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Principal Chief George Thurman

Dear Tribal Members:

In order to keep you informed, I am dividing my article into two parts this month to report on tribal and self-governance issues.

Tribal

Participation: In the last few months, many tribal committees, commissions, and boards have had positions filled, but many positions are still open. I encourage you to submit your interest to serve and become active in your tribal government.

I welcome your participation and emphasize that every appointee should keep in mind these positions exist for the betterment of the entire Sac and Fox Nation. I personally want every appointee to undergo orientation and training to better understand the law or ordinance they are to implement. Each tribal entity needs communication and "team work" between the group and with the Business Committee. With that, you will certainly see this Nation of ours moving forward for the benefit of you, the tribal

VARIOUS ITEMS ADDRESSED

CHIEF ADDRESSES THE NATION

membership.

For example, Sac and Fox Tribe, Inc., which evolved from the 1987 Federal Charter, is fully appointed and meeting with the Business Committee to address areas of economic development. A whole day has been scheduled for orientation and includes what constitutes our first federal charter and how this document benefits our government.

Audits: The 2005 / 2006 / 2007 annual audits are now completed and the 2005 / 2006 audits submitted to the Clearinghouse. We are awaiting the results of the 2007 audit, currently at the auditing firm of Joseph Eves, Billings, MT, to submit to the Clearinghouse. The 2008 annual audit preparation is underway. Its completion will make current with all of the audits. I publicly thank our Finance Department and Office of Government staff for the diligence demonstrated this past year as they worked tirelessly to provide the records needed for the audits.

Tanger Mall Property, Stroud, OK: The Realty Department finalized all of the necessary application forms to place this parcel of land into trust status. It was submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Southern Plains Area Office in Anadarko in the first week of March.

Tobacco Compact:

A delegation from the Sac and Fox Nation consisting of Business Committee members, Tribal Attorney Stephen Ward, Tax Director Jerry Martin, and Interim Tribal Administrator/Policy Analyst Rusty Brown met with State Treasurer Scott Meacham to discuss implementing the "most favored nation" clause of the current tobacco compact. The Business Committee decided to amend our compact to implement this clause, thereby placing our smoke shops on a more level ground with smoke shops of other tribes who have signed new compacts with the state of Oklahoma.

Oklahoma Tax Commission: Members of the Business Committee, Tribal Attorney Stephen Ward, and Tax Director Jerry Martin met with Oklahoma Tax Director Larry Patton to discuss the communication channels between the state of Oklahoma tax department and Sac and Fox Nation. During the meeting to discuss regulating the sale of cigarettes from our tribal smoke shops, both parties agreed to a meeting in the near future to be held at the tribal complex for consultations between the two parties. This will be another first for our Nation since no other tribe has initiated such a meeting. We will have an opportunity to showcase our Nation and educate the Oklahoma Tax Commission on how our tax dollars benefit our tribe and to allow a tour of our facilities.

Self-Governance

Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act: The United States has a longstanding trust responsibility to provide health care services to American Indians and Alaska Natives. This responsibility is carried out by the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services through the Indian Health Service (IHS). Since its passage in 1976, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) has provided the programmatic and legal framework for carrying out the federal government's trust responsibility for Indian health. The IHCIA is the law under which health care is administered to American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Sixteen years have passed since the Congress last performed a comprehensive review of the IHCIA (since 1992). The reauthorization *Chief's Letter* can't Pg 8)

LONG DISTANCE LEARNING COMES TO NATION (WITH COLLEGE CREDIT)



Sac and Fox Long Distance Learning Center is up and running and ready for students. The first class began Monday, March 9, 2009. The LDLC is located at the Education/Activity Center east off of SH99 at the Capital Complex.

The Sac and Fox Nation Learning Center in partnership with Pawnee Nation College has begun to offer classes for college credit. The first class, "Introduction to Tribal Sovereignty" with instructor Andrew Gray, began on March 9, 2009. The classes are offered Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for eight weeks. At the end of the current session another class, topic to be announced, will begin.

The Learning Center also has a partnership with Southwestern Oklahoma State University, which will begin classes in Math and English Comp for college credit via teleconference in the summer. SWOSU will also offer classes in management and leadership training.

The Learning Center features a computer lab open to the public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, contact the Learning Center at (918) 968-0509. (Submitted by Sandra Massey)

TRIBAL MEMBERS EXHIBIT ARTWORK AT TULSA CENTRAL LIBRARY



Artwork created by tribal member Jacob Gatlin and ten other classmates in the Indian Education Program/Sauk Language class at Meeker schools were displayed Saturday, March 7, 2009 at the Tulsa City-County Central Library. The occasion was an all day event titled "American Indian Festival of Words." The artists ranged from 6th grade to 12th grade. Jennie Bemo is the class

TRIBAL MEMBERS TAKE NOTICE!!!

PLEASE READ THE NAME LIST ON PAGE 8 AND HELP THE NATION MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH TRIBAL MEMBERS.



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**Sac and Fox Nation
2009 Election**

The Sac and Fox Nation Election Board is declaring and officially posting the following positions that will be open for the 2009 election year.

Business Committee Positions:

Secretary
Treasurer

Grievance Committee Positions:

Grievance Committee Position #3

Mike Harris
Mike Harris, Election Board Chairman

12-29-08
Date

See page 9 for 2009 Sac and Fox Nation Election Dates to Remember and page 8 for campaign ad size and rates.



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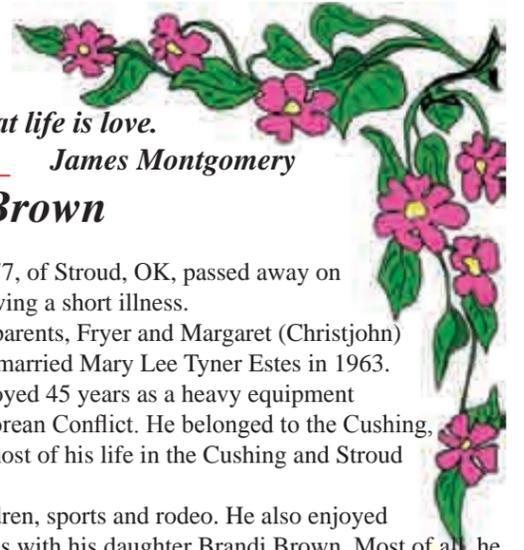
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Obituaries

*Beyond this vale of tears, there is a life above.
 Unmeasured by the flight of years, and all that life is love.*

James Montgomery



Aaron Dean "Pope" Brown



Aaron Dean "Pope" Brown

Tribal member Aaron Dean "Pope" Brown, age 77, of Stroud, OK, passed away on Saturday, February 7, 2009 in Oklahoma City following a short illness.

Aaron was born August 30, 1931 at home to his parents, Fryer and Margaret (Christjohn) Brown. He is one of nine brothers and sisters. He married Mary Lee Tyner Estes in 1963.

He attended school in Stroud, OK. He was employed 45 years as a heavy equipment operator and served in the U. S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He belonged to the Cushing, OK VFW and the Chandler Rodeo Club. He lived most of his life in the Cushing and Stroud areas of Oklahoma.

Aaron enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, sports and rodeo. He also enjoyed playing with his Chihuahua, "Buster," who now lives with his daughter Brandi Brown. Most of all, he enjoyed watching his grandsons play football, his grand daughter Cherokee dance and play softball and working with his son on Saturdays.

In retirement, after 45 years as a heavy equipment operator, he worked for the Nation delivering meals to Elders and making many new friends. He was a jokester and loved to tell stories. He was a very loving, giving father, grandfather and friend. He lived for his grandchildren and nieces and nephews. They were the highlight of his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers: Sam, Fryer and Buster and three sisters: Delphine, Etta and Phyllis.

He is survived by six children: Joe Estes and Mary of Cushing; OK, Jim Estes and Tammy of Delaware; OK, Tammy Brown of Stroud, OK; Brandi Brown-Rutledge and Chris of Stroud, OK; Jerry Brown and Stephanie of Stroud, OK; Cody Tyner of Stroud, OK and many nieces, nephews and other family members and friends.

He also leaves behind two sisters: Virginia Lauderdale Wright of Shawnee, OK and Katherine Franklin of Prague, OK; the following grandchildren: Holly Estes, Jimmy Estes, Dana Estes, Dalton Dash Brown, Laura Estes, Taylor Estes, Mitchell Aaron Loveland, Shawn Brown Rutledge, Cherokee Haskin Brown and Chloe Brown; five great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday night, February 9, 2009 at the Sac and Fox Nation Community Building with Rev. Tommy Morris and Jeromye Jackson officiating. Burial followed on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at the Sac and Fox Tribal Cemetery with Bear Clan Chief Edgar Butler presiding.

Mary M. Lewis Barlow

Sac and Fox tribal member Mary Barlow passed away on Thursday, January 22, 2009 in Boulder, Colorado. She was 94 years old.

Mary was born to Pauline and Omer Lewis on September 3, 1914 in Helena, Montana. Her maternal grandparents were Mary Thorpe and Isaacs McCoy. Mary's Sac and Fox name is Maa-maa-kaa, Butterfly, and she was also of Potawatomi, Kickapoo and Delaware descent.

Her father was employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and growing up she lived on Indian reservations and towns in Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

Mary graduated from Shawnee High School and Haskell Institute. At Haskell she met her husband, Amos Barlow, a member of the Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma. They married on December 5, 1936 in Albuquerque, NM. They lived in Valentine, AZ, Concho, OK, el Reno, OK and Shawnee, OK where Amos worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. They remained married until his death on February 23, 2000. In 1948 they moved to Boise, ID and then moved to Boulder, CO in 1987 to be near their daughter and family.

While in Boise Mary worked as a secretary for All Saints Episcopal Church.

She is survived by her sons Donald A. Barlow of Spokane, WA and Robert L. Barlow of Boulder, CO; four grandchildren: Jeff Barlow, Donell Barlow, Casey Casias and Allison Manydeeds; three great grandchildren: Jacob Barlow, Henry Casias III and Dominic Casias.

Steven Daniel Ortega

Tribal member Steven Daniel Ortega, aged 21, died February 13, 2009, in Norman, OK. He was the beloved son of Lina Ortega and C.B. Elder, the cherished grandson of Dora Young of Seminole and Pablo and Kathy Ortega of Midwest City, and the much-loved nephew of Ellen (Cricket) Ortega and Robert Keller of Norman.

Steven (Thâ wîshkanô – Yellow Bird) was a member of the Thunder Clan and was the great-grandson of Frances Walker Coker, whose parents were Ben and Dora Walker of Shawnee. His great-grandfather was Thomas Coker, who was Seminole and Creek.

Steven attended the Norman public schools and graduated in 2006. He also attended Oklahoma City Community College. He had a great passion for music and loved to read. In his younger years, he enjoyed attending church with his grandmother. Throughout his life, he enjoyed spending time with all of his grandparents and other family members, who have many good memories of his presence and help at family events.

Steven is survived by his parents, grandparents, and aunt and uncle. He is survived as well by Erb Talley, whom he had known all his life and was as another grandfather to him. Some of his other surviving relatives are Great Aunts Thelma Coker, Mary McCormick, and Maxine Trubshaw; Great Uncle and Aunt Walter and JoAnn Coker; Aunts Gwen Wilburn, Shirley McCormick, Roseanna Preston, and Johanna Smith; Uncle Dennis Jennings; and many cousins and family friends.

All of his family and friends knew that Steven had a kind heart, a keen sense of humor, and a beautiful smile. We are thankful for the time we had with him and he will be missed more than we can say.

A service was held at Swearingen Funeral Home in Seminole and tribal rites were held at the Coker homeplace on February 16, 2009. The family appreciates the spiritual support and the help of all who made the traditional services possible: the cooks, gravediggers, clan helpers and many others who contributed their skills and their time. The outpouring of support to the family reminds us how fortunate we are to be Sauk.

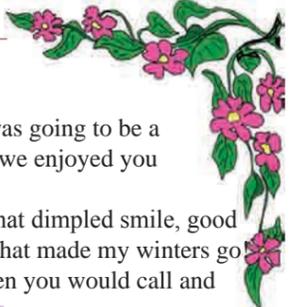


Steven Daniel Ortega

SAC AND FOX TAX COMMISSION REVENUE REPORT JANUARY 2009	
Tobacco Tax.....	\$27,379.20
Motor Vehicle.....	\$2,293.75
Sales Tax.....	\$ 10,996.07
Treasury.....	\$275.00
Oil & Gas.....	\$85.33
Gaming.....	\$189,425.09
TOTAL.....	\$230,454.44

**REQUIREMENTS
 FOR
 SFN VEHICLE TAG**
 Requirements to purchase a vehicle tag from Sac and Fox Nation you will need to provide the following documentation when you come to the Tax Commission office:
 Proof of Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Membership
 Proof of residency in Sac and Fox Nation Jurisdiction.
 (Driver's License, Utility Bill or Notorized Documentaion, etc.)
 Proof of Insurance
 For additional information please call the Sac and Fox Tax Commission office at 918-968-3526.

Obituaries continued



My Dearest Grandson Steven,



Dora Young and grandson Steven sharing a moment as she opens a gift in 2001

You also enjoyed observing God's Holy Days and Festivals, and we would Fast on the Day of Atonement. As a child, I would read you stories and I usually fell asleep and you would raise up and wake me up to finish the story. In our last phone conversation, you sounded somewhat discouraged but I encouraged you and urged you to get closer to our Father in Heaven, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. I shall always remember and treasure the phone calls and the times we had together, even when we were working on different projects at home.

Steven, I now know how Ancient King David felt when he learned of the death of his son, Prince Absalom, my son, my son, Absalom! Would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!

But I am comforted by God's Precious Truth and we have Hope in the Resurrection of all by Jesus Christ at His Second Coming. At that time, we will have great joy when by His Divine Authority and Power, we will rise and meet Him in the air and see each other again! So sleep in Christ, my beloved grandson, safe in the care of our Father in Heaven. I cherish your memory and love you forever, Grandma Dora.

Steven Daniel Ortega

What a blessing and joy you were to me and the test of our family. From the moment I learned that I was going to be a grandmother to the time we brought you home from the hospital as a newborn, and throughout the years, we enjoyed you every moment.

As each year went by and you grew into a fine young man, I was so very proud of you. Always with that dimpled smile, good attitude and inquisitive mind, you lit up the room wherever you were at and you certainly were the April that made my winters go

How I looked forward to talking to you on the phone and seeing you every chance I go, especially when you would call and ask me how I was, concerned about my well-being.

You were very helpful to me in every way – when I would call asking you to read from your Children's Bible certain Scriptures for further understanding because it was in modern English since I always use the King James Version. Too, you enjoyed attending Sabbath Services with me and we would discuss the sermon given that day. I know you enjoyed singing hymns and you had your favorites.



Steven and Erb ready mower for spring mowing under watchful eye of Pepe in April 2006.

Antonio Orlando Torres

Antonio Orlando Torres, age 24 of Cushing, Oklahoma, passed away Friday morning, February 13, 2009 as a result of a motor accident west of Cushing, Oklahoma. "Tony" was Native American and is a member of the Sac and Fox Tribe and is also of Mexican descent. His funeral services were entrusted to the care of the Palmer Marler Funeral Home of Cushing, Oklahoma. Chapel services were held at 1:00 pm Sunday afternoon in the chapel of the Palmer Marler Funeral Home with Don Abney officiating, followed by a traditional ceremony at the home of Raymond Massey. Burial was at 10:00 a.m. Monday morning in the Euchee Valley Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were James Martin, Alonzo Martin, Alfonso Martin, Mason Williamson, Brandon Gibbs, and Roy Gomez.

Antonio was born on January 23, 1985 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Alfredo and Cheryl (Barker) Torres. His home was in Cushing all of his life. He graduated from Cushing High School in 2003. He was a student at Meridian Technical School of Stillwater in body and collision repair and would have graduated May, 2009. He and his older brother Fernando, who also attends Meridian, talked about opening a paint and body shop together when they finished school.

He was a member of the Native American Church, liked to play basketball (and would have played ball 24/7 if he could), loved his truck, enjoyed singing at powwows and was a great fan of northern style singing and a big Sooner fan.

Tony loved the music made by the pow wow drum and practiced every day until he caught the words to the Northern style of singing. His family could hear him singing in the shower and using the walls as his drum, and his mother Cheryl said she could always hear Tony and Fernando as they came down the street after school, singing Northern songs and drumming on the dashboard. His brother Fernando said Tony took his hand drum to school and had his friends "really hopping" in pow wow style dance.

His other passion was his truck. He used to say it was his girl, and he spent a lot of time cleaning it and shining the big 24-inch rims he placed on it.

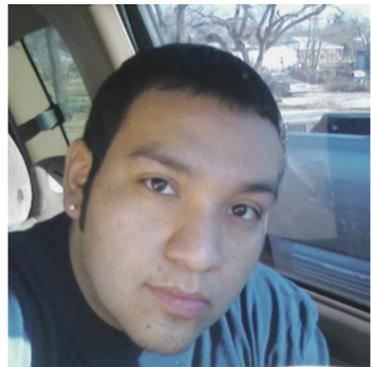
He is survived by his parents, Alfredo and Cheryl Torres of Cushing, four brothers, Justin Torres and wife Michelle of Mayetta, Kansas and Fernando Torres of Cushing, Ralph Bohanon of Midwest City, Oklahoma, and Christopher Lee, three nephews, Preston, Eli, and Ian Torres, numerous cousins, aunts, and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother Nadine Barker.

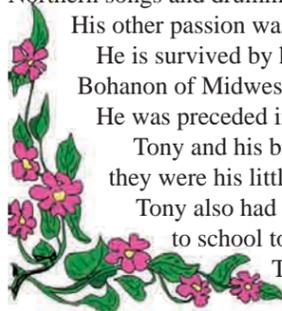
Tony and his brothers had a very special bond. He also had a very special tight bond with his mom and dad. His three little nephews were his pride and joy and he used to say they were his little babies.

Tony also had some very close friends he considered brothers: Alonzo and Alfonso Martin (better known as "Fat Man" and "Little Man") and James and Tilly. They went to school together from kindergarten through high school and were all friends and brothers forever.

Tony had a very good personality and the biggest soft heart anyone could ever hope to have. He was loved by all who knew him and all his crazy little ways. He will be greatly missed by all who came to know him.



Antonio Orlando Torres



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REGRETS: ERRORS & OMISSIONS
 A letter submitted in the February 2009 Sac & Fox News regarding an investigation of the \$1-1/2 million dollar loss on the stock market. Submitter's name was omitted. I apologize to tribal Elder George L. McCoy.
 In the February 2009 Elders birthday list Cheryl Clark was wrongly identified. Belated happy birthday Cheryl!
 I apologize for this error and this omission.
 Henri Isaacs, Managing Editor of the Sac & Fox NEWS



BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MARCH 2009
 Where: Social Services Bldg. Capital Complex
 Special Business Committee Meeting
 March 17, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.
 Regular Business Committee Meeting
 March 31, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Appreciation

The Tony Torres Family

The family of Antonio "Tony" Torres would like to thank everyone who helped, supported, participated, and came to the Sac and Fox traditional ceremonies held on behalf of our loving son. We want to say Thank You to head cook Stella Nanaeto and her helpers, head gravedigger J. Paul Wilson and his helpers, traditional speaker Raymond Massey, traditional singer Sam Spang, the Fish Clan, head mame-she Bud McClellan, and Jacob Manatowa-Bailey for all your hard work that made all the ceremonies go so smoothly.

Thank you also to Robert Williamson, Joshua Williamson, and Mason Williamson for the tender care you gave Tony as you prepared him for his journey.

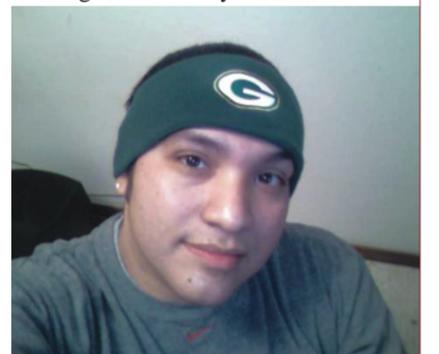
A special Thank You to Lisa Stevens for staying with Cheryl (mother) and giving comfort and support from beginning to end.

*When we did the round dance
 You were smiling, to the end
 Of that sweet song ya-hey-ya,
 Just like birds were singing,
 In my mind, that whole time.*

-Smilin' by Northern Cree

We also want to thank Don Abney for officiating at the chapel services.

We also want to acknowledge with gratitude all the people who came to the family home, to the traditional ceremonies, and to the chapel and brought your sympathy, your prayers, your words of strength and kindness, your hands to hold, and all the food and contributions of your time, money, and items for the services.



Antonio Orlando Torres

The Aaron Brown Family

The family of Aaron Dean Brown "Pope" would like to thank everyone for the hospital visits, cards, flowers, food, moccasins, Pendleton blankets, monetary gifts and all your prayers.

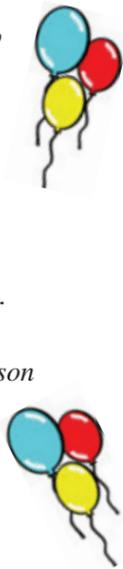
We truly appreciate all that everyone has done for us by the following: Ed Butler, Channa Tiger, Anita Stevens and cooks, Stella Wilson, Stella Nullake, Cheryl McClellan, Mike Hackbarth, Gwen Wilburn, Dennis Jennings, Jeff Wilson, Jay Paul Wilson, Dean Ray Tartsah, Jackie Williams, Jellene Factor, Gloria Ellis, Peggy Ellis, Chuck Salway, Henrietta Massey, Berdina George, Edith Harjo, Robbie White, Andrea K. Harrington, the children of Buster Brown, Lil Aaron Wilson and family, A. C. Wilson, Ronnie Lauderdale, Steve Franklin and family, Georgia and Jamey Noble, Henri Isaacs, Peggy Smith, Ephraim Rodriguez of Western Marketing, Rev. Tom Morris and family, Pastor Jeroyne and Angie Jackson of the Assembly of God in Stroud, Pat and Hale Hayes, Ron and Becky Cooper, Marla Wright, the Sac and Fox Veterans, Sandra Exendine, Martha Pannel, Jennie Sugar, Charlie McKinney and all the employees of the Sac and Fox Nation.

Forgive us for any names we have omitted. We love and appreciate you all.

The Aaron Brown Family

Happy March Birthday to the Following Elders!

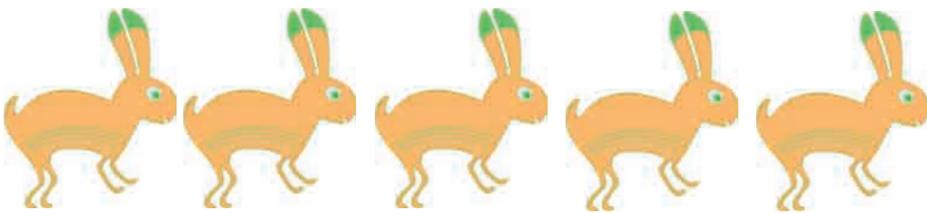
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We apologize if we left anyone off the list. Please let us know so we add you to the next issue. Please call the Sac & Fox News. Thank you!



AREA MUSEUMS JOIN FORCES TO MARKET WESTERN/NATIVE AMERICAN ART

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK – Oklahoma City will be the center of Western and Native American art this summer when the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, Red Earth Festival, Oklahoma History Center and the Fred Jones Jr Museum of Art showcase America's most outstanding Native American and Western artists through museum exhibitions and annual events.

The four area museums plan to join forces with the Oklahoma City Convention & Visitors Bureau to promote Native American and Western art to the traveling public. Oklahoma tourism officials have long promoted western and Native American themes to attract tourists to the state, and the Oklahoma City Convention & Visitors Bureau draws upon Oklahoma City's unique western and Native American culture when bidding for conventions.

The award-winning Red Earth Native American Cultural Festival will draw thousands to the state when the 23rd annual Indian art market and dance competition runs June 5-7 in downtown Oklahoma City's Cox Convention Center. Red Earth expects more than 1,200 American Indian artists and dancers from throughout North America as they gather to celebrate and share the richness and diversity of their heritage with the world.

The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum opens the prestigious Prix de West® Invitational Art Exhibition, Sale and Seminars, June 12-13, with more than 300 Western paintings and sculptures by contemporary Western artists. The annual event opens with art seminars and demonstrations, receptions, a sale and awards banquet. The Prix de West® Invitational Art Exhibition continues at the nationally-acclaimed museum through September 7.

At the Oklahoma History Center the art of Allan Houser and his sons Phillip and Bob Haozous celebrates cultural survival and expression through generations of one Apache family in the exhibition Unconquered: Allan Houser and the Legacy of One Apache Family. Houser became one of the most recognizable artists of his time, and the Oklahoma History Center exhibition, which continues through July 31, tells the story of the Houser family members' journeys to become artists while recognizing the family and cultural impact on their creative expression. The exhibition includes more than 80 original pieces of sculpture, art and artifacts.

The Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art at the University of Oklahoma in Norman opens Spirit Red: Visions of Native American Artists from the Rennard Strickland Collection during a reception from 7 to 9 pm on June 3. The exhibition will continue at the museum on the campus of the University of Oklahoma through September 13. In 2007 Strickland announced he would donate his collection of more than 200 works of contemporary and traditional Native American art to the museum. The collection includes paintings, baskets, pottery, textiles and sculpture, representing some of the most acclaimed artists of the 20th century.

The four entities will work closely with the Oklahoma City Convention & Visitors Bureau to promote their events to area residents and potential visitors. The group will concentrate their efforts in Oklahoma and the surrounding states.



HELP WANTED!

SAC & FOX NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITES

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF JOB VACANCIES WITH THE SAC & FOX NATION:

Accounting Technician
 CHR I
 Custodian
 Grants Writer/Planner
 Licensed Clinical Social Worker
 Physical Therapist
 Resident Advisor
 Surveillance Observer
 (as of March 2, 2009)

Applicants must successfully pass an OSBI/National background check and drug screen. Preference in hiring is given to qualified Native Americans. Applicants claiming Indian Preference must provide a copy of their CDIB. For more information and to learn how to apply please visit our website at:

www.sacandfoxnation.com

or contact Human Resources, Sac and Fox Nation, Rt. 2 Box 246, Stroud, OK 74079 or by phone (918) 968-3526



ANTONIO MARQUES HAS ARRIVED

Baby Antonio Marques arrived on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 6:15 a.m. He weighed in at 6 lbs. and 13 oz. and was 19 inches long. He was born at the Comanche County Memorial Hospital in Lawton, OK.

Proud parents are Maria Starr and Eddie Crispin.

Grandparents are the late James Starr and Florence Starr, Juan and Norma Crispin. Antonio is Sac and Fox, Comanche/Kiowa.

SAC & FOX NATION FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM MARCH 2009

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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RILEY ADDS ANOTHER EVENT TO HER COLLEGE PORTFOLIO AND HELPS COUNTY TOO

Davenport High School's "Relay For Life" team Captain, Jade Riley, attended the Lincoln County Relay For Life kick off party January 19, 2009. Jade enrolled the Davenport High School team as a "star relay team" with a goal \$1,500 for the 2009 relay year. While signing up her high school team for the challenge, Jade spoke with area American Cancer Society representative Marcy Beeman, about the 'toilet fundraiser' the DHS team is currently undergoing in the Davenport Community. Jade reported that her team has currently raised approximately \$700 with this fundraiser. The DHS team is currently the only student team registered in the Lincoln County event. Find Jade and ask her about the "toilet fundraiser."



TRIBAL MEMBER SINGS CHANT

STUDENT'S JOB LEAVES HER ENCHNT-ED

When Kayley McCoy checks the mail, she can usually expect a letter and picture from OU President David L. Boren once a week as a token of his gratitude for her singing OU's chant.

McCoy, vocal music education junior, is the university's official OU chant singer and accompanies Boren to all speaking engagements, averaging about one to three events a week, on behalf of Public Affairs.

McCoy, a Stillwater native, said she has a passion for music and Oklahoma, but never thought she



Kayley McCoy

would find a job that combined the two until she accepted the singing job this semester.

"I love OU and have a lot of pride for our school," said McCoy. "I love singing and the combination of those two, singing and representing the university, is a perfect combination."

The job position for an official OU chant singer from the School of Music was created about 15 years ago when Boren arrived at the university, he said.

"I was shocked to find when I returned to OU that almost no students or alumni knew the words, and when it was sung at football games, no one participated," Boren said in an e-mail.

Events include dinners on campus, graduation ring ceremonies, recruitment events in Dallas, ground breaking ceremonies and building expansions, McCoy said.

"There's such a variety of events,

and it makes each one really cool," McCoy said.

While attending these events, a friendship has developed between McCoy and Boren, she said. She knew Boren before obtaining the position but said his interest in students has been affirmed since she took the job.

"He is an incredible representative for the students and for what we stand for," McCoy said. "He has us with the best interest in mind."

Although the time commitment is large, with each event lasting between one to three hours, she said she enjoys the dinners and events and has met many intriguing people.

"It's the people that I've met and spoken with, a lot of different alumni," McCoy said. "It's neat to hear their stories about their connection to the university."

Many of President Boren's planned speeches occur during the day, but McCoy said she has only had class conflicts three times this year, and her professors were understanding.

"Honestly, because I'm a music major, they really see the value in representing the School of Music and the College of Fine Arts," McCoy said. "They see it as value, because it is music oriented and because they recommended me to hold that position."

McCoy was born hearing her mother teach private voice lessons in her house and plans to teach elementary children after graduation.

The honor of singing the chant has been a blessing to McCoy, and she said she enjoys being able to represent OU while doing something she loves.

"This is probably one of the neatest opportunities I have ever had and will ever have," McCoy said.

The rebirth of the chant and its tradition for students and alumni has been enjoyable to see, Boren said. "It is wonderful to see students and alumni hold their fingers high in the air singing, bringing the OU family together," Boren said.

Story by: [Meredith Moriak, reporter for The Daily](#)

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First printed December 3, 2008
pageant. She is the university's official OU chant singer.

PAWNEE, Okla. – Against Morrison, Pawnee High's Caleb Tiger hit a three-point shot as the buzzer sounded. The No. 1 team in Class 2A didn't need the bucket; they won by 40 points. The distance wasn't anything special, just a 20-footer from the wing. It was only worth three points, no more than a usual deep shot.

Only to Tiger, his mother and everyone familiar with Pawnee basketball, it was worth so much more, came from so much further away and, although maybe not on the scoreboard, it was needed.

When he was in eighth grade, Tiger was expected to be one of the best basketball players Pawnee would have for the next four years. He made it through his freshman season, but as his first year in a Pawnee uniform drew to a close, he collided with a teammate in practice and hurt his knee. The pain lingered and soon enough, he found out the unthinkable.

Tiger had cancer.

"I had a timeline set out for what I was going to do and it seemed like my whole life just stopped," Tiger said. "They say it's like a hurdle, but to me it's like a big mountain I can't climb.

"I didn't see myself going through it. I had a lot of questions, like, 'Why me?' Everything was going good for me when I was a freshman. ... All of a sudden, it stopped right then."

The Diagnosis

Tiger had just finished his freshman season and the Black Bears lost in the quarterfinals of the state playoffs; it was then he told his mom, Sharon Tiger, that an injury which happened weeks before was still giving him pain.

On March 30, 2006, Caleb Tiger was diagnosed with Osteogenic Sarcoma, a cancer that infested his right knee. Tiger was only 16 years old when he became a man, his mom said, but he was a 16-year-old facing the same cancer that forced former Oklahoma basketball star Wayman Tisdale to amputate his leg in August.

"He wants to do things," Sharon Tiger said. "He's not like these kids now, they just live for the moment. He's a man. His moment was back in 2006 when he found it. He was a boy then. He became a man."

Pawnee coach David Page had Caleb Tiger on his mind during the entire state tournament and knew the injury they thought was just a bruise should have healed by then. It hadn't, and at the Pawnee Indian Health Clinic, Tiger found out he had a steak-size tumor growing around his right knee.

"All of a sudden, it just went away," he said. "My dreams, my future went away and I didn't know what to do."

The first thought was amputation, but that wasn't something Caleb Tiger was willing to settle with.

"It wouldn't have seemed me," he said. "When I looked down, I wouldn't have a leg. ... I didn't really want that, but it was a high option at first."

It was an option for only two weeks before doctors realized that chemotherapy and surgery was the best path.

The Recovery

His chemo started almost immediately and Tiger worked

through the first session easily. By the end of his next session with a new treatment, he had lost close to 40 pounds. Tiger had an unplanned reaction and was removed from all treatment.

"It was something very unexpected," Sharon Tiger said. "One moment everything was care-free and the next moment, everything was serious."

Several of Tiger's relatives had passed away because of cancer.

The tumor wasn't shrinking and for a month, Caleb Tiger was removed from chemotherapy as doctors searched for a conclusion. That conclusion came in a knee



Caleb Tiger

replacement, which surgeon Kimberly Smith — the same doctor who operated on Tisdale — performed exactly two months after Caleb Tiger was diagnosed. That's when the long road of physical therapy started.

It would be two-and-a-half long years before Tiger regained only a little bit of strength in his knee. But after a few months of physical therapy, Tiger was hit with another hurdle.

"He was doing really well and that's when they found out he had a mass in his lung," Sharon Tiger said. "He had to go back in and have more surgery."

But for a man who had already been through chemotherapy and a knee replacement, a surgical removal from his lungs was nothing — nearly two years later, Caleb shrugs it off as no big deal. He had a second knee replacement last year because of his growing body.

After a few more months of leg presses, squats and some running, Caleb Tiger's physical therapist, Chuck Tillman, approached Caleb with a question the young man may never thought he would have heard.

"He asked me one day if I wanted to play basketball again," Tiger said. "I said I did and he said, 'We are going to have to work really hard for that,' and we did. We worked hard and it came."

The First Shot

On Jan. 29 against Morrison, with 30 seconds left in the game, Page scanned his bench. His Black Bears were already up by more than 30 points and he was putting his subs in. He had almost forgotten about Caleb Tiger, but walked to the end of the bench and asked Tiger, one of two seniors on his team, if he wanted to play. Caleb's response was obvious.

"Sure," Caleb said to his coach and took his usual position behind the three-point line — even though he wanted to try to pull down a rebound.

A few seconds later, Tiger

unleashed a three-pointer from the wing, just in front of the Pawnee bench. It was a shot he had taken a few times earlier in the season and had missed each time. When he let it go, he thought it was going to be another air ball.

During his recovery, Page always brought Tiger plums. Tiger always asked for them. But Page also brought film for the two to watch together to take Tiger's mind as far away from cancer as possible.

"We did things to him to make it as easy as we could on him, but those situations are never easy," Page said. "He's gone through things that you hope your kids and people you know never have to go through."

Before his senior year, Page brought Tiger something other than videotapes and fruit. He brought a jersey and a scorebook and gave Tiger a spot on the team. Not an active playing role, but a Pawnee basketball jersey that Tiger was honored to wear. -

Jared Traylor met Tiger at cancer camp. Tiger had been diagnosed only a few months earlier when he met a boy in the same position. Traylor was the student manager for his Wagoner High School basketball team just outside of Tulsa.

Last November, Traylor lost his fight with cancer.

"Ever since I found out he passed away, that's when I decided to play basketball again, for him," Tiger said. "That's the reason I'm trying to play basketball, for him. He didn't get the opportunity to play."

David Page rarely notices the crowd reaction during games, but when Tiger's shot fell through the hoop, hitting nothing but nylon, he couldn't help but notice.

As his mom sat in the stands, she wanted to cry, but held her tears back for her son's sake.

"The way the crowd reacted to him making it was like it was the championship game and he hit the winning shot," Sharon Tiger said.

Caleb Tiger never wanted the game to end. He had wanted to play for the Black Bears his entire life while growing up in Pawnee. "I had just never heard the crowd yell like that for me before," Tiger said.

It was Tiger's first varsity basket in more than three years — a useless three-pointer from the wing that could have brought a tear to the collective eye of Pawnee High School. It came two years overdue.

"I had to watch the guys play for two years and I have two years to make up for not being on the court," Tiger said. "What I've been through and I've gotten the opportunity to get on the court now and play for the No. 1 team in the state. 'Play, even if it's just for 30 seconds to a minute, that's good enough for me. As long as I get to break a sweat out there.'"

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ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

If you and your family have moved recently, please notify Enrollment or the Sac & Fox News. It is important to maintain current contact information with the Nation and your newspaper.



TRIBAL MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN AMERICAN INDIAN FESTIVAL OF WORDS

Art projects made in the Indian Education Program/Sauk Language at Meeker Public Schools Indian Education Program/Sauk Language Class were displayed at the Tulsa City-County Central Library Saturday, March 7, 2009. The occasion was the “American Indian Festival of Words,” an all day event for children of all ages to share the history and traditions of North America’s native people.

The eleven posters were created last fall in Jennie Bemo’s Indian Education and Sauk Language classes at the Meeker Public Schools in Meeker, OK. All are original collages that provided a fun learning experience with an emphasis on Sauk Vocabulary.

The all day festival celebrated the contributions of American Indians through the following programs and exhibits: Pawnee Tales puppet show, American Indian hand games, Iowa Tribe eagle rehab program, stomp dance exhibition, traditional arts and crafts, American Indian storytelling, dancing and music and a display of original art work by Sac & Fox tribal members and other Native American classmates.

The artwork has been on display in the Sac and Fox Nation Public Library south of Stroud, OK and may return for another period of display. Call and check with Anita Stevens at the Sac and Fox Nation Library 918-968-3526 x 1061.



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April Marble, Enrollment Specialist, at 918-968-3526 ext. 1015 or 1-800-259-3970 with any updated information.

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INDIAN YOUTH AND FAMILY SUMMIT MARCH 25, 2009

Assembly will kickoff the Indian Youth and Family Summit scheduled for March 25, 2009 at the University of Oklahoma.

Workshops that focus on youth and family development, youth leadership and development, media arts and language, college preparation, substance abuse free lifestyles, juvenile court system, and Census 2010 are going to be presented by community advocates, all with a strong emphasis on culture and tradition.

An Indian Youth Town Hall will address current issues in Indian country and used as a speak out for participants on community involvement in empowering youth and families.

The Summit is hosted by the Indian Youth and Family Alliance and the University of Oklahoma Native American Studies Department. There is no registration fee and students, parents, elders and community and tribal program advocates are encouraged to come and participate. For further information, please contact Indian Youth and Family Alliance by email at: sarkeketa@cs.com. (See ad on back page)

MASONIC LODGE GENEROUS TO BEAVER FAMILY



Sac and Fox tribal member and Chandler, OK resident Rosetta Beaver (c) received a 1982 Ford Granada Wagon and \$500 from the Chandler Masonic Lodge Thursday, February 27, 2008. Her daughter Rosetta was injured in a traffic accident November 27, 2008. Her daughter remains in a wheel chair and her youngest son Dakota has recovered from his injuries. Her son Joseph died as a result of the accident. Pictured with Rosetta are (l) Masonic Secretary J. F. Caldwell and (r) Senior Warden Sam Spaid. (Reprinted by permission of The Lincoln County News.)

SAC AND FOX ELDERS HANDYMAN-APPLIANCE PROGRAM

The SFN Elders Handyman/Appliance has started. Any tribal member 55 years of age or older may apply. However, if an elder received assistance last year, he/she is not eligible to apply again this year. Call Elders Coordinator Jean Lynam for information at 918-968-3526 x1054 or drop by her office at the SFN Capital Complex.

(Chief's Letter Continued

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of the IHCIA will modernize and improve Indian health care services and delivery, allow for programs to address the behavioral and mental health and well-being of Indian communities and allow for in-home care for the Indian elderly population. Most importantly it will address the health disparities such as infant mortality, diabetes, alcoholism, suicide, and the inequity in health care expenditures for Indians compared to other citizens of the United States, including the incarcerated population.

* *Recruitment and retention of qualified health care staff in an ongoing need in Indian Country.* The scholarship and other manpower provisions of the IHCIA would help address this need. Native Americans will continue to have the chance of receiving college scholarships for health related fields of study;

* *Healthy living and disease prevention activities* can help Native Americans to live longer, happier lives, and can also reduce the long-term costs of Indian health care. The IHCIA authorizes vital programs to fight against diabetes, heart disease, and other conditions affecting AI/AN people at disproportionate rates;

* *Behavioral health prevention and services* authorized through IHCIA allow tribes to continue to fight against alcohol abuse, drug abuse, and other self-destructive behaviors; and

* *Vital to assist tribes in meeting the rising costs of providing health care* as the IHCIA provides the necessary authorities to bill for Medicaid and Medicare revenues, thereby providing much needed resources for tribal health care. The IHCIA reauthorization will update these essential billing provisions for all federal entitlement programs (i.e., Medicaid, Medicare and SCHIP).

IHCIA reauthorization proposals have been introduced in the last five Congresses, but none have passed. Self-Governance Tribes will remain vigilant to get this legislation enacted. The new Administration has been requested to join this effort and support this as top priority for all of Indian country.

I once again encourage all tribal members to direct any questions you may have concerning our tribal government to any member of the Business Committee as we strive to keep an open line of communication between the leaders and membership. May God Bless!

Sincerely,
George Thurman, Principal Chief

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2009 SAC AND FOX NATION ELECTION DATES TO REMEMBER

Primary Elections: Saturday, July 25, 2009 **General Election:** Saturday, August 29, 2009

Section 205. Polling Places

(b) The Election Board shall have the authority to have Cushing be designated as an additional polling place provided, that such designation shall be published in the Tribal Newspaper and posted in the Tribal Offices thirty (30) calendar days prior to said election.

Post by: Thursday, June 25, 2009; **Published in SFN Newsletter;** Posted in Tribal Offices.

Section 208. Poll Watchers

Each candidate may designate in writing one person, not a candidate, to watch the activities at the polls. Such designation shall be presented to Election Board Officials prior to the election. Such persons may not interfere in any way with the conduct of the election, but may observe only. Any poll watcher interfering with the election or attempting to elector, in any way, shall be rejected from the poll area by a Sergeant of Arms or law enforcement officer.

Notification of Poll Watchers for the Primary Election must be in writing and received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 10, 2009.

Notification of Poll Watchers for the General Election must be in writing and received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 14, 2009.

All notifications must be sent to the Sac and Fox Nation Election Board, Route 2, Box 246, Stroud, OK 74079

Section 302. Voting List

(a) It shall be the duty of the Tribal Secretary to compile from the Tribal membership rolls a list of all persons who will be eligible voters on the date scheduled for the Primary Election and General Election and to resent sufficient certified copies of this list as requested to the Election Board no later than sixty (60) days prior to the primary Election and no later than sixty (60) days prior to the General Election. The said copies are to be returned to the Tribal Secretary.

Deadline for Voting List: Primary Election: Tuesday, May 26, 2009

General Election: Tuesday, June 30, 2009

(b) One copy of the voting list shall be maintained in the Tribal Offices and be open to public inspection during Regular business hours no later than sixty (60) days prior to the election.

Open to the public: Primary Election: Tuesday, May 26, 2009

General Election: Tuesday, June 30, 2009

Section 303. Challenges to Voting List

(a) At any time more than twenty (20) days before the Primary Election and General Election, any person may challenge the voting eligibility of any person whose name appears on said list, or may apply to have their name added to said list by filing an application with the Election Board. The application shall clearly indicate the substance of the challenge, the specific names challenged, and the relief requested.

Deadline for Challenges: Primary Election: Thursday, July 2, 2009

General Election: Friday, August 7, 2009

Section 401. Eligibility for Office

This section has been declared unconstitutional in its totality pursuant to case #APL-0101 filed in Supreme Court on 7-15-05.

Eligibility for Office per Sac and Fox Nation Constitution:

Article VI Elections-Section 1. Any person elected to membership on the Business Committee shall not be less than twenty-one (21) years of age and shall be a member of the Sac and Fox Nation. At the time of his election he shall reside within the geographical boundaries of the State of Oklahoma. Any member of the Business Committee removing from the State of Oklahoma shall automatically forfeit his office.

Section 402. Filing for Office

To be eligible for election and have one's name placed upon the ballot Notice of Candidacy for an elective office must be filed with: The Tribal Secretary after depositing the candidate's non-refundable filing fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) (cashier's check only) with the Tribal Treasurer during regular business hours at the Tribal Office complex not later than sixty-five (65) calendar days prior to the date of the Primary Election and General Elections. The Tribal Secretary shall notify the Chairman of the Election Board of all candidates who have filed for office.

Opening Date to File for Office: Friday, January 2, 2009

Closing Date for Primary Election: Thursday, May 21, 2009

If No Primary Election is held, Closing Date for General Election: Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

Section 403. Petition for Office

A petition of ten (10) or more members of Council may submit a written notice with required filing fees of two-hundred (\$200.00) non-refundable (cashier's check only), no later than sixty-five (65) calendar days prior to the date of the Primary Election and/or General Election stating the name of the candidate, age, birth date, and proof of actual residence and domicile.

Deadline Date to Petition for Office: Primary Election – Thursday, May 21, 2009

If No Primary Election is held, Closing Date for General Election: Thursday, June 25, 2009

Section 406. Withdrawals

Any candidate for office may withdraw by filing a written notice of withdrawal with the Election Board at any time within ten (10) days after the closing date of filing for office.

Such notice shall contain the candidate's name, the office filed for, a statement of withdrawal and shall be notarized or sworn to before a person authorized to administer oaths. (Required filing fee non-refundable)

Deadline to withdraw: Primary Election: Primary Election – May 29, 2009

General Election: Thursday, July 2, 2009

Section 408. Contest of Candidate Eligibility

Any candidate or eligible voter may challenge a candidate's legal qualification to run for office by filing a written petition with the Election Board within three (3) business days of the closing of the filing period. Each petition shall state with particularity the reasons the candidate is not eligible to file for office. There is a one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) non-refundable cashier's check contest fee.

Deadline to contest Candidate Eligibility: Primary Election – Tuesday, May 26, 2009

General Election: Tuesday, June 30, 2009

Section 602. Application for Absentee Ballot

Qualified voters wishing to cast vote by absentee ballots shall notify the Election Board not sooner than ninety (90) days and not later than thirty (30) days prior to the election.

Such notices must be in writing and must include the correct mailing address of the person making the request. Only one ballot per written request.

Primary Election: Opening date to request an absentee ballot: Monday, April 27, 2009

General Election: Opening date to request an absentee ballot: Monday, June 1, 2009

Section 603. Delivery of Absentee Ballot

As soon as the filing period for candidates has closed sixty-five (65) calendar days before the election, the Election Board will prepare a special ballot and send one to each qualified voter who has requested same. The Election Board shall maintain an accurate record of all absentee ballots so issued, including the name and address of the voter to whom the ballot was issued and the date of issue.

Primary Election: Thursday, May 21, 2009

General Election: Thursday, June 25, 2009

Section 706. The Tally

The Election Board shall unlock the ballot box (es), shall remove the ballots one by one, and as each one is removed, the clerks shall read off the names of the candidates marked thereupon. At least two election officials shall view each ballot, and each counter shall keep a separate tally of the votes cast. Each Candidate may select a watcher of their choice, not a candidate, to observe and keep a separate record of the tally of the ballots, and who shall not interfere with the tally process. After the tally is complete, all ballots, absentee ballots, voter registers, and ballot boxes shall be transported to the Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Court House.

All notifications for Tally Watchers must be sent to the Sac and Fox Nation Election Board, Route 2, Box 246, Stroud, OK 74079

Notification of Tally Watchers for the Primary Election must be received in writing and received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 10, 2009.

Notification of Tally Watchers for the General Election must be received in writing and received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 14, 2009

Section 710. Certification of Election

The election shall be certified by the Election Board immediately after the ten (10) day period for filing an election contest expires, provided, that if an election contest petition is filed within the time period allowed, then no Certificate of Election shall be issued until after such election contest is finally decided.

Certification of Primary Election: If the tally is completed on Saturday, July 25, 2009, Certification is on Tuesday, August 4, 2009.

If the tally is completed on Sunday, July 26, 2009, Certification is on Wednesday, August 5, 2009

Certification of General Election: If the tally is completed on Saturday, August 29, 2009, Certification is on Tuesday, September 8, 2009

If the tally is completed on Sunday, August -309, 2009, Certification is on Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Section 713. Installment in Office

Successful candidates for office whose election results are uncontested or are not involved in a run-off election shall be sworn in within ten (10) working days of the certified date, or, if there has been a delay due to election contests, run-off elections, special elections, or other cause, then as soon as reasonably practical after the election results are certified.

Installment by: If the tally is completed on Saturday, August 29, 2009, Installment by Tuesday, September 22, 2009

If the tally is completed on Sunday, August 30, 2009, Installment by Tuesday, September 23, 2009

Section 802. Contest Petition

A candidate or qualified voter contesting a Tribal Election shall, within ten (10) days after completion of the tally of the election and declaration of the results, shall deposit a two hundred dollar (\$200.00) non-refundable cashier's check contest filing fee with the Tribal Treasurer, file with the Election Board a statement in writing setting forth their particular grounds for contest. The statement shall be verified by affidavit of the contestor (s) that they believe the matters and things therein contained are true. After the statement is filed the Election Board shall set a time for a hearing of the contest, no later than ten (10) days after the date on which the statement of contest was filed. Written notice of such hearing shall be mailed or delivered to each candidate for the office contested. Any party to the election protest and the Election Board shall have the right to view the election ballots and records in the presence of the Court Clerk in the clerk's office. Any party to the protest or a Tribal member shall be entitled to receive a photocopy of said documents certified as true and correct copies by the Court Clerk upon payment to said clerk of the normal and customary charges.

Said certified copies shall be received as evidence by the Election Board in like manner as an original. Alternatively the election Board, upon request of a party of on its own motion, may convene a hearing for any protested election at the Tribal Courthouse for the purpose of review of said election materials. After hearing the proofs and allegations of the contestants, the election Board shall make their findings and shall have authority to pronounce their judgment either setting aside, or confirming the election.

The Contest Petition deadline:

Primary Election: If the tally is completed on Saturday, July 25, 2009 – The Contest Petition date: Tuesday, August 4, 2009 by 4:30 p.m.

If the tally is completed on Sunday, July 26, 2009 – The Contest Petition date: Tuesday, August 5, 2009 by 4:30 p.m.

General Election: If the tally is completed on Saturday, August 29, 2009 – The Contest Petition date: Tuesday, September 8, 2009 by 4:30 p.m.

If the tally is completed on Sunday, August 30, 2009 – The Contest Petition date: Tuesday, September 9, 2009 by 4:30 p.m.

Section 805. Request for Recount

Since the Election Ordinance provides for automatic recount of ballots, any request for recount of ballots must list the reasons therefore in writing and be submitted to the Election Board Chairman or the Chairman's designated representative within five (5) days after the election. Such request must be accompanied by a non-refundable cashier's check of two-hundred (\$200.00) made payable to the Sac and Fox Nation. Said check shall be forwarded to the Tribal Secretary-Treasurer to be credited against the cost of the recount. The Election Board shall meet and decide within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice whether or not the reasons listed in the request are sufficient to cause a recount of ballots.

Primary Election: The deadline date to request a recount: Thursday, July 30, 2009

General Election: The deadline date to request a recount: Friday, September 4, 2009

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Business Committee Actions December 6th, 2008

The following mini-minutes are official actions approved by the Business Committee in an emergency meeting held on the **6th day of December, 2008** and are to be followed up by the Director whose department they pertain to:

1. Approved **Resolution SF-09-98** rescinding Resolution SF-09-07 in its entirety. (VOTE: George – Yes; Cheryl – Yes; Gwen – Yes; Mike – Yes; and Stella - Yes)
2. Approved **Resolution SF-09-99** certifying the current membership rolls of the Sac and Fox Nation at 3,628 in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the Sac and Fox Nation. (VOTE: George – Yes; Cheryl – Yes; Gwen – Yes; Mike – Yes; and Stella – Yes)



Business Committee Actions December 16th, 17th & 18, 2008

Please be advised that the following are official actions taken by the Business Committee in a Regular Business Committee Meeting held the **16th, 17th & 18th days of December, 2008**. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

The Following actions were taken by the Business Committee on December 16, 2008 in a Regular Business Committee Meeting.

1. The Business Committee took action to accept the Minutes of the November 12 & 13, 2008 Special Business Committee Meeting. Secretary Wilburn made the motion, Committee Member Nanaeto seconded. Vote: Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes. Motion carries.
2. The Business Committee took action to accept the Minutes of the November 25, 2008, Regular Business Committee Meeting as corrected. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Secretary Wilburn seconded. Vote: Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes. Motion carries.
3. The Business Committee took action to accept the Minutes of the December 6, 2008, Emergency Business Committee Meeting as presented. Secretary Wilburn made the motion, Committee Member Nanaeto seconded. Vote: Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes. Motion carries.
4. The Business Committee took action to accept the Minutes of the December 8, 2008 Emergency Business Committee Meeting as presented. Secretary Wilburn made the motion, Committee Member Nanaeto seconded. Vote: Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent. Motion carries.
5. **Resolution SF-09-101** adding one (1) person to the membership roll of the Sac and Fox Nation in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Sac and Fox Nation. Secretary Wilburn made the motion, Committee Member Nanaeto seconded. Vote: Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Abstain, Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes. Motion carries.
6. The Business Committee took action to rescind the motion made on November 12, 2008 titled trailer set-up which was a motion to move OES into the trailer. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Committee Member Nanaeto seconded. Vote: George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes. Motion carries.
7. **Resolution SF-09-102** approving membership into the National Tribal Gaming Commissioners and Regulators (NTGC/R) in the total amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and naming Muriel Wheeler the official voting representative and Kim Pearse as the alternate voting representative. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Committee Member Nanaeto seconded. Vote: Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes. Motion carries.
8. The Business Committee took action to use Miracle Demolition in Cushing, Oklahoma to gut the inside of the old Courthouse using #C of the bid sheet, to be funded from the FY08 RAP Carryover line item 18 in the amount of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) and to authorize the Treasurer and Vickie Benham to carryout the project. Second

- Chief McClellan made the motion, Secretary Wilburn seconded. Vote: Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes. Motion carries.
9. **Resolution SF-09-102** adopting the 2008 Off-Track Wagering Compact with the State of Oklahoma dated 12/16/08. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Committee Member Nanaeto seconded. Vote: Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent. Motion carries.
 10. The Business Committee took action to set-up the extra trailer from it's current location taking the Nineteen Thousand (\$19,000.00) to be taken from Treasury and once the occupants are identified, the amount is to be taken from their budget and reimbursed to Treasury, not to exceed Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$19,300) and authorizing the Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer to use the appropriate accounting methods to carry out this project. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Committee Member Nanaeto seconded. Vote: Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes. Motion carries.
 11. **Resolution SF-09-104** authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Black Hawk Center and Debra Mee, M.D. with the funding source identified as Fiscal Year 2009 IHS Compact budget, contract # 2008-11-06, not to exceed Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) per month. Committee Member Nanaeto made the motion, Second Chief McClellan seconded. Vote: Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes. Motion carries.
 12. **Resolution SF-09-105** naming Raymond Massey and Lisa Stevens, "Sac and Fox Nation Employees of the Year" for Fiscal Year 2009. Committee Member Nanaeto made the motion, Second Chief McClellan seconded. Vote: Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes. Motion carries.
 13. The Business Committee took action to release Employees at 2:00 p.m. on Administration Leave on December 23, 2008 as a thank you. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Secretary Wilburn seconded. Vote: Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes. Motion carries.
 14. The Business Committee took action to approve the request to use the Community Building with all fees waived for a tribal member. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Secretary Wilburn seconded. Vote: Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes. Motion carries.
 15. The mobile home park resident was returned to the Director for action, Business Committee approval is not required.
 16. The Business Committee took action to donate Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from the Sac and Fox Nation to the Town of Meeker for their Community Development Center from the Fiscal Year 2009 Local Government Donations RAP budget. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Secretary



Business Committee Actions December 8th, 2008

The following mini-minutes are official actions approved by the Business Committee in an emergency meeting held on the **8th day of December, 2008** and are to be followed up by the Director whose department they pertain to:

1. Approved **Resolution SF-09-100** approving the Sac and Fox Nation's Fiscal Year 2009 individual line items for the 1.5% General Welfare of the Tribe and its Members, the .5% Donations to Charitable Organizations and the 1% for Local Government Operations from the Net Gaming Revenue budget, with corrections and changes. (VOTE: George – Yes; Cheryl – Absent; Gwen – Yes; Mike – Yes; and Stella - Yes)



- Wilburn seconded. Vote: George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes. Motion carries.
17. **Resolution SF-09-106** authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation and Thomas Melson, Contract #2008-12-06 with the funding source identified as Oil & Gas Enterprise Fiscal Year 2009 budget with the effective date of November 1, 2008. Committee Member Nanaeto made the motion, Second Chief McClellan seconded. Vote: Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes. Motion carries.
 18. The Business Committee took action to donate One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) from the Fiscal Year 2009 Donations to Charitable Organizations RAP budget to the Riverside Indian School Indian Club to support their cultural activities throughout the 2008-2009 school year. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Secretary Wilburn seconded. Vote: Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes, Stella – Abstain, George – No, Cheryl – Yes. Motion carries.
 19. The Business Committee took action to approve the standard contract for use of the Community Building, contract # 2009-SC-01 with the addition that the contract is to be administered by the Office of Government staff. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Secretary Wilburn seconded. Vote: Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent. Motion carries.
 20. The Business Committee took action to approve the standard contract for use of the Learning Center, Contract #1009-SC-02 with the addition that the contract be administered by the Learning Center staff. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Secretary Wilburn seconded. Vote: Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes. Motion carries.
 21. The Business Committee took action to deny the request for a five (5) year lease extension. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Committee Member Nanaeto seconded. Vote: Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes. Motion carries.
 22. The Business Committee took action to approve the Rodeo Committee By-Laws dated December 15, 2008 as amended. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Committee Member Nanaeto seconded. Vote: Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes. Motion carries.
- The following actions were taken by the Business Committee on December 17, 2008 in a Reconvened Regular Business Committee Meeting following Executive Session:**
23. The Business Committee took action to approve HRP A #2009-24. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Committee Member Nanaeto seconded. Vote: Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent, Gwen – Absent. Motion carries.
 24. The Business Committee took action to deny the request on HRP A #2009-26. Second Chief McClellan made the motion,

- Committee Member Nanaeto seconded. Vote: George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Gwen – Absent, Mike – Absent, Stella – Yes. Motion carries.
- The following actions were taken by the Business Committee on December 18, 2008 in a Reconvened Regular Business Committee Meeting:**
25. **Resolution SF-09-107** authorizes and approves an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation and Flannagan & Associates, LLC for Planning Services per contract # 2008-12-01 not to exceed One Thousand Fifty-Two Dollars (\$1,052.00), the funding source identified as the Fiscal Year 2009 Oil & Gas Enterprise budget for the development of the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan as corrected. Secretary Wilburn made the motion, Committee Member Nanaeto seconded. Vote: Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Absent, Mike – Absent. Motion carries.
 26. **Resolution SF-09-108** authorizing conveyance of Tribal owned Fee lands to the United States in Trust for the Sac and Fox Nation pursuant to Sections 5, 16 and 17 of the Act of June 18, 1934, c. 576, 48 STAT 985. Treasurer Hackbarth made the motion, Committee Member Nanaeto seconded. Vote: Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Absent, Mike – Yes. Motion carries.
 27. The Business Committee took action to reimburse two tribal from the TEHR Program. Committee Member Nanaeto made the motion, Secretary Wilburn seconded. Vote: Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Yes, Gwen – Yes. Motion carries.
- The following actions were taken by the Business Committee on December 18, 2008 in a Reconvened Regular Business Committee Meeting following Executive Session:**
28. By consensus, the Business Committee is directing the Realty Department to begin negotiations on all of the land properties that are for sale from agenda items E & F.
 29. By consensus, the Business Committee are going to encourage the contractor to complete the remaining contract they have with him and the other one that is partially fulfilled will end.
- TABLED ITEMS:**
- HRPA #2009-25 is tabled for further information
- Tribal Administrator Selections is tabled & all BC members are to turn in their top 5 selections with the reasons they were selected to Second Chief McClellan by Friday, December 19, 2008.
- BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETINGS - MARCH 2009**

Where: Social Services Bldg. Capital Complex
Special Business Committee Meeting
March 17, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.
Regular Business Committee Meeting
March 31, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

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December 5, 2008

Re: Revenue Allocation Plan Program Guidelines

Dear Tribal Members:

Attached are the RAP Program Guidelines which were approved by the Nation's Business Committee on December 5, 2008.

It is important for all tribal members to understand that these guidelines will be used to determine eligible applicants for programs, which provide a direct service to tribal members.

The guidelines have been developed to ensure the Nation uses its Net Gaming Revenue in compliance with National Indian Gaming Commission's (NIGC) and the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) rules and regulations.

Payments made to an individual for a direct service may be considered "unearned income" by the IRS and is a taxable event. By ensuring most RAP programs are "need" based an individual receiving assistance should not be taxed on those payments. However, any individual receiving assistance should check with an accountant or the IRS for any tax liability.

While the attached guidelines may appear different, the existing guidelines were used and were only slightly modified to clearly identify the "need" being met and to assist more tribal members.

Sincerely,

George Thurman
 Principal Chief
 Sac and Fox Nation

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SAC AND FOX NATION

**TRIBAL ENERGY PROGRAM
 REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN GUIDELINES**

PROGRAM FUNCTIONS:

To provide energy assistance, based on a qualified financial need, for eligible Sac and Fox Nation tribal members, residing anywhere. During the heating season, applicants may apply for gas, propane, wood, or electric, if home is total electric. During the cooling season, applicants may apply for electric only.

GUIDELINES:

1. Applicant must be 18 to 54 years of age and must be an enrolled member of the Sac and Fox Nation, regardless of their location of residency.
2. This program can only be used if LIHEAP funds are unavailable.
3. A qualified financial need is determined based on the Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP) Human Services Income Matrix; which includes the total household income and the number of individuals residing in the household.
4. Funds will be split equally between two energy seasons, heating and cooling. One time assistance for one (1) utility bill will be provided per season per household. Per season, households can either receive LIHEAP or Tribal Energy, **BUT NOT BOTH**. There **cannot** be a duplication of services between LIHEAP, DOI- Emergency General Assistance, RAP-Hardship, RAP-Tribal Energy, and RAP-Elders Tribal Energy.
5. Payments will be made directly to vendors; up to \$250.00 per utility bill.
6. Applicant must apply for assistance in the Human Services Department and provide a list of all residents of the household. Documentation verifying each member of the household must be provided, including, but not limited to: CDIB cards, Social Security cards, tribal membership cards, driver license, birth certificates, etc.
7. Applicant must provide copies of the utility bills, and total household income verification.
8. The heating season will begin November 3 and will continue until funds are expended. The cooling season will begin July 1 and will continue until funds are expended. All payments are based upon available funding.

Business Committee Approved
 December 5, 2008

SAC AND FOX NATION

**ELDERS TRIBAL ENERGY PROGRAM
 REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN GUIDELINES**

PROGRAM FUNCTIONS:

To provide energy assistance, based on a qualified financial need, for eligible Sac and Fox Nation elders, residing anywhere. During the heating season, applicants may apply for gas, propane, wood, or electric, if home is total electric. During the cooling season, applicants may apply for electric only.

GUIDELINES:

1. Applicant must be an enrolled member of the Sac and Fox Nation, age 55 or older, regardless of their location of residency.
2. This program can only be used if LIHEAP funds are unavailable.
3. A qualified financial need is determined based on the Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP) Human Services Income Matrix; which includes the total household income and the number of individuals in the household.
4. Funds will be split equally between two energy seasons, heating and cooling. One time assistance for one (1) utility bill will be provided per season per household. Per season, households can either receive LIHEAP or Elders Tribal Energy, **BUT NOT BOTH**. There **cannot** be a duplication of services between LIHEAP, DOI- Emergency General Assistance, RAP-Hardship, RAP-Tribal Energy, and RAP- Elders Tribal Energy.
5. Payments will be made directly to vendors, up to \$250.00 per utility bill.
6. Applicant must apply for assistance in the Human Services Department and provide a list of all residents of the household. Documentation verifying each member of the household must be provided, including, but not limited to: CDIB cards, Social Security cards, tribal membership cards, driver license, birth certificates, etc.
7. Applicant must provide copies of the utility bills, and total household income verification.
8. The heating season will begin November 3 and will continue until funds are expended. The cooling season will begin July 1 and will continue until funds are expended. All payments are based upon available funding.

Business Committee Approved
 December 5, 2008

SAC AND FOX NATION

**ELDERS HANDY MAN PROGRAM
 REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN GUIDELINES**

PROGRAM FUNCTIONS:

Due to the additional financial and health needs facing tribal elders, this program will assist with minor house repairs or appliance(s) replacement.

GUIDELINES:

1. Applicant must be an enrolled member of the Sac and Fox Nation and age 55 or older, regardless of their location of residency.
2. A qualified financial need is determined based on the Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP) Human Services Income Matrix; which includes the total household income and the number of individuals in the household.
3. A qualified health need is determined by a doctor's statement. The statement should identify a health need or condition, of which the requested assistance would meet.
4. Payments will be made directly to vendors, up to \$500.00 per request.
5. One time assistance per household per every two (2) years.
6. If the elder was assisted the previous year, they cannot receive the same appliance(s) the next year they apply.
7. The appliance replacement is to replace an unusable appliance. It does not cover duplicate or outdated appliances.
8. Minor house repairs may include such services as, but not limited to: tree limb removal, window replacements, small plumbing jobs, minor electrical repairs
9. Applicant must apply for assistance in the Human Services Department and provide a list of all residents of the household. Documentation verifying each member of the household must be provided, including, but not limited to: CDIB cards, Social Security cards, tribal membership cards, driver license, birth certificates, etc.
10. Applicant must provide income verification and/or verification from a doctor attesting to a health need, and proof of ownership of house—rental property will not be considered.
11. A minimum of three (3) bids on either the appliance(s) or house repair is needed.

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 December 5, 2008

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**ELDERS LAWN CARE PROGRAM
REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN GUIDELINES**

PROGRAM FUNCTIONS:

Due to the additional financial and health needs facing tribal elders, this program is for qualified elders who cannot perform lawn care, for financial reasons or for health reasons.

GUIDELINES:

1. Applicant must be an enrolled member of the Sac and Fox Nation age 55 or older, regardless of their location of residency.
2. A qualified financial need is determined based on the Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP) Human Services Income Matrix; which includes the total household income and the number of individuals in the household.
3. A qualified health need is determined by a doctor's statement. The statement should identify a health need or condition, which would prevent the tribal elder from performing lawn care.
4. Payments will be made directly to vendors with appropriate backup documentation, including invoices, up to \$50 per yard per cutting.
5. Elders may have their lawns cut two (2) times per month for three (3) months, based on available funding and number of elders served.
6. Applicant must apply for assistance in the Human Services Department and provide a list of all residents of the household. Documentation verifying each member of the household must be provided, including, but not limited to: CDIB cards, Social Security cards, tribal membership cards, driver license, birth certificates, etc.
7. Applicant must provide income verification and/or verification from a doctor attesting to a health need.
8. If it is determined the elder has able-bodied individual(s) living with them, they DO NOT qualify for assistance.

Business Committee Approved
December 5, 2008

SAC AND FOX NATION

**HARDSHIP PROGRAM
REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN GUIDELINES**

PROGRAM FUNCTIONS:

To provide assistance, based on a qualified financial need, for eligible Sac and Fox Nation tribal members, residing anywhere. Any situation outside the control of the applicant that creates a hardship will be considered. This includes, but is not limited to, being laid off from employer (annual furloughs not included), unpaid leave from employer due to medical reasons, family emergencies, domestic abuse, or disaster. Situations ineligible for assistance include being fired from employer, quitting a job, or any other preventable hardship. Certain preventable hardships may be considered ONLY IF the household has minor children and/or tribal elders AND the assistance would prevent eviction or disconnection of utilities.

GUIDELINES:

1. Applicant must be an enrolled member of the Sac and Fox Nation, regardless of their location of residency.
2. A qualified financial need is determined based on the Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP) Human Services Income Matrix; which includes the total household income and the number of individuals in the household.
3. If applying for utilities, this program can only be used if LIHEAP funds are unavailable.
4. Priority for the Hardship Program will be bills other than energy payments, including, but not limited to, mortgage/rent payments and water bills. Other energy programs should be used to meet energy needs, if possible. There **cannot** be a duplication of services between LIHEAP, DOI-Emergency General Assistance, RAP-Hardship, RAP-Tribal Energy, and RAP-Elders Tribal Energy.
5. One-time assistance will be provided in a twelve (12) month period per household.
6. Payments will be made directly to vendors, up to \$350.00. All payments and requests are based upon available funding.
7. Applicant must apply for assistance in the Human Services Department and provide a list of all residents of the household. Documentation verifying each member of the household must be provided, including, but not limited to: CDIB cards, Social Security cards, tribal membership cards, driver license, birth certificates, etc.
8. Applicant must provide copies of the any bills and total household income verification.

Business Committee Approved
December 5, 2008

SAC AND FOX NATION

**HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT INCOME MATRIX
REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN GUIDELINES**

ELECTRIC (UP TO)	GAS (UP TO)	PROPANE (UP TO)	WOOD (UP TO)
\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00

Number of Household Residents	Monthly Income**
1	\$ 0 - \$2,147
2	\$ 0 - \$2,807
3	\$ 0 - \$3,466
4	\$ 0 - \$4,115
5	\$ 0 - \$4,788
6	\$ 0 - \$5,448
7	\$ 0 - \$5,571
8	\$ 0 - \$5,695

**Based on 75% of State Median Income Guidelines for 2009 (Federal Guidelines) plus twenty percent (20%).

Business Committee Approved
December 5, 2008

SAC AND FOX NATION

**TRIBAL EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR
REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN GUIDELINES**

PROGRAM FUNCTIONS:

To provide for the health and safety needs of eligible tribal members with emergency home repairs. Tribal Emergency Home Repair (TEHR) is established for EMERGENCY repairs ONLY. The program is open to all tribal members owning a home which is their primary place of residence, on a first come basis; regardless of place of residency. Not all applications received will be approved for services requested. The administrator of this program has the sole discretion of approving or denying the repairs based on emergency and need.

GUIDELINES:

1. Preference may be given to elders and handicap persons based on individual health and safety needs and the emergency situation.
2. Proof of ownership is required. Rental property will not be considered for this program.
3. Applications received seeking renovation, remodeling, or regular maintenance and upkeep will not be approved.
4. If the Applicant is a participant of any Housing Authority they must exhaust all other housing resources before applying for the TEHR.
5. No more than \$5,000.00 in repairs will be made to any one home, regardless of the number of tribal members listed as owners. This is a lifetime limit.
6. An EMERGENCY is any deficiency causing the home to be unsafe, unstable or uninhabitable, including but not limited to the following: Leaking roof, damaged roof deck, inoperable heat and/or air conditioning, water leaks, gas leaks, water damage causing emanate danger to inhabitants, mold presenting health risks to inhabitants, inoperable hot water heater, electrical wiring presenting fire hazard safety issues and any other deficiency that may present safety and health hazards to the inhabitants.
7. It will be considered an EMERGENCY if the tribal member has become handicap and needs minor renovations to the home to make it handicap accessible.
8. Applicants must apply for services through the Sac and Fox Nation Office of Government.
9. Out of State applicants are required to submit an application, proof of ownership, pictures and written estimates from three (3) contractors on the contractor letterhead.
10. Oklahoma applicants may submit their application and the program administrator will contact them with any other required documentation.
11. Applicants must submit CDIB cards to verify tribal membership and doctor's statement attesting to the nature of the tribal member's handicap (if applicable).
12. If the applicant feels they have been wrongfully denied assistance/service, they may, in writing, request a review of their application by the Business Committee.

Business Committee Approved
December 5, 2008

SAC AND FOX NATION RAP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

CLIP AND RETAIN FOR FUTURE REFERENCE - FINAL PAGES WILL BE PRINTED IN APRIL 09 ISSUE OF SAC & FOX NEWS

**SAC AND FOX NATION
REALTY LAND SURVEY
REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN GUIDELINES**

PROGRAM FUNCTIONS:

To provide surveys of allotted tribal land. Surveys are available to all Tribal Members regardless of where they live but they must be an owner of an allotment or have an interest in an allotment.

GUIDELINES:

1. A tribal member may request a survey to have their allotment be partitioned; however, all allottees with an interest in the allotment must agree to the partition.
2. A tribal member may request a survey to resolve a trespass issue(s).
3. A tribal member may request a survey to resolve a boundary issue(s).
4. All survey requests must be requested through the Sac and Fox Nation's Realty Office.
5. Once a survey request is made, the Realty Office will contract with a surveyor and the surveyor will be paid through the Realty Office.
6. Surveys are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, while funding is available.

Business Committee Approved
December 5, 2008

**SAC AND FOX NATION
HEARING AID PROGRAM
REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN GUIDELINES**

PROGRAM FUNCTIONS:

To provide for the additional health needs of the Sac and Fox Nation. Many Native Americans are often under insured or lack health insurance altogether. The Sac and Fox Nation deems it an important governmental function to ensure all of its members receive adequate health care. This program is open to all Sac and Fox Nation tribal members, regardless of their location of residency.

GUIDELINES:

1. A tribal member must fill out an application with the Human Services Department and provide a copy of their Sac and Fox Nation tribal membership card.
2. A tribal member must exhaust any other tribal or Indian Health Services resources.
3. A tribal member may receive up to \$500 for hearing aids.
4. An individual may only apply for assistance once every two (2) years.
5. An individual submitting a signed physician's diagnosis and statement annually verifying they have a health condition which necessitates hearing aid replacement more frequently, shall be eligible on an annual basis.
6. Funding for this program is limited and each application will be processed in the order in which it was received. This program will fund as many tribal member's requests as funding will permit. However, preference may be given to emergency situations and elders.
7. A tribal member may submit more than one request, until such time as the individual reaches the \$500 limit.

Business Committee Approved
December 5, 2008

**SAC AND FOX NATION
DENTAL PROGRAM
REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN GUIDELINES**

PROGRAM FUNCTIONS:

To provide for the additional health needs of the Sac and Fox Nation. Many Native Americans are often under insured or lack health insurance altogether. The Sac and Fox Nation deems it an important governmental function to ensure all of its members receive adequate health care. This program is open to all Sac and Fox Nation tribal members, regardless of their location of residency.

GUIDELINES:

1. A tribal member must fill out an application with the Human Services Department and provide a copy of their Sac and Fox Nation tribal membership card.
2. A tribal member must exhaust any other tribal or Indian Health Services resources.
3. A tribal member may receive up to \$200 for dental work; this does NOT include teeth bleaching.
4. An individual may only apply for assistance once every two (2) years.
5. Funding for this program is limited and each application will be processed in the order in which it was received. This program will fund as many tribal member's requests as funding will permit. However, preference may be given to emergency situations, pregnant women, and elders.
6. A tribal member may submit more than one request, until such time as the individual reaches the \$200 limit.

Business Committee Approved
December 5, 2008

**SAC AND FOX NATION
DENTURE PROGRAM
REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN GUIDELINES**

PROGRAM FUNCTIONS:

To provide for the additional health needs of the Sac and Fox Nation. Many Native Americans are often under insured or lack health insurance altogether. The Sac and Fox Nation deems it an important governmental function to ensure all of its members receive adequate health care. This program is open to all Sac and Fox Nation tribal members, regardless of their location of residency.

GUIDELINES:

1. A tribal member must fill out an application with the Human Services Department, provide a copy of their Sac and Fox Nation tribal membership card and submit a copy of the physician's diagnosis and/or prescription.
2. A tribal member must exhaust any other tribal or Indian Health Services resources.
3. A tribal member may receive up to \$400 for dentures.
4. An individual may only apply for assistance once every four (4) years. An individual may request assistance annually with a statement and diagnosis from a physician verifying they have a medical condition, which necessitates denture replacement more frequently.
5. Funding for this program is limited and each application will be processed in the order in which it was received. This program will fund as many tribal member's requests as funding will permit. However, preference may be given to emergency situations and elders.
6. A tribal member may submit more than one request, until such time as the individual reaches the \$400 limit.

Business Committee Approved
December 5, 2008



Sac and Fox Nation Veterans Honor Guard Activities



CASINO BUFFALO HONORS SFN VETERANS



A new sentinel stands before the SFN casino in Stroud and welcomes all visitors. The white buffalo was painted by Jerry Haney of the Seminole Nation, he is one of several artists approved by the Shawnee Council of Arts for his artwork related to Native Americans. Jerry is the brother of Enoch Kelly Haney. The White Buffalo represents Faith and Hope in Native American cultures. The buffalo was purchased from the City of Shawnee Council of Arts. The sentinel is to emphasize the Nation's logo but also to commemorate and honor the SFN Veterans with the American Flag and the powerful Eagle.

LONG DISTANCE LEARNING COMES TO NATION



Sac and Fox Nation Learning Center

Long distance learning classes are new being offered by the Sac and Fox Nation in partnership with Southwestern Oklahoma State University and the Pawnee Nation College. The long distance learning classes are among many events scheduled in the facility.

The classes will be using a Tanberg Video Conferencing Center, the latest in technology, providing a means for the instructor to see and hear the students and the students to see and hear the instructor. SOSU provide the high tech equipment and installation. With this conferencing equipment the Nation has the ability to access long distance learning classes at any college or university in Oklahoma.

In-class instruction is also available. Classes in "Introduction to Tribal Sovereignty" began Monday, March 9, 2009 with Pawnee Nation College instructor Andrew Gray. Classes are held in the SFN Learning Center located on the east side of SH-99 next to the Activity Center at the SFN Capital Complex.

Contact the Learning Center for additional information regarding classes at 918-968-0509.



Tanberg Video Conferencing Center used in long distance learning classes

JACKIE WHITESIDE TO REPRESENT SFN VETERANS HONOR GUARD

The Sac and Fox Nation Veterans Honor Guard has asked Jackie Whiteside to represent the Nation as the first SFN Veterans Princess. She will be crowned and begin the inaugural reign at the Veterans Memorial dance on May 23, 2009.

Jackie is a junior at Stroud High School. She is on the pom team, which took State in 2007 and 3rd place in 2008. She is manager of the SHS girls' basketball team and works at Taco Mayo part-time. Her grade-point average is 3.89.

She loves to dance and began ballet when three years old. It was about that time that her grandmother began making her traditional Sac and Fox regalia and she started dancing at the annual SFN powwow.

Jackie's great grandfather was the late Norwood Masquart Sr., who served in the U. S. Army during WWII. Her uncle, who she calls Uncle Sunshine, is Norwood "Sonny" Masquat Jr., who served in the U. S. Army during the Viet Nam War. He is Commander of the Sac and Fox Nation Veterans Honor Guard.

Jackie also has an aunt, Virginia I. Harris York, who served in the U. S. Marines and an uncle, Rufus Gene Harris, who served in the U. S. Army during the Korean War. Both are now deceased.

Her mother is Kim Boone and her grandmother is Dee Byford, both Sac and Fox tribal members. Jackie belongs to the Deer clan. Mush-a-he-pe-quah is her Indian name. She is Sac & Fox, Kickapoo and Miami.

Jackie says she is very honored to be chosen as the first Princess for the SFN Veterans Honor Guard. Her reign will continue throughout her senior year in high school.



Jackie Whiteside

SFN Veterans Notes and Miscellaneous

- * Brad Phillips has finished the dirt work on the pad for the future SFN Veterans Memorial that will be located on the east side of SH-99 at the SFN Capital Complex south of Stroud.
- ** Plans are hold for the annual SFN Veterans Honor Guard Memorial Dance scheduled for Saturday, May 23, 2009. A freeze has been placed on the Veterans budget. This freeze includes work on the Veterans Memorial.
- *** Look for additional information regarding these events and future events in future issue so of the *Sac & Fox News*.

BIGGEST LOSERS ARE THE BIGGEST WINNERS!!

It is time to make your New Year's resolutions to lose weight in 2009, the Merle Boyd Wellness center are coordinating a contest to find Sac and Fox Nation's "Biggest Loser."

There is no fee to enter and those not wanting to have their real names published may provide a "User" name in order to remain anonymous. This contest will be a lot of fun and, in the end, provide a health benefit to contestants.

All participants can either choose to exercise at the Merle Boyd Center or choose a home exercise program. Prizes will be given to both winners. There is no charge to enter. Weigh-in days are consecutive Tuesdays and will take place at the Merle Boyd Wellness Center.

"The first weigh-in is February 24th and will continue each Tuesday until May 26th. In order to win prizes the first and second place winners must not miss a weigh-in.

Every one who loses weight over the 12 week period will be a winner. There will be a prize for the Merle Boyd Center biggest loser and the Merle Boyd Center Home exercise Program winner. Prizes for first place winners will be awarded from participating sponsor businesses.

Prizes for the Biggest Loser contest will be posted at the Merle Boyd Center.

All participants in the contest must have a current referral to exercise at the Merle Boyd Center. If you need a referral to exercise please make an appointment with your doctor at the Black Hawk Health Center.

For more questions please call Jenny McDaniel at 918-968-9531 ext. 208.

WEIGHT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Stay on track with your weight loss by attending the Merle Boyd Center **Weight loss support group**. Meetings will be every Wednesday in the Merle Boyd Center Break Room. 3:00-4:00pm. come learn how to overcome bad eating habits, exercise and weight loss, healthy recipes and much more. Meetings will begin on Wednesday March 4th from 3:00-4:00pm.

Submitted by: Jenny McDaniel,
New Mom and Merle Boyd Center Exercise Specialist



Energetic participants give their all at the Bikini Boot Camp at the SFN Activity center

kiyakâpati aki

(take care of the earth)

DOING OUR PART

Global warming has become a major issue in schools, councils and governments in recent years. The question remains, are we doing enough and what will it take? I believe it might be possible to slow the rate of global warming if we take the appropriate actions; if individuals everywhere will support efforts towards a more sustainable environment for all.

So what is sustainability? Sustainability, according to the Environmental Protection Agency it means that we as a society can meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Many individuals do not understand the relevance or the importance of the decisions and actions taken on a daily basis. It is important that people of all ages be educated today on the issues we face that impact tomorrow.

Everyday more states, join the fight to promote measures that use less energy cannot all be left up to public committees to make the as a nation and as a world the problems of the past for is important because at the development and consumption earth's natural resources at a can be restored into the

As a parent, child, we need to take action. There can do to promote change environment. In the next month the earth will once again be on spotlight as Earth Day approaches. It is the one time a year that people cannot ignore the fact that there are problems in need or mending.

Earth Day is important; however, sustainability is the key to making everyday an earth day. Small actions by many people create big differences; the following are ways you can do your part in creating a sustainable future.

- Educate yourself, become familiar with the issues, causes and consequences. From the office to the classroom there are little things each community member can do to make a big impact.
- Conserve wherever possible and vote for leaders who will work towards sustainability.
- Buy recycled goods. This reduces the need to take more from nature. Buy organic, this reduces the amounts of pesticides and chemicals used in production.
- Avoid disposable, this reduces the amount of garbage, try using cloth bags re-useable water bottles or buying products with less packaging.
- We must conserve energy; we can do this by turning off lights, electronics and appliances when we do not need them.
- We can control water by turning off the taps; when brushing your teeth, washing your face or doing the dishes, turn off the water when it is not needed.
- Recycle, manage and sort your waste, this allows recycling operations easier access to the right materials.
- Reuse, your trash may be someone else's treasure. Give away or sell unwanted items and reduce the amount of waste going to landfills
- Stay aware of issues, take course to further your education and learn new ways to help the environment such as learning how to start a compost pile.
- Get outside. If you don't enjoy the natural world why would you want to preserve and protect it? Being aware of a problem is the first step towards correcting it.

The Sac and Fox Office of Environmental Services will host an open house on Earth Day, Wednesday April 22, 2009 to promote the development and utilization of their latest projects; the event will be held from 11:00 – 2:00. More information will be provided in the April issue of the Sac and Fox News.

Sac and Fox Nation Office of Environmental Services
918-968-0046
Located between the Courthouse and Juvenile Center



Business Committee Actions January 6th, 2009



The following mini-minutes are official actions approved by the Business Committee in a Special meeting held the **6th day of January 2009** and are to be followed up by the Director and/or Coordinator whose department they pertain to:

1. The December 22, 2008 Emergency Special Business Committee Meeting minutes were approved.
2. **Resolution SF-09-109**, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Black Hawk Health Center and Health Net Pharmaceutical Services, per agreement Contract #2008-11-07. (Vote: Cheryl McClellan-absent, Michael Hackbarth-absent, Gwen McCormick Wilburn-yes, Stella Nanaeto-yes, George Thurman-yes.)
3. **Resolution SF-09-110**, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Black Hawk Health Center and Fidelity Healthcare Consultants, Inc., per agreement Contract #2008-11-01, to provide comprehensive physical and rehabilitation therapy to patients. (Vote: Michael Hackbarth-absent, Gwen McCormick Wilburn-yes, Stella Nanaeto-yes, George Thurman-yes, Cheryl McClellan-absent.)
4. **Resolution SF-09-111**, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Black Hawk Health Center and National Pharmaceutical Services, per agreement Contract #2008-12-11. (Vote: Gwen McCormick Wilburn-yes, Stella Nanaeto-yes, George Thurman-yes, Cheryl McClellan-absent, Michael Hackbarth-absent.)
5. **Resolution SF-09-112**, a resolution approving the United States Environmental Protection Agency Clean Air Act Section 203 Ozone and Meteorological Project Budget Modification #2 in the amount of \$107,084.00 with the funding source identified as the United States Environmental Protection Agency, XA-96653701-0. (Vote: Stella Nanaeto-yes, George Thurman-yes, Cheryl McClellan-absent, Michael Hackbarth-absent, Gwen McCormick Wilburn-yes.)
6. **Resolution SF-09-113**, a resolution appointing Shawna Spoon to the Sac and Fox Nation Health Advisory Board Position Number Three with a term expiration

date of September 30, 2010. (Vote: George Thurman-yes, Cheryl McClellan-absent, Michael Hackbarth-absent, Gwen McCormick Wilburn-yes, Stella Nanaeto-yes.)

7. Tribal members Jamie Barse, Crystal Nanaeto, and Jacklyn Williams were appointed to the Sac and Fox Nation Activity Committee.

8. Applicant numbers 162-165 for the Tribal Emergency Home Repair list as identified in a memorandum dated January 6, 2009 were approved as presented.

9. An update to the Attorney Work Request form was approved with the stipulation that the footer be changed to v.1. January 6, 2009.

10. **Resolution SF-09-114**, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation and Loretta Ponkilla, per Contract #2009-01-01, the funding source is identified as FY-2008 Revenue Allocation Plan Carryover for the Audit of Enrollment line item; the contract is dated retroactive to December 17, 2008. (Vote: Stella Nanaeto-yes, George Thurman-yes, Cheryl McClellan-yes, Michael Hackbarth-absent, Gwen McCormick Wilburn-yes.)

11. **Resolution SF-09-115**, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Black Hawk Health Center and SXC Health Solutions, Inc., per agreement Contract #2008-11-08. (Vote: George Thurman-yes, Cheryl McClellan-yes, Michael Hackbarth-absent, Gwen McCormick Wilburn-yes, Stella Nanaeto-yes.)

12. **HRPA #2009-27** was approved as presented.

13. **HRPA #2009-28** was approved as presented.

14. **HRPA #2009-29** was approved as presented.

15. Addendum #1 dated January 6, 2009 to Contract #2008-09-20 dated September 30, 2008 for Chapel/Interior Construction, with additional funds to be paid from 2009 Revenue Allocation Plan Chapel Committee and Chapel Committee CD investment funds with the scope of work dated January 5, 2009 in the amount of \$99,187.00 was approved.

IAIA • DISNEY • ABC SUMMER TV & FILM WORKSHOP

Opportunity for American Indians Interested in Film

Santa Fe, NM – If you are: a) Native American b) passionate about film and c) wondering how to get a leg-up in Hollywood, the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) in Santa Fe, New Mexico, wants you! IAIA, in collaboration with the Disney • ABC Television group, is now accepting applications for the 2009 Summer Television and Film Workshop happening June 14 – July 24. Now in its sixth year, the workshop promises to be one of the most demanding and most rewarding yet! The deadline for applications is March 27, 2009.

The summer workshop is structured to assist both experienced and novice Native American screenwriters, filmmakers, directors and actors alike. The six-week intensive is divided into two separate tracks, a writer's workshop and a production workshop, providing cross-collaboration between both. Writers will create short scripts for the production students in addition to developing and writing "spec" scripts. Production students will focus on production techniques including camera, sound, lighting and all aspects of post-production. Acclaimed executives, producers, screenwriters, directors and actors (both Native and non-Native) visit from the film and television industry to share their expertise in individual and group settings, as well! All students who complete the six-week program receive academic credit upon completion.

Shawna L. Begay, New Media Arts faculty at IAIA and program director says, "It's been exciting to see students go on to work in the industry or bring skills back to their own communities to teach others after completing the workshop. It has really provided a way for many to jump-start their careers in film production and get noticed."

For more information please call Shawna L. Begay at 505.424.5716 or email sbegay@iaia.edu. To find out more about the program, and to apply, please visit www.iaia.edu/newmedia

IAIA's Mission: To empower creativity and leadership in Native arts and cultures through higher education, lifelong learning and outreach.

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**Sac and Fox Nation
Integrated Resource
Management Plan**

PUBLIC MEETING

- Concerned with the future of natural resources?
- Want to create recreational or preservation areas?
- What do you see happening with tribal lands in the next 50 years?

Be a part of the plan, Be a part of the FUTURE!

Bring your ideas and suggestions.

March 11, 2009

1:00 pm- Sac and Fox Nation Community Building – Stroud

5:30 pm- Multi-Purpose Building – Shawnee

Refreshments provided!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call or email.

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OKLAHOMA INDIAN LEGAL SERVICES

**The LOW INCOME TAXPAYER CLINIC
Schedule**

Absentee Shawnee Tribe

Main Complex (South of Shawnee, OK)
Building 3 (Courthouse & Treasurer's Office)
2025 S Gordon Cooper Road, Shawnee, OK
Phone 405-275-4030

MONDAYs (9am to 4pm)

March 2, 2009

March 9, 2009

March 16, 2009

March 23, 2009

March 30, 2009

April 6, 2009

Casa Santo Toribio Romo Gonzales

604 SW 26th St., OKC, OK

Take Walker south from I-40 to SW 26th
Go one block west, house is 2nd on left
(Private home for religious sisters that
serve the parish)

SATURDAYS: (9am to Noon)

March 7, 2009

March 14, 2009

March 21, 2009

March 28, 2009

April 4, 2009

Saint Monica Catholic Parish

Parish Hall - south of Church Bldg
2001 N Western Ave
Edmond, OK (No phone #)
On Western between Danforth &
Covell Road, Edmond

SUNDAYS: (Noon to 2pm)

March 8, 2009

March 15, 2009

March 22, 2009

March 29, 2009

April 5, 2009 (Palm Sunday)

FRIDAYS:

NO OFFICE HOURS

SFN OES OPEN HOUSE PLANNED

The Sac and Fox Office Of Environmental Services will host an open house on EARTH DAY, Wednesday, APRIL 22, 2009.

This event is to promote the development and utilization of OES Department's current projects. The OPEN HOUSE will be from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the OES facility located east off SH-99 between the SFN Juvenile Center and the SFN Courthouse.

Additional information will be provided in the April 2009 issue of the Sac & Fox News.



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