

Earth Day

Daniel Red Thunder Wind

It is almost that time of year again. April 22nd is Earth Day! It has been customary for the Office of Environmental Services to hold an "Open House" that allowed for tribal members, employees, and visitors a chance to see what projects and activities the OES staff has completed and in progress. This also allowed for a meet and greet with staff to ask questions regarding any environmental concerns they may have. This year however we will be doing something a little different. OES will be hosting gardening and compost workshops throughout the week of April 16th. The OES staff is still available to answer questions and you are more than welcome to come by our offices to meet with the staff. Earth Day activities this year will include some gardening classes, compost classes, and an e-waste recycling event.

Gardening workshop:

The OES has coordinated with OSU Extension Offices to host Gardening classes April 16th and 18th at the Sac and Fox Learning center. These classes are for both the novice gardener and the more experienced gardener. Topics for this class will include: starting a garden, care and maintenance, insect management, herbs and plants, and conventional vs. organic gardening. These classes will help us all understand what it will take to start and maintain a garden. There will be door prizes for attendees.

Composting workshop:

April 20th, OSU Extension Office will also present a class on composting. Composting materials reduces the amount of waste that is being diverted into landfills and helps gardeners by creating rich organic material that will keep the soil and plants healthy. The topics that will be presented will include: What is composting, what to compost, care and maintenance, and what to expect with composting. Composting is a great way to utilize some of the daily waste that we generate for beneficial uses. There will be door prizes for attendees.

E-Waste Event:

On April 28th, OES will host an electronic waste recycling (e-waste) event to be held from 10am-2 pm. This collection event will take any item that runs on electricity and recycle it at a manufacturing facility. We all have those unwanted t.v.'s, radios, or computer monitors that don't work and we need to get rid of. This is a great way of

getting rid of those items in a way that will allow it to be disposed of properly reducing landfill waste and preventing possible land and water contamination. The site for this event has yet to be determined at the time of this printing but updates will be posted on the Nation's website under the Office of Environmental Services link. Posters and flyers will also be distributed throughout the Nation's departments.

The Office of Environmental Services has other projects that are in development and may be of some interest to you listed below.

Solid Waste:

OES staff will inventory all known open dump sites. The inventory will include and assessment of the area and activity. Known sites are placed on a list for possible clean up should funds become available through the tribe or EPA. If you know of any sites that need to be included on this list please let us know.

Home Energy Audit:

Another on-going project for OES is to conduct home energy audits. These audits provide the homeowner with information regarding air movement within the home and will help identify areas for improvement. With the cooling season around the corner and cost of energy increasing, knowing where you are losing air will allow you to seal these areas keeping cool air in and hot air out. If you are interested in having your home audited contact us at the number below.

E-mail Distribution list:

It was recently asked if we had an email distribution list for any upcoming activities. Not sure why I haven't thought of this before but if you are interested in receiving information related to the OES department including activities and programs let us know. Let me know what types of information you are interested in receiving such as other tribal events, workshops, or classes. You can request to be added to an email list at oes@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov.

If you have any questions regarding these activities please let us know by calling 918-968-0046 or through email: oes@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov. You may also visit our departmental site at www.sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov under departments where we will provide updates and information related to any upcoming activities.



Up the Creek" with OES

Environmental Specialist Jeremy Fincher

I would like to take a little time and shine light on some troubling activities I have witnessed and continue to witness as Environmental Specialist and Water Program Manager for Sac and Fox OES. Part of my responsibilities include going out to the streams and rivers I monitor on a weekly basis to conduct a brief assessment, record my observations, and collect a water sample to be analyzed for Total Coliform bacteria and Escherichia Coliform (E. coli) in the OES Water Laboratory.

Every week I observe every stream that is monitored by the Sac and Fox OES. Over that time one might be surprised how alive the streams actually are and how they can change from one week to the next. I care for and want to protect the health of the streams, the ecosystems they support, and the people that enjoy, use, and appreciate these waters. I wish this was true for all people. Unfortunately, even if most people in Sac and Fox Nation would agree there are a few individuals that are taking advantage of our streams. Over the last several months I have encountered illegal dumping at several of my monitoring locations as well as seeing new dump sites forming in ditches and drainage areas on rural road ways across Sac and Fox Nation.

I want to bring awareness to this issue and hopefully together we can slow the rate, or even stop the illegal dumping into Sac and Fox Nation's waters. One of the most active dump sites, currently, is Wild-

horse Creek just south of the tank farm in Cushing. I have seen dead animals, household appliances, fencing, lawn mowers, car hoods, mattresses, fuel containers, ceiling fans, large bags of household trash, and a lot of other just miscellaneous trash dumped of the side of the bridge into the water. The illegal dumping occurs a short distance upstream from where one can find children and teenagers playing in the water, as well as local fisherman trying to take home their catch for dinner. The illegal dumping has to stop. Wildhorse Creek is just one example, there are several locations where this problem is still going on and is continuing to grow. I am sure many of you could provide examples of this happening in your area. If this is so, please feel free to contact the OES and inform us about these dumpsites.

There are several ways you can help deter illegal dumping. You can help by keeping your eyes open and report any illegal or suspicious dumping to your local Sheriff or Police Department; this also includes the Sac and Fox Police. You can also contact the Sac and Fox Office of Environmental Services for assistance on proper waste disposal. Additionally, recycling can free up space in dumpsters for other materials that are unable to be recycled and also helps conserve our natural resources and reduce waste. With Earth Day just around the corner let's all do at least a little to help leave this world a little cleaner than the way we found it. Thanks for reading.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation WIC Program Is All About BREASTFEEDING!
 For more information about breastfeeding and how to apply for WIC, please call:
1-800-648-2302 or 918-758-2722
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SAC AND FOX TAX COMMISSION REVENUE February 2012	
Tobacco Tax	\$26,932.80
Wholesale Tobacco Tax	\$53,848.47
Motor Vehicle	\$2,419.00
Sales Tax	\$13,244.20
Treasury	\$140.00
Oil & Gas	\$3,369.90
Gaming	\$136,851.66
TOTAL	\$236,806.03

FREE E-WASTE EVENT

Spring cleaning is upon us! This is your chance to clear up some space and throw out those old appliances. On Saturday, April 28th the Office of Environmental Services will be hosting an event to collect any and every electronic item you no longer use or is no longer working. If you can plug it in, or if it runs on batteries, we will take it.

for more info call OES at: 918-968-0046 or Email: oes@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov

Elders Title 6 Menu April 2012

SUN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT
1	2 Baked Chicken Scalloped Pots. Corn Wheat Bread Mixed Fruit Cup	3 Pork & Rice Egg Roll Peas Muffin Jello w/Fruit	4 Goulash w/hamb. Spinach Wheat Bread Peach Fruit Cup	5 Hoagie Sand. Chips Lettuce/Tomato Cookie	6 Baked Ham Potato Salad Cole Slaw Rolls Cupcakes	7
8	9 Polish Sausage Sauerkraut Grilled Veggies Bread Pineapple Cup	10 Chicken Pot Pie Green Salad Crackers Mandarin Oranges	11 Tuna Salad Sand. Chips Lettuce/Tomato Cookie	12 Vegetable Soup w/beef Green Salad Corn Bread Vanilla Pudding	13 Oatmeal Bacon Boiled Egg Toast Juice	14
15	16 BBQ Chicken Macaroni Salad Peas Roll Choco. Pudding	17 Lima Beans w/ Ham Spinach Corn Bread Pear Cup	18 Spaghetti w/meat Sauce Garden Salad Garlic Bread Peach Cup	19 Pork Roast Mashed Potato Green Beans Roll Apple Crisp	20 Fish Tater Tots Corn-on-Cob Hush Puppies Jello w/fruit	21
22	23 Who Hash (hamb/pots) Cucumber Salad Wheat Bread Orange Cup	24 Chef Salad w/ (ham, turkey) Cheese, Tomato Crackers Grapes	25 Chili Dog French Fries Fresh Veggies Mixed Fruit Cup	26 Brown Beans w/ Ham Carrots Corn Muffin Brownie	27 Biscuit/Gravy Sausage Patty Boiled Egg Banana Juice	28
29	30 Taco Salad (chips, hamb.) Kidney Beans Lettuce/tomato Cheese Pineapple Cup					

Sac and Fox Nation Social Services Field Dates

A member of the Social Services staff will be available to take applications on:

Wednesdays
 9:00 am until 1:00 pm (approx.)

Location: The multi-purpose building at Shawnee

LIHEAP, General Assistance, Emergency General Assistance, Direct Employment, Native Employment Works Programs, if funds are available.

Please call ahead to verify that someone is present.
 405-275-1262

If you should need assistance prior to the scheduled dates, please call Social Services at:
 1-800-259-3970

