

## Office of Environmental Services

Ahō, nīhkānetike!

This is Andy Anderson here from the Office of Environmental Services department.



Andy Anderson

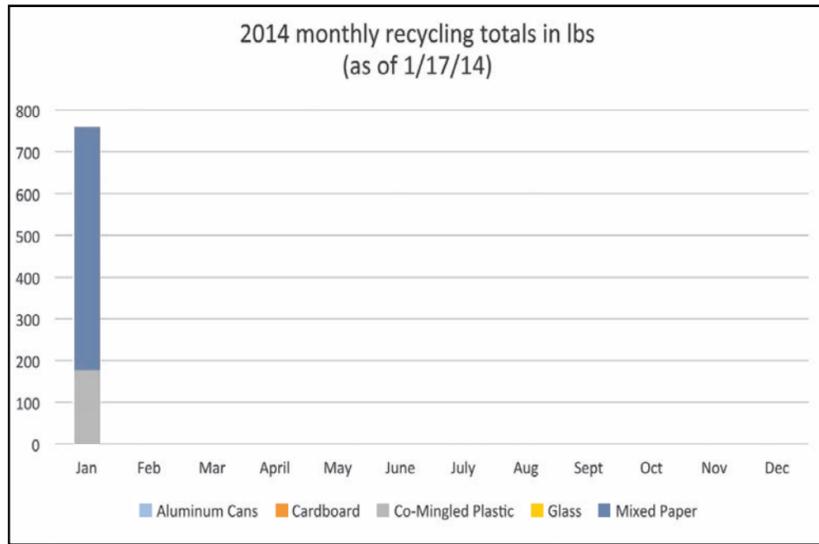
It has been awhile since I've talked about the nations recycling efforts. First I would like to express my appreciation for all of you who continue to help us collect recyclable material and keep our land a little cleaner. I know it can be easy to see recycling as a chore with no benefits, but I can assure you, even a little bit a day can amount to huge impacts in

the future. You may not be aware of how your recycling habits effect those around you. I've seen it, here at the nation, how one person's recycling habits have been passed on to others simply by observation.

This past year the recycling program may have encountered a few obstacles that had slowed our efforts a bit, but we still finished the year with 29,580 lbs of recycling. That is HUGE! Although we collected almost 15 tons, I know our numbers can be greater. We proved that in 2012 with 40,000 lbs of recycling. With a brand new year ahead of us, I don't see why we can't collect that, and more. This year we may see a recycling challenge or two, an E-waste event, and perhaps a wider range of collectable material.

Again, I would like to say 'Thank You' to those who have continued to help in our efforts, and to those who have been thinking about it, I encourage you to start simply. A little recycling here and there creates positive recycling habits that can have a ripple effect on those around you. Our actions speak louder than words.

If you have any questions about our recycling program, please contact OES at 918-968-0046. Or you can leave a comment online at oes@sacandfoxnationnsn.gov



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## Looking Back- Sac and Fox Rodeo Arena

Submitted by: Corrine L. Tsoodle

Recent events appeared in the Sac and Fox tribal newspaper in the last two months about the Sac and Fox Rodeo Arena. It was interesting to read about the new activities about one entity on the Sac and Fox Reservation. It is good to know the Rodeo arena is currently providing a place for public and tribal activities. When I visit the Sac and Fox reservation, I can't help but look at the arena and remember what a good time we all had making that happen.

For everyone, I would like to share how originally the arena came into being. One cold winter evening in 1974, Ronnie Goodeagle, Sr. and Mitchell Tsoodle was visiting. Ronnie Goodeagle, Sr. was talking about his rodeo days when he used to ride bulls. Mitchell Tsoodle was not a bull rider. Casually they began to draw an arena on a piece of cardboard box.

Later in the long run, it came down to the idea of building an arena. Eventually, the idea was shared with Ronnie Harris, Sr. It was Ronnie Harris, Sr., who carried the idea on to the Sac and Fox Business Committee for approval. In the meantime we all were talking and discussing to make effort to go ahead with making it happen with building an arena. It was Ronnie Harris who coordinated the newly organized Sac and Fox Inter-Tribal Rodeo Club, as President. Ronnie Goodeagle Sr. served as Vice-President, Corrine Tsoodle, as Secretary. It was Ronnie Harris, with his expertise in the Powwow World, who led us to organize benefit dances all of 1975 for the building of the arena and the first Annual Sac and Fox Nation Rodeo in 1976.

Many Sac and Fox families were involved in the Rodeo Club, some of our first Cowgirls were the Morris/Warrior sisters, Caroline, May, Barbara, and all other family members. Florence Tiger, lone Bass. The Thurman family, the Thomas Morris family, Manatowa family (look for names of all the other family's) Ronnie Goodeagle, Sr. and Mitchell Tsoodle nominated Caroline Morris Kisketon for the 'First Rodeo Queen'. Those two were always giving Caroline a lot of teasing. In 1976, we received a per capita payment, which gave many of these families opportunity to donate funds to the Club. There were others and I apologize if I can't remember to mention them right now, but you know who you were. There were a lot of other tribes who were members of the rodeo club. They were always supportive to our benefit dances. Names of the members appear on the back of the First Annual Rodeo Program.

When the first day of building began and the first shovel full of dirt was turned, Chief Elmer Manatowa placed sacrament down on Mother Earth with prayer. During that day as we were working, an eagle came and circled over our activities. The eagle circled so low that one could see his talons. It was truly an experience to all who were present that day.

So, that is the way the Sac and Fox Rodeo Arena came into being. There is so much more to tell about, space will not allow. It was a good time and all the members who helped and have gone on to the big Rodeo in the sky. Aho.

### Sac and Fox Transportation Program

Criteria You Must Meet Before Being Eligible for Transportation:

- You must have an established chart at BHHC
- You must have no other means of transportation
- You must have an active referral from a BHHC provider to the facility where being transported

If you have Medicaid, please utilize SoonerRide  
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**(877) 404-4500**

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February 11, 2014  
Elders Building Stroud  
Always on the 2nd Tuesday of each month unless otherwise posted

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**RAP ASSISTANCE APPLICATION**

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PH: 918-968-3526  
EXT: 2000 & 2001  
RAP Application Form#2011-01  
BC Approved on 2/5/13

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**Type of Assistance Requested (Please Check All That Apply)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hardship        | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Appliance | <input type="checkbox"/> Dentures    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elders Handyman | <input type="checkbox"/> Vision              | <input type="checkbox"/> Orthodontic |
|  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Aid |

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**I hereby authorize the Sac and Fox Nation RAP Department to make any necessary inquiries relating to my account's which the RAP Department may be considering making payment on my behalf.** I understand that I have the right to a hearing of any action of the Sac and Fox Nation, which I consider improper, and also any unreasonable delay in decision. (Request for fair hearings may be made in writing to the Business Committee of the Sac and Fox Nation, 920883 S. Hwy. 99 Bldg. A, Stroud, OK 74079) I understand that any person who knowingly, willfully and fraudulently provides false information for the purpose of obtaining benefits which he/she is otherwise ineligible to receive, may be subject to prosecution to the fullest extent to the appropriate Tribal statutes.

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PERSON ASSISTING WITH APPLICATION \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

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