If lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed before reaching the five-year mark, it will be the owner’s responsibility to replace these appliances.)</p>
<p>Adult Emergency Dental</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be seen by practitioner at Bearskin Healthcare once every three years to be eligible. • Must be authorized prior to visit by Healthcare • Services must be provided by a Bearskin contracted provider • AS FUNDING ALLOWS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to \$1,000 per year • Services provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited x-ray • Limited exam • Extractions
<p>Children’s Dental</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be seen by practitioner at Bearskin Healthcare once every three years to be eligible. • Must be authorized prior to visit by Healthcare • Services must be provided by a Bearskin contracted provider • AS FUNDING ALLOWS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services excluded are orthodontics and whitening
<p>Pharmacy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be seen by a provider at Bearskin Healthcare • Fills prescriptions written by Bearskin Healthcare providers • Prescriptions from outside providers are only filled if approved by and re-written by a Bearskin Healthcare provider under his/her authority 	
<p>Purchased/Referred Care (Formerly Contract Health Services)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be seen and referred by a Bearskin Healthcare provider • reside within one of the twelve counties - Ottawa, Craig, Mayes, Wagoner, Delaware, Rogers, Okmulgee, Nowata, Tulsa, Creek, Okfuskee, Washington 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be authorized prior to visit by Healthcare with exception of emergency 	

Eastern Shawnee Hosts United Indian Nations of Oklahoma

Submitted Justin Barrett



Bruce Pratt, Ben Barnes, Shawnee Nation, Chief David Hill, Muskogee Creek, Chief Glenna J. Wallace, Eastern Shawnee, Margo Gray, Osage Nation and 2nd Chief Norman Hilderband, Wyandotte Nation.

The Eastern Shawnee Tribe hosted the United Indian Nations of Oklahoma March 21st at Indigo Sky Casino & Resort. Chief Glenna J. Wallace was honored at this event. She also provided the opening remarks.

President Fawn Sharp and Executive Larry Wright Jr. of the National Congress of the American Indian attended the event and provided updates regarding NCAI to UINO. Wilson Pipestem provided federal legislative updates on issues affecting tribes.

Tribal Member Makes Short Tribal Leader of the Year

Submitted by Natalie Koch

TRIBAL LEADER OF THE YEAR

Justin Barrett, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Treasurer

Jamie Hummingbird, National Tribal Gaming Commissioners & Regulators

Susan Jensen, California Nations Indian Gaming Association (CNIGA)

Eastern Shawnee Tribal Treasurer Justin Barrett made the short list for the SBC Americas Tribal Leader of the Year Award. SBC accepts nominations and then the judges select and announce the shortlist. The winner is announced at the SBC Americas Conference. This

is the first year that tribal awards have been incorporated into SBC, thanks to Kelli Weaver, VP of Relationships at SBC. Congratulations Justin!

GENEALOGY

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Eastern Shawnee Tribal Member

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

EASTERN SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

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Annual Wellness Visits - Medicare Part B

Submitted by Ashley Crawford, RMA, CPhT Clinic Liaison

The Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) is a yearly appointment with your primary care team to create or update a personalized prevention plan. This plan may help prevent illness based on your current health and risk factors. Keep in mind that the AWV is not a head-to-toe physical. Also, this service is similar to but separate from the one-time Welcome to Medicare preventive visit.

ELIGIBILITY

Medicare Part B covers the Annual Wellness Visit if:

- You have had Part B for over 12 months
- And, you have not received an AWV in the past 12 months
- Additionally, you cannot receive your AWV within the same year as your Welcome to Medicare preventive visit.
- Covered services
- During your first Annual Wellness Visit, your care team will develop your personalized prevention plan. Your care team may also:
 - Check your height, weight, blood pressure, and other routine measurements
 - Give you a health risk assessment
 - This may include a questionnaire that you complete before or during the visit. The questionnaire asks about your health status, injury risks, behavioral risks, and urgent health needs.
- Review your functional ability and level of safety
 - This includes screening for hearing impairments and your risk of falling.
 - Your care team must also assess your ability to perform activities of daily living (such as bathing and dressing), and your level of safety at home.
- Learn about your medical and family history
- Make a list of your current providers, durable medical equipment (DME) suppliers, and medications
 - Medications include pre-



- prescription medications, as well as vitamins and supplements you may take
- Create a written 5-10 year screening schedule or check-list
 - Your care team should keep in mind your health status, screening history, and eligibility for age-appropriate, Medicare-covered preventive services
- Screen for cognitive impairment, including diseases such as Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia
 - Medicare does not require that care teams use a test to screen you. Instead, care teams are asked to rely on their observations and/or on reports by you and others.
- Screen for depression
- Provide health advice and referrals to health education and/or preventive counseling services aimed at reducing identified risk factors and promoting wellness
 - Health education and preventive counseling may relate to weight loss, physical activity, smoking cessation, fall prevention, nutrition, and more.
- AWVs after your first visit may be different. At subsequent AWVs, your care team should:
 - Check your weight and blood pressure
 - Update the health risk assessment you completed
 - Update your medical and family history
- Update your list of current medical providers and suppliers
- Update your written screening schedule
- Screen for cognitive issues
- Provide health advice and referrals to health education and/or preventive counseling services

COSTS

If you qualify, Original Medicare covers the Annual Wellness Visit at 100% of the Medicare-approved amount when you receive the service from a participating provider. This means you pay nothing (no deductible or coinsurance). Medicare Advantage Plans are required to cover AWVs without applying deductibles, copayments, or coinsurance when you see an in-network provider and meet Medicare's eligibility requirements for the service.

During the course of your AWV, your care team may discover and need to investigate or treat a new or existing problem. This additional care is considered diagnostic, meaning your care team is treating you because of certain symptoms or risk factors. Medicare may bill you for any diagnostic care you receive during a preventive visit. To schedule a Medicare Wellness Exam Contact:

Bearskin Healthcare and Wellness Center
1 Turtle Drive
Wyandotte, OK 74370
(918) 678-2282

Source: <https://www.medicareinteractive.org/get-answers/medicare-covered-services/preventive-services/annual-wellness-visit>

Shawnee Language

Submitted by Brett Barnes, Language Director

English

Shawnee
 Delaware
 Cherokee
 Chickasaw
 Choctaw
 Creek
 Quapaw
 Peoria
 Ottawa
 Miami
 Seneca
 Wyandotte
 Sioux
 Osage
 Cayuga
 Caucasian
 Black Man
 Doctor
 Doctor barber
 witch doctor
 dance leader
 interpreter

Shawnee

saawanwa
 lenaape
 kato'hwa
 ciikasa
 ca'ta
 homasko
 hoka'pa
 peewaala
 hotaawa
 pikiwileni
 naatowe
 naatoweefa
 naatoweefi
 hosaasi
 kayokafa
 tekosiye
 p'katileni
 taakteli
 naanatacikeeta
 kaakafoweeta
 paapemoskwaacikeeta
 maamenyeelcikeeta
 leelaapaacimoota

Congratulations New Tribal Enrollees

ASHER LARKIN GAINES DOB: 10/20/2022 Son of Gracie Larkin Branham (ID #2401) Grandson of Rebecca Louise Branham (ID #726) Great Grandson of Billie Charles Millhollin (1964 #506) Great Great Grandson of Jasper Charles Millhollin (1938 #189)

SOPHIA ROSE WHITLOCK DOB: 12/09/2022 Daughter of Katelyn Joy Whitlock (ID #1771) Granddaughter of Donald Lee Blackmore (1964 #52) Great Granddaughter of Duaine Woodrow Blackmore (1964 #54) Great Great Granddaughter of Woodrow R. Hampton (1938 #135)

ISABELLA RAIN HARNAR DOB: 08/22/2022 Daughter of Timothy Lawrence Harnar (ID #1665) Granddaughter of Kimberley Lynn Enyart Harnar (ID #365) Great Granddaughter of Buddy Joe Enyart (1964 #266) Great Great Granddaughter of Virgie Ellen CRAIN (1938 #103)



ANNUAL TIRE COLLECTION EVENT

MAY 18 AND 19, 2023
9 AM TO 4 PM

FOUR FEATHERS RECYCLING 13976 BETHEL ROAD, SENECA, MO
918-238-5151 ext. 1044




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- NO TIRES FROM BUSINESSES
- NO OFFROAD/TRACTOR TIRES
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This is a free service provided by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Environmental Department to help keep our land and water clean.

COVID Testing & Vaccinations

BEARSKIN HEALTH CENTER

Available in the new drive thru facility located to the west of the facility.

No appointment is necessary!
Monday -Thursday 8-11:30;
1-4, Friday 8-11:30; 1-3

All Eastern Shawnee Tribal Forms can be found at:

www.estoo-nsn.gov

TRIBAL YOUTH

NATIVE AMERICAN DANCE CLASS



Classes held the 2nd and 4th
Wednesday of each month
beginning May 1st, 2023

6:00- 7:30 PM

Contact Information:

Tammy James (918) 207-7507

Jennifer Pooler (417) 434-3510

**Located at Sandy Captain Building
Directly across from Bluejacket Building
10170 South 705 Rd Wyandotte Oklahoma.**

Sponsored by the
Eastern Shawnee Tribe CCDF
Program.

Summer Youth Jobs Opening Soon

Are you a 16 – 22 year old Tribal citizen?

Are you looking for a summer job that isn't "just" a job?

Do you want to work with professionals in their field?

Do you want to learn more about Eastern Shawnee History and Culture?

If you answered yes to these four questions, then we have the opportunity for YOU!

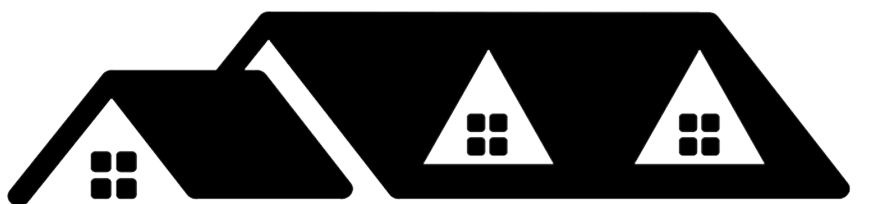
Our ESTO Summer Youth 2023 program has 2 major goals for interested participants. First it is the opportunity to help you grow culturally as a young tribal citizen by participating in a variety of ESTO cultural events and activities such as culture camp, language classes, hoop house project and various meaningful activities to name a few. Our second goal is working with Directors to find the best employment fit for your career goals. You are the future of your Tribe, and as such it is our wish to provide you with the tools of success and leadership to help you grow.

Below are the guidelines for participation:

- Summer employment opportunities are open to enrolled ESTO tribal citizens from 16-22 years.
- You must fill out a Summer Youth Program Application. These can be found on the ESTO website, as well as at the Tribal Administration/HR office.
- Applications must be filled out in their entirety, and submitted by May 19, 2023, at 4 p.m.
- Tribal membership will be verified with Vital Statistics, and a copy of a school schedule or proof of enrollment for the fall semester must be turned in with the application.
- You must be enrolled as full-time students for the next school year.
- The program will run from the first day after summer break begins until first day classes resume. Earlier availability will be considered on a case-by-case-basis.

- We will accommodate summer camps, sports, vacations, etc. as much as we can.
- Our goal is to make department assignments based on personal interests (as much as possible) taking age restrictions and other limitations in to account as applicable.
- Youth must be available for cultural events.
- Assist in the greenhouse(s) as needed.
- Pay will be \$13.00/hr. and the schedule will be up to 40 hours a week.
- Interviews will be held after the closing date.
- Individual selections will be made based on the interview process and available positions.

Please contact Kendra Stuart at 1-918-238-5151, ext. 1021 or kstuart@estoo.net if you have any questions regarding this program. I am very excited about the possibilities and the experiences we will share.



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

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

April 5, 2023

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Applications Now Open for Eastern Shawnee Tribal Members to Turn New Business Ideas into Reality Through Builders + Backers Idea Accelerator Program

Program is powered by Heartland Forward; members in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma encouraged to apply

Bentonville, Ark. - Heartland Forward and Builders + Backers are proud to announce the opening of applications for five Eastern Shawnee tribal members to access training, resources and up to \$5,000 to help them turn ideas into potential businesses or ventures. Tribal members in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma with a creative and unexpected idea for a new business or for solving a problem facing their community are encouraged to apply. This will be the second Eastern Shawnee cohort in the Idea Accelerator program, with five Oklahoma-based tribal members participating in 2022.

The Builders + Backers Idea Accelerator Program powered by Heartland Forward is designed to make it easy for anyone to experiment with entrepreneurship. Applicants are not required to submit a business plan or have a pitch deck for their idea. This new cohort of five Eastern Shawnee tribe builders is part of [Heartland Forward's commitment](#) to supporting 1,000 Builders across the heartland by 2023.

"Problem solving with an entrepreneurial mindset is key to rebuilding our post-COVID local economies, and the Builders + Backers Idea Accelerator has already proven to be a successful, meaningful way to accelerate the entrepreneurial thinking needed to help our communities thrive," said Ross DeVol, president and CEO of Heartland Forward. "We're thrilled to be expanding this program for Eastern Shawnee tribal members across four states as part of our commitment to support 1,000 Builders across the heartland by 2023. We're confident this next cohort of Builders will have the innovative thinking and ideas to create real change in their communities, and we look forward to seeing what they can accomplish in the months and years to come."

Those interested can apply [here](#). Webinars will be held for interested applicants to learn more about the program on April 18 and May 3. The application deadline is Monday, May 22. Residents with the most promising and innovative ideas will be selected to participate in a two-month long virtual program starting on June 8th, 2023.

"We hear from hundreds of Builders who have already been through the Idea Accelerator that they needed a low-barrier way to take their idea and test it out. Many had been sitting on their idea for a long time, not quite sure what to do next or unable to take the big leaps required for many entrepreneurial programs," said Donna Harris, CEO of Builders + Backers. "Our fast, virtual, yet highly hands-on approach is exactly what they needed. We're excited to partner with Heartland Forward to help more members of the Eastern Shawnee tribe that we know are waiting for this opportunity."

At the heart of the program are the four pillars, designed to mobilize and equip Builders through:

- **Idea Accelerator:** This cohort-based program combines a 45-day Builder Bootcamp to teach participants how to put ideas into action, followed by 45 days of actively executing their ideas through a single experiment.

- **Pebble Fund:** All of the Builders are supported by a \$5,000 Pebble Grant to test their ideas. Participants are mentored by Master Builders throughout the program.
- **Storytelling:** A comprehensive media program that curates, captures and distributes stories of Buildership™, both from within the programs and in communities everywhere. Through video, written stories, social media and media partnerships, the program inspires people to become Builders.
- **Buildership™ Workshops:** Workshops and other events introduce people to the ideas of Buildership™ and demonstrate that anyone can generate creative solutions through entrepreneurial experimentation that contribute to the sustainability of communities.

The program was first piloted in Tulsa, Oklahoma and Oxford, Mississippi in summer 2021, and since, there have been over 400 Builders across 15 cities. To learn more about the Builders, see [here](#).

About Heartland Forward:

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Oklahoma Tribal Finance Consortium Held at ISKY

By Justin Barrett



Wendi Long, ISKY Marketing Director



Sandra Pennington, ISKY Marketing Director

March 23-24 the Eastern Shawnee Tribe hosted the Oklahoma Tribal Finance Consortium (OTFC) Conference at Indigo Sky Casino & Resort. Cer-

emonial Chief Shawn King provided the opening prayer. I moderated a general session on economic development for smaller tribes. Panelists were Chris

Floyd (President and Chairman of Shawnee Development), Deborah Dotson (President of the Delaware Nation, and Bobby Mann (COO of Lucky Lady Games and Stashlink).

I was also a panelist on a wealth management panel with Zechariah Harjo (Acting Secretary of State and Commerce for the Muscogee Nation) and Tyler McIntosh (Acting Treasurer of the Osage Nation) where we discussed investment portfolios and banking relationships.

During the opening ceremonies Indigo Sky Casino & Resort Marketing Director Wendi Long and Executive Sales Sandra Pennington were honored with blankets. Both have worked for the tribe for years and were instrumental in working and coordinating the UINO and OTFC conferences.

Thank you both for all you do!

August 4th & August 5th

2023

SHAWNA STOVALL BACK TO SCHOOL CHILDRENS POW W O W

The Eastern Shawnee's
Present the Shawna Stovall



FRIDAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Location: 10135 S. Bluejacket
Road, Wyandotte, OK 74370

5-8PM: Children's Activities

- ★ Flint Knapping, Camel & Pony Rides,
- ★ Face Painting, Bounce Houses
And So Much More!

HEAD STAFF

Head Singer: Damien Blackfox
 Head Man: Levi Logan
 Head Lady: Miley Attocknie
 Head Little Boy: Colby Wolfenbarger
 Head Little Girl: Rachel LeadingFox
 Master of Ceremonies: Neil Lawhead
 Arena Director: Murray Rhoads Jr.
 Head Cook: Susan Patterson
 Honor Guard: Wyandotte Honor Guard

SATURDAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Location: Eastern Shawnee
Powwow Grounds near Seneca, MO

- 3-5PM: Gourd Dance
- 5-6PM: Dinner
- 6-7PM: Gourd Dance
- 7PM: Grand Entry

CONTESTING

- JR Boys - 12 & Under
- JR Girls - 12 & Under
- Tiny Tots - 5 & Under

Due to historically high temperatures, we have decided to make this a two-day event to ensure the safety of those who attend. August 4th events will take place at the Eastern Shawnee Wellness Center. August 5th events will take place at the Eastern Shawnee Powwow Grounds located behind the old Bordertown Casino near Seneca, MO.

While supplies last. Schedule of Events is subject to change without notice.

Questions? Call (918) 540 - 9970

Welcome Aboard Brain Peery

Submitted by Brian Peery



Brian Peery

Welcome Brian Peery, the new Director of Grants. Brian has twenty-five years of experience writing and administering grants. Brian last worked at TFI Family Services in Kansas and previously was the Research and Grants Coordinator at Pittsburg State University. Brian also worked as the Director of Juvenile Justice for Labette, Cherokee and Wyandotte Counties in Kansas for eleven years. Brian earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in General Sociology and a Master of Science Degree in Human Resource Development from

Pittsburg State University. Brian is an avid rugby fan having played and coached for thirty-five years in USA Rugby competition. Brian looks forward to serving the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

Brian has been working in collaboration with the Indian Child Welfare Department to submit the Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program: Development and Implementation Grants Proposal. If funded, the program would provide in-home early childhood education for the families of the nine tribes located in Ottawa County and provide linkage for the families to available resources in the community. The proposal outlines community needs assessment activities in the first year of the program including tribal leadership meetings, provider focus groups, parent survey and parent focus groups. If awarded the grant would provide \$350,000 for the first year and up to \$1,000,000 a year for three additional years based on the outcome of the community needs assessment.

The Grants Department is also searching for funding opportunities to address food security, infrastructure, elder, recreation, education, economic development and other tribal needs.

Shawnee Language Class Brett Barnes, Language Specialist

We currently have Shawnee Language Class on Tuesday at 5:00 pm. It is open to everyone who wishes to learn. We haven't yet created our own on-line class, but we can connect you to the SLIP (Shawnee Language Immersion Program), provided by the Shawnee Tribe. Their classes are weekly, and they may have some flexibility on which night of the week. I have plans to collaborate our own On-Line class with the Shawnee Tribe's SLIP Classes, offering Study Groups and beginner level class lessons. Anyone and everyone who wishes to learn can contact me with any questions. My email address is bbarnes@estoo.net.

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FROM THIS CORNER

By Chief Glenna J. Wallace

DUSHANE PLACE TO BLUEJACKET COMPLEX TO HIGHWAY 10C COMPLEX

BlueJacket Complex is a name, a location that the Eastern Shawnee Tribe references daily. Located today at 12755 South 705 Road, Wyandotte, OK with the same mailing address, it was formerly 127 W. Oneida Street with a mailing address of P. O. Box 350, Seneca, MO. The mailing address change came about when Ottawa County provided 911 addresses to the Tribe in June of 2010, almost thirteen years ago. That means for almost fifty years, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe located in Oklahoma had a Missouri mailing address. You would be amazed at how much mail we receive today still addressed to Eastern Shawnee Tribe, P.O. Box 350, Seneca, MO.

And how did an Oklahoma Tribe receive a Missouri address? Part of it might be because we are located at the Oklahoma/Missouri line and the nearest town is Seneca, MO which is at our doorstep and the next nearest town is some 7 or 8 miles away. Perhaps another reason is that an evaporated milk company named Milnot came to the area in the late 1940's. Milnot was a filled milk product and could be sold only in states where it was produced. Thus when the manufacturing plant was constructed, part of the building was positioned in Missouri extending over into Oklahoma with a gold line separating the one building into two separate and distinct operations. The little town of Seneca, Missouri spawned a sister city known as West Seneca, Oklahoma with one post office serving both entities.

The land where BlueJacket Complex is located has a unique history also. Originally part of the 60,000 acres promised to the Mixed Band of Senecas and Shawnees when a treaty was signed in 1831 and they were forcibly removed in 1832, sixty-seven and fif-



Nina Dushane

teen-hundredths acres were allotted to Nina Dushane July 1, 1904. Born in 1897 and the daughter of Charles Dushane Sr., Nina was only seven years of age when she received information dated July 1, 1904, about her allotment. For years those 67+ acres as well as the surrounding land were known as the Dushane Place as Dave Dushane's allotment (Nina's uncle) was in the same

vicinity of Nina Dushane's. Years later Nina married a Kiowa native and they lived at Colony, Oklahoma with their children. In 1937 she wrote a letter to the government asking if she could trade her allotment in Ottawa County for land where she and her husband lived. The government agreed, stating that at the present moment a group of Shawnees known as Eastern Shaw-



Eastern Shawnee 10C Complex

nees were working toward developing a constitution and when that was finalized and elections held, the government would transfer Nina's land to the Eastern Shawnee Tribe. That occurred in 1939 but the land was still referred to as the Dushane Place.

Nina's letter stated her allotment was 67 and fifteen hundredths acres. In an interview with Chief Tom Captain in 1969, he described the land as being fifty-seven acres of creek-bottom land which made the tribe \$250 a year. Today the description reads as 58.19 acres. What happened to the 10 or so acres from 1939 to today, I am not sure. The city of Seneca does own some land immediately west of BlueJacket Complex where the ballfields are. There has to be a story there, but at this moment, I am not familiar with the details. Chief Tom Captain also stated that in the mid-1950's the government wanted to build the tribe a council house, but he turned it down. The land continued to be known as the Dushane Place.

The first tribal buildings on the BlueJacket Complex began construction in 1977 under the leadership of Chief James Greenfeather. An Administration building was started in 1977 with Greenfeather as Chief but not completed and occupied until 1979 under the leadership of George (Buck) Captain. That building is now named the Chief James Greenfeather Building in honor of Chief Greenfeather. The land and location now began to be referred to as the Eastern Shawnee Tribe. Also in 1977 the Eastern Shawnee Tribe se-

cured its first grant, obtained through the Department of Commerce at no cost to the tribe and a contractor was hired to construct an industrial building. The industrial building was never completed as funds ran out and the contractor disappeared. That red metal building stood unfinished until 1984 when David Allen, a Bingo operator from Pryor, Oklahoma, approached the tribe about converting the incomplete industrial building into a Bingo operation. A partnership was formed. December 7, 1984, was the opening date for Eastern Shawnee gaming and the rest is history. Also in 1984 a nutrition building was built to feed our elders, later remodeled in 1994.

Growth continued, land was purchased and in the year 1992 a new administration building was built next to the old administration building under the leadership of Chief Buck Captain and his son Second Chief Neil Captain. It was Neil who gave the building the name of BlueJacket Center, "dedicated to BlueJacket, a Shawnee War Chief and Walter, Julian and Clyde BlueJacket, former Tribal Chiefs." We now had a building named BlueJacket Center with the land across Lost Creek still referred to as The Dushane Place.

The date is famous—9-11-2001—when the World Trade Center was bombed. It was also the same week the Eastern Shawnee Tribe was scheduled to hold its grand opening of a semi-administrative building on Highway 10C housing Human Resources (HR), the Environmental Department (EPA),

Accounting, Benefits, and Tribal Administrator. Under the leadership of Chief Charles Enyart, the dedication was not postponed but held as scheduled and the names 10C Complex and BlueJacket Complex were born, distinguishing the two locations. That semi-administrative building now bears the name Chief Charles Enyart Building. The move from downtown BlueJacket Complex to Highway 10C Complex was necessitated by the downtown area being designated a flood plain making grant funds no longer eligible to build in this location.

Today, 2023 we are now designing two new buildings at Highway 10C Complex, one a remodel of the former Travel Center and a new Administrative Building. Highway 10C Complex will soon consist of one casino, six program facilities (semi-administration, Health and Social Services also housing CCDF and ICW, AOA, Early Childhood Learning Center—built in 2 stages-- Wellness Center—built in 3 stages-- Law Enforcement, plus the two new buildings now in planning stages. Nearby we have Growing Thyme building with 4 hoopouses, our HAVEN headquarters, 9 elders duplexes, and 27 homes in the Housing Authority with more hoped for. Add to those facilities our own water system, sewer system, and of course roads

And it all began with a gift of allotted land from Nina Dushane.

Child Care and Development Fund

Submitted by Dian Randall, CCDF Director

Our CCDF department and the area NE OK Tribes CCDF and ICW programs provided 4 days of events for the Week of the Young Child this month, we had 4 showings of the Buckets and Boards show at the Coleman Theater for grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. We had a Fun Feast Day for area childcare facilities to bring their 3- & 4-year old's to and a Petting Zoo day for Childcare facilities, Pre-K and Kindergarten ages children to attend.

We are still working and planning our Shawna Stovall Children's Back-

to-School Powwow. Meetings are held once a month to plan this event.

Parenting Classes were held on April 25th & April 27th this month on "Purposeful Parenting with a Twist".

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

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

Seasonal Allergies (Hay Fever)

What Are Seasonal Allergies?

Seasonal allergies are sometimes called "**hay fever**" or seasonal allergic rhinitis. These allergy symptoms happen during certain times of the year, usually when trees, grasses, and weeds release tiny pollen particles into the air to fertilize other plants.

The immune systems of people who are allergic to pollen treat these particles (called allergens) as invaders and release chemicals, including histamine, into the bloodstream to defend against them. It's the release of these chemicals that causes allergy symptoms.

People can be allergic to one or more types of pollen. The type someone is allergic to determines when symptoms happen. For example, in the mid-Atlantic states, tree pollen is highest from February through June, grass pollen is highest from May through August, and weed pollen is highest from July through October — so kids with these allergies are likely to have increased symptoms at those times.

Even kids who have never had seasonal allergies in years past can develop them. Seasonal allergies can start at almost any age, though they usually do not develop before a child is 2 years old. Most people with seasonal allergies develop them by age 20.



What Are the Signs & Symptoms of Seasonal Allergies?

If your child develops "cold" symptoms at the same time every year, seasonal allergies might be to blame. Allergy symptoms, which usually come on suddenly and last for as long as a person is exposed to the allergen, can include:

- sneezing
- itchy nose and/or throat
- nasal congestion
- clear, runny nose
- postnasal drip

These symptoms often come with

itchy, watery, and/or red eyes, which is called allergic conjunctivitis. Kids who have coughing, wheezing and/or shortness of breath in addition to these symptoms might have allergies that trigger asthma.

How Are Seasonal Allergies Diagnosed?

Talk with your doctor if you think your child might have seasonal allergies. The doctor will ask if the same symptoms happen at the same time each year after your child is around an allergen, and do an exam. The doctor may be able to

make a diagnosis, or might refer you to an allergy doctor (allergist) for allergy skin testing (called skin prick testing) or a blood test.

To find which allergens cause a person's symptoms, allergists usually do skin testing. During skin prick testing, an allergist or nurse puts a tiny bit of a liquid containing an allergen into the skin by making a small scratch or prick on the skin. They usually do skin testing on a person's forearm or back. The allergist then waits 15 minutes or so to see if a red, raised bump, called a wheal, forms. If it does, there might be an allergy. The allergist uses a ruler to measure the wheal and the redness around it.

Even if a skin test or a blood test shows an allergy, a child must also have symptoms to be diagnosed with an allergy for sure. For example, a child who

has a positive test for grass pollen and sneezes a lot while playing in the grass would be considered allergic to grass pollen.

How Are Seasonal Allergies Treated?

There are many ways to treat seasonal allergies, depending on how bothersome the symptoms are. An important part of treatment is knowing what someone is allergic to. Some kids can get relief by reducing or eliminating exposure to the allergens that bother them.

If certain seasons cause symptoms, keep the windows closed, use air conditioning instead of fresh air when possible, and stay indoors when pollen counts are high. It's also a good idea for kids with seasonal allergies to wash their hands or shower and change

clothes after playing outside.

If reducing exposure isn't possible or doesn't help, doctors may recommend medicines for allergy symptoms. These can include oral, nasal, and ocular (eye) antihistamines and nasal steroid sprays. If these don't help or a child has to take multiple medicines to ease symptoms, the doctor may recommend seeing an allergist. The allergist can decide whether allergy shots (immunotherapy) could help.

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Benzodiazepines

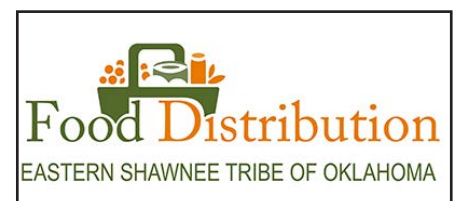
Submitted by Ben Bingham, Native Connections Project Director



Benzodiazepines (pronounced 'ben-zoh-die-AZ-a-peens'), is a depressant or sedative drug used to treat ailments such as insomnia or anxiety, as well as alcohol withdrawal and epilepsy. It is sometimes referred to as "Benzos" and work by calming or sedating an individual, specifically by inhibiting or blocking the neurotransmitter GABA in the brain. The most common "benzo's" include Diazepam (Valium), Alprazolam (Xanax), Clonazepam (Klonopin), and others. "Benzo's" are not generally the first line of medication due to the short time required for addiction and withdrawal symptoms.

Overdoses occur when Benzodiazepine are mixed with alcohol or other drugs, such as stimulants like amphet-

amines or cocaine and are associated with being a sedated state or suppressed breathing and impairment of cognitive functions. In Oklahoma 12 residents of the state die every week from an unintentional overdose which involved 17% of them being related to Benzodiazepines. In Ottawa county they were involved in 11% of all nonfatal overdoses. Those using benzodiazepines exhibit some of the following signs. Euphoria, depression, confusion, impaired thinking, slurred speech, double/blurred vision, impaired coordination, drowsiness, sleepiness, and fatigue. Those injecting benzodiazepine risk infection, including hepatitis, HIV, and AIDS. Long term effects from using "benzo's" include personality change, weakness, drowsiness, nausea, headaches, anxiety and depression and is a risk factor for epilepsy, stroke and brain tumors. If you need someone to talk to, Native Connections has our counselor, Brandon McCombs at (918) 314-4761, If it is an emergency, please call 911.



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.

H.A.V.E.N. Update

By Cathleen Osborne-Gowey (Program Admin – Crime Victim Advocate)
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Program Update:

Hello all –

Spring is here – the weather is getting warmer, and the days are getting longer. May is a busy time for many of us, our kids are getting out of school, and we start planning summer break. However, May is also Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Month.

Social media does a great job at putting acronyms and images out but does not give us the full picture of what they mean. One of those is MMIW and MMIWG. We see images of Native women with the phrase MMIW on Facebook and we wonder...what does that mean? Does that happen here in Oklahoma? Is that just something that happens in rural Canada? The answer is YES...missing and murdered indigenous women and girls happens in Canada, it happens on rural reservations in Wyoming, North Dakota, in every state, and in Ottawa County Oklahoma. To get a better picture of the issue here in Oklahoma, I'd like us to listen to the voice of a family dealing with the loss of someone they love here in Oklahoma. This is a section of an article published in the Oklahoman on July 17, 2019. Please read the article below, listen to this family's story, and let's learn what MMIW really means.

Missing in Oklahoma: State could take steps to curb 'epidemic' of missing Native American women

By Carmen forman and Jana Allen

<https://www.oklahoman.com/article/5636403/missing-in-oklahoma-state-could-take-steps-to-curb-epidemic-of-missing-native-american-women>

Rebecca Ponkilla still remembers the last moment she saw her daughter. She hugged Ida Beard inside their El Reno home as her daughter's friends waited for her outside. Beard, 29, walked to

a friend's house just blocks away, but never returned home. A member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Beard is one of many Native American women and girls across the country who have vanished without a trace.

Oklahoma has one of the highest rates of missing or murdered Native American women, according to a report from the Urban Indian Health Institute.

But the report doesn't show a complete picture of the problem because of a widespread lack of comprehensive data. As indigenous people have become increasingly more vocal about the alarming trend that has silently plagued the Native American community for decades, one Oklahoma lawmaker wants to see what the state can do to help. When Beard didn't make it home later on June 30, 2015, Ponkilla assumed her daughter was having fun with her friends. But then she began to worry. "I had no idea, no idea where she was," she said. "I still really can't believe she's gone, you know?" Over the years, the El Reno police never received any substantial leads on Beard's disappearance, said LaRenda Morgan, Beard's cousin. Beard's family hasn't given up. They recently hired a private investigator to look at the case, Morgan said. But the uncertainty surrounding Beard's disappearance and the lack of closure haunts her family, especially her younger sister, Zina Deere. The two were nearly inseparable, and Beard always looked after Deere.

Deere, 27, regrets she wasn't with her sister that night. "We would've helped each other," she said. "But whatever happened to her, she was by herself." At the time of her disappearance, Beard's children were ages 5, 6, 8 and 14. Her oldest daughter now has a child of her own who may never get to meet her grandmother. "We won't stop looking and waiting for her to come through the door until we know what really

happened to her," Ponkilla said through tears. Beard's family is not alone.

An epidemic of violence

Linda "Lindy" Zotigh, also a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, was brutally killed in 2017 in Hammon. A federal grand jury indicted Zotigh's boyfriend, Tommy Dean Bullcoming, last year on first-degree premeditated murder, first-degree felony murder and other charges related to her death. Bullcoming is accused of stabbing Zotigh, 55, which led to her death, "in an especially heinous, cruel and depraved manner in that the offense involved torture and serious physical abuse," according to court documents. The case is still ongoing. Bullcoming killed Zotigh because she tried to leave him, said Imogene Herndon, Zotigh's friend.

"He actually treated her pretty good," Herndon said. "Since he seemed like such a kind, quiet man and was nice looking, you would never dream there was this demon in him. Authorities from the Roger Mills County sheriff's office and the Oklahoma Highway Patrol found Zotigh's body on Sept. 7, 2017, on tribal land about seven miles from where her mobile home had been set on fire — the catalyst for the search. Law enforcement detained Bullcoming the following day on an unrelated drug charge. Herndon, 60, describing an incident where she previously was stalked by a man, said she hates how Native American women always seem to get blamed for the violence they face. "They keep putting it on the women," she said. "It's these men they need to do something with."

Native American and Alaska Native women face higher rates of violence than the general populace with more than four out of five indigenous women experiencing some type of violence in their lifetime... according to a study from the National Institute of

Justice. That violence can include stalking, sexual violence or physical or psychological aggression by an intimate partner. Overall, more than 1.5 million American Indian and Alaska Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime, which contributes to the epidemic of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls, according to the study. "There are domestic violence relationships that continue to escalate and a lot of times the most dangerous times of the relationship are when the individual attempts to report to the police, to leave, to get a divorce. ... Statistics show that that's when those events occur," she said.

According to the urban institute report, 5,712 cases of missing American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls were reported to the National Crime Information Center in 2016 alone.

When violence boils over, limited law enforcement and jurisdictional issues can complicate matters. Depending on where a crime is committed, different law enforcement agencies could take the lead on the case, said Carr, who also works for the StrongHearts Native Helpline. And the lack of a centralized missing and murdered indigenous persons database that can be used across all law enforcement entities doesn't help matters, she said. "There's a lot of miscommunication between the databases and then a misunderstanding of who is responsible for an individual who went missing in location X," Carr said. "There's a lot of jurisdictional confusion."

Native American tribes also lack the authority to prosecute most of the crimes that occur on their land because federal law places most major crimes under federal jurisdiction, she said. That's part of the problem, Carr said.

Federal authorities have exclusive jurisdiction over sexual assault or sexual violence cases, but oftentimes, resources are so limited they can only pursue the most egregious of cases, she said. That leads to a vicious cycle where many perpetrators continue to do what

they're doing because they know they can get away with it, Carr said.

Sovereignty and jurisdiction barriers

Part of the problem stems from a confusion about which government entity — local, state, federal or tribal — should investigate the disappearance or murder of tribal members. Oklahoma officials have taken longer to dive into this issue because the state has a more complicated landscape than some other states, Word said. The sheer number of tribes in Oklahoma — the state has nearly 40 federally recognized tribes — and the fact that they're spread across the state makes it harder for the tribes to communicate and coordinate with one another.

Invisible to the media

Along with insufficient data on missing and murdered indigenous women, there also is a lack of media coverage. Of the 506 cases the urban institute studied, only 129 received media coverage. About 7% of the cases made up more than half the coverage.

Part of the reason there are so many missing indigenous women is that it's "an unknown issue," Webster said.

When Beard went missing, Morgan said she and several of her relatives reached out to media outlets to ask them to cover it. None did, she said. More women could be found sooner if the media reported each time a Native American woman went missing, she said. "If (people) knew someone was missing from that location, they could call in and give information," Morgan said. "Nobody knows until afterward when bodies are found."

And every time the family hears of a body found, they're on "pins and needles" waiting to see whether it's Beard, Morgan said. Beard's family has lost and found their strength over the years. "We really fell into depression over the years where we would sleep all day, (we) wouldn't get up to eat sometimes," Deere said. But now, Deere said she knows Beard wouldn't want that for her

family. There are two things that keep her going.

"Hope and faith," she said. "Because hope gives me some kind of joy, knowing that maybe she'll come back. My faith is knowing what happened, happened. And I believe I'll see her again." 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.
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EPA Regional Administrator visit to Tar Creek

Submitted by Kristi Laughlin, Tribal Administrator/EPA Director

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L to R: Chief Douglas Lankford of the Miami Tribe, Second Chief Norman Hildebrand of the Wyandotte Nation, Dr. Earthea Nance, Chief Glenna Wallace of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe, and Chief Charles Diebold of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation at the Inter-Tribal Council building.

RA Nance Visits Tar Creek

This week, RA Nance and team visited the Tar Creek Superfund site area, meeting with the Tar Creek Trustee Council Indian Tribes comprised of the Ottawa Tribe, Miami Tribe, Wyandotte Nation, Seneca-Cayuga Nation, Eastern Shawnee Tribe, and Peoria Tribe. The Modoc Nation and the Shawnee Tribe were also visited, as was the grassroots organization Local Environmental Action Demanded Agency. On April 11, site visits included a water monitoring site on Tar Creek, a chat pile, a riparian/streambank area prioritized by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe for restoration, a recycling facility, an aquatic facility for producing fish and mussels, and places where flooding has increased in recent years.

On April 12, the RA and team met with Tar Creek Trustee Council Indian Tribes leadership and staff to review the site visits and follow-up actions. The Chiefs from the Eastern

Shawnee Tribe, Miami Tribe, Seneca-Cayuga Nation and the Wyandotte Nation were in attendance, which is one of the highest attended in-person meetings between EPA and elected tribal leadership in several years. Tribal and local partners were appreciative of the Region 6 visit and the work the Superfund Division has conducted at the Tar Creek site for many years.



RA Nance with Debbie Dotson of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe. Debbie is holding a sampling instrument at the tribe's surface water sampling site on Lost Creek.



RA Nance holds mussels at the Peoria Tribe aquatic facility. The tribe is committed to producing and providing fish and mussel species for Superfund site reintroduction and for tribal cultural benefits.



L to R: John Meyer of Region 6, Modoc Nation Environmental Director Wes Davis, Sara Goyer of Region 6, RA Earthea Nance, and CoS Iris Gonzalez at the Modoc Nation Red Cedar Recycling Facility in Miami, Oklahoma.

As a result of this tour our Environmental Department received an additional \$80,000 in EPA funding.

Education Snapshot

By Amber Mittag, Education/ Specialized Services Director

Hello Students!!

I want to remind you this month about our Cord and Stole program we offer in the Education department.

For high school graduates and those graduating with an Associates Degree, we offer Cords to wear with your graduation robe. Each one has an Eastern Shawnee tribal seal pinned to it to show the significance of the cord.

For those graduating with a Bachelors, Masters or Doctorate, we have Stoles available. These stoles are beautiful and are embroidered with a design and tribal seal.

There is an application to fill out in order to apply to receive one, however these are given as a gift to honor and celebrate your accomplishment! You can find those forms on our tribal website under the Education forms section, or you can always call and we will be happy to mail/ email one to you.

These can be shipped or picked up within our office. We do ask for an application to be filled out at least two weeks in advance of the commencement ceremony for shipping purposes.

We are also looking for our graduating



high school seniors within a 50-mile radius of our office. Schools generally offer senior awards ceremonies and we will gladly attend that ceremony to present our seniors with a scholarship award.

If you know of a high school senior within our radius, please let us know!!



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

INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL FOOD DISTRIBUTION

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

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

ties in Missouri.

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

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

Vital Statistics Department

By *Monica Bettis, Director*

Current Health & Social Service Budget Activity for FY 2023

Service	Spent to Date March	Members' Served Per Line Item
Auditory	\$2,743.98	7
Burial	\$70,871.04	10
Disabled/Elder Care	\$736,817.98	346
Elder Crisis Committee	\$35,032.71	21
Extracurricular	\$15,751.33	92
Healthcare	\$803,866.47	1355
Orthodontics	\$11,389.96	17
School Expenses	\$138,021.50	421
Special Medical Equipment	\$6,838.64	45
Utility/Emergency Assistance	\$757,882.90	815
Totals	\$2,579,216.51	3129

\$139,469.51 paid out from March 16, 2023 - April 14, 2023

Vital Statistics Activity March 2023

Status Changes	52
Deaths	2
Enrollees	3
ID Cards	9
Photo ID	3
Total Enrollees for current fiscal year	18
Total Deaths for current fiscal year	9
Total Membership	3785

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

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

To navigate the website, go to

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

VITAL STATISTICS Direct to Vendor Claim Form

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

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DATE: Wednesday, March 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 5:34 p.m. by 2nd Chief Samples with the following answering roll call: 1st Council Kissee, 3rd Council Kraus, Treasurer Barrett and Secretary Littlefield. Chief Wallace was present. A quorum was declared by 2nd Chief Samples.

NEW ENROLLEES

Rowan Aggie Stewart - DOB: 07/13/2022

Ava Kay Hetiback - DOB: 11/17/2021

Drake Arrow Scott - DOB: 01/19/2023

MOTION: To Approve the New Enrollees presented. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

MINUTES:

MOTION: To Add the February 16th, 2023, Minutes to the March 8th, 2023, agenda. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

MOTION: To Approve the February 16th, 2023, minutes. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

MOTION: To Approve the March 1st, 2023, minutes. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

REPORTS

Chief's Report – Chief Glenna Wallace

THANK YOU – Thank you note from

Crowder College Foundation Board for \$250.00 Donation.

DONATION REQUESTS: A donation request from Byron Long, an employee of the Stables Casino for the Modoc Tribe for a golf tournament to be held at Shangri La Resort.

MOTION: To make a \$1,000.00 Donation for the Golf Tournament. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

DIRECTOR REPORTS – provided to Business Committee members.

HIP REPORT – Housing Improvement Program for homeowners that are tribal members which provides up to \$10,000 for repair to homes. Amber Mittag, Education/Specialized Services Director oversees this program. There are currently 10 applications available this year. You can only apply for this program once every ten years. This program is not for cosmetic repairs.

SEWER EXPANSION REPORT – The current wastewater plant built 15 years ago at 10C is over capacity and will not be able to service the 12 new homes being built and the future government building. A firm from Arkansas did a capacity study and after finding the system already over capacity submitted a proposal and price for \$3.1 million. This project is eligible for use of ARPA Funds.

MOTION: To Amend the ARPA spending plan to reallocate the Elbert Property Infrastructure to the wastewater treatment plant. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

ELECTION BOARD NOMINATION – Chief Wallace wishes to nominate Nelson Hancock to the Election Board with his term expiring May 1, 2025.

MOTION: To Approve the Appointment of Nelson Hancock to the Election

Board with his term expiring May 1, 2025. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with the second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

GRANT WRITER – Brian Peery of Pittsburg, Kansas has accepted the position of Grant Writer for our tribe. He formerly wrote grants for Pittsburg State University.

FLOODING RENOVATION – The ECLC staff and children have been able to return to the ECLC Building following renovations. Chief Wallace and Shelly Rogers, Administrative Assistant anticipate being able to return to their offices at the Bluejacket Building next week. Flooring is installed, painting completed, and furniture is coming in.

SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS – Most of these programs are ARPA funded and will not be available forever. 1) Rental Assistance is available if you don't own the home and are behind in your rent. Contact Shawnae Enyart. 2) Homeowner Assistance is available if you are delinquent in your payments. This can be funded 3 months at a time with a \$3,000.00 limit. 3) Utility Bill Assistance – if you have depleted your Social Services funds. 4) Medical Assistance – if you have used all your medical assistance. 5) Internet Program helps with those enrolled up through High School and now through college if you are enrolled in online classes. Submit receipts.

BANK REPORT – Chief Wallace read report provided by Deron Burr, President/CEO of People's Bank of Seneca.

MONICA BETTIS RETIREMENT – Monica will be retiring at the end of April.

Applications will be accepted for her position.

CURRENT MCGIRT STATUS OTTAWA COUNTY – Chief Wallace is on the committee that has met numerous times. She reports the Attorney General has reversed his opinion and has sent a letter to Doug Pewitt, District Attorney for Otta-

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wa and Delaware Counties. Previously he had stated that he would accept that all the tribes had sovereignty, that our reservations had never been disestablished. He has now changed his mind and written a letter to all of the tribes to Doug Pewitt saying that every case that comes before him that has anything to do with being on Indian land or so forth is to be considered as non-native, non-reservation land. So, there are five tribes that have formed a consortium and they wanted to write a letter and in fact file lawsuit against this immediately. The Miami tribe has chosen to go ahead and act by themselves. Chief Wallace read the letter that the Miami tribe has written.

MOTION: To join the Miami Tribe and Consortium. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

MURAL – Three individuals from Newton County visited Chief Wallace explaining that they are placing Murals throughout Newton County. They have placed 44 so far but have not placed one in Seneca. They stated they would like to do a mural for the Eastern Shawnee Tribe if we would like to do one just ourselves. This would be a cost of \$6,000-\$7,000. If there is any interest Chief Wallace would ask the artist to bring some sketches to consider.

MODOC DISCUSSIONS – The Modoc tribe has reached out to us for discussions.

They have purchased some houses along what used to be called the Gilman Dairy Road or the Able Farm Dairy Road. One of the houses is a unique building that is built like a lodge. They wanted to discuss with our shooting range if we would be interested in renting that whenever we have events at our shooting range. Discussion was had on how one tribe could help another. The Modoc's do not have a police force and we discussed that our Police

Force could patrol this since we go by there anyway.

CRITICAL INCIDENT TRAINING SUCH AS ACTIVE SHOOTER – Trainings to be held March 13th, 2023. There will be two sessions. 9 am-11 am to be held at the Annex and 1 pm thru 3 pm also to be held at the Annex.

2nd Chief Samples recognized International Women's Day as a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. He recognized Chief Wallace as the first woman elected to Chief of this tribe.

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION: To Add four resolutions to the agenda. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 030823-R-01 Resolution to approve an Annual Mobile App Service Agreement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and

BFAC.COM

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the attached Annual Mobile App Service Agreement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and **BFAC.COM**.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 030823-R-01. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 030823-R-02 Authorizing the Eastern Shawnee Haven Program to submit a Family Violence Prevention Program Tribal Formulated Grant available through the Department of Health and Human Services

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the

Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to authorize the Eastern Shawnee HAVEN Advocacy Program to submit a funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for total federal funds of at least \$3,500 (award is formulated based on population size – grant outlines needs of the program but award amount will be determined by funds available), final to be determined after all tribes apply and funds are dispersed for the formulated grant. Funds will be used for the implementation of a project that will help in supporting the establishment, maintenance, and expansion of programs and projects to prevent incidents of family violence and to provide immediate shelter needs and related assistance for victims of family violence and their dependents. No matching funds are required.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 030823 -R-02. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 030823-R-03 Transferring the Eastern Shawnee Travel Center to Woodlands Management LLC

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to transfer the Eastern Shawnee Travel Center and its assets to Woodlands Management LLC.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 030823-R-03. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

RESOLUTION Number 030823-R-04 Resolution Reallocating Enterprise Funds

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

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homa does hereby wish to reallocate funds approved by Resolution 110922-R-05.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize Chief Financial Officer Karen Allen to transfer and reallocate the funds transferred by Resolution 110922-R-05 as follows:

Eastern Shawnee Companies, LLC \$1,000,000.00

Woodlands Construction Management, LLC \$100,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize Chief Financial Officer Karen Allen to transfer funds from Woodlands Management, LLC as follows:

Woodlands Development \$100,000.00

Woodlands Entertainment \$100,000.00

Woodlands Hospitality \$100,000.00

Woodlands Management Services

\$100,000.00

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize Chief Financial Officer Karen Allen to transfer funds between Woodlands Management, LLC and its subsidiaries

(Woodlands Development, Woodlands Entertainment, Woodlands Hospitality, and Woodlands Management Services) and Eastern Shawnee Companies and its subsidiaries (Woodlands Construction Management) as needed for normal business operations.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 030823-R-04. The motion was made by

Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

REQUISITIONS

Requisition Number EN-94742 payable to Marion Company LLC for pay application No. 12 Housing in the

amount of \$36,148.54.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition Number EN-94742. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Requisition Number EN-94758 payable to Brown and Brown of Oklahoma for WC Installment No. 5 in the amount of \$27,227.00.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition Number EN-94758. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

Requisition Number EN-94759 payable to Brown and Brown of Oklahoma for General Liability, Business, Auto and Crime in the amount of \$92,798.00.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition Number EN-94759. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

Requisition Number EN-94825 payable to Arctic Information Technology Inc. for Installation and Configuration Completion – Family Wellness in the amount of \$43,872.50.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition Number EN-94825. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Requisition Number EN-94827 payable to Arctic Information Technology Inc. for progress billing for Data Migration in the amount of \$26,220.00.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition Number EN-94827. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Kissee, Kraus, Littlefield, Barrett), 0 opposed,

0 abstained, 1 absent (Daugherty).

Purchase Request No. 00060686 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$75,949.20 for Flex Calling and CC Initial Term 36 months Auto Renewal Term 12 months.

MOTION: To Approve Purchase Request No. 00060686. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kraus.

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

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: Motion to approve the Grey Snow Engagement letter authorizing the Business Committee Chief of Staff to sign up to \$3500 for 8A training. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

OLD BUSINESS – Tribal member Wanda Stovall discussed conflict of interest at the last meeting.

MOTION: To go into Closed Session at 7:24 p.m. following a five-minute break. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: To return to Open Session at 10:59 p.m. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

OPEN SESSION

MOTION: To Add Resolutions 030823-R-05, 030823-R-06, 030823-R-07 to the agenda. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 030823-R-

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05 Resolution to approve a Financing and Business Consulting Agreement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and FSA Advisory Group, LLC

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the attached Financing and Business Consulting Agreement between the Eastern Tribe of Oklahoma and FSA Advisory Group, LLC.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 030823-R-05. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 030823-R-06 A Resolution to an Engagement Letter with Pipestem Law

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve the attached engagement letter with Pipestem Law and authorizing Chief Glenna J. Wallace to sign the engagement letter.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 030823-R-06. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 030823-R-07 A Resolution to an Engagement Letter with GGH

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve the attached engagement letter with GGH and authorizing Treasurer Barrett to sign the engagement letter.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 030823-R-07. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with the second made by Treasurer Barrett.

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

MOTION: To Authorize Long House project on Ceremonial Grounds not to exceed \$100,000.00. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

MOTION: To Approve Pow Wow expenses not to exceed \$10,000 out of Capital Outlay. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus. (Expenses were equipment and maintenance)

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

MOTION: To Approve the NRCS expense not to exceed \$26,000 out of Capital Outlay. (Land improvements for the buffalo herd.) The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

MOTION: The motion to adjourn at 11:05 p.m. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

ADJOURN

DATE: Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Bluejacket Building

INVOCATION: Chief Wallace

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The Business Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. at the Bluejacket Building by 2nd Chief Samples with the following answering roll call: 1st Council Kissee, 2nd Council Daugherty, 3rd Council Kraus, Secre-

tary Littlefield and Treasurer Barrett. Chief Wallace was present. A Quorum was declared by 2nd Chief Samples.

MOTION: To Take the Agenda Out of Order. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent.

THANK YOU AND DONATION REQUEST was presented by the 3 Enyart brothers, Easton, Tufton and Huxton who participate in youth rodeo competitions.

MOTION: To donate \$1,000.00 to the Missouri Junior Rodeo Circuit. 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 Return to Agenda Order made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

MOTION CARRIED: 5 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent,

NEW ENROLLEES:

Asher Larkin Gaines DOB: 10/20/2022
Sophia Rose Whitlock DOB: 12/09/2022

Isabella Rain Harnar DOB: 08/22/2022

MOTION: To Approve New Enrollees. 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: To Approve the March 8th, 2023, Business Committee Meeting Minutes.

The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

REPORTS:

CASINO REPORT – Melanie Heskett, General Manager Indigo Sky Casino.

Reporting for the month of February 2023.

Indigo Sky Casino: Revenue up 19%

Expenses up 1%

Outpost Casino: Revenue up 2.4%

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Expenses down 3%
 Comparison – Actual Budget/Year to Date
 Indigo Sky: Revenue up 7%
 Expenses down 5 ½ %
 Outpost Casino: Revenue down 8%
 Expenses down 8%

The General Manager reported that a Purchase Request will be presented tonight for the purchase of two kiosks for the Hotel. These kiosks will be made available to customers for their use in checking in and out of the hotel and will increase convenience to the customer.

GAMING COMMISSION REPORT – Jalene Wells, Gaming Commissioner
 Employees – Current 2023 – the Gaming Commission has 38 employees. 8 Tribal Members, 1 Tribal Spouse, 4 Native, 23.69% ESTOO Tribe, 34.21% Native Americans.

The Licensing Department processed:
 Renewals – 15
 New Hires – 22
 Temp Help – 11
 Conditional Employee Licenses monitored – 4
 Non-gaming vendor companies – 14
 Non-gaming vendor employee licenses – 37

Gaming Companies – 1
 Gaming Vendor employees – 25
 The Gaming Commission collected - \$21,675 (YTD 102,955)

The EGM Department performed the following:

New Machine Installs – 18
 Machines Removed – 18
 Machine Software/Theme Conversions – 10
 Software Upgrades – 0
 Software replacements – 7
 Gaming Machine Relocations – 29
 Server Installs/Upgrades – 4
 Single pieces of software tested – 165
 Seal Activities – 97

The Gaming Commission billed - \$1,550 (YTD \$92,675)
 The Gaming Commissions collected - \$1,100 (YTD \$97,225)

The Compliance Department performed the following observations:
 Cage – 66

EGM – 66
 EGM Activity Assists – 0
 Jackpot - 58
 Players Club – 60
 Exchanges – 6
 Table Inventory – 74
 Table Fill – 36
 Table Credit – 2
 Title 31 Inquiries – 9
RESOLUTIONS:

The Surveillance Department performed the following for Indigo Sky Casino and Outpost Casino.

	Indigo Sky	Outpost	Combined
Phone Calls	2347	181	2528
Radio Calls	731	66	797
Observations	14287	3282	17569
Policy Violations Noted	114	47	161
JDLR’s Noted	35	4	39
Kudo’s	10	6	16
Incident Reports Written Total	43	4	47
Medical Reports Written	33	4	37
CD Requests from Tribal PD	2	0	2
Review Request from Operations	25	0	25

RESOLUTION NUMBER 032223-R-01 Resolution to approve a Contract between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and Connect Construction Services for the renovation of the former Eastern Shawnee Travel Center.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve the attached Contract between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and Connect Construction Services for the renovation of the former Eastern Shawnee Travel Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorizes Chief Glenna J. Wallace or Treasurer Justin Barrett to Execute the Contract and documents relevant to the project.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 032223-R-01. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 032223-R-02 Approving the Attached Residential Lease of Property Owned by the East-

ern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Commonly known as the Stoner House. 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 Residential Lease of property owned by the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma located at 10995 S. 679 Rd., Wyandotte, OK 74370, commonly known as the Stoner House for a period of one (1) year with lease number 921 000G040037 with BIA TAAMS Document Number 4200385163 under the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Residential Leasing Act approved by the Department of the Interior January 24, 2022, 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 Number 032223-R-02. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 032223-R-03 Resolution to approve a Consulting

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Agreement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and ECCI.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the attached Consulting Agreement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and ECCI for design and construction assistance with the expansion of the Tribe's Wastewater Treatment System near the Highway 10C Complex.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 032223-R-03. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 032223-R-04 Resolution to amend the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Procurement Policy for Tribal Administration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to adopt the following amendments to the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Procurement Policy for Tribal Administration.

1. PROCUREMENT GUIDELINES #9 – All staff members with the authority to approve purchases will follow OMB guidance in 2CFR200 and Indian Preference requirements in 24CFR1003.510.

2. SPECIAL PURCHASING CONDITIONS #7 – Project specific requirements

due to disruption of the supply line may be considered an emergency purchase. This may include both materials and labor due to the availability of the goods or services. Such purchases require written documentation of the existing condition to be filed with the purchase requisition and invoice.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 032223-R-04. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

REQUISITIONS:

Requisition EN-94994 payable to Midwest Pathogend Services in the amount of \$29,862.23 for Bio-decontamination Services.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-94994. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

Requisition Number EN-95092 payable to Connect Construction Services for Design Fee Travel Center Remodel in the amount of \$31,175.00.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-95092. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

Purchase Order Number PR00060691 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$92,006.31 for (2) Austin Freestanding Kiosks with ES Scanner.

MOTION: To Approve Purchase Order Number PR00060691. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

NEW BUSINESS – None presented.

OLD BUSINESS – Jennifer Lankford – Housing Authority Concerns and Suggestions.

MOTION: To go into Closed Session at 6:16 p.m. following a five-minute break. Motion made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

CLOSED SESSION

OPEN SESSION

MOTION: To return to Open Session at 11:31 p.m. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

The Business Committee discussed the Housing Authority concerns presented and are continuing to work towards a solution. 2nd Council Daugherty and

Treasurer Barrett excused themselves and were not present during these discussions in closed session. Legal Counsel was absent from this meeting.

The Business Committee denied the appeal presented in closed session by a tribal member but will seek other solutions to assist the tribal member.

MOTION: Allowing Chief of Staff to gather information and authorizing him to handle the contribution as discussed for Wyandotte Softball. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

MOTION: To accept Chief of Staff's recommendation for roof repair utilizing insurance funds and authorizing Chief Glenna Wallace to sign. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus and seconded by 1st Council Kissee.

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

MOTION: To adjourn at 11:35 p.m. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

ADJOURN

**VACANCY
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CHIEF'S REPORT

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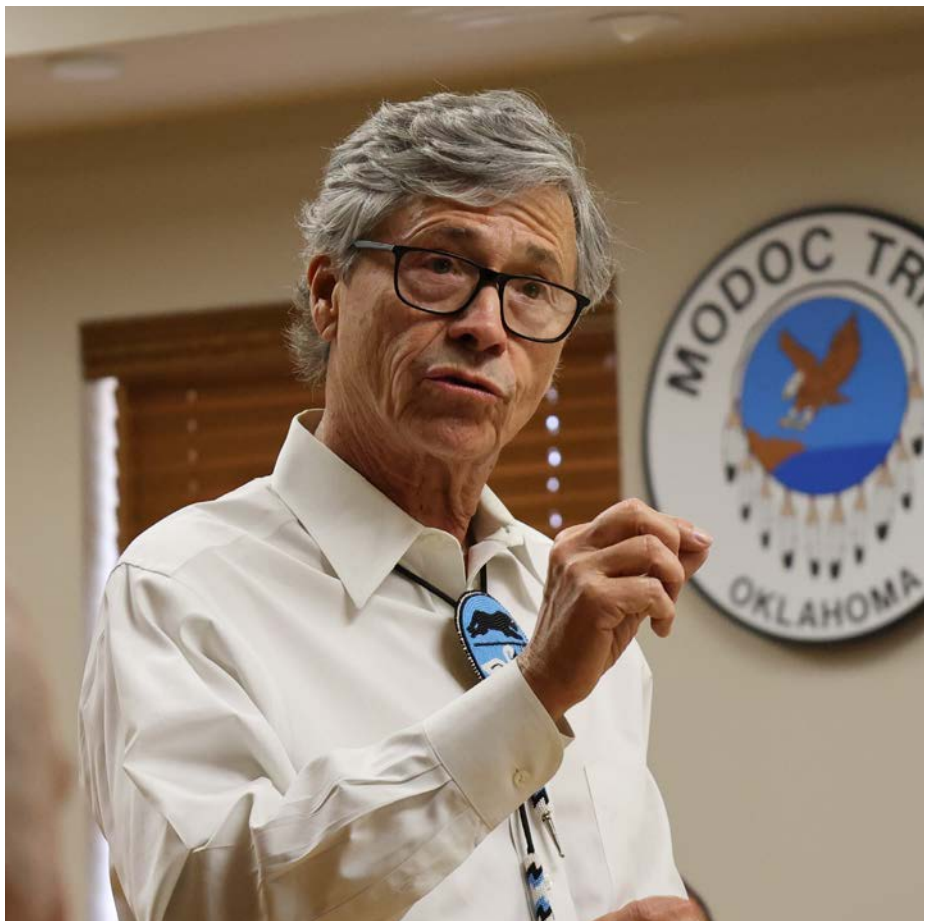
ing primarily on working directly with Department Directors and HR issues internally and externally with Kristi retaining her duties as EPA Director, adding additional grant duties along with working with Tribal wide benefits. Congratulations to both and welcome aboard.

Congratulations are also extended to People's Bank of Seneca upon their grand opening of the tribe's fifth bank, located in Neosho, Missouri. Grand opening is scheduled Wednesday, April 26th 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. CEO and Bank President is Deron Burr and Nancy Maxwell, Jay Ross and Audrey Dixon are our representatives on the Board of Directors.

We continue with the restoration of BlueJacket Building. It has been four long months since the Christmas flooding debacle of our Early Childhood Learning Center and BlueJacket Building. Maintenance is about to finish the kitchen. Beautiful cabinets have been purchased and installed plus this week we gained a kitchen sink and water. That's right—we now have water in the kitchen. We have laughed because we have sporadically had water in our one holer bathroom. Ultimately we will have three stools but we have had only one stool and still have just one. We have suffered several water line issues, leaving us without water. When that happens we have large buckets of water and when we need to use the bathroom, we remove the lid on the stool, pour in water, then flush. It's like going back in time 70 or more years ago, but we are about to start getting the bathrooms restored. We won't know how to act because we are sure they will be beautiful, along with the rest of the building. When our maintenance crew finishes with BlueJacket Building, they will turn their attention to another need we have and another building—childcare available for casino employees who don't have nine to five jobs Monday through Friday. Everyone knows ca-

sinos are busiest in the evenings and on weekends. While we have an Early Childhood Learning Center, its hours are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Fridays. Those aren't the hours needed by casino employees. Plans are just now developing to turn the Elbert house across the street from Indigo Sky into a daycare center open the hours needed for children of casino employees. Currently plans call for Tribal Administration to pay for updating the house and Gaming to then rent the facility. It will be their decision regarding the hours, fees, etc. It's a win-win for everyone as Tribal Administration is having problems with homeless people squatting in the unoccupied house and Gaming is having problems finding childcare solutions for their employees. Working together we can solve both issues. Stay tuned for further developments on this project.

Recently we had another win-win at the tribe and that was having tribal citizen Robert Miller come and give two presentations regarding the McGirt legal ruling affecting all tribes in Oklahoma. "At the end of the Trail of Tears there was a promise," U.S. Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch wrote in the decision issued on July 9, 2020, in the case of McGirt v. Oklahoma. And that promise would finally be kept. A Promise Kept, a book co-authored by Miller, explores the circumstances and implications of McGirt v. Oklahoma, likely the most significant Indian law case in well over 100 years. Combining legal analysis and historical context, this book gives an in-depth, accessible account of how the case unfolded and what it might mean for Oklahomans, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and other tribes throughout the United States. Do we have a reservation or not? The



Robert Miller

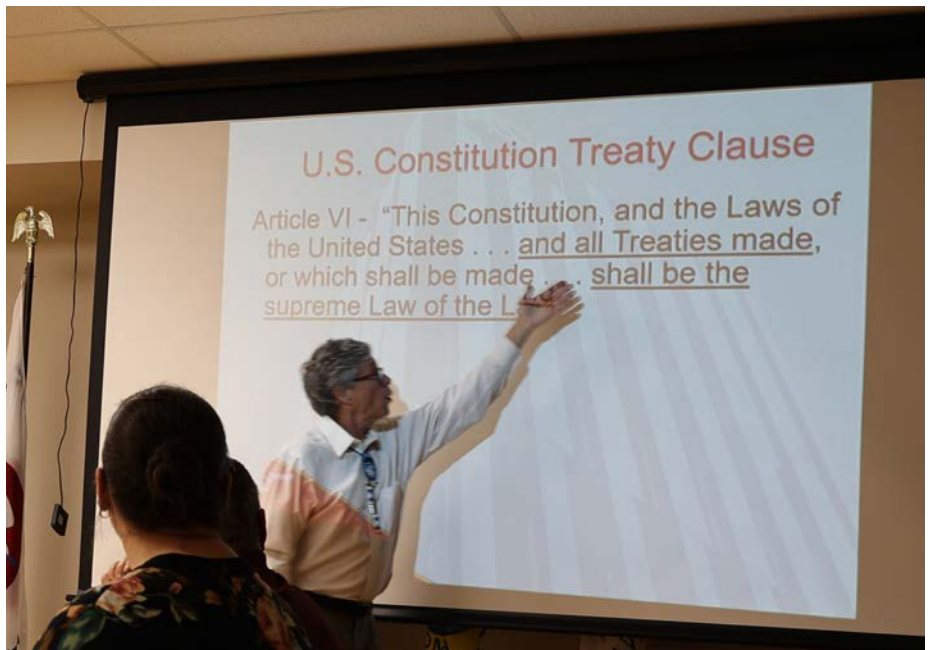
McGirt decision says we do.

One of the most quoted attorneys regarding the McGirt decision is Robert Miller, an Eastern Shawnee Tribal Citizen. Miller has served as Judicial Law Clerk for a Federal Judge, Instructor and Professor, Attorney at Law and currently serves as Tribal Judge for three different tribes and the Northwest Intertribal Court System as Appellate Judge. A Professor of Law at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University since 2013, Robert has authored several books and numerous articles. He co-authored "A Promise Kept: The Muscogee (Creek) Nation and McGirt v. Oklahoma" that has been selected as the January 2023 book of the month by the NPR affiliate in Oklahoma, KGOU.

Robert Miller's speech was thorough, filled with facts and delivered in a lively, humorous but thought-provoking way. He brought 35 of his books, selling and autographing everyone, clearly illustrating how much people enjoyed his presentation. Job well done Robert. We might ask him if he would come back to speak to all our employees.

Do you remember our Summer Youth Employment Program begins in a few short weeks. Applicants need to be Eastern Shawnee, at least 16 years of age, will be attending school the following year. Pay is \$13 per hour. For information contact HR Director Kendra Stuart.

Finally, let me end with more good news. We are going to begin to have a quarterly free Tribal Community Dinner and Fellowship event. The first will be Friday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m. outdoors behind BlueJacket Building. We will provide the meal, but you need to provide the lawn chairs. By mid-May it should be warmer and if it rains we can either go inside BlueJacket Building or assemble under the former bull pens at Bordertown Bingo and Casino, now referred to as the Arbor. We will eat, play games, perhaps have a short history or culture talk, possibly some music. The intent is to gather with our fellow tribal members, relax, have a good time with food, fun, and fellowship for all ages.



The meal is free, so come and join us.

Congratulations to all who are graduating this year and mothers, enjoy Mother's Day.

As always, it has been my honor to serve as your Chief. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached by mail at 12755 S. 705 Road, Wyandotte, OK 74370, email at gjwallace@estoo.net

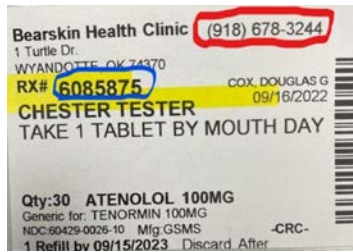
I do not do face book nor linked in. I may also be reached at the following telephone numbers: Office (918) 238-5151 ext. 1820; cell, (918) 533-8422 or by text. My personal mailing address is 18675 Hwy 43, Seneca, MO, 64865. Stay safe. Stay healthy. Stay optimistic. Walk in balance. Remember, walk in balance! Chief Glenna

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.

HAVEN PROGRAM

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

HAVEN Does NOT provide 24- hour service.

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

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

StrongHearts and Community Crisis Center
have 24 hour service

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

EASTERN SHAWNEE TRIBE 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

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.

Eastern Shawnee Tribe

Tribal Citizens Birthdays for May 2023

Adams Lani 5/14	Clark Bryan 5/12	Hays Lilyann 5/11	Millhollin Mikeala 5/26	Smith Mitchell 5/14
Admussen Linda 5/25	Clouse Joyce 5/5	Heller Kianna 5/21	Millhollin Shannon 5/29	Smothers Howard 5/14
Anderson Benjamin 5/22	Collison Joshua 5/27	Heller Tianna 5/21	Mohan Adria 5/3	Snow Zane 5/9
Anglin Breelyn 5/4	Conrad James 5/23	Hind Cameron 5/13	Mohan Ariyah 5/31	Starnes Jason 5/5
Anhalt Courtney 5/22	Corbus Makayla 5/6	Hoch Emilia 5/12	Morris Felicity 5/20	Steele Christina 5/7
Arredondo Michael 5/6	Coulter Madison 5/18	Holmes Sawyer 5/25	Morris Oliver 5/15	Sullivan David 5/3
Austin Elijah 5/11	Crain Blakley 5/27	Hotulke Shandi 5/20	Nelson Alexandria 5/6	Sullivan Sydnee 5/19
Austin Zachery 5/29	Crain Krystal 5/21	Howell Jazmine 5/5	Newman Eugene 5/22	Taylor Gracie 5/20
Austin III Boyce 5/16	Crain Teagan 5/11	Howland Amanda 5/25	Nichols Andrew 5/7	Tayrien Ruthie 5/30
Badillo Isabel 5/15	Crain Travis 5/27	Hubbard Daniel 5/8	Nichols Stephen 5/23	Tayrien Seth 5/11
Bailey Caitlyn 5/3	Cunliffe Michael 5/23	Hubbard Dennis 5/4	Nicholson Derick 5/14	Tayrien Tanner 5/16
Bailey Joseph 5/2	Dalley Andy 5/17	Hubbard Gwendolyn 5/27	Nunley Hattie 5/10	Terry Elijah 5/19
Baird Bryan 5/7	Daugherty Alex 5/24	Hudelson Kenna 5/28	O'Dell Natalie 5/18	Thomas Asa 5/24
Bales Dustin 5/6	Daugherty Brandon 5/24	Hudson Cody 5/3	O'Neal Tessa 5/13	Thrasher Carolyn 5/30
Balls Michelle 5/20	Daugherty Dylan 5/15	Huggins Johnna 5/9	O'Neill Brittney 5/26	Trayler Tiffany 5/2
Bane Alistair 5/13	Daugherty Mason 5/1	Huggins Joshua 5/13	Oldham Koda 5/23	Truelove Christian 5/27
Barbarick Devin 5/10	Daugherty Steven 5/8	Huggins Richard 5/3	Overn Joshua 5/27	Turner Grant 5/7
Barger Vanna 5/8	Davis Atticus 5/14	Hunter Drake 5/17	Ownby-Johnson Kelly 5/27	Turner Nathaniel 5/4
Barnes Bearson 5/31	Davis Kobe 5/28	Hunter Sara 5/5	Pace Lisa 5/29	Vanatta Roman 5/16
Barnes Jackson 5/31	Day Shanta 5/23	Hurtado David 5/29	Pack Courtney 5/12	Vonier Rogena 5/28
Barrett Bosie 5/22	Defer Russell 5/10	Hutchinson Ryan 5/22	Pappan Michael 5/11	Wachman Adalee 5/29
Barrett Brady 5/4	Dillard Tallon 5/12	Hutchinson Jr Franklin 5/31	Payne III Charles 5/31	Wallace Wilder 5/5
Barstow Jude 5/4	Dilliner Tara 5/14	Hyde Colton 5/8	Perez Nicole 5/3	Wallace William 5/3
Beare Cannon 5/18	Duckett Shelby 5/13	Innis Ethan 5/8	Perry Rita 5/10	Warden Leo 5/15
Beebe Bryce 5/10	Dushane Georgia 5/9	Jameson Jason 5/19	Petroni Leyana 5/11	Waring Tonia 5/8
Beeman Quinton 5/26	Easley Grayson 5/7	Johnson Jeremiah 5/26	Piland Ericka 5/22	Warren Stephanie 5/13
Belcher Jabin 5/14	Easley Jacqueline 5/19	Johnson Michael 5/31	Ponder Shawn 5/9	Waterman Shawna 5/1
Belcher Jack 5/4	Eledge Grant 5/31	Johnston Dwight 5/16	Profitt Gabriel 5/1	Webb Brian 5/14
Bennett Avery 5/23	Eledge Stephen 5/20	Johnston Josiah 5/14	Prophet Suzanna 5/21	Weddle Sunny 5/16
Bennett Bo 5/1	Evans Forrest 5/21	Jones Easton 5/8	Purvis Anthony 5/11	Weinand Joel 5/7
Bennett Lillian 5/22	Fisher Racheal 5/25	Jones Landon 5/8	Ramirez Lynzee 5/9	Westmoreland Dean 5/16
Berman Hannah 5/30	Fisher Raven 5/14	Jones Myles 5/30	Randles Reba 5/27	Westmoreland Richard 5/1
Bernard Elizabeth 5/26	Fitzgerald Kaleigh 5/7	Jourden Ashley 5/5	Ray Sophia 5/23	White Baylee 5/2
Billings-Lageose Makenzie 5/8	Flora Nathan 5/24	Kile Isabella 5/2	Redding Cassi 5/27	White Emmeline 5/2
Bird Erin 5/13	Foley Clyde 5/15	King Jasper 5/31	Rendel Isaac 5/22	White Evangline 5/2
Blakeburn Joseph 5/13	Foreman Cameron 5/4	King Levi 5/25	Richards Peyton 5/15	White Georgia 5/15
Blizzard Raven 5/1	Foreman Dru 5/6	Kisler Hudson 5/15	Roach Ruthanne 5/20	White Jaimie 5/20
BlueJacket Elise 5/13	Foster Shamika 5/10	Kissee Clinton 5/22	Roberts Jennifer 5/29	White Michael 5/4
BlueJacket Patrick 5/23	Frantz Taryn 5/26	Kissee Henry 5/18	Robinson Jr Mark 5/17	White IV Charles 5/13
Boedicker William 5/29	Freeman Ashley 5/29	Knight Cristan 5/16	Roche Jr Steven 5/1	Whiteley Dylan 5/31
Boehme Megan 5/27	Freeman Rileigh 5/20	Koch Bradley 5/10	Romine Sherry 5/6	Whitmore Curtis 5/7
Boggan Seneca 5/20	Friedman Crystal 5/17	Kraus Hunter 5/23	Ross Demeter 5/2	Williams Anthony 5/22
Bolton Nahla 5/23	Funke Claire 5/11	Kropp Brady 5/5	Ross Justin 5/14	Williams Audrey 5/6
Breesman Amy 5/29	Gann Charles 5/10	Kropp Chad 5/24	Ross Landon 5/4	Williams Jordan 5/29
Brinkley Jessica 5/20	Gardner Audrey 5/19	Kuykendall Marjorie 5/15	Ross Roy 5/22	Williams Sharon 5/30
Broner Henry 5/8	Gardner Sharon 5/8	Lake Savanna 5/12	Ross Sr Captain 5/14	Williams Taliyah 5/26
Brossett Janice 5/9	Garoutte Nikki 5/19	Larson Rhonda 5/4	Ross Sr Carl 5/20	Winburn Toni 5/27
Burrow Annette 5/10	George Danyka 5/29	Lopez Jazmyn 5/27	Roy Dylan 5/3	Winger Amorie 5/10
Busby Kristi 5/23	Gillum Laura 5/13	Loucks Hugh 5/10	Schubert Richard 5/8	Womble Paige 5/17
Butcher Debra 5/26	Gonzales Bryne 5/2	MacKey Morgaine 5/23	Scott April 5/9	Wong Tristan 5/15
Butler Samantha 5/19	Gonzales Shawnee 5/29	Martin Archer 5/5	Scribner Robert 5/28	Wright Judith 5/9
Buttram Emerald 5/5	Greer Madelyn 5/4	Matheny Cortney 5/7	Shaffer Chance 5/13	
Buttram Ian 5/26	Gregurek Landon 5/3	Maxwell Logan 5/20	Sharp Angela 5/22	
Canady Grant 5/31	Gribskov Branden 5/10	McCorkle Derek 5/28	Sheridan Elizabeth 5/26	
Cao Brooke 5/10	Haik Marla 5/3	McGlothlin Cynthia 5/15	Sherwood Adam 5/14	
Captain Taylor 5/29	Hansen Deacon 5/25	McSlarrow Cassie 5/18	Sherwood Kaydance 5/5	
Carpenter Angela 5/8	Harnar Tyler 5/18	Meade Daniel 5/29	Shipleigh Cynthia 5/26	
Carroll Austin 5/1	Harris Hannah 5/17	Mejia Leliana 5/25	Sills-Chase Averie 5/16	
Carroll Rowan 5/1	Harris Myrissa 5/21	Milbern Brock 5/17	Slaton Shyla 5/7	
Caruthers Monica 5/1	Harold David 5/31	Miller Robert 5/14	Slegers Sage 5/14	
Chancellor Josiah 5/18	Hauser-Atkinson Ky 5/29	Millhollin Aidan 5/6	Smith Brad 5/12	
Chiles Ansen 5/25	Haynes Jaren 5/15	Millhollin Kaylynn 5/21	Smith Camden 5/15	