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BEN BARNES**



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ANASTASIA'S PRESENTATION
ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

INTERESTED IN REGISTERING FOR LANGUAGE CLASSES?
Email the SLIP Team at shawneelanguage@shawnee-tribe.com
for more information! Classes begin again in January 2023.

hato saawanooki

(Hello Shawnee citizens)

In this newsletter, I want to showcase a few of the successes at the tribal nation, efforts that Roy, myself and the rest of the Business Council are proud to share—successes directly impacting Shawnee people today, with plans to continue well into the next generation.

At a recent meeting, Joshua Shawnee, the tribe's Higher Education & Social Services Director, informed us that his department had awarded half a million dollars in scholarships. His announcement reminded Second Chief Baldrige and me how proud and excited we were when we delivered a mere eighty-three thousand to our students. Our Shawnee citizens have embraced this program, and the response has been remarkable. I am looking forward to the stories of our graduates and the successes of our Shawnee young people.

Second, I am incredibly proud of the Shawnee Language Immersion Program (SLIP) and all they have accomplished to date. In mid-October, the SLIP team attended the Algonquian Conference in Boulder, Colorado. Our Staff Linguist Anastasia Miller-Youst presented research

conducted with fluent speaker George Blanchard on our language's prosody (i.e., melody). They also made valuable connections with other professionals in the Algonquian language family. With too few Shawnee speakers left, I declared a state of emergency for the Shawnee language early in my position as Chief. And on January 6, 2020, the Shawnee Tribe Business Council adopted Resolution R-01-0620-K, declaring the "Decade of the Shawnee Language (2021-2023)":

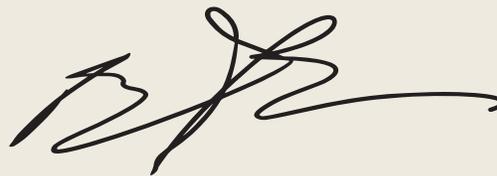
"It is commanded that all language and cultural support staff commit attention to finding ways of creating fluent speakers from our youngest Shawnees, so that by the conclusion of the 'Decade,' we will have fluent youthful speakers..."

As part of these efforts to ensure the regeneration of saawanwatoweewe (Shawnee language), we have always provided language education free of charge to Shawnee people, including our Shawnee brothers and sisters enrolled as citizens elsewhere. I look forward to seeing even further growth in the already robust educational plan the SLIP team has built from the ground up.

Finally, in the next several months, I will be launching a youth council for our Shawnee young people. I hope this initiative will create future leaders by providing our youth education on tribal governance and Indian Law, as well as opportunities for hands-on experience in organized meetings, working with third-party institutions, public engagement and lobbying experiences.

It has always been a good day to be Shawnee; however, I know the best and brightest days are ahead of us. It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve you and to represent & defend the interests of our Shawnee people everywhere.

niyaawe, (thank you)



Ben Barnes
Chief



SCAN HERE TO READ
THE FULL DECLARATION
OF THE DECADE OF
SHAWNEE LANGUAGE:





MESSAGES FROM THE CHIEFS



**SECOND CHIEF
ROY BALDRIDGE**

hatito caaki wiyeeefa

(Hello everyone)

I hope that everyone is doing well this month. Since the Annual General Council Meeting in September, we have been busy working on meeting the directives presented. We are forging ahead with Shawnee Development, LLC on expanding Golden Mesa Casino and other projects to further our Tribe's economic growth and sustainability.

On the national stage, we have continued our engagement in initiatives regarding Indian Boarding Schools, specifically the Shawnee Indian Manual Labor School in Kansas. We are engaged because many of us have ancestors who attended the school during its operation. Some of our ancestors never returned to their families. This school's location is also on our last reservation set aside for our Shawnee people.

We are engaged in responding to attacks on Tribal Sovereignty (Castro-Huerta v Oklahoma and Haaland v Brackeen) which deal with Tribal Jurisdiction and Indian Child Welfare, respectively. Both cases affect each of us, especially the Indian Child Welfare Act, which protects from the removal of our children

from their homes, in many cases. We continue to engage with multiple federal agencies about our land in Oklahoma and our former homelands.

As we fine-tune our existing citizen services, we (Business Council) are always looking ahead at potential future programs and opportunities. For example, Business Councilors Carolyn Foster, Carolyn Smith and Diana Mclean, and I are exploring the possibility of creating programs to assist our elder citizens throughout the country. Since it is our job to work for you, our fellow tribal citizens, we welcome any ideas or suggestions you may have. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or suggestions.

Before the last major spike in COVID over the 2021 holiday season, we were in the process of initiating a series of community meetings. Now that we are in a better place, plans for those meetings will resume. In the future, we will post information regarding an upcoming meeting to discuss options regarding elder services and other issues.

niyaawe



Roy D. Baldrige



COMMUNITY CALENDAR



NOVEMBER IS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Be sure you're following @saawanooki on social media to keep up with our posts!

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| NOV 7 | MONTHLY BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING* (MIAMI, OK) | DEC 30 | SHAWNEE LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM REGISTRATION DEADLINE |
| NOV 8 | US GENERAL ELECTION DAY | JAN 2 | OFFICES CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEARS |
| NOV 11 | OFFICES CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERAN'S DAY | JAN 3 | MONTHLY BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING* (MIAMI, OK) |
| NOV 15 | SPRING 2023 HIGHER EDUCATION AWARDS APPLICATION OPENS | JAN 15 | SPRING 2023 HIGHER EDUCATION AWARDS APPLICATION DEADLINE |
| NOV 24-25 | OFFICES CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING | JAN 16 | OFFICES CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY |
| DEC 5 | MONTHLY BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING* (MIAMI, OK) | FEB 6 | MONTHLY BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING* (MIAMI, OK) |
| DEC 10 | CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS DRIVE-THRU EVENT | FEB 20 | OFFICES CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS DAY |
| DEC 23-26 | OFFICES CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS |  SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SHAWNEE TRIBE BUSINESS COUNCIL (STBC): | |

WINTER IS COMING

SIGN UP FOR SHAWNEE TRIBE CODE RED

Winter weather is coming soon!

Are you registered for Shawnee Tribe CodeRED?

CodeRED is a free and easy-to-use system enabling citizens to receive local severe weather notifications, emergency announcements & more.



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TO 99411

VIEW ON MUNICODE

At their regular monthly meeting on September 6, 2022, STBC unanimously voted to adopt a new rule of parliamentary procedure for all meetings of the Shawnee Tribe Business and General Council informally known as a “second read rule.” The second read rule stipulates that the Council may not act on proposed ordinances, resolutions or legislation during the same meeting in which said business is first introduced. As such, STBC anticipates calling special meetings of the Business Council in the coming months to accommodate the second read rule.

All special meetings will be posted on the Tribe’s website at shawnee-nsn.gov/events.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

IS NOT TRADITIONAL

October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Shawnee Tribe staff were joined by employees from other tribal nations headquartered in Miami to walk along Eight Tribes Trail raising awareness in support of domestic violence survivors.



ELECTION RESULTS

FOR 2022 BUSINESS COUNCIL

The Shawnee Tribe Annual General Council Meeting and Business Council Election took place at the Ottawa Powwow Grounds on Saturday, September 17, 2022.



TREASURER

J. MARK MCDOWELL



FOURTH COUNCILMAN

COREY WINESBURG



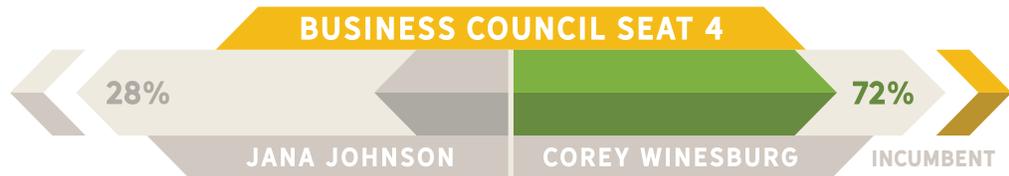
SEVENTH COUNCILMAN

KENNETH HOOD

ELECTION RESULTS

Election results were announced by Rod Edmondson (Election Committee Representative) during the meeting, were posted at the Shawnee government buildings for 30 days and are permanently filed at Tribal Headquarters.

A copy of the Certified Consolidated Election Return has been mailed to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.



2022 SHAWNEE TRIBE

YEAR IN REVIEW

FAST FACTS FROM THE PAST YEAR AT SHAWNEE TRIBE

The sharp increase in programs and services available to citizens through the Tribe this year was made possible by the success of the Tribe's gaming enterprise, Golden Mesa Casino (Guymon, OK), overseen by Shawnee Development, LLC (SDLLC).

SDLLC is in the initial stages of a major expansion of Golden Mesa, and, once completed, the expanded operations are expected to increase the financial distributions allocated to the Tribe by 16%.

Further, the Shawnee Tribe Business Council recently voted to approve a new allocation plan for income from Shawnee Development, LLC.

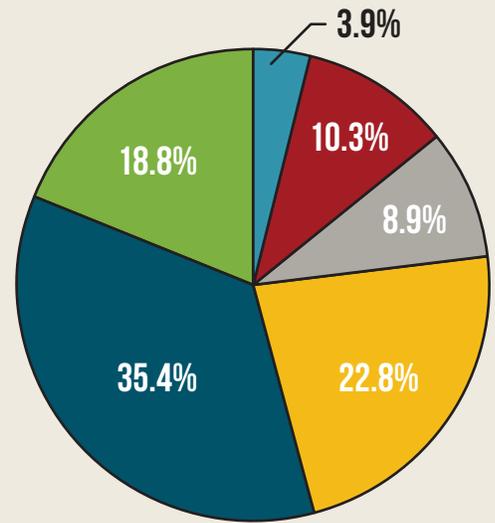
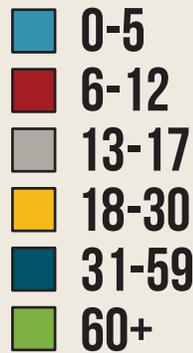


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WATCH **SHAWNEE TRIBE YEAR IN REVIEW** ON YOUTUBE!

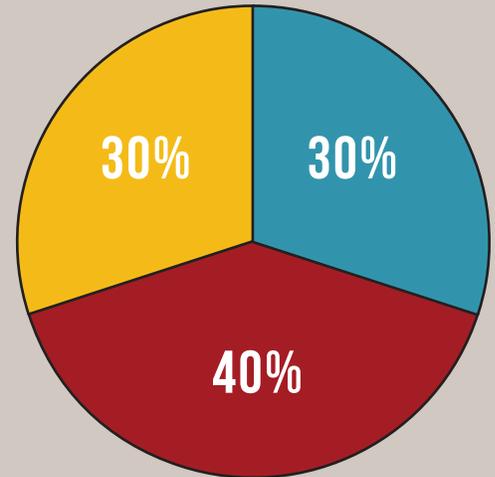


POPULATION BY AGE

The Tribe's citizen population has increased by nearly 400 people, and the ages of Shawnee people are evenly spread across the various generations!

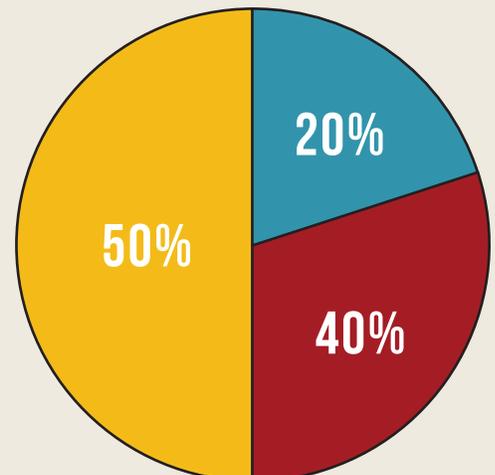


FORMER ALLOCATION PLAN



NEW ALLOCATION PLAN

(Effective October 1)



GENERAL COUNCIL / ORANGE SHIRT DAY / TECUMSEH MEMORIAL DAY

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

The 2022 Shawnee Tribe Annual General Council Weekend included a community dinner and stomp dance in addition to the General Council meeting and Business Council election.

The dinner and stomp dance were held at the Miami Tribe Community Center the evening of Friday, September 16. The next morning, the Business Council

election and annual meeting of the General Council took place at the Ottawa Tribe Powwow Grounds.

In addition to conducting tribal business, citizens received an annual report packet, met Tribal Programs & Administrative staff, collected raffle prizes and were offered free family portraits.

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2022



COMING NOVEMBER 7:
"HISTORY THIS WEEK," A PODCAST FROM THE HISTORY CHANNEL
WILL AIR A NEW EPISODE ALL ABOUT TECUMSEH.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

On Friday, September 30, tribal leadership and Shawnee citizens, representatives from the Kansas State House and Governor's Office, and the Kansas City Indian Center gathered to commemorate Orange Shirt Day at the Shawnee Indian Mission State Historic Site in Fairway, KS.

Orange Shirt Day began in Canada in 2013 to remember the thousands of Indigenous children killed at church-run residential schools. Tribal nations and advocates across America have taken up this movement to call for support of thorough investigations of similar conditions at boarding schools in the US.

Learn more about the Shawnee Indian Mission and Manual Labor School at shawnee-nsn.gov/simls.



TECUMSEH MEMORIAL DAY

OCTOBER 24, 2022

To commemorate the day of Tecumseh's death in battle in 1813 and honor his courageous life of service to Shawnee people and Indian Country at large, Tecumseh Memorial Day is specifically set aside to perform acts of service to one's community.

Shawnee Tribe staff spent this year's holiday cleaning up the areas surrounding Tribal headquarters in Miami and Golden Mesa Casino in Guymon.

Strong communities create strong futures!

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STAFF PROFILE

STACEY HALFMOON

Stacey Halfmoon came on board in September as the Shawnee Tribe's Executive Director of Cultural and Historic Preservation. In this new role, she will support the Shawnee Tribe leadership and staff in all cultural programs and efforts including language, historic preservation, and the Shawnee Tribe Cultural Center. Stacey is a citizen of the Caddo Nation and is also Choctaw and Delaware and has over 25 years of experience in cultural preservation, tribal liaison work, consultation practices, cultural resource law and museum leadership. She holds a degree in Anthropology from the University of Oklahoma and a certificate in Cultural Heritage Tourism from George Washington University.

From 2007 to 2015, Ms. Halfmoon served as Director of Outreach/Museum Programs for the First Americans Museum (OKC) where she led a statewide tribal outreach effort and served as the exhibitions liaison with Ralph Appelbaum & Associates (NYC). From 2015-2019 she served as the inaugural Director of American Indian Relations for the Ohio History Connection in Columbus, Ohio where she initiated the Tribal Nations Conference and oversaw the development and adoption of the Ohio History Connection's first American Indian Policy.

In 2019, she returned to Oklahoma to support the Choctaw Nation and lead the way in preparing for the grand opening of the Choctaw Cultural Center; a stunning 100,000-square-foot facility with immersive exhibitions, a retail store & café, and daily Choctaw programming. Ms. Halfmoon oversaw the hiring of all staff for the new cultural center as well as facilitating vital components including branding, marketing, facilities



maintenance, and construction. The Choctaw Cultural Center opened its doors on July 23, 2021.

Ms. Halfmoon is currently Chair of the American Alliance of Museums' Indigenous Peoples Museum Network, and she was recently elected to serve as a council member on the American Association for State and Local History.

Keep an eye open for upcoming changes on shawneeculture.org over the next few months as Stacey and her team get to work!



WANT SHAWNEE TRIBE NEWS ON COMMAND?

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"little news messages"

Get your Shawnee Tribe news and updates in real time at shawnee-tribe.com or by signing up for our monthly newsletter, by scanning the QR code on this page.

FOLLOW ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow the official Shawnee Tribe Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, 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!

EDITOR'S NOTE

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 citizens before we broadcast them online.

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