

# the SHOOTING STAR

December 2023

News from the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Issue 12

## National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) in New Orleans



Three elected leaders plus other elected officials from the three tribes, again all attending NCAI: Roy Baldrige, second Chief of the Shawnee Tribe, Ben Barnes, Chief of the Shawnee Tribe, Glenna J. Wallace, Chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe, John Johnson, Governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, Joseph Blanchard, AST Treasurer. Justin Barrett, Treasurer of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe attend NCAI but was not present for the photo.



10080 Bluejacket Road  
Wyandotte, OK 74370

### CERTIFICATION OF Run-Off Election

Saturday, November 18, 2023

Total Ballots -----	441
Invalid Ballots -----	28
No Signature -----	6
Mismatch signature -----	22
<b>Total Votes Counted -----</b>	<b>413</b>

### Election for Secretary

Deborah L. Littlefield ----- 192

Kathie Kent ----- 221

**Total Votes Counted ----- 413**

*James Sullivan, Chairperson*

*Mercedes Lewis, Secretary*

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

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# The Chief's Report . . .



Chief Glenna J. Wallace

Hatito Fellow Tribal Citizens,

Merry Christmas to you. I say that because Thanksgiving is over and Christmas will soon be with us, beginning with our Children's Christmas Party Saturday, December 2 followed by mailouts of Christmas gift cards for our children ages 18 and under and elders 62 and over. I do hope you have sent in any address changes that occurred in the last year. Then there will be our Elders Christmas Dinner at the Annex on Saturday, December 16 beginning at noon. This will be a complete Christmas dinner with games, prizes, perhaps entertainment to follow. Of course each elder can bring a spouse or a guest. We do ask that if you know you are going to attend, please call Shelly at (918) 238-5151 and let her know or email at srogers@estoo.net This way we will have some idea of how many to expect for meal preparation and for number of prizes. We certainly don't want you winning a game and then not having a prize to present to you. Don't stay away because you didn't RSVP, but if you can respond it would be appreciated. We

like getting our elders together and seeing them laugh, visit, building a communal tribal fellowship.

One of the hot topics in Oklahoma today is the issue of tribal tags, particularly tribal tags that are issued in a tribe's jurisdictional area but the driver has an address that is outside the jurisdictional area. A member of another Oklahoma tribe was recently ticketed by an Oklahoma Highway Patrol officer for allegedly driving 80 miles an hour in a 40 mile zone, allegedly intoxicated, and allegedly having a young child in the car unrestrained, meaning no seat belt. The driver was ticketed for those alleged violations which if they are true the driver deserves to be ticketed, but then allegedly given an additional ticket for almost \$250 for not paying state taxes, meaning the driver had a tribal tag, not a state tag. In other words, if the tribal tag is issued in the name of an Ottawa County tribe, the state of Oklahoma or Governor Stitt is maintaining the vehicle's owner should live in Ottawa County. This is a matter that will probably have to be settled in court, which means it will be an ongoing issue for awhile as the original tag issue occurred about 1993 in a court ruling involving the Sac and Fox tribe and the State of Oklahoma. Allegedly Governor Stitt maintains it is an issue of officer safety claiming that tribes aren't registering their tags sold with the state so drivers can't be identified which becomes a safety issue for the officer. I can't speak for other tribes, but I can say the Eastern Shawnee Tribe does register our tribal tags with the state. We of course take this entire issue seriously and will be fighting for our tribal citizens. Drivers can't be pulled over for just driving a vehicle having tribal tags, the driver must be breaking some law. I urge all our tribal citizens living in Oklahoma who drive vehicles with tribal tags to obey speed limits, use seat belts or re-

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### Business Committee Members

Chief Glenna J. Wallace (918) 533-8422; 2nd Chief Chris Samples (918) 848-1148; Secretary Debbie Littlefield (918) 314-1373; Treasurer Justin Barrett (918) 533-6299; 1st Council Clint Kissee (918) 676-6201; 2nd Council Shawn Daugherty (918) 533-2853; 3rd Council Norma Kraus (918) 848-0052

### Phone Numbers & Extensions

#### EASTERN SHAWNEE TRIBAL OFFICE

**NEW # (918) 238-5151 -- (866) 674-3786 Toll Free**  
 Chief Glenna J. Wallace 1820  
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 Shelly Rogers, Admin Assistant 1821  
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 Annette Clark, Director of Communications 1810  
 Kendra Stuart, Human Resources 1021  
 Sharon Farris, Benefits 1022  
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 Native Connections 1860  
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 Native Connections Counselor 1822  
 Cultural Dept Director/THPO 1833  
 Jeanette Kruse, Tribal Police Office Mgr 1850  
 Shawn King, Ceremonial Chief (417) 674-0484

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Jalene Wells, Gaming Commissioner

#### MAINTENANCE (417) 776-1117

Matthew Price, Director (918) 919-9369 1849

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 Election Board 1065  
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#### FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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 Tammy Gibson, ICW Director (918) 540-9975 1124  
 Dian Randall, Child Care Department 1122  
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*FAX: (918) 666-7714*  
 Mary Alumbaugh, Tag Agent 1117  
 Lisa Stivers, Tag Agent 1115

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 Elizabeth Chenoweth, CHR (918) 533-1993 1202

#### EDUCATION & SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

##### EDUCATION (918) 238-2424

**SPECIALIZED SERVICES (918) 238-1663**  
 Amber Mittag, Director 1306  
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#### WELLNESS CENTER (918) 238-4800

Ron Wallace, Wellness Center Director 1301

#### HAVEN

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#### IT

Ben Dixon, IT Director 1420

#### FOUR FEATHERS RECYCLING (918) 848-0907

#### TRIBAL POLICE

Emergency Number 911  
 Ottawa County Dispatcher (918) 542-2806  
 Tribal Police Department (918) 238-0100  
 Roudy Rogers, Chief of Police (918) 533-4103

#### HOUSING AUTHORITY (918) 238-5151 ext. 1440

Shawn King (417) 674-0484

#### ELDERS CRISIS & DISABLED COMMITTEE

Office (918) 238-7200

#### OTHER HELPFUL NUMBERS

People's Bank of Seneca (417) 578-9010  
 Indigo Sky Casino (888) 992-SKY1  
 Indigo Sky Hotel (888) 992-7591  
 Outpost Casino (918) 666-6772  
 Bearskin Clinic (918) 678-2282 | (888) 864-0725  
 Dental/Optomety (918) 678-3221  
 Appointments (918) 678-3228  
 Pharmacy (918) 678-3244  
 Shawnee Skies (918) 238-CLAY | (918) 238-2529

# Treasurer Report

*Submitted by Justin Barrett, Treasurer*

## Cash Balances:

The numbers below are the PRELIMINARY Cash Balances as of 09/30/2023 due to the fiscal year not being closed yet:

- General Fund at People's Bank of Seneca \$44,033,885
- This a reduction from the June 30, 2023, Cash Balance due to the investments outlined below that were authorized.

The following investments were authorized by the Business Committee:

- People's Bank Sweep Account \$5,000,000
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  - ◉ Approved by Resolution 061423-R-01.
  - ◉ Invested for three (3) months at 5.28% interest rate.
- Treasury Bonds \$26,500,000
  - ◉ Approved by Resolution 080923-R-01. The account was opened in September.
  - ◉ 5.52% interest rate.
  - ◉ Current balance (total market value plus accruals) of \$26,734,683.37 as of November 07, 2023.
  - ◉ Matures on 03/07/2024.
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**Preliminary** Cash Balance as of September 30, 2023, compared to September 30, 2020:

- Total General Fund accounts are \$76,859,595
  - ◉ Compared to FY20's balance of \$40,361,084
  - ◉ Resulting in an increase of \$36,498,511
- Total Federal Grants \$21,215,362
  - ◉ Compared to FY20's balance of \$4,712,897
  - ◉ Resulting in an increase of \$16,502,465
- Land Account \$2,330,775.
  - ◉ Compared to FY20's balance of \$382,860
  - ◉ Resulting in an increase of \$1,947,916
- Economic Development Account \$2,098,234
  - ◉ Compared to FY20's balance of \$387,860
  - ◉ Resulting in an increase of \$1,710,373
- Grand Total – All Tribal Admin Accounts \$106,864,818
  - ◉ Compared to FY20's balance of \$51,672,910
  - ◉ Resulting in an increase of \$55,191,908

**Preliminary** Committed Funds as of September 30, 2023, compared to September 30, 2020:

- Education Reserves \$1,889,736
  - ◉ Compared to FY20's balance of \$1,174,884
  - ◉ Resulting in an increase of \$724,852
- Social Services & Education Reserves \$20,891,349
  - ◉ Compared to FY20's balance of \$15,379,400
  - ◉ Resulting in an increase of \$5,511,949
- Maintenance Reserve \$4,500,000
- Operating Reserve \$12,500,000
- Total Committed Funds \$83,829,356
  - ◉ Compared to FY20's balance of \$33,288,060
  - ◉ Resulting in an increase of \$50,541,296

**Preliminary** Total Available Cash as of September 30, 2023, compared to September 30, 2020:

- Total Available Cash \$23,035,462
  - ◉ Compared to FY20's balance of \$18,384,850
  - ◉ Resulting in an increase of \$4,650,612

## Eastern Shawnee Companies:

- The Articles of Incorporation for Eastern Shawnee Economic Services was approved by Resolution 121422-R-06.
- The Operating Agreement for Eastern Shawnee Economic Services was approved by Resolution 121422-R-07.
- The name of Eastern Shawnee Economic Services was changed to Eastern Shawnee Companies by Resolution 122822-R-05.
- The current Board of Directors was placed as outlined in the Operating Agreement on December 28, 2022.
- Eastern Shawnee Companies By-Laws were adopted by Resolution 020822-R-08.
- All the jobs that were filled in October were posted by the Human Resources Department on the tribal website. No tribal members applied for the positions.
- A Board of Directors position was posted on the tribal website after the last Business Committee meeting.
- Currently Eastern Shawnee Companies is the holding company for:
  - ◉ Eastern Shawnee Professional Services
  - ◉ Eastern Shawnee Construction (previously Woodlands Construction Management)
- The Business Committee at the request of Eastern Shawnee Companies will be approving new LLC's to be formed as subsidiaries to ESC:
  - ◉ Eastern Shawnee Staffing Solutions
  - ◉ Eastern Shawnee Geospatial Solutions
- An Operating Budget has been submitted by the executive team for the Board of Directors to review and approve/disapprove.
- Eastern Shawnee Companies financials were presented



at the 2023 General Council meeting on the Consolidated Financial Statement under Woodlands Group.

**Woodlands Management:**

- Woodlands Management is a holding company for the following companies:
  - Woodlands Hospitality
  - Woodlands Development
  - Woodlands Management Services
  - Woodlands Entertainment
- Woodlands Management also holds our investment in Vetnos on their balance sheet.
- There is not an approved budget for this as there are no employees currently.
- Woodlands Management was designed to hold investments in other businesses and casino/development projects in other gaming jurisdictions.
- Woodlands Management financials were presented at the 2023 General Council meeting on the Consolidated Financial Statement under Woodlands Group.

**Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association (OIGA) Update:**

As the Delegate to OIGA I wanted to inform tribal members of recent developments. On November 2, 2023, Governor Stitt released his plan to bring sports betting to Oklahoma. Here are the highlights of that offer:

- Retail Event Wagering
  - Conducted by federally recognized tribes pursuant to a Tribal-State Compact
  - Revenue taxed at 15%
  - Only in-person bets accepted

- Mobile Event Wagering
  - Conducted pursuant to a license issued by the State of Oklahoma (initial licensing fee of \$500,000, annual licensing fee of \$100,000)
- Revenue taxed at 20%

**National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Update:**

NCAI held its annual convention in New Orleans during November. This was an election year and the new officers of NCAI are as follows:

- NCAI President Mark Macarro, Chairman of the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians
- NCAI First Vice President Brian Weeden, Chairman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
- NCAI Recording Secretary Nickalaus D. Lewis, Lummi Nation Councilmember
- NCAI Treasurer David Woerz, Chickasaw Nation Legislator

The Eastern Oklahoma Executive Committee Members will be Regional Vice President Joe Deere who is a Council Member of the Cherokee Nation and Regional Alternate Brad Killscrow who is the Chief of the Delaware Tribe of Indians.

The Southern Plains Executive Committee Members will be Regional Vice President Reggie Wassana who is the Governor of the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes and Regional Alternate Christie Modlin who is the Secretary of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma.



**\$30**

**Eastern Shawnee Storage Units**

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

Multiple Units to safely store personal or business items.

918-666-5151 ext. 1043

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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**



On January 22-23, 2024, the Social Services Department will be closed for final training on the new computer system. We will not be accepting any walk-ins, however, you can drop off paperwork on those days. On January 24-25, 2024 we will continue training but will accept walk-ins. We ask for your patience over the next several weeks as this will be a big, but worthwhile transition.

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--Jana Johnson, Director of Social Services






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## Have Questions?

**(520) 479-2305**  
[admissions@tocc.edu](mailto:admissions@tocc.edu)  
 Southern Arizona

2024 Spring Semester  
Admissions Deadline

**Friday, January 12, 2024 at 5 pm (AZ Time)**

Tohono O'odham Community College in southern Arizona will continue to offer free tuition to all Native Americans. We will also continue to cover the cost of books and fees for all our students, which includes non-Native and non-enrolled Native American Students.

If you are interested in taking classes this 2024 spring semester, you still have time to apply for admissions and register for classes. Visit [www.tocc.edu](http://www.tocc.edu) to get started!

2024 Spring Semester Admissions Deadline: Friday, January 12, 2024 at 5 pm (AZ Local Time)

First Day of Instruction: Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Spring 2024 Registration Deadline: Friday, January 19, 2024 at 5 pm (AZ Local Time)

Have questions? Contact the Admissions Office at (520) 479-2305 or [admissions@tocc.edu](mailto:admissions@tocc.edu).





## Press Release

### For Immediate Release:

November 1, 2023

**WYANDOTTE, OKLAHOMA** – The Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma’s (ESTO) Business Committee announces the new leadership team for the Eastern Shawnee Companies, LLC (ESC), as part of its strategic plan to launch ESC into the federal 8(a) program.

“Positioning the Eastern Shawnee Companies to engage in the government contracting arena and to eventually participate in the Small Business Administration’s 8(a) Business Development Program is a significant milestone for the Tribe,” said Justin Barrett, ESTO Treasurer. “This initiative will help further diversify the Tribe’s business portfolio which, in the long term, will strengthen our economy, assist in developing employment opportunities, and enhance relationships with other tribes.”

The leadership team includes the following newly named members:

- **Matt Metcalf**, Chief Executive Officer
- **Judy Reagan**, Chief Operating Officer
- **Katie Summy**, Director of Strategic Initiatives
- **Kerry Patterson**, Director of Marketing and Communications



**EASTERN SHAWNEE**  
**COMPANIES**

“It is truly an honor to be named the CEO of the Eastern Shawnee Companies,” said Matt Metcalf. “I am committed to working closely with the Board of Directors and the Business Committee to establish a substantial and sustainable government contracting business to assist with the diversification and expansion of revenue streams for the tribe. We intend to leverage the Small Business Administration’s 8(a) Business Development Program to help fast track the development of the business. The 8(a) program can be a meaningful component of the economic development plan for tribes.”

The ESC team brings 50 years combined experience in the 8(a) arena and over 100 years of combined experience in the federal market. Our team of subject matter experts has experience with all facets of government contracting and 8(a) participation, with backgrounds in accounting, human resources, marketing, business development, legal entity management, 8(a) applications, and SBA compliance.

“The 8(a) program can be a significant and sustainable component of the economic development plan for tribes,” said Audrey Gardner, ESC Board Chair. “The approach to bring on a team of proven professionals with extensive federal 8(a) experience to build and fast-track the 8(a) application, as well as develop the infrastructure to execute work in the federal marketing, is an investment that we take very seriously. We are excited to put their experience to work for the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.”

To learn more about this team’s experience, please visit  
<https://easternshawneecompanies.com/about/#team>

### **About the Eastern Shawnee Companies**

Eastern Shawnee Companies, LLC (ESC), is a board-governed holding company that proudly represents a collection of tribally owned small businesses providing professional and construction services. As a wholly owned subsidiary of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, ESC is deeply committed to enhancing and supporting tribal sovereignty while delivering sustainable solutions for our diverse range of tribal, federal, government, and private clients. To learn more about the Eastern Shawnee Companies, visit [www.easternshawneecompanies.com](http://www.easternshawneecompanies.com).

### **About the Tribe**

The Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is located near Wyandotte, Oklahoma. The Tribe operates Indigo Sky Casino & Resort, Outpost Casino, and Shawnee Skies Training Center & Shooting Complex. In addition, the Tribe is the majority shareholder in People’s Bank of Seneca, which has 5 locations: one in Seneca, one at Loma Linda, two in Joplin, and one in Neosho, Missouri. The Tribe has approximately 3,800 enrolled members. To learn more about the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, visit <https://estoon-sn.gov/>.

### **Contact:**

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## Board of Directors Seat

### THIS IS NOT AN EMPLOYMENT POSITION

**It is an opportunity for tribal citizens interested in serving the tribe as a governing board member to express their interest and submit their qualifications.**

**OPEN TO EASTERN SHAWNEE TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY!**

**Department:** Executive

**Job Title:** Director (appointed to the Board of Directors)

**General Definition:** A Director shall serve on the Board of Directors for Eastern Shawnee Companies. The Board of Directors is an appointed group of individuals with a fiduciary responsibility to represent the interests of the Tribe and oversee the company’s management and operations. It acts as the governing board responsible for major decisions and providing strategic guidance to ensure the organization’s sustainability and longevity. The Board of Directors operates independently of the day-to-day management, offering oversight and accountability to safeguard the Tribe’s interest.

**Supervision Received:** Business Committee as the shareholder.

**Supervision Exercised:** Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

**Essential Job Functions:**

- Oversee and evaluate the Chief Executive Officer. The Chair of the Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing the Chief Executive Officer when the Board of Directors is not in a formal meeting.
- The Board of Directors shall prepare or cause to be prepared a quarterly report to the Business Committee, regarding the financial and operating conditions of Eastern Shawnee Companies.
- Conduct duties in good faith and in the best interests of the Company.
- Each Director shall not vote when a conflict of interest exists (as defined in the operating agreement or internal Company policies).
- Performs other related duties to benefit the mission of the organization.
- Other duties as assigned by the Board of Directors.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:****Education:**

- High School Diploma or GED with at least 10+ years of business, financial, legal, government contracting, or industry experience in a related field if applicant does not have a bachelor's degree.
- Bachelor's degree in a related field.

**Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:**

- Each member of the Board of Directors shall possess sufficient business experience and expertise necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the position and be capable of contributing effectively to the achievement of Eastern Shawnee Companies objectives.

**Licenses/Certifications/Other:**

- Must be at least twenty-five (25) years old.
- Must not have any felony convictions and submit to a background investigation which yields no results showing conviction involving tax evasion, tax fraud, embezzlement, or moral turpitude.
- Will be required to complete an individual questionnaire for the Small Business Administration in support of the company's 8(a) application.
- May be required to obtain federal security clearance with various federal agencies to include Secret or Top-Secret clearance. In the event that you are not able to obtain the required clearance you must be willing to resign your position on the Board of Directors so that you do not hinder the company.

**Time Commitment:**

- Must be available to attend twelve (12) monthly meetings of the Board of Directors.
  - Remote applicants are welcome. Meetings can be attended virtually. In person attendance is strongly preferred and a minimum of four (4) meetings must be attended in person. This means at least one (1) meeting per quarter is required to be attended in person.
- Must be HIGHLY responsive and able to respond to emails within twenty-four (24) hours.

**Compensation:**

- The Board of Directors shall be compensated at a level as determined in the annual operating budget for attending each of the twelve-monthly Board of Directors meetings. Members of the Board of Directors will be paid per meeting and must participate to be compensated.

**Board Composition**

- The Board of Directors shall be comprised of a majority of Eastern Shawnee tribal members. The rest of the board composition shall be as outlined in the By-Laws of Eastern Shawnee Companies, LLC.
- The Board of Directors shall elect officers of the Board as outlined in the By-Laws of Eastern Shawnee Companies, LLC.

***Please note: At this time the Board of Directors does not receive compensation. This may be revised once the annual operating budget is approved.***

***OPEN TO EASTERN SHAWNEE TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY!***

**Opportunity closes: December 15, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. CST**

**Send resume and letter of interest to Audrey Gardner at [adixon@estoo.net](mailto:adixon@estoo.net)**

# Obituary

## David “Buddy” Kent Ross



Retired Sr. Master Sergeant David “Buddy” Kent Ross of Wichita, KS passed away Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at his home after an illness. He was 66.

David was born on June 3, 1957 in Miami, OK to Preston Deneen “Jack” Ross and Mary Freda (Thompson) Ross. David was a disabled Gulf War Veteran. He served in the United States Air Force after being inducted on June 12, 1975 through June of 1997 and served a total of 22 years, 4 months and 26 days before retiring on June 30, 1997 at the rank of E8- Senior Master Sergeant (SMSGT). David was trained in pavements and construction equipment, with his final position as a Pavements and Construction Equipment Superintendent. He had several duty stations including Myrtle Beach Air Base, Howard Air Force Base in Panama, George Air Force Base in California, and McConnell Air Force Base in Kansas. David deployed twice, once to Guam with a Civil Action Team in 1989-1990 and again during Operation Desert Storm in 1990-1991.

During his 22 year career David was awarded numerous awards and citations, earning awards including Meritorious Service Medal (5 Awards), Air Force Commendation Medal (4

Awards), Air Force Achievement Medal (2 Awards), Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (7 Awards) Air Force Good Conduct Medal (7 Awards), National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Overseas Short Tour Ribbon (2 Awards), Air Force Overseas Long Tour Ribbon (2 Awards), Air Force Longevity Service Award (5 Awards), NCO Professional Military Education Graduation Ribbon (2 Awards), Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, and the Air Force Training Ribbon. Additionally, his deployments earned him campaign awards including the Southwest Asia Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabian Government), and the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait).

David was a member of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. After retiring from the Air Force, David worked for the Wichita Airport Authority as the Airfield Maintenance Superintendent for 10 Years. David work for the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma in the maintenance department before finally

retiring and moving back to Wichita in 2016. David enjoyed traveling, Air Force culture and spending time with his wife and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by parents, Preston “Jack” and Mary Ross; siblings, Jacqueline, Jackie, Thomas, Marion, Gary and Wendall Ross. David is survived by his loving wife Fina Ross of the home, 2 sons David Ross of Jacksonville, FL, Robert Ross and wife Thanh Vuong Ross of Wichita, KS, 4 grandchildren Autumn Ross of Mesa, Arizona, Melina Ross or Jacksonville, FL, Kevin and Trevor Ross of Wichita, KS. 4 brothers, Carl Allen Ross of Godfry, OK, Captain Dale Ross, Preston Leroy Ross, and Randal Ray Ross all of Commerce, OK, and, 4 sisters, Marilee Ellen Squirrel of Joplin, MO, Ethyl Sue “Susie” Ross of Wyandotte, OK, Nancy Jane Smith of Joplin, MO, and Marjean Renee Flatter of Grove, OK.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

### *Shawnee Language*

#### **December (winter month) = pepoonikisfwa**

pe= “p” as in pot+ “e” sounds like “e” in pet

poo= p = “oo” sounds like “o” in no, hold longer

ni= n + “l” sounds like “e” in seek

kis= “k” as in kite+ “l” sounds like “e” in seek+ “s” as in snake

fwa= “f” like “th” in thick+ “w” as in with+ “a” as “o” in pot

#### **weepi= it is cold (temperature outside)**

wee= “w” as in with + “ee” sounds like “e” in pet, hold longer

pi= “p” as in pot + “l” sounds like “e” in seek



## Oklahoma Laws Concerning Tribal Tags

*Submitted by Annette Clark, Director of Communications*

As mentioned in this edition of Chief's Letter, tribal tags in Oklahoma became a hot topic during the month of November. There are still more questions than answers; however, we did want to share with our tribal citizens the laws being referenced on this topic.

**The Oklahoma Highway Patrol has issued a memorandum on the two circumstances "in which an Indian living in Oklahoma may use a tribal tag in lieu of a state-issued tag."**

- In pursuant to the United States Supreme Court's holding in Oklahoma Tax Comm'n v. Sac & Fox Nation, 508 U.S. 114 (1993), Indians may use a tribal tag if they (1) have registered their vehicles through the tribe and (2) reside and principally garage their vehicle in the tribe's Indian country.
- For tribes with a valid compact with the state, members of those tribes may lawfully use a tribal

plate no matter where the person lives.

**"Other than these two circumstances, all Oklahomans must register their vehicle with an Oklahoma tag and registration," the memorandum said. "Oklahomans who fail to do so are subject to enforcement under the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act, which may include a misdemeanor citation and/or impoundment of the vehicle."**

In the KOSU podcast published on November 14, 2023 by Allison Herrera and Robby Korth, they discussed with attorney Joe Halloran. Mr. Halloran works with Jacobson Law Group, a national Indian law firm out of Saint Paul, Minnesota and also serves as special counsel for many tribal nations in Oklahoma. One question he responded to was, "Can I get pulled over for driving with a tribal tag?" and his answer was "No." A tribal tag on a state highway is not the basis

for a stop. That it's my understanding from the state that the stop would have to be warranted under some other circumstance, be it a tail light out or some other speeding or some other infraction, at which point if a stop is made and probable cause for that other reason that the state is now taking the position that it will determine whether a tribal tag is, in their view, appropriate meaning that it's issued to a tribal member whose vehicle is garaged on the reservation of the origin of the tag," Halloran said.

In other words, you cannot be pulled over for driving on a public road. However, if you get pulled over for another reason, and if you have tribal tags but your driver's license does not show your address as living on the Eastern Shawnee Reservation, you can then be ticketed. This topic will continue to be addressed by all entities involved and we will provide updates to our tribal citizens as they evolve.

## AOA 2023 Pumpkin Decorating Contest Winners

*Submitted by Annette Clark, Director of Communications*

During the month of October, the ESTOO AOA held a pumpkin decorating contest for anyone who registered. All pumpkins and craft items were provided to the participants. Once the pumpkins were completed, patrons and tribal staff were encouraged to vote on the "best decorated" one. All votes were counted and the winner was announced on Halloween.

"Thank you all (patrons and tribal staff) so much for voting! A special thank you to the Haven department for donating our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes. AND thank you to the ICW department for donating a special prize to all the participants. You all are amazing!"--- Whitney Morgan, AOA Director



**1st Place- Made by Bonita Payton**



**2nd Place- Made by Susie Ross**



**3rd Place- Made by Carolie Kraft**



Menu  
Ham and Turkey  
Salad  
Green Beans  
Au Gratin Potatoes  
Noodles  
Vegetable Medley  
Deviled Eggs  
Rolls  
Assorted Desserts  
Drinks

## Elder's Christmas Dinner

*December 16, 2023 at 12:00 pm*  
*Eastern Shawnee Annex Building*

*There will be games and door prizes, so come for great food  
and lots of fun!*



# FROM THIS CORNER

By Chief Glenn J. Wallace

## CULTURAL ASPECTS REGARDING HAIR

As most of you know, when I had COVID about a year and a half ago, I lost my hair. I had not cut it for several years and it had grown quite long. Recently a news reporter asked me about my hair, reminding me that I had stated several years ago that I would not cut it until we had achieved World Heritage inscription for eight of our ancestral mounds in our Ohio homelands. He asked me why I had changed my mind. I informed him I had not cut it, that COVID took it. He then asked why long hair had been important to me and I responded that in Native American culture long hair is associated with strength.

Recently I read an article in NATIVE NEWS TODAY (November 2023) about a native male who had waist length hair, had been hospitalized, was in a precarious state with limited cognizance for some time, then ultimately placed in a nursing facility. At some point his hair was cut, unbeknownst to him, supposedly because it would cause bed sores. When a relative discovered what had happened, the family vigorously protested and a relative explained their beliefs to a newspaper reporter who wrote the following article about that family’s cultural beliefs regarding hair. I found the article most interesting and appropriate to share in this Native American Heritage month.

“Keith Janis spoke to me on the phone about the sacredness of traditional Lakota wearing their hair long. He says hair represents strength and connection to our ancestors.

“If you cut your hair, your soul and your spirit bleeds,” he said. “Your hair contains your memories and things that you grew up with...that your matriarch, your mom, and your aunties put into your hair. So, it contains all your memory, all your joy, your strength. In our culture, this is really important because we have this tradition, ceremonial tradition that goes with our secret tight keeping up the soul.”

Keith said in traditional Lakota beliefs, locks of hair of a deceased family member or friend are cut off and put in a bundle. The person who holds the bundle becomes the deceased spirit keeper. During a full year of mourning, the spirit keeper cannot sing or drum at powwows – or even attend powwows. A year after the passing of the loved one, a

ceremonial feast is held where loved ones remember and reflect on the deceased. The spirit — held in the bundle of hair — is then released. The bundle is then given back to the earth by the spirit keeper.

Keith confirmed ...[ that] Lakota and other Native Americans consider hair sacred. That is why the Janis family is upset with the cutting of their brother Arthur’s hair. It was as if part of his culture—part of his spirit—was cut off with a pair of scissors.

On Friday, after a two-week public relations campaign stating the institution has “deep respect for our patients and their individual beliefs and customs,” UC Health Hospital finally admitted to Keith Janis that someone on its staff cut Arthur’s hair off to prevent him from getting bed sores. They did so while Arthur was in an incapacitated medical state and without his family’s permission.

In another story in Mission, Kansas, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) on Friday sent a letter to Girard School District describing how an 8-year-old Native American boy was forced to cut his hair due to the school district's policy forbidding boys from having long hair. The school district maintains long hair on boys and violates state and federal laws.

November is indeed National Native American Heritage Month. It is a month to celebrate the Indigenous people of the country and their culture... it is a time to learn about Native American culture and traditions and why they matter.

## TRIBAL HAPPENINGS

EVENT	DATE(S)	LOCATION	CONTACT INFO
Business Committee Meeting	December 13 5:30 pm	Indigo Sky Casino	Chad Kelly (918) 238-5151 ext. 1070
Elder’s Christmas Dinner	December 16	Annex Building	Shelly Rogers (918) 238-5151
Food Distribution Day: date change due to Christmas <i>Please remember to return bags and clear a space in your vehicle for food before pick-up to help us get people through</i>	December 21	Growing Thyme	Shelly Rogers (918) 238-5151
Tribal Offices Closed for Christmas Day	December 25	All Tribal Offices	
Business Committee Meeting	December 27 5:30 pm	Indigo Sky Casino	Chad Kelly (918) 238-5151 ext. 1070
Tribal Offices Closed for New Year’s Day	January 2	All Tribal Offices	



# H.A.V.E.N. Update

*By Cathleen Osborne-Gowey (Program Admin – Crime Victim Advocate)  
(541) 602-0616 or COsbornegowey@estoo.net*

## Upcoming Events:

**Support Group:** Please call our office for details.

**Children's Christmas Party:** Dec. 2nd 10am-2pm at the Eastern Shawnee Annex Building – come find us!

## Program Update:

Hello all –

We hope this holiday season finds you all safe and well. Our program is as busy as ever, our community center renovations are almost complete. When it is we'll feature an article with pictures here in the Shooting Star.

In this month's article we are focusing on how difficult holidays can be for victims of domestic violence and those that care about them.

## Safety Planning for the Holidays

*Article Featured on the National Domestic Violence Hotline Website – Safety Planning for the Holidays by Emma, a Hotline Advocate*

“The holidays are often a time of joy and community, but for people in abusive relationships, the holidays can be stressful and dangerous. Spending time with family and friends, dealing with financial stress and traveling can make safety planning for the holidays a challenge. Family and friends of survivors may also struggle to find ways to help or be supportive. We wanted to offer a few suggestions for survivors and friends or family of survivors for making the holidays feel safer by safety planning for the upcoming holidays.

## How to Communicate

*(With those care about who might be in an abusive relationship)*

Many survivors feel isolated in their unhealthy or abusive relationships. Reaching out to family and friends can be an important step in healing. It can help to discuss safe times and ways to communicate. You might consider if



there are times during the day when the survivor is typically away from their abusive partner. Or, it might be safer for them to email or text rather than call. (It's best to make sure the abusive partner does not have access to the survivor's email account or phone before using these methods to communicate). Make a plan to keep checking in during the holidays. You can also create a code word, which allows the survivor to let someone know they need help without tipping off their partner. Be sure to agree on what action the code word calls for: does it mean you will call them, come over, contact the police, etc.?

It may feel instinctual for family or friends to say an abusive partner is not welcome at a holiday function. You have the right to say who is or isn't welcome in your home, but emotional support and safety planning can help both you and the survivor to move forward. Keep in mind you can talk or chat with a Hotline advocate to figure out what will work best for you. If you're worried about someone who is experiencing abuse and you're not sure what to say, learn more about how to help a friend or family member by calling our Haven office or at <https://www.thehotline.org/>.

## Traveling Safely

Traveling is a common part of holiday plans. It makes sense that survivors would not feel safe spending time in a small space, like a car or plane, with

someone who hurts them. The National Domestic Violence Hotline has tips for safety planning around travel for emotional/physical safety (<https://www.thehotline.org/resources/safety-while-traveling-traveling-with-an-abusive-partner/>) and if you're traveling with children (<https://www.thehotline.org/resources/safety-while-traveling-traveling-with-children/>).

## Planning for Visits

A survivor knows best what will help them feel safe, so consider discussing ways to make parties or family visits safer. An example is asking if alcohol tends to worsen an abusive partner's behavior. Could the family or friend group make a commitment to not have alcohol around, or to limit the amount served? If you're a survivor who does not feel safe sleeping in the same room as your partner, consider talking with your hosts or family about finding a separate couch or sharing a room with other guests or family members.

## Planning for Time Alone

Abuse is about power and control, and many unhealthy or abusive partners may try to exert control by keeping their partners from spending time alone or with others. So, it can be helpful to brainstorm ways to get some space. If you're a family member or friend, you might ask the survivor to go on a shopping trip or errand with you, go for a walk or workout, invite them to a religious celebration or have them help

you with a chore/holiday prep activity. If you're a survivor, consider brainstorming reasons to get out, like helping someone with holiday plans or gift shopping; you can get creative with these ideas. You can call The Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 for creative ideas on safety planning for the holiday.

### Practice Self Care

The holiday season is stressful for many people but getting through the holidays while experiencing abuse can feel really overwhelming. Taking time for your health and wellness can make a big difference in how you feel. To learn more about how to build in self-care while staying safe, go to <https://www.thehotline.org/resources/the-im->

portance-of-self-care/.

Seeing someone you care about being hurt is also stressful. Remind yourself that you can't make decisions for someone else, but you can ask a survivor what they need and offer help. We do our best helping when we are taking care of ourselves, so try to make your own plans to get rest, get good nutrition, talk to supportive friends and do things you enjoy".

Remember, you are NOT alone! 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/>

Program Email:

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

Facebook: HAVEN Tribal Program,

Twitter: @ProgramHaven,

Instagram: HAVENTRIBALProgram.

## Education Snapshot

By Amber Mittag, Education/ Specialized Services Director

Hello students!! Here we are the week of Thanksgiving! How does time fly?? We here in the office are on the quiet side this time of year as we find ourselves in the lull between semesters. It's always a good time to catch up on much needed busy work that gets put on the back burner throughout the rest of the year. The bustling days of the beginning of Spring semester will no doubt be here before we know it.

The Education office has officially moved buildings! We are now located

within the same building as the Social Services department, as well as ICW and CCDF. The address has been changed on our forms so just make sure you have the correct address if you send your items to us in the mail. When you come to see us in person you will enter the building from the Social Services side where you will find Lindsay at the front desk. She will greet you and let us know you are here to see us!

On another note, don't forget that tribal members have the opportunity

### NEW ADDRESS:

10100 S. BlueJacket Road  
Wyandotte, OK 74370

to sign up for direct deposit within the Social Services department. Once you have direct deposit, all services including ours can be deposited directly into your bank account. We continuously have students who move from here to there and forget to update their address. This helps tremendously in not sending checks to old addresses.

We here in the department want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful Christmas.

Until next time, Amber Mittag

## Cultural Preservation

By Kelly Nelson, TCNS Coordinator/Cultural Preservation

In the month of November, the department attended a maple tapping workshop. As most of you know we tap trees in February every year to bring back a part of our culture that was lost for a time. It is said that the tree provides the sap as nourishment after a hard winter. If you have never experienced tapping and making of maple syrup and sugar, it is a humbling experience. Back in September we met with Professors from OSU and agreed to collaborate

with them as part of a 3-year grant that they are working on that has to do with tapping maple trees in Oklahoma. This tapping season we will be sending them data and sap, and it will be analyzed. We will have nutritional values and mineral content. It will be exciting to have this information. We are also planning our Winter gathering on January 18,2024, so save that date and check our Cultural Preservation Facebook page and January Shooting Star for the flyer with all

the details. Hope to see many of you there. We have been reaching out to tribal members and surveying and asking what classes, gatherings, and types of events they would like to see our department host. We are listening! 2024 is going to be a year. We will post events online (Tribal Facebook pages), Tribal website and in the Shooting Star.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us in Cultural Preservation!

# Bearskin Healthcare Service Guide

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



# Vital Stats & Social Services

*By Jana Johnson, Director*

## Service Budgets FY 2023

Service	Year	Year Served
Auditory	\$6,526.31	17
Burial	\$149,579.44	21
Disabled   Elder Care   Emergency	\$1,248,646.98	391
Elder Crisis Committee	\$82,093.47	41
Extracurricular	\$39,907.56	196
Healthcare	\$1,632,276.31	1865
Orthodontics	\$31,510.00	43
School Expenses	\$394,992.73	734
Special Medical Equipment	\$13,176.32	74

## Vital Statistics Activity

**11/1/2023-FY 24**

Status Changes	60
Deaths	0
Enrollees	6
ID Cards	20
Photo ID	8
Total Enrollees for current fiscal year	6
Total Deaths for current fiscal year	0
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>3809</b>

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

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

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

## VITAL STATISTICS Direct to Vendor Claim Form

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



# 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



# Business Committee Minutes

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 4, 2023

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

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

**INVOCATION:** Chief Glenna Wallace  
**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, DECLARATION OF QUORUM:**

The Business Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by 2nd Chief Samples, with the following answering roll call: 1st Council Kissee, 2nd Council Daugherty, 3rd Council Kraus. Treasurer Barrett and Secretary Littlefield. Chief Wallace was present. A quorum was declared by 2nd Chief Samples.

**NEW ENROLLEES:** None Presented  
**MINUTES:**

**MOTION** To Approve the September 27th, 2023, Business Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

**REPORTS:**

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

**THANK YOU** – Thank you note received from Brenda Hooper.

**DONATION REQUESTS** – A donation was requested from Wyandotte Girls HS Softball team and the several requests from area schools to make a donation for their After Prom Parties. Chief Wallace took care of these requests out of her budget.

**DIRECTOR REPORTS** – were previously provided to BC members.

**110 SAFETY ROAD PLAN** – The Grant had been written and we found out we needed to have an updated road safety plan. The application time is over so we will resubmit this grant. Funding is still available for the completion of 110 Road.

**BIA FUNDING** – We received notification about 10 days ago that we will receive funding for Wildlife and Parks in the amount of \$30,000 and we will receive \$50,000 for water at Growing Thyme.

**INDIGENOUS DAY HOLIDAY** –

Monday, Oct. 9th, 2023. Offices will be closed.

**WORLD HERITAGE** – We have achieved World Heritage for the eight mounds in Ohio. Chief Wallace will be representing the US in Saudi Arabia to accept this recognition after 16 years of working to make this happen.

**OHIO AND WEST VIRGINIA TRIP** – A celebration for the State of Ohio is being scheduled. Chief Wallace will be gone from Oct. 5th thru Oct. 15th. She will be attending three different conferences with three different speaking engagements.

**TRUNK OR TREAT** – Oct. 30th from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** – Please update your addresses with Social Services if you have moved or need address changes. This will be for tribal children 18 years of age and younger and Elders age 62 and up.

**POW WOW CARD AND HONOR DANCE** – Chief Wallace expressed regrets for missing the last two days of Pow Wow and thanks for honoring her with the Honor Dance.

**HUD GRANT FOR WELLNESS CENTER** – Chief Wallace will be re-submitting this grant later in the meeting and would like the Business Committee to reconsider the passing of this grant. The total cost is \$2,722,000 and the grant will cover \$2 million. The tribe would contribute \$722,000. This would be for the expansion of the Wellness Center enlarging the weight room, an additional water therapy pool, a sensory room for children and adults plus regaining the kitchen area and have a gathering room.

**MOTION:** To Add 9 Resolutions to the agenda. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 100423-R-01** 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 an Authorized 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 100423-R-01. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 100423-R-02** Resolution Authorizing Submission of an application to the Environmental Protection Agency for the Solar for All Programs

**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 Environmental Protection Agency for All Program Award Option #2: American Indian and Alaska Native Programs in an amount up to \$75,000,000.00.

**MOTION:** To approve Resolution Number 100423-R-2. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by Treasurer Barrett.

Motion carried: 5 approved, 0 opposed,

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0 abstained, 0 absent.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 100423-R-03 A Resolution Renewing the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Membership and Authorizing the Payment of Membership Dues

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize the renewal of membership to NCAI and that Chief Glenna J. Wallace and/or Treasurer Justin Barrett are authorized to take the necessary action to place the Tribe in Membership with NCAI.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that tribal funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 based on the Tribal Membership dues schedule in Article III – Members Section C (2) are authorized to be paid for NCAI membership from the Business Committee budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVE, that based on the tribal enrollment of persons, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma shall have one hundred and forty (140) votes, in accordance with Article III – Members, Section B(1)(d). BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that pursuant to Article III – Members (B) (1)(b) of the NCAI Constitution and By-Laws, the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma designated Chief Glenna J. Wallace as the Delegate and Treasurer Justin Barrett as the Alternate Delegate and instructs them to become Individual Members in Good Standing with NCAI in order to fulfill their responsibilities as Official Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention, Executive Council Winter Session, and Mid-Year Conference.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 100423-R-03. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 100423-R-04 Resolution to approve the Amended

Articles of Organization of Woodlands Construction Management, LLC for the purpose of a name change to Eastern Shawnee Construction, LLC

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the attached Amended Articles of Organization of Woodlands Construction Management, LLC for the purpose of a name change to Eastern Shawnee Construction, LLC. MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 100423-R-04. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 100423-R-05 Resolution to Approve the Operating Agreement of Eastern Shawnee Construction, LLC

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution supersedes Resolution 041322-R-05 and Resolution 063021-R-01.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution supersedes Resolution 041322-R-05 and Resolution 063021-R-01.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 100423-R-05. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 100423-R-06 A Resolution Changing a Demand Deposit Account (DDA) Name to Eastern Shawnee Construction, LLC Op-

erating Account at People's Bank of Seneca

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to change the Woodlands Construction Management, LLC Operating Account name to Eastern Shawnee Construction, LLC Operating Account at People's Bank of Seneca.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Chief Glenna J. Wallace, Treasurer Justin Barrett, and Secretary Debbie Littlefield are hereby authorized to sign any and all documents to affect this change.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 100423-R-06. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 100423-R-07 A Resolution Closing the Eastern Shawnee Economic Development Account and Transferring the Account Balance to Eastern Shawnee Companies, LLC

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to close the Eastern Shawnee Economic Development Account and authorize Chief Financial Officer Karen Allen to transfer the account balance to Eastern Shawnee Companies, LLC.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 100423-R-06. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 100423-R-08 Resolution to approve the Articles of Organization of Eastern Shawnee Professional Services, LLC

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



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Eastern Shawnee Professional Services, LLC.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 100423-R-08. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 100423-R-09 Resolution to Approve the Operating Agreement of Eastern Shawnee Professional Services, LLC

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

MOTION: To Approve Resolution 100423-R-09. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

## REQUISITIONS

Requisition EN-101270 payable to Ohio Historical Society in the amount of \$500,000.00 for Contribution given in honor of our ancestors. (Octagon Lease Acquisition Fund) (This was previously approved 7-12-23 – Final Authorization)

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-101270. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

Requisition EN-101396 payable to Brown and Brown of Oklahoma in the amount of \$29,093.00 for Workman's Compensation Installment #5.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-101396. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

Requisition EN-101429 payable to Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$47,069.00 for Children's Christmas Gift Cards FY24. (previously approved

to reimburse ISC)

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-101429. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent.

Purchase Requisition 00063292 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$68,646.59 for Thalden, Boyd, Emery Architects for ISC Expansion.

MOTION: To Approve Purchase Requisition 00063292. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

## NEW BUSINESS:

Housing Authority: House Authority Director Renee Mitchell submitted a proposal from the Housing Authority for funds to update the office building with painting of the inside and outside, repaving of the driveway and parking area, new windows and furniture.

Tribal Member Bud Enyart asked if fund might be made available to remodel existing older homes in the Housing Authority.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Tribal member Sherry Hamby asked for an update on the Buffalo and Cattle that was presented at the 09-27-23 Business Committee Meeting.

MOTION: To go into Closed Session at 6:41 P.M. made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

MOTION: To return to Open Session at 9:18 p.m. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

MOTION: To assist tribal member as discussed. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

Motion carried: 4 approved, (Kissee,

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

MOTION: To adjourn at 9:24 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, October 25, 2023**

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

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

**INVOCATION: Chief Glenna Wallace  
CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL,  
DECLARATION OF QUORUM:**

The Business Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by 2nd Chief Samples, with the following answering roll call: 1st Council Kissee, 2nd Council Daugherty, 3rd Council Kraus. Treasurer Barrett. Secretary Littlefield was absent. Chief Wallace was present and a quorum was declared by 2nd Chief Samples.

**NEW ENROLLEES: None Presented  
MINUTES:**

**MOTION To Approve the October 4th, 2023, Business Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.**

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Littlefield).

## REPORTS:

Casino – Tabled until next meeting  
Gaming Commission – Tabled until next meeting

Treasurer – Tabled until next meeting

## RESOLUTIONS:

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 102523-R-01 Resolution Authorizing Funding Request to Department of Interior for Planning and Development of Public Law 102-477 Program Plan (477 Plan)  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Okla-**

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homa approves submission of a funding request to the Department of Interior in the amount of \$25,000.00 for planning and development of a 477 plan.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 102523-R-01. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Littlefield)

RESOLUTION NUMBER 102523-R-02 Resolution to amend the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Procurement Policy for Tribal Administration  
 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to adopt the following amendments to the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Procurement Policy for Tribal Administration.

Add Appendix 1 Title 24 Housing and Urban Development, Subtitle B Regulations

Relating to Housing and Urban Development, Chapter IX – Office of Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Part 1003 Community Development Block Grants for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages, Subpart F – Grant Administration, 1003.510 Indian preference requirements.

MOTION: To approve Resolution Number 102523-R-2. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Littlefield).

RESOLUTION NUMBER 102523-R-03 Approve submission of lease proposals with the Secretary of Interior for certain facilities use by the Tribe in administration and delivery of services under the Self-Governance Compact and associated Funding Agreement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and the Department of Interior

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED,

that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma approves the following facilities or portions thereof pursuant to Public Law 93-638:

Facility Name	Address	PFSA(s)
Bluejacket Building	12755 S 705 Road, Wyandotte, Ok 74370	ATG/Shared Service
Greenfeather Building	12751 S. 705 Road, Wyandotte, Ok 74370	ATG/Shared Services
Public Safety Building	10250 S 695 Road, Wyandotte, Ok 74370	Law Enforcement
Social Services Building	10100 S. Bluejacket Road, Wyandotte, Ok 74340	ATG (Vital Statistics) Enrollment, Social Services, Indian Child Welfare
Administrative Building	10080 S. Bluejacket Road, Wyandotte, Ok 74370	Environmental & Land Services, Agriculture, Natural Resources, Trust Services, Real Estate Services, Real Estate Appraisals, Facilities Management, Etc.,
Maintenance Building	213 W Oneida Street, Seneca, Mo 64865	Facilities Management – Non-TPA, Maintenance Shared
Woodlands Mgmt. Building	69721 E 100 Road, Wyandotte, Ok 74370	Information Resources Technology –
Wellness Center	10135 S Bluejacket Road, Wyandotte, Ok 74370	Education and Specialized Programs

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Chief Glenna Wallace or her designee is authorized to negotiate and execute said lease agreements and to take all measures necessary to implement said lease agreements for fiscal year 2023 and any subsequent lease periods for which funds are available; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Karen Allen, Chief Financial Officer, is hereby designated as the appropriate official to verify the financial information provided to the Department of the Interior for purposes of calculating lease compensation under Section 105(I) of Public Law 93-638 and is hereby authorized to attest as to the accuracy of such; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, Chief Glenna Wallace or her designee is authorized to execute an amendment to the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklaho-

ma’s Self-Governance Funding Agreement to incorporate into it the leases executed hereunder.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee

of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the submission of lease proposals under authority of Section 105(I) of the Indian Self-Determination & Education Assistance Act with the Secretary of the Interior for certain facilities used by the Tribe in administration and delivery of services under the Self-Governance Compact and associated Funding Agreement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and the Department of the Interior.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 102523-R-03. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Littlefield).

RESOLUTION NUMBER 102523-R-04 Approve submission of lease proposals with the Secretary of Health



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and Human Services for certain facilities used by the Tribe in administration and delivery of services under the P.L.93-638 contract between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and the Department of Health and Human Services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma approves submission of lease proposals to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the following facilities or portions thereof pursuant to Public Law 93-638.

Facility Name	Address	PFSA(s)
Wellness Center	10135 S. Bluejacket Road, Wyandotte, Ok 74370	Community Health representative/ Emergency Medical Services
Administrative Building	10080 S Bluejacket Road, Wyandotte, Ok 74370	Environmental Health Services

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Chief Glenna Wallace or her designee is authorized to negotiate and execute said lease agreements and to take all measures necessary to implement said lease agreements for fiscal year 2023 and any subsequent lease periods for which funds are available; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Karen Allen, Chief Financial Officer, is hereby designated as the appropriate official to verify the financial information provided to the Department of Health and Human Services for purposes of calculating lease compensation under Section 105(I) of Public Law 93-638 and is hereby authorized to attest as to the accuracy of such; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, Chief Glenna Wallace or her designee is authorized to execute an amendment to the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma's IHS contract to incorporate into it the leases executed hereunder.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the submission of lease proposals under authority of Section 105(I) of the In-

dian Self-Determination & Education Assistance Act with the Secretary of Health and Human Services for certain facilities used by the Tribe in administration and delivery of services under the P.I. 93-638 contract between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and the Department of Health and Human Services.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 102523-R-04. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent (Littlefield).

## REQUISITIONS

Requisition EN-101620 payable to Pelivan Transit/Grand Gateway E.D.A. in the amount of \$29,949.47 for August Expenses (Inv. #803).

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-101620. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Littlefield).

Requisition EN-101982 payable to GHA Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$78,261.40 for 11336767 Hardware and 11336767 Software.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-101982. The motion was made by 1st Council Kisse with second by Treasurer Barrett.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Littlefield).

Requisition EN-102105 payable to Cowin Construction LLC in the amount of \$313,034.40 for Job 5439 Draw 4 Roof Replacement.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-102105. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kisse.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed,

0 abstained, 1 absent (Littlefield).

Requisition EN-101206 payable to Cowin Construction LLC in the amount of \$313,034.40 for Job 5439 Draw 5 Roof Replacement.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-101206. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by Treasurer Barrett.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Littlefield).

Purchase Order PR-63083 from Indigo Sky Casino payable to IGT in the amount of \$41,017.50.

MOTION: To Approve PR-63083. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kisse.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Littlefield).

Purchase Order for VIP Gift Cards from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$35,674.40.

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

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Littlefield).

## NEW BUSINESS:

DONATION REQUEST: From Prof. Bill Able for the Wyandotte Student Scholarship – intended to reach economically disadvantaged students who otherwise are eligible for college. Donation will be used to grow and build a scholarship fund.

MOTION: To donate \$5,000.00 to the Wyandotte Alumni Scholarship Fund. The motion was made by 1st Council Kisse with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Littlefield).

MOTION: TO CHANGE the second Business Committee Meeting in November Due to Thanksgiving to November 29th, 2023. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kisse.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Littlefield).

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OLD BUSINESS: None Presented.

MOTION: To go into Closed Session at 6:04 P.M. made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Littlefield).

MOTION: To return to Open Session at 8:05 p.m. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Littlefield).

MOTION: To adjourn at 8:06 p.m. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

Motion carried: 4 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Littlefield).

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straints with young children, make sure headlights, taillights, etc. are in good working order, obey laws and remain calm, polite if you are pulled over and ask for the reason for being stopped. As I say, we will be working with other tribes on this issue. Meanwhile, stay safe.

Related to other Oklahoma challenges is a mapping project determining the exact jurisdiction or reservation boundaries of each tribe in Ottawa County. The 9 tribes in Ottawa County are sponsoring, paying for this project. Most of the historical documents related to this topic are stored in Lenexa, Kansas and getting that information has been extremely difficult. We finally had to contact elected officials in Oklahoma and Kansas to help us and Senator Lankford has been the one to come to our rescue. A couple of weeks ago the stone marking our northern boundary in the Eastside or Moccasin Bend District No. 5 was discovered. It is a huge rock with the large letters E S standing for Eastern Shawnee etched into the stone. The stone is located on the road going north from the old Moccasin Bend District No. 5 schoolhouse to Sky Ranch, formerly known as Cave Springs. My grandmother's allotment is in that area so I am anxious to see the stone and learn if it is on grandmother's allotment or not. That visit is scheduled to occur sometime in the week of November 27 through December 1. We didn't receive the name Eastern Shawnee Tribe until February 1867 following the Civil War, so the marker bearing E S had to have been placed after that date.



*Pictured above are elected leaders of the three federally recognized Shawnee tribes: Ben Barnes, Chief of the Shawnee Tribe, Glenna J. Wallace, Chief of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe and John Johnson, Governor of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. This is the first time these three leaders have been together to have a photo taken.*

And at last we have some definite news about our 110 Road. Three bids were submitted with Branco Construction being awarded the bid of 4.6 million. This was not the lowest bid, but with Bureau of Indian Affairs Transportation Department's guidance and expertise, it was determined to be the best bid. The contract and legal papers still need to be approved by legal and our Business Committee and are on the agenda for the next BC meeting. Once those steps are completed, construction should begin about January 1. Once again, this road will enable the Housing Authority to have two entries, exits by connecting 695 Road going south from Highway 10C in Oklahoma then turning east on 110 Road and connecting to Stateline Road on the Oklahoma/Missouri Border which then connects to

Highway 42 in Seneca, Missouri. We have worked on this for some time and it is good to see those efforts come to fruition.

And we have another piece of good news, this one also related to driving access. For several years we have been buying parcels of land that would allow us to have continuous Oklahoma access from our 10C Complex on Highway 10 C to our Indigo Sky location of Highway 60, approximately 4 or so miles. For years we have had to leave Oklahoma, enter Missouri, then reenter Oklahoma to drive from 10C Complex to BlueJacket Complex or Indigo Sky. State laws are not the same and we have had some situations that weren't the best because of the two-state situation. It would be nice if we were able to construct a maintenance access or service

road for our Maintenance Departments, Police Department, Shawnee Skies and Casinos to utilize always being in Oklahoma. We achieved the land acquisitions a couple of years ago but we still had one other obstacle—a bridge crossing Lost Creek. We have looked and looked for grants, lobbied agencies, but never found the answer. And now we have. We have found funding that will build that bridge. Thanks to our EPA Department and to Kristi Laughlin, co-Tribal Administrator, we can now begin to address specific details, preparations that need to occur before we can begin construction. It won't happen overnight, but now we know it can happen. Foot stomping happiness time here in this corner of Oklahoma.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Debbie Littlefield for serving as our Business Committee Secretary for the last four years. These positions are not easy positions but she always remained smiling, compassionate, wanting the best for our tribe. Welcome to Kathie Kent who will be our new Business Committee Secretary. And I want to praise each one for conducting professional campaigns, no mud-slinging, no negative comments about their opponents, no ugliness, sticking to qualifications and their desire to serve the tribe. You rock ladies!

Let me close by wishing all of you the merriest of Christmases. We have many challenges but we have so much to be thankful for.

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

**COVID Testing & Vaccinations**  
**BEARSKIN HEALTH CENTER**  
 Available in the new drive thru facility located  
 to the west of the facility.  
**No appointment is necessary!**  
**Monday -Thursday 8-11:30; 1-4, Friday 8-11:30; 1-3**



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Calling all young tribal artists! - The BIA Division of Environmental Services and Cultural Resources Management is hosting a Young Tribal Leaders Art Contest to highlight the perspectives and creativity of Native youth and young professionals across the nation with themes of culture, environment, and climate. Eligibility guidelines and additional information can be found at <https://www.bia.gov/service/art-contest>.

**YOUNG TRIBAL LEADERS  
ART CONTEST**

Culture • Environment • Climate

**Eligibility**

Citizens of federally-recognized Tribes, ages 14-30

**Prizes**

Winning submissions will be featured in Washington, D.C. and online! Awardees will also be sponsored to share their work at the 2024 National Tribal and Indigenous Climate Conference.



Submit your work by

**JANUARY 6, 2024**

[YOUTH.ART.CONTEST@BIA.GOV](mailto:YOUTH.ART.CONTEST@BIA.GOV)  
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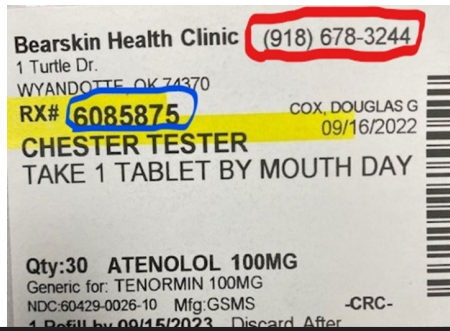


BEARSKIN HEALTHCARE PHARMACY

Dear Bearskin Healthcare Pharmacy Clients,  
To help us to better serve you, please call in refill requests by utilizing the automated refill system. It's really simple and goes a long way towards making our Pharmacy have a more efficient workflow.

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

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



# 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**

[facebook.com/easternshawneearlychildhood](https://facebook.com/easternshawneearlychildhood)

**Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Education Department**

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**Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma**

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**Eastern Shawnee Wellness Center**

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**HAVEN Tribal Advocacy Program**

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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

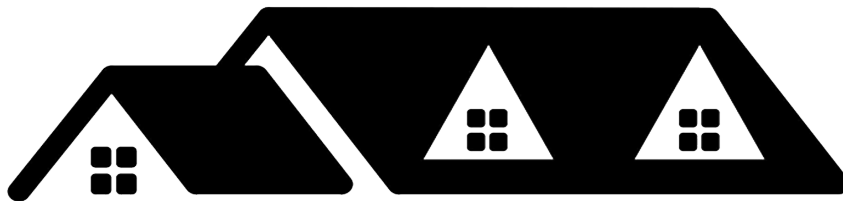
**TITLE FEES**  
New Title... \$15  
Replacement Title... \$10  
Transfer Title... \$15  
Add Lien... \$10

**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 December 2023

Adkins Hunter 12/29	Clouse Hudsyn 12/31	Hubbard Easton 12/4	Nelson Ethan 12/29	Titus Steven 12/7
Aguilar Deborah 12/3	Clouse James 12/22	Hudelson Matthew 12/26	Nelson Schade 12/1	Tomlinson Adam 12/17
Aguilar Miranda 12/21	Clouse Lincoln 12/27	Hudson Shawn 12/31	Nichols Ayla 12/1	Tomlinson Meriah 12/18
Alday Maleah 12/10	Corbus Ethynn 12/26	Huggins Anthony 12/16	Nichols Braden 12/10	Tomlinson Teena 12/28
Allen Joseph 12/17	Costa Mikhaila 12/3	Huggins Harley 12/25	Nicholson Titus 12/18	Trail Braden 12/22
Amos Jeremy 12/12	Cowell Amanda 12/16	Huls David 12/27	Oldham Jed 12/22	Trail Tierany 12/1
Anderson Andrew 12/7	Daugherty Kiona 12/22	Hurley Emily 12/8	Osborn Matthew 12/12	Triplett Jacob 12/5
Anderson Emily 12/6	Day Earnest 12/15	Hurley Kodi 12/4	Patrick Melanie 12/28	Tucker Arlo 12/10
Andrews Leah 12/18	Defer Matthew 12/9	Hutchinson Lesley 12/31	Peacock Nathan 12/24	Turner Avianna 12/1
Applegate Alexander 12/16	DeLuna Christopher 12/9	Hutchinson IV Franklin 12/6	Pittman Shylena 12/21	Turner Kinsley 12/10
Arends Jennifer 12/6	Diaz Phoenix-Harrison 12/19	Imig Zach 12/23	Pope Jack 12/5	VanTassel Misti 12/12
Arnold Trentyn 12/11	Dirkx Casey 12/21	James Carley 12/20	Porter Brionna 12/19	Vincen Daxton 12/21
Austin Boyce 12/21	Eagleston Taylor 12/30	Jameson Jr Jason 12/21	Profitt Jacob 12/9	Waggoner Hunter 12/2
Austin Bryston 12/31	Edwards Elle 12/23	Johnson Ivan 12/30	Prophet Ellie 12/14	Wainscott Dorothy 12/14
Austin Iona 12/21	Eledge Lannie 12/13	Johnston Micah 12/4	Prophet Trevor 12/14	Washington Beth 12/4
Austin Jennifer 12/18	Eudy Kyndall 12/31	Jones Abby 12/8	Punk Kenna 12/5	Watkins Tiffany 12/10
Baggs Bree 12/8	Evans, Jr Eli 12/4	Judd Steven 12/23	Purcell Madysen 12/8	Webster, Jr. Jessie 12/19
Bailey Spencer 12/14	Faulkner Bennet 12/21	Kees Debra 12/17	Purevich Christopher 12/8	White Hailey 12/16
Bales Braxton 12/6	Fletcher Jared 12/1	Kessel Shawnee 12/6	Purvis Lola 12/19	White Nicole 12/11
Ballard Kenneth 12/16	Floyd Makenzie 12/30	Kinsey Roxann 12/19	Purvis Thomas 12/5	Whitlock Sophia 12/9
Balun Valerie 12/18	Foster Leia 12/4	Kost-Day Rayden 12/26	Randall Haedyn 12/1	Wilmoth Ivy 12/19
Barker Gaylyn 12/21	Francis Sophia 12/30	Krauser Richard 12/20	Ratliff Lauren 12/7	Wilson Cindy 12/1
Barnes Olivia 12/10	Frankel Michael 12/17	Kuykendall Jacob 12/11	Rhoades Daphne 12/28	Wood Dakota 12/2
Barrett Brandon 12/13	Frederick Abraham 12/25	Kuykendall Mason 12/3	Richards Camdyn 12/12	Wood Tyler 12/10
Bartlett Timothy 12/19	Gardner James 12/23	Laird Sandy 12/19	Rosekrans Jessamyn 12/28	York Eli 12/28
Bear, Jr. Richard 12/4	Gaylord Ryan 12/5	Landis Jayden-star 12/15	Rosenberg Deborah 12/6	
Bennett Kyle 12/13	Genel Paxton 12/27	Lane Elizabeth 12/6	Rosenow Brittanie 12/18	
Bettis Monica 12/31	Genel Willow 12/2	Lankford Harley 12/28	Ross Melina 12/23	
Betts Kinley 12/15	Gillum Abigail 12/2	Lawson Amelia 12/23	Ross Preston 12/12	
Bird Nicholas 12/5	Gilmore Regina 12/18	Leach Payton 12/1	Ross Jr Gary 12/6	
Bishop Ashley 12/26	Gipson Deana 12/28	Leahy Tara 12/12	Rubio Andrew 12/27	
Blackmore Donald 12/30	Gokey Floyd 12/19	Lee Abigail 12/2	Salazar Audrey 12/6	
Blackstock Ryan 12/1	Golden Billy 12/2	Lee Reagan 12/6	Saltarello Anthony 12/12	
Blanchard Raymond 12/8	Gonzales Emery 12/7	Lei Rusty 12/14	Scarborough John 12/16	
Blizzard Anevay 12/7	Gonzales Quinn 12/18	Leo Deborah 12/23	Self Randall 12/20	
Blizzard Chevy 12/18	Gooch Delaney 12/15	Lewis Lakyn 12/27	Sheridan Charles 12/19	
Blizzard-Nash Dade 12/5	Gooch Kaiden 12/15	Loicano Aaron 12/30	Sherwood John 12/20	
Blizzard-Nash Unique 12/11	Graham Joshua 12/8	Lopez Antonio 12/22	Shiple Jaxton 12/17	
BlueJacket Anthony 12/15	Graham Jr Dennis 12/1	Loucks Betty 12/30	Shores Mason 12/4	
BlueJacket Autumn 12/7	Griffith Chance 12/16	Love Amber 12/27	Sky-Muir Darcy 12/29	
BlueJacket Logan 12/20	Gunter Cailyn 12/19	Mansker Kaia 12/29	Smith Dustin 12/23	
Bolin Ethan 12/14	Hallberg Ryan 12/12	Marberry Uriah 12/25	Sparacio Jaxson 12/8	
Bratcher-Rosekrans Kaya 12/11	Hamer Lindsay 12/15	Marney Sophia 12/19	Squirrel Marilee 12/26	
Bridges Teri 12/21	Hamilton Kai 12/20	Martens Bree 12/17	Staggs Denise 12/29	
Briggs MacKysa 12/28	Hamilton Morgan 12/6	Martin Ashley 12/23	Stoner Nataanii 12/15	
Brink MacKenzie 12/23	Hanson Jacquelyn 12/20	Martin Chance 12/19	Strickland Alex 12/18	
Brock Brandy 12/13	Harbison Mariana 12/10	Martin Douglas 12/28	Strickland Andrew 12/3	
Brock Brynlee 12/26	Harris Callie 12/5	Mathias Christina 12/13	Strickland David 12/21	
Brown Landynn 12/23	Harris Charles 12/21	Matthews Tonya 12/12	Strickland Hailey 12/23	
Bryant Crystal 12/21	Harris Dekota 12/15	McAfee Brandi 12/1	Strickland Krystal 12/18	
Bunce Marsha 12/13	Harris Jennings 12/20	McCoy Quinn 12/18	Strickland Todd 12/12	
Busby Desiree 12/9	Hart Jesse 12/19	McLaughlin Mariska 12/6	Sullivan Darrell 12/27	
Busby Kristian 12/2	Hauser Johnathan 12/30	Meadows Tamara 12/23	Sullivan Darrell 12/22	
Butler Syncere 12/15	Haynes Joshua 12/28	Mellen Austin 12/25	Sullivan Heath 12/27	
Buttram II Joseph 12/7	Hendrix Drew 12/11	Melton Connor 12/6	Summers Sophia 12/13	
Captain Jason 12/25	Henry Keith 12/3	Mercer Taylor 12/28	Sundell Laura 12/19	
Captain Michael 12/17	Herring Braylee 12/11	Miller Diana 12/4	Sweat Andrew 12/2	
Captain, III John 12/23	Higbee Henry 12/20	Miller Jared 12/8	Sweet Patrick 12/1	
Channick Ryan 12/2	Hilderbrand Aaron 12/9	Millhollin Christian 12/1	Swift Michael 12/18	
Chaulet Brooklyn 12/20	Hilt Allison 12/22	Millhollin Gary 12/11	Taylor Chad 12/27	
Childers Maliah 12/27	Hoey Liam 12/6	Millhollin Noah 12/23	Taylor Peyton 12/2	
Choate Dana 12/2	Holland Stephanie 12/17	Mitchell Ronnie 12/15	Tayrien Jarrod 12/23	
Christenson Landon 12/4	Hollis Justin 12/22	Mitchell-Seyfert Melissa 12/12	Tayrien Max 12/28	
Clark Breon 12/8	Holmes Cole 12/17	Morello Anthony 12/21	Tayrien Fetter Sandra 12/26	
Clark Kandace 12/30	Holmes Memphis 12/11	Murray Audrey 12/10	Thomasson Trampas 12/20	
	Hubbard Dallis 12/4	Nelson Emma 12/3	Throgmorton Courtney 12/3	