

Sac and Fox Nation Community Donations



Stroud Swim Team: (L to R) Stella Nullake, BC; George Thurman, Principal Chief Sac and Fox Nation; Cindy Mason, Stroud Schools and Jacklyn Williams, Secretary/BC. Donations helped with the cost of equipment. (SFN photo)



Stroud Little League Football: (L to R) Stella Nullake, BC; George Thurman, Principal Chief Sac and Fox Nation; Jack Stafford, President Stroud Little League and Jacklyn Williams, Secretary/BC. Donations helped with the cost of equipment. (SFN photo)



Meeker Lake Recreational Association, Inc: (L to R) Stella Nullake, BC; George Thurman, Principal Chief Sac and Fox Nation; Carol Jenkins, President Meeker Lake Recreational Association and Jacklyn Williams, Secretary/BC. Donations helped with the Meeker Lake Drinking Water Project. (SFN photo)



Shawnee Athletics: (L to R) Scott Wilkinson, head coach Shawnee Lady Wolves Track Team; Stella Nullake, BC; Mark Bowlan, athletic director Shawnee Schools; George Thurman, Principal Chief Sac and Fox Nation; Nicole Curry, track team member and Jacklyn Williams, Secretary/BC. Donations helped with the purchase of Shawnee High School Lady Wolves Track Team (Championship Rings) (SFN photo)





The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center has a part-time Community Research Assistant (CRA) position currently available. This individual will work on a grant funded project through the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation which is a collaborative project between various Oklahoma tribes pertaining to Native American women and breast cancer. The CRA will work in Shawnee and assist in research activities such as administering surveys and informed consents; participate in meetings, trainings, and community events; assist in focus groups; and perform data entry and recruit Native American women. The CRA must have excellent interpersonal, collaborative and organizational skills; ability to take initiative; flexible and adaptable; good oral and written communication skills; and must have reliable transportation. This position does not have benefits. Salary is \$9.09-\$12.12/hour or more depending on experience.

To ensure review of application, materials must be submitted electronically via the website (jobs.ou.edu) and look for requisition #14540. For further information please contact Dr. Eleni Tolma (405)271-2017 ext. 46757

Secretary Announces Position #3 Vacancy in Grievance Committee

The Secretary announces a vacancy for Position #3 of the Sac and Fox Nation Grievance Committee. Interested individuals are encouraged to submit a written interest to serve letter to the Office of the Secretary. Membership on the Grievance Committee shall be a member

of the Sac and Fox Nation, not less than twenty-one years of age, and shall reside within the State of Oklahoma. Contact information: by e-mail at secretary@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov; fax at 918-968-1142; or at 920883 S Hwy 99 Bldg A, Stroud, OK 74079.

Sac and Fox Nation Public Water Supply Information

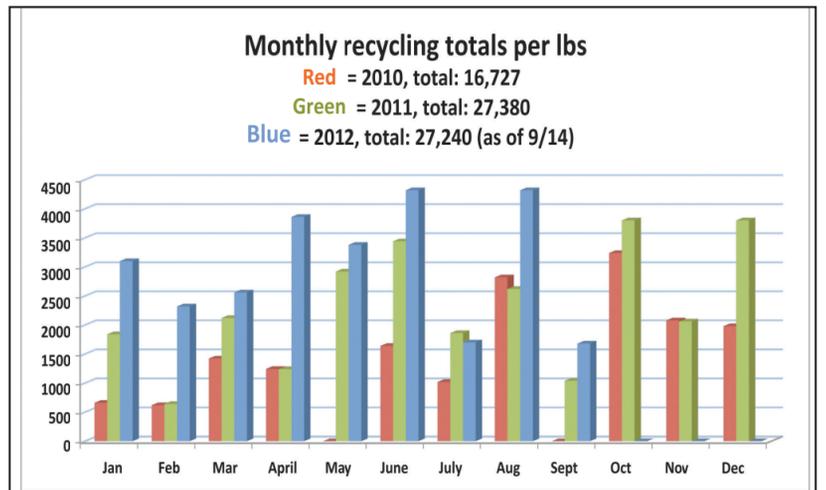
By: *Jeremy Fincher*, SFNPWS Regulatory Compliance Officer

The Sac and Fox Nation is privileged to have its own public water supply (SFNPWS). Unlike many communities in Oklahoma that have to buy treated surface and/or ground water that then has to be pumped from some reservoir/aquifer many miles away, the Sac and Fox Nation produces its own water from wells right here in Lincoln county. Sac and Fox Nation also has several licensed water operators on staff that take great pride in the SFNPWS and their hard work allows the system to stay functional and great improvements have been made in recent years. It is a great benefit for the Sac and Fox Nation to have its own independent supply of ground water that is able to meet and even exceed the demand of the tribal complex, which allows the complex to continue to expand as you can see by the new swimming pool and the new cultural center currently under construction. With these great benefits and privileges there also comes great responsibility to protect the water and the people that drink it.

To help accomplish these goals the SFNPWS became regulated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) in 2010. USEPA sets the standards for all facets of the PWS including, facilities, maintenance and repairs, record keeping, sampling schedules, and the standards for water quality. USEPA has established the National Primary Drinking Water Standards (NPDWRS or primary standards) that are legally enforceable standards that apply to public water systems. These primary standards protect public health by limiting the levels of contaminants in drinking water. As part of these primary standards USEPA has set forth a list of regulated contaminants and a maximum contaminant level (MCL) for each contaminant that all PWS have to abide within. If a MCL is exceeded the PWS must issue a public notice to inform the public of the MCL being exceeded and also the PWS must take action and remedy to problem as quickly as possible. It is the effort and responsibility of the SFNPWS staff to ensure these primary standards are

monitored for and maintained. It has recently come to the attention of SFNPWS that some tribal members are concerned about a public notice SFNPWS posted regarding levels of uranium exceeding the MCL. We understand this concern and would like to provide more information so that everyone can rest assured that the water produced by the SFNPWS is completely safe to drink. Certain rock types have naturally occurring trace amount of "mildly radioactive" elements, such as uranium, that may accumulate in drinking water sources at levels of concern. The notice was issued as a result of our routine monitoring for contaminants such as uranium. Without the diligence of our monitoring schedule, the issue would have never been identified. We continue to uphold the same diligence in monitoring and in the case of uranium our monitoring increased significantly. As a result of our increased monitoring efforts, we found that one well (one of eight total wells, six primary wells and two emergency backup wells) was producing water with levels of uranium above the MCL. We immediately removed that well from production and uranium levels began to fall back to below MCL levels in a matter of days. Uranium levels have continued to be monitored and remain below the MCL. The notice was posted for so long because the MCL for uranium is calculated on an annual average, so it took a while for the average to drop even though the problem had already been resolved.

Every tribal member and visitor of the tribal complex should take pride and comfort in the fact that the water provided by the SFNPWS is safe to drink and there are many people that make it their mission that it stays that way. If you have any questions or concerns or would like a copy of SFNPWS Consumer Confidence Report please contact J. Paul Wilson, Quinton Saylor at 918-968-4271 or myself, Jeremy Fincher, at 918-968-0046. You can also find more information about the National Primary Drinking Regulations at <http://water.epa.gov/drink/contaminants/index.cfm>.



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With two weeks left in this 3rd quarter, I'm watching the numbers on my recycling chart. I had set a goal which was to match the total pounds we had collected for the entire year of 2011 by the end of the 3rd quarter. As of 9/14/12, we are 140 pounds short of reaching that goal. In two weeks, I don't see any reason why we won't be able to collect the remaining pounds, and more. I know it may not seem like it, but our recycling totals have been steadily climbing since the program started in July of 2009. I've included a layered graph this month to show the past three years side by side which illustrates the steady climb. For instance, if you were to count the number of times a year we reached 1 ton (2000 lbs) of recyclable material, you will see that in 2010 we reached the total three times; in 2011 we reached the total seven times. We still have three months to go until the end of this year, but we've already matched 2011 with reaching 1 ton seven times, nine times if you count reaching over 2 tons for the months of June and August. Within the two remaining weeks of this 3rd quarter, we will reach it once more, bringing the total up to ten times.

I want to say 'Thank You' to all those who help us by collecting these materials. On one end, you are consciously making an effort to save material to be recycled. On the other end, you are diverting this material from ending up as air pollution or in landfills, open site dumps and rivers. You may not think you've done anything, but I want to assure you that it makes a huge difference. The higher our recycling numbers grow, your lands become cleaner. Not only are we leaving our youth with a better land, we are setting an example for them to follow. The little choices we make now may have a huge impact later.

I would like to set a final goal for this 2012 year, and that is for our total to double that of 2010. As of 9/14/12, we will have 6,214 lbs to collect in three months. That goal is not impossible but will require us to stay busy. This can be an exciting three months. I want to encourage everyone to help us reach this goal of 33,454 lbs of recyclable material for the 2012 year. For those of us who haven't been recycling, this would be a great time to begin. We have recycling bins in each building here at the Sac and Fox Nation. Also, the Office of Environmental Services (OES) has a recycling trailer in the parking lot just outside of our office that collects paper, plastic, aluminum, and cardboard. If you don't know where we are located, we are the building that sits just west of the Juvenile Detention Center.

Thank you, again, to all the departments here at the Sac and Fox Nation who help in our efforts, and all those who bring their material from home. We couldn't do our part without you!

Sincerely, Andy Anderson *Environmental Technician*
SFN Office of Environmental Services

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Contact Mrs. Tammy Arellano

Shawnee Multipurpose Building

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