

MAY 2024

THE SHAWNEE JOURNAL

HOTEHIMINIISFWA
May "strawberry month"

YA'SASILAWIIYAKWE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS "WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO"

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MIAMI, OK

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

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IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

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MIAMI, OK

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MIAMI, OK

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LOCATION TBD

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SUMMER SOLSTICE / "BRIGHTEST DAY"

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MIAMI, OK

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IN OBSERVANCE OF U.S. INDEPENDENCE DAY

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

We recognize that digital communications via social media and the internet are not necessarily preferred by or accessible to every citizen of the Shawnee Tribe. As such, we will always strive to introduce new services & programs for citizens through the Shawnee Journal or other direct mailings to all Shawnee households before we broadcast them on our website or social media.

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Follow the official Shawnee Tribe Facebook and YouTube accounts @saawanooki.

KNOW ANY SHAWNEES WHO'VE MOVED RECENTLY?

Let them know to update their address with our enrollment department so they continue receiving tribal news!

PIYEETAACIMOOWENEEFA "LITTLE NEWS MESSAGES"

Get Shawnee Tribe news and updates once a month by subscribing to our e-newsletter. Sign up at shawnee-nsn.gov/subscribe or scan here with your smartphone.



KIWIITAMAAKONAAKI HOKIMAAKI

MESSAGES FROM THE CHIEFS



**CHIEF
BEN BARNES**

The Shawnee Tribe’s license plates have been a topic of much discussion in Oklahoma. While tribal nations have been discussing this issue in a public forum, I am sure those at home are having conversations about what this rhetoric we have heard from Governor Stitt means for us and our ability to issue Shawnee license plates.

This past month, the Oklahoma Senate proposed a bill, SB1907. In the simplest terms, it would have allowed the state to scan a tribal tag at checkpoints along turnpikes and send toll gate charges directly to your home. On its face, that does not seem terrible. However, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA) was going to accomplish this by taking data from the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (OLETS) without any discussion or even notification to the tribal nations who voluntarily submit tag data to OLETS so that law enforcement can run our plates specifically for traffic stops—a blatant disregard for tribal sovereignty.

OTA and the Governor presented SB1907 as a “public safety” bill; however, the proposed legislation had nothing to do with ensuring the safety of law enforcement or drivers but instead was a sweeping overreach into all the personal data tribal nations send to OLETS. Once again, the 38 federally recognized tribes of Oklahoma had to remind the Oklahoma Governor that he is only governor of the state of Oklahoma and not the tribal nations that happen to have governmental headquarters in the state.

Fortunately, the tribal nations of Oklahoma heard about SB1907 as it passed out of the state senate and moved to the house chamber. My office, as well as the office of the Muscogee Nation’s Chief David Hill, acted jointly with the United Indian Nations of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Intertribal Tax Association to lobby House members and educate them on how this bill had not been discussed with tribal nations as had been represented to their colleagues in the Senate. We will continue our dialogue with the state capitol and OTA leadership as turnpikes cut through several reservations in eastern Oklahoma. The impacted tribal nations need to have a conversation about this and discuss revenue sharing from the taxation created from tribal tags under the new plate-pay system.

As for the overall future of tribal tags in Oklahoma, I am certain we will have more battles to fight in the coming year. Unfortunately, Governor Stitt does not see our tribal nations as valuable partners in improving the state for all Oklahomans. We will remain committed to extending a hand of friendship to all of Oklahoma’s elected leaders, but they must be willing to deal honestly and fairly with our tribal nations and not try to “slip in” harmful legislation that affects our citizens.

wiikoci nikocaye (I am trying very hard),

Ben Barnes
Chief





**SECOND CHIEF
ROY
BALDRIDGE**

hato caakiwiyeefa (Hello, everyone)—

Throughout the history of our Shawnee people, we have depended upon our relationship with other tribes to survive. Whether it was the Delawares, Miamis, Seneca-Cayuga, Cherokees or the Muscogee Nation (Creek), we have always supported other tribes while protecting our own interests.

As I have written in the past, when we separated from the Cherokee Nation, we did so with the agreement that we would not try to place land into trust within the Cherokee Nation or any land occupied by any other tribal nation. Several years after our separation from Cherokee Nation, Chairman/Chief Ron Sparkman was invited by the leaders of the eight tribes of Ottawa County, Oklahoma, to relocate to jointly owned lands near the turnpike entrance in Miami, Oklahoma.

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THE SHAWNEE TRIBE
**BUSINESS
COUNCIL**



**SECRETARY
CAROLYN
FOSTER**



**TREASURER
MARK
McDOWELL**



**SEAT 1
JOHN
SPARKMAN**



**SEAT 2
DIANA
McLEAN**



**SEAT 3
SCOTT
SECONDINE**



**SEAT 4
COREY
WINESBURG**



**SEAT 5
MONTY
COOMBES**




**SEAT 6
LEE
BLUEJACKET**



**SEAT 7
KENI
HOOD**





The Inter-Tribal Council of Northeastern Oklahoma often pools resources to help citizens of the member tribes and the community in general. At the time of his retirement, Chief Sparkman had been elected Chairman of the Inter-Tribal Council.

Due to that relationship, many of our citizens receive treatment at Northeast Tribal Health Services in Miami today. In the past, Chief Sparkman held a board seat at the clinic, and during the same period, Councilman Scott Secondine held a board seat at the Claremore Indian Health Hospital. Today, Secretary Carolyn Foster represents our tribe on both boards.

On the state and national level, our Chief Ben Barnes has been elected to the position of Chairman of the United Indian Nations of Oklahoma. This organization's current membership consists of 27 of Oklahoma's 39 tribes. UINO engages with both state and federal issues that occur daily. On the state level, for example, these include attempts by the current governor to force tribes to renegotiate casino profits, the governor's current attempt to attack tribal tags and his recent efforts to join the State of Texas to kill the Indian Child Welfare Act. On the national level, UINO also joins other tribal organizations across the country in working on issues that affect all tribes, whether it is protecting sacred sites, confronting fraudulent tribes, boarding school reconciliation or inequitable funding for tribal programs.

For years, our tribe has been part of the National Council of American Indians, which was founded in the 1930s to fight the Indian tribal termination effort that was occurring across the country. Today, the organization is a place where tribes across the country can come together to address national and international issues. It is also a place where tribal representatives can find solutions to problems that affect many tribes. From 2001 until recently, Chief Sparkman and Greg Pitcher were our tribe's representatives. Today, Chief Barnes and I have been attending the sessions. At NCAI, I have been involved in the promotion of the Federal Farm Bill Extension, which has the potential to assist tribes and tribal citizens individually. I have also been involved in the Missing and Murdered Women's Task Force. Chief Barnes has been active in Indian Boarding Schools and the Tribal Recognition Task Force, as well U.N. Declaration of Indigenous Rights Task Force. As a result of his efforts, he was invited to join the Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition board of directors.

As I write this report, I've recently participated in the Oklahoma Sovereignty Symposium Planning Discussion at Oklahoma City University School of Law. Councilor Keni Hood and I are preparing to attend a workshop at Oklahoma State University. OSU is creating a program where certificates or degrees can be obtained from floor to management in casino careers. The following week, Councilors Hood, McLean, and I will attend Bridging the Gap, a conference sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service and the Caddo Nation in Oklahoma City. It is this conference that is responsible for the current forestry paraprofessional program at our tribe. For the past couple of years, through a relationship with the Forest Service, temporary employment has been provided to some of our tribal citizens in several of our national forests. We expect other forests to become partners at this next conference.

In June, several councilors will attend the Oklahoma Sovereignty Symposium, where tribal leaders, politicians and attorneys discuss tribal issues. Again, these are examples of our tribe engaging with other tribal nations and the local, state, and federal governments to better serve our community. I will also point out that some of these events are paid for by the inviting party such as the Sovereignty Symposium Planning Group.

niyaawe (thank you),



Roy D. Baldrige



CONGRATULATIONS, GRADS!

THE SHAWNEE TRIBE HIGHER EDUCATION AWARDS PROGRAM IS LOOKING FORWARD TO CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2024 AND THEIR FAMILIES WITH AN ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET NEXT MONTH.



SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024
4:00 PM
SHAWNEE TRIBE
COMMUNITY BUILDING
108 S. EIGHT TRIBES TRAIL,
MIAMI, OK 74354



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

DR. EVAN WHITE,
LAUREATE INSTITUTE FOR
BRAIN RESEARCH

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TRIBAL ELECTION NEWS



AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024, FOR THE FOLLOWING ELECTIVE OFFICES:

- SECOND CHIEF, 1-YEAR TERM, CURRENTLY HELD BY ROY BALDRIDGE
- SECRETARY, 4-YEAR TERM, CURRENTLY HELD BY CAROLYN FOSTER
- BUSINESS COUNCIL SEAT 3, 4-YEAR TERM, CURRENTLY HELD BY SCOTT SECONDINE
- BUSINESS COUNCIL SEAT 4, 4-YEAR TERM, CURRENTLY HELD BY COREY WINESBURG

INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES

QUALIFICATIONS FOR CANDIDACY ARE OUTLINED IN TITLE 6, "ELECTIONS ACT",
AVAILABLE ONLINE AT SHAWNEE-NSN.GOV/ELECTIONS-ACT.

FILING DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 21

NO HAND-DELIVERED OR MAILED FILINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER CLOSE OF
BUSINESS ON THE FILING DEADLINE.

PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES SHOULD VISIT SHAWNEE-NSN.GOV/ELECTIONS FOR COMPLETE
INFORMATION, IMPORTANT DATES, AND FILING PAPERWORK. THE ELECTION COMMITTEE CAN BE
REACHED AT ELECTIONS@SHAWNEE-TRIBE.COM OR (918) 325-6341.



INFORMATION FOR VOTERS

VISIT SHAWNEE-NSN.GOV/ELECTIONS FOR VOTER FORMS, CANDIDATE PAPERWORK AND THE LATEST INFORMATION ABOUT TRIBAL ELECTIONS FROM THE ELECTION COMMITTEE.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 **DEADLINE TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT**
APPLY ONLINE!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 **DEADLINE TO RETURN AN ABSENTEE BALLOT**
5:00 PM MAIL-IN OR HAND DELIVERY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 **POLLS OPEN (EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING)**
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
CRAIG COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS & COMMUNITY CENTER VINITA, OK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 **POLLS OPEN (ELECTION DAY)**
8:00 - 11:00 AM
CRAIG COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS & COMMUNITY CENTER VINITA, OK

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ABSENTEE VOTING:

ANY ELIGIBLE VOTER MAY SUBMIT A REQUEST TO BE ADDED TO THE EARLY VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT LIST OF VOTERS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR'S UPCOMING ELECTION(S). ABSENTEE VOTERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO CAST A BALLOT IN PERSON AT THE POLLING PLACE.

TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2024 ELECTION, VOTERS MUST COMPLETE & SUBMIT AN ONLINE OR HARD COPY APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL FORM BY SEPTEMBER 3. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE NOW AT SHAWNEE-NSN.GOV/ELECTIONS.

WHETHER REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT ONLINE OR VIA HARD COPY APPLICATION, VOTERS WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL CONFIRMATION THAT THE COMMITTEE HAS RECEIVED THEIR REQUEST AT THE EMAIL ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE VOTER ON THE APPLICATION FORM.

NEED ASSISTANCE? CONTACT THE ELECTION COMMITTEE AT ELECTIONS@SHAWNEE-TRIBE.COM OR CALL (918) 325-6341.



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

THE SHAWNEE TRIBE'S BEHAVIORAL & MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFERS OUTPATIENT COUNSELING EITHER IN PERSON OR THROUGH HIPAA-COMPLIANT TELEHEALTH. OUR LICENSED THERAPIST HAS OVER 20 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE HELPING WITH ISSUES SUCH AS:

Depression, Anxiety, Trauma, Panic Attacks, PTSD, Anger, Separation anxiety, problem gambling, tobacco cessation, substance abuse, alcohol abuse, couples & family therapy

CALL (918) 542-2441, EXT. 139
OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR SCAN HERE
WITH YOUR PHONE'S CAMERA:



THE COVID-19 IMPACT ASSISTANCE DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING!

Through this program, eligible citizens may apply to receive a direct, one-time payment of \$1,500 to offset the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Applicant income, location, or dual citizenship status will not be used to determine applicant eligibility. All program assistance will be awarded as funding is available. Please note: duplicate applications will not be processed.

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024. APPLICATIONS POSTMARKED OR SUBMITTED ONLINE AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Enrolled citizen of the Shawnee Tribe, as of July 17, 2023
- 18 years or older as of July 1, 2024
- Has experienced a negative financial impact or an increase in living expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Apply online at shawnee-nsn.gov/covid-relief
Need assistance? Email covidrelief@shawnee-tribe.com
or call (918) 542-2441, ext. 2007



This program has been funded through the American Rescue Plan Act.

UPDATES: + + + + + + + + + +

SCHOOL CLOTHING & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM (SCECARP)



Through the School Clothing & Extracurricular Activities Reimbursement Program (SCECARP), the Shawnee Tribe provides funds to assist with reimbursable expenses incurred in the purchase of clothing, shoes, and required extracurricular activity items for school-age tribal citizens.

This program no longer has seasonal cycle deadlines, and eligible applicants may receive up to \$800 of assistance per fiscal year for school clothing & shoes and up to \$400 of assistance per fiscal year toward extracurricular activities expenses. Approved applicants may submit up to six school clothing reimbursement requests and up to three requests for extracurricular activities assistance per eligible child per fiscal year (October 1 – September 30).

Complete applications and reimbursement requests are processed in the order they are received. Assistance is awarded as funding allows. Contact program staff by emailing schoolclothing@shawnee-tribe.com or calling (918) 542-2441, ext. 129.

Learn more online at
shawnee-nsn.gov/scecarp:



GAMING COMMISSION GROWTH PROMPTS MOVE INTO NEW OFFICE BUILDING



Since January, the Shawnee Tribe Gaming Commission are the new residents of 314 Northridge Circle in Guymon, OK. Commission staff moved out and began setting up the new office space in under a week, without any interruption to the operations of the Golden Mesa Casino.

“Our staff was growing, and our building wasn’t,” said Gaming Commission Director Otis Hughs. “We have regulations to maintain, and we were simply at capacity for safety and storage.”

In addition to more office and breakroom space for staff, the new location enhances the Commission’s ability to store valuable and confidential information securely as required by law and offers a safer workspace in general. The previous building had a single point of entry and no emergency exits.

“This made it difficult for us to write procedures that would assist in helping staff and guests in case of emergencies,” continued Hughs. Beyond safety and security, the Gaming Commission is able to keep up with the demand of vendor applicants from the expansion of the casino and hotel. Applicants include construction employees in addition to new casino and hotel staff.

“My office at the old address also functioned as the conference room,” said Deputy Director Lisa Gipson. “We can now host our trainings in this new conference room, and I get an office all to myself!”

“I want to express our gratitude to our tribal leaders for listening to our needs and making this move a possibility in a short amount of time,” said Hughs. “I also want to express appreciation to my staff – they worked extremely hard to get moved into our new building in a short timeframe. I couldn’t ask for a better team!”

EXPANSION PROGRESS AT GOLDEN MESA CASINO

Dirt is moving and construction is underway on the \$70 million expansion of Golden Mesa Casino in Guymon, OK. The project will double the size of the casino gaming floor to include more than 1,000 electronic games and includes an RV park, 100-room hotel and full-service restaurant.



MAALAAKWAHI KE 'NEEMEPE:

LIVING LANGUAGES GRANT AWARDED TO THE SHAWNEE LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM



Miami, OK – The Shawnee Tribe’s Language Immersion Program (SLIP), received official notice and release of funds from the Indian Affairs Office of Indian Economic Development’s Living Languages Grant. The Living Languages Grant awards SLIP \$280,200 annually for three years, resulting in a grand total of \$840,600. The project period began on January 1.

“My initial reaction was amazement,” said SLIP Director Joel Barnes. “Acquiring this grant was a collaborative effort, from the support of the Shawnee Tribe Business Council, staff – especially Cheryl Barton in the Compliance Department, the Community Language Preservationists, volunteers and our Shawnee language students. – niyaawe [thank you].”

The Shawnee Tribe was one of 20 American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes and Tribal Organizations that were awarded from the \$5.723 million grant pool to “document and revitalize languages that are at risk of disappearing because of declining native-speaker population.”

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Receiving the grant] reinforced for us that all the work we have put into the program is creating something worth investing in,” said Anastasia Miller-Youst, SLIP Linguist. “We are meant to grow our program for saawanooki [Shawnee people].” The Living Languages Grant is supporting SLIP’s continued work of revitalizing the Shawnee Language by implementing a comprehensive language immersion program with the following three objectives:

– **Objective # 1:** Develop curricula for intermediate and advanced-level learners as well as a specialized Early Childhood Development curriculum. All curricula will incorporate experiential learning in an immersion environment through instruction, conversation, community activities and cultural events.

– **Objective # 2:** Train Master Teachers (first-language and advanced second-language speakers) and Apprentices (advanced second-language learners) in language immersion teaching methods and in the Shawnee Language curricula.

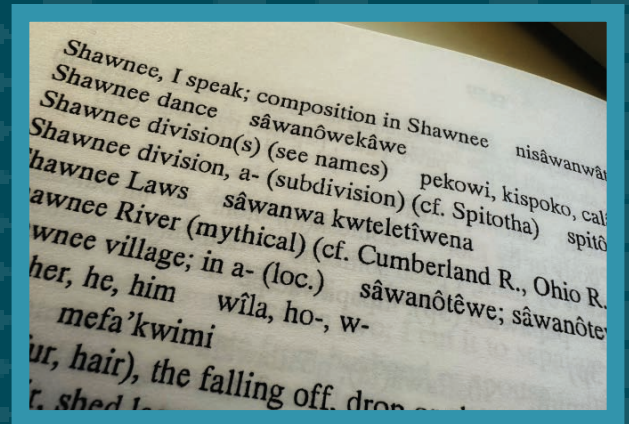
– **Objective # 3:** Implement six Shawnee Language Nests and one Early Childhood Development Immersion Program. Each Nest will be led by two apprentices who will, in turn, be taught and led by a Master Teacher.

“With the grant, SLIP will be able to expand more than ever before and increase our capacity for students and teachers,” said Miller-Youst. “Shawnee citizens will have more support than ever before for learning saawanwaatoweewe [Shawnee language] and will have more exposure to the language and be in environments that promote conversational fluency.”

Plans also include increasing the number of live classes for each grant year and bringing SLIP participants together in person for the first time since the program began with an annual Shawnee Language Conference. By the end of the grant, SLIP hopes to have a larger pool of second-language Shawnee speakers to lead immersion for all Shawnee Citizens seeking to learn saawanwaatoweewe [Shawnee language].

“This grant allows us to continue to connect with Shawnee citizens all over the country,” said Barnes. “Be on the lookout for saawanwaatoweewe [Shawnee language] events coming soon!” Funding for future years is contingent on congressional appropriations and SLIP’s submission of required documents detailing the tribe’s progress at the end of each project year.

To learn about SLIP’s first initiative with Living Languages grant funds and meet the folks participating in the inaugural Master-Apprentice program, read “Introducing Ta’saawanwaatoweeyakwe” on page 16.



WEEMEYAKWE:

**SHAWNEE NATIONS PARTNER
WITH STATE OF OHIO TO
DEVELOP GREAT COUNCIL
STATE PARK**



Ohio's 76th state park is just weeks away from welcoming visitors. Great Council State Park, just north of Xenia, was once known as Oldtown, one of the largest-known Shawnee settlements in the region. More than 400 families and more than 1,000 people called Oldtown home from approximately 1777 to 1780. Their stories directly intersect with those of individuals like Daniel Boone, who was held captive in Oldtown for a period.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources and Ohio History Connection have been working with the three federally recognized Shawnee Tribes to develop the property, which ODNR intends to be a connection to Ohio's Native American and pioneer past.

"Bringing history to life is a challenge enthusiastically accepted by ODNR staff," ODNR Director Mary Mertz said. "Once complete, this center will offer a unique glimpse into the past, a different way for children and adults alike to learn more about the people who used to call this part of Ohio home."

The park will feature a 12,000-square-foot interpretive center with an architectural design based on the traditional council house form historically used by Shawnees. Inside the interpretive center, visitors will find three floors of exhibits, a theater area, a living stream, and a gallery.

"This project gives us the unique opportunity to connect future generations with the past, while protecting the legacy of the Shawnee and inviting them to share their story," said Ohio Governor Mike DeWine.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for June.

Watch progress at the site to date documented through a timelapse video by scanning here with your phone's camera:



INTRODUCING: TA'SAAWANWAATOWEEYAKWE

THE LANGUAGE CORNER / "WHERE WE SPEAK SHAWNEE"

Welcome to ta'saawanwaatoweeyakwe! This section of the newsletter will be dedicated to the preservation of the Shawnee language and the Shawnee Language Immersion Program's happenings. To kick things off, we're highlighting the new Master-Apprentice Program.

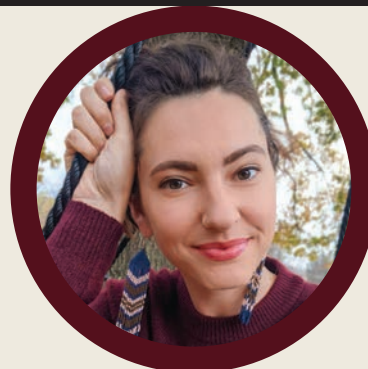
In January, the Tribe received a three-year grant to support the development of a Master-Apprentice program which pairs advanced Shawnee speakers with language learners to strengthen fluency, provide opportunities to use the Shawnee language in every-day life, and engage saawanooki [Shawnee people] through community initiatives.

This year, three kciteelatakki [masters] were selected to mentor six kciteelemoofocki [apprentices] using immersion techniques, land-based outings, and cultural activities. kciteelemoofocki in turn will share the knowledge they've learned in the program with the community and language students. The program is designed to foster community connection, support cultural knowledge and language sharing, and center Shawnee ways of being.

Get to know the kciteeletakki and kciteelemoofocki better by reading their introductions below! To read the English translation, scan here with your phone's camera:



FIFE



BRI





ANASTASIA



DANIEL



MIKALA



MASON





STEVE



DILLON



TERRY



SHAWNEE TRIBE 2ND ANNUAL LANGUAGE FAIR, DINNER & STOMP DANCE

CONTEST OPEN TO CITIZENS, STUDENTS, CLPS OR APPRENTICES FROM ANY OF THE THREE SHAWNEE NATIONS OR SHAWNEES ENROLLED IN OTHER FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES. ENTRANTS MUST USE THE OFFICIAL ORTHOGRAPHY OF EITHER THE SHAWNEE TRIBE OR ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE FOR THEIR PROJECT. PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TOP THREE WINNERS IN EACH CATEGORY.



1ST PLACE - \$500
2ND PLACE - \$375
3RD PLACE - \$250

AGE GROUP	SUBMISSION REQUIREMENT
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 2	SINGLE-PAGE POSTER
GRADES 3 & 4	4-PANEL COMIC STRIP
GRADES 5 & 6	6-PANEL COMIC STRIP
GRADES 7 & 8	8-PANEL COMIC STRIP
GRADES 9 - 12	10-PANEL COMIC STRIP
ADULT SLIP STUDENT	10-PANEL COMIC STRIP
ADULT CLP/APPRENTICE	10-PANEL COMIC STRIP

DEADLINES & EVENTS

MAY 15 – REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Submit name, grade level (if applicable) and copy of Tribal ID via email to shawneelanguage@shawnee-tribe.com

JULY 15 – PROJECT/PRESENTATION DEADLINE

JULY 27 – LANGUAGE FAIR & STOMP DANCE

Miami Tribe Community Center, 2319 Newman Rd., Miami, OK 74354
 4:00 PM – Fair & Presentation of Awards
 6:00 PM – Dinner
 7:30 PM – Stomp Dance

Unable to attend in person? The Fair and Stomp Dance will be streamed live on the Tribe's YouTube channel, @saawanooki!

QUESTIONS?

Contact SLIP at shawneelanguage@shawnee-tribe.com or (918) 542-2441, ext. 118

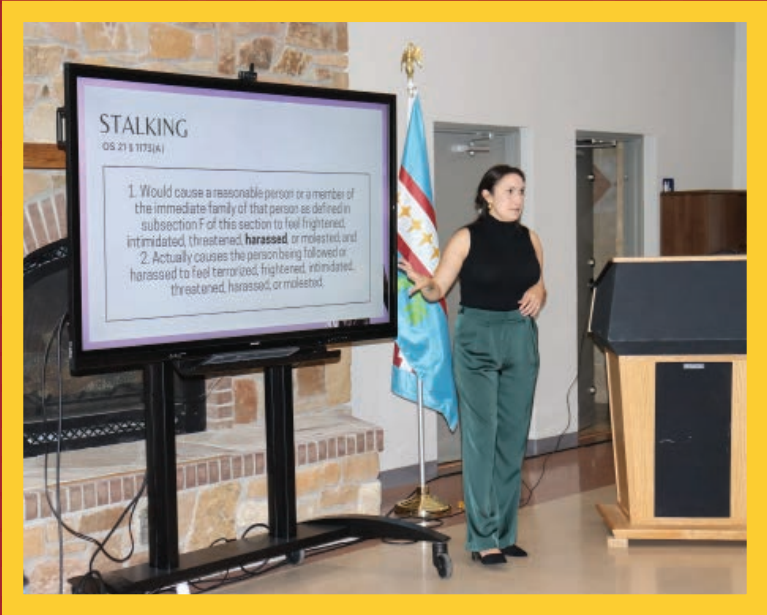
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TRAINING: DOMINANT AGGRESSOR DETERMINATIONS

On March 27, the Shawnee Tribe & Native Alliance Against Violence co-sponsored a Domestic Violence Training event titled Dominant Aggressor Determinations. The training event was held in the Shawnee Tribe's Community Building and had over 30 attendees, mainly law-enforcement officers and DV victim advocates.

"The event was successful, and we received a lot of positive feedback," said Tauna Warner, Shawnee Tribe's Domestic Violence Program Manager.

Presentations from Dakota Wilson (Certified Domestic & Sexual Violence Professional) and Chris McKosato (Victim Services Unit, Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma) delved into current Oklahoma legislation updates, trauma-informed interviewing, officer safety and statistics, intimate partner violence, local DV resources, and more. Scenario exercises helped explore specific law statutes pertaining to stalking and strangulation. Trainees in attendance earned eight continuing education credit hours through the Council on Law Enforcement Education & Training (CLEET), including two hours of mental health training.





ACTIVE FOR AUTISM SPECIAL OLYMPICS BENEFIT 5K RACE



ON APRIL 13, GOLDEN MESA CASINO WAS THE PRESENTING SPONSOR OF A 5K RACE IN GUYMON, OK. ABOUT 20 TEAM MEMBERS FROM THE CASINO AND THE SHAWNEE TRIBE GAMING COMMISSION PARTICIPATED AS RUNNERS AND EVENT VOLUNTEERS, HELPING RAISE NEARLY \$6,000 TO BENEFIT LOCAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETES.



SAVE THE DATES



FIVE MOONS DANCE FESTIVAL

AUGUST 23–25, 2024
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA CAMPUS
NORMAN, OK

This August, the University of Oklahoma School of Dance will host its third Five Moons Dance Festival in honor of Yvonne Chouteau, acclaimed ballerina, Oklahoma Civic Ballet & OU School of Dance founder, Oklahoma Treasure, and Shawnee descendant.



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024
POLLS OPEN 8:00–11:00AM,
MEETING BEGINS AT 11:00AM.

The 2024 Annual Meeting of the Tribal Council will take place at the Craig County Fairgrounds & Community Center in Vinita, OK.

Visit shawnee-nsn.gov/elections for Tribal Elections info.



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