

the SHOOTING STAR



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News from the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Issue 1

Christmas Trees, Santa, Games, and Candy Galore!



The ESTOO Annex building has been a busy place since the beginning of November. For the Children’s Christmas Party this year, the team came up with a theme of “Candy Land Express”. The room was filled with trees decorated using different sweet treats, giant blow-up decorations, balloons everywhere you looked, hot cocoa and beautiful decorated cookies, and even a chocolate fountain! We kicked everything off with an interactive storyteller sharing traditional native stories, and Chief Wallace followed up with the reading of “Twas’ the Night Before Christmas.” Kids were then released to enjoy the games and activities, have a visit with Santa Clause, and enjoy some yummy food and CANDY! We had a great turn-out, with over 100 people in attendance. We can’t wait for next year!! *See more pics on pages 5-7.*



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.

-Jana Johnson, Director of Social Services

You're Invited! Business Committee Meetings to be held **January 10 & 24, 2024** 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,

By the time you receive this message, Christmas will have come and gone. I do hope you had a Merry one and that you were able to spend some precious time with your family. I selfishly was hoping for a White Christmas, but I along with millions of others didn't get it this year. That's okay. What I did get was far more meaningful—time with my family, Christmas cards from so many special people, emails, texts, telephone calls, visits, personal visits, personal comments, gifts, baked goods, candies of all kinds—so much candy that I will need to continue my physical therapy on my knees for another month because of the extra weight I have put on eating all those goodies. It has truly been a special holiday season and I am blessed. Thanks to each and every one of you.

As the year draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on these past 365 days known as Year 2023. It's been an incredible twelve months filled with challenges but also opportunities and I am amazed and so thankful for the progress Tribal Administration has made in this past year. Let me review some of the many things we accomplished in 2023.

1. Remodeled entire Early Childhood Learning Center due to flooding from Polar Plunge frozen pipes. Before we could remodel, we first had to clean out the old Travel Center and convert it into a suitable place for our children to attend the 2 or 3 months it took to remodel the ECLC.
2. Remodeled entire BlueJacket Building due to Polar Plunge frozen pipes. We had to remove absolutely everything from the BlueJacket Building, relocate to the Sandy Captain Cultural Center, and then move back four to five months later.
3. Our Indian Child Welfare Program has consistently been underfunded so we were ecstatic when we learned our first ever ICW Grant was funded and awarded \$405,000. This Home Visitation Grant funds 2 new positions and will let us begin developing relationships with parents and new borns immediately as we have parental training classes open to all 9 tribes in Ottawa County.
4. Another grant we received was the tribal Shakopee Mdewakanton Community Grant located in Minnesota. This grant provided \$715,000 which we used to help fund our Ohio River Valley Splashpad at our Early Childhood Learning Center which is also open to the entire community weekdays from 3 to 8 p.m. and each weekend plus holidays in swimming season.
5. We celebrated the Grand Opening of our Ohio River Valley Splash Pad along with our first playground especially designed for children ages 6-12 at our Early Childhood Learning Center. For the past six years we have had only one playground which was designed for children 5 and under.

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The Shooting Star

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Four Time Superbowl Champions Wyandotte Bears



On November 25th the Wyandotte Youth Football 3rd and 4th grade boys faced Galena and came up with a fourth Superbowl Title. The entire season was played with so much passion that they held their competitors' scores to 26 points. The team consists of many repeat players that have won this title since 2020 with two of the players being members of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe. Benson Hotulke and RJ Long, both boys practice the Wyandotte Youth Football Mission—*To be the standard in youth football on and off the field.*

Benson (No. 21) is the son of Evan and Jennifer Hotulke, and **RJ (No. 49)** is the son of Robert and Billie Jo Long. We are proud of all of our boys, they are a great example of sportsmanship, discipline and leadership on and off the field. Congratulations on another great year. *Submitted by Melanie Heskett.*



Front Benson Hotulke, back row Brooklynn, Evan, Jennifer and Boston Hotulke.



Billie Jo, RJ and Robert Long.

December 7th marked the 39th year of High Stakes Bingo

By Melanie Heskett, General Manager, Indigo Sky Casino & Resort and Outpost Casino



December 7th marked the 39th year of High Stakes Bingo for the Eastern Shawnee Tribe. Our gaming operations have expanded significantly since those early days, but bingo still draws a large number of guests, night after night. Although the rush of winning helps bring these guests back, the secret to our bingo hall's longevity is the people involved. Our guests see each night in bingo as a bright star on their social calendar. They come together with our team members to laugh, joke, empathize, and connect. Countless friendships have been formed here, and many of our guests see each other and our team members as family.

At the center of this operation is **Pearl Chase** (Pictured below receiving award from Melanie Heskett, ISKY Casino General Manager), who has worked in bingo from the first day we opened our doors. For 39 years she has sold papers, run the bingo floor, and created a loyal fan base in the process. She brings a level of dedication, loyalty, and love that guests and coworkers have connected with over the years. When asked about her time with the Eastern Shawnee Tribe, Pearl had the following to say: "We have done so well with our guests because of how we treated each other. We have fun and we always have each other's back." I would like to take this chance to once again thank Pearl for her years of dedication and friendship. Bingo would not be the same without you. *Here's to many more!*



Scenes From Children's Christmas Party



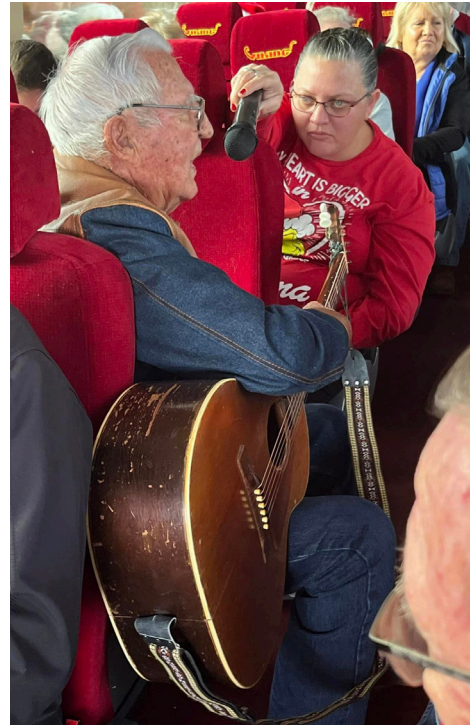


Charles Daniel King, born November 13, 2023 was the youngest in attendance during this year's Children's Christmas Party. Charles is the son of Jasper King and Anamaria Wallace.



AOA Program Goes To Branson

Submitted By Whitney Morgan, AOA/Title VI Director



The AOA took a Branson trip on December 15th. We saw the Christmas Wonderland show at the Kings Castle Theater and ate lunch at the Grand Country Buffet. Lots of food and laughs were had! We are looking forward to another trip in 2024!





Capitol Christmas Tree has been named “wa’feem’tekwi” by the Shawnee Tribe.



The Capitol Christmas Tree has been named “wa’feem’tekwi” by the Shawnee Tribe of Miami, Oklahoma. The name means “bright tree” in the Shawnee language and is pronounced phonetically “wa thame tech we”.

Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

A Tradition Since 1970

The Forest Service provides the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree from a different national forest each year. The Monongahela National Forest provided the very first tree in 1970, and another tree in 1976. The Architect of the Capitol staff chose this 63-foot Norway spruce from Randolph County as

the third tree from the Monongahela National Forest and the 2023 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree.

Monongahela National Forest

Monongahela National Forest, located in the Allegheny Mountains of east-central West Virginia, was established April 28, 1920. The forest includes more than 920,000 acres of Federal land in 10 counties. The forest is biologically diverse with variations in precipitation and elevations ranging from 1,000 feet above sea level to 4,863 feet at the State’s highest peak, Spruce Knob. Monongahela National Forest is a working forest, providing forest products, water, grazing, minerals, fish and wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities.

Ornaments and Tree Skirts

Volunteers have made more than 14,000 ornaments for this tree and other Christmas trees in Federal buildings in Washington, DC, using recycled and upcycled materials. West Virginia 4-H, Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Youth Environmental Program, West Virginia Division of Forestry, and many other organizations and individuals contributed ornaments and tree skirts.

Choose Outdoors

Choose Outdoors is the Forest Service’s key project partner in the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree initiative. They work to increase all American’s enjoyment, appreciation, and support for outdoor recreation activities that connect them to public lands. *Submitted by Justin Barrett, Treasurer*

White House Tribal Nations Summit

Submitted by Justin Barrett, Treasurer

At the White House Tribal Nations Summit, the Biden-Harris Administration announced new actions to strengthen the understanding and respect for Native history. This includes President Biden signing an Executive Order to streamline grant processes for tribal nations. The tribal portal was live as of yesterday.

The U.S. Department of the Interior announced that the White House Council on Native American Affairs has completed a Best Practices Guide for Tribal and Native Hawaiian Sacred Sites, which provides best practices, procedures, and guidance for the management, treatment, and protection of sacred sites, identifies barriers to federal protection of sacred sites, and recommendations to remedy those barriers. The Department also announced final revisions of its Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) regulations that provide a systematic process for returning human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony to Tribal Nations and Native Hawaiian Organizations.

Department of Agriculture Secretary Vilsack announced

the first grant recipients under the Indigenous Animals Harvesting and Meat Processing Grant Program, as well as advances in U.S. Forest Service co-stewardship with Tribes, including 120 new agreements totaling more than \$68 million in investments. Secretary Vilsack also announced the inaugural appointees of the new Tribal Advisory Committee.

President Biden celebrated the historic achievement of advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service. "My administration last year secured the first ever advanced funding for Indian Health Service. \$5.1 billion locked in before budget negotiations so hospitals could plan ahead, order supplies, our doctors, knowing the money would be there. And we're going to keep fighting to make sure that funding is a mandatory part of the federal budget so Tribes can count on it year in and year out." said President Biden.

President Biden announced that he will support the effort of the Haudenosaunee Nationals Lacrosse Team to compete in the Olympic Games as its own national team, separate from the United States.



FROM THIS CORNER

By Chief Glenna J. Wallace

WINTER SOLSTICE



Thursday, December 21 was more than just another day preparing for Christmas, it was the day marking Winter Solstice, the day with the shortest time of daylight or in other words the longest day of darkness in the year. Since I am not a winter or indoor person, I much prefer daylight and outdoors so I always look forward to Winter Solstice because it means each day henceforth will have a wee bit more of sunlight and a little less of darkness than the day before. Officially Thursday December 21, 2023 had 9 hours, 36 minutes and 50 seconds of daylight between sunrise at 7:27 a.m. and sunset at 5:04 p.m. here in the four state corner. Each day will have more sunlight through Summer Solstice June 20 when we will officially have 14 hours, 42 minutes and 41 seconds of daylight, a whopping difference of more than five hours of daylight.

In our Native American world, Winter Solstice is a special time, the time of winter months when traditional storytelling occurs. Different tribes have different beliefs, different customs, different stories. I have heard that storytelling was prevalent in winter months because of practical reasons because during other seasons people were busy. Our Shawnee ancestors were known as hunters and gatherers; thus they would have been particularly busy in spring, summer and fall planting, growing, harvesting, hunting and preserving the food supply necessary for survival. It is logical that they spent more time inside in the winter with its long, dark evenings with possibly snow and cold winds blowing outside. It was during these times that telling stories was a way to instruct, teach and entertain.

I have also heard that most animals are also the busiest in the spring, summer, and fall months. They too must hunt and store food for the severe winter season. Consequently these animals must not be interrupted from their work because

many traditional stories feature animal characters and they might stop working to listen to the stories about themselves, thus possibly resulting in their not surviving the harshness of winter because they did not spend sufficient time preparing for it. As has been said, there is a time, a season for all things. Spring, summer, fall is time for animals to prepare while winter is a time for many of them to hibernate. A second explanation I have heard why animal stories are told in the winter is that out of respect, our elders waited until the winter when animals hibernated or became less active so they cannot hear themselves being talked about.

Having a gifted storyteller tell you a Native American story is something everyone should experience. The stories vary from tribe to tribe just as the customs/practices vary. We should be respectful of all. In some tribes I have read that “a gift of tobacco is offered to the storyteller before the story begins. The storyteller will often take the tobacco outside and place it on the earth as an offering to the spirits of the story.” I personally enjoy going to the Miami Tribe’s Winter Gathering held in January to hear the storytelling.

I encourage you to share your cultural teachings this Winter Solstice season by sharing your tribal teachings or listening to others or reading a good book filled with those animal antics. Those animal stories are often funny, but they are not always fairytales inducing sweet dreams for little ones. Instead they may be cautionary tales, often with tragic consequences teaching morals, meaning bad begets bad and good begets good. The official opening of Storytelling is Winter Solstice and you will know when that season is over and storytelling should end when the snakes emerge from their hibernation and the peepers known as frogs, crickets and cicadas begin their peeping.

Bearskin Healthcare Service Guide

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

Education Snapshot

By Amber Mittag, Education/Specialized Services Director

NEW ADDRESS: 10100 S. BlueJacket Road
Wyandotte, OK 74370

Hello students!

We are just days away from Christmas day and you have completed your Fall finals and are hopefully enjoying each of your families. By the time you read this, Christmas will be past, and you will be gearing up for Spring semester. Good luck to all of you for the semester ahead. Do not forget you must fill out a new application each semester to be eligible for the scholarship.

This month I am most proud to bring you a student success story. I am always proud of you all, but this one is dear to me, as she was one of our own here in the Education department. Most of you will remember **Stacie Triplett**, my former

Education Assistant. I watched her work day in and day out on her assignments and different classes. Sometimes they were quite grueling, but she saw them through and obtained her bachelor's degree this past Saturday December 16th from Pittsburg State University. Stacie is the daughter of Danny and Christina Triplett and received her bachelor's degree in psychology with an emphasis on legal issues. As I mentioned previously, she is my former assistant because she has moved on to great new things using that degree. I am so proud of her and cannot wait to see what the future holds for her!

Until next time! Keep studying!



Stacie Triplett



The 2024-2025 Cobell Scholarship Application is now open!



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First Tribal Nation



Eastern Shawnee Tribe

www.buildersandbackers.com

If you have a business idea and want to go through the Idea Accelerator Program with Builders & Backers and Heartland Forward, please email: Justin Barrett at jbarrett@estoo.net.

There are several cohorts throughout the year. When the cohort is announced, Justin will send you the information to apply for the program and connect you to the program administrators.

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PROGRAM PERKS

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H.A.V.E.N. Update

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

Upcoming Events:

Support Group: Please call our office for details.

Man Up/My Life Event in February – an amazing event that acknowledges the many physical and mental obstacles teens in Ottawa County Face! Contact our office for more details.

Program Update:

Hello all –

In this month’s article we’re focusing on stalking awareness and defining what is a healthy relationship.

January is Stalking Awareness Month – a time to remind ourselves what stalking is and what it looks like. According to the Department of Justice – “stalking is a pattern of repeated and unwanted attention, harassment, contact, or any other course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear”. Similar to crimes of sexual violence – stalking is about power and control.

The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) reports that about 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men have been stalked at some point in their lives.

What does stalking look like?

According to the CDC Stalking Can Look Like:

- Unwanted following and watching of the victim
- Unwanted approaching or showing up in places, such as the victim’s home, workplace, or school
- Unwanted use of global positioning system (GPS) technology to monitor or track the victim’s location

- Leaving strange or potentially threatening items for the victim to find
- Sneaking into the victim’s home or car and doing things to scare the victim or let the victim know the perpetrator had been there
- Use of technology (e.g., hidden camera, recorder, computer software) to spy on the victim from a distance
- Unwanted phone calls, including hang-ups and voice messages
- Unwanted texts, emails, social media, or photo messages
- Unwanted cards, letters, flowers, or presents

Using technology to socialize and communicate has its conveniences, but it can also make it easier for people to harass others in ways that might be frightening and threatening.

Now that we know what stalking can look like let’s explore what a healthy relationship might look like.

Healthy Relationships

A healthy relationship means that both you and your partner are:

- Communicative. You talk openly about problems and listen to one another. You respect each other’s opinions.
- Respectful. You value each other’s opinions, feelings, and needs, and give each other the freedom to be yourself and be loved for who you are.
- Trusting. You believe what your partner has to say and don’t feel the need to “prove” each other’s trustworthiness.
- Honest. You’re honest with each other but can still keep some

things private.

- Equal. You make decisions together and hold each other to the same standards. You and your partner have equal say with regard to major decisions within the relationship. All partners have access to the resources they need.
- Setting boundaries. You enjoy spending time apart, alone, or with others. You respect each other’s need for time and space apart. You communicate with each other about what you are and aren’t comfortable with.
- Practicing consent. You talk openly about sexual and reproductive choices together. All partners always willingly consent to sexual activity and can safely discuss what you are and aren’t comfortable with.
- Parenting supportively. All partners are able to parent in a way that they feel comfortable with. You communicate together about the needs of the child(ren), as well as the needs of the parents.

“All relationships exist on a spectrum from healthy to abusive, with unhealthy relationships somewhere in the middle. Explore our interactive Relationship Spectrum by rating different scenarios as healthy, unhealthy, or abusive and find out where your own relationship falls.

If you recognize any of the warning signs, it may be an indication that your relationship is abusive. Create a safety plan or text, call, or chat now to connect with an advocate to confidentially discuss your situation and explore available options”.

Loveisrespect Relationship Spectrum

Healthy

A healthy relationship means both you and your partner are:

- Communicating
- Respectful
- Trusting
- Honest
- Equal
- Enjoying personal time away from each other
- Making mutual choices
- Economic/financial partners

Unhealthy

You may be in an unhealthy relationship if your partner is:

- Not communicating
- Disrespectful
- Not trusting
- Dishonest
- Trying to take control
- Only spending time together
- Pressured into activities
- Unequal economically

Abusive

Abuse is occurring in a relationship when one partner is:

- Communicating in a hurtful or threatening way
- Mistreating
- Accusing the other of cheating when it's untrue
- Denying their actions are abusive
- Controlling
- Isolating their partner from others

Information for this month's article comes from the CDC ([https://www.thehotline.org/resources/healthy-relationships/](https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/intimatepartnerviolence/stalking/fast-fact.html#:~:text=Stalking%20is%20a%20public%20health,safety%20concerns%20in%20a%20victim.), the National Domestic Violence Hotline (<a href=)), RAINN ([https://www.loveisrespect.org/](https://www.rainn.org/articles/stalking#:~:text=%E2%80%9CStalking%20is%20a%20pattern%20of,is%20about%20power%20and%20control.), and Love is Respect (<a href=)).

If you have questions about your relationship, want to leave, or have questions about a relationship of someone you know – Haven advocates are here to listen and if needed – connect you with services.

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

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Child Care and Development Fund

Submitted by Dian Randall, CCDF Director

CCDF staff along with ICW staff had our annual Angel Tree Reception that we had on November 3rd here in our department. The Angels on our tree are families that are on our CCDF & ICW program that are very low income and may not be able to provide Christmas for their children otherwise. This year we have 63 angels.

We are busy getting things ready for our booth at the annual Children's Christmas Party. It is going to look spectacular. We hope to see each of you there, but if you cannot make it, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We are pleased to announce that the Eastern Shawnee Tribe's Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Grant continues to support essential programs within our service area. As the Director of the CCDF Program, I want to share some important information about the programs we offer to eligible residents within a 100-mile radius of our office

near Wyandotte, Oklahoma.

- 1. Car Seat Program:** We understand the importance of child safety, which is why we provide our Car Seat Program. If you reside within our service area, you are eligible to receive support for child car seats to ensure the safety of your little ones during travel.
- 2. Newborn Starter Kit Program:** Welcoming a new addition to your family is a joyous occasion. Our Newborn Starter Kit Program aims to provide essential items to help you care for your newborn. Eligible families within our service area can access this valuable support.

These programs are made possible through the CCDF grant, and they are in accordance with our grant guidelines. We are committed to assisting families in our community with these vital resources.

If you or someone you know needs child care assistance or has questions

about our Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Program, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Our office is conveniently located at 10100 S. Blue-jacket Rd., Suite #3, Wyandotte, OK 74370.

You can contact us by phone at (918) 540-9970 or use our toll-free number at 866-978-1352. When you call, you'll have the opportunity to speak with me, Dian Randall, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe's CCDF Program Director, or you can also get in touch with Johnetta or Dheather.

For those who prefer email communication, you can reach us at the following email addresses:

- drandall@estoo.net
- jharper@estoo.net
- dheather.sparks@estoo.net

Additionally, you can find more information about our program on the tribe's website at www.estoo-nsn.gov.

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

Your Child's Self-Esteem

Sometimes it's easy to notice when kids feel good about themselves and when they don't. This idea of feeling good about yourself is called self-esteem.

Kids with self-esteem feel liked, accepted, and confident. They're proud of what they can do and think good things about themselves. Kids with low self-esteem criticize themselves and doubt they can do things well. They feel they're not as good as other kids and think of the times they fail rather than when they succeed.

Why Does Self-Esteem Matter?

Kids who feel good about themselves have the confidence to try their best at new things. They feel proud of what they can do. Self-esteem also helps kids cope with mistakes. They feel encouraged to try again, even if they fail at first. Self-esteem helps kids do better at school, at home, and with friends.



Kids with low self-esteem feel unsure of themselves. If they think others won't accept them, they may not join in. They may let others treat them poorly and have a hard time standing up for themselves. They may give up easily or

not try at all. Kids with low self-esteem find it hard to cope when they make a mistake, lose, or fail. So they may not do as well as they could.

How Does Self-Esteem Develop?

Self-esteem can start to develop when a baby gets positive attention and loving care. It begins when a child feels safe, loved, and accepted.

As babies become toddlers and young children, they're able to do some things by themselves. They feel good about when they can use their new skills. Their self-esteem grows when parents pay attention, let them try, give smiles, and show pride.

As kids get older, self-esteem can grow any time children try things, do things, and learn things. This may happen when kids:

- make progress toward a goal
- learn things at school and get good grades
- make friends and get along
- do favorite activities, like music, sports, art, cooking, tech skills
- help, give, or be kind
- try hard at something and get praised
- feel understood and accepted
- When kids have self-esteem, they feel confident, capable, and accepted for who they are.

How Can Parents Help Build Self-Esteem?

If kids don't feel good about themselves, parents can help. Boost your child's self-esteem by doing things like being a good role model. Help kids learn to do stuff so they can feel proud. Praise effort and ban harsh criticism. By helping build kids' self-esteem, you let them know how valued and important they are.

*Medically reviewed by: Gabriel Araujo, PhD
Date reviewed: September 2023*

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Tribal Police Department in the Holiday Spirit

Submitted by Jeanette Kruse, Police Department Administrative Assistant



Taleasha Harvey created the theme from Christmas Story on front doors of Police Department. Taleasha is the wife of Officer Ray Harvey.

Vital Stats & Social Services

By Jana Johnson, Director

Service Budgets December 2023

Service	Year	Year Served
Auditory	\$18.12	1
Burial	\$33,202.36	6
Disabled Elder Care Emergency	\$113,651.38	175
Elder Crisis Committee	\$26,294.51	18
Extracurricular	\$2,297.10	17
Healthcare	\$152,053.30	366
Orthodontics	\$750.00	1
School Expenses	\$31,015.79	145
Special Medical Equipment	\$110.83	2
Utility Assistance Emergency	\$62,453.89	209
Totals	\$421,847.28	

Vital Statistics Activity

December 2023-FY 24

Status Changes	56
Deaths	3
Enrollees	14
ID Cards	32
Photo ID	9
Total Enrollees for current fiscal year	20
Total Deaths for current fiscal year	4
Total Membership	3818

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

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

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

VITAL STATISTICS Direct to Vendor Claim Form

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

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DATE: Wednesday, November 8th, 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 5:40 p.m. by Treasurer Barrett, in the absence of 2nd Chief Samples with the following answering roll call: 1st Council Kissee, 2nd Council Daugherty, 3rd Council Kraus. Treasurer Barrett, Secretary Littlefield. Chief Wallace was present, and a quorum was declared by Treasurer Barrett.

NEW ENROLLEES:

Enrollee	Birth Year
Benjamin Allan Morley	2021
Koen Layne Bear	2023
Emry Jolynn Ward	2023
Kylan Brooks Hazelwood	2023
Nekota Denton Bluejacket-Rush	2021

MOTION: To accept new enrollees: The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

MINUTES:

MOTION To Approve the October 25th, 2023, Business Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

REPORTS

Chief's Report:

Thank You – Thank you notes were read by Chief Wallace from (1) Quapaw Community Boosters for Quapaw Hay Days Donation, (2) NEO A & M College, Office of the President (to recognize Chief Wallace as a graduate of NEO A & M College and (3) Ohio History Connection for \$500,000.00 donation.

Donations Requests – (1) A request from Creation Safari Wildlife Park was tabled.

(2) Request made by Mariah Tyner with Reign for a donation for the Native American Cultural Celebration Nov. 10-11 at the Coleman Theater in Miami, Okla.

MOTION: To Donate \$2500.00 for the Native American Cultural Celebration. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

Director Reports – Provided to BC members prior to meeting.

NEO Tribal Appreciation – Special program held by NEO A & M College to honor all the Chief's in the area and to have the opportunity to discuss how the college and tribes can work together in the future.

Trunk or Treat – Attended by over 1200 children.

110 Road – 3 bids were presented for the 110 Road project by Justin Moorehead, Roads Director. The Companies were Branco, Crosslands and Holcomb. Will be meeting for further discussion. Hopefully 110 Road will be started on in December.

Mapping Project – waiting upon whether our reservation has been dis-established or established. The land promised by a Treaty in 1831 was to be our reservation. The reservation must be established legally since the McGirt decision. Our tribe has not had a court case to determine whether our reservation is established or disestablished. Seven of the tribes have gone together to determine where the jurisdictional lines are established. An original marker for the Eastern Shawnee has land been found on the Cave Springs Road on land called Sky Ranch.

People's Bank – People's Bank ranked 24th out of 246 banks of every size in the state of Missouri according to the 3rd quarter report.

ICW – Has received a grant allowing them to work with children prior to a home incident or difficulty. Two individuals have been hired and they will

work with all tribes in our area. They will be having their first meeting next week with all tribes to promote their program.

Update from Joe Halloran – Continuing to work on the mapping project and other issues with the tribes in the county.

Energy Plan Report – Chief Wallace will provide copies that she has received to the Business Committee.

Christmas Bonus – Chief's recommendation has been provided to the Business Committee for approval.

Veterans Celebration – Was held today at our AOA with a large number present. A video showing every tribal member that served in the military was presented. Twenty veterans who were present were honored individually.

Holidays – Veterans Day November 10th, Thanksgiving Nov. 23rd and 24th with the offices closing at 12:00 on Wednesday the 22nd. Christmas Holiday will be December 24th and 25th.

Children's Christmas Party – Scheduled for Sat., December 2nd at the Annex. The party is for the children of tribal members and employees. If employee's children are unable to attend, we ask that the employee stop by the Annex to pick up their child's gift card as these will not be mailed out. Gift cards are provided to our tribal elders and children ages 18 and under.

NCAI – National Congress of American Indians annual meeting will be held next week in New Orleans. Chief Wallace will be attending this meeting. She will be gone Sunday thru Thursday.

CASINO REPORT – Tabled

GAMING COMMISSION REPORT – Tabled

TREASURER REPORT

Cash Balances:

The numbers below are the PRELIMINARY Cash Balances as of 09/30/2023 due 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 in-

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investments outlined below that were authorized.

The following investments were authorized by the Business Committee:

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

Preliminary Cash Balance as of September 30, 2023, compared to September 30, 2020:

- Total General Fund accounts are \$76,859,595
 - o Compared to FY20's balance of \$40,361,084
 - o Resulting in an increase of \$36,498,511
- Total Federal Grants \$21,215,362
 - o Compared to FY20's balance of \$4,712,897
 - o Resulting in an increase of \$16,502,465
- Land Account \$2,330,775.
 - o Compared to FY20's balance of \$382,860
 - o Resulting in an increase of \$1,947,916
- Economic Development Account \$2,098,234
 - o Compared to FY20's balance of \$387,860
 - o Resulting in an increase of \$1,710,373
- Grand Total – All Tribal Admin Accounts \$106,864,818
 - o Compared to FY20's balance of \$51,672,910
 - o 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
 - o Compared to FY20's balance of \$1,174,884
 - o Resulting in an increase of \$724,852
- Social Services & Education Reserves \$20,891,349
 - o Compared to FY20's balance of \$15,379,400
 - o Resulting in an increase of \$5,511,949
- Maintenance Reserve \$4,500,000
- Operating Reserve \$12,500,000
- Total Committed Funds \$83,829,356
 - o Compared to FY20's balance of \$33,288,060
 - o 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
 - o Compared to FY20's balance of \$18,384,850
 - o 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:
 - o Eastern Shawnee Professional Services
 - o 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:
 - o Eastern Shawnee Staffing Solutions
 - o 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:
 - o Woodlands Hospitality
 - o Woodlands Development
 - o Woodlands Management Services
 - o Woodlands Entertainment
- Woodlands Management also holds our investment in Vetros 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/develop-

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ment 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
 - o Conducted by federally recognized tribes pursuant to a Tribal-State Compact
 - o Revenue taxed at 15%
 - o Only in-person bets accepted
- Mobile Event Wagering
 - o Conducted pursuant to a license issued by the State of Oklahoma (initial licensing fee of \$500,000, annual licensing fee of \$100,000)
 - o Revenue taxed at 20%

On November 4, 2023, Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association Chairman Matt Morgan issued the following statement in response to the Governor's plan:

The Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association was not consulted prior to Gov. Stitt releasing his sport betting plan. The members of the OIGA have been preparing to receive an offer from the State on sports betting for the past couple of years, and while we appreciate Gov. Stitt finally joining the sports betting conversation, to date he has not engaged in meaningful and respectful government-to-government discussion with tribes. We remain hopeful that he is committed to moving forward in a productive manner in accord with established law and process, which would include working with the Oklahoma Legislature to offer a compact supplement to tribes within the State-Tribal

Gaming Act construct that protects the tribes' "substantial gaming exclusivity." To approach it otherwise is simply to invite failure.

Since the State-Tribal Gaming Act was offered by the people of Oklahoma in 2004 and renewed in 2020, tribes have taken on 100% of costs and associated risks, paid all of the State's monitoring expenses, exceeded all revenue projections, and have become the recognized national industry leader. Likewise, Oklahoma continues to benefit under our model compact at a rate that far exceeds any other state with an Indian Gaming Regulatory Act compact with tribal nations. We look forward to seeing the more than \$2 billion dollars that gaming tribes have already contributed directly to the state continue to grow and positively impact the state's education funding."

Matthew L. Morgan
Chairman

Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association
RESOLUTIONS:
RESOLUTION NUMBER 110823-R-01 Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) FY24 Budget

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the FY24 project budget for the US Department of the Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF): American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). (attached)

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 110823-R-01. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kisse.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 110823-R-02 Resolution to Open a DDA at People's Bank of Seneca for Eastern Shawnee Professional Services, LLC.

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

homa does hereby wish to open a demand deposit account at People's Bank of Seneca for Eastern Shawnee Professional Services, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby designates Chief Glenna J. Wallace, Treasurer Justin Barrett, and Secretary Debbie Littlefield as authorized signers.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby designates Chief Financial Officer Karen Allen as the Administrator of cash Management.

MOTION: To approve Resolution Number 110823-R-02. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 110823-R-03 Resolution to Open an Interest Bearing DDA at People's Bank of Seneca for Eastern Shawnee Companies, LLC NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to open a demand deposit account at People's Bank of Seneca for Eastern Shawnee Companies, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby designates Chief Glenna J. Wallace, Treasurer Justin Barrett, and Secretary Debbie Littlefield as authorized signers.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma hereby designates Chief Financial Officer Karen Allen as the Administrator of Cash Management.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 110823-R-03. The motion was made by 1st Council Kisse with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

Motion carried: 5 approved, 0 opposed,

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0 abstained, 0 absent.

Geospatial Solutions and Staffing Solutions – Tabled

MOTION: To Add the following Resolution – 110823-R-04

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

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 110823-R-04 Resolution authorizing the submission of Funding Opportunity: Oklahoma Heritage Preservation Grant Program funded by the Oklahoma Historical Society

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby authorize the grant submission of the Oklahoma Heritage Preservation Grant Program funded by the Oklahoma Historical Society in the amount of \$22,000. \$20,000 is being requested from the grant program.

The Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma commits to providing the 10% cash match, \$2,000 required by the Oklahoma Heritage Preservation Grant Program.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 110823-R-04. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

MOTION: To authorize the submission of the Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Grant program. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Quote Approval – Four State Fence, Inc.

Quote #339R1 in the amount of \$89,820.00 (\$46,300 of this amount is grand funded) from Four State Fence, Inc. for Seneca ESTOO Fence Revised 1.

Motion: To approve Quote #339R1 made by 2nd Council Daugherty with

second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

REQUISITIONS

Requisition EN-102160 payable to Marmic Fire and Safety Co. in the amount of \$30,435.00 for converting wet fire system to dry fire system – Nitrogen Generator.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-102160. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

Requisition EN-102246 payable to Pelivan Transit/Grand Gateway E.D.A. in the amount of \$27,756.45 for Invoice #807 September 2023.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-102246. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

Requisition EN-102247 payable to Pelivan Transit/Grand Gateway E.D.A. in the amount of \$33,268.82 for Invoice #806 September 2023.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-102247. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Requisition EN-102248 payable to Connect Construction Services in the amount of \$35,075.60 for WMC Building payment application 7.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-102248. 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).

Requisition EN-102250 payable to Connect Construction Services in the amount of \$46,187.42 for WMC Building – Retainage.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-102250. 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).

Requisition EN-102346 payable to Brown and Brown of Oklahoma in the amount of \$29,093.00 for Workman Comp. Installment #6.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-102346. 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).

Purchase Order PR-00063438 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$50,232.90 for pavement sealer and parking lot striping.

MOTION: To Approve PR-00063438. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

Quote: 2001223050313-03 from Presidio for Pure Storage FlashArray in the amount of \$164,790.00.

MOTION: To approve Quote: 2001223050313-03. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

Quote: P85-07604-C9M350 from Pinnacle for Artic Wolf security/monitoring services in the amount of \$145,637.23.

MOTION: To approve Quote: P85-07604-C9M350. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by Secretary Littlefield.,

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

Quote: P85-07650-Y0X6Y5 from Pinnacle for Cohesity in the amount of \$283,266.19.

MOTION: To approve Quote: P85-07650-Y0X6Y5. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Quote: P85-07692-J3S7D6 from Pin-

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nacle for Imprivata in the amount of \$89,242.00.

MOTION: To approve Quote: P85-07692-J3S7D6. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

Agilysys Agreement No: 20111007-BOR, Opportunity Number 966729 for Professional Services in the amount of \$25,080.00.

MOTION: To Approve Agilysys Agreement No: 20111007-BOR, Opportunity Number 966729 with change. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Agilysys Agreement No: 20111007-BOR, Opportunity Number 966732 in the amount of \$37,190.00.

MOTION: To Approve Agilysys Agreement No: 20111007-BOR, Opportunity Number 966732. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 1st Council Kisse.

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

MOTION: To proceed with Branco for the 110 Road Project. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kisse.

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

NEW BUSINESS: None Presented.

OLD BUSINESS: None Presented.

MOTION: To go into Closed Session at 6:56 P.M. made by 1st Council Kisse with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

MOTION: To return to Open Session at 8:46 p.m. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kisse.

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

MOTION: Authorizing the General Manager to enter contract negotiations with Capitol Gaming Group pending legal review. The motion was made by

1st Council Kisse with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

MOTION: To approve Christmas Bonuses for employees and elected officials at \$100.00 a month for twelve (12) months or 3% whichever is greater. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

MOTION: To adjourn at 8:48 p.m. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kisse.

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

ADJOURN

DATE: Wednesday, November 29th, 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 5:36 p.m. by 2nd Chief Samples with the following answering roll call: 1st Council Kisse, 2nd Council Daugherty, 3rd Council Kraus. Treasurer Barrett, Secretary Littlefield. Chief Wallace was present, and a quorum was declared by 2nd Chief Samples.

MOTION: To take the agenda out of order. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

NEW ENROLLEES:

Enrollee	Birth Year
Waylon Ray Nichols	2023
Benjamin Douglas Mises	2022
Sophia Rae Weinberg	2023
Ashlyn Rose Garner	2023
Juliana Jean Harbison	2021

Aria Capri Roche 2023

Berlin Rose Collins 2023

Paisley Mae Susbauer 2022

Stephanie Marie Green 2023

MOTION: To accept new enrollees: The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kisse.

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

MINUTES:

MOTION To Approve the November 8th, 2023, Business Committee Meeting Minutes with changes. The motion made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

MOTION: To return the agenda back to order. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

Premier – Health Insurance Renewal – presented by Dana Neighbors, RHU, Director of Employee Benefits, Premier Consulting Partners.

MOTION: To approve Health Insurance Renewal as presented. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by 2nd Council Daugherty. Motion carried: 5 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent.

REPORTS – None presented.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 112923-R-01 Approving a Budget Amendment to the FY2023 Tribal Administration Budget - Contributions

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the FY2023 budget modification No. 5 to increase the Business Committee Contribution Budget by \$950,000.00.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 112923-R-01. The motion was made by 1st Council Kisse with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 5 approved, 0 opposed,

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0 abstained, 0 absent.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 112923-R-02 Approving a Budget Amendment to the FY2023 Tribal Administration Budget – Down Payment Assistance

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve FY2023 Budget modification No. 6 to increase the Down Payment Assistance program by \$70,000.00.

MOTION: To approve Resolution Number 112923-R-02. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 112923-R-03 Approving a Budget Amendment to the FY2023 Tribal Administration Budget – Cultural Department

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the FY2023 budget modification No. 7 to reallocate Cultural Department to Ceremonial and Herd Management budgets. Net effect is zero.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 112923-R-03. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 112923-R-04 Approving a Budget Amendment to the FY2023 Tribal Administration Budget – Indirect Departments

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve FY2023 budget modification No. 8 to reallocate Indirect Department budgets. Net effect is zero.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 112923-R-04. The motion was made by 3rd Council Kraus with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

Motion carried: 5 approved, 0 opposed,

0 abstained, 0 absent.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 112923-R-05 Resolution to approve the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Housing Authority First Time Home Buyer Policies and Procedures

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby wish to approve the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Housing Authority First Time Home Buyer Policies and Procedures (attached).

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 112923-R-05. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 112923-R-06 Resolution to approve the Eastern Shawnee Tribe Home Improvement Program Policies and Procedures

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the updated Eastern Shawnee Tribe Home Improvement Program Policies and Procedures (attached)

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 112923-R-06. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

Resolution to Approve the FY2024 Tribal Member Benefits Manual – Tabled

Resolution to Approve the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Fraudulent Policy – Tabled

MOTION TO ADD RESOLUTION NUMBER 112923-R-07 to the agenda made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 112923-R-07 Approving a Guaranteed Maximum

Price Amendment to the AIA A133 Contract between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and C.R. Crawford Construction originally approved by Resolution 091323-R-01

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the attached Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Amendment to the AIA A133 Contract between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and C.R. Crawford Construction originally approved by Resolution 091323-R-01. The Contract Sum is guaranteed by the Construction Manager not to exceed \$15,350,935.00 subject to additions and deductions by Change Order as provided in the contract documents.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 112923-R-07. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

REQUISITIONS

Requisition EN-102344 payable to GHA Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$65,256.22 for Commvault Services and Controller Card.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-102344. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Requisition EN-102462 payable to Branco Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$93,956.00 for Pay App. #7 ECLC.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-102462. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Requisition EN-102740 payable to GHA Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$38,955.39 for Kaspersky Anti-Virus 3-year renewal and upgrade.

MOTION: To Approve EN-102740. The motion was made by Treasurer

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Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

Requisition EN-103017 payable to Pelivan Transit/Grand Gateway E.D.A. in the amount of \$49,542.14 for ARPA – October 2023 Invoice 811 FY21.

MOTION: To Approve Requisition EN-103017. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

Purchase Order PR-00063558 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$185,001.00 for February continuity.

MOTION: To Approve PR-00063558. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

Purchase Order PR-00063591 from Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$29,859.60 for Threatlocker Pinnacle Quote PBS-07820-M3P3N3.

MOTION: To Approve PR-00063591. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by Secretary Littlefield.

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

Quote 0000305617 from Booz Allen Hamilton Inc. to Indigo Sky Casino for Software in the amount of \$41,248.00.

MOTION: To Approve Quote 0000305617. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Proposal # 23481 from Sign Designs to Indigo Sky Casino for Business 60 entrance sign in the amount of \$91,000.00. MOTION: To Approve Proposal #23481. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

Proposal #23482 from Sign Designs to

Indigo Sky Casino for Main Entrance Sign in the amount of \$109,907.00.

MOTION: To Approve Proposal #23482. The motion was made by 1st Council Kissee with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

Lobby Tile Proposal dated 11-07-2023 from Joplin Floor Designs Inc. to Indigo Sky Casino for 1st Floor Stone Hallway Old and New Areas in the amount of \$297,500.00.

MOTION: To Approve Joplin Floor Designs Inc. proposal dated 11/7/2023. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

Purchase Quote #687777 from Republic Services to Indigo Sky Casino in the amount of \$41,101.70 for Compactor.

MOTION: To Approve Purchase Quote #687777. The motion was made by Secretary Littlefield with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

NEW BUSINESS: Housing Authority – moved to closed session.

OLD BUSINESS: None Presented.

MOTION: To go into Closed Session at 7:12 P.M. made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by 3rd Council Kraus.

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

MOTION: To return to Open Session at 10:37 p.m. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

MOTION: To approve tribal member request as discussed. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 2nd Council Daugherty.

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

MOTION: To approve the FY24 Health and Social Services Manual excluding the fraudulent section policy until such time that a Resolution is adopted. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

MOTION: To add Resolution Number 112923-R-08 to the agenda. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 112923-R-08 Approving a Lease Agreement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and Clear Creek Golf Car & Utility Vehicle, LLC for the lease of three golf carts for Shawnee Skies

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Committee of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma does hereby approve the attached Lease Agreement between the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and Clear Creek Golf Car & Utility Vehicle, LLC for the lease of three golf carts for Shawnee Skies.

MOTION: To Approve Resolution Number 112923-R-08. The motion was made by Treasurer Barrett with second by 1st Council Kissee.

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

MOTION: To adjourn at 10:39 p.m. The motion was made by 2nd Council Daugherty with second by Treasurer Barrett.

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

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6. We experienced the flooding of a third building in 2023 when a super hard, super fast summer rainstorm clogged the drains at the BlueJacket Complex, flooded the Library and we started clean up and remodel all over again.
7. We held our first Education Banquet featuring two speakers, a professor from Missouri Southern State University and tribal member Skylar Wallace who is in banking and real estate. Plans are for the Education Banquet to become an annual event.
8. The Elbert Property located in Eastern Shawnee jurisdictional area has been placed in trust and we have been promised the McKibben property will be by the end of the year.
9. New curriculum adopted at ECLC as part of the goal to elevate our Stars rating from 3 to 4.
10. Education Department was relocated to Health & Social Services Building to achieve a One Stop Service Center for our tribal citizens. Use the entrance to the Health & Social Services Building and the Education Department is on the right side. The entire building was repainted and new carpet installed.
11. HAVEN, our Violence against Women and Victims of Crime Program, has completed remodeling of former Trackside Building at the BlueJacket Complex and renamed the building to HAVEN Client Center. The Trackside Building was the former Police Department and later housed our Feral Hog Grant and our Construction Department. A privacy fence will also be added to surround this program.
12. Co-tribal Administrators James Sullivan and Kristi Laughlin were appointed. Kristi supervises EPA



13. We hired our first ever Communications Director, Annette Clark. She has set up a tribal facebook page and is working on revamping our website among many other things.
14. Maddox Hill contract signed where Autism and Behavioral teaching specialists come to our ECLC to teach, coach our faculty and work with students. Maddox Hill is the name of the Center for Autism located in Neosho, Missouri.
15. Captain's General Store exhibit & standalone display cases featuring Bob Miller & Jodi Holden have been built and are on display in library.
16. World Heritage inscription was at-

- tained for 8 ancestral mounds in our Ohio homelands honoring our ancestors. There are now 1200 World Heritage sites and this Ohio addition makes 25 in the United States.
17. Numerous old plumbing/pipe issues at BlueJacket Complex and Pow Wow grounds have been addressed and replaced. One month our water bill was \$36,000 because of leaking pipes.
18. Design has been completed, contract awarded to Branco Construction and the actual construction of 110 Road is scheduled to begin about January 1.
19. Groundbreaking of Tribal Administration/Governmental Building was held December 13 with construction to follow immediately. It is estimated it will take about 15 months to complete this project.



This building will be located on BlueJacket Road, 10C Complex, just south of the AOA and the ECLC.

20. In November AOA honored Veterans, presented a short program and gifted each Veteran present. The event was well attended as they served 261 meals that day. Program was well received.
21. BRIDGE REPORT We have secured funding for a bridge to be built on Dushane property below Indigo Sky across Lost Creek. This will enable us to access approximately 11 acres we own across the creek on 128 Road. Thanks to Kristi Laughlin who has worked on this for at least 3 years. We should be able to start construction spring of 2024. Lots of paperwork is still to be completed.
22. We located the original marker of the jurisdictional boundary separating the Eastern Shawnee Tribe and the Peoria Tribe near Cave Springs Road, now named the Sky Ranch Road or 652 Road going north from Highway 10. The marker is a medium sized rock with a deep S meaning Shawnee cut into the middle of the rock and the initials cc carved in the lower edge of the rock, meaning connecting corner. It is thought the marker was placed about 1870. The rock has been dug

up, brought to the tribe and another larger marker will be placed where the original was.

All this has been accomplished in addition to the numerous activities we sponsor annually such as our Elders Dinner Banquet, Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Trunk or Treat, Summer Swim Party, Children's Christmas Party, Elders Christmas Dinner, monthly Food Distribution, AOA Elders Trip to Branson, Tecumseh Run, processing almost 2,000 Christmas gift cards for children and elders, processing over 5 million in tribal member benefits and a budget of 2 million in education benefits.

Additionally the Housing Authority has completed the construction of 12 new homes and the former Eastern Shawnee Travel Center was remodeled into an office building primarily for future business development.

So as I listen to the Christmas song that says, "So this is Christmas and what have you done? Another year over, a new one just begun. Surely all of us can say that the Eastern Shawnee Tribe accomplished a lot in 2023. Let's make it even better in 2024.

Let me remind you that the new Interpretive Center located near Oldtown/Xenia, Ohio honoring Tecumseh and the three federally recognized Shawnee tribes has indicated they are hoping for a grand opening the first week in April. Mark your calendars if you are plan-

ning to attend. More about this next month.

Once more, let me wish you a Happy New Year!

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

-ATTENTION -

Anyone interested in serving on the **Housing Authority Board**, please submit application to Chief Glenna J. Wallace
12755 S. 705 Rd.
Wyandotte, OK 74370
Office (918) 238-5151 ext. 1820

COVID-19

Testing & Vaccinations

BEARSKIN HEALTH CENTER

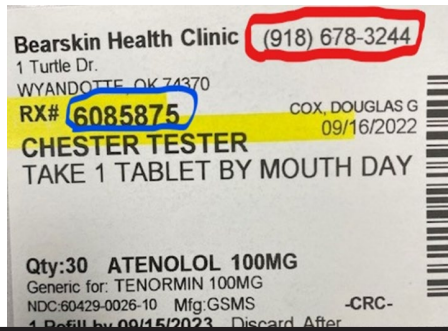
Available in the new drive thru facility located to the west of the facility. No appointment is necessary!
Mon -Thur 8-11:30 & 1-4,
Friday 8-11:30 & 1-3

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

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Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Education Department

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HAVEN Tribal Advocacy Program

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Outpost Casino

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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

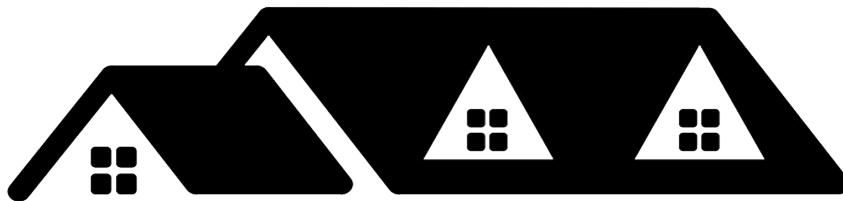
TITLE FEES
New Title... \$15
Replacement Title... \$10
Transfer Title... \$15
Add Lien... \$10

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 January 2024

Allemann Jaxson 1/7	Culler Brayden 1/30	Hotulke Axl 1/15	Morgan Micah 1/28	Stephenson Stephannie 1/18
Allen Amy 1/30	Culler Brianna 1/20	Hotulke Brooklynn 1/8	Morris Elliana 1/14	Stewart Clayton 1/24
Amos Myka 1/13	Cunliffe Phoenix 1/11	Hudelson Ariat 1/14	Murphy Laramie 1/22	Stone Amy 1/22
Andrew Aaron 1/10	Curry Karen 1/21	Huggins Mackenzie 1/8	Murray Jesse 1/22	STONER Glenn 1/28
Applegate Autumn 1/11	Daffron Garrett 1/22	Hughes Jordan 1/8	Nichols Noah 1/25	Strickland Madison 1/15
Azevedo Kathryn 1/11	Darwood Marshall 1/10	Hughes Selah 1/18	Ochoa Sandi 1/17	Sullivan Alicia 1/11
Baldwin Melissa 1/15	Daugherty Brian 1/20	Hurt Katelyn 1/21	Ogaz James 1/25	Swift Amy 1/22
Bales Jaxon 1/7	Daugherty Joshua 1/12	Hutchinson Dana 1/11	Osborn Sheila 1/27	Tasker Jackson 1/16
Barcliff Declan 1/2	Dawe Kimberly 1/31	Irwin Christian 1/31	Overn Kaleb 1/19	Tasker Miranda 1/20
Barnes Madison 1/25	Dawe Lilyanna 1/24	James Carter 1/31	Overn Zayden 1/28	Taylor Lisa 1/12
Barnes Tyler 1/15	Defer Alexis 1/27	James Saawanwa 1/1	Pacheco Megan 1/9	Tayrien Christopher 1/17
Barnes Zachary 1/25	Diaz James 1/12	Johns Amanda 1/6	Pack Carson 1/19	Tayrien Mary 1/20
Barrett Austin 1/29	Diaz Jim 1/23	Johnson Hannah 1/14	Painter Haley 1/8	Thompson Desiree 1/20
Beare Lacey 1/14	Dillard Noah 1/3	Johnston Jonathan 1/24	Pappan Cindi 1/13	Thorp Terran 1/5
Belcher Emily 1/6	Dirkx Christopher 1/8	Jones Analisa 1/13	Patterson Leonna 1/22	Threet Madison 1/10
Bell Jamy 1/18	Doolittle Alexis 1/5	Jourden Rylan 1/19	Patton Lanie 1/26	Titus Axel 1/13
Beller Michele 1/29	Duckett Wanda 1/15	Judd Clifford 1/21	Perez Annabelle 1/7	Tomlinson Sara 1/3
Bennett Zoey 1/6	DuShane Mark 1/26	Keezer Jace 1/9	Perez Kenneth 1/22	Trayler Perry 1/19
Berryman Renasmay 1/20	Eatwell Brinlee 1/24	Kelley Kambria 1/9	Perkins Dustin 1/24	Triplett Jackaline 1/10
Bird Jordyn 1/17	Edmonds Alexander 1/5	Kelly Ryan 1/26	Perkins Lola 1/9	Triplett Marikah 1/5
Blackmore Brent 1/3	Edmonds Jessica 1/30	Kessel Ethan 1/26	Pham Samantha 1/19	Truelove Eric 1/9
Blair Cory 1/26	Eiland Paul 1/28	King Chance 1/2	Phelan Elisabeth 1/12	Ulwick Aidan 1/18
Blanchard Steven 1/1	Enyart Don 1/7	King Dymond 1/23	Phipps Michael 1/21	Vasta Hunter 1/28
Blizzard Addison 1/30	Enyart Isabel 1/11	King Kendal 1/11	Pinkerton Shayna 1/16	Vermillion Sara 1/31
Blizzard Alexia 1/2	Espinoza Kingsley 1/4	Kinsey Fallon 1/6	Probst Sandra 1/19	Virginia Amanda 1/19
Blizzard April 1/10	Espinoza Mila 1/13	Knoles Melonie 1/24	Prophet Brad 1/2	Vivier Douglas 1/31
Blizzard Emiry 1/9	Evans Rebecca 1/22	Kuykendall Austin 1/16	Quapaw Leticia 1/25	Wallace Holly 1/11
Blizzard Tia 1/5	Faulkner Edmund 1/8	Kuykendall Elaina 1/9	Ramirez Angel 1/19	Wallace Hunter 1/11
Bolin Dakota 1/11	Felts Laura 1/12	Lacy Tripp 1/27	Ray Jeremiah 1/3	Wallace Ted 1/27
Bolin Oaklynn 1/16	Fetters Harlee 1/27	Lacy Tyler 1/24	Rendel Anita 1/14	Ward Clayton 1/30
Bonfiglio Oakley 1/19	Fleming Jessica 1/21	Langley Macy 1/17	Rentfro Olivia 1/22	Ward Gage 1/22
Bradley Steven 1/14	Fletcher Crosby 1/26	Lazarus Courtney 1/10	Reynolds Johnathan 1/6	Warden Henry 1/22
Brock Paul 1/10	Forbes Paula 1/10	Leach Corey 1/10	Rhyu Eugene 1/10	Warlick Taylor 1/18
Brock Silas 1/29	Ford Karson 1/18	LeFay Mickee 1/20	Rinehart Casey 1/21	Washington George 1/28
Brown Athena 1/16	Foster Kayson 1/26	Lepak Chad 1/17	Roche Aliza 1/24	Watkins Krishton 1/19
Brown Christian 1/27	Franklin Da'jour 1/29	Lerma Arron 1/26	Ross Brandon 1/2	Webster Cindy 1/14
Bushnell Charles 1/1	Frantz Tyson 1/28	Littlefield Jeremy 1/10	Ross Katelynn 1/10	Wegesend Tina 1/5
Buttram Curtis 1/28	Ganser Carol 1/20	Littles Glenda 1/13	Ross Kevin 1/15	Welch Kyle 1/19
Buttram English 1/15	Garcia Crystal 1/21	Long Billie Jo 1/13	Ross Norman 1/30	Werth Cody 1/31
Buttram Riley 1/14	Gardner Dee 1/27	Lorenz Melinda 1/23	Roy Rebecca 1/8	White Eva 1/23
Buttram Torren 1/5	Garner Kristian 1/18	Lorenzen Tasha 1/11	Salyers Daniel 1/24	White Tiffany 1/19
Buttram Tyler 1/21	George Kody 1/20	Lowe Tracy 1/23	Salyers Steven 1/17	Whitlock Lydia 1/4
Buttram III Joseph 1/6	Gibson Jordann 1/10	Luke Alyssa 1/5	Sanders Remi 1/25	Williams Dallas 1/18
Cage Autumn 1/9	Gillum Dustin 1/13	Luke Arik 1/6	Sawyer Robert 1/26	Williamson Jodie 1/27
Callaway Breckyn 1/3	Gonzales G'auna 1/20	Maddy Benjamin 1/7	Schott Robert 1/12	Wilmoth Jeanita 1/24
Canton Madelyn 1/5	Greenfeather Angela 1/16	Magtibay Abigail 1/5	Schott Susan 1/14	Wilson Malorie 1/10
Captain Emily 1/15	Hamilton LaForce 1/5	Martin Ashlyn 1/23	Schulte Ethan 1/28	Winland Abigail 1/10
Captain Jordan 1/10	Hanna Nicole 1/27	Martin Jake 1/2	Scott Drake 1/19	Womble Beth 1/5
Carpenter Alice 1/7	Hansen Patricia 1/10	Mason Alicia 1/24	Seim Kyler 1/22	Womble Marshall 1/27
Carpenter Clifford 1/25	Harnar Prym 1/14	Maxwell Brian 1/16	Self Jimmy 1/22	Wood Stormy 1/3
Centeno Brandy 1/2	Harris Michael 1/5	Maxwell Robert 1/2	Shapp Preston 1/18	Wyatt Hadden 1/11
Channick Deborah 1/11	Harris Rocky 1/2	McIntosh Brandon 1/9	Sherwood Jaydn 1/12	Wyrick Kennedy 1/16
Chase Caden 1/17	Hart Bonnie 1/13	McRae Cody 1/18	Shettlesworth Zayden 1/3	Ylarraz Thomas 1/30
Chesnut Sarah 1/5	Hart II Jesse 1/9	McRae David 1/10	Shores Linda 1/14	
Chioke Amziel 1/7	Hartweg Monica 1/10	McRae Tristynn 1/26	Simianer Riley 1/25	
Chioke Naftali 1/7	Hayworth Skye 1/24	McSllarrow Journee 1/21	Simpson Christina 1/24	
Chlouber Cheryl 1/30	Healy Sean 1/1	McWatters Ace 1/29	Smith Addie 1/20	
Christian Amber 1/17	Henley Barinda 1/1	Milbern Pamela 1/31	Smith Calan 1/16	
Clouse Finley 1/18	Hilderbrand Madeline 1/13	MILLER Belinda 1/5	Smith Chloe 1/2	
Cole Linda 1/15	Holley Jimmie 1/10	Millhollin Mark 1/25	Smothers Clinton 1/16	
Compton Grace 1/12	Hollis Tyler 1/12	Millhollin Virgil 1/12	Snow Kim 1/21	
Conti Anthony 1/6	Holmes Kaylin 1/17	Moats Alayna 1/12	Sorrell Koby 1/8	
Cooper Sage 1/6	Hooper Brenda 1/15	Moore Kelsey 1/25	Stachura Georgia 1/24	
Cozad Dakota 1/9	Hosten Adonis 1/31	Moore Leslie 1/31	Stamper Calvin 1/29	