

Layla Ann Rowell Arrives October 29

Daniel Rowell and Cassidy Toland would like to announce the arrival of Layla Ann Rowell.

Layla was born at the Stillwater Medical Center October 29, 2013 at 11:57 pm. She weighed 9 lbs. and was 21 1/2 inches.

She is the granddaughter of Anita and Chris Toland of Cushing, Rosemary Blie of Cushing and Randy Rowell of Drumright.

She is the Great Granddaughter of Mary Butler and the late Larry Butler and Brenda and Vernon Nicholas.



Free Conservation Workshop if Applying for USDA Farm Bill Program

NRCS is partnering with the Cherokee Nation and OTCAC to hold an “hands on” eligibility and application process training workshop for Tribes, tribal members, women in agriculture and ag producers. The workshops have been scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, at the Cherokee Nation Headquarters located at 17723 Hwy 62, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. The workshops will be held in the Tsa La Gi Ballroom; which is located directly behind the Restaurant of the Cherokees. We will be holding two workshops; 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and repeat the workshop again at 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

USDA agencies participating in the workshop includes NRCS, FSA and RD. The focus of the training workshops will be to review the FSA eligibility process and the NRCS application. There will be “hands on” training on the required eligibility forms and Farm Bill program applications. In addition, each agency will have staff available to assistance in completing applications during the workshops; if a producer desires. RD

will be providing training on their application process. In addition, each agency will have information packets prepared for all attendees.

This is a free conservation workshop and provides the opportunity for producers to receive “hands on” assistance in completing Farm Bill applications and receive the training that a producer needs to know to be eligible for USDA programs.

We are requesting that you send an email to carol.crouch@ok.usda.gov or call 405-742-1203, if you plan to attend one of the workshops or have any questions regarding the workshops. RVSP is not required to attend.

Respectfully
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Statement on the Passing of Former and First Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Forrest J. Gerard

WASHINGTON – Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Kevin K. Washburn, speaking on behalf of the entire Department of the Interior, issued the following statement on the passing of Forrest J. Gerard, a member of the Blackfeet Tribe in Montana and the first Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs who served from Oct. 13, 1977 to Jan. 19, 1980:

“Forrest Gerard will loom large in the history books as a key figure in American Indian policy. As a congressional staffer, he helped advance the interests of both the United States and Indian country by shepherding through Congress the Indian Self-Determination Act of 1975, which formally marked the end of the Termination Era and the beginning of an important new chapter in federal-tribal relations.

“President Jimmy Carter selected Mr. Gerard to serve as the very first As-

istant Secretary for Indian Affairs at the U.S. Department of the Interior. In this selection, President Carter elevated the importance of Indian affairs and Mr. Gerard used the newly established office to implement successfully the important new policies that he had helped enact in Congress.

“Tribal self-determination policies have transformed Indian country, making tribal governments stronger and improving services to Indian people. The United States and Indian country are better today because of Mr. Gerard’s contributions.

“On a personal note, I will always value the advice Mr. Gerard offered as I began my own service as Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Gerard family and the Blackfeet Tribe community. He will be greatly missed.”

Deadline For February Paper is Monday, January 20

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
 SoonerRide's toll free phone number is
(877) 404-4500

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Sac and Fox Nation Veterans Organization Meeting
 January 14, 2014
 Elders Building Stroud
 Always on the 2nd Tuesday of each month unless otherwise posted

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1-800-648-2302 or 918-758-2722
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	SAC AND FOX NATION RAP ASSISTANCE APPLICATION	FAX: 918-968-0098 PH: 918-968-3526 EXT: 2000 & 2001 RAP Application Form#2011-01 BC Approved on 2/5/13
	NAME _____ PHONE # (with area code) _____	
ADDRESS _____		
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____		
D.O.B. _____ SOCIAL SECURITY # (Last 4 digits) _____ SFN ROLL # _____	<small>Sac and Fox Nation tribal membership will be verified by the Sac and Fox Nation RAP Department</small>	
Please List Statement of Need: _____		
Type of Assistance Requested (Please Check All That Apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Energy	<input type="checkbox"/> Elders Lawn Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Dental
<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
Please Provide the Following: The bill you are requesting assistance with & proof of residence if the bill is not in your name.		
NOTE You must receive an award letter PRIOR to receiving any Health services requested above. If you receive services prior to an award letter being issued, you are responsible for the charges.		
CLIENT'S STATEMENT OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES		
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.		
DATE _____	SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT OR GUARDIAN _____	GUARDIAN FOR _____
	PERSON ASSISTING WITH APPLICATION _____	RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT _____
DATE _____	RAP SPECIALIST _____	DATE _____