

Weed-Free Forage Offers New Opportunities

Forage and mulch often contain non-native weeds that can cause infestations, which adversely impact agriculture, forest, recreational, and other lands when these materials are transported. There is a growing demand for certified weed-free forage and mulch as a preventative program to reduce the spread of noxious weeds. Certified weed-free forage is required in many states and on federal lands managed by the US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, national parks, military, fish and wildlife refuges and tribes. State and federal agencies require certified weed-free mulch for highway, right-of-way, restoration and reclamation projects.

Weed-free forage is of special interest to those who use pack and saddle stock, such as horse owners, outfitters, and ranchers with grazing permits, hunters, and contractors. Starting in June 2005, visitors to national forests and national grasslands in the Rocky Mountain region must comply with a weed-free forage order. The order covers all national forests and national grasslands in Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas. It requires that all hay, cubed hay, straw, mulch and other products be certified as weed-free by a sanctioned certification program.

Oklahoma's certified weed-free forage and mulch program offers many

advantages. It provides an opportunity for Oklahoma producers to market certified forage and mulch as value-added products. The program helps meet the demand for products that comply with contract requirements and provides forage and mulch buyers a marketable and transportable product.

Certifying a crop as weed-free also reduces the introduction and spread of noxious weeds onto public and private lands. It increases producer awareness of their role in weed management and provides increased weed management and reduction of weed infestations.

The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry has developed a certification process for forage and mulch products. Hay and grain fields can be inspected and once a field passes this inspection, bales from the field can be labeled as "certified weed-free" and will be issued a transit certificate. The certified status can be listed on the ODAFF Hay Directory for prospective buyers. Details about the agency's weed-free program are available at <http://www.oda.state.ok.us/cps-weedfree.htm>.

For more information, contact Jeanetta Cooper, ODAFF, PO Box 528804, Oklahoma City, OK 73152-8804, 405-522-5971 (office) or 405-206-7594 (mobile) or by e-mail at Jeanetta.Cooper@ag.ok.gov.



Alena Nicole James Graduates Nathan Hale High School

Alena Nicole James graduated from Nathan Hale High School in Tulsa, OK. She is the daughter of Dominic James and Anissa Wesley of Tulsa. Her grandparents are Richard and the late Tsianina (Bass) Wesley, and Calvin and Letha James. Alena is Sac and Fox, Mvskoke Creek, Cherokee, and Choctaw. She is of the Tiger clan.

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

**A MEMBER OF THE TAX COMMISSION STAFF
WILL NOW BE AT
1st INDIAN BAPTIST CHURCH
CUSHING OKLAHOMA
1034 EAST WALNUT
ONCE A MONTH.**

**THE TAX COMMISSION WILL BE THERE
2nd THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
WE WILL BE ABLE TO BETTER SERVE TRIBAL
MEMBERS LIVING IN THE CUSHING AREA WITH
MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND ANY
OTHER SERVICE THAT WE CAN ASSIST YOU WITH.**

Grievance Committee Training

June 9th

Two Sessions - 10:00 am and 7:00 pm

Sac and Fox Tribal Members Only

Conducted by Peggy BigEagle

Sac and Fox Multi-Purpose Building

Shawnee Oklahoma

The Sac and Fox National Public Library Summer Reading Program...

...is a fun way to include reading and related activities during the summer. It helps children maintain and improve reading skills.

One great way to keep your children reading is to have them join the Fizz, Boom, Read! Summer Reading Program At Sac and Fox National Public Library

When:

June 3, 2014 –
to
July 25, 2014

Reading expert Stephen Krashen says:
• Children read more when they listen to and discuss books.
• Reading skills grow by reading.
• Reading helps improve children's writing.



The mission of the Sac and Fox Nation Behavioral Health Services Program (BHS) is to provide the highest quality clinical and other related behavioral health services possible. The services are performed to alleviate the social and emotional impact of substance abuse, physical or mental illness or disability, enhance social and personal functioning, and to promote those conditions essential to assure maximum benefits from short and long-term health care services and to prevent illness.

SERVICES: Outpatient services shall include the following:

- Individual, family and group counseling
- Psychotropic Medication Therapy
- Marital Counseling
- Primary Psychological Screening for Developmental Progress
- Advocacy, Behalf of Clients
- Alcohol/Substance Abuse Counseling
- In-Service Trainings to Other Departments of Health Center/Tribal Programs
- Consultation
- Prevention Education/Activities
- Crisis Intervention
- Case Management
- Referrals
- Aftercare/Follow-Up
- Domestic Violence Screening
- Groups

AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES: Outpatient services are available are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The 3rd Thursday of each month the clinic is closed at 1:00 p.m. for staff meeting. Each Wednesday from 3:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the BHS department will have staff meeting.

HOW TO ACCESS SERVICES: For Behavioral Health Services, one must contact the Black Hawk Health Center at (918)968-9531 or 1(800)830-0683.

EMERGENCIES: If an emergency arises after normal business hours, go to the nearest hospital or contact your tribal or local police or call 911. Notification of emergency hospital visits after hours must comply with the Black Hawk Health Center's Contract Health Services policy and procedures.

STAFFING: It is the policy of the Black Hawk Health Center that all Behavioral Health Services staff has an understanding of the unique needs of the clients they serve. The current staff: (1) Behavioral Health Services Manager (2) Licensed Clinical Social Worker (3) Tribal Youth Coordinator (4) Substance Abuse Counselor (5) Administrative Assistant and (6) Contract Psychiatrist. Professional staff is both licensed and credentialed and participate in quality assurance activities.

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.

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Phone: (405) 275-4030 Fax: (405) 273-1192
National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233
National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-4673