



**Four Seasons Display:** Cathrine Walker, Historical Researcher for the Sac and Fox Nation recently set up a new display in the Sac and Fox National Library depicting the four seasons including some traditional items and information. If you're out looking for something interesting to do, stop by the Sac and Fox Library and check out this exhibit. (photo by SFN)

## Stalking, One Aspect of the Family Violence Grant Currently Implemented by SFN Indian Child Welfare



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January was National Stalking Awareness Month, a time to focus on a crime that affects 6.6 million victims in one year. This year's theme—"Stalking: Know It. Name It. Stop It."—challenged the nation to fight this dangerous crime by learning more about it.

Stalking is a crime in all 50 states, the U.S. Territories and the District of Columbia, yet many people underestimate its seriousness and impact. In one in five cases, stalkers use weapons to harm or threaten victims, and stalking is one of the significant risk factors for homicide of women in

abusive relationships.

Stalking is difficult to recognize, investigate, and prosecute. Unlike other crimes, stalking is not a single, easily identifiable crime but a series of acts, a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause that person fear. Stalking may take many forms, such as assaults, threats, vandalism, or burglary, as well as unwanted cards, calls, gifts, or visits.

Stalkers fit no standard psychological profile, and many stalkers follow their victims from one jurisdiction to another, making it difficult for authorities to investigate and prosecute their crimes. Most stalkers are known to their victims, such as friends, family members, acquaintances, spouses, or ex-partners or ex-spouses.

One aspect of stalking that we are seeing more of is the use of technology to stalk. With the rapid progression and availability of smart phones, tablets, downloadable apps, and GPS-enabled devices comes the misuse of these technologies by stalkers to stalk and harass their victims. Nationally, one in four victims report that the stalker uses technology, such as computers, GPS devices, or hidden cameras, to track the victim's daily activities.

Communities that understand stalking can support victims and combat the crime. For additional resources or to learn more about stalking visit [www.stalkingawarenessmonth.org](http://www.stalkingawarenessmonth.org).

## WHEN IT COMES TO FIREWOOD, BUY IT WHERE YOU BURN IT

Oklahoma Forestry Services is asking Oklahomans to buy firewood near the location where they will burn it to help prevent the spread of insects and diseases that can kill trees and devastate recreation spots.

OFS joins other states and national agencies in the effort to educate the public about the dangers of moving firewood. Many people are unaware that insects and diseases can live in healthy-looking firewood and that by moving firewood they are also transporting invasive pests. The "Promise Not to Move Firewood" campaign is focused on asking people to make a conscious decision not to move firewood and, instead, to buy wood cut as close as possible to the location where they will burn it.

"Normally, insects can't travel far, but when you haul firewood from one location to another, the insects that live inside the firewood are transported, sometimes hundreds of miles, and impact trees in the new location," said George Geissler, Oklahoma State Forester. "In some parts of the country, entire forests have been lost due to firewood movement, and we want to prevent that in Oklahoma."

One pest of particular concern for Oklahoma is the Emerald Ash Borer, an insect that has destroyed tens of millions of ash trees across the nation, and has now infested trees in Colorado, Kansas and Missouri. With a significant ash population, Oklahoma is at risk for an invasion of the insect, primarily through the



movement of firewood into the state by campers and hunters.

How can you help? Use these key points to help keep Oklahoma trees and forests healthy:

- Make the promise NOT to move firewood.

- Buy firewood that was cut near where you will burn it-- that means the wood was cut within 50 miles of where you will burn it. Whether buying firewood for camping or burning at home, always buy locally.

- If you have already moved firewood, the best action you can take is to burn it quickly and completely, making sure to rake all twigs, leaves and bark into your fire.

Oklahoma Forestry Services, a division of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, is committed to conserving, enhancing and protecting the forest resources of Oklahoma for present and future generations. To learn more about keeping Oklahoma's forests healthy, visit <http://www.forestry.ok.gov>.

### Sac and Fox Nation Women's Auxiliary

The Sac and Fox Nation Women's Auxiliary meet the 3rd Thursday every month at 6:00 p.m. We have a pot luck dinner at every meeting. Our meeting locations alternate from the Stroud-Elder's Building to the Shawnee-Multi Purpose Building. If anyone needs information, they can contact Shawna Spoon by phone at 405-275-2581 or by e-mail at [shawnaspoon@att.net](mailto:shawnaspoon@att.net).

### Brown Family Reunion

Calling all heirs and descendants of Fryor and Margaret Brown!

We will be having our 2014 family reunion

June 6-8, 2014 at Stroud Lake.

If interested in attending, helping out and for more info, please call:

**Glenda (Brown) Fuller @ 405 962-5732**

**Ronnie Lauderdale @ 405 765-2700**

**Twiggy (Wilson) Gregory @ 405- 434-9136**

**John Soap Jr. @ 405-585-968**

**Sissy Franklin @ 405 567-9254 and Margaret Franklin @ 405 481-5820**

Thanks!

## Muscogee (Creek) Nation WIC Program

Stroud Clinic

USDA Building 920883 S. HWY 99

Open 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each Month

Hours: 9:30am - 3:30pm

Closed for Lunch 12:00pm - 1:00pm

1-800-648-2302 or 918-968-1784 for information

Closed last business day of each month for staff training.

Standards for participation are the same regardless of age, race, sex, color, national origin or handicap.



## Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Domestic Violence Program

### Mission Statement

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma's Domestic Violence mission is to eliminate violence in Native Country and to strengthen Native families to end the cycle of violence. Absentee Shawnee Tribe Domestic Violence program serves Native American families and Non-Native families by providing advocacy in the areas of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Dating Violence.



### The Domestic Violence Department provides services to:

Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault (on call 24 hours per day), Stalking, and/or Dating Violence. We serve Native and non-Native victims as well as their children, as these problems affect everyone in our community. When a victim flees the situation they often leave behind all of their belongings, that's where we step in, offering a hand up to the victim. We offer advocacy for the victim, through the process of court, counseling, housing and utility assistance, referrals as needed (for services ASTDV does not provide), shelter, and transitional housing. We have four transitional houses fully furnished, where victims will be provided the opportunity to get an education and obtain job skills. Emergency transportation can be provided as well. For questions regarding necessary paperwork in order to receive assistance please contact the AST Domestic Violence Office.

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801

Phone: (405) 275-4030 Fax: (405) 273-1192

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233

National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-4673

### 2014 HOLIDAYS DATE OF OBSERVANCE

PRESIDENT'S DAY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2014

SAC & FOX VICTORY DAY FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2014  
MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY, MAY 26, 2014

INDEPENDENCE DAY FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2014

NATIVE AMERICAN DAY MONDAY, JULY 14, 2014

LABOR DAY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2014

VETERAN'S DAY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2014

THANKSGIVING DAY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2014  
DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2014  
(SUBSTITUTED FOR MLK'S BIRTHDAY)

(SUBSTITUTED FOR COLUMBUS DAY) WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2014

CHRISTMAS DAY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2014

SFN APPRECIATION DAY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2014