

September 2023

News from the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

A Night Celebrating Education



The Education Department recently celebrated our first banquet on August 18th, 2023, honoring past, present, and future graduates. All had a joyful time as we dined on brisket with sides, blackberry cobbler, and ice cream for dessert made by our tremendous AOA staff. A total of forty attended the event and socialized throughout the evening.

The highlight of the event was our speakers and photography session. We were blessed to have Skylar Wallace give an excellent presentation touching on how important Education is and what it means for the future of our tribe, as well as Dr. William Mountz, Director of the Adult Degree Completion Program at Missouri Southern State University, who spoke on resume building and how to be an outstanding employable adult. Throughout the event, we were also grateful to have Calotype Photography on hand, providing professional headshots for all in attendance courtesy of the Education Department. It was a wonderful evening, and we look forward to hosting this event next year, so keep your eyes open for further dates and details!

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION SATURDAY, SEPT. 9, 2023

Candidates for Secretary Deborah L. Littlefield Jacqueline Yarbrough Kathie Kent

NOTICE TO REGISTERED VOT-ER: IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THE ELECTION BOARD HAS YOUR CORRECT NAME AND ADDRESS AT LEAST 15 DAYS PRIOR TO ANY ELECTION.

Voter Registration closes August 10th, 2023.

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You're Invited! Business Committee Meetings to be held September 13 & 27, 2023 at Indigo Sky Casino. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday each month.

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The Chief's Report ...



Chief Glenna J. Wallace

Hatito Fellow Tribal Citizens,

And the heat goes on! Yes, like much of the United States, it is unbearably hot here. Temperatures are high as is the humidity. Various sources have stated July was the hottest month in the history of record keeping. At times August seems to be trying to duplicate, even beat that most recent record. However, we have had a few sporadic showers this month which did not occur in July. Living on a farm, I am hopeful we have had enough rain to warrant a third cutting of hay since the first two cuttings would be classified in country vernacular as "slim pickins".

August has been a busy month. Cultural Camp held many activities for our youth including learning about some of the popular traditional games Shawnees play. From Indian football to Indian dice to Shawnee card games, the youth displayed their competitive spirit and their desire to learn. They also made Medicine bags, talked about cultural and historical aspects then cooled off with water gun games. During the three days lots of food was consumed and lots of memories made. Special thanks go



Playing Indian football.

to Kelly Nelson and Rhonda Barnes for spearheading Cultural Camp at our Annex and their many volunteers.

Cultural Camp then moved Friday evening from the Annex to our Highway 10 C Complex where festivities of our Children's Pow Wow began about 5 p.m. In spite of the sweltering temperatures, an estimated 1100 people attended participating in various games and activities, collecting shirts, prizes and other giveaways. Specifically 499 backpacks with school supplies were handed out. That's down from our normal of 700. Thank goodness that most of the activities took place in the air-conditioned Wellness Center. I say most because there were some of us brave souls outside with water activities and animal rides. Saturday evening was set aside for youth contest dancing at our pow wow grounds at the BlueJacket Complex. Approximately 300 attended this event. It is always such an uplifting sight to see the tiny tots and dressed up in their regalia demonstrating what they have learned about their native heritage. If you have never attended the evening contest night of the Children's Pow wow, I urge you to do

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Shawnee Skies

The Shooting Star

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Treasurer Report Submitted by Justin Barrett, Treasurer

I cannot believe it is almost September at the time of this writing. We are gearing up for General Council and the annual pow wow. I won't go into too much financial detail this month because financial reports will be presented shortly at General Council and included in next month's Shooting Star.

Investments

I am very pleased that the Business Committee passed, and the Chief signed into law Resolution 061423-R-01 and Resolution 080923-R-01.

The first resolution established sweep accounts at Peoples Bank of Seneca and the second allows the Tribe to purchase Treasury Bonds. Treasury Bonds are one of the most secure investments.

What this means is that we will start earning higher interest on our idle cash. The treasury investment alone will generate over \$500,000 in interest in six (6) months. After several times of bringing this up it has finally happened! We are going to generate over 5% in interest with both investment vehicles.

Chief Financial Officer Karen Allen has moved five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) to the sweep account. This is earning 5.28% interest and is invested for three (3) months.

We are still in the process of purchasing the treasury bonds so I will update you on this in the coming months.

Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association

August 14th-16th was the OIGA Conference and Tradeshow. This was held in Tulsa, OK at the Cox Business Center. The Eastern Shawnee Tribe is a sponsor of this event. Indigo Sky Casino & Resort, Outpost Casino, Shawnee Skies, and the Tribe all shared a booth that was coordinated by the casino marketing team.

I was honored to be a speaker on the Executive Round Table. The other speakers on the roundtable were Choctaw Casinos Senior Executive Officer Janie Dillard, Muscogee Nation Gaming Enterprise Chief Executive Officer Janie Dillard, and Lucky Star Casinos Chief Executive Officer Charlie Welbourne.

General Manager Melanie Heskett received the United Women of Tribal Gaming (UWTG) Operator of the Year Award.

Office of Violence Against Women

On August 10th, I provided oral testimony at the 18th Annual Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation. This testimony is also being submitted as written testimony to the agency. OVW, HUD, DOJ, BIA, OMB, and the U.S Attorneys for Oklahoma were present to listen to testimony. Tribal leaders were allotted fifteen minutes to speak so the entire testimony is too long to share in this newsletter, but I did want to highlight a few key statements I made.

"Federally recognized tribes have not willingly surrendered their criminal jurisdiction over non-Indians by treaty nor was it removed by Congress with their plenary power over tribes."

"Congress needs to take explicit action to restore tribal jurisdictions and not allow the courts to circumvent Congress's exclusive authority over Indian affairs."

It was an honor to speak alongside Muscogee Nation Attorney General Geri Wisner Muscogee Nation Chief of Staff Jeff Fife to defend tribal sovereignty, advocate for more OVW grant funding, and lessening grant funding restrictions.

Most of you are not aware that earlier this month my house caught fire while I was at work. We spent two weeks with three kids in hotel rooms waiting on insurance to approve a rental house for us. We will not be able to move back home for four to six months. I want to thank everyone who reached out to myself to check on my family and to see if we needed anything. I know some were surprised to see me at the Children's Pow Wow just a few days after the fire. My response was I didn't know where else to go except home to my family and people. Thank you all for your support and understanding during this time.



Justin Barrett giving testimony during the Violence Against Women Consultation.



Education Bandquet: Justin Barrett, Treasurer, Amber Mittag, Educatio Director, Chief Glenn J. Wallace.

As always it is an honor to serve as your Treasurer and if you have questions or need any assistance, please feel free to email me at jbarrett@estoo.net

Indigo Sky Casino General Manager Receives Award By Justin Barrett, Treasurer



General Manager Melanie Heskett was awarded the United Women of Tribal Gaming Operator of the Year on August 15th during the OIGA Conference and Tradeshow. Melanie recently celebrated her 34th work anniversary with our gaming operations. Congratulations on this award Melanie! Pictures are Security Director Daniel Frantz, Treasure Justin Barrett, Operations Director Billy Sly, Human Resources Director Debbie Maupin, General Manager Melanie Heskett, Marketing Director Wendi Long, IT Director Donnie Simmons, and Slot Director Robert Scraper.

Tribal PD To Receive New Police Units *By Justin Barrett, Treasurer*



We continue to rotate out our police fleet. The Tribe has not received a COPS grant in several years which left us in outdated and in one instance an unsafe vehicle. When the Tribe received its ARPA funding in 2022 the Business Committee appropriated \$750,000 to the Police Department to replace vehicles and equipment.

To date here what has been received

or is still on order:

- 4-2021 Chevrolet Silverado
- 7-2023 Chevrolet Tahoe
- 4 Ram 1500
- 3 Chevrolet Tahoe (on order)

This means that every vehicle in the police fleet either has been or will be replaced by the end of the year. I had a conversation with Police Chief Roudy Rogers where I said "I hope all the officers like their new vehicles." He responded with "They are like little kids at Christmas. Very proud of them."

As you know we have also started rotating the tribal fleet as well. I am excited to get these new police vehicles in as they receive the most use and are an image of the Tribe to the public. Here is an update on some projects the Tribe has been working on.

Submitted by Justin Barrett, Treasurer

Government Building

The Business Committee engaged Connect Advisors in 2022 to serve as our Owner's Representative. We have engaged BRP Architects and CR Crawford to serve as the architect and construction manager at risk respectively. I have attached renderings of the current design of the front of the building. This building will be located on the 10C Complex behind the AOA and Early Childhood Learning Center. This building is designed to house the Chief, Tribal Administrator, and the Business Committee with support staff. Also housed here will be the legal and information technology departments.

Outpost Casino Remodel

Casino management budgeted to perform a few updates to the Outpost Casino in FY23. The casino was closed temporarily in July for a few days to remove games off the gaming floor. While the machines were off the floor they were able to install new carpet and give the inside a fresh coat of paint. If you have a chance you should check out the Outpost Casino!



Artist rendition of new Goverment building.





Casino floor after remodeling at Outpost Casino.

TRIBAL HAPPENINGS

EVENT	DATE(S)	LOCATION	CONTACT INFO
Business Committee Meeting	2nd /4th Wednesday each month	Indigo Sky Casino	Chad Kelly (918) 238-5151 ext. 1070
Tribal Offices and Learning Center Closed for Labor Day	September 4	All Tribal Offices	
Muffins with Grandparents	September 8	Early Childhood Learning Center	Tonya Hart (918) 238-7200 ext. 1501
Lost Creek Water Festival	September 8	Lost Creek at Pow Wow Grounds	Debbie Dotson (918) 238-5151 ext. 1044
General Council Meeting	September 9	Indigo Sky Casino	Shelly Rogers (918) 238-5151 ext. 1821
Shawnee Night Dinner followed by social and stomp dancing	September 14	ESTOO Pow Wow Grounds	Kelly Nelson (918) 238-5151 ext. 1861
ESTOO Pow Wow	September 15-17	ESTOO Pow Wow Grounds	Kelly King espwc@outlook.com
Tecumseh Warrior Challenge	September 16	Wellness Center	Ron Wallace (918) 238-4800 ext. 1301
Fun Walk	September 16	Social Services Building	Dian Randall or Kellie Jo Allemann (918) 540-9970 (918) 554-2836
History Summit	September 18	Indigo Sky Casino	Rhonda Barnes (918) 238-5151 ext. 1862



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14th ANNUAL EASTERN SHAWN POW WOW FAMILY FUNWALK

SEPT 16, 2023 Check In Time: <mark>7:30am</mark>—8:30 am Fun walk will be<mark>gin an</mark>d end at the south end Come walk of the Children & Family Services building Prizes & T-Shirts (while supplies last) Fun for All BREAKFAST WILL BE PROVIDED AT AOA

8:30—10:30 a.m.

CONTACT THE CFS DEPT. WITH ANY QUESTIONS 918-540-9970 or

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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**
- Utilities (electric, gas, water and 3. 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

FROM THIS CORNER *By Chief Glenna J. Wallace*

Often times I am asked to speak at various occasions. I always try to include positive references to aspects of our tribe, our beliefs and our culture in these speeches. Below is the speech presented August 19, 2023 to 80 student doctors who have graduated from college, been accepted into Kansas City University's dental school located at Joplin, MO and are receiving their white coat as they begin their four year dental program.

SPEECH FOR WHITE COAT CEREMONY, JOPLIN DENTAL SCHOOL

Hatito! Howesiwapani. Hakowaselasemamo. Newesilasemamo. I have said "Hello, Good morning to everyone; how are you today? I am just fine." My name is Glenna J. Wallace, Chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, located about 20 miles from here. My Indian name is Ni ni le wi pi mi , meaning Eagle watching over everyone and that is exactly what I am doing today as a proud Native American Chief and a proud board member of KCU watching over the Kansas City University College of Dental Medicine Class of 2027.

That's correct, 2027. Today in 2023 you are the first class in the KCU College of Dental Medicine but in 2027, you will be the first once again, only this time the first graduating class, the first dentists to receive a dental degree from KCU. Congratulations to you, your parents, your grandparents, your siblings, your spouses, your children, your previous instructors and all those who have helped you reach this tremendous milestone.

It's been a 15 year effort to build the medical and dental schools here in Joplin, an effort led by two outstanding community leaders whom we admire so much, Dr. Larry McIntire and Rudy Farber. Please stand and receive the applause you so richly deserve. We are all indebted to the two of you for the establishment of these unbelievable medical facilities and the opportunities they bring. And we are indebted to the vision, leadership and tireless work of Dr. Marc Hahn, President of KCU, to current and former board members who believed that impossible dream, those unreachable stars could be reached.

And who are those stars? They are 80 amazing individuals sitting right here in front of us. Five of them are American Indians, (3 members of the Cherokee Nation, 1 member of the Choctaw Nation and one member of the Shawnee Nation) There are also 8 Black and 8 Hispanic students. 20 students are the first generation in their family to graduate college; 38 men and 42 women, certainly an important statistic to me because when I first enrolled in college 80 % of the students were male while females made up only 20% of the student body. As they say, we've come a long way Baby. 36 of the 80 are from the 4 state area-Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas-and most are from rural communities. Our goal is to recruit students from rural communities with the hope that they return to rural communities to practice dentistry where we so desperately need them.

If you noticed, I have used the word "first" several times thus far. This is my first White Coat Ceremony. When I was asked to be a speaker for this event, the first thing I did was to google what a white coat ceremony was to make certain that it meant what I thought it meant. I learned that as entering students of the dental college that a shorter white coat signifies just that-entering the dental profession and that a longer white coat will be awarded upon graduation and being recognized as a medical professional. In short, Google confirmed it was what I thought it was-a capstone event, a culminating moment, reaching that seemingly impossible dream, reaching the seemingly unreachable.

For years you have worked hard, run

the race, stayed up late, made all types of sacrifices, preparing to study dentistry as a scientific, academic discipline. You have persevered and you have succeeded. I commend you for that. But there is more to becoming a successful dentist than mastering academics. You must realize that you will now also be a care giver and you must demonstrate the importance of caregiving. There is a difference. You need to realize that your caring and compassion, your people skills, will be just as important as your scientific knowledge and technical skills.

To clarify the difference, I turn to my culture. My tribe has a logo, a seal that is used on our flag, our medallions, and often on our clothing as well as other items. We believe that our Creator created animals just as he created human beings. We believe that those animals have strengths, traits that we as human beings would be wise to emulate those animal characteristics. Our seal features two animals. That seal is known as the great seal of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe. It consists of a circle with a large elongated black panther dominating the top half of the seal. This panther, seemingly stretched out in motion, represents strength, courage, action, determination, ability to make decisions quickly/ decisively/wisely with successful outcomes. The panther is respected by all other animals because of these characteristics.

The second animal is a white swan with the signature curvature of its long neck. That neck looks down giving a feeling of control, but it is a control demonstrating calmness, tranquility, representative of grace, dignity, composure, at peace with everything which instills peace and calmness in others. It too is respected. It gives a feeling that all is right with the world. We try to teach our people that all of us have the characteristics of these two animals within us. There are times we need to be strong, to be determined, to be dominant and take action quickly and decisively. But there are also times when we need to be more quiet, to be calm, composed, to convey an atmosphere of tranquility, acceptance, grace, dignity, a caring recognition of others, peacefulness which instills peace and calmness in others. The wise Shawnee, the wise individual will know when it is time to be the panther and when it is time to be the swan.

When you were the student aceing academics and scientific knowledge, technical skills, you were the panther. You were active, you were dominant, you were determined, you took action, resulting in successful outcomes. You were the recipient of knowledge.

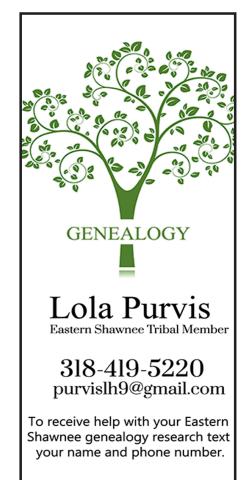
Now you are entering another phase. You are not the recipient. You are the giver, a caregiver. To be successful here, you need to be caring and compassionate. You need to bring peace and calmness to others. All of us have fears. We may have different fears, but they are still fears. Each week I fear stepping on the scales and reading the outcome. I had cancer four times, losing my hair three of those times. I didn't fear dying; I feared losing my wig. And yes, I fear going to the dentist. I need a swan. I need a smile. I need reassurance. I need acceptance. I need caregiving as much as I need your knowledge because if you don't give me these things, I won't be back a second time, regardless of how many A's you made In college. I will never forget the first day I enrolled at a four year institution. I had attended Community College first and had been most successful there. I then transferred to a four year college and was assigned an advisor. I stepped into his office only to see a large Dante quotation from The Divine Comedy which read, "Abandon Hope All Ye Who Enter Here." My first decision at that institution was to find another advisor. In my role as Chief of an Indian Tribe, there are times I must be a panther. There are far more times that I need to be a swan.

Another aspect of my Native American culture that is worthy of sharing is what we call the "give-away." Traditionally a "give-away" occurs at a funeral or a ceremony or a pow wow. Here families give gifts such as Pendleton wool blankets, shawls or other gifts to people who are important to them, people who have helped them along the way. We practice the "give-away" to show love and respect. When a blanket is given, we wrap them in the blanket, or as we say, "We wrap them in love." This is Practice "give-aways". caregiving. Give of yourself. Give a smile. Give an extra moment of your time to calm your patient, to reduce their fears. Give personal concern, relaxation, personal kindness. Think with your panther head but remember to feel with your swan heart.

I end by sharing the words of my ancestor Tecumseh, the revered Shawnee leader who said, "Brothers, we must be united; we must smoke the same pipe... we must love the Great Spirit; he is for us. Tecumseh's vision was to unite all Native American tribes back in the 1800's. Your vision as a dentist is to care for people, physically and mentally. Be a total care giver. Use your scientific knowledge but at the same time, make each patient, each person feel he or she is valued, a person and not just any person but a person of immense value. Give that away. In my lifetime I have learned and forgotten a great deal of information, information that at the time I thought was most valuable but now forgotten. But I have never forgotten how a person made me feel.

Again, congratulations upon your accomplishments and remember, know when to be a panther and when to be a

swan. Perhaps today, in our ever-busy, ever complex and too often negative world, the concept of the "give-away" from our Native culture is more important than ever. Remember to be kind and give that kindness, that simple act of putting people at ease, making them feel of value is as important to them as your white coat is to you today. Let your "give away" be the combination of your scientific knowledge and technical skills with caring and compassion. If you can do this, then as the lyrics of the song "The Impossible Dream" teaches us, "the world will be better for this." Thank you for this opportunity to speak with you, to share part of my culture with you. Kansas City University College of Dental Medicine Class of 2023, wear your coat with pride and I look forward to seeing you in another white coat in 2027.





MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 BREAKFAST 8:30 SUMMIT 9AM - 12PM





PRESENTERS: ALAN GUTCHESS 8 MIKE BURKE

"PROUD SHAWNEE" BY DOUG HALL

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Shawnee Night Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023

Cultural Night

This evening is set aside for you to spend time with one another, dance and relax before the Pow Wow weekend begins. Local and visiting tribal members are encouraged to attend, and all stomp dance leaders and shell shakers.

> Dinner begins at 6 p.m. Social and stomp dancing to follow.

LOCATION: Eastern Shawnee Pow Wow Grounds Wyandotte, Oklahoma

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POW WOW ANNOUNCEMENT



Hello everyone. The Pow Wow Committee has a few announcements for our tribal members.

- 1. We will be **HONORING OUR VETERANS** at this year's annual Pow Wow and would like all Veterans to fill out our registration form and return it to PO Box 531, Seneca, MO 64865 by August 17th. You do not have to be present. We would like to recognize and honor everyone.
- 2. We will gather on Saturday at 5:30 pm on the Pow Wow grounds to take a **GROUP PICTURE OF ALL EASTERN SHAWNEES**. This picture will be displayed on the wall at the George J. Captain Library. We are excited and hope to see you soon.
- 3. We will honor **Glen Stoner and Renee Flatter as Elders of the Year.** They were selected for their lifetime of accomplishments and contributions to the Eastern Shawnee People.
- 4. ELDERS BREAKFAST will be held Sunday, September 17 at 9:00 am at Indigo Sky Casino Grand Cedar Ballroom.

Safe travels and love from your Ceremonial Chief and Pow Wow Committee.



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.

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Return to: ESTO POW WOW COMMITTEE, Box 531, Seneca, MO 64865

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SEPTEMBER

Head Staff

Head Man - Jason Bender Head Lady - Virginia Mouse Head Singer - Gene Sovo Arena Director - Justin Barrett Gourd Dance Society - Comanche Little Ponies 2023 Jr. Princess - Hailey Green Color Guard - Lenape Color Guard

Master of Ceremonies - Neil Lawhead Head Judge - Murray Rhoades Host Northern Drum - American Horse 2023 Princess - Susan Patterson

Schedule of Events

FRIDAY September 15, 2023

6:00 pm - GOURD DANCE

7:00 PM - PRAYER AND HONORING OF VETERANS

7:30 pm - GRAND ENTRY

2022 PRINCESS SPECIAL **CROWNING OF 2023 PRINCESSES**

CONTESTS:

TINY TOTS JR. GIRI S BUCKSKIN JR. GIRLS CLOTH JR. GIRI S FANCY SHAWI JR. GIRLS JINGLE JR. BOYS STRAIGHT JR. BOYS TRADITIONAL JR. BOYS GRASS JR. BOYS FANCY

September 16, 2023 1:00 pm - GOURD DANCE All specials are Saturday afternoon

SATURDAY

before supper break for anyone not on the head staff

> 5:00 pm - SUPPER BREAK 6:00 pm - GOURD DANCE 7:15 PM - LORDS PRAYER

Chief's Special 7:30 pm - GRAND ENTRY

Elder Honor Dance CONTESTS: GLEN STONER IR MEMORIAL NORTHERN TRADITIONAL TEEN GIRLS BUCKSKIN TEEN GIRLS CLOTH TEEN GIRLS FANCY SHAWL TEEN GIRLS JINGLE TEEN BOYS GRASS TEEN BOYS FANCY WOMEN'S BUCKSKIN WOMEN'S CLOTH WOMEN'S FANCY SHAWL WOMEN'S JINGLE GOLDEN AGE MEN GOLDEN AGE WOMEN

SUNDAY September 17, 2023

9:00 am - ESTO HONOR THE ELDERS BREAKFAST INDIGO SKY CASINO 12:00 pm - GOURD DANCE

Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

1:00 pm - GRAND ENTRY CONTESTS:

TEEN BOYS STRAIGHT TEEN BOYS TRADITIONAL MEN'S STRAIGHT MEN'S TRADITIONAL MEN'S GRASS MEN'S FANCY HAND DRUM

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES



2022 Pow Wow Princess Katherine Captain Robbins Ross 2022 Pow Wow Junior Princess Kiaria Williams

ALL CONTESTANTS:

**Must make two grand entries and exhibitions. **Must be fully dressed to claim prize money.

Eastern Shawnee Pow Wow Grounds, 12615 S. 705 Rd., Wyandotte, OK 74370 Kelley King, Chairperson, ESTO Pow Wow Committee, PO Box 531, Seneca, MO 64865 | espwc@outlook.com.

In case of inclement weather our alternate location will be at the Eastern Shawnee Wellness Center. Schedule of Events is subject to change without notice.



Tecumseh Warrior Challenge

-Held on the Eastern Shawnee Trail-

Saturday, September 16th, 2023 @9am

Register @ register.chronotrack.com/r/74714

Wellness Center - 10135 S. Bluejacket Road, Wyandotte, OK 74370 – 918/238/4800 - Entry Fee: \$25

All participants 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

RestroomsWater stations will be located about every mile**Refreshments at the finish line**Parking at surrounding locations on the Eastern Shawnee Tribal Complex** Additional information and updates can be found on the Eastern Shawnee Wellness Center Facebook page or by emailing <u>rwallace@estoo.net</u>

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Waiver: I know that running an obstacle course race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter or run this race unless I am medically able and properly trained. I assume all risks associated with running this race include, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, the condition of the road, trail, and the effects of the weather. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, I, for myself, and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, around racing and volunteers, for all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event.

Signature

Date

(Form must be signed by a parent if under 18 years of age)

Cultural Preservation Department *By Kelly Nelson, TCNS Coordinator/Cultural Preservation*



By the time you are reading this, August, Kinwikisfwe (Long Month), has come and gone. It has been a busy month for the Culture Department. The first week started off with our annual Youth Culture Camp. This year we had one of the largest camper participations we have ever seen. On Friday we had 56, children present. This year's activities included Indian Football, which is always a camp favorite, we made and learned about medicine bags, played Indian Dice, learned about Pow Wow Etiquette, sand art, EPA taught them about what lives in the creek and what are signs of good water quality by the living organisms there, and of course that prompted some cooling off time because, hapalamote (it is hot)! The shooting range set up a water gun activity with them, and Native Connected had some horses here as well, the heat was unbearable for the horses on Thursday so that time was cut short, but all the children were able to ride. Friday, we ended camp a little early Cultural Camp 2023

and had a dinner with parents and awards for the Campers, so everyone could participate in the Shawna Stovall Back-to-School Pow Wow and Activities that were being held on Friday evening.

We plan for Camp all year long, as it is a time to invest in our youth. Our goal is to always teach them something new about the Shawnee ways and what it means to be Native American in today's world, but most of all to come together as a tribe and community to work together, make new friends, and have fun. We have kids that come many miles to camp, and we are very grateful for the parents who can commit and make this happen for the children.



Indian football being played during Cultural Camp.



Blue group receiving awards.



Red group receiving awards.



Purple group receiving awards.



Killian Pellicio riding horse during Cultural Camp.

This year we had children local, from Springfield, and 3 from Arizona. We hope to continue this for years to come and continue to grow, as a camp and as Shawnee people, and to keep investing in our youth and by doing that, in our future. A special thank you to the volunteers and departments who donated their time and energy to help make the camp successful. Without you all this would not be possible.

We also teamed up with CCDF and hosted Stompdancing after the Children's Pow Wow. We had a great turnout. Trenton Stand and his son, Gage were the dance Coordinators, Niyaawe, to those who stayed and participated. It was a great night of fun. When the children get involved and want to learn it is a success. Thank you to CCDF for allowing us to be a part of the Shawna Stovall Back-to-School Pow Wow.

The rest of the month was spent, recovering from chasing close to 60 children around, catching up on the daily tasks we had to put on hold during Culture Camp and then more planning. In the Month of September, we will host Shawnee Night and the Annual History Summit, details will be in the Shooting Star, both take place the week of the Annual Powwow. We hope to see you all there.

Child Care and Development Fund *Submitted by Dian Randall, CCDF Director*

The Shawna Stovall Children's Backto-School Pow Wow was held August 4th & 5th. Tis 2-day event was a success. We gave out many backpacks filled with school supplies to area youth, and they played games, and rode ponies and camels. They got to spin the wheel for a prize. All of this was held on Friday evening. Saturday afternoon started off with Gourd Dancing. We served a Native meal followed by more Gourd Dancing then Grand Entry was at 7pm. We had Jr Boy, Jr Girl, and Tiny Tots contest dancing. CCDF is now working with our ICW and HAVEN departments to plan the Fun Walk that will be held during the Eastern Shawnee Annual Pow Wow. Look for our flyer about this event in the Shooting Star.

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 ques-

tions 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, Johnetta or Dheather. You may also email us at drandall@estoo.net, jharper@estoo.net or dheather.sparks@ 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 photos from our Shawna Stovall Children's Back to School Pow Wow:



Head Man & Lady– Levi Logan & Miley Attocknie



Head Lil Boy & Girl– Kolby Wolenbarger & Rachel Leadingfox



Girls Cloth Dance contest winners- 1st place Adelleigh Mora, 2nd place Hayzlee Mouse, & 3rd place Dhaloree Pogue



Boys Grass Dance contest winners- 1st place Hathan Mouse, 2nd place Daxton Pogue, & 3rd place Jace Lawhead



Girls Jingle Dance contest winners– 1st place Ivy Steed & 2nd place Haylen Mouse



Boys Fancy Dance contest winners– 1st place Brayden Glass & 2nd place Ryder Hawk

H.A.V.E.N. Update By Cathleen Osborne-Gowey (Program Admin – Crime Victim Advocate) (918) 554-2836 or COsbornegowey@estoo.net

Upcoming Events:

HAVEN will be attending Pow Wow this month – contact our office for more details.

HOPE FEST Schedule

Miami Fairgrounds Saturday Sept 16th 11-5

Eastern Shawnee Pow Wow Schedule Friday Sept 15th-Sunday17th PRIDE FEST

Miami Riverview Park Old Pavilion Saturday Sept 23rd 1-7

Support Group: Please call our office for details.

Program Update:

Hello all –

Fall is around the corner and the weather is starting to cool down, well at least we hope it is. This month we want to focus on defining what is domestic violence and what kind of services Haven Provides.

What is Domestic Violence and What Kind of Services Does Haven Provide?

The Department of Justice defines domestic violence as "a pattern of abusive behavior <u>in any relationship</u> that is used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over another intimate partner".

Domestic violence can take many forms, physical (hitting, kicking, biting, shoving, slapping, throwing objects, beating up, etc.) or threats of sexual abuse, controlling or intimidating, stalking, passive/covert abuse such as neglect, or economic (using money as a tool of control). It can be any behavior that intimidates, manipulates, humiliates, isolates, frightens, coerces, threatens, blames, hurts, inures, or wounds someone.

"Domestic violence can happen to anyone regardless of race, age, sexual orientation, religion, sex, or gender identity. Domestic violence affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds (no matter how much money you have)

and education levels. Domestic violence occurs in both opposite-sex and same-sex relationships and can happen to intimate partners who are married, living together, dating, or share a child. Domestic violence not only affects those who are abused, but also has a substantial effect on family members, friends, co-workers, other witnesses, and the community at large. Children who grow up witnessing domestic violence, are among those seriously affected by this crime. Frequent exposure to violence in the home not only predisposes children to numerous social and physical problems, but also teaches them that violence is a normal way of life - therefore, increasing their risk of becoming society's next generation of victims and abusers".

(from https://www.justice.gov/ovw/ domestic-violence)

It's important to remember YOU ARE NOT ALONE. Haven advocates are available to help. While we focus on domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking advocacy we assist all victims of crime. We currently provide advocacy and services to all Eastern Shawnee, regardless of where they live, and non-members within the tribe's service area of Ottawa County Oklahoma, and the cities of Vinita, Grove, Jay Oklahoma, and Seneca MO.

What kinds of services does Haven provide?

We have two types of services, emergency services and long-term transitional housing services. Our emergency services focus on the short-term urgent needs of victims such as advocacy, legal and counseling services, referral services, food, clothing, urgent safe housing needs, change of clothes, birth certificate and ID's, etc. Our long-term transitional housing service program is based on eligibility and focuses on the long-term needs of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and is centered around creating self-sufficiency in the lives of our clients. We have advocates that focus on legal needs of clients, advocates that focus on emergency temporary safe housing needs, in-house advocates to safety plan and walk clients through next steps, and transitional housing advocates who work closely with clients to help them get back on their feet. We also have advocates who work with Eastern Shawnee tribal members who live outside of Oklahoma.

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, Oklahoma 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 Oklahoma and Seneca, Missouri.

Please call the HAVEN office during business hours for more information. (918) 554-2836 or Text Line: (918) 533-3070

Program Website: https://havenprogram.com/ Program Email: havenprogram@estoo.net Facebook: HAVEN Tribal Program, Twitter: @ProgramHaven, Instagram: HAVENTRIBALProgram.

What is alcohol use disorder, and what is the treatment? *Submitted by Joy McCoy, Native Connections Youth Project Assistant*

Alcoholism, now known as alcohol use disorder, is a condition in which a person has a desire or physical need to consume alcohol.

In the past, a person with this condition was referred to as an "alcoholic." However, this is increasingly seen as an unhelpful and negative label. Health professionals now say that a person has an alcohol use disorder (AUD).

According to the National Institute of Health (NIH), 15.1 million American adults (6.2 percent of the population) have an alcohol use problem.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), globally, 3.3 million deaths every year result from the harmful use of alcohol.

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) describes alcohol use disorder as "an impaired ability to stop or control alcohol use despite adverse social, occupational, or health consequences."

A person with this condition does not know when or how to stop drinking. They spend a lot of time thinking about alcohol, and they cannot control how much they consume, even if it is causing serious problems at home, work, and financially.

Excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol is not necessarily the same as alcohol dependence.

Moderate alcohol consumption does not generally cause any psychological or physical harm. However, if someone who enjoys social drinking significantly increases their consumption or regularly consumes more than the recommended quantity, AUD may eventually develop.

Causes

Alcohol dependence can take from a few years to several decades to develop. For some people who are particularly vulnerable, it can happen within months.

Over time, regular alcohol consump-

tion can disrupt the balance of:

- gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA) in the brain
- glutamate
- GABA controls impulsiveness and glutamate stimulates the nervous system.
- Dopamine levels in the brain rise after consuming alcohol. Dopamine levels may make the drinking experience more gratifying.
- Over the long- or medium-term, excessive drinking can significantly alter the levels of these brain chemicals. This causes the body to crave alcohol in order to feel good and avoid feeling bad.
- Possible risk factors
- Some risk factors may also be linked to excessive drinking.

Genes: Some specific genetic factors may make some people more likely to develop an addiction to alcohol and other substances. There may be a family history.

The age of the first alcoholic drink: A study has suggested that people who start drinking alcohol before the age of 15 years may be more likely to have problems with alcohol later in life.

Easy access: There appears to be a correlation between easy access to alcohol — such as cheap prices — and alcohol misuse and alcohol-related deaths. One study registered a significant drop in alcohol-related deaths after one state raised alcohol taxes. The effect was found to be nearly two to four times that of other prevention strategies, such as school programs or media campaigns.

Stress: Some stress hormones are linked to alcohol misuse. If stress and anxiety levels are high, a person may consume alcohol to blank out the upheaval.

Peer drinking: People whose friends drink regularly or excessively are more likely to drink too much. This can eventually lead to alcohol-related problems. Low self-esteem: Those with low self-

esteem who have alcohol readily available are more likely to consume too much.

Depression: People with depression may deliberately or unwittingly use alcohol as a means of self-treatment. On the other hand, consuming too much alcohol may increase the risk of depression, rather than reducing it.

Media and advertising: In some countries, alcohol is portrayed as a glamorous, worldly, and cool activity. Alcohol advertising and media coverage of it may increase the risk by conveying the message that excessive drinking is acceptable.

How the body processes (metabolizes) alcohol: People who need comparatively more alcohol to achieve an effect have a higher risk of eventually developing health problems related to alcohol.

Complications

Drinking alcohol usually elevates a person's mood at first. However, a person who has been consuming unhealthy amounts of alcohol for a long time is likely to become sedated when they drink. This is because alcohol depresses the nervous system. Alcohol may undermine a person's judgment. It can lower inhibitions and alter the drinker's thoughts, emotions, and general behavior. Heavy regular drinking can seriously affect a person's ability to coordinate their muscles and speak properly. Heavy drinking could lead to a coma.

Eventually, regular heavy drinking may cause at least one of the following problems:

Fatigue: The person feels tired most of the time.

<u>Memory loss:</u> Alcohol affects the short-term memory.

Eve muscles: The eye muscles can become significantly weaker.

Liver diseases: There is a higher chance of developing hepatitis and cir-

rhosis, an irreversible and progressive condition.

Gastrointestinal complications: Gastritis or pancreas damage can occur. These will undermine the body's ability to digest food, absorb certain vitamins, and produce hormones that regulate metabolism.

<u>Hypertension</u>: Regular heavy drinking is likely to raise blood pressure.

Heart problems: There is a higher risk of cardiomyopathy (damaged heart muscle), heart failure, and stroke.

Diabetes: There is a high risk of developing diabetes type 2, and people with diabetes have a high chance of complications if they regularly consume more alcohol than is recommended. Alcohol prevents the release of glucose from the liver, resulting in hypoglycemia. If a person with diabetes is already using insulin to lower their blood sugar levels, hypoglycemia could have serious consequences.

<u>Menstruation</u>: Excessive consumption of alcohol can stop or disrupt menstruation.

Erectile dysfunction: There may be problems getting or sustaining an erection.

Fetal alcohol syndrome: Consuming alcohol during pregnancy increases the risk of birth defects. The newborn may have a small head, heart problems, shortened eyelids, and developmental and cognitive problems.

Thinning bones: Alcohol interferes with the production of new bone, leading to a thinning of the bones and an increased risk of fractures.

Nervous system problems: There may be numbress in the extremities, dementia, and confused or disordered thinking.

<u>Cancer:</u> There is a higher risk of developing several cancers, including cancer of the mouth, esophagus, liver, colon, rectum, breast, prostate, and pharynx. Accidents: There is a higher chance of injuries from falls, road traffic accidents, and so on.

Domestic abuse: Alcohol is a major factor in spouse-beating, child abuse, and conflicts with neighbors.

Work or school problems: Employment or educational problems and unemployment are often alcohol related. **Suicide:** Suicide rates among people with alcohol dependence or who consume alcohol inappropriately are higher than among those who do not.

<u>Mental illness:</u> Alcohol misuse increases the risk of mental illness, and it can make existing mental illnesses worse.

Problems with the law: People who consume alcohol are significantly more likely to spend time in court or in prison, compared with the rest of the population.

Treatment

The first step toward recovery is to acknowledge that there is an alcohol dependency problem. The next step is to get help. This is available from a range of support groups and professional services.

The following are recognized treatment options for alcoholism:

Do-it-yourself: Some people with an alcohol problem manage to reduce their drinking or abstain without seeking professional help. Free information is available on websites, and self-help books can be purchased online.

<u>Counseling</u>: A qualified counselor can help the person share their problems and then devise a plan to tackle the drinking. Cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) is commonly used to treat alcohol dependency.

Treating underlying problems: There may be problems with self-esteem, stress, anxiety, depression, or other aspects of mental health. It is important to treat these problems, too, as they can increase the risks posed by alcohol. Common alcohol-related issues, such as hypertension, liver diseases, and possibly heart diseases, will need to be treated too.

Residential programs: These can offer expert professional help, individual or group therapy, support groups, training, family involvement, activity therapy, and a host of strategies for treating alcohol misuse. Being physically away from access to temptation is helpful for some people.

Drug that provokes a severe reaction to alcohol: Antabuse (disulfiram) causes a severe reaction when somebody drinks alcohol, including nausea, flushing, vomiting, and headaches. It is a deterrent, but it will not treat the compulsion to drink or solve the problem in the long term.

Drugs for cravings: Naltrexone (Re-Via) may help reduce the urge to have a drink. Acamprosate (Campral) may help with cravings.

Detoxification: Medications can help prevent withdrawal symptoms (delirium tremens, or DTs) that can occur after quitting. Treatment usually lasts 4 to 7 days. Chlordiazepoxide, a benzodiazepine medication, is frequently used for detoxification (detox).

<u>Abstinence:</u> Some people complete detox successfully, but they start drinking again either soon after or sometime later. Access to counseling, medical help, support groups, and family support can all help the individual avoid alcohol as time goes on.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Alcoholics Anonymous is an international fellowship of men and women who have faced problems with alcohol. It is nonprofessional, self-supporting, multiracial, apolitical, and available almost everywhere. There are no age or education requirements. Membership is open to anyone who wants to stop drinking.

If you or someone you know needs help with (AUD). There is Hope and Help. We have a counselor and staff who are ready to help you, get your life back on the right track. You can reach our Office at (918) 238-5151 Ext 1809.

Bearskin Healthcare Service Guide

Optometry	 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 	 \$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
Audiology	 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 	 \$1000 per ear towards hearing aids \$75 per hearing exam (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.)
Adult Emergency Dental	 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 	 Up to \$1,000 per year Services provided: Limited x-ray Limited exam Extractions
Children's Dental	 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 	• Services excluded are orthodontics and whitening
Pharmacy	 Must be seen by a provider at Bearskin Healthcare Fills prescriptions written by Bearskin Healthcare providers Prescriptions from outside providers are only filled if approved by and re-written by a Bearskin Healthcare provider under his/her authority 	
Purchased/Referred Care (Formerly Contract Health Services)	 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 Must be authorized prior to visit 	
	 Must be authorized prior to visit by Healthcare with exception of emergency 	

Vital Stats & Social Services *By Jana Johnson, Director*

Service Budgets

Service	Year	Year Served
Auditory	\$5,132.53	13
Burial	\$111,316.39	17
Disabled Elder Care Emergency	\$1,112,338.37	374
Elder Crisis Committee	\$60,046.33	34
Extracurricular	\$30,073.49	153
Healthcare	\$1,341,166.29	1676
Orthodontics	\$20,289.96	29
School Expenses	\$228,317.76	529
Special Medical Equipment	\$10,628.86	61
Utility Assistance Emergency	\$1,213,345.34	940
Totals	\$4,132,655.32	

Vital Statistics Activity August 2023

Status Changes	37
Deaths	0
Enrollees	3
ID Cards	8
Photo ID	8
Total Enrollees for current fiscal year	32
Total Deaths for current fiscal year	12
Total Membership	3788

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.

DATE: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 TIME: 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Mahogany Room – Indigo Sky Casino

INVOCATION: Chief Glenna 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: 3rd Council Kraus, Treasurer Barrett and Secretary Littlefield. Chief Wallace was present. 1st Council Kissee and 2nd Council Daugherty were absent. A quorum was declared by 2nd Chief Samples.

NEW ENROLLEES

None presented.

MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the June 28, 2023, Business Committee Meeting. The motion made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by Secretary Littlefield.

Motion carried: 3 approved (Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 2 absent (Kissee, Daugherty).

REPORTS

Chief Glenna Wallace:

THANK YOU: A thank you note from Murrow Indian Children's Home for \$250.00 contribution.

DONATION REQUEST: Donation requests from Saving Your Children Campaign and the American Indian Exposition were presented.

MOTION: To donate \$500.00 from the Business Committee Fund and \$250.00 from the Chief to the Saving Your Children Campaign. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by Treasurer Barrett.

Motion carried: 3 approved (Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 2 absent (Kissee, Daugherty).

MOTION: To donate \$1,000.00 to the American Indian Exposition at Anadarko, Oklahoma. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

Motion carried: 3 approved (Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained,

2 absent (Kissee, Daugherty). DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Provided to BC members.

TOBACCO COMPACT: Governor Still requested a 1 year compact with the profits being split being 50-50. The usual compact is for 5 years. Our tribe has agreed to support the Legislature as they will continue to try to override the veto. WOODLAND'S ELDER COMPLEX – Sod is down, rocks have been removed and sidewalks have been poured. The sod will need watered every single day until Oct.

This will be done with sprinklers by the residents and their water bills have been eliminated until this time in October.

SERPENT MOUND SUMMER SOL-STICE, GREAT COUNCIL STATE PARK

This will be the third year that Chief Wallace has gone to Serpent Mound Summer Solstice to pass out programs. Chief Wallace has also received word from the Governor of Ohio's office that he is planning a trip here sometime in September.

SPLASH PAD – Grand Opening will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. All are invited to attend.

WORLD HERITAGE – Chief Wallace will be going to Saudi Arabia as our tribe is a sponsor of the World Heritage Nomination. A letter was received from the Director of the World Heritage Nomination explaining why formal invitations have not been sent out yet.

OHIO CELEBRATION OF WORLD HERITAGE -Oct. 14th, 2023.

MAPPING PROJECT – Five Chiefs and representatives from nine tribes met last Friday for the Mapping Project. The Mapping Project relates to the nine federally recognized tribes in Ottawa County. Each has a jurisdictional area. There has been no official mapping of any of these jurisdictional areas. We have hired Garrett Couch of Miami to do our mapping project.

ROUTE 66 HERITAGE FESTIVAL to be held in Miami, Okla. July 28th and 29th. This is a free festival and a mu-

sical festival with lots of booths. Our Casino and Tribal Administration have donated \$10,000 for and will each have booths at the festival.

CULTURE CAMP will be held August 1st – 4th.

SHAWNA STOVALL'S BACK TO SCHOOL CHILDREN'S POW WOW will be Friday Evening at the Wellness Center. Backpacks will be given away Friday evening. Competition will be Saturday night at the Pow Wow grounds. LIBRARY EXHIBITS - Chief encourages all tribal members to visit the library to view the new exhibits they have constructed. One is a Calamus Pond exhibit, and one is the Thomas Captain Grocery Store exhibit. They will also be selling a book that is full of tribal history and information. There are walls that feature pictures of tribal members that were on the 1938 tribal roll.

GENEALOGY PROJECT – Tribal member Lola Purvis has been working on this project with tribal members who wish to trace their family lineage.

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER – Our director has resigned. Interviews have been completed and this position was offered to Tonya Hart and she has accepted.

HARDSHIP PROGRAM AND NATU-RAL DISASTER PROGRAM – The Hardship Program is to be used if you have had a serious illness, laid off from work -etc. This program can only be used one time a year. The Natural Disaster Program is to be used for storms, fire, water damage. These two programs can be used in the same year as they are different programs.

RESOLUTIONS

RSM – Casino External Audit – moved to the July 26th agenda.

Clif Family Foundation – Tribes not eligible to apply.

Fruit Tree Planting Foundation – moved to July 26th agenda.

Honor the Earth's Building Resilience in Indigenous Communities

RESOLUTION NUMBER 071223-R-01 Resolution to approve a Memoran-

dum of Understanding for the Oklahoma Native Impact 2023 and 2024 All Tribe Economic Impact Study

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize Chief Glenna J. Wallace to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding for the Oklahoma Native Impact 2023 and 2024 All-Tribe Economic Impact Study.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 071223-R-01. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by Treasurer Barrett.

Motion carried: 3 approved (Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 2 absent (Kissee, Daugherty). MOTION: To Add Resolution Number 071223-R-02 to the agenda. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

Motion carried: 3 approved (Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 2 absent (Kissee, Daugherty). RESOLUTION NUMBER 071223-R-

02 A Resolution Requesting an Additional Transfer from the Tribe's Gaming Operations

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby request an additional transfer from Indigo Sky Casino, LLC and/or Bordertown Outpost Casino, LLC in the amount of six million dollars (\$6,000,000.00).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby commit the requested funds in the following manner.

Four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00) to the Government Building project to include

Construction costs and the FF&E package. If all funding is not used the remaining

Funds shall be committed to the Operating Reserve at the close of the project. Two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) to the Operating Reserve to be used for the Tribal Government Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. The proposed budget will be reduced by two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) when calculating the fiscal year 2024

Transfers. The funds committed to the Operating Reserves for FY 24 will only be used when the government budget costs exceed the monthly transfers.

MOTION: To approve Resolution Number 071223-R-02. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

Motion carried: 3 approved (Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 2 absent (Kissee, Daugherty). REQUISITIONS

Requisition EN-98093 payable to Connections IT Inc. in the amount of \$106,740.50 for SMA License Renewal 3 year 2023-2026.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-98093. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by Secretary Littlefield.

Motion carried: 3 approved (Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 2 absent (Kissee, Daugherty).

REQUISITION EN-98362 payable to Branco Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$217,693.00 for Pay Application 5 ECLC Splashpad.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-98362. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

Motion carried: 3 approved (Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 2 absent (Kissee, Daugherty).

PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST 00061916 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$91,132.81 for Dell Maintenance Renewal.

MOTION: To approve PO Request 00061916. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

Motion carried: 3 approved (Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 2 absent (Kissee, Daugherty). PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST 00062252 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of

\$36,000.00 Paradigm Leadership Training.

MOTION: To approve PO Request 00062252. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

Motion carried: 3 approved (Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 2 absent (Kissee, Daugherty). NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: To donate \$250,000.00 to the First American Museum. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

Motion carried: 3 approved (Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 2 absent (Kissee, Daugherty). MOTION: To donate \$200,000.00 to the Indian Gaming Association. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 3rd Council Kraus. Motion carried: 3 approved (Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 2 absent (Kissee, Daugherty). OLD BUSINESS

MOTION: To go into Closed Session after a five- minute break, at 6:44 P.M. made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

Motion carried: 3 approved (Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 2 absent (Kissee, Daugherty). CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: To return to Open Session at 7:51 p.m. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by Treasurer Barrett.

Motion carried: 3 approved (Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 2 absent (Kissee, Daugherty).

MOTION: To donate \$1,000.00 to Wyandotte Youth Football Club. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

Motion carried: 3 approved (Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 2 absent (Kissee, Daugherty). MOTION: To set the first Business Committee meeting in October to Oc-

Committee meeting in October to October 4th, 2023. The motion was made

by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

Motion carried: 3 approved (Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 2 absent (Kissee, Daugherty). MOTION: To adjourn at 7:53 p.m. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield. Motion carried: 3 approved (Kraus, Barrett, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 2 absent (Kissee, Daugherty). ADJOURN

DATE: Wednesday, July 26th, 2023 TIME: 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Mohogany Room – Indigo Sky Casino

INVOCATION: 1st Council Kissee CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, DECLARATION OF QUORUM

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

NEW ENROLLEES:

*All birth dates have been verified through Social Services Vital Statistics Department.

Applicant:	Birth
Year:	
1. Keilani Rain Hotulke	2022
2. Gracelynn Dawn Tallant	2022

Gracelynn Dawn Tallant
 Leighton Renee Burris
 2022

3. Leighton Renee Burris2023MOTION: To approve the New Enroll-

ees presented. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

MOTION: To approve the July 12th, 2023, Business Committee Meeting Minutes with corrections. Line 42

change Still to Stitt. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Kissee, Daugherty, Littlefield, Barrett), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Kraus). MOTION: To Rescind Requisition EN-98093 lines 161 – 167 of the Business Committee Meeting Minutes approved at the July 12, 2023, Business Committee Meeting. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

REPORTS:

CASINO REPORT – Melanie Heskett,				
General Manager Indigo Sky Casino.				
Reporting for the month of June 2023.				
Month over previous month:				
Indigo Sky Casino: Revenue up 8%				
Expenses down 2%				
Outpost Casino: Revenue down 16%				
Expenses down 7%				
Comparison – Actual to Budget/Year to Date				
Indigo Sky: Revenue up 10%				
Expenses down 3 %				
Outpost Casino Revenue down 9%				
Expenses down 7%				

GAMING COMMISSION REPORT -Jalene Wells, Gaming Commissioner Employees - Current 2023 40 Total Employees: 8 Tribal Members, 1 Tribal Spouse, 6 Native, 22.50% ESTOO Tribe, 37.50% Native American Licensing for June 2023 Renewals - 26 New Hires – 32 Temp Help - 15 Denials - 2, Suspensions - 0, Revocations -0Conditional Employee Licenses Monitored -6Non-Gaming Companies - 20 Non-Gaming Vendor Employees - 73

Gaming Companies – 5 Gaming Vendor Fees Collected -\$21,250

Non-Gaming Vendor Fees Collected -\$6,390

Employee Licensing Fees Collected - \$12,400

TOTAL FEES COLLECTED - \$40,040 (YTD \$216,817)

(Revenue Budgeted for FY 2023 - \$235,850)

(Actual as of July 26, 2023 - \$216,817) (\$19,033 needed to meet budgeted numbers by September 30)

EGM - June 2023 New Machine Installs – 25 Machines Removed – 23 Machine, Software/Theme Conversions - 20Software Upgrades - 2 Software Replacements - 3 Gaming Machine Relocations - 4 Server Installs/Upgrades - 7 Single Pieces of Software tested - 243 Seal Activities – 155 Machine Fees Billed - \$475 (YTD \$101,575) Machine Fees Collected - \$325 (YTD \$101,425) (Revenue Budgeted for FY 2023 -\$91,200) (Actual as of July 5, 2023 - \$101,425) (Have collected \$10,225 more than projected – as of July 5, 2023) Audit Observations and Reports - June

Audit Observations and Reports – June 2023 Cage – 40 EGM – 16 Jackpot – 16 Players Club – 23 Exchanges – 5 Table Inventory – 47 Table Fill – 17 Table Credit – 1 Title 31 Inquiries – 3 FY23 3.31.23 Internal Audit reports were sent to BC and Management on 7/5/2023.

Surveillance for June 2023 -

Surveillance for June 2023 - Phone Calls	Indigo Sky 2340	Outpost 198
Radio Calls	815	72
Observations	13553	3143
Policy Violations Noted	114	19
JDLR's Noted	31	5
Kudo's	3	6
Incident Reports Written Total	45	6
Medical Reports Written	35	5
CD Requests from Tribal PD	13	3

Commissioner Update: All GC Departments are currently updating Policies and Procedures.

Licensing Regulations being updated and drafted to be included in the ES-TGC Rules and Regulations.

Kudos to all involved in the Outpost Remodel Project.

TREASURER REPORT – Justin Barrett, Treasurer

TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION BUD-GET

These are preliminary numbers for 6/30/2023. Based on closing the third quarter we should be around 75% of the budget.

Indirect Departments 61%

Total Tribal Admin (Non-Grant) 56% The Business Committee has approved four (4) budget modifications.

Mod 01 – Capital Outlay for vehicles \$600,000

Mod 02 – Capital Outlay Carryover \$978,350

Mod 03 – HIP (Home Improvement Program) Carryover \$78,870

Mod 04 – Raw Food Expense for the AOA \$100,000

Original Budget \$15,059,115

Amended Budget \$16,816,335

Sweep Accounts – Paperwork has been signed for the sweep accounts. CFO Karen Allen has moved \$5 million to sweep accounts.

Budget Modification – The Business Committee is going to give CFO Karen Allen the authority to transfer funds as down payment assistance applications come in. We will be doing a budget modification closer to the end of the fiscal year.

American Indigenous Business Leaders - AIBL's National Business & Leadership Student Conference is designed to give Indigenous students and professionals access to relevant business information and expertise, offering a variety of activities geared specifically to enhance and expand educational experiences beyond what is taught through traditional academic methods. Students compete for prizes in Business Plans, Community Projects, and Elevator Pitch competitions. Our students participate in culturally appropriate financial literacy and business plan training to give them practical skills to become successful business leaders in our Native communities.

NAFOA – The Native American Finance Officers Association releases the following policy alert on July 17, 2023. This Wednesday, July 19th, the Senate Homeland Security & Government Affairs Committee will hold a hearing on Committee Chairman Peter's (D-MI) Streamlining Federal Grants Act. This bipartisan legislation is important for tribes, with the goal of increasing tribal access to federal grants and ensuring that grants and programs reach the communities most in need of the resources. The legislation builds on a 2019 law led by Peters and Lankford

(R-OK) that required federal grant programs to streamline data standards for applications and reporting.

DONATION REQUEST: From Jim Stephens Assoc. Indian Horse Relays to be held Aug. 4-6, 2023.

MOTION: To donate \$1,000 for Ladies Buckles. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 072623-R-01 Resolution authorizing the Engagement of RSM US LLP for the Audit of Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Gaming Enterprises

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize Chief Glenna J. Wallace, Gaming Commissioner Jalene Wells and Deputy Gaming Commissioner Amber Graham, to execute the attached Engagement Agreements with RSM US LLP for the audit of combined financial statements of Eastern Shawnee Gaming Enterprises.

MOTION: To approve Resolution Number 072623-R-01. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 072623-R-02 Resolution authorizing a Grant Submission to The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED; that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize a Grant Submission to The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation with the desire to be awarded at least (15) Fruit Trees. The

trees will be used to supply fresh fruit to the Tribe's Food Programs as well as reduce the Tribe's carbon footprint and add to the agriculture component of its Early Childhood Learning Center. MOTION: To approve Resolution Number 072623-R-02. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 2nd Council Daugherty. Motion carried: 4 approved (Kissee, Daugherty, Littlefield, Barrett), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Kraus). Resolutions listed on the agenda will not be presented at this meeting. People's Bank Treasury Bonds

RESOLUTION NUMBER 072623-R-

03 FY2024 Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Tribal Administration Operating Budget

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RE-SOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the proposed FY2024 Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Tribal Administration Operating Budget.

MOTION: To approve Resolution Number 072623-R-03. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

REQUISITIONS:

Requisition EN-98657 payable to Butler, Rosenbury & Partners, Inc. in the amount of \$61,625.88 for Government Building Architectural services.

MOTION: To approve Requisition EN-98657. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

Requisition Number EN-98940 payable to Superior Auto Group for 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe in the amount of \$55,825.90.

MOTION: To approve Requisition EN-

98940. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

Requisition Number EN-99158 payable to Connect Construction Services for payment application number four in the amount of \$284,330.79.

MOTION: To approve Requisition EN-99158. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST NUMBER 00062376 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$29,306.88 for card playing sets for table games. MOTION: To Approve Purchase Order Number 00062376. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty. Motion carried: 4 approved (Kissee, Daugherty, Littlefield, Barrett), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Kraus).

PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST NUMBER 00062440 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$127,861.00 for October 2023 Continuity. MOTION: To Approve Purchase Order Number 00062440. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kraus.

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

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: To Authorize CFO Karen Allen to transfer funds as needed for First Time Home Buyer's Program with a Budget Mod at the end of the fiscal year. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Bud Enyart brought a sample cemetery marker for the BC and tribal members to view. He agreed to provide additional information requested by 2nd Chief Samples at a future meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

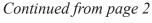
No further business for closed session.

MOTION: To adjourn at 6:36 p.m. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty. Motion carried: 4 approved (Kissee, Daugherty, Littlefield, Barrett), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1absent (Kraus). ADJOURN

ATTENTION OCTOBER BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

have been moved to the 4th & 25TH

CHIEF'S REPORT





Indian dice championship tournament.



Zack Barnes teaching Shawnee card game.

so. You'll leave with a smile on your face and your spirits refreshed. Special thanks to the CCDF, ICW, and HA-VEN Departments for sponsoring the pow wow, to the Cultural Preservation Department for the stomp dance afterwards, to our Maintenance Department for all the help they give and to Susan Patterson and her family for the delicious food. Volunteers—there are too many to name, but your service does not go unnoticed.

We just finished with our first Education Banquet. And what a successful event it was. Education Director Amber Mittag provided a most enjoyable evening. She transformed our AOA dining room into a beautifully decorated banquet hall with net streamers on the four corners filled with blue, gold and white balloons coming together at the center of the room to tables with white or blue cloths, white covered chairs, table centerpieces of sunflowers and glittering blue sparkling light globes sitting atop a stack of books. The room was stunning. Two speakers spoke on educational topics, Professor William Mountz of Missouri Southern State University of Joplin and Skylar Wallace, Eastern Shawnee business owner and graduate of William Jewel with a masters from Walton School of Business, University of Arkansas. Once again, a delicious dinner provided by our AOA staff and assistance from several volunteers added to the success of the evening. Ages of our current students and graduates ranged from six years of age into the seventies. A special guest was daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Sullivan, seven weeks of age. A professional photographer was on hand to provide free head shots to anyone who needed for a resume or personal collection. Everyone introduced themselves and spoke of their educational experience and their appreciation of the tribal educational benefits. It was a most enjoyable evening and we look forward to next year's

Educational Banquet. Congrats Amber. Last month we celebrated the opening of our Ohio River Valley Splash Pad. This month we celebrate the construction of the playground connected to the Splash Pad. The playground continues the theme of the Ohio River Valley. A deep blue replica of the Ohio River spreads across the playground surface. Built for our 6 to 12 year old youngsters, the playground has various items, stations, play activities, a Noah's Ark and a musical sound garden consisting of drums, xylophone, chimes, with a pipe sounding like falling rain. Check it out!

Something else new is that we have added a Communications Director to our Tribal Administration staff, Annette Clark. She is located in BlueJacket Building and has been quite busy, most productive. Our goal for this position is for her to oversee the flow of communication and information between the tribe and the public via publications, news media, social media, and written correspondence to members. The Eastern Shawnee Tribe not only has a historical story to share, but just as importantly, she is trying to make sure the tribe's contributions for the ESTO people and surrounding community is being positively promoted and publicized.

Annette is working on developing consistent branding for tribal communications, promoting tribal happenings in a timely manner, investigating the most efficient means of keeping tribal citizens up-to-date on new information regarding services/programs, having easy access to necessary forms, and making sure Business Committee information is being posted on the tribal website and Facebook as appropriate. She has also been assisting with gathering citizen and community input via surveys necessary for program funding and future planning. We will be asking for your input on various topics in the future using digital surveys, but paper copies can be provided as necessary. Currently she is working on the ability to email tribal citizens notifications and information to aid in getting things out in a more timely manner. At this point, we have less than 50% of our citizens with a current email address on file, so please reach out to the social services department to add a new email account or make any updates on your contact information.

I want to give a special shoutout and congratulations to Melanie Heskitt, our casino manager of Indigo Sky and The Outpost on her recent gaming award. Melanie was awarded the prestigious honor of being named Operator of the Year at the recent Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association known as OIGA. Melanie does an outstanding job for us. We all knew what a winner she is and now the entire state of Oklahoma knows that as well. Congrats Mel! Time goes by so quickly and it doesn't seem possible that General Council is upon us again. This year's date is Saturday, September 9 at Indigo Sky Casino. Our Business Expo will be held from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Here our various entities will have financial information, status reports and be available to answer questions that you might have. There will also be the opportunity to possibly play some games, enter contests, drawings for prizes to be won and awarded, so don't miss the chance to visit with our Bank, our Shooting Range, Woodlands Management, our Housing Authority, our Accounting Department to answer those questions. Dinner will be served at 5:30 with the General Council meeting to begin at 6:30. Fifty dollars cash will be given to each tribal member over the voting age of 18 who stays for the entire meeting. Lastly I want to remind you of our annual September powwow which essentially lasts 5 days, Thursday through The dates are September Monday. 14 through September 18. Thursday night is Shawnee Night sponsored by the Cultural Preservation Department where there will be a meal served at 6 p.m. followed by early evening stomp dancing which should begin about 7 p.m. Leaders and shell shakers, come for this special occasion. Shawnee Night will be held at our Bluejacket Complex.

The Tecumseh Run will be Saturday morning at 10C where the fun walk, many other events and free morning breakfast will be served at the AOA. The traditional powwow will be Friday through Sunday. Monday will be our Annual History Summit with breakfast to begin at 8 a.m, again sponsored by the Cultural Preservation Department. And remember, if planning to stay at Indigo Sky, special rates are available. Dates for Thursday through Monday are September 14-18. We really do want you to join us.

Unfortunately I will be unable to attend the Pow Wow this year as I leave Thursday, September 14 for Saudi Arabia to accept the honor of 8 mounds in Ohio that our ancestors revered being designated World Heritage sites. There are more than 1100 World Heritage sites throughout various countries, but only 25 in the United States. For our ancestors' mounds in Ohio to be designated World Heritage sites is the culmination of 15 years striving for this recognition of their genius. I know you understand my absence and share the pride in our finally attaining this historic recognition on behalf of our ancestors.

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!

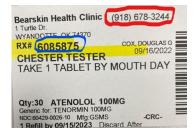
Chief Glenna

BEARSKIN HEALTCARE 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.

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

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



- 5. The system will ask you to confirm the first three letters of the last name on the prescription. **Press 1 if it is correct.**
- 6. If you need to enter another prescription, press 1, if not press 2.
- 7. That's it! Pretty simple.
 - Please keep in mind that refills called in during business hours will be ready the following business day after 1pm.

HAVEN PROGRAM

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

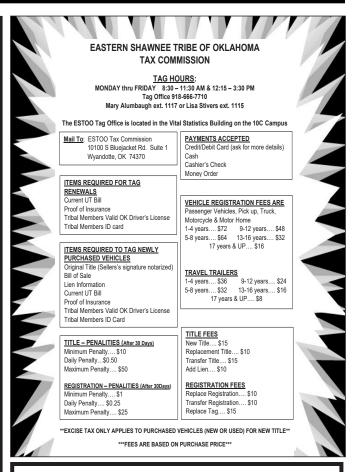
HAVEN Does NOT provide 24- hour service.

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



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?

- <u>Enrollment</u> must be made in person at Bearskin Healthcare Pharmacy. A form will be available for each patient to register for refills by mail. Patients under the age of 18, must have a parent/guardian signature.
- To request refills, call the <u>Automated Refill Line: 918-678-3244. This is the number</u> 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.
- <u>ALWAYS UPDATE</u> 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.
- <u>Controlled medications</u> (Tylenol with Codeine, clonazepam, tramadol, Lyrica, butalbital products, diphenoxylate/atropine, testosterone injection/gel, Provigil, and others) will not be eligible for refills by mail.
- 6. <u>CHECK your mail regularly</u> on the days following your requests to help prevent loss and exposure to the elements. If you have several medications you may receive more than one package. If you repeatedly have medications which come up missing we may disenroll you from the RBM program.
- 7. <u>PLEASE CONSOLIDATE</u> 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 September 2023

Agan Mark 9/17 Aguilar Kyra 9/14 Allen Scott 9/21 Andersen Elena 9/15 Applegate Jason 9/24 Arnold Remington 9/28 Aronilth Lawrence 9/8 Austin Eliejah 9/15 Aviles Ashley 9/22 Bales Sheldon 9/3 Barrera Jr Mark 9/8 Barrett Dale 9/16 Barrett Dave 9/17 Barta Jared 9/14 Bassett Lisa 9/24 Bear Bobby 9/21 Bear Jasmine 9/21 Bear Jimmy 9/30 Beare Colin 9/23 Belote-Blanchard Joshua 9/19 Bennett Amber 9/24 Bennett Jeremiah 9/18 Bennett Lindy 9/13 Beutler-Ross Carter 9/4 Bingham Thomas 9/2 Bird Jasper 9/23 Bird Trudy 9/4 Blackmon Thomas 9/1 Blakeburn Willie 9/8 Blizzard Diana 9/4 Blizzard Joe 9/26 BlueJacket Cynthia 9/28 BlueJacket Gary 9/21 Boehme Cameron 9/19 Botts Norma 9/23 Boxberger-Vise Donna 9/7 Branham Gracie 9/24 Bray Alexander 9/18 Brink Kristopher 9/26 Bristol Michael 9/9 Bristol Stephen 9/18 Brock III Johnnie 9/2 Bunch Diana 9/10 Butcher Aubrey 9/13 Buttram Alex 9/23 Cage Crystal 9/13 Captain Katherine 9/13 Captain Patricia 9/18 Captain II Charles 9/7 Carey Ashley 9/17 Carey Hunter 9/26 Carey Jordan 9/21 Chandler Courtney 9/19 Chaulet Jase 9/18 Chaulet Jeremy 9/14 Churchman Vanessa 9/4 Clark Emily 9/20 Clark Rachel 9/30 Clark Weston 9/19 Collins Michael 9/20 Conrad Jr Robert 9/2 Cooper Oakly 9/29 Corkrum Daniel 9/17 Covington Shayla 9/29 Cox Vivienne 9/17 Crain Allison 9/1 Crain Anthony 9/10 Crain Kamrin 9/8 Crain Robert 9/12

Crossley Brax 9/2 Crump Brayden 9/14 Cunliffe Phoebe 9/16 Dale Lillie 9/8 Daugherty Jr Ronald 9/6 Davis Hayden 9/19 Defer J'Lynn 9/24 Defer Robert 9/5 Delaney Bronagh 9/14 DiGiuseppe Raymond 9/28 DiGiuseppe Summer 9/13 DiGiuseppe-Samples Tiffany 9/12 Dillard Monique 9/14 Dirkx Cody 9/18 Dushane Heather 9/11 Dushane Ricky 9/9 Dushane Xvla 9/28 Eaglebear Douglas 9/15 Edwards Hance 9/12 Edwards Prescott 9/28 Eledge Luke 9/17 Elliott Mary 9/14 Elliott Michael 9/13 Elliott Rainey 9/4 Evans Jennifer 9/23 Evans Rachel 9/8 Fasolino Babette 9/15 Faulkner Ruby 9/2 Ferci Marco 9/7 Findley Colin 9/25 Flatter Jason 9/7 Fleming Adelynn 9/23 Fletcher Brandon 9/28 Floyd Judith 9/20 Foote Dakota 9/20 Franklin Da'zyah 9/15 Freed Lawrence 9/12 Frierson Colton 9/11 Froman Annie 9/22 Gano Shawn 9/27 Garcia Natasha 9/22 Gardner Piper 9/16 Gary Allison 9/17 Geistlinger Tiffani 9/23 Geistlinger Xavier 9/9 Genel Lynzie 9/19 Gibson Journey 9/27 Gibson Nolan 9/11 Gilley Cheyenne 9/3 Goodrich David 9/10 Gouker Jordan 9/29 Graham Ronald 9/9 Gray Ellianora 9/25 Green Gerald 9/17 Green Kelsev 9/27 Greenfeather Amy 9/25 Griffith Jacob 9/11 Griner Liam 9/10 Grubbs Natalie 9/4 Gschwind Angela 9/1 Hamilton Bradley 9/5 Hammitt Katy 9/8 Hammitt Kyle 9/26 Hampton Alfred 9/19 Handcock Nelson 9/15 Hanna Rena 9/11 Harrell Katrina 9/1 Harris Liberty 9/11 Harvey Rashaan 9/27

Healy Noah 9/30 Hearod Abigail 9/16 Heck Cameron 9/5 Heskett Melanie 9/19 Higbee Madilynn 9/1 Higbee Shelbie 9/8 Hoevet Frank 9/11 Hogan Gage 9/27 Holden Ronald 9/21 Hollis Dwight 9/13 Hollis Jordan 9/19 Holubik Evan 9/30 Hotulke Jennifer 9/14 Hudson Shawna 9/21 Huggins David 9/16 Huggins Robert 9/23 Hukill Angela 9/24 Hurt Kaedyn 9/23 Hutchinson Charles 9/19 Hutchinson Lance 9/9 Hyde Ashley 9/3 Ingram Ashley 9/27 Irwin Chris 9/18 Jacobson Ellen 9/9 James Mia 9/14 James Skylynn 9/8 James Tammy 9/3 James Yumni 9/4 Johnson Ellen 9/26 Johnson Kelsey 9/16 Johnson Tracy 9/24 Johnston Jacey 9/24 Johnston Keesha 9/17 Johnston Samuel 9/6 Judd Cordelia 9/20 Judd David 9/28 Kelley Ryan 9/26 Kesner Donna 9/18 Keylon Gavin 9/12 Kieltsch Samantha 9/10 King Evelyn 9/19 Kisler Alexander 9/14 Kline Dylan 9/27 Knight Nicolas 9/7 Koslowsky Kayleb 9/30 Kovarik John 9/9 Kraus Alexie 9/28 Kuykendall Anessa 9/12 Lacy Brooklyn 9/17 Landis Jeremie 9/29 Landis William 9/30 Lane Aaron 9/6 Lauer Taylor 9/30 Lawson Christine 9/13 Leach Connor 9/25 LeFors James 9/8 Loerzel Kayla 9/21 Loftin Geraldine 9/10 Loges Peyton 9/3 Love Ashley 9/21 Love Robert 9/17 Luther Hailie 9/19 Mackie Danielle 9/11 Martin Adysen 9/28 Martin Amanda 9/18 Maruca Nicole 9/15 Mason Issac 9/13 McCoy Wanda 9/11 Meadows Andrea 9/19

Milbern Sydney 9/22 Miller Harlie 9/28 Miller Paige 9/28 Millhollin Brionna 9/3 Millhollin Debra 9/24 Millhollin Ian 9/17 Millhollin Payton 9/2 Millhollin Shawn 9/30 Millhollin-Mays Samantha 9/24 Minkler Barbara 9/18 Mix Ally 9/27 Moore Jessica 9/29 Morley Ezra 9/14 Moyer Rebecca 9/20 Murphy Brantley 9/20 Murray Adele 9/29 Mvrick Jaclvn 9/12 Myrick-Duckett Shelby 9/29 Neave Neena 9/11 Nelson Forrest 9/8 Nelson Kaiden 9/8 Nelson Kelly 9/8 Nelson Kevin 9/27 Nelson Oliver 9/26 Nelson Tiffany 9/22 Newman Edward 9/1 Neyland Taylor 9/21 Nichols Evelvn 9/9 Nichols Joshua 9/22 Nicholson Jace 9/21 Nicholson Judith 9/30 O'Neill Collins 9/30 Ogaz Christopher 9/18 Osborn Layna 9/12 Overn Riley 9/1 Pack Eric 9/28 Painter Lane 9/24 Pappan Joseph 9/5 Patrick Kevin 9/26 Patton Lois 9/10 Patton Travis 9/9 Pelliccio Killian 9/7 Peterson Caleb 9/23 Pogue J. Dalton 9/30 Pollock Nicolas 9/14 Powers Toni 9/28 Pritchett Gracee 9/19 Prophet Tori 9/10 Purcell Cameron 9/14 Purevich Jessica 9/14 Purevich Kenneth 9/18 Quintana Nicholas 9/21 Randles William 9/29 Ray Chase 9/24 Reynolds Randy 9/10 Rice Rosemary 9/25 Robbins Jr Leroy 9/7 Roche Daylan 9/18 Roche Steven 9/29 Rohr Brittany 9/16 Rosenow Andrew 9/30 Rosenow Brian 9/14 Ross David 9/24 Ross Derek 9/23 Ross Mia 9/10 Ross Ronald 9/25 Russell Jaulisa 9/11 Salyers Brynlie 9/25 Salyers Scott 9/1

Sanders Cannon 9/17 Schubert Garrett 9/11 Scofield James 9/13 Scribner Debra 9/23 Secondine Kathryn 9/19 Shaffer Kevin 9/29 Shearhart Aurora 9/28 Shearhart Robert 9/16 Sills Gary 9/11 Simianer Susan 9/20 Smith Ashley 9/18 Smith Darryan 9/21 Snow Kevin 9/24 Spencer La'cinda 9/11 Springer Jefferv 9/25 Staiger Erin 9/10 Stand Robert 9/22 Stand Suzanne 9/12 Stoner Orion 9/14 Strickland Jesse 9/3 Strickland Skylar 9/3 Sullivan Aleigha 9/18 Swartz Karter 9/19 Swartz Kyndall 9/19 Tarter Shane 9/29 Tayrien Randal 9/4 Tayrien Zoe 9/11 Thompson Brooklynn 9/13 Thornsberry Carla 9/26 Thorp Triston 9/17 Threet Gina 9/7 Triplett Stacie 9/30 Trisler Caroline 9/4 Truelove Abigail 9/18 Tucker Landen 9/11 Turner Gabriella 9/16 Ulwick Addison 9/7 Van Wagenen Keelin 9/14 Vasquez Bailey 9/1 Vaught Hadley 9/1 Wachman William 9/20 Waggoner Trevor 9/19 Wallace Sarah 9/2 Wallace Teresa 9/1 Ware Cole 9/21 Webb Amber 9/24 Webb Stacy 9/21 Wells Jimicia 9/22 Westpfahl Aaron 9/13 White Melissa 9/11 White Whitney 9/17 White III Charles 9/1 Whitlock Kailee 9/14 Williams Norma 9/24 Wilson Mikayla 9/19 Wininger Flynn 9/23 Winland Sophia 9/5 Wong Matthew 9/8 Wood Mavis 9/29 Woodruff Robert 9/24 Yerbev Hanna 9/19 Young Joseph 9/28 Young Kenneth 9/14