

Office of Environmental Services

Stay Warm, Stay Safe!

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With winter in full swing and with it being one of the coldest we've had in years, plenty of people have been cranking up the thermostat to stay warm. The warm months may not be that far away, but you should stay mindful of being safe and being winter aware.

In the past few months there have been several house fires, pipeline explosions, and natural gas and oil leaks. With that in mind I wanted to raise awareness of some potential dangers and share some ways to recognize a natural gas leak.

The best way to recognize a pipeline leak is by using your eyes, ears, and nose.

Look - Persistent bubbling in standing water or discolored vegetation are signs of a possible leak around the pipeline area. A pool of liquid on the ground; a dense white cloud or fog; a slight mist of ice; or unexplained frozen ground near the pipeline are also signs of a possible leak.

Listen - Be aware of any unusual noises like a hissing or roaring sound.

Smell - Be aware of any strange or unusual odor (the products will have a petroleum odor or smell like rotten eggs).

What to do if you smell natural gas OUTSIDE your home:

Step 1: Leave immediately on foot! Do not use electric switches, telephones (including cell phones) or anything that could cause a spark. Move in a crosswind direction away from the leak or vapor cloud and maintain a safe distance.

Step 2: Go directly to a safe location, and then call 911, then call the gas company if you have their contact information and report the leak.

Step 3: Warn others to stay away from the leak. Abandon any equipment being used in or near the area.

What to do if you smell natural gas INSIDE your home or building:

Step 1: Leave immediately on foot! Do not use electric switches, telephones (including cell phones) or anything that could cause a spark.

Step 2: Go directly to a safe location, and then call 911 and the gas company if you have their contact information. Do not use e-mail or the Internet to contact the company about a leak, and never assume someone else has reported the leak.

Step 3: Alert your neighbors. Some gas companies will check suspected natural gas leaks at no cost to you.

Step 4: Never try to repair a natural gas leak yourself. Leave all repairs to a trained technician.

If you have natural gas at your home or live close to a pipeline it is a good idea to have the gas or oil company's contact information already saved in your phone. Some other simple things to keep you safe and keep your heating system running efficiently is to remember and test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors weekly, use caution while using space heaters, keep at least 3 feet of free space around the heater and never leave a space heater on unattended, and also remember to change your central heating/air conditioning vent filter regularly. If you don't have a smoke detector, you can contact your local fire department and they may be able to assist you. As always, you can also contact any of the staff at the Sac and Fox Nation's Office of Environmental Services with any questions or comments at 918-968-3526. Here are some links to a few local gas provider websites where you can find additional information:

<http://www.oklahomanaturalgas.com>
<http://www.centerpointenergy.com>



Owen Ethan Grant

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Aaron and Priscilla Grant would like to announce the birth of Owen Ethan Grant.

Owen was born at the Yuma Regional Medical Center December 17, 2013 at 11:29 am in Yuma, AZ. He weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz. and was 19 inches long.

He is the grandson of Sac & Fox Nation tribal member Kirby and Patti Grant of Yuma, AZ and the great-grandson of the late Sac & Fox Nation tribal member Ulysses Grant and Gloria Grant. He has 3 older brothers named Aidan, Mason & Liam that are all Sac & Fox Nation tribal members.

Deadline For March Paper is Thursday, February 20

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.

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Thank You

On behalf of the Revelation of Grace Church, located on Moccasin Trail, we would like to thank Truman Carter, Mason Williamson and the Sac and Fox Nation Employee Committee for donating Christmas toys to the youth of our church.

Save The Date
May 10, 2014
Sac and Fox Elders
Mother's Day Dance

Sac and Fox Nation Indian Child Welfare
Winter Coat Drive
For ALL ages
Please Donate a Clean gently used coat to the Indian Child Welfare office.

Where: Indian Child Welfare Office
Duration: Foreseeable Future
Contact: (918) 968- 3526 ext. 1709

IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SAC AND FOX NATION 356159 EAST 926 ROAD, STROUD, OKLAHOMA 74079 PHONE: (918) 968-2031

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Andrea Harrison, Plaintiff. Case No. JFD-10-00067

Billy Jack Harrison, Defendant.

Summons

THE SAC AND FOX NATION TO: Billy Jack Harrison Address Unknown

Greetings: You are hereby notified that a PETITION FOR DIVORCE has been filed in the Sac and Fox District Court. You have twenty (20) days from the date of service to file an Answer.

You are hereby summoned and notified that the Court will hear the evidence in support of and in opposition to the granting of said Petition for Divorce at the Sac and Fox District Courthouse located 5 miles South and ¼ mile East of Stroud, Oklahoma on the 27th day of March 2014 at the hour of 9:30 a.m..

YOU MAY SEEK THE ADVICE OF AN ATTORNEY ON ANY MATTER REGARDING THIS SUIT OR YOUR ANSWER.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on January 9, 2014.

SAC AND FOX NATION, Court Clerk
 [SEAL] By: *Charlyze Barwright* Clerk/Deputy

RETURN OF SERVICE
 Received this on the ___ day of ___, 20___, at ___ am/pm, and executed the same on the ___ day of ___, 20___, at ___ am/pm, to: _____

Dated: _____ Police Officer