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possible leaks of the Keystone XL Pipeline. Due diligence of Federal policy and regulation is not acceptable to the Sac and Fox Nation in protecting the water quality of the Sac and Fox people. The proposed pump station sits within the same section of land as two original allotments. Already there has been a spill at a North Dakota pump station and a more recent spill at the pump station in Kansas that was reported to have lost 500 barrels. The Sac and Fox Nation has demanded assurance the lands and aquifers of the Sac and Fox will not be harmed.

Also of great concern to the Sac and Fox Nation is the disturbance of any possible gravesites or artifacts of the pipeline. The people of the Sac and Fox have lived in central Oklahoma for over a century. We stand firm there is a strong possibility that there are many of our ancestors' remains lying in the area of the pipeline.

I have been asked to speak expressing our Sac and Fox Nation's opposition and concerns against the construction of this pipeline, at the To Bridge A Gap Conference, hosted by the Delaware Nation in collaboration with the U.S. Forest Service; Society of Environmental Journalists 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, hosted at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas; Indigenous Environmental Network (IEN) Press Conference at the National Press Club in Washington D.C.; testified before the United Nation's Special Rapporteur James Anaya; to White House officials; to the press when I met President Obama, during his visit to Oklahoma announcing his support of the Gulf Coast section of the pipeline.

## Housing and Urban Development/ Indian Community Development Block Grant

The Business Committee has contracted with a grants writer to submit an application for a HUD / ICDBG grant with a March 18th deadline for submission. The maximum amount awarded is \$800,000 and combined with the RAP money designated for a Cushing Community Center, it could be leveraged with whatever amount is awarded from the ICDBG, thus the reality of a long sought goal. The announcement of awards will be made this calendar year. We have been fortunate to have received this grant over the years which has resulted in many of our facilities, to name a few; Merle Boyd Center, Cultural Center, Learning Center, and Youth Activity Center (Gymnasium).

*Short Takes*

## Youth Activity Center (Gymnasium) Update

The RAP budget for the replacement of the gymnasium flooring has been approved and a contract is being developed for the installation this spring. The new flooring will allow more usage of the building.

I appreciate the opportunities offered to represent our Sac and Fox Nation on local, regional, state, and national forums and am proud to introduce myself as the Chief of the Sac and Fox Nation, knowing that we are still recognized as leaders in Indian Country as we have been noted over the years. I thank you for allowing me to lead our people, it is truly a privilege and honor.

Sincerely,  
George Thurman,  
Principal Chief



**USDA Cooking Demonstration:** The Sac and Fox Nation USDA office recently held a demonstration on the healthy ways to prepare chicken and vegetable dishes. (L-R) Unidentified, Mary Brown, presenter and Leah Carver, Special Projects MGR (staff photo)

## Twiggy's Corner

## INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE WATER AND SEWER ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The Indian Health Service, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, offers programs to install water and sewer facilities to qualified Indian Homeowners. Funding and construction of sanitation facilities, such as wells, water service lines, septic tanks and drain fields, wastewater lagoons and sewer service lines, are available.

### Minimum eligibility requirements include:

- Property must be located within the local Indian Health Service jurisdiction: The greater portion of Oklahoma County; Pottawatomie County north of the North Canadian River; Cleveland County west of the Indian Meridian; Lincoln County; Logan County, and a portion of southern Payne County.

- You must be a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe, band or group;

- If renting, you must obtain a lease agreement (minimum of five years) and a copy of the landowner's deed/title and

CDIB. Property owner must possess a Certified Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB).

- HUD homes must be paid in full before services can be provided.

Documentation of tribal affiliation and home ownership or long-term lease will be required with the application for services. Mobile homes must be tied down, skirting and wheels removed prior to service.

Absentee Shawnee and Citizen Pottawatomie Nation tribal members must apply for services through their tribal OEHO offices.

Please note that applying for service does not guarantee you will receive service. Service depends on the availability of funding.

Please call (405) 214-4200, or stop by our office at 14106 Highway 177, Shawnee, Oklahoma, for more information.

## Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline

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<b>SAC AND FOX TAX COMMISSION REVENUE</b>	
January 2013	
Tobacco Tax.....	\$23,064.00
Wholesale Tobacco Tax.....	\$47,631.54
Beer/Liquor.....	\$2,052.44
Motor Vehicle.....	\$2,232.50
Sales Tax.....	\$10,071.90
Treasury.....	\$295.00
Oil & Gas.....	\$742.14
Gaming.....	\$149,091.18
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$235,180.70</b>



<b>2013</b>		<b>MARCH</b>		<b>2013</b>	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
		<b>SFN Easter Party</b> Saturday March 30, 2013 2:00 p.m. SF Community Building	<b>Elder's Advisory Committee Mtg.</b> Wed. March 13th Stroud Bldg 10:00 am	<b>1</b> French Toast Bacon Mandarin Oranges Milk	
<b>4</b> Fried Chicken Baked Beans Green Salad Jello	<b>5</b> Sloppy Joe's Zucchini Peaches	<b>6</b> Pork & Potatoes Yellow Squash Frybread Fresh Fruit	<b>7</b> Spaghetti Corn Bread Pears	<b>8</b> Tuna Salad San Chips Fresh Veggies Fruit Cocktail	
<b>11</b> Meatloaf Scalloped Pots Green Beans Peaches	<b>12</b> Pinto Beans Spinach Cornbread Applesauce	<b>13</b> Chicken Strips French Fries Okra White Cake	<b>14</b> Chili Dogs Fresh Veggies Fritos Mandarin Orange	<b>15</b> Cereal Sausage Biscuit Fresh Fruit	
<b>18</b> Polish Sausage Potatoes & Veggies Beets Fruit Cocktail	<b>19</b> Fish Cole Slaw Corn on Cob Hush Puppies Jello	<b>20</b> Egg Salad Sand. Chips Green Salad Orange	<b>21</b> Salisbury Steak Mashed Potato Brown Gravy Carrots Peaches	<b>22</b> Chicken PotPie w/vegetables Celery w/PB Mandarin Oranges	
<b>25</b> Lima Beans Hominy Corn Bread Pumpkin Cookie	<b>26</b> Hamburger Fries Mixed Vegetable Peaches	<b>27</b> Pork Roast Boiled Potatoes Green Beans Pears	<b>28</b> Indian Taco Frybread Fresh Veggies Pudding	<b>29</b> Oatmeal Toasted Boiled Egg Milk Applesauce	

## ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

**A MEMBER OF THE TAX COMMISSION STAFF WILL NOW BE AT THE SHAWNEE MULTIPURPOSE CENTER TWICE A MONTH. THE TAX COMMISSION WILL BE THERE ON THE FIRST (1ST) AND THIRD (3RD) THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH. WE WILL BE ABLE TO BETTER SERVE TRIBAL MEMBERS LIVING IN THE SHAWNEE AREA WITH MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND ANY OTHER SERVICE THAT WE CAN ASSIST YOU WITH.**

2013-2014

SAC AND FOX NATION APPLICATION FOR MISS, JR. MISS AND LITTLE MISS SAC AND FOX NATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Member  
Sac and Fox Roll #: \_\_\_\_\_

Descendant

If not an enrolled tribal member, please describe Sac and Fox lineage;  
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Parent(s) Name and Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_

Maternal Grandparents Name and Tribe:  
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Paternal Grandparents Name and Tribe:  
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DEADLINE FOR THE APPLICATION WILL BE

April 26, 2013