

Obituaries

Karen Denise Gibson

Karen "Candi" Denise (Hunter) Gibson, a longtime Perkins resident, passed away on Thursday, September 25, 2014 at the age of 56. Visitation was held Saturday, September 27 at Palmer Marler Funeral Home, a Wake Service was on Sunday, September 28 at Sac and Fox Community Building in Stroud. Graveside services were held the following Monday at the Hunter Cemetery in Cushing.

Karen was born on May 13, 1958 in Pawnee, Oklahoma to Doris (White) Hunter and the late Harrison Hunter Jr. She grew up in McLoud, graduating from McLoud High School in 1976. She worked in house keeping at various hotels in Stillwater. Karen married Jimmy Gibson on January 7, 1984 in Perkins, Oklahoma. She enjoyed singing, and participating in Pow-wow's. Karen was a Baptist by faith. She enjoyed prayer meetings and all of the traditional activities. She was a member of the Sac and Fox Nation and also a descendent of the Otoe-Missouria and Iowa tribes. Karen loved taking care of her grandchildren.

Karen is survived by her husband Jimmy of the home; daughters Somer Lightfoot of Stillwater, Annette Gibson and Kenna Fields of Shawnee, Linsey Gibson of Perkins; mother Doris Hunter of Shawnee; brothers Henry Hunter and Jill of Shawnee, Warren Hunter of Perkins; sisters Rita Powell of Shawnee, Annette Rice and Bill of Cushing, Harriett Hunter of Eldon, Missouri; adopted brothers and sisters Butch Butler of Red Rock, Gene Bigsoldier of Carney, Linda Bigsoldier of Tryon; grandchildren George LeRoy, Dede LeRoy, Aaliyah Wood, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, brothers Lloyd Watts and Richard Watts; and sister Debbie Hunter. Arrangements were entrusted to Palmer Marler Funeral Home in Cushing, OK.



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Cemetery Protection

by Sandra Massey NAGPRA

The Sac and Fox Nation recently had a situation in which a private landowner refused to allow additional burials in a pre-existing family cemetery established on original allotment land. The cemetery is on land he purchased, and it is now no longer in trust. Legal opinion said he could not be made to allow the burial without an exception or restriction in the deed.

A provision in the deed of sale that identified the existence of the cemetery and its possible future use would have allowed the burial in that cemetery. The cemetery would be considered an exception on the deed of sale. Land currently in trust cannot be sold without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior and must be conducted through the Realty department.

Burials on trust property or federal land are protected by the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), one of the goals of which is to protect burials in situ (in place) when possible, and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), if the cemetery is eligible for or already listed on the National Register of Historic Places. NHPA ap-

plies only when federally funded projects are planned. Both acts require the involvement of the tribes whose lands, those where tribes had historic presence and those where tribes currently reside, are affected.

Cemeteries on land no longer in trust and those considered abandoned (not used within the last 25 years) are protected by the Oklahoma state laws. Title 8 of the Oklahoma statutes, "Cemeteries", provides for every aspect of a cemetery. For cemeteries on private land, the owner must provide access for visitation; those who want to visit must make a good faith effort to notify the property owner. The property owner cannot move the cemetery, and disturbance of the graves and headstones is a criminal act.

If discovered human remains suggest an historical relationship to a tribal group, the State Historic Preservation Office must consult with the tribe.

This article is a brief summary for information only and cannot be considered to be a legal opinion or legal advice.

Thank You

Words cannot express how much we loved and will miss our beloved Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Aunt, Linda Mae Mack Slick. We are thankful for all the support from friends, family, and her former co-workers during our time of sorrow.

We are especially grateful for the help from the different departments at the Sac and Fox Nation, the Maintenance Department, the Enrollment Department and all others who worked behind the scenes in helping us prepare for her funeral.

We would also like to thank the Sallateeska Baptist Church and the Church members for their help and the use of their facilities; for those who officiated at her services, Rev. Wayne Wilson, Rev. Ben Little, Rev. Thomas Morris and Lawrence Haney.

A special thanks goes out to Melanie McClung who spoke comforting words about the strength of our family's commitment to each other, regardless of time and distance; and to Vanessa McClung Tomahsah who shared two beautiful Comanche Hymns that gave us great solace.

We were greatly appreciative for those who came to pay their respects and for those who took the time to share their favorite memories with us. Everyone's presence was a testament to how much she was respected and loved. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all!

---The Family of Linda Mae Mack Slick

Deadline For November Paper is Monday, October 20

Food Distribution Program Updates

FDPIR Income Guidelines:

New Deductions Expected to Boost Participation Nationwide

With our increased FY14 Net Monthly Income Standards, new income deduction rules were also approved in the CFR. Households that pay rent or utilities, regardless of amount, are now allowed a Standard \$300 Deduction of their Net Monthly Income that is measured against the USDA Net Monthly Income Standards. For elderly or disabled household members there is now a Medical Expense Deduction that can be claimed for all out of pocket medical expenses with no limit regarding the amount. Also there is a new Meal Deduction that can be claimed should a household member require the full time services of a home health worker.

For more information on these deductions or to see if you qualify please call (866) 622-2310 Shawnee Office or (800) 256-3398 Stroud Office.

Sac and Fox Elders 2014 Calendar of Events

Oct 8, 2014: Sac and Fox Elders monthly meeting, at 10 am in the Multi Purpose Building, Shawnee. Pot Luck

Nov 12, 2014: Sac and Fox Elders monthly meeting, at 10 am in the Social Services Building, Stroud lunch room. Pot Luck

Dec 6, 2014: Sac and Fox Elders Winter Dance, Sac and Fox Community Building.

Dec 2014: Sac and Fox Elders monthly meeting, Multi Purpose Building, Shawnee. (Dec date to be determined.)

At the December meeting, the Elders will be electing new officers for Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer. Please attend the December meeting to nominate and vote on three positions of the Elders Advisory Committee.

EAC Officers: Cheryl McClellan, Chair • Jamey Noble, Vice-Chair
Beverly Jackson, Secretary • Laveta Ashley, Treasurer
Margaret Stevens, Member • BC Liaison, Orvena Gregory

ATTENTION

All persons owning an undivided interest in Sac and Fox Allotted Lands



EARLY LEASE MODIFICATIONS

The Realty Department cannot assist with lease modifications for early payments on farming and grazing leases. All payments must be made by the lessee and paid into the centralized commercial lockbox for distribution, unless otherwise stated in the original lease.

Pursuant to Policy Directive dated 07/21/2008 from the Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs.



HUNTING



Hunting is NOT permitted on Sac and Fox allotted lands by ANYONE other than the landowner(s).

Sac and Fox Nation Food Distribution Program

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