

# SHOOTING STAR



Newsletter of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma  
July 1985

P.O. Box 350  
Seneca, Missouri 64865

IN MEMORY OF

LEONARD LLOYD BLUEJACKET

Date of Birth: June 30, 1919

Date of Death: June 12, 1985

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Wayside Assembly of God Church where he was a member. He was born June 30, 1919, in Ottawa County and was a life-long area resident.

Surviving him are two sons, Walter and Larry Bluejacket, both of Wyandotte; one daughter, Brenda Horne, Mesa, Arizona; two sister, Lucy Stoner, Miami, and Eercel Palmer, Wyandotte; and seven grandchildren.

FROM THE CHIEF:

The relationship between the state of Oklahoma and the Indian tribes is rapidly changing. The Oklahoma Tax Commission is attempting to tax all tribal assets. We were hand delivered a letter from the Oklahoma Tax Commission requesting that they be allowed to audit tribal funds. We are not going to honor their request unless we are forced to by federal law. If we allow an audit of tribal assets on our land, then we are opening the door for all restricted land to be taxed.

The state is attempting to break the relationship between the federal government and all Indian tribes. A case is being heard in Federal Court this week in Tulsa concerning the Seneca bingo operations on tribally owned land. The outcome of this hearing will affect the Eastern Shawnees as we also operate a bingo game. It is my belief that this problem will be settled by the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington at a later date.

If we lose our sovereignty as a nation, the relationship between the federal government and all Indian tribes will change dramatically. The states will then have the right to tax and to regulate all restricted land, plus all tribal funds and assets, in short we would lose everything that we have gained over the last two hundred years - May the Great Spirit be with us.

In the past I have written a few paragraphs concerning Shawnee Diety and what was believed to be - that there was a Great Spirit (God), a happy hunting ground (heaven) and no bad place to go. The old Shawnee knew that the earth was round, and that it sat on the back of a large turtle. The turtle would move very slowly and turn the earth so that each area could be exposed to the sun and crops would grow - therefore the earth could take care of its people.

At the present time I am completing a new house, which is located near the Shawnee Grocery. My new address is: RR 5, Box 138C  
Miami, Oklahoma 74354

George J. Captain, Chief

IN MEMORY

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Ercel (Bluejacket) Palmer. Ercel was born February 1, 1914 and she passed away July 27, 1985 at the age of 71. She had lived her whole life in this area and was a retired BF Goodrich worker.

Ercel and her family have always been active Tribal members, her father, Walter Bluejacket and brother, Julian each served as Chief to the tribe. Her nephews Darrell and Jeff are at the present time Business Committee members. Ercel herself worked for the tribe as Cook/Server on it's Nutrition Program until May of this year.

Ercel was only recently preceded in death by her mother, Doris and brother, Leonard. She is survived by her husband, Herschel and one sister Lucy Stoner.

Ercel was loved and well thought of by her co-workers and the many friends she made while working on the nutrition program. We will miss her.

## "HAPPY BIRTHDAY"

|                         |                         |                          |                             |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Betty J. Admussen       | Shirley J. Alexander    | Diana Susan Greenfeather | Herman J. Greenfeather      |
| Linda J. Arrondondo     | Glenda D. Badger        | Nina Greenfield          | Kimberly D. Griffith        |
| Terry D. Bailey         | Patricia L. Bales       | Jacki C. Hancock         | Franklin E. Harris          |
| Freddie E. Barnes Jr.   | Jacqueline J. Barnes    | Billy D. Harrold         | Erika Dushane Harrold       |
| Barry Neil Belcher      | Jill R. Belcher         | Perry S. Hauser, III     | Jamie E. Ferguson           |
| Benjamin J. Bingham     | Don L. Bluejacket       | Lawrence W. Higbee       | Arbra D. Graham             |
| Dora E. Booton          | Vickie J. Tarpalechee   | Cal B. Holden            | Lisa K. Holden              |
| Jacqueline Brewer       | Dennis Charles Bradley  | Wilfred D. Hollandsworth | Brenda M. Hollis            |
| Marianne D. Park        | Jeffery D. Bristol      | Jeromy J. Hollis         | Douglas Charles Hubbard     |
| Carol L. Brock          | Hollie D. Broach        | Jennei F. Hudson         | John Charles E. Hudson      |
| Gary L. Brock           | Darrell G. Brock        | Frank D. Huggins         | Randy D. Huggins, Jr.       |
| Johnnie L. Brock, Sr.   | Johnnie L. Brock, Jr.   | Anne M. Hutchinson       | Franklin G. Hutchinson, III |
| John W. Brown, Jr.      | Roger D. Brock          | Carrie L. Jenkins        | Paula Jones                 |
| Margie Lee Burkhart     | Donna J. Bunce          | Dustin R. Kline          | Larry Gene Kropp            |
| Tamera A. Buttram       | Robert D. Buttram       | Marjorie E. Kropp        | Terry L. Kropp              |
| Deborah L. Ashford      | Darla L. Captain        | Michael T. Lacy          | Mary Ann Ledford            |
| George J. Captain       | George F. Captain       | Estelline Little Creek   | Casey J. Littlefield        |
| Laureen L. Hutchinson   | George J. Captain, V    | Terry DeeAnn Loftin      | Raymond O. Longbone         |
| Rex Dale Captain        | Nelis S. Captain        | Ozina K. Love            | Arthur Chadwick L. McCoy    |
| Diane K. Chaulet        | Christie Diane Chaulet  | Robert M. McGill         | Betty McIntosh              |
| Jeremy T. Clouse        | Jason D. Chaulet        | Jeanne G. McHatton       | Sandra L. McHatton          |
| Mary L. Casey           | Christopher A. Coffey   | Dorie E. McIntosh        | Odestine A. McWatters       |
| Charles R. Crain, Jr.   | Charles R. Crain, Sr.   | Mary V. McRae            | Terri Lea Martin            |
| Christopher J. Crain    | Gerald L. Crain         | Kamisha D. Miller        | Betty Jo Mitchell           |
| Jeffery A. Crain        | Russell D. Crain        | Calvin D. Millhollin     | Rebecca L. Millhollin       |
| Jeanetta L. Bluejacket  | Daniel D. Corkrum       | Susan L. Williams        | Susan S. Mitchell           |
| Sheryl L. Shaffer       | Tommy L. Crain          | Pauline Mitchell         | Billy L. Mitchell           |
| John Daugherty, Jr.     | Junior Walter Daugherty | Sharlene Nielsen         | Beverly A. Moss             |
| Rosa Mae Alexander      | Della M. Devine         | Buddy C. Nelson          | Rhonda K. Nelson            |
| William C. Devine, II   | Lewis T. Dick           | Gladys Newberry          | Wallace W. Newman           |
| Elizabeth A. Dirck      | Benjamin J. Dixon       | Cassie L. Nichols        | Clifford E. Nichols         |
| Desirie D. Dixon        | Herbert E. Dixon        | Miles B. Nichols         | Eric Martin Pabitzky        |
| James M. Dixon          | Steven F. Dixon         | Henry R. Pabitzky        | Connie Jo Peacock           |
| Carol J. Doss           | Annette Dowd            | Brent C. Perkins         | Stephen L. Rope             |
| Pamela S. Dull          | Anne M. Dushane         | Franklin K. Prophet, Sr. | Debra N. Pros               |
| Howard S. Dushane       | Jack W. Dushane         | David W. Purevich        | Melinda E. Purevich         |
| Jeanne M. Dushane       | Raquel A. Edwards       | Brent A. Rendel          | Sophronia Rickner           |
| Buddy Joe Ehyart        | Kimberely L. Ehyart     | Kathleen M. Rios         | Kathi D. Rosenow            |
| Jonathon W. Ervin       | Susan K. Fisher         | Alexander P. Ross        | Donald E. Ross              |
| Margaret R. Frankel     | Lisa Renae Garrett      | Jennifer F. Ross         | Rhonda G. Ross              |
| Amy J. Gehrig           | Larry L. Gibson, Jr.    | Ronnie Harlan            | Shelley D. Ross             |
| Genevieve L. Golden     | Dennis M. Graham        | Jeanene K. Healy         | Rita J. Samples             |
| Janeen M. Sills         | Brent C. Smith          | Scott Secondine, Jr.     | Evelyn L. Self              |
| Lora Ethel Smith        | Nancy J. Smith          | James W. Sherwood        | Arnold G. Sills, Sr.        |
| Sarah R. Smith          | Jerry Snelling          | Emily N. Kline           | Shirley J. Alexander        |
| Sandra L. Snelling      | Andrea R. Stephenson    | Cindy D. Staubus         | Cass Ann Stewart            |
| Leslie Jean Stipe       | Brandy L. Storey        | Glen E. Stoner           | Jordan S. Strickland        |
| Glenn D. Strickland     | Kenneth E. Strickland   | Kathy Jo Storey          | Lawana G. Strickland        |
| Stephanie J. Strickland | Suzette C. Strickland   | Brian Edgar Sullivan     | James A. Taylor             |
| Belinda Jo Tayrien      | Jamie L. Tayrien        | Ruthie D. Thomasson      | Trina J. Thomasson          |
| Emily L. Thompson       | Patricia S. Thompson    | Wanda Lee Thompson       | Brent F. Todd               |
| Danny Lee Triplett      | Kevin Michael Truelove  | Joan E. Wallace          | Robert A. Washington        |
| Barbara D. Watson       | Debra J. Weeks          | Nancy L. Weeks           | Wauleah Ann Weeks           |
| Tawana N. Westmoreland  | Charles D. White, Jr.   | Steven R. White          | Paige E. Winburn            |
| Micky Ray Wood, Jr.     | Emily R. Wright         | Raymond W. Wynashe, Jr.  | Stacy J. Harris             |
| Sheryl K. Nelson        | Stephanie K. Nelson     | Dustyn L. Bennett        | Elizabeth A. Ylarraz        |
| Lori Ann Diaz           | Richard J. Bear         | Brett Barnes             | Kelley S. James             |
| Sandra S. Bear          | Tommy E. Bear           | Tia Leesa Bear           | Patricia L. Brock           |
| Cherokee D. Hollis      | Marcia L. Love          | Franklin O. Neff, II     | Dynne McIntosh              |
| Charity L. Preston      | Cyndee L. Ross          | Randy G. Ross            | Steven R. Snow              |
| Joe W. Washington       | Jennifer R. Weaver      | James K. Westmoreland    | Shandy Kalynn Wyatt         |
| Donald R. Moyer, Jr.    | Holli Erika Hage        | Amber D. Graham          | Sally J. Bower              |
| Jinnifer L. Crain       | Keith Garrett Onliffe   | Audrey Dee Gardner       | Melissa A. Roche            |
| Brooke Lea Schulte      | Tiffany D. Winburn      | Jennifer M. Durman       | Mark W. Bolte               |
| William Le-na-qua James | Norma R. Millhollin     | Jessie D. Vandagriff     | Trena L. Strickland         |
| Skylar Wade Wallace     | Christopher M. Canton   |                          |                             |

We missed Travis Michael Crain's birthday in May - - - "Happy Belated Birthday Travis."

## GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual General Council meeting was held July 8 at 7:30 pm at the Tribal Complex. There were fifteen voting members present.

Tribal financial reports were given by Chief Captain. Program and tribal financial statements are on the back page of this newsletter.

Reports on present programs and status of FY 86 proposals were given by Perry Hauser, Administrative Assistant. Audits on FY 84 programs have all been completed and FY 85 programs will end in September. Proposals for Basic, Core Management and IHS have been submitted thus far. An application to the Dept. of Education, Division of Library Programs was submitted in the amount of \$4,000. This money is to be used to purchase books pertaining to Indian heritage (Eastern Shawnee) and book shelves.

Nine applications for tribal membership were presented to and approved by the General Council.

The trophy for the best float in the Indian Heritage Days Parade was presented to the Council by the Chief. The trophy is on display at the tribal office building.

Woody Hampton brought up the idea of cleaning up the Calamus Pond Cemetery, also known as the Old Eastern Shawnee Cemetery, and possibly having it declared a historical site in the future. A committee consisting of Darrell Bluejacket, Odestine McWatters and Billie Millhollin was elected to look into the matter and talk to the present owner of the land. Velma Nieberding and George McWatters were elected to act as consultants.

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### EASTERN SHAWNEE FLOAT TAKES FIRST PLACE TROPHY

Sunday, June 2, 1985



WINTER'S MEAT — An intrepid hunter's skill provides his people with food, as recreated on this float in Saturday's Indian Heritage Days parade.

### \*\*CONGRATULATION\*\*

Mr. & Mrs. Dylan T. Whitely would like to announce the birth of their bouncing baby girl Shanowa Willow Whitely, born November 13, 1984. Shanowa is the granddaughter of Blythe (Nichols) Whitely.

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### INCORRECT ADDRESSES

We need correct addresses on the following people, if you know their whereabouts, have them contact the tribal office.

|                                  |                          |                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Victoria Gay Downing             | Sharon Gardner           | Dana Anne Hutchinson     |
| Phillip La Force Hutchinson, Jr. | Kelsie Anne Moore        | Beverly Moss             |
| Jacquelyn Jane Murphy            | Charles Melvin Newman    | Cheryl Sue Peacock       |
| Beth Dean Prophet                | Brad David Prophet       | Byron Dean Prophet       |
| Bryon elton Prophet              | Franklin K. Prophet, Jr. | Franklin K. Prophet, Sr. |
| Rebecca Lee Ruffin               | Cynthia Kay Siegel       | Jerry Snelling           |
| Sandra Lynn Snelling             | Robert Wayne Stand       | James Albert Taylor      |
| Barbara Diane Watson             | Patti Sue Nelson         |                          |

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - TRIBAL ACCOUNTS

Eastern Shawnee Auxillary Maintenance Fund

|                                 |                     |            |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Balance Beginning April 1, 1985 |                     | \$5,829.52 |
| Deposits                        | -0-                 |            |
| Expenditures - Misc. Expenses   | ( 64.50)            |            |
| S.N.A.C. (Christmas Toys)       | ( 300.00)           |            |
| Loan to T/TA Program            | (1354.00)           |            |
|                                 | <u>(\$1,718.50)</u> |            |

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|-----------------------------|------------|
| Balance as of June 30, 1985 | \$4,111.02 |
| *****                       |            |
| Pow-Wow & Flower Fund       |            |

|                                 |                   |            |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Balance Beginning April 1, 1985 |                   | \$1,001.36 |
| Deposits - Bingo Snack Bar      | \$1,500.00        |            |
| Expenditures                    | (33.12)           |            |
|                                 | <u>\$1,466.88</u> |            |

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|-----------------------------|------------|
| Balance as of June 30, 1985 | \$2,468.24 |
| *****                       |            |
| Tribal Revenue Sharing      |            |

|                                 |                  |            |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| Balance Beginning April 1, 1985 |                  | \$2,519.59 |
| Deposits                        | \$ 719.00        |            |
| Expenditures                    | -0-              |            |
|                                 | <u>\$ 719.00</u> |            |

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|-----------------------------|------------|
| Balance as of June 30, 1985 | \$3,238.59 |
| *****                       |            |
| Eastern Shawnee Bingo Fund  |            |

|                                 |                    |             |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Balance Beginning April 1, 1985 |                    | \$14,103.83 |
| Deposits                        | \$15,000.00        |             |
| Interest                        | 342.94             |             |
| Expenditures                    | -0-                |             |
|                                 | <u>\$15,342.94</u> |             |

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|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Balance as of June 30, 1985 | \$30,446.77 |
| *****                       |             |

SAVINGS STATEMENT - TRIBAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Eastern Shawnee Savings Account

|                                |                 |            |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Beginning Balance July 1, 1984 |                 | \$1,276.86 |
| Deposits                       | *\$796.69       |            |
| Interest                       | 88.07           |            |
| Withdrawals                    | -0-             |            |
|                                | <u>\$884.76</u> |            |

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| Balance as of June 30, 1985 | \$2,161.62 |
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\*Checking account No. 2-148-441 was closed out and balance was deposited to savings account so it could earn interest.  
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - PROGRAM ACCOUNTS

Basic FY-85

|                                 |                 |            |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Balance Beginning April 1, 1985 |                 | \$5,632.84 |
| Deposits                        | \$10,988.35     |            |
| Expenditures                    | (11,347.68)     |            |
|                                 | <u>(359.33)</u> |            |

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|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Balance as of June 30, 1985       | \$5,273.51 |
| *****                             |            |
| Housing Improvement Program FY-85 |            |

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|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Balance Beginning April 1, 1985 |              | \$14,971.52 |
| Deposits                        | -0-          |             |
| Expenditures                    | (\$6,700.97) |             |

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|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Balance As of June 30, 1985 | \$ 8,270.55 |
| *****                       |             |