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Ohio Governor Mark DeWine, Hopewell Mound City National Park Superintendent Chris Alford, Charles (Chuck) Sams National Park Service Director, and Chief Glenna J. Wallace of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe, applaud Ohio's Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks, now inscribed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

NOTICE OF RUN-OFF ELECTION

SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 18, 2023

Candidates for Secretary

Deborah L. Littlefield
Kathie Kent

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

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You're Invited! Business Committee Meetings to be held **November 8 & 29, 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,

Whew! What a month it has been. Our annual September Powwow is over, and from all reports it was enormously successful. Our Indigo Sky Hotel which has a maximum of 245 rooms had more than 180 of those rooms occupied by Eastern Shawnee citizens or individuals associated with the Powwow. That speaks well of all of you. It is always exciting to welcome so many of our tribal people home. Thanks to all who participated and a special thank you to the Powwow committee for all their hard work. Let's do it again next year so mark your calendars for that third weekend in September 2024.

We had lots of activities associated with the Powwow. Our Tecumseh Warrior Challenge on Saturday morning was a huge success with 98 race participants, 31 volunteers, and probably around 150 spectators. No one got lost and no one reported any injuries on this challenging obstacle course. The spectators love this event and we had numerous positive comments from the participants. The event was repeated the next day for McAuley Schools of

Joplin and their track team. Free breakfast at the AOA was another well attended event on Saturday morning as was the morning fun walk. If there are events or programs that you would like to have, please let us know.

We are happy to report that the Elbert properties we purchased on Business 60 and Highway 60 are now in trust. Of the 121 acres, approximately 7 acres are located on highway frontage of Business 60, directly on the east side of the road across from Indigo Sky and the remaining 114 acres are located on the south side of Highway 60, diagonally across the road from Indigo Sky. Of those 114 acres approximately 35 acres were placed in trust as the remaining acreage is in Wyandotte jurisdiction. In addition to these acres, the 9 acres on the north side of Highway 60 where Natives Connected is located were also placed in trust. Presently we have one trust package pending which would be the McKibben Farm located on 120 Road which is the road running east and west, parallel to the Seneca Cemetery. We are hopeful that we will see approval of that this calendar year.

Two events coming soon are our Angel Tree Reception held in the Conference Room of the Health and Social Service Building on Friday, November 3 from 11 to 1. Snacks or sack lunches to go will be available. This event allows an individual to give a gift to a tribal child who might not have the brightest Christmas if someone does not step up to help. There will be a Christmas tree with a tag for each child needing help. The tag will indicate age of child, whether boy or girl, and will specify interests of the child to help you select gift or gifts for the youngster. If it is easier to provide financial assistance than shop for a gift, that is an option as well. The suggested donation is \$30 a child. For those of you who live away and you have been wanting to help your tribe someday, this is the

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The Shooting Star

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From This Corner

By Glenna J. Wallace

Numerous newspaper articles have been written about the inscription of eight mounds in our Ohio homelands into World Heritage. Following is one of those publications.



Mound City Group has 25 burial mounds on 17 acres enclosed by an almost 4-foot high earthen wall.

Ohio's Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks are now UNESCO World Heritage Sites

91.7 WVXU | By Tana Weingartner
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Delegates from around the world are in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia this month to decide on the newest additions to the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites. These are locations considered of outstanding universal value such as the Pyramids, the Great Wall of China, the Historic Sanctuary of Machu Picchu, the Great Barrier Reef, and the Grand Canyon.

They must meet at least one of 10 criteria such as representing "a masterpiece of human creative genius" or containing "exceptional natural beauty and aesthetic importance."

Of just over 1,100 sites worldwide, only 24 are in the United States. That number is now 25 as Ohio's Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks were added Tuesday to the UNESCO World Heritage List.

"Inscription on the World Heritage List will call international attention to these treasures long known to Ohioans," said Megan Wood, executive director and CEO of the Ohio History Connection, in a release shortly after the earthworks were inscribed Tuesday.

In a separate statement, UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay congratulated the United States, writ-

ing, "Inclusion on the Heritage List will make this important part of American history known around the world."

"Just three months after rejoining UNESCO, the United States has its twenty-fifth site inscribed on the World Heritage List, which illustrates the richness and diversity of the country's cultural and natural heritage."

Ohio really was the 'Heart of it All'

Ohio may not top your list of greatest destinations, but 2,000 years ago people from across North America converged here to build giant earthen walls and mounds in precise patterns like squares, circles, octagons and large enclosures. Their design and construction indicate these early peoples had a clear understanding of geometry, architecture, and solar and lunar patterns and alignments.

"Hopewell" is an American Indian religious movement that 2,000 years ago really swept over half the continent, and for a period of about 400 years many different native communities all across eastern North America were sort of linked together by common ideas about the cosmos and their relationships to one another in the cosmos," explains Bret Ruby Ph.D., archaeologist and chief of resource stewardship at Hopewell Culture National Historical Park in Chillicothe, Ohio.

"These earthworks in southern Ohio were sacred centers in this continent-wide religious movement."

The Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks encompass eight sites:

- Fort Ancient Earthworks and Nature Preserve
- Hopewell Culture National Historical Park (5 geographically separate elements)
- Mound City Group
- Hopewell Mound Group
- Seip Earthworks
- High Bank Earthworks
- Hopeton Earthworks
- Newark Earthworks

Breaking down racist stereotypes

The earthworks were built by the ancestors of Ameri-



The twin mounds at the north gate of Fort Ancient in Oregonia, Ohio.



One of the mounds at Seip Earthworks in Bainbridge, Ohio.

ca's modern-day First Nations.

Glenna Wallace, chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, has been involved in the World Heritage process. She says two words come to mind when she thinks about the earthworks: ancestors and sophistication.

By ancestors she says she means not just direct ancestors of the Eastern Shawnee, but all Indigenous peoples in North America who came before them.

"Unfortunately, a word that I hear too often, particularly in the state of Ohio, that is associated with our people is the word 'savages,' and they were anything but savages," she says.

The people who built the mounds were highly intelligent. The designs indicate they understood mathematics, architecture and astronomy.

"They had to be extremely intelligent, extremely sophisticated, extremely knowledgeable, extremely versatile, and extremely cooperative to have shared all of that information to come up with those aspects that we know are true today. And then, in addition to that, of the genius, I always have to think of their respect, their culture, their reverence they had for those places."

Wallace says it's disturbing to not see these places get the reverence and respect they deserve.

That's one thing inscription on the World Heritage List aims to change. To qualify for World Heritage status, a site must meet at least one of 10 criteria. The earthworks are nominated under two criteria: they're considered "a masterpiece of human creative genius," and bear "exceptional testimony to a cultural tradition or to a civilization which is living or which has disappeared."

Speaking to the UNESCO World Heritage Committee Tuesday in Riyadh, Wallace said she was humbled, honored, and "so thankful that the world at long last recognizes the commitment, the spirituality, the knowledge of astronomy, mathematics, art, geology, and aesthetic vision, resulting in the imaginative thinking, used by our ancestors to create these magnificent earthworks. They were not just geniuses; they were uncommon geniuses."

What does a World Heritage designation get you?

Inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List takes years of research and work. The payoff doesn't include a monetary gift.

"There's not a pot of funding at the end of this rainbow," says Jennifer Aultman, Chief Historic Sites Officer at Ohio History Connection, which worked with the National Park Service on the nomination. "But World Heritage is the world's highest designation for cultural and natural sites for heritage sites, and that's the reason to do it."

Like Wallace, Aultman sees inscription as a way to help tribes elevate their heritage. There are no feder-



Octagon Observatory Circle 1.

ally recognized tribes in Ohio today. They were forcibly removed in the 1700s and 1800s.

Aultman says a World Heritage designation can be expected to help drive tourism, reaping economic benefits for the state and cities near the earthwork locations.

World Heritage is another beginning

After spending more than a decade working toward inscription, efforts will now pivot to planning inscription celebrations and thinking about what it means to be a World Heritage site.

"We're working on what does it look like to manage a World Heritage site. We learn from our World Heritage colleagues in the United States — What did it mean for their visitation when they got the inscription? What things did they do they wish they had known right before they got it," Aultman says.

Other considerations are updated marketing plans, exhibits, curriculum along with additional staffing, tours and signage.

But really, she says, "It's all about preserving and protecting and sharing these places, and learning how to live World Heritage."

What about Serpent Mound?

There are two other proposals on the U.S. Tentative List for World Heritage inscription: Serpent Mound and Dayton Aviation Sites.

Serpent Mound is arguably Ohio's most recognizable and widely known earthen mound, so why isn't it part of this World Heritage nomination? After all, it is the "largest documented surviving example of an ancient effigy mound in the world," points out World Heritage Ohio.

The answer is actually pretty simple: the impressive serpentine structure is believed to have been built several hundred years after the Hopewell era. Therefore it would be historically inappropriate to include it in this grouping.

It is being considered for its own nomination.



Mound City from West Sunrise.

Your Help is Needed

Submitted by Jennifer Lankford, Librarian

Bud Enyart and the Library/Printshop are working with the Business Committee and Chief on getting 11 headstones bought for graves at the Captain Cemetery. We need the full name (corrected spelling) with birth and death dates for the following:

1. Naomi Dixon Baby
2. Bulah Logan Baby
3. Richard Long
4. Tommy Allen Captain Baby
5. Stella Mae Captain Born 8-14-1890 Died 11-05-1918
6. Phyliss Jean Sullivan Baby
7. Edith Captain
8. Dora Mae Newman-Curiain Born 1905 Died 1973
Dora Mae Hampton Newman Curton 1905-1975
9. Zola Mae Newman Born 1929 Died 1947
10. Pellham Baby
11. Harold Captain

Please call or email Jennifer Lankford if you have any information at 918-238-5151 ext. 1844 or jlankford@estoo.net.

New Well at Highway 10 Complex

By Justin Burris, Environmental Technician

In the near future construction on a back-up water well will begin at the Hwy 10C complex. This well will be located in same area as the existing well and utilize the same water tower for storage. The new well will provide the Eastern Shawnee Tribe with additional water production capabilities and serve as a back-up well in the event the primary well is down due to failure or maintenance. Currently, we rely on Rural Water District #5 as a back-up water

source. By adding this additional well, we can serve as our own back-up water source and not have to rely on an outside source to supply water to our customers; however, we will still have the capability to receive treated water from Rural Water District #5 in extreme situations.

This project is being funded by the Indian Health Service and is currently in the design and engineering phase. There is still a lot of work to be done

before this project will be complete and operational. We have not been advised yet as to when the estimated start or completion date of this project will be, but we are working with Indian Health Service to move this project along as quickly as possible. Although we have never allowed our customers to be without water for any great length of time, customers will have peace of mind knowing they will have continuous water service.

Obituary

Gary Wayne Ross



Gary Wayne Ross of Commerce, OK passed from this life Friday, October 13, 2023 at Mercy Hospital in Joplin, MO. He was 76.

Gary was born December 2, 1946 in Miami, OK to Preston Deneen "Jack" and Mary Freda (Thompson) Ross. He had lived in Commerce area most of his life and graduated from Commerce High School Class of 1965. Gary was a disabled Viet Nam Veteran. He served aboard the USS Warrington DD843 during his 4 year tour of duty in the U.S. Navy. He worked in construction business with his dad. He married Lilly Payne November 5, 1970. They had one son Gary Wayne Noble Ross who was born December 6, 1972.

Gary is survived by his loving companion, Sharon Louise Brown of the home, 1 son Gary, Wayne Noble Ross of Deatsville, AL, 1 daughter Tammy

Sherman, 5 brothers, Captain Dale Ross, Preston Leroy Ross, Randall Ray Ross all of Commerce, OK, Carl Allen Ross of Godfry, OK and David Kent Ross of Wichita, KS, 5 sisters, Marilee Ellen Squirrel and Nancy Jane Smith both of Joplin, MO, Ethel Sue "Susie" Ross of Wyandotte, OK, Marjean Renee Flatter of Grove, OK and Debra "Debbie" Ross of Commerce, OK.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at Paul Thomas Funeral Home Chapel in Miami, OK. Interment at NEO Veterans Memorial Cemetery in North Miami, OK, awaiting the resurrection. Military Rites were conducted by American Legion Post #147 Funeral Detail. Norman Ross, Alexander Ross, Captain Ross, Jr., Michael Sims, Mikey Sims and Jeremy Harris served as pallbearers.

ESTO Food Distribution Program Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Baskets

Due to the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, we will be changing our food distribution days to:

November 16, 2023 and December 21, 2023

Distribution times will remain the same.

We will return to our normal schedule of the last Thursday of each month beginning January 2024.

These baskets will include the typical foods provided each month PLUS items needed to make a family style holiday meal.



If you know of a family in NEED who is NOT currently on our food distribution program, we would like to help out by providing a holiday basket to them!

Guidelines for consideration:

- Eastern Shawnee tribal Elder OR a family with Eastern Shawnee children in the home
- Live within 50 driving miles of the ESTO tribal complex
- Only one basket per family will be provided

Please provide the following information for families meeting the above criteria:
NAME, PHYSICAL ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN THE HOUSEHOLD

To SUBMIT a family for consideration or for questions contact:

Shelly Rogers: shellyrogers@estoo.net (918) 238-5151 ext. 1821

Kendra Stuart: k.stuart@estoo.net (918) 238-5151 ext. 1021

Families will need to apply for the Thanksgiving basket by November 6th

Families will need to apply for the Christmas basket by December 11th

Thank You! *By Lola Purvis*

A heartfelt thank you to the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma for their financial assistance after the tires on my car were discovered to be dry-rotted while having some repairs done. Replacing tires (when on a fixed income) is a major unplanned expense. I was told I could not drive home to Louisiana without replacing those tires. Elder crisis funding came to my rescue. Shawn King went above board as he took my car to the shop and returned it the next day with the repairs completed.

I enjoy working on the Intergenerational Family Connections grant as we seek to document our family relationships. Lora Nuckolls and Jennifer Lankford are extremely helpful and supportive as I work in the library, at home (Devine B&B), and in interviews with Shawnee family members.

Lola

ALL ABOARD the ESTOO CANDY LAND EXPRESS!!

Eastern Shawnee Tribe
Children's Christmas Party
December 2, 2023 from 10 am -12 pm
Eastern Shawnee Annex Building
Ages 0 -12



ESTOO Employees' children need to attend to receive their gift card.

For more information contact
Shelly Rogers at
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GENERAL COUNCIL - PART 2

ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT



Justin Burris and Debbie Dotson checking flow and other water parameters in Lost Creek, Tecumseh Park.

The Environmental Department's main source of funding is through EPA grants for stewardship and protection of the environment. The department received a Performance Partnership Grant (PPG) from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with no cash match required in exchange for environmental monitoring

and activities for the Tribe. These grants provide for the work of the Eastern Shawnee Environmental Department staff, including recycling services, water quality monitoring and pollution reduction, public health and safety services, and promotion of a healthier environment for the long-term benefit of the tribe and the community



Cultural Camp. Children and EPA team are looking at micro-invertebrates. (Water insects, snails, crawdads, fish, etc.)



THIS GRANT ALLOWS THE TRIBE TO WORK WITH EPA AND STAY UP TO DATE ON ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS

The PPG grant provides funds for recycling, safety, public health, and community education activities. This grant allows the Tribe to work with EPA and stay up to date on environmental regulations. This year, the EPA Regional Administrator

visited all the Tribes in Ottawa County. As part of that visit, the Regional Administrator was able to tour Lost Creek and was impressed by the creek and the department's efforts to preserve and protect our waters. As a result of that visit, an additional \$80,000 in funding was provided by EPA for the upcoming year. This will allow us to expand on our water quality monitoring. The department was also selected to receive an additional \$100,000 in funding for next fiscal year to collaborate with 6 other Tribes to complete heavy metal sampling in floodplain areas, heavy metals sampling in fish, and hire a consultant to assist the Tribes review the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relicensing process for the Pensacola Dam.

The grant also provides funding for Four Feathers Recycle Center. This year, tribal offices

and casinos have recycled over 6 tons of paper, 0.24 tons of plastic, 0.45 tons of tin cans, 0.039 tons of aluminium, 4.98 tons of shredded paper, and 25 tons of cardboard. The recycle center was able to ship out and sell 6 tons of mixed/white paper, 0.24 ton of plastic, 86.39 tons of cardboard, 0.45 ton of tin, and 4.98 ton of shredded paper for a total of 980.5 tons of materials recycled this year. The annual tire collection event was held in May where 4,811 tires were collected over a two-day period.

The PPG grant also funds the department's water quality monitoring program through Section 106 of the Clean Water Act. The program improves water quality and public health in Tribal jurisdiction and the Grand

*Kristi Laughlin
Director*



Lake watershed by monitoring year-round to evaluate and address water quality and runoff concerns. The department has a mature water quality monitoring program and is operating at the maximum level of the statutory requirements as allowed by grant funding.

This year we have continued to monitor three sites on Lost Creek, one site on Flint Branch, and two sites on Spring River for nutrients and water quality pollution indicators. We have also provided free private well testing for bacteria and heavy metals, monitored recreational sites for bacteria in summer months, and conducted fish tissue analyses and water analyses for metals on Spring River sites. Macroinvertebrate collections at two Lost Creek sites and habitat assessments for all sample sites were completed in the summer.

Education and outreach are an important part of the EPA grant programs. This year the department hosted a Children's Fishing Derby where approximately 30 children from the Early Child Learning Center were able to catch sunfish in the pond at the Housing Authority, learn fish identification, and make fish crafts to take home. The annual Lost Creek Water Festival is scheduled for September 8 at the Tribe's Pow Wow Grounds. Last September, the Lost Creek Water Festival was held near the Pow Wow grounds and hosted

600 children from 4 schools with education booths along the road to Lost Creek. We look forward each year to the Lost Creek Water Festival to promote healthy waters and educate youth.

Environmental Department staff also participated in tribal events like the Back-to-School Pow Wow and Culture Camp, and public events like Earth Day Festival and Shoal Creek Water Festival.

The Environmental Department also receives funding to focus on stormwater runoff and erosion control. This year, the department was contacted by the Ceremonial Chief to investigate streambank stabilization on Lost Creek at the Pow Wow grounds. Erosion and flooding are causing land loss at the site. A consultant was hired to complete an assessment and conceptual design to stabilize the stream bank. We will continue to work on this project in the upcoming year. The Department also assists the Maintenance Department with fire safety. This year the fire suppression systems in our current buildings are getting some needed attention to prevent future freezing to prevent burst pipes and flooding. The fire suppression system at the Social Services building was converted in May from a wet system to an anti-freeze charged system; the wet fire suppression system at the Early Child Learning Center is scheduled to be converted to a dry nitrogen charged

system in September; and the fire suppression system in the Wellness Center is still in the design and planning stages.

Water Utilities:

The Eastern Shawnee Tribe Water Utilities stays busy ensuring clean drinking water and sanitary facilities. Daily, monthly, and yearly samples are collected and tested to make sure that good, clean, quality water is being provided for the customers. The Eastern Shawnee Tribe Water Utilities offers service to 50 Tribal homes and businesses as well as Indigo Sky Casino. This year, funding was received by the Indian Health Service to construct a second drinking water well on the water tower on the Highway 10 Complex. This will provide an adequate backup water supply to ensure no water interruptions for the customers. Water Utilities is also a backup water supply for the Rural Water District #5 water system. With continued growth on the Hwy. 10 Complex, a capacity study was conducted for the wastewater treatment plant. It was determined that existing wastewater plant is over capacity, which determined a need for expansion or a second wastewater treatment plant. The Tribe is working with an engineering firm to design and construct a 50,000 gallon packed bed aerobic system similar to the existing wastewater system in place.

Property Management: The Environmental Department manages rental properties including the Woodlands, residential leases, agricultural leases, and storage units. This year we have 18 units in the Woodlands leased, 6 residential homes leased, 11 agricultural properties leased, and all 24 storage units leased. This year, rock landscaping at the Woodlands was removed and sod installed for elder safety as well as easier maintenance and upkeep. Because the sod needed to be watered, water from the residents was used and fees were waived for the watering period. The department works together with the Maintenance Department to maintain the properties and ensure happy tenants.

Trust Services:

The Environmental Department is the point of contact for trust services including negotiated sale of trust or restricted Indian lands, applications for removal of restrictions, gift deeds, and trust appraisal requests. This year, two gift deed applications were completed for tribal members.

The department also works to place land into trust. No land was placed into trust this year; however, two trust applications were submitted totalling 148.91 acres. By the end of the calendar year, it is anticipated 36.59 acres will be placed into trust. The Tribe's total land acreage is approximately 2,675.7 acres with

1,308.39 acres in trust.

Growing Thyme at the Red Barn:

Exciting things have happened at Growing Thyme this year. This year, 4 fields, 17 raised beds, and four hoophouses were planted with a variety of vegetables and herbs. The maintenance crew has been very helpful in starting plasticulture this year by tilling, installing plastic for weed control, and placing drip irrigation lines into the growing field. We have been able to plant Cherokee Purple, Beefsteak, Big Boy, Better Boy, Mar Globe, Honeycomb, and Yellow Pear tomatoes; a variety of pumpkins, corn, and squash including crookneck, acorn, scallop, and zucchini squash; a variety of watermelon; and have plans for fall planting of radish, turnips, brussel sprouts, carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, spinach, lettuce, and cabbage.

At the beginning of the growing season, there was a surplus of lettuce and radishes. These were provided to the elders and the AOA. Growing Thyme was also able to provide broccoli to the AOA. Lettuce, radishes, tomatoes, cucumbers, and onions were also provided for several cultural events. In July, Growing Thyme provided 150 lbs. of tomatoes for food distribution. While harvest was plentiful in the early growing season, the year also came with challenges from the high temperatures and pests that stunted crop growth.

This year, Growing Thyme has added chickens for egg production. The Maintenance Department was very helpful in repurposing a shed and placed chicken wire for a chicken coop. We currently have around 30 chickens that started laying in August. To help with pollination, a bee hive was placed near Growing Thyme and honey can also be collected. Growing Thyme has also met with an elder couple who raised asparagus and gained some helpful tips. An asparagus plot was developed and seeds were sown. In a year or more, we hope to have a good asparagus harvest.

A lot of education and research has been done about hydroponic systems for crop growing, how to better control water flow, provide the right essential nutrients, and optimize growing by controlling root systems. Research has also been done on vertical gardening, which may be tried in the future. Growing Thyme has also participated in educational events by speaking at Food Sovereignty conference, providing pollinator education at the Wyandotte Environmental Festival, and providing a tour of the facilities for the Delaware Tribe. Indigo Sky has volunteered to assist with operations by helping keep up with weed maintenance. Planning for next year's growing season is underway, and future goals include harvesting rainwater and implementing companion planting.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Over 100 Eastern Shawnee families are receiving this benefit, with an average of \$100-\$120 spent monthly per family.

DISTRIBUTION DAY REMINDERS

Location: Growing Thyme building, 69891 E. 100 Road, Wyandotte, OK 74370

Distribution: Last Thursday of each month

Pick-up time: 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Please follow the arrows around building and pull up to the loading area.

Contact person: Shelly Rogers at (981) 238-5151 ext. 1821

Don't forget to return your bags from the previous month!

*Shelly Rogers
Program Coordinator*



Food distribution has been up and running for over a year now, our numbers are continually climbing as more and more families are in need. We currently have 110 families on this program. Each month they receive a variety of food. I place 3 complete dinner meals with recipes to help older children learn to cook. With everyone being so busy and schedules going all different directions, I also place lunch items and easy to heat up items in there for families that need something quick to eat on the go.

To receive the monthly distribution of food from the tribe, a family must meet the

income level requirements that would qualify them for services from the Inter-Tribal Council Food Distribution Program or SNAP benefits. Each month, those who have been preapproved are supplied with items that make three complete meals along with three recipes to use with those items. At least one recipe is geared towards older youth in the home so they can participate in meal preparation if desired. Great consideration is given to as to what items were included in the previous month to avoid frequent repetition. Food items are also selected based on seasonal availability, if it is a time of year when children may be out of school for a break, or if there is



Maintenance staff, Ryan Terry, Randy Dedman Bill Swift, assisting with the monthly food distribution.

a major holiday coming up. During school breaks there are foods that kids can prepare on their own or with little supervision. For major holidays, supplemental items are given to assist with that special meal for the family. Although it would be nice to meet every family's preference, due to bulk ordering and the time constraints on staff/volunteers, it just isn't feasible for an individual's dietary specifications to be furnished within this program. Food is ordered during the first week of the month from local grocers and then picked up the week

of distribution. All groceries are sorted and placed in totes, insulated grocery bags and reusable grocery bags on the morning of distribution.

Once again, this is all done by tribal employees from various departments and volunteers who come to assist. On the last Thursday of each month, someone from each household on the list picks up their groceries. The process is quite easy and efficient for the families during the three-and-a-half-hour window of time on pick up day.

All they must do when they arrive at the tribe's Growing Thyme building near the tribal complex in Wyandotte is follow the signs directing them around the circle drive to the loading area, tell their name, and turn in your bags from the previous month. The staff volunteers will then bring out the groceries and load them into the vehicle. Over 100 Eastern Shawnee families are receiving this benefit with an average of \$100-\$120 spent monthly per family.

GAMING COMMISSION

REPORT

It is the responsibility of the ESTGC to provide Regulatory oversight of the Tribes Gaming Operations, Indigo Sky Casino and Bordertown Outpost Casino.

Working to accomplish this, The Eastern Shawnee Tribe Gaming Commission (ESTGC) has 5 departments that are under the direct supervision of the Deputies and Commissioner. Licensing, Surveillance, and our Tech Departments are under the direction of Deputy Ashley Burnside. Internal Audit and Electronic Gaming Machine (EGM) Compliance is under the direction of Deputy Amber Graham.

Licensing - Under direction of Deputy Ashley Burnside with 1 Supervisor, 1 Employee Licensing Agent, 1 Vendor Licensing Agent, and 1 Licensing Clerk

- Processed 205 New hire and 208 renewal licenses for employees.
- Processed 122 Vendor Company Licenses and 612 Vendor employee licenses.
- Collected a total of \$219,885 as of July for licensing fees.

Surveillance - Under direction

of Deputy Ashley Burnside with 1 Director, 1 Manager, 5 Shift Supervisors and 17 Agents.

From October 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022 the Surveillance Department has

- Documented 177,276 observations, 596 JDLR's and 77 Kudos for Indigo and Outpost Casinos.
- Reported 1,357 possible policy violations at Indigo Sky and Outpost Casinos.
- Received 30,053 phone calls.
- Received 7,178 Radio Calls.
- Written 132 Incident Reports.
- Written 421 Medical Reports.
- Assisted Tribal PD and provided 41 imaging CD's for Indigo Sky and Outpost Casino.
- Assisted Tribal PD with 27 requests and 4 imaging CD's for Tribal Buildings.

Technical Department - Under direction of Deputy Ashly Burnside with 1 IT Manager, 1 Systems Administrator, and 1 Lead Surveillance Technician.

- Currently the department

supports and maintains the following in the casinos and Tribal buildings:

- Over 1250 cameras.
- 183 Access Control doors.
- 40 Work Stations.
- 49 Servers.
- 4 "point to point" fiber links.
- 20 UPS Battery backup appliances.
- Received and completed over 700 help desk tickets through July.
- Internal Audit – Under direction of Deputy Amber Graham with 3 Internal Auditors.
- Compliance Auditors completed a total of 3,704 observations through July in the areas of Table Games, Cages, EGM's, Players Club, Title 31 and jackpots at both casinos.
- Completed a 6-month NIGC Minimum Internal Controls, Tribal Internal Controls and Title 31 audits for period ending 03-31-2022. Currently



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working on observations and reviewing control documents for September Internal Audit.

- Assisted RSM McGladrey with the FY 21 External Audit and have started the FY22 Audit.

EGM Compliance – under direction of Deputy Amber Graham with 1 Supervisor and 2 Agents. We currently have one opening for the Agent Position.

- Performed responsibilities for removing 90 machines, relocating 212 and installing 87 in casinos
- Completed a total of 404 Software Conversions, Upgrades or Replacements with testing of 1352 pieces of software.
- Installed or upgraded 24 servers
- Performed 1343 activities with machines that required Seals.
- Billed and collected \$101.400

for fees from gaming machine vendors.

The NIGC and State of Oklahoma performed Compliance Audits that were satisfactory. This year, our employees have accomplished many goals, set new goals, and participated in virtual trainings, and webinars. Your Eastern Shawnee Gaming Commission is not just a department, or team...we are also a FAMILY! I could not be prouder of this group! It is truly an honor and blessing to work with each of them, watch them grow in life and be a part of their success professionally.

We will continue to strive to be better than we were the day before and a leader in the industry. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this report or anv of our departments. I thank

you for this opportunity and I cannot express enough how blessed and honored I am to be serving as your Tribal Gaming Commissioner.

*Jalene Wells
Gaming Commissioner*



CULTURAL PRESERVATION

The smiles, laughter, and friendships that were formed in those few days are what we are all here for—investing in our future one child at a time.

The Culture Preservation Program continues the review of Section 106 projects. These projects include but are not limited to Cell Tower, Federal Highway, National Forest, Pipeline Construction, USDA, Military and HUD projects throughout the Tribal Areas of Historical interest.

Cell tower reviews have not slowed down from October 2022-August 2023. We receive on an average close to 150 projects weekly, other 106 projects average 50 per week.

The Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) Department has been awarded FY2022/2023 funding for the program through the National Park Service. This is



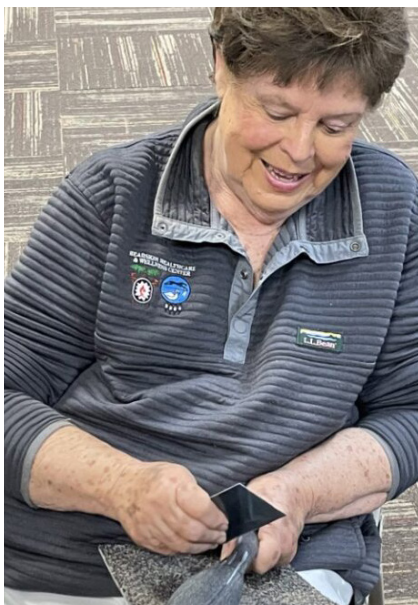
Working in collaboration with the Fort Pitt Museum, tribal citizen Talon Silverhorn explained one of the many

the ongoing Annual funding used by the Tribal Historic Preservation Office.

December— we helped and had a booth at the Children’s Tribal Christmas Party.

January— we had a workshop weekend in collaboration with the Fort Pitt Museum, they came and showed us how to make buffalo horn spoons, Shawnee Moccasins, 18th Century Clothing and Wool Leggings. It was such a great workshop they returned in April, and we added flint knapping, and Quill work to that workshop along with the bison horn spoons.

February— we tapped Maple trees, but sadly the sap we collected this year was not a good amount and it turned before we could boil it to syrup. We believe the weather played a big role in this but hope for better results this coming year.



Chief Glenna making a buffalo horn spoon.

March— we attended Bridging the Gap conference it was held at Downstream Casino and Resort, and it was and is always a great opportunity to meet the faces and talk face to face with the people we consult with daily and work together with the state and federal agencies to make the consultation process run smoother. It was a great conference.

April— we hosted the Wild Onion Dinner, an annual event held each year as a fundraiser. This year, the money raised went to the Angel Tree program for ICW, where grant money cannot be spent to buy Christmas gifts for children in placement. As always, we had a lot of fun.

August— was hot but that didn’t stop Culture Camp. 56. That was the count on Friday. Might be the largest camp we have had. 56 tribal and tribal connected youth attended, (with 3 traveling from Arizona). The kids look forward to this and we have a lot of returning campers but this year we had a lot of first-time campers. The smiles and laughter, and the friendships that were formed in those few days are what we are all here for. Investing in our future one child at a time. Hopefully this is one area that will continue to grow. We also hosted a stompdance after the Shawna Stovall Back-to-School Pow Wow.

September— we will have Shawnee Night before the

Annual Pow Wow, which will be a dinner, social and stompdancing, at the pow wow grounds, and the annual History Summit following annual pow wow.

NAGPRA: The Department continues with email reviews, online meetings, and consultations of various projects. Networking with various Agencies and Universities to gather information on collections and consult with NAGPRA applications for repatriations.

The Language Department: The Language Department in FY 2022/2023 has been working on corrections in the language App. along with in-depth research and transition on the orthography being used prior to now. This has been a huge undertaking, but the results will be extremely beneficial in the future, so we are on the same system as the Shawnee Tribe so no matter where a person takes classes, they are learning the same way. The department started an in-person language class. It started out with just one or two people but has grown to an average of 6-8 on a regular basis, this doesn’t seem like many, but even if one person comes to learn, it is worth having. This coming year, we hope to grow and boost the language to new heights as a department.

GRANT DEPARTMENT

Hello, I was hired in March of 2023, and spent the first month collaborating with Tammy Gibson, Director of Indian Child Welfare to write and submit the Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program: Development and Implementation Grants Proposal. The proposal was funded for Year 1: Community Needs Assessment and Implementation Planning in the amount of \$405,000. If the Needs Assessment and Implementation Plan are successfully completed the program will be eligible to apply for years two through five for up to \$1,000,000 a year.

After completing the Home Visit Program Proposal, I learned the priorities of the departments and started funding searches for agriculture, alternative energy, infrastructure, elder programs, children’s programs, health and wellness, outdoor recreation, cultural activities, education, domestic abuse, suicide prevention, and economic development.

Working with Chief Glenna J.

Administrator, we were able to apply for funding for the Splash Pad and Outdoor Learning Center Construction from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. The Eastern Shawnee Tribe was awarded \$712,940.

I collaborated with Bridget Spencer, Growing Thyme Agriculture Technician, to submit a proposal to the Fruit Tree Planting Foundation for 15-20 fruit trees. Awards have not yet been made.

Working with Chad Kelly, Business Committee Liaison, and Kristi Laughlin, Tribal Administrator, to request technical assistance from the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs and National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). The technical assistance includes weekly planning sessions with NREL consultants with a two-day in-person facilitation at the Eastern Shawnee Tribe Campus, culminating in an Energy Plan in September of 2023. The Inflation Reduction Act makes a large amount of funding available through multiple funding opportunities for energy

The Grant Review Committee has approved several requests for proposals to be written and submitted to the Business Committee for approval soon, including the Formula Grants to States and Indian Tribes for Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid FY2022; USDA Southern Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Professional Development Program; Solar for All; and Indian Community Development Block Grant.

Other proposals on the horizon that will be presented to the Grants Review Committee for approval are the Recompete Pilot Program, Native American Museum Services Program, and Native American Agriculture Fund.

All grant proposal ideas are submitted to the Grant Review Committee before the proposal is written. Then, the completed proposal is approved by the Business Committee and Chief before submission.

*Brian Peery
Director*



HOUSING AUTHORITY

Renee Mitchell
Director



The goal of the Eastern Shawnee Tribal Housing Authority is to provide affordable housing opportunities for qualified families, in a safe and healthy environment.

Low to moderate income and minority families face significant barriers to sustainable homeownership. We are committed to insuring that each of our families are equipped with the knowledge, tools, and training to achieve homeownership.

The Housing Authority is pleased to announce that we have now implemented a homebuyer

education and counseling course that includes in person training! The course is designed to assist our homebuyers in routine maintenance responsibilities, sanitation and safety, third party repairs, and will be a part of the process for each person upon signing the contract for their new home. We are offering the training to existing residents who are interested as well.

Our residents are excited about fiber optic internet that is currently being installed.

Applications for the new homes are coming in at a rapid pace, and we are looking forward to getting those people moved soon.

We have been working with HUD regarding new grants that are available and looking into the latest training resources.



Everyone deserves the opportunity of owning a home.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

Excellent leadership and personal development training opportunities for our staff and directors were provided with more to come.

What a busy year it has been. With a great deal of growth in just about every area including Tribal Administration.

Just as the Human Resource (HR) department was split into two departments (HR and Benefits) so has the Tribal Administration office. It is a pleasure to welcome our two new Tribal Administrators, James Sullivan and Kristi Laughlin. Both have devoted their time and expertise serving ESTO and bring with them a level of excellence and a fresh perspective. Along with this, we've welcomed new directors and staff to our family as we grow.

HR is a department of one and it's been a busy year. At the time of this report, our

with 45 ESTO citizens and 27 Native American. With new employment opportunities and new hires waiting to come on-board, our employee census is growing rapidly and will continue to do so.

Employing and fostering the career growth of tribal citizens is a primary focus, and you can see we are headed in a great direction. Job descriptions are being revised and reformatted, and our employee handbook revision is in process. With our departments growing rapidly, the recruitment and retention of positive and talented people is so important for the future growth and stability of the Tribe.

Thank You for allowing me the opportunity to be a small part of this amazing environment. I can't wait to see what the future holds!

*Kendra Stuart
Director*



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- Served 197 individuals in FY 23
- Can Help ESTOO Tribal Members regardless of where they live.
- Provide daily advocacy and assistance
- Monthly support groups and outreach events
- Operate Haven Tiny Homes for non-lethality clients

Kellie Jo Allemann- Director
Cathleen Osborne Gowy- Grant Administrator
Tracie DeLano-Outreach Coordinator/Advocate
Caren Hall- Legal/VOC Advocate
Ashley Beard-Emergency Housing/VOC Advocate



**Domestic violence doesn't discriminate.
 It happens regardless of:**

SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS ABILITY ETHNICITY RACE
 COMMUNITY GENDER SEXUAL ORIENTATION



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) DEPARTMENT

*Ben Dixon
Director*



This has been a year of projects for the IT Department. We have been working hard to enhance our security posture, develop a fiber broadband program, and work with our third party developers to create a new tribal citizen management system that will replace our current, aging system. We hope to see these projects completed in the upcoming months and are excited to see the positive impact they will bring.

Even with the growth of our department, we have recognized the need for additional security support. We are working with several vendors to find the right solution to assist us with enhancing our system security posture. We hope to partner with our new Manage, Detect, Respond (MDR) provider soon. With the ever growing risk of data loss, we are doing everything we can to protect our systems and sensitive data. Our fiber broadband initiatives are not new, but this year has brought the most changes. With our new grant, we are in the process of installing a new fiber loop that will give our tribal properties a redundant fiber connection, as well as

provide high speed data to approximately 355 homes within tribal reservation areas. As a rural tribe, this is a service that was previously believed to be unobtainable and too costly to afford. The first section of our project is nearing completion and will bring fiber connections to our Housing Authority and Elder housing.

Another project we have been working on is replacing our existing RiteTrack system with a more efficient application. Our new member management system will tie several departments into a single platform and allow for better communication between programs. We will also be launching a member portal that will allow citizens to view claims, updated information, and access program forms and information. This is an extremely exciting change that will hopefully improve access and visibility.

Our primary goal is to protect tribal systems and data while providing the best possible service to our tribe and tribal organization. If there is anything we can do to improve our service, please feel free to reach out to us by emailing itdept@estoo.net or commenting on the Tribal website.

NATIVE CONNECTIONS

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) is Native Connections.

This grant helps provide awareness of mental health, suicide and drug and alcohol abuse. We are working with three school districts in the area (Seneca, Fairland, and Wyandotte) to provide mental health awareness and suicide prevention. We have worked with tribal kids through the Johnson O'Malley (JOM) program with the Fairland schools. To help support their social and emotional needs, we worked with the 4th & 5th grade students at Fairland schools, by planting sage, corn, tomatoes, strawberries, and other fruits and vegetables in the greenhouse. We now have the greenhouse at the Native Connections building to use as practical hands-on therapy, to support those that we work with.

We teamed up with Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC) and Culture Preservation to provide equine therapy for the summer youth program and culture camp. We had 47 kids that participated in the equine therapy at Culture camp. This treatment promotes physical and emotion

ADD, ADHD, autism, depression, anxiety, and those who are developmentally delayed. We have worked with the ECLC kids planting strawberries, so they can learn the process of planting and seeing things grow from seeds. The grant also provided QPR training to the employees at the tribe. Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR). Training to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis. It provides an individual with the tools they need to help prevent a suicide and saves lives.

Our counselor for the SAMHSA grant is Brandon McCombs, he is from the Tulsa Oklahoma area. Brandon is on-site for counseling 2 days a week here, and one day a week in the Tulsa area. Brandon works with clients and sees on average 85 clients a month. Managing different needs and different ages ranging from 2-92. Brandon also goes into the school districts and works with students in Fairland, Seneca, Grove, Joplin, and Wyandotte.

- Year-to-date totals are 859 Clients.
- Clients Under age 24 total 191 =22%.
- Clients ages 25-50 total 508 = 59%.

List of needs the counselor has assisted with:

- Trauma
- Runaways
- Domestic Violence
- Reunification Counseling
- Supervise Visits
- Domestic Violence
- Child Abuse
- Drug and Alcohol
- Suicide
- COVID-19
- Working with Attorneys and Families ICW cases
- Managing Family struggles,
- Relationships and Marriage Counseling
- Continuing to work with Child Welfare Ottawa County
- Continuing to work with Wyandotte ICW
- Continuing to work with Shawnee Tribe ICW
- Abuse (physical, emotional and verbal)
- Seeing clients in Seneca, Miami, Grove, Wyandotte, Vinita, Peoria, Tulsa and Joplin.

Joy McCoy
Interim Director



INDIAN CHILD WELFARE

Tammy Gibson
Director



These milestones mark our dedication to serving tribal families and strengthening our community.

The year 2023, has been a significant and eventful one for the Indian Child Welfare (ICW) department. Two major accomplishments stand out— the Supreme Court’s affirmation of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and the approval of the Tribal Home Visitation Grant. This report will highlight key developments, accomplishments, and ongoing initiatives within the ICW department.

Supreme Court’s Upholding of the Indian Child Welfare Act:

One of the most pivotal achievements of this year was the Supreme Court’s decision to uphold the Indian Child Welfare Act. This landmark decision reaffirms the importance of preserving tribal families and culture, validating our ongoing efforts to protect the best interests of tribal children.

Tribal Home Visitation Grant:

The ICW department received a substantial grant of over \$400,000 to establish the Tribal Home Visitation Program. This program is aimed at providing developmental education, support, tribal culture, and wellness services to new parents and at-risk families with children from birth to age 5. In its inaugural year, the program will focus on conducting a needs assessment for our community and training new staff, with the goal of hiring two Parent Educators. This grant will empower us to better serve young tribal families and create a lasting positive impact.

Case Counts and Advocacy:

In 2022/2023, the ICW department engaged in various aspects of case management and advocacy for tribal children and families. The following statistics showcase our commitment to ensuring the

well-being of our community:

- **Prevention Cases:** Assisted 33 children through open DHS cases, working with families to address issues without removing children from their homes.
- **Guardianship Cases:** Placed children in ICWA-compliant Kinship homes, often with grandparents stepping up to care for grandchildren.
- **Tribal Foster Home/Tribal Custody Cases:** Managed two cases.
- **State Foster Home with ICWA Compliance:** Supported nine children in homes moving toward adoption or reunification.
- **Advocacy:** Played an active role in case management, DHS team meetings, court appearances, home visits, and transportation for ICW tribal children. Provided families with essential items in line with grant guidelines.

Program Funding and Collaborations:

The ICW department administers the Title IV-B program and oversees the management of Title IV-B Federal Grant programs from the Children's Division. Additionally, we operate with BIA Self Governance funding and ESTOO General Funding. Collaboration with key stakeholders including the Tribal Administrator, Tribal Court

Presiding Officer, and ESTOO Accounting Department ensures legal guidance, case planning, and sound financial management.

Cultural Engagement and Community Support:

Our commitment to preserving and celebrating tribal culture remains unwavering. We have enhanced cultural kits for out-of-state ICW families, fostering a connection to their tribe. In collaboration with other departments, we contributed to and participated in events such as Culture Camp, Children's Pow Wow, and various seasonal celebrations. Our Native Tribal Food Bank delivery program has provided valuable support to tribal families during home visits, exemplifying our dedication to holistic well-being.

Outreach and Future Goals:

Throughout 2022/2023, the ICW department actively participated in a range of community events, including the Green Onion Dinner, Back-to-School Pow Wow, Children's Christmas Party, Angel Tree Event, parenting classes, and more.

Our focus remains unchanged:

to provide the highest quality of care by supporting tribal children and their families. Our ongoing efforts aim to expand prevention services, providing resources and support to families before crises emerge. As we move into a new year, we eagerly anticipate continuing our work with tribal families and contributing positively to our community.



Cultural kits for out-of-state ICW families.

LIBRARY/PRINT SHOP DEPARTMENT

The George J. Captain Library will continue to work toward the preservation and collection of historically significant information.

This fiscal year has been busy and eventful! The Printshop printed for: People's Bank Seneca, People's Bank of Neosho, People's Bank Loma Linda, People's Bank 20th Street, St. James Club, Cedar Lane, Wyandotte Nation, Enchanted Florist, Ortegis Restaurant, KNEO Radio, Wyandotte Lions Club, HAVEN, Heavy Metal Training Institute, Shawnee Skies, ISKY, Outpost, Joplin Area Beekeepers Association, Seneca Cayuga Nation, and various ESTO tribal departments. We also printed items such as graduation announcements, birth announcements, memorial cards for funerals, baby shower invitations, wedding invitations, RSVP detail cards, party announcements, architectural plans, etc., all of which require different types of media. Some project may also require different types of sizes of cuts,



Exhibit replica of the Captain's Store that was in the Eastside Community

folders, comb, spiral, and/or wire binding, padding, perfect binding, etc. We created and printed approximately 21,000 Shooting Star Newsletters—catalogued and sorted photographs, newspaper clippings, etc.

The Library /Print Shop staff attended ATALM Conference in Temecula, California on October 23-28, 2022. Several tribal citizens visited with Lola about genealogy on our Oklahoma History grant. Brad Smith donated a trunk and other documents to the library.

The Library donated ribbon skirt STEM kits to tribal citizens so girls involved in a dance class at Shawn King’s building can make their own skirts. We had to repaint parts of the library, rebuilt exhibits, and put the library back together due to a flood on July 21, 2023. Patrons were assisted with personal matters on computers, and assisted Lola with research on our genealogy project (Internet, ancestry, newspaper archives, etc.)

Materials checked out 549, Renewals 139, New cards 10, Reference in-house 297, Overdrive checkouts 65, Historical information 163, Referrals and other information 132, Books accessioned 154, Books covered 45, Videos accessioned 66, Number of adults 734, Number of children/juvenile 184, Browsers 185, Internet 294.

Grants:

IMLS Basic (1 year): The Library was awarded \$10,000 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Basic Grant that provides funds to purchase software, books, media, shelving, travel/training, and supplies.

Oklahoma Historical Society Grant (1year): *“Exploring Intergenerational Family Connections.”* The George J. Captain Library is working with tribal genealogist Lola Purvis to conduct genealogical research to identify tribal family relations. This information, along with the inclusion of photographs and documents, will be included in history booklets at the end of the grant.

IMLS Native American/ Native Hawaiian (2 year): *“Communication for Healing*



nine miles east of Miami.

Lola Purvis works on genealogy at the tribal library.

BOOKS & MOVIES

NEW TITLES

GEORGE J. CAPTAIN LIBRARY

During COVID-19” project. During this project, the library digitalized collections and archival resources, preserved elder stories and interviews, and developed a living timeline of Eastern Shawnee history. We wanted to engage the tribal community in the development of this project.

Exhibits: We built a replica of the Captain Store that, at one time was a hub for the tribal community. A group photo was taken during the ESTO 2022 Pow Wow is now on exhibit. We want to thank Richard and Ryan from the Maintenance Department. The projects and exhibits could not have been completed without all their hard work.

Oklahoma Historical Society Grant: “Exploring Calamus Pond Cemetery.” Two miles west of the south complex is Calamus Pond Cemetery. This cemetery has been referred to as Calamus Pond, the old Shawnee Cemetery, Dushane Cemetery and/or the old Jackson Cemetery. Started around 1832, it is said to contain over 100 graves; many remain unmarked. Deaths continued after the mixed band of Seneca/Shawnee arrived in Indian Territory on December 13, 1832. It is here that is believed to be the burial location of those ancestors. In this old cemetery, we can find several familiar family names. D.C. Dushane, 1821-1910; Ke-Ne-Fe-Ase Jackson, 1897; Stonewall Jackson, 1848-1920; David

Daugherty, 1888-1911; William Prophet, 1901; and others that lay hidden by the high grass. During the grant period, we researched tribal records, newspapers, old census records, etc., to find any information to help identify those unknowns who are buried there.

2023 Seven additional graves were identified:

- Deshane, John George age 22 years, August 16, 1890 – January 1, 1810
- Dushane, Elmer (Tiny) age 18 years, abt. 1920 – May 1938
- Dushane, Charlotte age 21 years, March 17, 1915 – September 1936
- Dushane, Rosetta L. age 16 years, August 4, 1927 – April 1943
- Dushane, Christine age 22 years, abt. 1924 – January 1946
- Mohawk, John “Joe” (Na-ta-we-che-mo) age 91 years, abt. 1838 – July 31, 1929
- Prophet, William (Na-na-pah-wa-ska-ka) age 67 years, abt. 1854 – July 22, 1921

EXACT PLACEMENT IS UNKNOWN

Lora Nuckolls
Director





Photo taken during 2022 Eastern Shawnee Pow Wow of Tribal Citizens that is now on exhibit at the library.



Maintenance Ryan Terry and Richard Qualls working on the exhibit.



Showing the new black ceiling and lighting over exhibits.



Flooding of the library occurred on July 21, 2023. The building has been cleaned, exhibits put back together, and a new drainage system installed at the front of the building for prevention.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

There has been a lot of change in the Maintenance Department over the last year.

Mathew Price
Director



Having the same Director for over a decade left the door opened for change. Some big and some small. And some yet to be done. Since filling the Directors position, I have taken over the duties of the administrative assistant, including entering all requisitions, payroll, gathering bids, calling vendors, mailing checks, and work orders from Spiceworks. This keeps me in the office more than the previous Director; something that was an adjustment to the guys. However, I like working with my hands far too much, so I try to be in the field as much as possible. Since coming I have filled four positions in the department. These individuals are:

- **JAMES MAXSON**, bringing his vast knowledge of electrical work, has proved to be a cutting measure. Since he has come on, we have not

had to hire an electrician to install all the new lighting in the BlueJacket building, run power to hoop houses or drop power for IT. He has saved the Tribe thousands of dollars in his short time here. He is an enormous benefit to our department indeed.

- **CHARLES YUST**, brings his years of knowledge as a woodshop teacher. With his incredible skill as a carpenter, attention to detail, and willingness to teach others, he has been a great addition to our team. His first project was installing new kitchen cabinets at the BlueJacket building, with the vendor price at \$17,000. A few trips to Lowe’s to get pre-made cabinets and install them ourselves brought the price down significantly to \$7,500. This is just one of many examples of our department

saving costs. Great job! **MATHEW SELF**, bringing his knowledge of construction, a strong work ethic, and a desire to do a good job in everything he does. From pouring concrete, to installing doors, to putting trim up, to being dependable. Mathew has proven himself time and time again. As a director, he is everything you wish for in an employee.

DANIEL CONRAD, brings his experience of leading the landscaping crew

that took care of all the landscaping, mowing, and pool maintenance at Indigo Sky Casino to the Tribe. He has single-handedly handled all the landscaping at our HWY 10 campus. Mowing, weed eating, planting flowers, designing and building new flower beds, and blowing off the sidewalks (something never done before), I am blown away by his dedication to keeping the campus looking great.

These guys have been a great addition to an already great bunch of guys! We are building a great team here in maintenance. Now, on to the first task when I came: cleaning and organizing the maintenance buildings. WOW, what a job. A task that is still ongoing; however, a tremendous amount of headway has been made, filling roll-off after roll-off with trash, broken parts, and, dare I say, junk. And then came the flood on Christmas Eve at the Learning Center and shortly after the BlueJacket building. We pulled together and did what we do best: find the problem and fix it, help people who need help, and make things happen. And so, we did. Getting the Travel Center usable so the Learning Center could not turn away families needing daycare. Maintenance now has a winter checklist to better prepare for events like this. After that, we moved to the BlueJacket building. We installed the kitchen cabinets, installed all new LED lighting, painted the bathroom stalls, installed new toilets, installed all the window trim, and much more. The building is looking amazing!

In maintenance we try to do as much as we can in-house to cut cost. One example of this is moving the washer and dryer in the McKibben house out of the basement and upstairs. This included running new waterlines,



\$1,000. Great improvement!

This has been the year of water leaks, and boy and boy have we had more than our share of them. Our next leak was at the Pow Wow grounds. Unfortunately, this leak went undetected due to the pipe being so deep in the ground. It resulted in a water bill that would give most people a heart attack; I know this because it about gave me one. We dug up the lines that were over 5 feet deep in the ground and ran new 2" pex lines. Since then, we had five leaks on this main line. After having one under the driveway entrance to our BlueJacket campus, I made the decision to remove the driveway entrance and run all new lines under the parking lot entrance, sidewalk to the Greenfeather Building, and the library. This will ensure that no leaks under the concrete will happen for many years. We are about to start the next phase of this project by replacing the rest of the waterline all the way to the Pow Wow grounds.

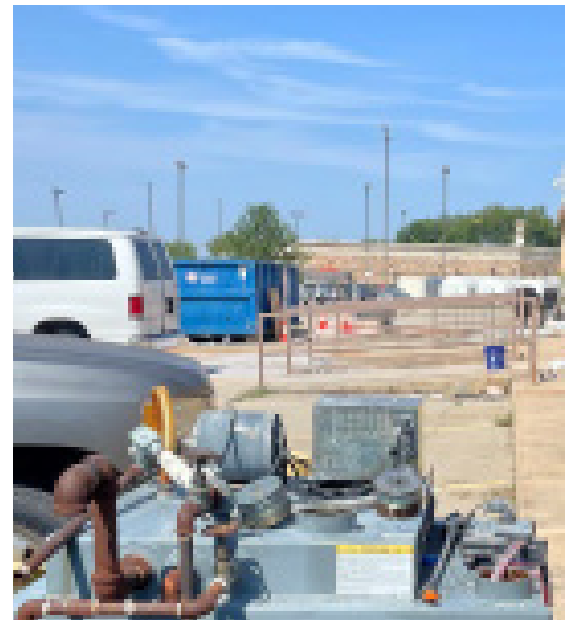
Another example of maintenance keeping costs down is the concrete for the BlueJacket parking lot. I had gotten three estimates for the concrete to be re-poured going into the BlueJacket campus. The cheapest one was at \$9,000. The second one was \$10,500. The third and final bid was for \$12,200. The maintenance department ended up pouring it ourselves to save on cost. We did it for the cost of the



James Maxson making welding repairs on a

concrete, coming in at \$2,000. At the lowest bid that translated to a \$7,000 saving, and at the highest bid, into a \$10,200 saving. The new addition of the Splash pad to our Hwy 10 campus has increased the workload of our department, with daily checks and equipment malfunctions keeping us checking this multiple times a day. (Even on the weekends).

There has been a lot of equipment let go over the years. These are things that I decided to get repaired and get back in service, one of them being the forklift. Since getting this running, it is something we use daily. Next is our bucket truck. This will not only be a benefit to Tribal maintenance but also Indigo Sky Casino maintenance. Instead of loading the lift on our trailer and hauling it to Outpost casino, they now can borrow this bucket truck



Charles Yust explaining how to repair the general Youth workers

and simply drive it for repairs on parking lot pole lighting, saving everyone time. The John Deere tractor unfortunately broke down in the middle of brush-hogging season. This is something we rely on. So, repair it is. \$21,000, Ouch. I know spending that much for repairs is a bad day indeed;



trailer.



erator at the Travel Center to one of our Summer
s, Cyrus Brock.

however, we offset those “bad days” by doing projects in-house as much as we can to keep costs down. The transmission is out on the road grader. We are looking into options for this.

There have been a lot of improvements and changes to



“Pokey” digging out a waterline to make repairs at the Woodlands.

the maintenance department in the last nine months that I’ve been here, and there will be more over the next nine months. It’s a balance, juggling specialty projects, routine maintenance, mowing, preventative maintenance, and emergencies from assembling a greenhouse at Native Connections. To build a hoop house and haul dirt, expand the garden at Growing Thyme, and repair the main waterlines at the Woodlands. Hence, they were not without water there on Christmas Eve when the Learning Center flooded, adding a 2” water line to Growing Thyme to increase the water pressure. Building a replica store front display at the library, changing filters on all the air units, installing water/power to the cabins at Native Connected, repairing damaged fire hydrants at the Housing

Authority, maintaining the trails, brush hogging, and mowing, repairing sheet rock, painting offices, setting up for events or even changing someone’s tire that is flat.

At the end of the day, I could list 50 pages of examples of the projects, problems, preventative maintenance, and emergencies that we have done and solved over the last year. . Instead, I would simply like to say what we do our best help those in need, no matter what size of the tasks may be, big or small.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

We are proud to serve Eastern Shawnee Tribal Citizens, Tribal employees, guests, area families, schools, other agencies, and communities. The police department has worked steadily toward improving relationships with law enforcement and area youth through programs implemented in the area schools.

The police department has a strong belief that every positive interaction we can create with our community, especially our youth, makes the future that much brighter for us all. Part of insuring more positive interaction between law enforcement and our community is giving law enforcement the knowledge and training they need to support the people they serve. The following list is a few of the areas we have focused on over the past year.

- **Law Enforcement Training:** Eastern Shawnee has eighteen certified Law Enforcement Officers. Twelve of these officers are certified to teach law enforcement at the state and/or federal levels. This allows the department to do a lot of in-house training as well as offer that training to other

local agencies who may not have those same resources available.

- **Driver’s Education Program:** Another successful year with the driver’s education program. This program is aimed at providing Eastern Shawnee Tribal Teens, Victims of Domestic Violence, as well as other area youth assistance in receiving their Driver’s License. To date this program has assisted approximately 485 Tribal and area families. Tribal member Chad Ross, who teaches at Fairland schools, has served as the driving instructor for this program over the last few years and has been invaluable to its success.

*Roudy Rogers
Chief of Police*



The demand for this service has continually grown over time. Our goal is to offer additional classes in 2024 and reach double the number of families as in 2023.



Tribal Citizen, Harley Lankford, preparing to drive during her Driver's Education class.



Tribal Citizen, Chad Ross (right) course instructor, with his 2023 Driver's Education class.



Eastern Shawnee Magpie K9 Unit and Officer Ray Harvey (right) visited Turkey Ford School and students.

- School K9 Program:** Eastern Shawnee Officers continue to serve area schools. Officer Ray Harvey and K9 Maggie serve area schools K thru 12 by detecting illegal drugs on campus. The team also visits grade schools on a regular basis to interact with younger kids. K9 Maggie is a great ambassador for the department to help reach kids and build a trusting relationship with police officers.

- NEW OFFICERS:** Eastern Shawnee has added three new officers to their police department over the last year, Officer Thomas McGregor, Officer Sean McDonald, and Officer Brian Buchanan. These experienced officers are true assets to the tribe and the police department. We are proud to have them as part of our team.

Eastern Shawnee Police Department will first and foremost protect and serve the people and communities they serve with the emphasis on helping those in need. We will always strive to improve the quality of service we provide and bless the community we serve.

SHAWNEE SKIES

TRAINING CENTER & SHOOTING COMPLEX

Shawnee Skies Training Center & Shooting Complex offers coaching, firearms training, and law enforcement training in a state of the art 36 seat training room for classes.

Tim Botts
Range Manager



Shawnee Skies Training Center and Shooting Complex, located at 11245 S. 705 Road near rural Wyandotte, Oklahoma continues to operate from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

Shawnee Skies Training Center & Shooting Complex offers coaching, firearms training, and law enforcement training in a state of the art 36 seat training room for classes. They currently host training and provided the training facilities for area youth programs such as FFA, 4H, high

school teams, and scouts.

Shooters can experience Sporting Clays with comfortable stands, a great view while shooting Skeet and Trap with benches and shade for those warm days, pistol/22 bench rest range, archery, as well as the biggest challenge, the Elevated Snooker Shooting game, which consists of big targets that rotate very often. Water-Gun Training for kids was huge hit this year at community events.

The facility is located on 400+ acres and includes 3.5 miles of rocked nature trails, so even if shooting is not necessarily your



hobby, take off walking to enjoy the abundant deer, turkey, bison, red tail hawks and occasional wild pig on a leisurely stroll. However, if mobility is an issue for you, there are golf carts available. You can then visit the Pro Shop to get a snack and nice cold drink, view beautiful artwork by Doug Hall, and even find some merchandise and/or shooting supplies to purchase.

Over the past year, many improvements have been made to Shawnee Skies. These improvements were made to accommodate future growth and

infrastructure to host large scale shooting competitions, such as the 2024 Oklahoma Sporting Clays Championship, which will be held on June 20th-23rd of 2024 at Shawnee Skies. With the infrastructure in place, we are making bids for the National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA) Regional Championship, Sporting Clays US Open and hopefully a World FITASC Competition in the next 1-3 years.

In May of this year, Indigo Sky Casino sponsored the first annual Indigo Sky Open with the Shawnee Skies Training Center &

Shooting Complex serving as the host on May 19th-21st, 2023. The event was held in conjunction with the National Sporting Clay Association (NSCA). Registered competitors were welcomed to the Indigo Sky Casino and Resort, where they received discounted rates and Free Play to be used there and the Outpost Casino. Many participants expressed how much they enjoyed the property and that the facility and staff were great. This was something both the casino and shooting complex had been wanting to hold for some time and will continue to make it bigger and better in the future based on this year's success. _ _



Shawnee Skies booth during the Route 66 Festival in Miami, Oklahoma.

Over one hundred shooters from all over the United States competed during the three-day event, shot 27,000 targets with winners taking home a total of \$10,555 in prize money. Not only did this bring in revenue to the tribe's casinos and community, but also helped bring attention to everything Shawnee Skies has to offer.

The goal for next year is to have at least 300 participants in the event and even more prize money given out. Shawnee Skies also hosts other fund-raising events throughout the year such as Clays for Cause benefiting program development and scholarship assistance at Bill & Virginia Leffen Center for Autism-sponsored by Ozark Center, the Kevin Wilson Memorial benefiting Missions in Africa, Fellowship of Christian

Athletes (FCA) of Southwest Missouri "Sporting Clay Event" and more.

YTD financials for Shawnee Skies are showing growth for FY23. This data is reported from the October-July for FY23 as \$309,402.93. These numbers are up 50% from FY22, which was reported as \$202,937.23. This financial growth is due greatly to the partnership with Indigo Sky Casino and Resort.

Soon, we are going to be introducing the ideal of placing an indoor/open air community building on Shawnee Skies Property. This facility is a requirement by the NSCA to be able to host large scale shooting events. The facility would need to be able to host 300-400 shooters. We would also be opening this

space up for rental to the public for family reunions, corporate events, birthday parties and anniversaries. This space would also be available to tribal citizens for any need they would see fit. Nowhere in the 4-State region has this type of venue and amenities been offered for families to enjoy on a long weekend.

I am attaching some pictures from this year's programs and competitions. Please take some time and come visit to see what is happening at Shawnee Skies. Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to hearing from you with any ideas or suggestions.

BENEFITS

Benefits Department strive to meet employee expectations by providing an excellent benefit package.

Sharon Farris
Director



We meet weekly with new employees at the casino to provide them with education on our benefits and to get their paperwork completed. We also started pre enrolling the tribal administration side to offer benefits on their start date.

This process is very important because it prevents members from missing their enrollment deadlines and to provide them with all their educational material. We have pre-enrolled 147 casino employees and 30 administration employees since January 1st 2023. We currently have 540 employees on our health care plan.

We renewed our GL/Property/Auto/General Liability/Crime, etc carrier with Brown & Brown, new year started July 1.

In 2023 we had 3 employees injured. We've had 10 property claims reported; auto, equipment,

damage, fall, floods, etc. The hail damage for all the tribal buildings have been completed. The flood damage at the Learning Center and Bluejacket Building claim has been completed. Recent flood damage to Library should be reaching the end.

Hired an assistance for the Benefits department, Cheyenne Woodcock. Take some of the pressure off. No traveling/training for 2023 for myself but did send Cheyenne to SHRM (Society of Human Resources Management). I feel honored to help our employees with all their benefit needs. I take my job very seriously and I believe that to stay abreast of the ever-changing markets, training is a must. I am thankful the tribe allows me to offer such an excellent health benefit package to our employees.

SPECIALIZED SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Many of you may not know what the Specialized Services Department entails. We have six different programs that fall within the Department.

On top of those six, our department has inherited five ARPA programs as of December 2021 that also fall under Specialized Services, totalling eleven different programs. They are as follows:

DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE: This is assistance for first-time homebuyers. The maximum allowed has been \$3,000 and goes towards closing costs. This past fiscal year, the maximum allowed amount rose to \$10,000 and has been a tremendous asset.

LIHEAP: Is a federally funded grant for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. This program is income-based and can be used towards heating and cooling assistance. This program is limited to tribal members within the state of Oklahoma, plus those within a 50-mile radius of tribal headquarters.

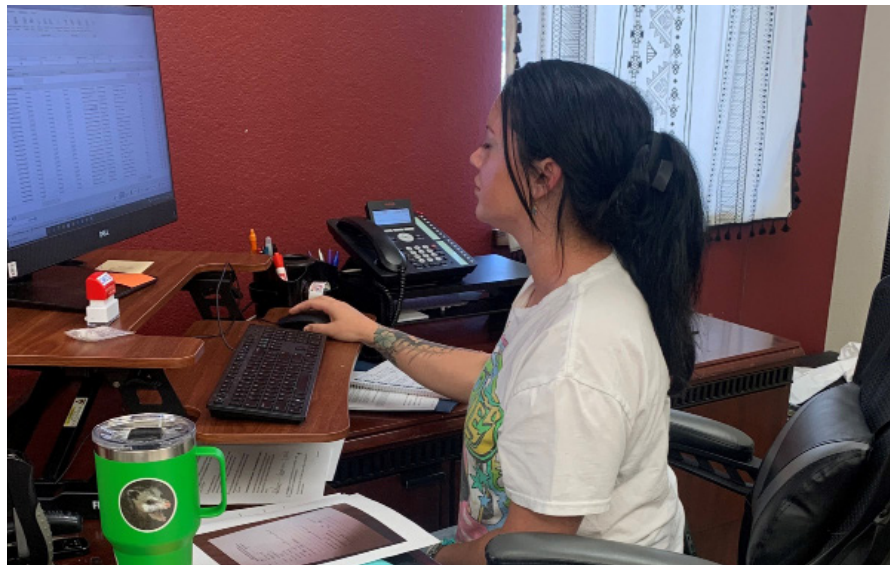
HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:

This program is used to help tribal citizens with home improvements. Cosmetic improvements are not allowed. The maximum allowance is \$10,000 per household and is available to tribal citizens once every ten years. There is an allowance of 30 HIP applicants per fiscal year beginning each October.

TSSD- Temporary Social Security Disability:

The purpose of this program is to provide temporary assistance to Tribal households suffering extreme financial hardship during which time their Social Security Disability Application is “Pending” with the Social Security Administration.

Hardship Program: The purpose of this program is to provide temporary assistance to Tribal households suffering extreme financial hardship due to serious illness, Natural Disaster, or loss of employment, etc.



Mercedes Lewis works on applications.

LIHWAP:

LIHWAP is a federally funded grant and stands for Low Income Household Water Assistance Program. This program is income based and is used towards payment of water and wastewater bills. This grant aligns along side the LIHEAP program and is available to be utilized under the same LIHEAP/ LIHWAP application.

THE FIVE ARPA PROGRAMS ARE LISTED AS FOLLOWS:

ARPA EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

The purpose of the 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 unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ARPA INTERNET PROGRAM:

The purpose of the Program is to provide direct financial assistance to tribal households who need assistance with internet services due to COVID-19.

ARPA SUPPLEMENTAL PAY PROGRAM:

The purpose of the Program is to provide direct financial assistance to tribal citizens who have a reduction or loss of wages due to COVID-19.

ARPA UTILITY AND MEDICAL PROGRAM-

The purpose of the Program is to provide direct financial assistance to tribal citizens who need assistance with utilities and medical expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ARPA EMERGENCY HOMEOWNERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

The purpose of the Program is to provide direct financial assistance, including mortgage, utilities and home energy costs, utilities and energy costs, and other expenses related to housing. The Program will make available a limited amount of assistance to households unable to pay their mortgage and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Further stipulations and guidelines for each of these programs can be found within each application. Applications can be found on the tribal website or by calling our office. These programs are subject to available funding.

The following represents the requisition numbers for the Specialized Services Department so far, this 2022-2023 fiscal year beginning October 1st, 2022.

1. 26 Down Payment Assistance requisitions processed with a total of \$263,018 utilized.
2. 91 Home Improvement requisitions processed with a total of \$320,016.53 utilized.
3. 18 LIHEAP requisitions processed with a total of \$3,600 utilized

4. 47 TSSD requisitions processed with a total of \$26,094 utilized.
5. 97 Hardship requisitions processed with a total of \$66,835.32 utilized.
6. 18 LIHWAP requisitions processed with a total of \$4,047.07 utilized.
7. Additionally, there were 24 Emergency applications processed under the Hardship Assistance for Natural Disasters with a total of \$24,000 utilized.
8. 5 ARPA Supplemental Pay requisitions processed with a total of \$7,100 utilized.
9. 21 ARPA Emergency Homeowner Assistance requisitions processed with a total of \$46,157.97 utilized
10. 235 ARPA Utility and Medical program requisitions processed with a total of \$118,808.33 utilized.
11. 55 ARPA Emergency Rental Assistance requisitions processed with a total of \$99,813.21 utilized.
12. 46 ARPA Internet Assistance requisitions processed with a total of \$7939.58 utilized.

As always, we continue to look forward to serving our tribal citizens in the best way possible. Please feel free to contact our office at any time. (918) 238-1663, fax 888-972-1834 or by email Amber (amittag@estoo.net)

WELLNESS CENTER REPORT

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Ron Wallace
Director



The Eastern Shawnee Wellness Center is a modern, safe, clean workout facility that offers many community events and activities (Easter Egg Hunt, Trunk or Treat, Shawna Stovall Back-to-School Pow Wow.) The Oklahoma Blood Institute held three blood drives, CPR classes were offered, and we offered Flu shots through the Bearskin Clinic.

The Wellness Center helps maintain a 6-mile Trail located just southeast of the Wellness Center. The Wellness Center helped host 2 Horse events and the Tecumseh Warrior Challenge on the Trail.

The Aquatic Center stays busy with swim lessons and parties. Swim lessons were offered with several different classes,

including Mommy and Me, survival swimming, beginner, and advanced beginner classes. Birthday parties may be scheduled on the weekends. The therapy pool and the jacuzzi remain very busy. We offer an evening exercise class twice a week.

New this year was a 3-day volleyball clinic. NEO volleyball coach Sarah Wall conducted the 3-day clinic for girls and boys. We also held a High School boys and girls Basketball Tournament.

Cleanliness and safety have always been important to the staff. We have taken additional measures to maintain and ensure a safe environment for our patrons. Pools are tested twice each day to maintain the proper chemical levels. A pool



Tecumseh Challenge 2022

company comes in once a week to clean and test the waters. All exercise equipment is cleaned and inspected daily. A certified technician inspects all equipment quarterly.

The Wellness Center continues to support other departments by:

- Hosting the Early Childhood Learning Center Graduation.
- Hosting Bounce House Friday for the Learning Center.
- Serving as a meeting site for different groups.
- Provide P.E. and swimming for the Learning Center.
- Assist at the Food Distribution Center.
- Assist with the Children's Pow Wow.



H.A.V.E.N. Update

By Cathleen Osborne-Gowey (Program Admin – Crime Victim Advocate)
(918) 554-2836 or COsbornegowey@estoo.net

Upcoming Events:

Support Group: Please call our office for details.

Program Update:

Hello all –

We hope this email finds you all well. Fall is in full swing, and the holidays will be here before we know it. With the holidays comes family gatherings and with family gatherings can come situations that make us aware that abuse is happening in our loved one's lives. October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month, this year's catch phrase for the event was titled #Every1KnowsSome1, meaning we all know someone who has been a victim of domestic violence. Which is true right? Try to think it through – can you honestly say you don't know anyone who is or has been a victim of domestic violence? Now, have you ever wondered or said out loud – “why do they stay if its abusive”? That's our focus of this month's article – why do victims stay.



#Every1KnowsSome1 and Why do victims stay?

Advocates often get asked, especially from loved ones of victims, why do they stay in abuse? It's an honest question, but it has a complicated answer. Let's explore it together.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence) NCADV

“a victims reasons for staying with their abusers are extremely complex”, the article below from NCADV (<https://ncadv.org/why-do-victims-stay> helps us understand the complexities of why victims stay.

When it is a viable option, it is best for victims to do what they can to escape their abusers. However, this is not the case in all situations. Abusers repeatedly go to extremes to prevent the victim from leaving. In fact, leaving an abuser is the most dangerous time for a victim of domestic violence. One study found in interviews with men who have killed their wives that either threats of separation by their partner or actual separations were most often the precipitating events that lead to the murder. A victim's reasons for staying with their abusers are extremely complex and, in most cases, are based on the reality that their abuser will follow through with the threats they have used to keep them trapped: the abuser will hurt or kill them, they will hurt or kill the kids, they will win custody of the children, they will harm or kill pets or others, they will ruin their victim financially -- the list goes on. The victim in violent relationships knows their abuser best and fully knows the extent to which they will go to make sure they have and can maintain control over the victim. The victim literally may not be able to safely escape or protect those they love.

A recent study of intimate partner homicides found 20% of homicide victims were not the domestic violence victims themselves, but family members, friends, neighbors, persons who intervened, law enforcement responders, or bystanders.

Additional barriers to escaping a violence relationship include by are not limited to:

- The fear that the abuser's actions will become more violent and may become lethal if the victim

attempts to leave.

- Unsupportive friends and family
- Knowledge of the difficulties of single parenting and reduced financial circumstances
- The victim feeling that the relationship is a mix of good times, love and hope along with the manipulation, intimidation and fear.
- The victim's lack of knowledge of or access to safety and support
- Fear of losing custody of any children if they leave or divorce their abuser or fear the abuser will hurt, or even kill, their children
- Lack of means to support themselves and/or their children financially or lack of access to cash, bank accounts, or assets
- Lack of having somewhere to go (e.g. no friends or family to help, no money for hotel, shelter programs are full or limited by length of stay)
- Fear that homelessness may be their only option if they leave
- Religious or cultural beliefs and practices may not support divorce or may dictate outdated gender roles and keep the victim trapped in the relationship
- Belief that two parent households are better for children, despite abuse
- A victim's fear of being charged with desertion, losing custody of children, or joint assets.
- Reinforcement by a pastor or priest about "saving" a couple's relationship at all costs, rather than the goal of stopping the violence.

Remember, #Every1KnowsSome1.

If you have questions, please contact HAVEN and talk with one of our advocates about how we can help and what services Haven can provide.

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

HAVEN Does NOT provide 24- hour service. After hours please call: StrongHearts Native Helpline <https://strongheartshelpline> 1-844-762-8483 (call or text) or Community Crisis Center, Miami, OK 1-800-400-0883 StrongHearts and Community Crisis Center have 24 hour service 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/>
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Fresh eggs for sale \$2 dozen.

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TRIBAL HAPPENINGS

EVENT	DATE(S)	LOCATION	CONTACT INFO
ECLC Parent/Teacher Conferences	November 6-10	ESTO Learning Center	Tonya Hart (918) 238-7200
Veterans' Luncheon	November 8	AOA	Whitney Morgan (918) 238-5600 ext. 1205
Tribal Offices Closed for Veterans Day Early Childhood Learning Center will be open	November 10	All Tribal Offices	
Food Distribution Day (Date change due to Thanksgiving)	November 16	Growing Thyme	Shelly Rogers (918) 238-5151
Run-Off Election Day For BC Secretary position	November 18		James Sullivan (918) 238-5151 ext.
Blood Drive	November 22 10:30 am-1 pm	ESTO Wellness Center	Ron Wallace (918) 238-4800
Tribal Offices Closed for Thanksgiving	November 23-24	All Tribal Offices	
ESTOO Children's Christmas Party	December 2	Annex Building	Shelly Rogers (918) 238-5151

Home Security Tips

Submitted by Annette Clark, Director of Communications

Summer has now transitioned into fall (or winter depending on where you live) and with it comes the end to Daylight Saving Time. On November 5, 2023, at 2:00 a.m., we all will move our clocks back an hour, unless you live in Arizona or Hawaii. Winter brings us a natural time of healing, replenishment, and deep listening, and with that we strengthen ourselves mentally and physically to prepare for the new beginnings in spring. However, we also get to deal with the negatives, such as poor weather conditions, less time outdoors, and for some it means more time alone. The time change tends to result in an increase of crimes committed since burglars typically prefer darkness to avoid the chances of being seen. The number of deliveries from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day grows astronomically with many getting delivered when no one is there to receive them, and during the holidays people often take the opportunity to travel leaving homes empty. Burglaries are often crimes of opportunity; these changes increase those opportunities. To lessen the opportunity of your household being broken into, here are some tips recommended by Deep Sentinel in their March 22, 2018 article "How to Prevent a Home Robbery":

10 Tips to Prevent a Home Robbery

1. **Lock Doors and Windows:** Most robbers will check out a home before breaking in, walking up to first floor windows and doors to see how they're built. Make sure they're closed and locked when you're away. This prevents many burglaries because they want something easy.
2. **Make the Door More Secure:** Reinforce your doors with a deadbolt and strike plate or go for an electronic door lock. This last option guarantees your door bolts behind you whether you're inside or out and prevents losing your key from possibly turning



- into a burglary. Definitely reinforce your first floor windows with window locks to stop burglars from easily popping them open.
3. **Add security cameras and lighting fixtures to your doors:** This will show would-be burglars that you are not an easy target. They much prefer staying under cover, and these appliances purposefully do the opposite for them. As mentioned before, if a burglar sees home security products and systems in use, he's 300% less likely to break-in.
4. **Add alarms to your windows and doors:** If burglars see the alarm they'll likely back off. If they don't see it, burglars are also likely to turn around when loud sounds go off before they've even entered. Alarms that detail what door or window has been opened are even better at scaring them off.
5. **Look Out for Door Knockers:** People might come to your door and ask random questions, or maybe telemarketers will try to market you something. Many times this is a guise for thieves trying to check your house.
6. **Lighting Matters:** Remember, if they want to break in at night, burglars will be on the lookout for dark spots to avoid being seen.

If your house is well lit, it automatically ceases to be a good target.

7. **Do not leave things out on the yard:** If you have a brand-new grill, or other fancy equipment, and you leave it on the yard, it may signal the burglars that there are fancier things inside your house.
8. **Put up curtains:** Because you do not want people to be able to see what you have inside your house. This way burglars can see your expensive possessions and make your house a target.
9. **Make Arrangements for your mail:** When you are away, make sure that your mail is not left unattended. Piled up mail instantly tells the burglars that no one is home, make sure you either stop the mail or tell your neighbors to pick it up.
10. **Get a Dog:** If you are really worried, and it seems like your house is a target, keep an indoor dog. Not only will they provide good protection, but they will also fill your house with fun!

Many agencies believe that investing in a home security system is optimal if you have the financial means. They can not only detect burglars, but also detects a number of other threats, including smoke, fire, carbon monoxide poisoning, and water damage.



Change of Address Notification

Instructions

- Please use this form to notify the Health & Social Service/Vital Statistics office of any change in your address or telephone number. You may write on the back of this form if needed.
- For your own protection, change requests must be in writing and signed by the tribal member.
- No changes can be accepted by phone, fax or email.

Name

Last First Middle

List full name, ages & roll # of all children in household: _____

Contact Information: _____
E-Mail Address

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

We have several members who do not have accurate contact information in our records. If you have moved, changed your phone # or email address or want to add one, please go to our website and complete this form and mail to Vital Statistics/Health and Social Services Department.

I am requesting a change of address for both my mailing and residential addresses

Sign Here: _____

Date: _____

RETURN THIS FORM BY MAIL TO:

Vital Statistics/Health & Social Services Department
10100 S. Bluejacket Rd., Ste. 1
Wyandotte OK 74370

Bearskin Healthcare Service Guide

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

Vital Stats & Social Services

By Jana Johnson, Director

Service Budgets October 2023

Service	Year	Year Served
Auditory	\$6,026.31	16
Burial	\$147,404.44	21
Disabled Elder Care Emergency	\$1,248,646.98	391
Elder Crisis Committee	\$82,093.47	41
Extracurricular	\$34,645.31	174
Healthcare	\$1,632,276.31	1865
Orthodontics	\$31,510.00	43
School Expenses	\$333,908.09	669
Special Medical Equipment	\$11,843.65	70
Utility Assistance Emergency	\$1,353,262.02	1023
Totals	\$4,881,616.58	

Vital Statistics Activity October 2023

Status Changes	30
Deaths	3
Enrollees	3
ID Cards	14
Photo ID	39
Total Enrollees for current fiscal year	32
Total Deaths for current fiscal year	15
Total Membership	3798

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

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

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

VITAL STATISTICS Direct to Vendor Claim Form

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

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DATE: Wednesday, September 13th, 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 5:52 p.m. by 2nd Chief Samples, with the following answering roll call: 1st Council Kissee, 2nd Council Daugherty, 3rd Council Kraus. Treasurer Barrett and Secretary Littlefield were absent. Chief Wallace was present. A quorum was declared by 2nd Chief Samples.

NEW ENROLLEES

Name of birth	Year
Noah Michael Deltoro	2022
Orbin Bane Purevich	2023
Olivia Ann Gribskov	2023
Rhylie Shae Sue Childers	2023
Paisleigh Grace Wiese	2023

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

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

MINUTES

MOTION: To Approve the Minutes of the August 23rd, 2023, Business Committee Meeting. The motion made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

Motion carried: 3 approved (Kissee, Daugherty, Kraus), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 2 absent (Littlefield, Barrett). (Secretary Littlefield arrived at 6:00 p.m.).

REPORTS

CHIEF’S REPORT

THANK YOU – 1) From the family of Denny Mercer for the plant.

2) From Sarah Wall for donation for NEO Volleyball camp.

DONATION REQUESTS – 1) Quapaw Booster Club sponsors for Hay Day.

MOTION: To Donate \$500.00 (\$250.00 Chief’s Budget/\$250.00 BC Budget), Stay and Play from Indigo Sky Casino and Shooting Range package. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

Motion carried: 3 approved (Kissee, Daugherty, Kraus), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 2 absent (Littlefield, Barrett)
 2) Effort of Hope – Miami, Ok. (Elderly Gift Bags at Christmas)

MOTION: To Donate \$500.00 (\$250.00 Chief’s Budget/\$250.00 BC Budget). The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Kissee, Daugherty, Kraus, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Barrett).
 3) Lead Agency, Miami, Okla. Requesting \$1500.00 to assist with production costs to present a musical

MOTION: To Donate \$1500.00 to the Lead Agency, Miami, Okla. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

4) SERVPRO – First Responders Golf Tournament (fundraiser to help first responder families).

MOTION: To Donate \$750.00 cash, A Stay and Play Package from Indigo Sky Casino and a package from Shawnee Skies Shooting Range. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

5) Donation request from Harley Lankford representing the Seneca High School Student Council who are working to raise money for their community events (two of which are the Veteran’s Day Assembly and the Senior Citizens Banquet).

MOTION: To Donate \$100.00 for the Gold Sponsorship. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

DIRETOR REPORTS – Provided to BC members prior to meeting.

GENERAL COUNCIL UPDATES – 116 Tribal members attended the General Council Meeting in the Mahogany Room at Indigo Sky Casino passing the 2024 Financial Budget. A motion to have the financial budget available for tribal members one week before the General Council was also passed.

POWWOW UPDATE – Starts tomorrow evening with Shawnee Night indoors at Indigo Sky ballroom with a dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Stomp Dance/Social Dance.

TOBACCO COMPACT LETTER – Vetoed by Gov. Stitt. Tribes have met to agree on a response. Tribes had originally agreed on a 50/50 split but some tribes have objected to that wanting more for themselves and did not want this included in the letter. The letter has been redrafted and it has been requested that this be confidential with no talking with newspapers, etc. and that the two groups come together to make a consensus so as not to make the statements inflammatory.

ELBERT PROPERTY IN TRUST – 121 Acres across the highway from Indigo Sky Casino. We have received notification that this land is ready to go into Trust. This will need to be advertised for 30 days in the newspaper.

UPCOMING INCREASE MEAL COST AT AOA – We now have a salad bar and are also seeing an increase in our to go box numbers. Food costs have increased requiring us to need to increase the cost of meals from \$5.00 to \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children beginning January 1st, 2024.

OTTAWA COUNTY TRIBES MEET WITH OKLAHOMA ATTORNEY GENERAL – Chief Wallace went to Tulsa last Friday afternoon and spent the afternoon with the Oklahoma Attorney General Drummond. He is planning to run to be the Governor of Oklahoma in

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the next election. He is supportive of the tribes in Ottawa County waiting to have their land determined as an established reservation.

WORLD HERITAGE UPDATE – Chief Wallace will be in Saudi Arabia Sept. 16th – 23rd for World Heritage Event where we expect to be given the designation as a World Heritage Site. This is for our ancestors who built these mounds in Ohio, some up to 2000 years ago.

TRANSPORTATION PLAN MEETING – We have been trying to complete 110 Road connecting it from State line road going west to 695 Road to have further access with increased exposure and departure from the Housing Authority. Since our last plan was done in 2014, we have someone working on this and these plans should be completed by next week so we will be reapplying for the Grant that we did not receive due to not having an up-to-date plan.

SPLASH PAD SUMER CLOSURE DATEE – The splash pad will remain open through the Pow Wow and the History Summit on Monday and then we will be closing the splash pad for the year.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY – September 21, 2020, for Tribal Administration employees.

PEOPLE'S BANK UPDATE – Their presentation can be viewed in the General Council Booklet and in the General Council video. Due to all of the negative news concerning banks they wanted to stress that their past due rate is .59 which is extremely low and that People's Bank is doing very well.

OHIO GOVERNOR – Chief Wallace has been in contact with the Governor of Ohio's office and his trip here is being planned for Oct. 22nd, 23rd, or 24th.

OHIO CONFERENCE – The celebration for World Heritage will take place in Ohio on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Just prior to that is the Ohio Tribal Nations Conference which lasts about 4 days. One day is devoted to taking you on

some trips and anyone that would like to go is invited.

477 NEWS – This is a new plan and is a supplement to self-governance with many advantages to this program. One advantage being there is no cut-off date on how long you have to spend the money in your program. Kristi Laughlin has been placed in charge of this program. She will be attending a National Conference in November to learn more about the 477 Plan.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 091323-R-01 Approving the Attached AIA A133 Contract between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, C.R. Crawford Construction for the Construction Management of the Eastern Shawnee Tribal Government Building

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the attached AIAA133 contract between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and C.R. Crawford Construction for the construction of the Eastern Shawnee Tribal Government Building.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 091323-R-01. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

Resolution Approving AIA A201Contract with BRP Architects tabled.

MOTION: To Add Resolution Number 091323-R-02 to the agenda. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 091323-R-02 Resolution to approve the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Casino Emergency Response Plan

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee

of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the attached Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Casino Emergency Response Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma authorizes the Casino Manager to update the Emergency Call Matrix and Emergency Contact List information as necessary due to status changes within the positions without further approval by Business Committee.

MOTION: To approve Resolution Number 091323-R-2. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

REQUISITIONS

Requisition EN-99669 payable to Brown and Brown of Oklahoma in the amount of \$37,934.00 for Workman's Comp Installments 1 & 2.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-99669. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

Requisition EN-100102 payable to Seneca Telephone Co DBA Rally Networks in the amount of \$134,422.09 for Fiber Optics Woodland Housing.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-100102. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Requisition EN-100155 payable to Pelivan Transit/Grand Gateway E.D.A. in the amount of \$38,174.41 for June expenses.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-100155. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Kissee,

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Daugherty, Kraus, Littlefield), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Barrett).

Requisition EN-100172 payable to Halcomb Construction LLC in the amount of \$121,550.00 for Cemetery Road project hauling and placing soil and rock.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-100172. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

Requisition EN-100175 payable to Connect Construction Services in the amount of \$177,299.07 for payment application #5, Travel Center Renovation.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-100175. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

Requisition EN-100196 payable to Brown and Brown of Oklahoma in the amount of \$29,093.00 for WC Installment #3 – Adm and WC Installment #3 – Cas.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-100196. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

Requisition EN-100261 payable to Cowin Construction LLC in the amount of \$313,034.40 for roof repair from hail damage. Draw #3, Job #5439.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-100261. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

Requisition EN-100338 payable to Elrod Construction in the amount of \$28,607.50 for Safe Haven Remodel of

Community Building.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-100338. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

Purchase Requisition 00062805 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$145,200.00 for January 2024 Continuity.

MOTION: To Approve Purchase Requisition 00062805. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Purchase Requisition 00062828 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$118,800.00 for April 2024 Continuity.

MOTION: To Approve Purchase Requisition 00062828. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

Purchase Requisition 00063013 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$268,760.00 for Proposal for Jackpot Unity for ISC.

MOTION: To Approve Purchase Requisition 00062828. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Purchase Requisition 00063014 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$63,540.00 for proposal for Jackpot unity for Outpost.

MOTION: To Approve Purchase Requisition 00063014. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

DONATION REQUEST: A request from Austin Valdez, tribal member and a member of the Adams State University Basketball team in Colorado for \$525.00.

MOTION: To donate \$525.00 to Austin Valdez for Basketball expenses. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

MOTION: To donate requested vehicles from our donate/liquidate fleet to area school and law enforcement agencies. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

MOTION: Authorizing the Director of Vital Statistics to sign paperwork.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS: Bud Enyart provided an update on the cemetery markers that he would like to see placed on unmarked tribal members graves. He is still gathering information on the number needed and the cost.

MOTION: To go into Closed Session at 7:14 P.M. made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

MOTION: To return to Open Session at 10:50 p.m. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 091323-R-03 Approving the Attached AIA A201

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Contract between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and BRP Architects for the Design of the Eastern Shawnee Tribal Government Building.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the attached AIA A201 contract between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and BRP Architects for the design of the Eastern Shawnee Tribal Government Building.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 091323-R-03. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

MOTION: To donate \$1,000.00 to the Miami 6th Grade football team. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

MOTION: To make a donation to tribal member to assist with tribal member's needs.

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

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

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

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

ADJOURN

DATE: Wednesday, September 27th, 2023

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Mohogany Room – Indigo Sky Casino

INVOCATION: Chief Wallace

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL,

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The Business Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Treasurer Barrett with the following answering roll call: 1st Council Kissee, 2nd Council Daugherty, 3rd Council Kraus. Chief Wallace was present. 2nd Chief Samples and Secretary Littlefield were absent. A quorum was declared by Treasurer Barrett.

NEW ENROLLEES:

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

Applicant:	Birth Year:
1. Laynie Lynn Maybrey	2022
2. Finley Kaye Sullivan	2023
3. Neveyah Samira Alexis Purevich Hodgson	2023
4. Claire Emma Smith	2023

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

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

MINUTES:

MOTION: To Approve the September 13th, 2023, Business Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

REPORTS:

CASINO REPORT – Melanie Heskett, General Manager Indigo Sky Casino. Reporting for the month of August 2023.

Month over previous month:

Indigo Sky Casino:	Revenue up 14%
	Expenses up 5%
Outpost Casino:	Revenue down 2%
	Expenses coming in as budgeted

Comparison – Actual to Budget/Year to Date

Indigo Sky:	Revenue up 12%
	Expenses down 1 %
Outpost Casino:	Revenue down 9%
	Expenses down 7%

180 Rooms were dedicated to the Pow Wow, tribal members and visitors. Shawnee Night and Head Man Breakfast were successful.

GAMING COMMISSION REPORT – Jalene Wells, Gaming Commissioner

Employees – Current 2023
39 Total Employees: 8 Tribal Members, 1 Tribal Spouse, 6 Native, 23.08% ESTOO Tribe, 38.47% Native American

Licensing for August 2023

Renewals - 11

New Hires – 22

Temp Help – 35

Denials – 0, Suspensions – 0, Revocations – 0

Conditional Employee Licenses Monitored – 6

Non-Gaming Companies – 19

Non-Gaming Vendor Employees – 36

Gaming Companies – 7

Gaming Vendor Fees Collected - \$41,500

Non-Gaming Vendor Fees Collected - \$4,825

Employee Licensing Fees Collected - \$8,950

TOTAL FEES COLLECTED - \$55,275 (YTD \$289,192)

EGM August 2023

Machine, Software/Theme Conversions – 30

Software Upgrades – 10

Software Replacements – 17

Gaming Machine Relocations – 7

Server Installs/Upgrades – 6

Single Pieces of Software tested – 319

Seal Activities – 131

Machine Fees Billed - \$1,825 (YTD \$106,075)

Machine Fees Collected - \$1,825 (YTD \$106,075)

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Jackpot – 16

Players Club – 47

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- Exchanges – 3
- Table Inventory – 87
- Table Fill – 37
- Table Credit – 1
- Title 31 Inquiries – 3

“class-bet test.” It was adopted by the Second Circuit in Mashantucket Pequot Tribe v Connecticut and the Tenth Circuit in Northern

Surveillance for August 2023 -	Indigo Sky	Outpost
Phone Calls	2480	189
Radio Calls	1132	92
Observations	13901	30
Policy Violations Noted	78	9
JDLR’s Noted	27	10
Kudo’s	4	0
Incident Reports Written Total	50	1
Medical Reports Written	43	1
CD Requests from Tribal PD	12	2

Total Department Reviews with Directors - 6

TREASURER REPORT – Justin Barrett, Treasure
Indian Gaming Association

Indian Health Service Advance Appropriations

- In the FY’23 Omnibus Appropriations Act Indian County was able to secure advance appropriations for Indian health care services and programs. While funding is secure to prevent impacts from delayed funding or a government shutdown in FY’24, tribes nationwide are working to retain at least one-year advance appropriations in the next spending package.

Proposed Rule to Amend 25 C.F.R. Part 293 – IGRA Class III Compact Regulations

- Proposed Part 293.27 would clarify that “If the State allows any form of class III gaming, then the State is regulating all forms of class III gaming. A State’s refusal to negotiate in a compact over all forms of class III gaming, not prohibited by the State, is considered evidence of a violation of IGRA” This position is referred to as the

Arapahoe Tribe v Wyoming. Proposed Part 293.29 would make clear that compacts may include provisions allocating State and Tribal jurisdiction over remote wagering originating outside Indian lands where state law or the compact deems gaming to take place on the Tribe’s Indian lands where the server accepting the wager is located.

Indian Gaming and Mobile Sports Betting

- No bill has been introduced in the 118th Congress. There are efforts to reintroduce a version of the “Removing Federal Barriers to Offering Mobile Wagers on Indian Lands Act”. The bill sought to clarify that tribal governments could operate online sports wagering under IGRA, where the server that accepts and processed the bet is located on Indian lands.

Tax-Related Gaming Legislation

- The SLOT act (H.R. 3125) would modernize the Tax Code. The tax reporting threshold for slot jackpots would be moved to \$5,000 and provide a mechanism for future increases based on inflation. This has not been adjusted from the \$1,200 amount set in 1977.

Native American Finance Officers Association
State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund 2023 Interim Final Rule

- On September 20, 2023, the interim final rule was published in the federal register.
- Key items for recipients to note:
The new eligible uses allow recipients to use SLFRF funds for emergency Relief from natural disasters, community development and surface Transportation projects.
- Treasury Tribal Consultation Policy

The revised policy is in the Business Committee packets. Treasury hosted a Tribal Consultation on August 30, 2023. Written comments can be submitted until September 29,

2023.

- General Welfare Exclusion Act
Treasury will be releasing draft guidance on the General Welfare Exclusion Act soon.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 092723-R-01 Resolution to authorize a Herd Management Agreement between Eastern Shawnee Tribe and Tammy and Wiconi James

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the attached Herd Management Agreement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe and Tammy and Wiconi James.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 092723-R-01. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

Resolution to approve the Eastern

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Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Fraud Policy – Tabled

Resolution to approve the FY2024 Tribal Member Benefits Manual - Tabled
RESOLUTION NUMBER 092723-R-02 Resolution Approving the attached Memorandum of Agreement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and Wyandotte Nation for services provided at Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve the attached Fiscal Year 2024 Memorandum of Agreement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and Wyandotte Nation for services provided at Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 092723-R-02. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 092723-R-03 A Resolution Establishing the Casino Transfers for Fiscal Year 2024

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the Fiscal Year 2024 casino transfers to the following entities:

- Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
\$16,705,274.00 for the fiscal year of which \$2,000,000.00 was Transferred in advance prior to the fiscal year leaving a balance of \$14,705,274.00 to be paid in monthly installments of \$1,225,439.50.
- Woodlands Management, LLC
\$180,000 for the fiscal year to be paid in monthly installments of \$15,000.
- Eastern Shawnee Companies, LLC

180,000 for the fiscal year to be paid in monthly installments of \$15,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall supersede all previous resolutions regarding casino transfers.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 072623-R-03. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 092723-R-04 A Resolution Authorizing Sweep Accounts for Indigo Sky Casino, LLC and Bordertown Outpost Casino, LLC at People's Bank of Seneca.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize Chief Financial Officer Jay Ross to adjust the accounts for Indigo Sky Casino, LLC and Bordertown Outpost Casino, LLC at People's Bank of Seneca to Sweep Accounts at his discretion with notification to the General Manager.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby gives the authorized signers of said accounts the authority to execute necessary user agreements to establish sweep accounts.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 092723-R-04. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 092723-R-05 Resolution Authorizing Submission of an application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for an Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) FY2023 for expansion of the Eastern Shawnee Wellness Center, a public facility improvement project, by the Au-

thorized Representative (AOR)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize the submission of an application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for an Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) FY2023 for expansion of the Eastern Shawnee Wellness Center, a public facility improvement project by the Authorized Representative (AOR)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby commit the following to the Wellness Center expansion project:

1. \$722,000 tribal funds as leveraged resource

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 092723-R-05. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

Motion failed: 2 approved (Kissee, Kraus), 2 opposed (Daugherty, Barrett), 0 abstained, 1 absent (Littlefield).

REQUISITIONS:

Requisition EN-100450 payable to Brown and Brown of Oklahoma in the amount of \$29,093.00 for Workmen's Compensation Installment #4.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-100450. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

Requisition Number EN-100453 payable to Brown and Brown of Oklahoma for General Liability and Business Auto, Crime in the amount of \$98,629.00.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-100453. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Requisition Number EN-100574 payable to Pelivan Transit/Grand Gateway

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E.D.A. for July expenses in the amount of \$25,003.29.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-100574. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

Requisition Number EN-100576 payable to Miracle Recreation for rubber installation – Splashpad in the amount of \$102,832.11.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-100576. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

Requisition Number EN-100816 payable to Midwest Pathogend Services for Bio Decontamination Services in the amount of \$29,007.45.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-100816. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

Requisition Number EN-101096 payable to Connect Construction Services for WMC Building – construction pay application #6 in the amount of \$48,664.10.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-101096. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST NUMBER 00063220 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$67,500.00 for Blue Delta Jean November VIP Event.

MOTION: To Approve Purchase Order Number 00062376. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 4 approved (Kissee,

Daugherty, Kraus, Barrett), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Littlefield).

PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST NUMBER 00063227 Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$47,500.00 for \$25.00 Walmart Gift Cards for Tribal program.

MOTION: To Approve Purchase Order Number 00063227. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST NUMBER 00063243 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$50,923.20 for Power Kiosk Promo Annual SFT Maintenance.

MOTION: To Approve Purchase Order Number 00063243. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST NUMBER 00063246 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$148,720.00 for March Continuity 2024.

MOTION: To Approve Purchase Order Number 00063246. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST NUMBER 00063047 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$38,000.00 for pavement sealer for RV sites, all road entrances.

MOTION: To Approve Purchase Order Number 00063047. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST NUMBER 00063053 from Indigo Sky Casino in

the amount of \$29,028.54 for fire suppression.

MOTION: To Approve Purchase Order Number 00063053. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST NUMBER 00063056 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$51,540.00 for replacing flywheel with lithium battery.

MOTION: To Approve Purchase Order Number 00063056. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

NEW BUSINESS – Tribal member Joseph Blackburn reported on the money donated to the Ottawa County Water District - \$30,000 was spent for a variable frequency device. He also expressed thanks to the tribe for acting as a back-up water service to the district during a recent breakdown in their system.

OLD BUSINESS – None presented.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: To go into closed session at 6:38 p.m. made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

OPEN SESSION

MOTION: To return to Open Session at 9:48 p.m. made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

MOTION: To adjourn at 9:48 p.m. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

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way! For further information contact Dian Randall at drandall@estoo.net or call at 866 978 1352 ext 1122.

The second event honors all our veterans with lunch at our AOA on November 8, 2023 at 11:30. We want to honor all veterans, not just Eastern Shawnee individuals. Please invite your neighbors or friends who are veterans to attend so we can honor them as they so richly deserve.

Another important date is Wednesday, October 25 when we will be accepting then opening bids for the construction of 110 Road. Let's hope we get some good bids so we can proceed with this long overdue but needed project.

Once again I want to remind all that we have our Children's Christmas party scheduled for the first Saturday in December at the Annex. We will have food, activities, entertainment and Christmas gift cards for tribal and employee children ages 18 and under. The following week we will begin addressing envelopes for those children living outside the area. It is imperative that we have correct, up to date addresses. If you have moved within this last year and have a new address, please contact Social Services and send your new address to them. Also include the name and age of each child 18 and under. Employees, please bring your children to the party or pick up your cards in person as we will not be mailing them. All of us want to get those cards to the children and elders before Christmas to make their holidays just a bit brighter! Please help us out here.

This past week we spent two days with a consulting team discussing an Energy Plan for the Tribe. Talk about challenging! Climate change affects energy, grid size, availability of grid, area population numbers affect energy, types of energy to consider, be it wind, solar, geothermal, electric, and the details are unending. If we have any energy experts out there, please let us know. We might be

able to set up a zoom call and take advantage of your knowledge, experience and expertise to fashion the best Energy Vision Plan we can for the overall tribe.

Condolences to the Ross family on the death of Randy Ross whose obituary appears in this Shooting Star issue. Unfortunately I was away and did not learn of his passing until later. Let's all remember this family in our thoughts and prayers.

This last month has been a whirlwind of activity for me. Since 2007, I have been involved with Ohio History Connection trying to get 8 mounds in our Ohio homelands inscribed into World Heritage and to remove a golf course off the top of one of those mounds. For those of you who might not be familiar with World Heritage, these are places in the world deemed to be the greatest cultural, scientific, educational, historical entities. These are places like the Great Wall of China, the pyramids of Egypt, Stonehenge of England, the Acropolis in Greece, the Colosseum in Rome, Notre Dame in Paris, Mt. Uluru in Australia, Mt. Picchu in Peru and the list goes on. There are approximately 1600 sites in the world, but only 24 in the United States. We now have 25 as the 8 mounds in our Ohio homelands were inscribed on September 19, 2023 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia as World Heritage sites. I was honored to be one of the twelve individuals who made this trip and witnessed this accomplishment, but even more honored to speak and accept this inscription on behalf of the United States. We were told we had the strongest, the best nomination that had been presented in years. It was accepted, approved, without questions in less than three minutes. At long last our ancestors have been recognized not as savages but as geniuses, in fact uncommon geniuses for their construction and usage of these mounds requiring unmeasurable knowledge/mastery/integration of astronomy, mathematics, engineering, aesthetic vision, lunar paths, architecture, spirituality, art. Built 2000 years ago, these mounds with this in-

scription will be preserved, acclaimed worldwide, and will open the doors to reexamining Native American history.

Arriving home about 2 a.m. on Saturday, September 23, I was able to attend the funeral of one of my dearest friends, Chief Ethel Cook of the Ottawa Tribe at 2 p.m. that afternoon. Chief Cook was a beloved Chief, Native American advocate, wife, mother, grandmother, community member, and friend. She and I along with Rhonda Hayworth made the drive to Ohio annually to attend the Tribal Nations Conference where tremendous advances have been made regarding Native Americans in the last ten years. Always laughing, always telling it like it is, always driving fast, always working hard, the beloved Chief Ethel Cook will be missed.

Speaking of those advancements in Ohio regarding Native Americans, Ohio has now created its 76th State Park, named it the Great Council, and is in the process of building a three story Interpretive Center honoring the three federally recognized Shawnee Tribes. Located near Xenia or Oldtown, this area has long been proclaimed to be the birthplace of Tecumseh. Ohio Governor DeWine and his wife were born in this area, grew up hearing about the Shawnees along with Daniel Boone and are leading the momentum for this construction. Original land purchase for the park has gone from 1.2 acres to 16 acres with hopes of adding more. Talon Silverhorn of our tribe will be the Interpretive Director of this magnificent undertaking which has hopes of opening this coming Spring. I am in hopes of sponsoring a bus to take our tribal members to this opening which will require us to be gone a minimum of 3 or 4 days. We could also see some of the mounds that have just been inscribed into World Heritage. If you are interested in participating in this trip, please let me know. Again, this is not definite, but I think it is doable and desirable.

To continue my busy travel month and celebrate our mounds victory, on Thursday, October 5, I left for Ohio to

speak on behalf of World Heritage at five different speaking engagements. The first was in Columbus at a conference entitled “History is a Necessity” then moving on to Fort Ancient, one of the eight mounds in the inscription, then driving to West Virginia and speaking at the University located at Morgantown, back to Columbus to attend the Tribal Nations Conference and speak there then on to Chillicothe to the Hopewell Mounds National Park where Ohio Governor DeWine, Park Superintendent Chris Alford and Charles F. (Chuck) Sams, the first Native American to be Director of the National Parks Service were present and also spoke. Arriving home Sunday, October the 15th, I felt my bed was heaven.

Rounding out my month long endeavors, Friday, October 20, I saw the movie KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON. You need to see this movie as it is now showing in most theatres nationwide. Not an easy movie to watch, this film reveals much about the Oklahoma Osage Indians in the 1920’s. Filled with scenes of deceit, hypocrisy, greed, violence, alcoholism, love, betrayals, murder and ultimately justice, the movie discloses untold Native American history that needs to be disclosed. This time period, also known as “the reign of terror” is the story of 20 to 60 suspicious but unsolved

killings of Osage Indians who owned mineral rights and were wealthy due to oil being discovered on their lands. The film is like a war movie: uncomfortable, shocking, long in length—3 hours and 26 minutes, but an excellent movie. It is a truthful story that needs to be told. Many predict Oscar nominations for its stars Leonardo DeCaprio, Robert DeNiro and Lily Gladstone, my Oscar prediction.

I want to give recognition and homage to all our veterans, their spouses, their children, their parents. Thank you for the service and sacrifices you made to keep our country free.

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

HAVEN PROGRAM

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

HAVEN Does NOT provide 24- hour service.

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

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

StrongHearts and Community Crisis Center have 24 hour service

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

Eastern Shawnee Early Childhood Learning Center

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Shawnee Skies

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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?

- Enrollment** must be made in person at Bearskin Healthcare Pharmacy. A form will be available for each patient to register for refills by mail. Patients under the age of 18, must have a parent/guardian signature.
- To request refills**, call the **Automated Refill Line: 918-678-3244. This is the number on your prescription label.** If you get a message that says your prescriptions are on "HOLD" or "there are no refills remaining" the Pharmacy will get these messages and process them accordingly. If you are told by the automated system that it is too early to refill your medications, call back 7 days prior to running out of meds.
- ALWAYS UPDATE** your current address and telephone number with Registration AND the Pharmacy. If packages are returned due to incorrect addresses you will be disenrolled from the Refill by Mail program.
- 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.
- Controlled medications** (Tylenol with Codeine, clonazepam, tramadol, Lyrica, butalbital products, diphenoxylate/atropine, testosterone injection/gel, Provigil, and others) **will not** be eligible for refills by mail.
- CHECK your mail regularly** on the days following your requests to help prevent loss and exposure to the elements. If you have several medications you may receive more than one package. If you repeatedly have medications which come up missing we may disenroll you from the RBM program.
- PLEASE CONSOLIDATE** refill requests as much as possible to help keep postage costs down.

The pharmacy reserves the right to dismiss any patient from the program as necessary. Reasons for dismissal include but are not limited to; returned deliveries, missed or denied receipt of medications, chronic early refill requests, failure to keep scheduled appointments, etc.

**EASTERN SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
TAX COMMISSION**

TAG HOURS:
MONDAY thru FRIDAY 8:30 – 11:30 AM & 12:15 – 3:30 PM
Tag Office 918-666-7710
Mary Alumbaugh ext. 1117 or Lisa Stivers ext. 1115

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

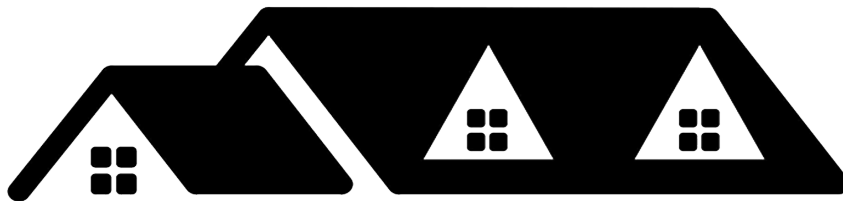
TITLE FEES
New Title... \$15
Replacement Title... \$10
Transfer Title... \$15
Add Lien... \$10

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

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

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

FEES ARE BASED ON PURCHASE PRICE



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:

- 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.
- Demonstrates a risk of experienc-

- ing homelessness (rent) or housing instability (utilities and other expenses); and
- Has a household income at or below 80 percent of your area median (FY 2020).

Assistance Provided:

- Rent
- Rental arrears
- Utilities (electric, gas, water and sewer, fuel oil)
- Utility arrears
- 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

Eastern Shawnee Tribe

Tribal Citizens Birthdays for November 2023

Anderson Melissa 11/21	Dilliner John 11/14	Kesner Zachary 11/16	Quillen Liam 11/18	Spencer Jasmine 11/27
Andrews Nicole 11/26	Dinwiddie Andria 11/24	Kiblinger Stockton 11/16	Quillen Maddox 11/7	Staiger Jaden 11/5
Andrews Owen 11/6	Dixon Debra 11/22	Koslowsky Haleigh 11/5	Quintana Elizabeth 11/28	Stine Michelle 11/24
Ankeny Christy 11/15	Dixon Desarae 11/22	Koslowsky Kevin 11/16	Ray Tamera 11/22	Stivers Lisa 11/19
Auten-Ponder Kiara 11/22	Dixon Fox 11/4	Kuykendall Garth 11/6	Raymen K-Liss 11/23	Strauss Lisa 11/13
Avila Leste 11/22	Dixon Hava 11/13	Kuykendall Hayden 11/17	Reel Keyana 11/23	Sullivan Bryson 11/1
Badger Clayton 11/5	Dotson Ryan 11/30	Lacy Taylor 11/8	Rendel Courtney 11/2	Sullivan Justin 11/10
Bales Kimber 11/15	Duckett James 11/14	Landis Brittany 11/24	Rendel Nathan 11/10	Summers Adam 11/17
Bales Natalie 11/5	Dull Iv Max 11/16	Landis II John 11/2	Repetto John 11/10	Summers Johnny 11/18
Barbarick Mackenzie 11/30	Durman Adron 11/30	Latimore David 11/22	Repetto Landon 11/23	Sumner Karis 11/10
Barcliff Wyatt 11/26	Durman William 11/15	Lazarus Bailey 11/8	Rhatigan Lynnix 11/15	Taylor Ella-Mae 11/18
Barnes Erin 11/20	Edwards Kristin 11/14	Lee Colton 11/8	Rice Samantha 11/21	Taylor Mark 11/5
Barnett Lucille 11/17	Eledge Atlas 11/1	Lenard Wells III Jimmy 11/2	Rickner Donald 11/6	Taylor Sandra 11/9
Barta Garrett 11/17	Eledge Noah 11/29	Leo Isabelle 11/15	Roche Rickey 11/3	Tayrien Todd 11/7
Bauerly Hannah 11/22	Ellis Justine 11/9	Lewis Dora 11/2	Rockwell Alta 11/9	Test2 Test 11/18
Bauerly Jennifer 11/11	Enyart Cadence 11/17	Loerzel Wendy 11/1	Romine Michael 11/13	Timblin Robin 11/13
Beach Delaney 11/2	Enyart Charles 11/24	Loges Kimberly 11/25	Ross Casey 11/3	Titus Brandi 11/19
Bear Danny 11/15	Fasolino Joseph 11/1	Loges Sloane 11/29	Ross Mallizae 11/30	Tobener Amanda 11/7
Belcher Jericho 11/22	Fitzgerald Justin 11/5	Lore Heather 11/7	Ross Olivia 11/7	Torres Ivan 11/26
Bell Carter 11/30	Flatter Marjean 11/19	Love Cassandra 11/5	Ross Remi 11/30	Trayler Rorick 11/14
Bird Greta 11/20	Fleming Wyatt 11/28	Love Kevin 11/18	Ross Jr Captain 11/21	Turner Carla 11/26
Blizzard Brandon 11/21	Fletcher Kaiden 11/24	Love Sharon 11/26	Ross Jr Carl 11/9	Turner Kylie 11/19
Boedicker Jr David 11/2	Flora Cathleen 11/30	Lugo Courtney 11/24	Russow Sheila 11/27	Untersee Zaiden 11/9
Bonfiglio Takotah 11/10	Fox Paula 11/20	Luther Gracelyn 11/3	Salinas Shelly 11/26	Wachman Ryder 11/29
Brewer Chloe 11/17	Francesco Linda 11/14	Maddy Erin 11/9	Samples Kenslei 11/17	Wallace Glenna 11/24
Bristol Maci 11/1	Frederick Samantha 11/18	Martin Braysen 11/19	Scofield Peggy 11/6	Walraven Hayden 11/1
Bristol Roy 11/27	Friedman Jesse 11/3	Martin Brynley 11/19	Seaman Linda 11/26	Ward Ciara 11/7
Bristol Timothy 11/17	Friedman Wyatt 11/3	Martinez Alexandra 11/5	Secondine Howard 11/9	Ward Jacob 11/14
Brock Jasmin 11/9	Gardner Gentry 11/17	Mashburn III Donnie 11/21	Shearhart Justin 11/18	Washington Gary 11/13
Brown Judith 11/30	Garnette Enallia 11/30	McCorkle Brock 11/6	Shearhart Seth 11/1	Welch Matthew 11/8
Brown Michael 11/3	Geyer Mercedes 11/27	McCrackin Hayden 11/9	Sherwood Deagn 11/19	White Jasper 11/1
Budynas Anthony 11/19	Gibson Beckett 11/8	McCrackin Juliet 11/2	Sherwood John 11/8	White Olivia 11/26
Budynas Nora 11/2	Giveswater-Smith Joey 11/8	McElveny Sydney 11/27	Sherwood Lexi 11/2	White Rebecca 11/4
Burch Johnny 11/15	Gonzales Marissa 11/1	McGinty Teresa 11/6	Shettlesworth Seth 11/5	Williams Lori 11/4
Bushnell Charles 11/7	Gonzales Jr. Christopher 11/2	McGraw Autumn 11/15	Shuey Sofia 11/18	Wilmoth Braylon 11/12
Butler Khylee 11/14	Gorton, Jr. Jason 11/25	McInay Brandon 11/22	Silverhorn Maliah 11/23	Winkle Andrew 11/7
Cao Kevin 11/6	Graham Ronald 11/11	McLaughlin Maikel 11/27	Smith Corban 11/19	Wood Jonathon 11/24
Captain Charles 11/2	Green Hayley 11/29	McLaughlin Malikai 11/27	Smith Jennifer 11/11	Wyatt Emalee 11/28
Captain Cole 11/9	Greenfeather James 11/21	McWatters Aidan 11/30	Smothers Wyatt 11/28	Yarbrough Alizah 11/6
Captain Kaycee 11/15	Gribskov Janice 11/5	McWatters Jr George 11/3	Solar Ava 11/21	Yarbrough Maxfield 11/27
Captain Steven 11/18	Griffin Amara 11/12	MEYER Theresa 11/1	Solar Max 11/22	Zinn Greyson 11/26
Carpenter Andrew 11/19	Gschwind David 11/21	Moore Anna 11/3		
Channick Kira 11/7	Hammitt Bently 11/22	Morris Byron 11/16		
Chaulet Jake 11/8	Hammitt Joel 11/10	Naval-Geistlinger Vicki 11/11		
Chaulet Jimmie 11/4	Hancock Tina 11/11	Navarro Anderson 11/5		
Childers Calvin 11/29	Hardy Daniel 11/16	Neel Anita 11/22		
Clark Brittany 11/10	Harvey Ana'Lina 11/2	Nelson Nova 11/8		
Clark Ethan 11/21	Haugen Theresa 11/14	Nichols Levi 11/28		
Clark Kimberly 11/9	Hayward Angela 11/24	Nyberg Zachary 11/19		
Click Sylei 11/3	Hayworth Dana 11/25	Oldham Adriane 11/18		
Cole Shawna 11/12	Henry Heidi 11/29	Oldham Amelia 11/18		
Collins Fallon 11/14	Hetiback Ava 11/17	Olson Elijah 11/22		
Collins Stetson 11/18	Higbee Oliver 11/11	Parker Trenton 11/27		
Commons Sawyer 11/17	Hilderbrand James 11/25	Patrick Michelle 11/14		
Corkrum Chantel 11/30	Holmes Genevieve 11/24	Patterson Shaylee 11/10		
Crain Amanda 11/15	Hotulke Toa 11/11	Peacock Cheryl 11/28		
Crain Melvin 11/17	Howell Darla 11/23	Penn Jaxon 11/16		
Crain Tyler 11/9	Howland Shana 11/24	Perkins Brandi 11/2		
Crawford Jennifer 11/16	Hudelson Kylee 11/6	Perry Amanda 11/1		
Crawford Kennedy 11/8	Hueston Syndia 11/6	Peterson Cole 11/25		
Cremonini Giulien 11/18	Hurt Joseph 11/6	Peterson Joseph 11/9		
CYR Skylene 11/6	Irwin Lillie 11/24	Peterson Robert 11/5		
Daggs Kareigh 11/2	Johnston Kenneth 11/22	Piland Tiana 11/11		
Davis Adalee 11/29	Jones Alexis 11/18	Preston Paul 11/26		
Davis Jeremy 11/7	Jones Colton 11/8	Prince Brian 11/3		
Defer Raymond 11/9	Jones Leighton 11/8	Purevich Edith 11/13		



\$30

Eastern Shawnee Storage Units

- Accessible 24/7
- 10 x 10 units
- Monthly rental

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Complex and Pow-wow Grounds
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Multiple Units to safely
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