

# Hidden Dangers of Meth Production

By Lt. Quinton Lane Sac and Fox Nation Police Department

Have you noticed unusual items lying around your property? Perhaps you have seen a two liter soda bottle or large Gatorade bottle with a white substance and a clear liquid contained within. Or, have you noticed Coleman fuel cans or bottles, numerous packages of cold medication, empty battery packages or batteries and cold compress packets that have been torn open? Have you thought that these items are out of place and kind of odd? If so, call your local law enforcement agency immediately.

This September, I attended the Clandestine Drug Laboratory Program sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). The program was held at the Clandestine Laboratory Training Facility at Quantico, Virginia. I would like to pass on a small amount of important information that is extremely important to the members of the Sac and Fox Nation.

All of the items mentioned in the opening paragraph are used in the production of methamphetamine. Methamphetamine is an illegal drug that has taken rural America by storm in the past two decades. In the process, many soda bottles are created as a by-product of methamphetamine production. Using soda bottles in the manufacturing of meth provides an inexpensive and concealable meth lab. Numerous chemicals are mixed within the plastic bottle to make meth. Once the meth is produced and removed, the bottles, which contain very hazardous chemicals, remain. Often, the plastic bottles are left behind in barns, garages, empty houses or in ditches.

What makes the plastic bottles dangerous? Within the bottle, the liquid is usually Coleman camp fuel or other similar highly flammable chemical. Also contained within the bottles are strips of Lithium metal, which are removed from the batteries that I mentioned earlier, and water. If the Lithium metal comes into contact with the water, a violent chemical reaction occurs. The reaction causes

heat and hydrogen gas. If the conditions within the bottle are just right, the lithium contacts the water, a spark occurs, ignites the Coleman fluid and hydrogen gas which causes the bottle to explode. Hopefully when the bottle explodes, spewing forth fire and hazardous chemicals, you are not around to get burned by fire or chemicals. Hopefully the bottle is not in the garage of your house when it explodes, burning down your house. Hopefully your children or grandchildren do not kick a bottle that has been left in a ditch, causing injuries and burns.

The illegal production of methamphetamine is a concern to everyone. Throughout the Sac and Fox Nation, everyone must be concerned with the dangerous production of methamphetamine. The Clandestine Lab program provided valuable information on the procedures to render a meth lab safe. The DEA will issue the participants of the program with chemical resistant suits, respirators, chemical boots, and other items necessary to work within the dangerous environment of a meth lab. The issued equipment is the minimum equipment needed to work in the meth lab. Law enforcement only removes the active parts of the lab. We do not decontaminate the area that held the meth lab. Meth labs contaminate everything and everyone that enters into the area of that lab. That must be done by a professional company to ensure that the area is safe for occupation.

If you know someone who is using the drug, get them help. If you know someone who is making methamphetamine, it is only a matter of time before they injure themselves or someone else. If you see things that may be associated with the manufacture of methamphetamine, call your local law enforcement office.

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**Outstanding Leadership and Participation:** Tecumseh Cline holds the award presented to him by The United Urban Indian Council. (photo by Jacqueline Holder)

## Tecumseh Cline Receives Outstanding Leadership and Participation Award

The United Urban Indian Council named Sac and Fox Tribal member, Tecumseh Cline, this year's winner for Outstanding Leadership and Participation.

Tecumseh is the grandson of Jerry Cline and Betty Wano and the son of Rickey Cline and Jacqueline Holder. Tecumseh is a sophomore at Harding Charter Prep, the # ranked school in the state of Oklahoma. He is also the Na-

tive American Student Representative for Oklahoma City Public Schools. He hopes to attend Stanford, Brown, or MIT upon graduation and pursue a degree in Engineering.

He is very proud to be Sac and Fox and wrote a 15-page research paper on their history and culture, which was one of the deciding factors in this award. Congratulations Tecumseh Cline! We are very proud of you!

**Business Committee Meeting Minutes**  
are now accessible on the Website and Facebook  
[sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov](http://sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov)

## PARALEGAL SERVICES NOW AVAILABLE

The Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Court is pleased to announce that paralegal services are now being offered at the Sac and Fox Nation Justice Center. This service is to help alleviate the pressure placed on the prose litigants, litigants who may not be able to afford the luxury to hire legal assistance. Without the aid of legal expertise, litigants often enter the judicial system unprepared for the complicated process and may leave dismayed by the results. In recognition of this problem, the Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Court and Oklahoma Indian Legal Services have been in collaboration to provide the tribal members with a paralegal to offer

assistance to prose litigants in preparing their legal documents and understanding the judicial process.

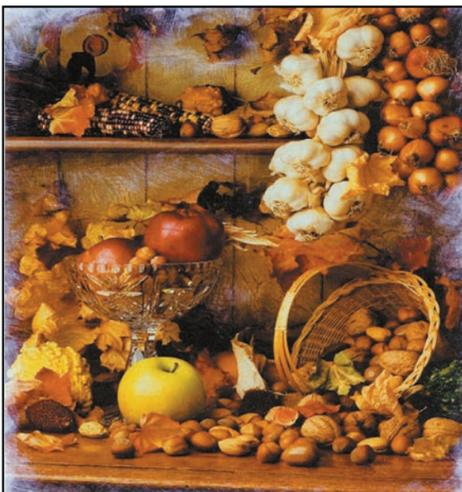
The paralegal provided through Oklahoma Indian Legal Services is on-site three (3) times a month to assist enrolled tribal members with preparation of legal documents, help in understanding the judicial process, assisting court administration in issuing Orders and Decrees, directing litigants to outside organizations for further assistance, preparation of wills and referrals for further legal advice.

Contact the Court Clerk's Office at 918-968-2031 for dates and times.

## 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.



**Sac and Fox Community Bldg**  
5.5 miles South of Stroud

**Saturday October 25th**

**8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

FREE BOOTH SPACE

ALL VENDERS ARE WELCOME  
AND WILL NEED TO OBTAIN A TAX PERMIT FROM THE SAC AND FOX TAX COMMISSION

For Booth Space and further information, contact:  
Shanarae Boyd (918) 290-0884  
or  
Tammy Fields (918) 290-0248

OCTOBER 25TH  
FALL  
CRAFTERS'  
BAZAAR

## Sac and Fox Nation Community Center

**Head Staff:**  
Head Singer \_\_\_\_\_ Neka Logan  
MC \_\_\_\_\_ Jamie Noble  
Head Gourd Dancer \_\_\_\_\_ Poncho Walker  
Arena Directors \_\_\_\_\_ Sac and Fox Honor Guard

We invite all veterans and the Families of veterans to participate in this special day of activities. These men and women, no matter what generation, have made it possible for us to continue our way of life yesterday, today and tomorrow.

5 Miles South of Stroud, Oklahoma on Hwy 99

**Meal Break 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm**  
**Resume Gourd Dance until ?**

Sac and Fox Veterans' Organization/Sac and Fox Nation not responsible for accidents, theft,