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Mark Megehee Portrays Jim Thorpe in Chautauqua

by Sandra Massey (NAGPRA)

Mark Megehee portrayed “The Greatest Athlete of the 20th Century”, Jim Thorpe, from July 5 - 17 in the Maryland Humanities Council’s 21st Chautauqua. Its theme was Sporting Lives and also featured portrayals of “The Fastest Woman on Earth” Wilma Rudolph and “The Sultan of Swat” Babe Ruth.

He also gave two presentations on June 26th and June 29th in Lawton.



Mark Megehee

While Megehee has experience in living history enactments, his portrayal of Jim Thorpe came at the request of Judy Dobbs, the Maryland Humanities Council program officer. She said he came highly recommended by Renee Gokey, Student Services Coordinator at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. who has family ties to the Sac and Fox Nation.

In his research to learn about Jim Thorpe, his story, Megehee read biographies, visited Jim Thorpe’s birthplace near Prague and the only house he ever owned in Yale. During the time he spent with the Chautauqua, he also visited Carlisle and other Jim Thorpe related areas. He learned about Jim Thorpe, the man. Megehee said he thinks Thorpe would tell people to be proud of their heritage and to exhibit sportsmanship, to be fair and to be a good sport.

“He had a big heart,” said Megehee. “He loved kids and all people. He could get mad, laugh, then put you out, but he never held a grudge. There was

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Re-collecting Black Hawk

By Nicholas Brown and Sarah Kanouse

Re-collecting Black Hawk by Nicholas Brown and Sarah Kanouse has now been published by the University of Pittsburgh Press. Contributing to the book from the Sac and Fox Nation in Oklahoma were Principal Chief George Thurman and Historic Preservation Officer Sandra Massey; contributors from the Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa were Johnathan

Buffalo, Historical Preservation Officer and Yolanda Pushtonequa, former Language Preservation Officer.

The name Black Hawk permeates the built environment in the upper midwestern United States. It has been appropriated for everything from fitness clubs to used car dealerships. Makataimeshekiakiak, the Sauk

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Chief’s Address To The Nation

Greetings!

I hope this edition of our Sac & Fox News finds you and family in good spirits and doing well. Our Sac & Fox Nation has experienced a very busy July with the 52nd annual Sac & Fox Nation Celebration pow-wow,

Primary elections, and so many other activities. I want to take this opportunity to wish all of our students a very successful 2015-16 school year and may you reach and achieve all of your goals and visions this coming new school year! Remember to ask God for guidance and to give the praise and glory to Him for your achievements.

National News. WASHINGTON, July 20, 2015 –National Indian Gaming Commission Chairman Jonodev O. Chaudhuri held a press conference on July 23 at 11 a.m. EDT to announce the Indian gaming industry’s 2014 gross gaming revenues. The annual announcement is based on independent audit reports from 459 Indian gaming establishments operated by 237 gaming tribes in 28 states and is conducted in accordance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

Source: Indian Country Today Bureau of Indian Affairs modifies original 1978 provisions by Gale Courey Toensing. Bottom Line: Tribes welcome the new “final rule” governing federal recognition of tribes, but its staying power is far from

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2015-2016 Sac and Fox Royalty: (From Left) Sac and Fox Honor Guard Princess, Ashley Tyce Ann Murdock; Little Miss Sac and Fox Princess, Gabi Morris; Junior Miss Sac and Fox, Marissa Marquez and Miss Sac and Fox, Kaylen Woods. (SFNews Photo)

Sac and Fox Nation Primary Election Results



Office of Chief
George Thurman
Kay Rhoads

Second Chief
Don Abney
Beverly Jackson

Committee Member
Robert Williamson
Tina Morris



Senior Man and Woman 2015-2016: Edward Littlehead and Beverly Jackson. (SFNews Photo)

Officer Hinker and K-9 Vader Assist U.S Marshall in Drug Bust

On July 09, 2015 while on K-9 training in Ada, Oklahoma Sac and Fox Officer Hinker and K-9 partner Vader were approached by US Marshall Service Drug Task Force and requested the use of K-9 Vader.

The US Marshall Service advised that a suspect wanted on \$100,000 dollar felony warrant was in room 14 of the All American Inn. The suspect was also under investigation for narcotic trafficking. Sac and Fox Officer Hinker and K-9 partner Vader were asked to cover the back door as the suspect was considered a runner.

The suspect was taken into custody and K-9 Vader was asked to conduct an open air sniff around the suspect’s vehicle. K-9 Vader alerted on the vehicle and a one gallon plastic freezer bag containing one pound of crystal substance that field tested positive to the presence of methamphetamine.

The Sac and Fox Nation’s tribal police force often is called upon to be a good neighbor and assist other law-enforcement

agencies. We are very proud of our K-9 partner Vader and the

representation he has established within the State of Oklahoma.



Wolfgang Hinker and K-9 Vader (Photo by Assistant Sac and Fox Police Chief Andy Selfridge)

Upcoming Events

- August 13**
Sac and Fox Nation Veterans Meeting
Cultural Center
- August 12**
Sac and Fox Elders Meeting
Stroud
- August 20**
Sac and Fox Nation Womens Auxillary
- August 29**
Sac & Fox Nation General Election
- August 29**
Sac & Fox Nation Governing Council

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Obituaries

Anthony "Boots" Lasley

Shawnee resident Anthony "Boots" Lasley, 83, passed away Sunday, July 19, 2015 in a local nursing home.

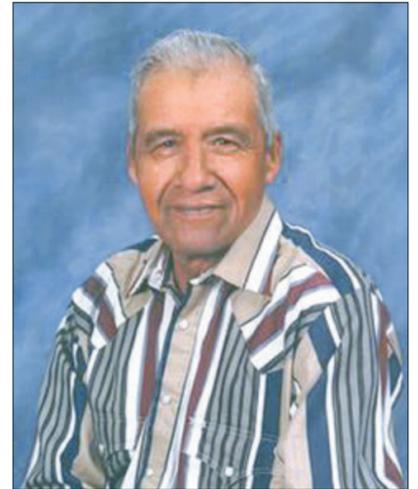
Services were held Thursday, July 23, 2015 at Immanuel Baptist Church with Mark Wright officiating. Burial followed in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Boots was born September 9, 1931 in Watova, Oklahoma to Estelle (Jones) and Oscar Lasley, and adopted by Virgil & Edna Connell. He was a member of the Shawnee High School Class of 1955, and served with the United States Air Force.

Boots was a partner with Shawnee Sale Barn, hauled hogs for James Sausage, and commercial livestock hauling.

On March 5, 1966 he married Joyce L. Stearman in Meeker, Oklahoma. He was a member and past President of the Shawnee Roundup Club, and enjoyed farming.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Boots is survived by his wife, Joyce Lasley, of the home; 2 Daughters: Shalah Lasley of Conroe, TX and Tammy Rodgers of Broken Arrow, OK; Grandchildren: Sharla Crawford and Zack Rodgers; Sister: Valerie Lasley; Brothers-in-Law & Spouses: Doyle & Claudia Stearman, Herschel & Barbara Stearman; Numerous Nieces and Nephews; and a former Sister-in-Law: Sylvia Weedman.



Anthony "Boots" Lasley

Albert Earl "Sonny" Lopez

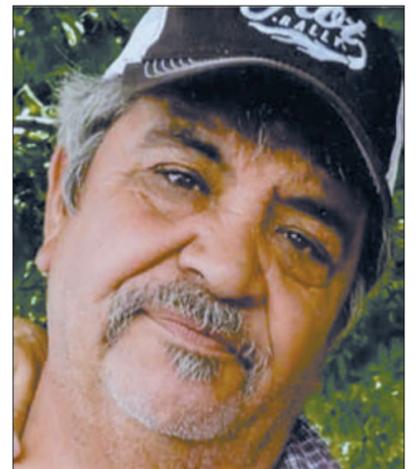
Albert Earl "Sonny" Lopez, 60, formerly of Altus, passed away on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at his home in Austin, Texas. Funeral services were Friday, July 3, 2015 at the Kincannon Memorial Chapel with Joe Lopez officiating. Burial followed in the Altus City Cemetery under the direction of the Kincannon Funeral Home.

Sonny was born on October 11, 1954 to Henry G. and Lela J. (Ellis) Lopez in Clinton, Oklahoma. He graduated from Altus High School with the class of 1974 and had taken classes at Western Oklahoma State College. While in Altus, Sonny worked in commercial and residential construction. After moving to Austin, he worked for CTS Cable Company then began his own business as an installer with Time Warner Cable. Sonny also worked security for Austin City Limits and Rot Rally of Texas. For the last 12 years, he worked for John Dyezz at Dyezz Surveillance, a commercial security company. He enjoyed the great outdoors, fishing and boating, as well as his Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Sonny was of the Catholic faith.

Sonny is preceded in death by his father, Henry Lopez, a brother, Earnest Lopez, and a sister, Tess Lopez Harris.

He is survived by his mother, Lela Lopez; a sister, Anita M. Zein of Altus, OK; two brothers, Ronald Lopez and wife, Cris, of Pflugerville, TX and Genaro Lopez of Austin, TX; he also leaves behind his three children, Emilie, Mariah and Michael.

Memorial donations may be made in the family's name to Kincannon Funeral Home, 3020 N. Main Street, Altus, OK 73521.



Albert Earl "Sonny" Lopez

Viola Freida Morris Prewitt

Viola Frieda Prewitt was born in Stroud, OK on January 11, 1922 and departed this life in Shawnee, Oklahoma on Thursday, July 16, 2015 at the age of 93 years.

Viola was the daughter of Grover and Clara (Falls) Morris.

She was a resident of Stroud most of her life and was a member of the Only Way Baptist Church north of Stroud. She is one of the few remaining full blood Sac and Fox tribal member. She married Solomon Prewitt in Stroud on March 11, 1961. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Sollmon, six brothers and 5 sisters.

Survivors include, one son and daughter in law, George and Mary M. Harjo of Stroud, step sons, Earnest Prewitt of Stroud, Jerry Prewitt of Stroud, Richard S. Prewitt of Cleveland, OK one step daughter, Caroyln Collins of Cleveland, OK four grandchildren, Christopher G. Harjo, Valerie G. Miller, Barry T. Harjo and Malerie V. Lee. seven great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. Funeral service were held at Parks Brothers Chapel, Stroud, Oklahoma on Monday, July 20, 2015 with Rev. Tim Morelan, Rev. Jimmy Anderson and Rev. Emerson Falls officiating. Burial followed in the Stroud Cemetery under the direction of Parks Brothers Funeral Service in Stroud.



Viola Freida Morris Prewitt

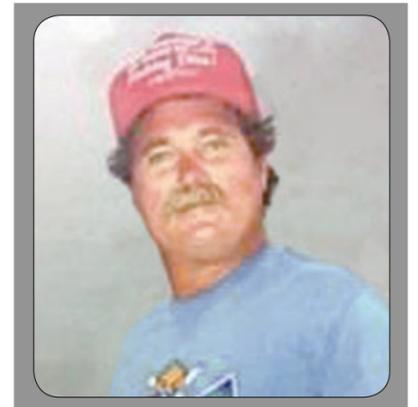
Mark W. Person

Mark W. Person, 67, of Fort Smith, passed from this life June 27, 2015 in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He was born March 9, 1948 in Elgin, Texas to the late Bobbie Charles and Betty Jo Person.

Mark worked as an automotive mechanic and was a veteran of the United States Army.

Mark is survived by his daughter, Sandra Merrill and her husband Mike of Fort Smith, Arkansas; his sister, Karen Vanderploeg and her husband John of Fort Smith; two granddaughters, Abby and Ally, as well as many nieces and nephews.

No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation was under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home.



Mark W. Person

NOTICE Sac and Fox Nation General Election August 29, 2015

NOTICE:

Principal Chief George Thurman
Announces

Sac and Fox Nation Annual
Governing Council

August 29, 2015
10:00 AM

Sac and Fox Nation Community Building



Mark Megehee Portrays Jim Thorpe in Chautauqua by Sandra Massey (NAGPRA) — From Page 1

nothing in his heart but kindness.”

Jim Thorpe is a national figure in both the Sac and Fox Nation and the United States, and the Olympic rings appear on the tribal seal in his honor. Many of the stories local people tell are of how “Jim was a regular guy” who attended tribal activities.



“Committee Member Stella Nullake attended one of Mark Megehee’s performances as Jim Thorpe. Megehee portrayed Jim Thorpe in the Maryland Humanities Council Chautauqua.” (Photo by Sandra Massey NAGPRA)

“Pow wows, tribal events...there’s a thrill of being tribal,” Megehee said. “The Sac and Fox way is humbling – to share and care, to have respect. We don’t force or coerce anybody to change their lifestyle. They follow their way. Our way is family oriented. We remember where we came from.”

Megehee could also identify personally with other aspects of Thorpe’s life. He is also a Sac and Fox tribal member with Irish blood who is proud of his heritage, and, despite having left the state of Oklahoma at different times, like Jim Thorpe, he never forgot his Oklahoma roots.

Megehee’s own family ties had a personal connection to Jim Thorpe. His grandmother, Emma Nawashe, a full blood Sac and Fox, and her brother William (Billy) were already students at the Carlisle Indian School when Jim Thorpe arrived there. Thorpe was glad to know there were other Sac and Fox students, and they became close friends. Family legend says that Billy Nawashe was one of the pall bearers at Jim Thorpe’s funeral.

Jim Thorpe went out on the lecture circuit in his lifetime as well. Megehee’s portrayal covers topics Thorpe probably had spoken of himself, the Olympic events and football, including

the game in which Dwight D. Eisenhower’s tackle of Jim Thorpe “almost cost him his destiny,” related Megehee, “Eisenhower almost missed out on joining the Army because of that” – which then could have changed his course to the presidency.

“I want to represent Jim Thorpe in a way that the tribe and his family would like,” Megehee said. “(Thorpe) taught me an American Indian could succeed and be a competitor in the white man’s world. He made it. I’ve followed his example in my field as an historian and museum curator.”

Megehee, who has a bachelor’s degree in theology, received his master’s

degree in history from the University of Oklahoma, where he learned to “develop storylines” to “tell the story right”, which he did for thirty years, working in the museums of the Department of the Army, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Fort Sill National Historic Landmark and Museum, the Frontier Army Museum in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the Noncommissioned Officer Museum and the Air Defense Artillery Museum, both in Fort Bliss, Texas.

He has been awarded the Order of Saint Barbara and the Army Civilian Achievement Medal. “History changed my life,” he said.



Mark Megehee portrays Jim Thorpe in the Maryland Humanities Council Chautauqua during a special performance in Oklahoma. (Photo by Sandra Massey)



Mark Megehee’s grandmother, Emma Nawashe, who was a student at Carlisle when Jim Thorpe arrived there. (Photo provided by Mark Megehee)

What are Chautauquas and their Origin

Chautauquas are themed events in which scholars portray historical figures whose speeches relate to the theme and are presented on stage, most under a big tent. After their presentation, the scholars then answer questions from the audience as the figure portrayed and later as the scholar.

The Chautauqua is named for its place of origin, Chautauqua Lake in New York, where it began in 1874 as an educational institution.

In 1904 the Chautauquas traveled the country in “circuit Chautauquas” and brought the lecturers, speakers, and entertainers of the day to rural communities.

The current day Chautauquas, sponsored by state humanities councils, recreate the circuit Chautauquas through the historical figures and entertainers.

Re-collecting Black Hawk From Page 1

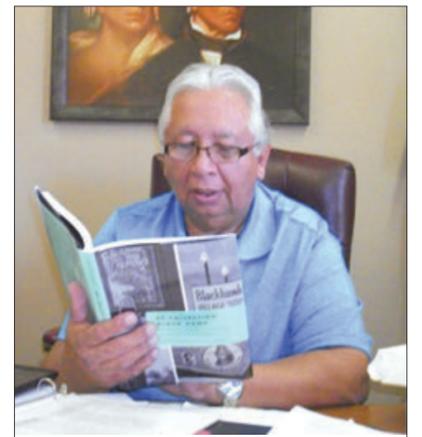
Indian war leader whose name loosely translates to “Black Hawk,” surrendered in 1832 after hundreds of his fellow tribal members were slaughtered at the Bad Axe Massacre.

Re-Collecting Black Hawk examines the phenomena of this appropriation in the physical landscape, and the deeply rooted sentiments it evokes among Native Americans and descendants of European settlers. Nearly 170 original photographs are presented and juxtaposed with texts that reveal and complicate the significance of the imagery. Contributors include tribal officials, scholars, activists, and others, such as George Thurman, the principal chief of the Sac and Fox Nation and a direct descendant of Black Hawk. These image-text encounters offer visions of both the past and present and the shaping of memory through landscapes that reach beyond their material presence into spaces of cultural and political power. As we witness, the evocation of Black Hawk serves as a painful reminder, a forced deference, and a veiled attempt to wipe away the guilt of past atrocities. Re-Collecting Black Hawk also points toward the future. By simultaneous-

ly unsettling and reconstructing the midwestern landscape, it envisions new modes of peaceful and just co-existence and suggests alternative ways of inhabiting the landscape.

Nicholas A. Brown is a visiting assistant professor in the American Indian and Native Studies program at the University of Iowa.

Sarah E. Kanouse is an associate professor in the school of art and art history at the University of Iowa.



Chief George Thurman reading the new release “Re-collecting Black Hawk”

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clear as anti-Indian forces—who have already defeated a key provision—dig in. The Bureau of Indian Affairs has unwrapped its long-awaited package of reformed regulatory procedures and criteria for the federal acknowledgment of Indian tribes. U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Kevin K. Washburn released the new streamlined “final rule” June 29. It is the first major overhaul of the regulations for federal acknowledgment (or federal recognition) since they were established in 1978. But the road ahead is uncertain. Some Indian law experts say a provision removed from the final rule that would have allowed previously denied tribes to re-petition under the new regulations will likely result in litigation. And the final rule may not even be implemented. On June 16, the Republican-led House Appropriations Committee approved a \$30.17 billion spending plan for the Department of the Interior and related agencies that includes a rider prohibiting the implementation of the new rule. The rider is of a piece with other assaults on Indian country that have taken place recently in the House Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.

Local News. Policy Analyst Melissa Peros, Economic Development Director Wayne Evans, and I traveled to Washington DC from July 19-23 and attended the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee / Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC/SGAC) 3rd quarter Advisory Committee Meeting, and the Self-Governance Communication Education Tribal Consortium (SGCETC) Board Meeting and visited Nicole M Dennis, JD, Deputy Associate Administrator, Juvenile Justice System Improvement Division to discuss the 2nd Chance Re-entry Grant for Juveniles. We met with our Oklahoma Congressional Delegation: Representative Tom Cole (R) OK-4th; Representative Jim Bridenstine (R) OK-1st; Representative Steve Russell (R) OK-5th; Representative Markwayne Mullin (R) OK-2nd; Representative Frank D. Lucas (R) OK 3rd; Senator

James Lankford (R); and Senator James Inhofe (R) to discuss position on the Self-Governance Act of 2015 / Tribal Transportation / follow up discussion on the trespass and “squatter” issues of property in Cushing, OK on the old railroad right of way / sequestration and the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act of 2015 / and our federal charters.

We met with Luis deBaca, Director of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registration, and Tracking (SMART) Office to discuss Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) implementation at our Nation. This office is responsible for monitoring sex offenders in Indian Country and he and the project officer for the Sac and Fox Nation requested a visit with us while we were in Washington DC. Mr. Evans attended the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) 2015 Summer Legislative Summit and visited Mr. Deschene, Office of Tribal Energy to discuss pursuing energy initiatives.

Short Takes

* South Kelly Road Improvement project in Agra, OK, began July 20th.

* Oklahoma Cowgirls Association (OCA) barrel racing event was cancelled due to the weather conditions on July 21, possibly rescheduled for August 4.

* One big “Thank You” to our Powwow Committee and all of the volunteers for the activities and events held during our 4 day Celebration, July 9-13.

* We have issued the 120 day notice to National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) for the Cushing Casino site.

* Shareholders Meeting August 8th, tribal complex; please plan to attend.

* Annual Governing Council August 29th.

Our Nation is progressing! Many more positive announcements will be forthcoming soon re our advancement with our new health clinic, casino, additions to our governmental departments, and future events at the rodeo grounds.

Sincerely,
George Thurman, Principal Chief

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Medicare Started in 1965 Now 50 Years Old

On July 30, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law legislation that established the Medicare and Medicaid programs. For 50 years, these programs have been protecting the health and well-being of millions of American families, saving lives, and improving the economic security of our nation.

Though Medicare and Medicaid started as basic insurance programs for Americans who didn’t have health insurance, they’ve changed over the years to provide more and more Americans with access to the quality and affordable health care they need.

This summer, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will

mark the anniversary of these programs by recognizing the ways in which these programs have transformed the nation’s health care system over the past 5 decades. They’ll also look to the future and explore ways to keep Medicare and Medicaid strong for the next 50 years.

As part of the agency’s 50th anniversary celebration, they’ve launched the official Medicare Facebook page! The Facebook page will serve as an informational resource for those who will soon enroll in Medicare and the people currently on Medicare. Join us in celebrating 50 years by liking the Medicare Facebook page and sharing it with friends and family!

Black Hawk Health Center

Don't Forget to Check your Child's Immunization Records

By Stephanie Brown, Immunization Field Consultant
Payne, Kay, Noble and Pawnee Counties

The summer break is winding down! Soon, parents across Oklahoma will be busy trying to get ready for the first day of school. Between shopping for new clothes and shoes or paper and pencils, don't forget to check your child's immunization records.

To keep children in Oklahoma schools healthy, state law requires all students be vaccinated against certain diseases before they enter or attend any public or private school in the state.

All children entering kindergarten through twelfth grade in Oklahoma are required to have:

- Five doses of DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)
- Four doses of polio vaccine
- Two doses of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)
- Three doses of hepatitis B vaccine
- Two doses of hepatitis A vaccine
- One dose of varicella (chicken pox) vaccine
- One dose of Tdap is required for students entering 7th-11th grade

The following vaccines are not required to attend school; however, they are strongly recommended by the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) for adolescents 11 years of age and older:

- A second dose of varicella vaccine
- Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) at age 11-12 and a booster dose at age 16-18
- Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine

Students entering Oklahoma colleges are required to have MMR and hepatitis B vaccines. First-time college enrollees who will be residing on campus are required to have the meningococcal vaccine. These requirements do not apply to students enrolling in online courses only or through distance learning in which the student is not required to attend on-campus classes.

Overall exemption rates for kindergartners in Oklahoma have increased from 0.7% in the 2004-2005 school year to 1.54% during the 2014-2015 school year due to an increase in personal and religious exemptions. While some vaccine-preventable diseases have become very rare during the past 50 years thanks to vaccines, cases of disease and outbreaks occur and

are still a threat. In 2014, 28,660 cases of whooping cough (pertussis) were reported in the United States, which was an 18% increase in cases when compared to 2013. Measles was declared eliminated from the U.S. in 2000. However, 668 cases were reported in 2014, with the majority of those cases being among unvaccinated people. These diseases still occur in other countries. An unvaccinated traveler and a plane ride is all it takes for diseases to arrive in your community.

Parents and grandparents may also want to check their own immunization records. A Td (tetanus and diphtheria) booster is recommended for all adults every 10 years. A dose of Tdap should replace one of the doses of Td to help protect any babies they may be around. Tdap is a combination vaccine that protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough).

Seasonal flu vaccines are recommended yearly for everyone 6 months of age and older. Influenza is a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and, in some cases, even death. In the 2014-2015 influenza season, there were 2,299 influenza-associated hospitalizations and 114 influenza-associated deaths across Oklahoma. The single best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get vaccinated each year. People should begin getting vaccinated as soon as the vaccine becomes available.

As parents, one of the most important things you can do to ensure your children's health is to make sure they receive all of their immunizations on time. This choice to be immunized protects beyond your immediate family to your friends, your communities, and your schools. It helps prevent the spread of disease and can stop or slow an outbreak. It also reduces the chances that those diseases spread to the most vulnerable – infants too young to be fully vaccinated, children and adults with chronic illness, pregnant women, people with certain allergies, and the elderly. Being immunized gives you and your children the freedom to hold a newborn or spend time with grandparents without fear of potentially passing on a life-threatening illness. When you choose to protect your family through vaccination, you immunize for the greater good.

Food and Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease

By Elizabeth Burgess MS, RD/LD

Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) is a digestive disorder in which stomach acid, foods, and fluids can flow back into the esophagus. Common symptoms include frequent heartburn, stomach pain, and nausea or vomiting. Remember, it is important to speak with your doctor if these symptoms occur often.

In the meantime, avoiding or cutting down on certain foods may help alleviate GERD symptoms. Mint, chocolate, alcohol, caffeine, and acidic or spicy foods have been known to cause flare-ups and typically it is a good idea to limit these items as often as possible. Fatty foods such as fried items, butter, oils, and pastries are large contributors to heartburn. Choose low fat dairy op-

tions, baked dishes, healthy whole grains, and lean protein sources instead. It is important to know that the timing and amount of food eaten can also influence how your body feels. Try to eat smaller, more frequent meals throughout the day. In some cases, it may be a good idea to keep a log of which foods cause your GERD symptoms to flare up throughout the day.

Lifestyle changes such as quitting smoking, losing weight, wearing loose-fitting clothing, and staying upright after meals have also been shown to ease GERD symptoms. Stay in contact with your doctor and registered dietitian so they can help guide you through the best treatment options.

Merle Boyd Center



2015 Sac and Fox Nation Health More Photos in September

August 2015 Black Hawk Health Center Activities

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 3 Exercise Room open 7AM-4:30PM | 4 Exercise Room open 8AM-4:30PM | 5 Exercise Room open 7AM-6PM 11:15 Circuit Training 12:15 Circuit Training 5 PM Lower Body Focus Training Class | 6 Exercise Room open 8AM-6PM 11:15 Circuit Training 12:15 Circuit Training 5 PM Upper Body Focus | 7 Exercise Room open 7AM-4:30PM 11:15 Circuit Training 12:15 Circuit Training |
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August Cooking Class

Featuring:
"Eat Your Vitamins" Series
Vitamins A, D, E, K



Sac and Fox Nation Learning Center
Tuesday, August 25th at 12:00 pm
Friday, August 28th at 11:00 am

Hosted by: Elizabeth Burgess MS, RD/LD

Office of Environmental Services

Houseplants that remove air pollutants and Improve Indoor Air Quality

by Phillip Mee, Air Quality Environmental Specialist

Indoor pollutants and houseplants

People spend more than 90 percent of their time indoors and this is why air quality matters. Furniture, upholstery, synthetic building materials, and cleaning products in homes and offices can emit a variety of toxic compounds, like formaldehyde. Indoor air pollution can also be caused by pollen, bacteria, and molds, as other contaminants from the outdoors like car exhaust, can get into buildings. All of which are made worse in small or poorly-ventilated spaces, especially if you seal or accidentally paint your windows shut. These are all what help rank indoor air pollutants among the top five environmental health risks to public health.

Don't worry though, there is an easy affordable way to remove the presence of indoor air pollutants that you (we) may be breathing in, it comes from the natural world. Plants purify air, making them a life support system for us. Putting potted plants in a room has been shown to reduce air pollutants. Houseplants clean the air absorbing some of the particulates from the air at the same time they take in carbon dioxide (CO2), this is then turned into oxygen through the process of photosynthesis. Microorganisms combined with the plants are present in the potting soil are also responsible for a lot of the cleaning effect.

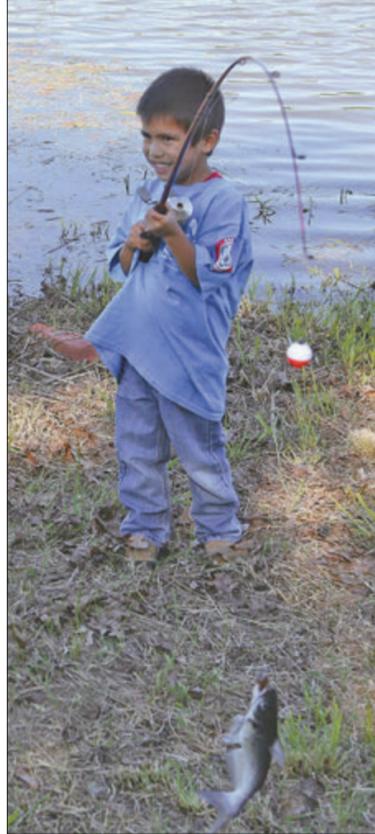
Here is list of some houseplants to use

and pollutants that they help remove.

1. Garden Mums, Pollutants removed: ammonia, benzene, formaldehyde, and xylene
2. Spider Plant, Pollutants removed: formaldehyde and xylene
3. Dracaena, Pollutants removed: benzene, formaldehyde, trichloroethylene, and xylene
4. Ficus/Weeping Fig, Pollutants removed: benzene, formaldehyde and trichloroethylene
5. Peace Lily, Pollutants removed: ammonia, benzene, formaldehyde and trichloroethylene
6. Snake Plant, Pollutants removed: formaldehyde, trichloroethylene and xylene
7. Aloe Vera, Pollutants removed: formaldehyde

Each plant has its own environmental conditions that they like. So, when purchasing one or two, look for a tag that comes with the plant or look online to find out how much sunlight and water it will need to keep them growing and healthy.

If anybody has any concerns about their Indoor Air Quality (IAQ). Please contact Phillip Mee at the Office of Environmental Services at, 918-968-0046, or phillip.mee@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov to set up an individual consultation where we can discuss any specific concerns/issues and determine if an indoor air quality assessment needs to be conducted.



Free Private Well Testing Sign-Up has Ended

By Dale Miller Water Quality OES

We at Sac and Fox Nation's Office of Environmental Services have been requesting participation in the Private Water Well testing program under the CWA 106 Grant. We will begin testing soon. We wanted to pass along that the program has been filled and we will offer this service again after October 1st, 2015 of this year. We appreciate all the private well owners that have signed up

and look forward to meeting all of you soon.

So if you missed out be sure to request to be signed up for next year's round of tests. This service is a wonderful value approximately value is \$325 of testing done for Sac and Fox Nation's members and Sac and Fox Nation's trust lands. dale.miller@sacaandfoxnation-nsn.gov 918-968-3526 ext 2091

INDOOR AIR QUALITY

Please mail or return form to the address below.

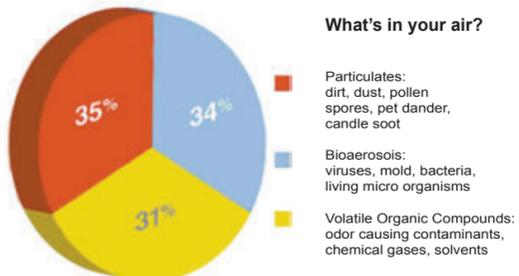
You may also contact us via email, phone, or fax.



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SOURCE: oltrom.com/IAQ/index

We are seeking input from Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Members so we may address their concerns over Indoor Air Quality (IAQ). All respondents will be contacted individually to better understand their concerns, provide insight into future project development, and determine if an IAQ assessment is needed. All personal information provided is confidential.

This service is provided at no cost to you!

A Look Back at this Year's Veteran's Lake Event

By Dale Miller Water Quality OES

This has been a wonderful season for the Office of Environmental Services, and an enjoyable experience with all those whom have been able and willing to participate in this year's events for Water Quality under the CWA 106 Grant. The Veteran's Lake event was held on May 12th, 2015 from 4:30pm until 6:30pm in the evening. This time frame was chosen to allow as many people to attend as possible. This was the 2nd Annual and plans are in the works for this event to continue yearly.

The 2nd Annual Fishing Derby held at beautiful Veteran's Lake was well received. Many youth learned about how water quality effects them and their environment. If you haven't experienced Veteran's Lake then you are missing out on an extraordinarily clear and peaceful oasis. Many different fish call this lake home. Bass, Catfish, Crappie, Bluegill, Sunfish, and Crayfish are abundant in this lake's clear still waters. Several youth experienced the thrill of catching these lively fish. It was well attended and youth seemed to truly enjoy the experience.

We at Sac and Fox Nation's Environmental Services partnered with Oklahoma's Department of Wildlife Conservation's Aquatic Education Program to share with the public how important and enjoyable lakes, rivers, and streams can be. OKDWC supplied all the rods, reels, and tackle to perform the fishing at the event. Additionally, OKDWC graciously stocked the lake with over 2,000lbs of catfish for the event.

We would like to thank the Maintenance department for their special attention to Veteran's Lake grounds, set up, and the clean up afterwards of the event. Also, the Sac and Fox News operated by Ken Johnson for sharing with others all OES does.

We honor and appreciate the Sac and Fox Nation for allowing the use of a private tribal resource, Veteran's Lake, to be opened to others in the community for this special event.

We at OES are looking forward to next year's event. Hope you all will be there. dale.miller@sacaandfoxnation-nsn.gov 918-968-3526 ext 2091

SAUK LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT PHILOSOPHY

Indians are born speaking our languages. For some of us, they lie dormant within our bodies. They are looking for a way out. God gave us these beautiful languages. All of us hold them in a sacred manner within. There is no such thing as an Indian person who cannot speak Indian.

Our language programs find these languages within our bodies. They bring them out through our mouths and deliver them to their rightful resting places within our hearts.



Quotes

**<http://www.nativevillage.org/Libraries/Quotes>

"It's very freeing to find your language and see that you are actually from somewhere."

L. Frank, Tongva and Ajachmen

"The major reason Native students drop out is they are bored. There's a disconnect between what they bring to school of their language and culture and what's being taught at school."

Willard Gilbert, Hopi

"There are not enough words to give to tell you how important language is to our sacred traditions."

Phil Cash, Umatilla

"My biggest fear for any Indian people is one day the federal government is going to say, you don't have your language, your customs, your culture, you don't have your tribe anymore. You're just American citizens and that's it."

Brigitte Whipple,
Warm Springs Indian Reservation

Word List:

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| I'm going to drive. | Níhnanâhikwêhike. |
| Stroud | Shtowâteki |
| Cushing | Koshineki |
| Chandler | Chêninêheki |
| Shawnee | Shânîheki |
| Tulsa | Tanathîheki |
| Oklahoma City | Okonohômîheki |
| I'm leaving. | Nîhnâkwa |
| I'm going home. | Nîhpeno |
| I'm going to ride. | Nîhnômeko |
| Where to? | Tâtepi? |
| Are you lost? | Kewanitho? |

U.S. Senator Schatz Amendment to the Every Child Achieves Act of 2015 Passes the Senate.

Leech Lake, MN July 17, 2015: The National Coalition of Native American Language Schools and Programs is happy to announce that the U.S. Senate passed an important amendment to the Every Child Achieves Act of 2015, which reauthorizes elementary and secondary education programs for the next five years. U.S. Senator Schatz (Hawaii) worked closely with the National Coalition to seek an amendment that will help change the way federal education policy is implemented in schools where education is delivered primarily through the medium of a Native American language.

The National Coalition's Director, Ms. Leslie Harper (Ojibwe) expressed excitement when she said, "We could not have asked for a better champion than Senator Schatz. He has a firm grasp of the issues. This amendment is part of the long process of revitalizing our Native American languages, which face extinction without appropriate educational policies."

We also want to thank lead cosponsor U.S. Senator Murkowski (AK), as well as cosponsors U.S. Senator Daines (MT) and U.S. Senator Sullivan (AK) for their support and hard work to help ensure the amendment's passage. Finally, the Coalition extends our sincere thanks to our many friends and relatives for their advocacy work to align the ESEA to the Native American Languages Act of 1990.

The amendment received strong support from such large national organiza-

tions as the National Education Association, the National Congress of American Indians and the National Indian Education Association and also numerous tribal, state, and Native community entities as well as individuals from diverse backgrounds. Harper stated that the grassroots support and large organization response has been "both amazing and heartwarming."

The National Coalition is calling upon the Congress and the Obama Administration to assist us in our efforts to protect and preserve our indigenous languages, and to further support the use of our Native American Languages in education.

The National Coalition of Native American Language Schools and Programs is made up of individuals from schools and programs impacted by the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) in the use of Native American languages as the medium of instruction as protected by the Native American Languages Act 1990 (NALA). These schools and programs are located in Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Idaho, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Contact Information:

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leslieharperojibwe@gmail.com

Word Match

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| Chêninêheki | I'm going to drive |
| Níhnanâhikwêhike | I'm leaving |
| Okonohômîheki | Tulsa |
| Shânîheki | I'm going to ride |
| Nîhpeno | Oklahoma City |
| Shtowâteki | I'm going home |
| Nîhnâkwa | Cushing |
| Koshineki | Stroud |
| Tâtepi? | Are you lost? |
| Tanathîheki | Shawnee |
| Nîhnômeko | Chandler |
| Kewanitho? | Where to? |

Sauk Language Happenings and News



AUGUST
NÎPENWI
RIPENING MOON



Check it Out!

Updated Talk Sauk website
*New Games, Videos, Color pages and Stories

VISIT www.talksauk.cotm

Sauk High School Students:

Class Starts August 13, 2015

Check out the Sauk videos on

vimeo

Make sure you got your Sauk Language App!!!

The new **Sauk Language App** for all mobile devices is now available for downloading. Go to **GooglePlay** or **iTunes** and download your **FREE Sauk Language App** today.

And....

The 2014 Sac and Fox National Pow-wow Traditional DVDs are ready. Due to budget cuts, we have a limited number on hand at the Department, but will take requests for one copy per person when those are gone. Call or come by the Language Department to get your copy today. Sorry, we can only give out one per person.

Word Scramble

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| nihoiêhkmOok | _____ |
| Nhopîen | _____ |
| wKaienot?h | _____ |

2015 Annual Turtle Race



Champs



Best Names: (From Left) 1st, Turtskin, sponsored by Audriana Barcindebar; 2nd, Lil'Kisko, sponsored by Lyndee McClellan and 3rd, Tabasco, sponsored by Laila.



Best Dressed: (From Left) 1st, Turtskin, sponsored by Audriana Barcindebar; 2nd, April, sponsored by Jada Pleets and 3rd, Batman, sponsored by Dade Cooper.



Large Land Turtle Race: (From Left) 1st, GT, sponsored by Mariah; 2nd, Michelangelo, sponsored by Ronnie Lauderdale and 3rd, Tiyreana, sponsored by Taiiana Barcindebar.



Small Turtle Land Race: (From Top) 1st, Pink Lady, sponsored by Daisey; 2nd, Lightning, sponsored by Gerald, Max Starla and Bobby McIntosh; 3rd, 1st, 3 Hearts, sponsored by Liberty.



Water Turtle Race: (From Left) 1st, GT, sponsored by Mariah; 2nd, 3 Hearts, sponsored by Liberty and 3rd, Tom, sponsored by Mary.

August 2015 Wordsearch

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SAC AND FOX ANNUAL POWWOW



More Photos to Come in September

PRINCIPAL CHIEF**GEORGE THURMAN**

(Mark your calendars)

Saturday, August 29th**Polls Open: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

(Please take your picture identification and tribal membership card, it may be required.)

Polling Sites:

Cushing: First Indian Baptist Church, 1034 E. Walnut

Stroud: Cultural Center at Tribal Complex

Shawnee: Multi-Purpose Building, 215 N. Harrison

I have no hidden agenda nor will I mislead you; my continued efforts to help our people has been and will continue to be at the forefront of my slate; the ability to compromise without sacrificing idealism, the unification of our membership in our ideas, visions, and desire to benefit everyone; and to listen to your concerns whether we differ to the solutions. All I ask of you is to let the elected officials do their job to the best of their abilities. Since the year 2000, when I became a Business Committee member and started working for you, I list just a few of the many accomplishments:

- **Chapel:** which is used for family reunions, church services, meetings, pageants, weddings and funerals
- **Veteran's Memorial:** an ongoing project which is being completed in stages.
- **Improved Roads, Bridges, & Parking Lots:** tribal members drive these roads & bridges or live along these public roads, and park in these lots whenever visiting the complex.
- **Swimming Pool:** open to public and private pool parties
- **Land Acquisition:** broadening our land base, some to be used for economic development.
- **Economic Development Department:** developed to diversify in areas other than gaming, create jobs, and create income to supplement our federal dollars.
- **Policy Analyst:** this position gathers and analyzes information concerning congressional and administrative activities that affect the welfare of the SFN and its members and provides advice regarding alternatives that exist in developing strategies and decisions concerning programs, policies, budgets and any other areas of concern to the SFN. Researches, analyzes, directs, and monitors national/congressional legislation affecting the SFN.
- **Pow-wow grounds:** new arena lighting, bleachers, announcers stand, reserved seating for elders & handicapped, new pavilions, improved electrical hook-ups, and expansion of water faucets.
- **Rodeo Arena, Concession Building, Bleachers, & Lighting:** 5 additional events scheduled this year alone.
- **Gaming:** soon to be 3 sites covering our entire jurisdiction.
- **Firearms Safety Range:** this range is used for training of our police officers.
- **Information Technology Department:** the addition of this department has helped keep cost down on maintenance, staff on site to help with problems, and bringing us into the next area of development.
- **Veteran's Honor Guard & Women's Auxiliary:** created to honor/support our warriors who have sacrificed so much for our freedom.
- **Progeny Enrollment Software:** implemented to strengthen our enrollment records.
- **Sauk Language Program:** initiated to preserve our language.
- **HUD / ICDGB Grants:** resulting in Culture Center, Gymnasium, Learning Center, Merle Boyd Center, Lagoons, and USDA Food Distribution Center (Shawnee store).
- **Feasibility Study:** of 5 tracts of land for best possible use in all areas of our jurisdiction.
- **Grants Writing / Planning Department:** established to apply for grants to supplement our federal dollars, to help establish economic development, and to help develop plans for our future.

I am proud to point out that these projects started out as someone's vision(s); with proper planning and teamwork by our governmental staff, commissions, boards, committees, and individuals; you can see the end results of those visions with many accomplishments under my administration.

The "team" effort that I talk about within our tribal government has evolved from many work sessions to develop plans to expand, improve, and create: our gaming facilities, health facilities, housing, jobs, governmental departments, infrastructure, laws and ordinances, and services to tribal members; need to increase - grant applications, tribal enrollment, new buildings, and improvements to our roads & bridges; need to keep open communication, improve governmental policies & procedures, streamline our methods of ordering & purchasing, and improve upon our "customer relations" to tribal membership and the public. Once again, these are not promises but areas that have and will continue to receive my attention and support.

You have seen positive change during my terms as Chief, as we have worked collectively to improve services to you wherever you may reside. The following projects are being carefully planned, cost analysis being conducted and negotiated, request for proposals being implemented, and teams of people making decisions that will affect your families' future. These are not promises, they are happening now, as the earlier mentioned projects that have been completed:

- **Black Hawk Health Center at Tribal Complex:** As far back as August 4, 2003, plans were made to expand the clinic facility and add services. Other attempts have been made over the years with little or no success. The 1992 "10 Year Plan" identified expanding the "Black Hawk Clinic" to be a full service facility. Services in the clinic have changed very little over the years. There have been positive upgrades in pharmacy, laboratory, and radiology, but the expansion of services has been held back by lack of adequate space and design. One of the major factors in physician recruitment is the existence of a modern, well equipped facility able to provide the level of services necessary to support their practice. The current 20 year old design cannot address those needs. BHHC could provide a wider range of health services not currently available on campus and require a referral to other health care providers. Those services could include Cardiology Testing, Screening Mammography, Optometry Services, Dental Services, Audiology Testing, Computerized Tomography, Wound Care, and Health Education Services. The objectives are increase on-site patient services, improve accessibility to other health care services and programs, meet the health care needs of the patient population, and increase third party billing revenue. This project has already begun with the selection of an architect and construction company, clarification on funding, meeting with our Tribal Transportation Department for parking and entrance road, and planning a date so tribal members can meet and make suggestions as to what you would like in the facility, I want your vision for your health facility. This endeavor began during my administration and groundbreaking can be in 2015.

- **Satellite Outpatient Clinic in Cushing:** will provide basic health services - Family Practice Services, Point of Care (POC) Lab Testing, Next Day Prescription Pick-up, Nurse Only Visits, and Follow-Up Visits. This site would increase patient services for Black Hawk Health Center patients that live north of Stroud; ease the burden of transportation on families; and create more jobs. This project implementation has started with direction given to our Health Director to proceed with implementation and can be realistically accomplished before the new BHHC is completed at the tribal complex. This project began during my administration and will move forward when property can be located in Cushing, OK.

- **Satellite Casino in Cushing:** has been recommended for best possible use by the Klas Robinson feasibility study just completed which has a site analysis and demographic characteristics, competitive gaming supply, facility recommendations, and pro forma. The site is in the Cushing Industrial Park 25,000 sq. ft. building, which has been vacant for around 30 years. This will result in more gaming revenue which means a larger per-cap; creating more jobs for qualified tribal members who can receive a gaming license; and increase the number of our casinos to 3. We are soliciting Request for Proposals' (RFP's) at this time. These RFP's are for funding the project and along with the feasibility study conducted, the careful analysis was to insure entering into another economic development endeavor that has a high percentage of success. I did not want to see a project that might create problems, we have learned by experience from past gaming ventures.

- **New Design of Tribal Auto Tags:** the inconvenience of routine stops by law enforcement who are usually curious as to the area where the tag is from has generated the desire to redesign our current car tags. Many tribal members have also indicated that they would like to see a new designed tag so the Tax Department and Business Committee are currently looking at a new design. This project will be implemented this year.

- **Tower Construction Notification System:** the Goal of a Tribes' TCNS Program is to protect and preserve the Tribes' historic properties, which include former as well as present tribal religious and cultural sites. The program does this in conjunction with the communications industry or the FCC in the tribes' areas of geographic concern in the United States. In all, this program/system provides a means for the tribe to respond directly to consulting companies/entities about the concerns they have about proposed tower construction. This program can and will generate revenues plus protects some of our sovereign rights. Implementation of this addition to our Historic Preservation Department has been approved and started.

- **New Long and Short Term Plans:** the addition of a grants writer/planner now allows our Nation to develop a new long range plan of 20-30 years for the future of our people, in addition to a short term plan of say 5 years and aggressively pursuing the goals. We just need to schedule meetings to start this process.

- **Digitized Record Retention:** our government has been discussing President Obama's Executive Order for all federal agencies to go "paperless" or to digitize documents. We are researching and comparing prices to find the best software program that will be compatible with the programs we have in existence. Our history lies within our documents and if we lose these then the consequences are unimaginable! Grants are being researched to fund this endeavor.

- **Software Simplified MIP Fund Accounting:** a conversion presently being implemented. I emphasize that the vast majority of all Indian nations / tribes are currently using this system. Governing Council's request has not fallen on "deaf ears", the request for current accounting of the Nation's funds has been continuously requested and with this conversion the answers will be readily available after the system is up and running with all of any glitches ironed out. I have listened to your requests for accountability and doing something about it.

Audits: are available to be reviewed by any tribal member by simply requesting to meet and talk with, or to simply call our Treasurer. I have never denied access of our audits to any tribal member.

Housing - Apartment Complex: our Sac & Fox Nation Housing Authority is implementing plans to build a 23 unit 2-3 bedroom Kimberly Street Apartments project and 3 new homes to be located on Westech Rd, all to be constructed in Shawnee, OK. Groundbreaking for the new Apartment Complex project is anticipated for this fall 2015! Yes, I want housing for our tribal members. I have been served by our Housing Authority and own my home, I want you to experience that feeling of home ownership! Policies implemented by the SFNHA have given priority to enrolled Sac & Fox Tribal members who meet the criteria or requirements to live in rental units or to participate in the home ownership of our housing programs. These policies have been in place long before 2000 when I became a Business Committee member.

A tribal police officer has been employed by our tribal police department, salary to be provided by Housing, to be utilized for Housing related matters.

- **Media Relations Department:** a much needed area within our tribal government to help with the Sac & Fox News; work with the Business Committee on press releases; work with entities of the Nation to promote events; manage our website & Facebook account. A job description is being developed, budget modification, and placement on the organizational chart are the only things needed for implementation.

- **Violence Against Indigenous Women's National Baseline Study:** we were selected by the National Institute of Justice to participate from all the tribes in the United States; a program and study done by the Institute which requires nothing monetary from the tribe, can be used in both other grant applications and public relations spectrums; and our Nation has already instituted the full extent of the Jurisdiction provided by the new VAWA law and participating in this program will support our previous actions. We will protect our Native women.

- **Land Acquisition:** inquiries and negotiations of new lands to add to our existing land base have already begun, land necessary to accomplish economic development and possibly housing is the purpose for this land acquisition.

- **Economic Development Portfolios:** our Economic Development Department has already begun to put together portfolios of different areas to develop diversification other than gaming; has had conversations with potential development(s) clients / partnerships.

Investment Policy Statement (IPS): referenced in the Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP) document has been presented to Governing Council three different times and no action has been taken. Some tribal members, who wished to work with the Business Committee, have helped develop an ISP which will be presented once more for approval. I have always encouraged input from tribal members.

Let's talk about per-capita payments from our gaming facilities. This year your per-cap will **INCREASE!** A special meeting for the Sauk Business Enterprise, Inc. was held on July 1st to review preliminary financial projections for the previous fiscal year. Information provided to the Board was a glowing report comparing the numbers from last year to this year, the projections indicate a per-cap payment to the shareholders of \$1,200.00; based on tribal membership numbers from the last payment, we will know more by the shareholders meeting on August 8th. Proper management of current casinos and the addition of another casino means your per-capita payments can continue to grow yearly!

One characteristic of a strong leader is to look forward with careful planning, collaboration, and prayer. When installed in 2007, I vowed to lead us in the direction that my staff leaned which was forward and that is where we are moving as a sovereign Nation!

It is a privilege and honor to serve as Principal Chief of our Sac and Fox Nation, a job that I take seriously and work at with dedication; the work is only beginning with the momentum of growth escalating in all areas after years of planning and implementation, I ask that you allow me another term to lead our people and ask for your prayers daily.

George Thurman, Principal Chief

Madison Johnson Graduates 8th Grade at Grove School



Madison Johnson

Madison successfully competed in several band contests during her years at Grove. She also competed and was selected to play in the 2014 and 2015 East Central All-District Junior High Honor Band and the 2015 OBU Middle School Honor Band. Madison was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society during her 7th grade year. She was also a member of the Yearbook staff during her 8th grade year. During her final year at Grove School, Madison became a member of the Grove Academic team. The team competed and won at the local, regional, and state levels qualifying them to compete at the national level in New Orleans, LA. After graduation, Madison traveled with the academic team to New Orleans to compete with schools across the United States.

Madison's family is very proud of her and her many accomplishments.

Sac and Fox tribal member, Madison Johnson, graduated from 8th grade at Grove School in Shawnee, Oklahoma on May 21, 2015. Madison is the daughter of the late Lucinda "Cyndi" Spoon Johnson and Alfred Johnson of Church Rock, NM; the late grandparents, Edith Verlayne Littlehead Wilson and Edward Charles Spoon, Sr.; the late great-grandparents, Cecelian Butler Littlehead and Ed Littlehead. Madison resides in Shawnee, Oklahoma with her brother, Jeremy Johnson, and her aunt Shawna Spoon. Madison will begin her high school career at Shawnee High School in the fall of 2015.

Madison was an active member of the Grove Band from 5th grade thru 8th grade. She learned to play the clarinet, bass clarinet, and baritone saxophone.





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.

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801
 Phone: (405) 275-4030 Fax: (405) 273-1192
 National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233
 National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-4673

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 TAX COMMISSION REVENUE | |
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| May 2015 | |
| Beer and Liquor | \$173.28 |
| State Tobacco Rebate | \$217,203.49 |
| Motor Vehicle. | \$4,069.50 |
| Sales Tax. | \$12,567.50 |
| Treasury. | \$195.00 |
| Oil & Gas | \$1,516.10 |
| Gaming | \$146,884.26 |
| TOTAL | \$382,609.13 |

- ### Sac and Fox Nation Extensions
- Main Number 918-968-3526
- Chief - 1004 • Second Chief – 1005 • Treasurer 1006 • Secretary – 1007
 - Committee Member – 1010 • BC Front Desk – 1002 • Tax – 1043 - 1045
 - Accounting – 1030 - 1036 • Property and Procurement – 1020 – 1039 – 1022
 - Maintenance – 2063 • BHC – 918-968-9531 • ICW – 1711 • Court – 2039
 - Library – 2020 - 2021 • Language - 918-968-0070 or ext. 2053 • JUVI – 4000
 - USDA – 2077 (WIC 2079) - 2080 – 2081 – 2082 (Warehouse USDA 2089)
 - Education – 2046 • IT – 2041 • Police – 2033 • Self-Governance – 1080
 - Capitol Security – 1090 • Realty – 1050 • Enrollment – 1040 – 1041 • RAP – 2000
 - Social Services – 2010 – 2011 • OES – 2091 – 2092 – 2094 • Veterans – 1065
 - Newspaper - 1060 • NAGPRA/Historic Preservation – 1070 • Chief of Staff - 1001

Are you a Sac and Fox artist?

Would you like to display some of your artwork in our Cultural Center?

We are limited in size, but we would love to help you show off your best work! Items will be displayed inside the exhibit showcases.

For questions and queries, please visit or call the Sac and Fox National Public Library at 918-968-3526, extension 2021.

Some restrictions will apply.




Sac and Fox Nation Food Distribution Program

CALL TODAY TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY!!!

STROUD OFFICE
(800) 256-3398

SHAWNEE OFFICE
(866) 622-2310

If at least one member of your household is Native American, you reside within our service area, and you meet our income guidelines...
You May Qualify. Call Today!!!







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MONTH of AUGUST 2015

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Sauerkraut & Sausage Green Beans Potato Wedges Peaches | Goulash Beets Garlic Bread Pears | Fried Chicken Scalloped Pots Mixed Veggies Pineapple | Brown Beans Spinach Cornbread Mandar Orange | Biscuit & Gravy Sausage Boiled Egg Juice |
| Hamburger Fresh Veggies Chips Fruit Cocktail | Pork & Hominy Fry Bread Mixed Veg. Mand. Oranges | Fish Coleslaw Hush Puppies Cherry Crisp | Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Pots Carrots Peaches | Cereal Toast Banana Boiled Egg Milk |
| Pork Chop Mac & Cheese Green Beans Pineapple | Meatloaf Mashed Pots Carrots Cake | Chicken Salad Green Salad Chips Fruit Cocktail | Chili Carrot Salad Cornbread Pears | Scram. Egg Sausage Biscuit Juice |
| Chicken Pot Pie Crackers Peaches | Veg. Beef Stew Fry Bread Pears | Spaghetti Green Beans Garlic Bread Mandar Orange | Ham Potato Salad Green Salad Cookie | Breakfast Burrito Salsa Hash Brown Orange Juice |

Sac and Fox Nation Police Department From Sac and Fox Tribal Police Chief Bob Roberts



Safety Tips From Your Tribal Police Chief, Bobby Roberts

With the current events having just taken place I believe we should take a few moments to talk about some precautions we can take to protect our children. Terrorists often use violence and threats to create fear among the public. Their attacks can leave people with feelings of uncertainty about the future and further attacks. Fortunately there are some simple steps families can take to help protect their children.

(1) Talk about terrorism. Spend time with your family and talk to your children about their fears of terrorists or terrorist incidents. Explain there are always good people who try to prevent terrorism and who help after an incident. Use simple words that even young children can understand.

(2) Stay informed. Routinely listen to a local radio or television news station. Learn your community's public warning system such as sirens or telephone call-down systems. Become familiar with how warning signals sound and what you should do if they are used.

(3) Be aware of surroundings. If you see something suspicious report it to law-enforcement or security personnel immediately. Leave if you feel uncomfortable or if something doesn't seem right. Encourage children to tell an adult if they see something unusual or suspicious.

(4) Learn caregivers' disaster plans. Find out how school and child care emergency plans address possible terrorist incidents. Ask about evacuation plans and if you would be required to pick up your children from the site or from another location.

(5) Identify evacuation routes. Learn where emergency exits are located in buildings you often go to, such as workplace, school, child care facility or community center. Plan how to get out in the event of an emergency.

(6) Limit media exposure. After a terrorist incident, protect children from seeing too many sights and images of the incident, including those on the internet, television or newspapers.

These are just a few steps to be taken, for a more in-depth look go to the internet and pull up Terrorism safety tips.

Jeremy Johnson Graduates Shawnee High School



Jeremy Johnson

Sac and Fox tribal member, Jeremy Johnson, graduated from Shawnee High School on May 19, 2015. Jeremy is the son of the late Lucinda "Cyndi" Spoon Johnson and Alfred Johnson of Church Rock, NM; the late grandparents, Edith Verlayne Littlehead Wilson and Edward Charles Spoon, Sr.; and the late great-grandparents, Cecelian Butler Littlehead and Ed Littlehead. Jeremy will attend Seminole State College in the fall of 2015 and plans to attend OSU after completing his studies at SSC. He plans to major in business administration.

Jeremy was on the SHS baseball team all four years of high school. He was a relief pitcher and 2nd baseman. Jeremy was also a member of the SHS Marching Band all four years. He played the trombone and was a member of the SHS Drum Line playing the bass drum. Jeremy ac-

tively participated in the SHS Native American Club activities. He competed in the Native American Challenge Bowls and helped serve as a student speaker during the annual Native American Day activities. Jeremy also served as the student emcee at the Shawnee/Tecumseh Indian Education pow-wow in May 2015. During his high school years, Jeremy enjoyed traveling to Disney World in Orlando, Florida with the marching band and to Pensacola, Florida with the SHS Baseball team. Jeremy was also proud to be a part of the first SHS baseball team State Championship win.

Jeremy resides in Shawnee, Oklahoma with his sister, Madison Johnson, and his aunt Shawna Spoon. Jeremy's family is very proud of his accomplishments and commitment to completing all four years of high school while balancing academics, sports, and music.



Thank You

The family of Viola Prewitt is deeply appreciative and grateful to all those expressing sympathy through their thoughts and helps.

Viola a mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, cousin and friend had a deep faith in the Lord our God and the family believes she is now rejoicing in Heaven with family, friends and the Lord.

Viola was a Christian woman with love for all people and showed that love everyday regardless of health issues and how she felt day to day.

The family was blessed to have her in our lives and she was instrumental in many of our day-to-day endeavors and decisions. Again we are thankful to all those who helped in many ways during this special time of need and love of family.

Thanks and may God Bless, George Harjo Jr.

Native Employment Works (NEW)



Native Employment Works Funds Available Now

The Sac and Fox Nation Human Services Department is currently taking applications for Native Employment Works. NEW is a federally funded program that helps low-income households with expenses while attending school or if underemployed. We encourage you to apply at our office in Stroud or at the Shawnee Multi-Purpose Center. Please call us at the number on the bottom of this article, if you have any questions.

To qualify for NEW, you must be an enrolled member of the Sac and Fox Nation and reside within the Sac and Fox Nation jurisdictional boundaries.

The NEW program eligibility includes teen parents, unemployed parent(s) if attending school, underemployed parent(s), and other tribal members if they have one or more Sac and Fox children.

PLEASE BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Tribal enrollment cards for all household members
- (Birth certificates for those without a tribal enrollment card)
- Driver's license if over 18 and not enrolled.
- Driver's license or photo ID for applicant.
- Social Security cards for all household members.
- School enrollment verification or employment verification.
- Proof of income – including paycheck stubs, Social Security or disability benefits, unemployment compensation, pension or retirement funds, etc. for all household members 18 years of age or older.

Other documents may be required based on your situation.

Sac and Fox Nation Human Services

920883 S. Hwy 99 Building A Stroud, Oklahoma 74079
Phone: 918-968-3526 • Extensions 2010 & 2011
Toll Free: 800-259-3970 • Fax: 918-968-0142

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.**

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With Oklahoma's Promise, the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program, 8th, 9th, and 10th grade students whose family income is \$50,000 or less can earn FREE COLLEGE TUITION

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Get an application from your counselor



Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

LIHEAP runs from Nov. 10 – April 15 for heating assistance and from May 11 – Sept. 11 for cooling assistance

LIHEAP Clients
Please allow 7-14 working days for your application to be reviewed, verified and processed for payment.
If you have a cut-off notice we ask that you make payment arrangements.
Thank you.

Sac and Fox Nation

920883 S. Hwy 99
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Stroud, OK 74079
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Extension 2011
Fax: (918-968-0142
Toll Free: 800-259-3970

Sac and Fox Nation Human Services Department 918-968-3526

The Sac and Fox Nation Human Services LIHEAP Program is a federally funded program that helps low-income households with their home energy bills. LIHEAP can help you stay warm in the winter and cool in the summer. By doing so, you can reduce the risk of health and safety problems (such as illness, fire or eviction). We encourage you to apply at our office in Stroud or at the Shawnee Multi-Purpose Center. Please call us at the number to the left if you have any questions. The program runs from Nov. 10 through April 15 for heating and from June 11 through Sept. 11 for cooling.

To qualify for LIHEAP, you must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe and reside within the Sac and Fox Nation jurisdictional boundaries.

PLEASE BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- CDIB cards for all household members (birth certificates for those without a CDIB)
- Social Security cards for all household members.
- Driver's license or photo I.D.
- Current utility bill or cut-off notice.
- Proof of income-including paycheck stubs, Social Security or disability benefits, unemployment compensation, pension or retirement funds, etc. for all household members 18 years of age or older. Other documents may be required based on your situation.

VOTE: AUGUST 29, 2015

ELIZABETH "KAY" RHOADS

FOR

PRINCIPAL CHIEF

SAC AND FOX NATION



Thanks for your support in the Primary election; your voice has been heard. I am truly honored to have your confidence entrusted in my leadership. I believe that progress can be restored in our Nation with the right leadership and vision. You have seen the qualifications of your candidates, now is the time for you to select the most qualified. I have the needed qualifications, experience, vision, and commitment to lead our Nation.

We must begin looking at what can be done to move the Nation forward. Our tribal members are in need of better health, education, housing and social programs. The existing programs cannot be expanded without extra funding. Our reliance on Federal funds and gaming revenues are not enough to grow the programs. We have to look at other economic development interest that can strengthen the foundation of our tribe. Partnerships have to be developed to encourage new ventures that can increase tribal revenues. Other tribes are looking at small businesses to bring jobs and revenues to their tribes. We can do the same thing. Our tribal members have many ideas for business ventures, we just need to listen and try to capitalize on the ideas. If we can increase our presence in the financial arena, we can have more influence in our communities. Take a look at what other Tribal Nations have done for their people and communities. We should be no exception to progress.

At one time our Nation was at the forefront in leadership and over the past few years we have fallen far behind in achieving any type of economic development, our casinos are not producing the revenue they should be as can be seen in the reduction of our per capita payments. There seems to be a revolving door with the directors that are hired to run our programs. Our qualified tribal members are not being hired and this is visible in our tribal offices, health clinic and casinos. Management of personnel is most important as they are responsible for making our programs work and they should be able to get grants and find other ways to increase our revenue.

To help our Nation return to a position of power we must strengthen our programs, economic development and better management of the tribal budget. Why should we be paying for moving expenses of new employees especially those that do not remain in the position for less than a year? What budget was tapped to pay for that cost? Construction of a new clinic is nice but not at the expense of funds being taken away from patient care and service. This was what was proposed by the Clinic Director and approved by the Business Committee but was stopped once IHS was consulted stating that the funds were specific for patient care and services. Other tribes have contributed money from other sources to fund their clinics/hospitals and that is something we can do if we develop economic development projects that will provide us with funds plus employment for our tribal members.

Changes that tribal members have asked me to consider are to:

- Increase economic development. This can be done by developing new business ventures and improving partnerships.
- Improve the education programs and hire a director. This position has been vacant for almost a year and how can programs succeed without leadership. We must be concerned about the education of our future tribal leaders and create tools to stimulate their interest in tribal operations and help to improve their chance of success.
- Enhance health care and process for services, especially for our elders. We must use our funds to help provide adequate and timely service to those in need.
- Provide adequate housing. We are the only tribe that does not prioritize our tribal members with our housing program and many of our people are homeless. Our houses are being given to other non- Sac and Fox people. The HUD regulations state housing is to be used for all tribes, but other tribes have policies giving first priority to their tribal members. We can do this and eliminate some of the housing problems faced by our tribal members.
- Demand accountability of our casino and casino revenues. How are our funds being used and why are we not seeing an increase in our revenues. This reduction affects our RAP budget and reduces program services to our members.
- Review of our constitution. Our constitution was originally written by the BIA to keep the tribes in chaos and this plan has succeeded due to various interpretations. Other tribes have seen the need to revise their constitution and they are now making progress and strengthening their tribes. There has been discussion about this revision of our constitution for many years but nothing has been done.

Tribal members realize our needs and have voiced their concerns for change in leadership based on the primary election results. Let's not stop the momentum. Continue to look forward and expect more from your tribal leaders. Kay Rhoads has the experience, ability and dedication to the people to make a difference for our Nation. Again I want to extend a sincere appreciation for your support during the primary election. I need your continued to support to address the above issues. I encourage each of you to vote for progress on August 29, 2015 by electing Elizabeth Kay Rhoads for Principal Chief.



Back row left to right: Michael Sheyhshshe, Roy Boney, Arigon Starr, Pamela Sage. Front: Josiah Sage (Photo submitted by Pam Sage)

Native American Comic Book and Graphic Novel Workshop

The Sauk Language Department's Administrative Assistant Pamela Sage recently attended a Native American comic book/graphic novel creation workshop at the Zarrow Regional Library in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The two-day workshop covered topics about Native American stereotypes in comics, layouts, creative writing, drawing techniques, and software tools for comics.

Roy Boney, Michael Sheyhshshe and Arigon Starr of the Cherokee Nation taught sessions and answered questions from participants. The speakers provided one-on-one instruction for all levels of artists, from beginners to skilled artist and writers.

2015 RAP Clothing Supply Grant Application

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|  | SAC AND FOX NATION Tribal School Clothing/School Supply Grant Application 920883 S. Highway 99 Stroud, Oklahoma 74079 Education: 918.968.3526 Ext. 2043 | OFFICE USE ONLY Received _____ TM _____ CDIB _____ Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/> Initial _____ |
| | APPLICATION DUE BY SEPTEMBER 11th, 2015 | |
| Student Information Please Print Clearly *****PROVIDE A COPY OF C.D.L.B.***** | | |
| Application No.: _____ Application Date: _____ | | |
| Student's Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle _____ Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth _____ Sac and Fox Nation Roll # _____ | | |
| PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION: | | |
| Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone No.: _____ Email Address.: _____ | | |
| I REQUEST THE SCHOOL TO VERIFY ENROLLMENT AND/OR ATTENDANCE FOR THE ABOVE NAMED STUDENT. | | |
| Parent /Legal Guardian Signature _____ | | Date _____ |
| Admissions Office This section to be completed by school official | | |
| Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ School Year: 2015-2016 I certify the above student is currently enrolled and attending _____ Name of school _____ Address _____ Telephone No. _____ | | |
| (School Stamp/Seal) | | |
| Signature of School Official: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____ | | |
| *****Tribal Office Use Only***** | | |
| Date Approved: _____ | | Education Dept: _____ |

Statement of Acknowledgment

Applicant: Please read this carefully and sign below

I hereby certify that the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I declare that I will use any funds I receive from the Sac and Fox Nation School Clothing and/or School Supplies Grant solely for their intended purpose and solely for the benefit of the student named on this application. I understand that I must turn in all receipts or copies of the receipts from the purchases made with grant funds before the deadline in March, 2016. I also understand that misuse of the funds or failure to turn in the receipts may jeopardize the funding for all the children of that parent or guardian.

Signature _____

Date _____



Vote August 29



**Robert Williamson
for**

**Committee Member
Sac and Fox Nation**

- Chairman of Gaming Commission
- Chairman of Powwow Committee
- Served on Election Board
- Advocate for Johnson-O'Malley
- Currently Employed Sac and Fox / USDA

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SAC AND FOX NATION CHARLOTTE CARTWRIGHT COURT CLERK
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SAC AND FOX NATION
2015 PRIMARY ELECTION
July 25, 2015
ABSTRACT

TIME: 2:20 AM
July 26, 2015

| PRINCIPAL CHIEF | SHAWNEE | STROUD | CUSHING | ABSENTEE | TOTAL |
|----------------------------|---------|--------|---------|----------|-------|
| Gregory, Orvena | 28 | 20 | 25 | 2 | 75 |
| Rhoads, Elizabeth Kay | 103 | 22 | 18 | 18 | 161 |
| Riley, Dino Ray | 56 | 13 | 9 | 19 | 97 |
| Thurman, George | 47 | 22 | 17 | 35 | 121 |
| SECOND CHIEF | SHAWNEE | STROUD | CUSHING | ABSENTEE | TOTAL |
| Abney, Don W. | 49 | 42 | 38 | 26 | 155 |
| Barse, Jamie | 14 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 22 |
| Gasper, Angela Standing | 28 | 15 | 10 | 5 | 58 |
| Jackson, Beverly Brown | 106 | 9 | 6 | 16 | 135 |
| Nullake, Stella | 33 | 11 | 13 | 18 | 75 |
| COMMITTEE MEMBER | SHAWNEE | STROUD | CUSHING | ABSENTEE | TOTAL |
| Franklin, April | 46 | 15 | 4 | 14 | 79 |
| Harms, Robyn | 20 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 38 |
| Manatowa, Dee Ann | 25 | 6 | 7 | 17 | 55 |
| Morris, Tina | 43 | 20 | 7 | 16 | 86 |
| Williamson, Robert | 100 | 30 | 44 | 17 | 191 |
| GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE | SHAWNEE | STROUD | CUSHING | ABSENTEE | TOTAL |
| Young, Dora S. - Unopposed | | | | | |

ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

| MAILED OUT | RETURNED | NOT RETURNED | REJECTED |
|------------|----------|--------------|----------|
| 111 | 75 | 36 | -0- |

TOTAL BALLOTS 750 SHAWNEE 350 BALLOTS STROUD 250 BALLOTS CUSHING 150 BALLOTS

| SHAWNEE | | | | |
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| USED | SPOILED/MUTILATED | REJECTED | RETURNED | |
| 237 | -0- | 1 | 113 | |

| STROUD | | | | |
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| USED | SPOILED/MUTILATED | REJECTED | RETURNED | |
| 80 | -0- | 2 | 170 | |

| CUSHING | | | | |
|---------|-------------------|----------|----------|--|
| USED | SPOILED/MUTILATED | REJECTED | RETURNED | |
| 70 | -0- | -0- | 80 | |

ELECTION BOARD MEMBERS

Chairman: *Lucas F. Blank*
 Vice-Chairman: *Michael Ward*
 Secretary: *John Carter*
 Assistant Secretary: *Carrie Young*
 Member: *Dustin Polanco*
 Member: *Nancy Grant*
 Member: *Peggy Ellis*
 Member: *Mike Harts*

Approved: 2010 SFNEB MINUTES-May 17, 2010

CTSA Early Childhood Center
is seeking to hire a part-time
NUTRITION TECHNICIAN
for our Shawnee Location

The Nutrition Tech will provide support to the Lead Nutrition Tech, including dish washing, cleaning, serving and basic meal preparation.

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 Must pass background investigation for licensed child care programs
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All applications accepted with preference given to *qualified* Native Americans and current/former HS/EHS parents

Apply today:
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www.ctsaheadstart.org (click on Forms)
 or picked up at:
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VOTE:
BEVERLY BROWN JACKSON
SECOND CHIEF
OF THE
SAC AND FOX NATION

Dear Tribal Members of the Sac and Fox Nation:

First, I would like to say "THANKS TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU THAT SUPPORTED ME IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION". Now we must get ready for the General Election on August 29, 2015.

As I stated in the Tribal Newsletter last month, our Great Nation is at a critical crossroad and we need five strong leaders who will work together, who work for the best interest of the Nation and the tribal membership. We as tribal members want strong leadership, accountability, honesty and integrity from our elected Business Committee Members.

Our Business Committee needs to work together in a professional business manner. They are responsible for millions of dollars for the Nation. Our tribal members who come to the Governing Council want to hear good positive things, information about our **FINANCES; BUDGET REPORTS, INVESTMENT REPORTS, HOW MUCH MONEY IN OUR INVESTMENTS, HOW IT'S BEING SPENT AND OUR RAP MONEY.** All we want is good honest information about our finances. The Business Committee works for the people of the Sac and Fox Nation and not for their own personal agenda. Not one member of the Business Committee can make a decision for the Nation it takes all five members and the Governing Council when needed.

We have our SFN Constitution that outlines what we can do and what we can't do. If there are any changes needed to our Constitution than it must be by Secretarial vote. In our Constitution the Second Chief and the Representative have no duties per say but it doesn't say they can sit around and just draw a pay check. It gives these two positions more access to investigate or assist with problem areas in our Nation. There are many issues that need to be looked into. If elected I will do this and attend all meetings regarding our Casinos, Health Clinic, and Housing. As I stated last month this is the Sac and Fox Nation and our Sac and Fox members should receive priority in all services.

- VOTE FOR:**
- 20 plus years experience in tribal, state and federal government.
 - I will assure that Tribal members are given priority in Health Care, Housing and RAP services.
 - I will work to initiate a training program for SF Members.
 - I will follow the Constitution of the SFN.
 - I will work to see that the SF Elders get a new Elder Building.
 - I will work to see that the Veterans Memorial is completed.
 - I will work with all the other Business Committee in a Professional manner.
 - **I WILL WORK HARD FOR MY PAYCHECK.**

Happy August Birthday Elders

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| <p>Jo Ann McCreless Gary Lee Cuppawhe Emma Rivas Herbert Daniel Walker Janet Gail White Cheryl Ann Pennington Scotty Lee Longshore Elmer Benson Walker Marie Tredway Arletta Mae Gallaway Marilyn Johnson Shirley Ann Alexander Charles David Brown Mary J. Manydeeds Beverly Sue Kimble Daniel Gutierrez Walter Jack Miles Jr. Michael John Bouzis Jr. Ferrell E. Longshore Richard Lee Monday Phillip R. Decker Roberta Fay Miles Terri Mack McClung Judith Lynne Calkins Johnny R. O'Brien Karen Sue Vanderploeg George Lester McCoy Brenda K. Nicholas Willard Walker Jr. Marilyn Beverly McClelland George F. Stroebel Mildred Edith Williams Mary J. Mutter Barbara Colleen Pennock Elizabeth Kay Rhoads Ronald E. James, David G. Morris Samuel T. Anderson Marilyn Rose Thurman Jerry Whistler Snow Ellen S. Griffith</p> | | <p>Sandra Kay Duran Carl Edward Wallace Walter Larry Coker Anna Kilgore Gale Charlene Beckman Judy F. Simmons Claudia Patricia Cale Paula Ann Donahoo Joyce Ann Wolf Norwood Masquat Jr. Karen Sue Ellis Peggy Wanda Acoya Zoe Hazel Williamson Donna Lynn Couteau Henry Bentley Walker Jr. Franklin Charles Gokey Jr. Frankie Ben Croley Robert L. Monday Brian Tug Smith Georgia Faye Blanchard Terri Ann Thompson Earl Lee Eldredge Larry Irwin Grant Karen L. Ingham Billy Thurman Wakole Sr. Debra Gail Marez Herbert Lee Schexnider Jr. Charles A. Ulrey Ronnie A. Franklin Rita A. Megehee John Kinzie Whistler Jr. Hugh Stephen Hargrove Robert Ray Grant Stella M. Nullake David Boyd Wakolee William K. Thorpe Mary Toche Gibbs Olinda Jean West Frances Butler Carmon Roy Clark William Raymond Masters</p> |
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Business Committee Meeting Minutes

Special Business Committee Meeting Mini-Minutes June, 25 2015

Please be advised that the following are official actions taken by the Business Committee in a Special Business Committee Meeting held on June 25, 2015. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

(1) Stella Nullake motion to approve the Regular Business Committee minutes of June 11, 2015 with corrections. Mary F. McCormick-2nd. VOTE: George-Yes, Orvena-Absent, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes. Motion carried.

(2) Resolution SF-15-117, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2015 Revenue Allocation Plan Veteran's Honor Guard Budget Modification #1 in the total amount of \$15,981.00. Stella Nullake-motion, Jared A. King-2nd. VOTE: Orvena-Absent, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes. Motion carried.

(3) Resolution SF-15-118, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2015 Department of Interior Compact Carryover Economic Development Budget Modification #1 in the total funding amount of \$221,568.00. Stella Nullake-motion, Jared A. King-2nd. VOTE: Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Absent. Motion carried.

(4) Resolution SF-15-119, a resolution adding six (6) persons to the membership roll of the Sac and Fox Nation in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Sac and Fox Nation. Stella Nullake-motion, Jared A. King-2nd. VOTE: Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Absent, Mary-Yes. Motion carried. (Correction on membership criteria was provided to be 2 instead of 3d.)

(5) Consensus of the Business Com-

mittee not to accept resignation letter from Chuck Mills, Sauk Business Enterprise Board.

(6) Consensus of the Business Committee to approve memo dated June 17, 2015, Annual Powwow Celebration Promotion casual dress week for employees. July 6-10, 2015.

(7) Resolution SF-15-120, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Black Hawk Health Center and Physicians Surgical Center LLC., contract #2015-06-03. Stella Nullake-motion, Jared A. King-2nd. VOTE: Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Absent, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes. Motion carried.

(8) Stella Nullake motion to approve the renewal Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center for Service Agreements beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 with the following counties, Bryan County #2013-06-03b, Cotton County #2013-07-03b, Hughes County #2013-04-19b, Mayes County #2013-06-08b, Rogers County #2012-10-40c. Jared A. King-2nd. VOTE: George-Yes, Orvena-Absent, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes. Motion carried.

Second Chief Orvena Gregory entered the Business Committee meeting at 10:35 a.m.

(9) Mary F. McCormick motion to approve the new Administrative Assistant position for the Economic Development Department. Stella Nullake-2nd. VOTE: Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes. Motion carried.

(10) Stella Nullake motion to approve the Sauk/Meskwaiki Master Apprenticeship Program Liaison Consultant agreement extension with Yolanda Pushetonequa contract #2015-04-01a. Mary F. McCormick-2nd. VOTE: Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Absent. Motion carried.

(11) Stella Nullake motion to ratify straw poll Jeremy Fincher's nomination to be alternate Rep. for Region 6 National Tribal Air ASSC. Jared A. King-2nd. VOTE: Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes. Motion carried.

(12) Stella Nullake motion to approve the memo dated June 23, 2015 requesting to use Sac and Fox Nation logo on a 3x5 flag to use at the Choctaw Nation reception. Jared A. King-2nd. VOTE: Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes. Motion carried.

(13) Mary F. McCormick motion to approve the Sac and Fox Nation Office of Environmental Services Permission to Enter Property form. Stella Nullake-2nd. VOTE: George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes. Motion carried.

Break at 10:50 a.m.

Back from break at 11:43 a.m.

Lunch break at 11:43 a.m.

Back from lunch at 2:08 p.m.

Second Chief out to lunch.

(14) Stella Nullake motion to approve the donation request out of the Government Revenue Allocation Plan

Line item, those being 2015 Indian Education Summit \$1,000.00, Educational Training (Time to Teach Strategies Redefine K-12 School Success) \$3,300.00, United Nations Youth Council of the Sac and Fox Nation (Unity) \$5000.00. Jared A. King-2nd. VOTE: Orvena-Absent, Mary-No, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes. Motion carried.

(15) Stella Nullake motion to approve the donation request out of the Charitable Revenue Allocation Line item, those being Lincoln County American Cancer Society \$250.00, Faster Image (softball) \$250.00, Oklahoma Native Softball \$1,000.00, Indian National Finals Rodeo \$1,500.00, GloRun 5K \$500.00, Oklahoma Athletic Softball Academy \$500.00, Kids2achieve \$250.00, Riverside Indian School \$250.00. Jared A. King-2nd. VOTE: Mary-No, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Absent. Motion carried.

Second Chief Orvena Gregory entered meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Executive Session:

Went into Executive Session at 3:17 p.m.
Out of Executive Session at 3:57 p.m.

a. Old Business:

Orvena Gregory motion to approve the job description for the Sr. Executive Assistant and pay increase for said position and retroactive back to employee's annual evaluation date. Stella Nullake-2nd. VOTE: George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-No, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

By Consensus of the Business Committee to adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

Business Committee Meeting Minutes

Regular Business Committee Meeting Mini-Minutes July, 16 2015

Please be advised that the following are official actions taken by the Business Committee in a Regular Business Committee Meeting held on July 16, 2015. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

(1) Stella Nullake motion to approve the Minutes of the June 25, 2015 Special Business Committee Meeting with corrections. Mary F. McCormick-2nd. VOTE: George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Stella-Yes. Motion carried.

(2) Resolution SF-15-121, a resolution approving continuing membership into the United Indian Nations of Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas (UINOKT) in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00) and naming Principal Chief George Thurman as Delegate. Orvena Gregory-Motion, Stella Nullake-2nd. VOTE: Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Stella-Yes, George-Yes. Motion carried.

(4) Resolution SF-15-123, a resolution approving Fiscal Year 2015 Department of Interior Compact Indian Child Welfare Budget Modification #1 in the total funding amount of One Hundred Thirty-six Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-six Dollars (\$136,286.00). Mary F. McCormick-Motion, Stella Nullake-2nd. VOTE: Jared-Absent, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, George-Yes. Motion carried.

(5) Resolution SF-15-124, a resolution appointing JARED A. KING, TREASURER of the Sac and Fox Nation Business Committee to serve as Representative Alternate to the Board of Directors of the Central Tribes of the Shawnee Area (CTSA). Stella Nullake-Motion, Mary F. McCormick-2nd. VOTE: Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Secretary-Yes, Jared-Yes. Motion carried.

(6) Resolution SF-15-125, a resolution authorizing and approving the agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation and Windstream Communications, Contract #2015-07-01. Mary F. McCormick-Motion, Stella Nullake-2nd. VOTE: George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes. Motion carried.

(7) Resolution SF-15-126, a resolution acknowledging receipt of the conditional relinquishment of Tribal member from the membership Sac and

Fox Nation. Stella Nullake-Motion, Orvena Gregory-2nd. VOTE: Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes. Motion carried.

(8) Resolution SF-15-127, a resolution approving the United States Department of the Interior Self-Governance Compact/Annual Funding Agreement for Fiscal Year 2016 in the initial estimated base amount of Two Million Seven Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars (\$2,757,849.00) for the various programs, functions, services and activities as specified, including the Fiscal Year 2016 annual funding agreement and the Memorandum Of Understanding with the Office of Special Trustee for Real Estate Appraisal Services. Orvena Gregory-Motion, Stella Nullake-2nd. VOTE: Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes. Motion carried.

(9) Renewal of Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center Service renewal agreements with six (6) Counties of Oklahoma listed as Adair County #2013-004-06b, Blaine County #2012-10-30b, Creek County #2013-06-05b, McIntosh County #2013-05-13b, Ottawa County #2013-07-06b, and Payne County #2013-08-04b. Orvena Gregory-Motion, Stella Nullake -2nd. VOTE: Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes. Motion carried.

(10) Activity Committee Member Resignation. Orvena Gregory-Motion, Jared A. King-2nd. VOTE: Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Absent, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes. Motion carried.

(11) Agreement for use of Tanger Parking Lot by Friction Motor Sports for the dates of August 31, 2015, October 5, 2015 and November 9, 2015. Orvena Gregory-Motion, Stella Nullake-2nd. VOTE: George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-No, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes. Motion carried.

(12) Resolution SF-15-128, a resolution appointing John Nelson to position #2 on the Sauk Business Enterprise Board of Directors, pending a successful and satisfactory background check and licensing. Orvena Gregory-Motion, Mary F. McCormick-2nd. VOTE: Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-No. Motion carried.

(13) Resolution SF-15-129, a resolution naming Edward Littlehead Jr. as Sac and Fox Nation Senior Man of the Year

for 2015-2016. Orvena Gregory-Motion, Stella Nullake -2nd. VOTE: Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes. Motion carried.

(14) Resolution SF-15-130, a resolution naming Beverly Jackson as Sac and Fox Nation Senior Woman of the Year for 2015-2016. Orvena Gregory-Motion, Stella Nullake -2nd. VOTE: Jared-Yes Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes. Motion carried.

Lunch at 11:42 a.m.

Back from lunch at 1:18 p.m.

Executive Session:

A. Tribal Member request will be brought back after clarifying claims.

B. Enrollment-Secretary will review procedure and recommend any changes.

Went into Executive Session at 1:18 p.m.
Out of Executive Session at 2:27 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Business Committee adjourned at 2:27 p.m.



Don Abney
for
Second Chief



OFFERS EXPERIENCE

- Started Working for Sac and Fox Nation 1985
- Former Chief of Sac and Fox Nation 6 Years
- Served in the Maintenance Department as a Maintenance Tech, Tribal Foreman and Director

GOALS

- Seeking Economic Development
- Seeking to Re-establish Constitution Revision Committee

Thanks for your
Vote
Now lets go Vote again

Plans for New Health Clinic Ongoing

Don Whitehead, Health Director BHHC

Work is ongoing for the development of plans for the new Black Hawk Health Center. Currently the architects are working on preliminary drawings based on two rounds of interviews with clinic staff. The purpose of these interviews is to determine facility size, department needs, relationship with other departments, and equipment requirements. For example, it is necessary to determine the number of exam rooms needed in the new clinic. It is also important to make sure the patient flow through the facility makes sense. The architects take this information and begin developing preliminary drawings. At this point, nothing is set in stone and everything is open for discussion.

The new facility will be situated to the east of Merle Boyd Wellness Center. Site surveys have been completed to understand the different elevations and how the facility will sit on the property. The two buildings will be connected with an outdoor tiered healing garden that will have natural healing elements located in the space. Healing elements could include native plants, trees, color, water,

and stone. All direct patient services will be located in the new facility and MBC will house indirect patient services such as the business office, administration and medical records.

Funding for the new facility will come from the Third Party Billing account. These are monies that come from billing third party payers such as Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance companies. This account can be used for a variety of health related activities including construction.

The Schematic Design Phase (first step in developing plans) will occur over the next 3 to 4 months. During this time, input will be gathered from tribal members through town hall meetings, meeting with various groups such as Elders and Veterans Committees, and BHHC patients. Community input is vital at this stage and your input is needed. Once preliminary plans have been developed, meetings will be set up with several opportunities to participate. I also welcome individual comments and input at any time.



Rick Morales was recently sworn in as the new police officer for the Housing Authority of the Sac and Fox Nation by Judge Dowty.

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| SHAWNEE OFFICE (405) 395-0063 | | 1-866-622-2310 | | |
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| LATE NIGHT 24 WAREHOUSE 8:30-6:00 SHAWNEE 8:30-2:30 | LATE NIGHT 25 SHAWNEE 12:00-6:00 WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:30 | WAREHOUSE 26 8:30-2:30 SHAWNEE 8:30-2:30 | WAREHOUSE 27 8:30-2:30 SHAWNEE 8:30-2:30 | CLOSED FOR INVENTORY 28  |
| CLOSED FOR INVENTORY 31 | | | | |

Sac and Fox Nation Women's Auxiliary

The Sac and Fox Nation Women's Auxiliary meet the 3rd Thursday every month at 6:00 p.m. We have a pot luck dinner at every meeting. Our meeting locations alternate from the Stroud-Elder's Building to the Shawnee-Multi Purpose Building. If anyone needs information, they can contact Shawna Spoon by phone at 405-275-2581 or by e-mail at shawnaspoon@att.net.



INTEREST TO SERVE ON COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, AND BOARDS

The Sac and Fox Nation's Business Committee will be appointing people to fill vacancies, as they occur, on various Committees, Commissions, and Boards. If you are a tribal member 18 years of age or older, and wish to serve, please complete the information form below and return the completed form and a resume to the Tribal Secretary

NAME: _____ Roll Number: _____
Address _____ Telephone: _____
CITY: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

I wish to be considered to serve on the following Committees, Commissions, or Boards, as prioritized below:

Priority #1: _____
Priority #2: _____
Priority #3: _____

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____



VOTE:
TINA MORRIS
COMMITTEE MEMBER
OF THE
SAC AND FOX NATION

Tribal Members,

My name is Tina Morris and I am running for the Committee Member position of the Sac and Fox Nation. My lineage is as follows: Parents are Thomas (Jr.) (Sauk) and Beatrice (Navajo/Laguna) Morris. My late paternal grandparents are Thomas (Sr.) and Bessie (Grant) Morris. I have worked for the Sac and Fox Nation for the past 29 1/2 years in human resources. I obtained my Associates degree from Seminole Jr. College and I am currently attending St. Gregory's University pursuing a Business degree. I will complete this degree in July 2016.

Throughout my tenure with the Nation, there have been many Business Committee's that have come and gone. Our Nation at one time made great strides that surpassed other Tribal Nations, now the other Nations have surpassed us. I have sat through many governing council meetings and heard promises made that were not kept; I know what needs to be done. I am experiencing the condition our Nation is in; there is no communication between current Business Committee and the people. Why are we not getting financial reports for all of our programs, RAP included? Why are our people not getting quality health care services and education opportunities?

There are no more excuses! As Business Committee we are accountable to you, and work for the tribal members. I would like to thank those individuals who voted in the primary. I am asking for your vote and continued support in the general election August 29, 2015.

Vote for:
Commitment, Dedication and Loyalty – 29 1/2 years of tribal experience
Advocate for all tribal members **A VOICE** for all tribal members

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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.

URGENT NOTICE TO VETERANS

Men and Women especially WW1, WW2 and Korean
The Sac and Fox National Public Library
is asking for your
DD 214's for their records and
Memorial Monument Purposes
See Cathrine Walker 1-918-968-3526 Ext. 2022

Indian Child Welfare Department

Located at
Shawnee Multi Purpose Building
215 North Harrison Ave
405-275-1262

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

**A MEMBER OF THE TAX COMMISSION STAFF
WILL NOW BE AT
THE SHAWNEE MULTIPURPOSE CENTER
TWICE A MONTH.**

**THE TAX COMMISSION WILL BE THERE ON
THE FIRST (1st) AND FOURTH (4th)
THURSDAYS DECEMBER ONLY.**

**WE WILL BE ABLE TO BETTER SERVE TRIBAL
MEMBERS LIVING IN THE SHAWNEE AREA WITH
MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND ANY
OTHER SERVICE THAT WE CAN ASSIST YOU WITH.**



Displaying a colorful cake that was donated for the Veteran's luncheon on Saturday held during the pow-wow is Dottie Tiger, in memory of her father, Elba Tiger who served in the U.S. Navy during World War I & II, brothers, Jack who retired from the U.S. Air Force, Lloyd, who served in the U.S. Army and Herschel, 82nd Air Borne who are all deceased. Also pictured is Lloyd's daughter, Patty Beaston helping cut and serve the cake. (SFNews Photo)



Steven Ward: Sac and Fox Nation Health Fair T-Shirt Designer (SFNews Photo)

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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**SAC AND FOX NATION
RAP ASSISTANCE APPLICATION**

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PH: 918-968-3526
EXT: 2000 & 2001
RAP APP
Form#2011-01

NAME _____ PHONE # (____) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

BIRTHDATE ____/____/____ SOCIAL SECURITY # xxx-xxx-(____) SFN ROLL # _____

Sac and Fox Nation tribal membership will be verified by the Sac and Fox Nation RAP Department

Please List Statement of Need: _____

Please Provide the Following:
The bill you are requesting assistance with & proof of residence if the bill is not in your name.

Type of Assistance Requested (Please Check All That Apply)

| | | |
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| <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"/> Vision | <input type="checkbox"/> Orthodontic |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Aid |

****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 _____

Vocational Rehabilitation Transitional Services

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma

History:

The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Vocational Rehabilitation Program has provided vocational services to American Indians with disabilities for twenty years and counting, with Transition Services at six years. Our mission is to develop specialized services to American Indian students with disabilities currently making the transition from high school to work or achieving a post-secondary education.

Services we can provide:

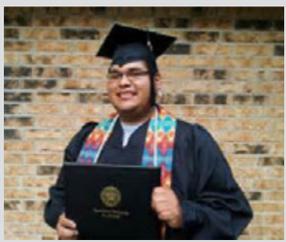
We assist with testing fees (ACT, SAT), provide work clothing for new jobs, tuition assistance, assistive devices such as hearing aids, walkers, wheelchairs, eye glasses, along with physical and mental evaluations.

Qualifications:

You must be a member of a federally recognized tribe, a junior or senior in high school and must reside in on of the Iowa Tribe VR services area counties. You must also provide documentation from your doctor or physician noting your disability.

COUNTIES served by ITOVR

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**Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma
Vocational Rehabilitation**

P.O. Box 728
Perkins, OK 74059

Phone: 405-547-2402 ext 168
Toll free: 1-888-336-4692
Fax: 405-547-1090
E-mail: Christa.Tsotaddle, Transitional Counselor
ctsotaddle@iowanation.org





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NAME CHANGE AND/OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

NAME

PRINT CURRENT FULL NAME (First, Middle & Last) _____ ROLL NUMBER _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

A COPY OF THE LEGAL DOCUMENT CHANGING YOUR NAME AND A COPY OF YOUR NEW SOCIAL SECURITY CARD MUST BE ATTACHED.

PLEASE LIST PREVIOUS NAME (PRINT) _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

MAILING ADDRESS

OLD ADDRESS _____ **NEW** ADDRESS _____

CITY STATE ZIP _____ CITY STATE ZIP _____

STREET ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN MAILING ADDRESS)

OLD STREET ADDRESS _____ **NEW** STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY STATE ZIP _____ CITY STATE ZIP _____

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR MINORS REQUIRE A W-9 FORM BE COMPLETED FOR THE BANK. PLEASE REQUEST A FORM FOR EACH CHILD FROM THE ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT, 918-968-3526 ext. 1040 or 1041.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

Date Electronic File Was Updated _____ Date Sac and Fox News Was Notified _____ Staff Initials _____



Sac and Fox represented at Perkins Powwow: (From Left) Madison Johnson, Myra Littlehead, Ashley Murdock and Jeremy Johnson (Photo by Christina Walker)

ATTENTION ALL SAC AND FOX VETERANS AND ACTIVE MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN!

The Sac & Fox Veterans Women's Auxiliary is in the planning stages of creating a yearly calendar honoring all of our tribal Veterans, and the men and women currently serving in the military. We are requesting photographs of your veteran(s) along with any commendations they received (i.e., Silver Star, Distinguished Service Cross, Medal of Honor Wounded in Action, Bronze Star with V(Valor) etc.). We are asking that you also provide the date of birth for each so that it may be denoted on the calendar. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in our endeavor. All correspondence may be sent to the following address: Sac and Fox Nation, ATTN: Sac & Fox Veterans Women's Auxiliary, 920883 S. Hwy 99, Building A, Stroud, OK 74079.

Business Committee Meeting Minutes
are now accessible on the Website and Facebook
sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR) FY 2015 NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS (Effective October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015)

The net monthly income standard for each household size is the sum of the applicable Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) net monthly income standard and the applicable SNAP standard deduction.

48 Contiguous United States: Use this Amount

| Household Size | SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard | | SNAP Standard Deduction | | FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | \$973 | + | \$155 | = | \$1,128 |
| 2 | \$1,311 | + | \$155 | = | \$1,466 |
| 3 | \$1,650 | + | \$155 | = | \$1,805 |
| 4 | \$1,988 | + | \$165 | = | \$2,153 |
| 5 | \$2,326 | + | \$193 | = | \$2,519 |
| 6 | \$2,665 | + | \$221 | = | \$2,886 |
| 7 | \$3,003 | + | \$221 | = | \$3,224 |
| 8 | \$3,341 | + | \$221 | = | \$3,562 |
| each additional member | | | | | +\$339 |

Alaska: Use this Amount

| Household Size | SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard | | SNAP Standard Deduction | | FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | \$1,215 | + | \$266 | = | \$1,481 |
| 2 | \$1,639 | + | \$266 | = | \$1,905 |
| 3 | \$2,062 | + | \$266 | = | \$2,328 |
| 4 | \$2,485 | + | \$266 | = | \$2,751 |
| 5 | \$2,909 | + | \$266 | = | \$3,175 |
| 6 | \$3,332 | + | \$277 | = | \$3,609 |
| 7 | \$3,755 | + | \$277 | = | \$4,032 |
| 8 | \$4,179 | + | \$277 | = | \$4,456 |
| each additional member | | | | | +\$424 |

**FY 2015 FDPIR Income Deductions (see 7 CFR 253.6(e))
Effective October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015**

| | |
|---|--|
| Earned Income Deduction | Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income. |
| Dependent Care Deduction | Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member. |
| Child Support Deduction | Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid. |
| Medical Expense Deduction | Households that incur monthly medical expenses by any household member who is elderly or disabled are allowed a deduction in the amount of out-of-pocket medical expenses paid in excess of \$35 per month. Allowable medical expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(3). |
| Home Care Meal-Related Deduction | Households who furnish the majority of meals for a home care attendant are allowed an income deduction equal to the maximum SNAP benefit for a one-person household. The home care meal-related deduction amounts are as follows: 48 Contiguous U.S. States = \$194 Alaska by Area Designations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban = \$227 • Rural 1 = \$290 • Rural 2 = \$353 See 7 CFR 272.7(b) for area designations in Alaska. |
| Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deduction | Households that incur at least one monthly shelter or utility expense are allowed a standard income deduction (see chart below). Allowable shelter/utility expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(6)(ii). |

**FY 2015 FDPIR Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deductions
Effective October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015**

Baseline by Region*

| Region | States Currently with FDPIR Programs | Shelter/Utility Deduction |
|---------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Northeast/Midwest | Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Wisconsin | \$400 |
| Southeast/Southwest | Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas | \$300 |
| Mountain Plains | Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming | \$400 |
| West | Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington | \$350 |

*If the geographic boundaries of an Indian reservation extend to more than one region per the identified regional groupings above, then a qualifying household has the option to receive the appropriate shelter/utility expense deduction amount for the State in which the household resides or the State in which the State agency's central administrative office is located.

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SAC & FOX NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF JOB VACANCIES WITH
THE SAC & FOX NATION:

- Chief Financial Officer(Finance)**
Seeking Immediate Placement
- Education Director (Stroud)**
Seeking Immediate Placement
- Resident Advisor (Juvenile Detention Center/Stroud)**
Open Continuously
- Certified Lifeguards (Stroud)**
May 23, 2015 - September 6, 2015
- Human Services Director (Stroud)**
Seeking Immediate Placement
- Elders Program Coordinator (Stroud)**
Seeking Immediate Placement
- Surveillance Observer (Shawnee/Gaming)**
Seeking Immediate Placement
- Realty Director (Stroud)**

Applicants must successfully pass an OSBI/National background check and drug screen. Preference in hiring is given to qualified Native Americans. Applicants claiming Indian Preference must provide a copy of their CDIB. For more information and to learn how to apply please visit our website at: www.sacandfoxnation.com or contact Human Resources, Sac and Fox Nation, 920883 S Hwy 99, Bldg. A Stroud, OK 74079 or by phone (918) 968- 3526

2015 PER CAPITA PAYMENT INFORMATION

- You must be enrolled by Wednesday, September 30, 2015 to be eligible for the 2015 per capita payment.
- The tribal membership will be certified by Wednesday, September 30, 2015.
- A complete W-9 form must be received by the Sac and Fox Nation Finance Department before a check can be distributed. The Sac and Fox Nation Finance Department will mail the 2015 IRS form 1099 by January 31, 2016.
- No official date has been set at this time for disbursement of the per capita payment.
- All checks will be mailed, no exceptions.

IRS Form W-9

It is critical that the IRS Form be completed correctly and thoroughly for each individual tribal member; not doing so could result in a delay of you receiving your per capita payment. The form must be signed and dated. IRS Form W-9 can be found at <http://www.irs.gov>.

Required Legal Documents

Please ensure the office of Enrollment has a copy of your social security card. **The name and signature on the W-9 must match the name on the social security card.** If your name has been changed due to marriage, divorce, adoption, etc., it is your responsibility to provide any legal documentation (including a social security card which reflects your new name) to the Office of Enrollment.

Minors

Parents or guardians are responsible for providing a W-9 for minor children; not doing so could result in the minor's payment not being deposited into the minor's trust fund account in a timely manner.

Contact information - Finance Department

A completed W-9 must be submitted by mail or via facsimile only. For identity/security purposes, e-mailed forms will not be accepted.

Contact information:

Sac and Fox Nation
Finance Department
920883 S. Hwy 99, Bldg. A
Stroud, Oklahoma 74079

Direct fax: 918-968-4528

If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Department staff by phone at 918-968-3526 or 800-259-3970 ext. 1033, 1038 or 1027.

Tax Liability Notification

What are the withholding requirements for distributions that are made per a Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP)? The first step is to identify the source of funds used for the distribution. Unless the source of funds is specifically exempt from taxation, the amounts that make up the distributions to tribal members are taxable.

Which funds get reported on Form 1099-Misc? Distributions could be derived from many sources, including the profits from a tribal business other than a Class II or Class III gaming operation, interest income on investments, or rental payments from tribal lands. All these payments require a tribe to prepare a Form 1099-MISC

When does a person receive a Form 1099-Misc, Statement for Recipients of Miscellaneous Income? If a person receives **\$600 or more in 1 calendar year** from the same source, that amount must be reported on a Form 1099, and that Form 1099-Misc. must be provided to the individual.

It is only the amount distributed from NET GAMING REVENUE that is subject to withholding. The Internal Revenue Code provides that "Every person, including an Indian tribe, making a payment to a member of an Indian tribe from the net revenues of any Class II or Class III gaming activity conducted or licensed by such tribe, shall deduct and withhold from such payment a tax in an amount equal to such payment's proportionate share of the annualized tax." The amount to withhold is provided in Withholding Tables found in IRS Publication 15-A, Employer's Supplemental Tax Guide.

If the Indian tribe anticipates making a distribution of any kind, the Indian tribe needs the tribal members' Social Security number before the distribution is made. If an Indian tribe does not know a tribal member's Social Security number at the time of distribution, the distribution is subject to "backup withholding" (at 28% in 2009). (Source: Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Indian Tribal Governments Frequently Asked Questions, Last Reviewed or Updated: April 22, 2013)

Per capita payments could affect any Tribal, Federal, State, and/or Local benefits you may receive or programs in which you participate. The Sac and Fox Nation encourage you to check with your tax accountant or benefit specialist.

Letter from Tribal Member Corrine Tsoodle

Powwow items:

Sac & Fox Nation Powwow was wonderful & successful this year. Congratulations to Robert and his workers/volunteers. They, ALL did a wonderful job. It did my soul good to see the young people getting involved, they did a great job. Many people made mention that this year could have been a record year. From judging by the camps and observing the audiences at the arena, I am inclined to think so too.

We were happy to host the head gourd dancer, Andele Worthington and his grandmother, Della Doyabi from Carnegie, Ok. Chris Smith, his mother Mary Ellen. Mike Harris. Carrie Wilson from Miami, Ok, a long time friend. Several others came by Saturday morning for breakfast. (whoelse) We started cooking before the sun came up, it was still cool. Cooking at the Powwow is very hard in the hot weather, but as a traditional Sauk woman, that is what I am supposed to do. It sure was fun.

Despite the hot weather, the 2:00 pm gourd dancers looked like they were enjoying themselves. Each afternoon was attended by many, as observation of the afternoon dances, I never have seen so many. Visitors out of state were plentiful, Alaska, Arkansas, Iowa, Louisiana, New Mexico, California to mention a few that I know of

Other news:

REMEMBER! Voting for some new tribal Business Committee is coming up.

Primary election will be over by the time this Newspaper comes out. Good luck to those running for office. I can encourage tribal members to study who is the most qualified, don't vote for relatives, just because they are relatives. I pray that we will get people in office who will continue to carry the tribe forward for a better future. I heard someone say, being elected to the Principal Chief position is not a training or learning position. Whoever is elected needs to, 'hit the ground running.'

As former Education Director for the Nation, I am encouraging current and new college students, NOW is the time to get your paperwork in, if you haven't done so. Since the Nation does not have a current Education Director, I am encouraging students to take the initiative to handle their paperwork into their own hands. Usually students need to submit their last semester's transcripts to the tribal office & some times your new class schedule. The Education Dept. may require different documents now but these documents mentioned are those that used to be required.

The Sac & Fox Nation is now in connection with the Veterans Administration with a Memorandum of Understanding whereby eligible Veterans and Veteran dependents can utilize Veteran Administration for various benefits. I take this opportunity to say Thank You to Chief Thurman and Mary McCormick for proceeding to get this approved.

NOTICE

Why does a W-9 needed to be submitted yearly?

If a tribal member receives income that is taxable, a 1099 must be issued for Tax Purposes. The W-9 also serves as a yearly address update.

Can the allotted minor payment be refused in order to have the entire per capita payment be deposited in trust? Yes, but in order to do so we must still receive a W-9 for the same reasons stated above. We would also need a written statement to that effect to be included with the W-9.

↓ W-9 FORM MUST BE CUT ON DOTTED LINE BEFORE MAILING ↓

Form W-9
(Rev. August 2013)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

2015 PER CAPITA W-9

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

Name (as shown on your income tax return) **X**

Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above

Check appropriate box for federal tax classification:
 Individual/sole proprietor C Corporation S Corporation Partnership Trust/estate
 Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____
 Other (see instructions) ▶ _____

Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) **X**

City, state, and ZIP code **X**

List account number(s) here (optional)

ROLL # **X**

Exemptions (see instructions):
Exempt payee code (if any) _____
Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____

Requester's name and address (optional)
SAC AND FOX NATION
920883 S. HIGHWAY 99 BLDG. "A"
STROUD, OKLAHOMA, 74079

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the "Name" line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number

Employer identification number

X

X

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below), and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.

Sign Here

Signature of U.S. person **X**

Date **X**

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. The IRS has created a page on IRS.gov for information about Form W-9, at www.irs.gov/w9. Information about any future developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) will be posted on that page.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, payments made to you in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued).
- Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the

withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and

4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct.

Note. If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.

Cat. No. 10231X

Form **W-9** (Rev. 8-2013)

Election Board 2015 Dates to Remember

Sac and Fox Nation

920883 S. Hwy. 99 Bldg. A • Stroud, OK 74079



Principal Chief GEORGE THURMAN
 Second Chief ORVENA (TWIGGY) GREGORY
 Secretary MARY F. MCCORMICK
 Treasurer JARED A. KING
 Committee Member STELLA NULLLAKE

FILED
 DATE Dec 16, 2014
 SECRETARY
 SAC & FOX NATION
 Mary F. McCormick

Sac and Fox Nation FY2015 Election Dates to Remember

Section 201. Election Days

(c) Any such Primary Election shall be held at least thirty (30) days prior to the regular General Election.
Primary Election: Saturday, July 25, 2015

Section 201. Election Days

(a) Regular General Elections of members of the Business Committee and Grievance Committee shall be held on the last Saturday in August of each election year. All other required Tribal elections shall be held upon call of the Business Committee.
General Election: Saturday, August 29, 2015

Section 208. Poll Watchers

Each candidate may designate in writing one person, not a candidate, to watch the activities at the polls. Such designation shall be presented to Election Board Officials prior to the election. Such persons may not interfere in any way with the conduct of the election, but may observe only. Any poll watcher interfering with the election or attempting to electioneer, in any way, shall be rejected from the poll area by a Sergeant of Arms or law enforcement officer.

PRIMARY ELECTION:

Notification of Poll Watchers for the Primary Election must be in writing and received by mail eight (8) days prior to the election.
DEADLINE: Friday, July 17, 2015 by 4:30 p.m.

GENERAL ELECTION:

Notification of Poll Watchers for the General Election must be in writing and received by mail eight (8) days prior to the election.
DEADLINE: Friday, August 21, 2015 by 4:30 p.m.

All notifications must be sent to the Sac and Fox Nation Election Board, 920883 S. Hwy 99, Bldg. A, Stroud, OK 74079

Section 302. Voting List

(a) It shall be the duty of the Tribal Secretary to compile from the Tribal membership rolls a list of all persons who will be eligible voters on the date scheduled for the Primary Election and General Election and to present sufficient certified copies of this list as requested to the Election Board no later than sixty (60) days prior to the Primary Election and no later than sixty (60) days prior to the General Election. The said copies are to be returned to the Tribal Secretary.

Administration (918) 968-3526 Fax (918) 968-4837 □ Office of Government (918) 968-1141 Fax (918) 968-1142

(b) One copy of the voting list shall be maintained in the Tribal Office and be open to public inspection during Regular business hours no later than sixty (60) days prior to the election.

PRIMARY ELECTION:

Open to the public: Tuesday, May 26, 2015

GENERAL ELECTION:

Open to the public: Tuesday, June 30, 2015

Section 303 Challenges to Voting Lists

(a) At any time more than twenty (20) days before the Primary Election and General Election, any person may challenge the voting eligibility of any person whose name appears on said list, or may apply to have their name added to said list by filing an application with the Election Board. The application shall clearly indicate the substance of the challenge, the specific names challenged, and the relief requested.

PRIMARY ELECTION:

Deadline for Challenges: Thursday, July 2, 2015 by 4:30 p.m.

GENERAL ELECTION:

Deadline for Challenges: Friday, August 7, 2015 by 4:30 p.m.

Section 402. Filing for Office

To be eligible for election and have one's name placed upon the ballot Notice of Candidacy for an elective office must be filed with: The Tribal Secretary after depositing the candidate's non-refundable filing fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) (cashier's check only) with the Tribal Treasurer during regular business hours at the Tribal Office complex not later than sixty-five (65) calendar days prior to the date of the Primary Election and General Election. The Tribal Secretary shall notify the Chairman of the Election Board of all candidates who have filed for office.

OPENING DATE TO FILE FOR OFFICE:

Friday, January 2, 2015

PRIMARY ELECTION:

Closing date to file for Office: Thursday, May 21, 2015 by 4:30 p.m.

If No Primary Election is held, Closing Date for General Election: Thursday, June 25, 2015 by 4:30 p.m.

Section 403. Petition for Office

A petition of ten (10) or more members of Council may submit a written notice with required filing fees of two-hundred (\$200.00) non-refundable (cashier's check only), no later than sixty-five (65) calendar days prior to the date of the Primary Election and/or General Election stating the name of the candidate, age, birth date, and proof of actual residence and domicile.

PRIMARY ELECTION:

Deadline to Petition for Office: Thursday, May 21, 2015 by 4:30 p.m.

If No Primary Election is held, Closing Date for General Election: Thursday, June 25, 2015 by 4:30 p.m.

Section 406. Withdrawals

Any candidate for office may withdraw by filing a written notice of withdrawal with the Election Board at any time within ten (10) days after the closing date of filing for office. Such notice shall contain the candidates name, the office filed for, a statement of withdrawal and shall be notarized or sworn to before a person authorized to administer oaths. (Required filing fee non-refundable)

PRIMARY ELECTION:

Deadline to withdraw: Friday, May 29, 2015 by 4:30 p.m.

GENERAL ELECTION:

Deadline to withdraw: Thursday, July 2, 2015 by 4:30 p.m.

Section 408. Contest of Candidate Eligibility

Any candidate or eligible voter may challenge a candidate's legal qualifications to run for office by filing a written petition with the Election Board within three (3) business days of the closing of the filing period. Each petition shall state with particularity the reasons the candidate is not eligible to file for office. There is a one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) non-refundable cashier's check contest fee.

PRIMARY ELECTION:

Deadline to contest Candidate Eligibility: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 by 4:30 p.m.

GENERAL ELECTION:

Deadline to contest Candidate Eligibility: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 by 4:30 p.m.

Section 602. Application for Absentee Ballot

Qualified voters wishing to cast vote by absentee ballots shall notify the Election Board not sooner than ninety (90) days and not later than thirty (30) days prior to the election. Such notices must be in writing and must include the correct mailing address of the person making the request. Only one ballot per written request.

PRIMARY ELECTION:

Requests will be accepted from Sunday, April 26, 2015 and cannot accept requests after Thursday, June 25, 2015 by 4:30 p.m.

GENERAL ELECTION:

Requests will be accepted from Sunday, May 31, 2015 and cannot accept requests after Thursday, July 30, 2015 by 4:30 p.m.

Section 603. Delivery of Absentee Ballot

As soon as the filing period for candidates has closed sixty-five (65) calendar days before the election, the Election Board will prepare a special ballot and send one to each qualified voter who has requested same. The Election Board shall maintain an accurate record of all absentee ballots so issued, including the name and address of the voter to whom the ballot was issued and the date of issue.

PRIMARY ELECTION: Thursday, May 21, 2015 GENERAL ELECTION: Thursday, June 25, 2015

Section 706. The Tally

The Election Board shall unlock the ballot box(es), shall remove the ballots one by one, and as each one is removed, the clerks shall read off the names of the candidates marked thereupon. At least two election officials shall view each ballot, and each counter shall keep a separate tally of the votes cast. Each candidate may select a watcher of their choice, not a candidate, to observe and keep a separate record of the tally of the ballots, and who shall not interfere with the tally process. After the tally is complete, all ballots, absentee ballots, voter registers, and ballot boxes shall be transported to the Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Court House.

PRIMARY ELECTION:

Notification of Tally Watchers for the Primary Election must be in writing and received by mail eight (8) days prior to the election. **DEADLINE: Friday, July 17, 2015 by 4:30 p.m.**

GENERAL ELECTION:

Notification of Tally Watchers for the General Election must be in writing and received by mail eight (8) days prior to the election. **DEADLINE: Friday, August 21, 2015 by 4:30 p.m.**

All notifications must be sent to the Sac and Fox Nation Election Board, 920883 S. Hwy 99, Bldg. A, Stroud, OK 74079

Section 710. Certification of Election

The election shall be certified by the Election Board immediately after the ten (10) day period for filing an election contest expires, provided, that if an election contest petition is filed within the time period allowed, then no Certificate of Election shall be issued until after such election contest is finally decided.

PRIMARY ELECTION:

**If the tally is completed on Saturday, July 25, 2015
 CERTIFICATION is on Tuesday, August 4, 2015**

**If the tally is completed on Sunday, July 26, 2015
 CERTIFICATION is on Wednesday, August 5, 2015**

GENERAL ELECTION:

**If the tally is completed on Saturday, August 29, 2015
 CERTIFICATION is on Tuesday, September 8, 2015**

**If the tally is completed on Sunday, August 30, 2015
 CERTIFICATION is on Wednesday, September 9, 2015**

Section 802. Contest Petition

A candidate or qualified voter contesting a Tribal Election shall, within ten (10) days after completion of the tally of the election and declaration of the results, shall deposit a two hundred dollar (\$200.00) non-refundable cashier's check contest filing fee with the Tribal Treasurer, file with the Election Board a statement in writing setting forth their particular grounds for the contest. The statement shall be verified by affidavit of the contestor (s) that they believe the matters and things therein contained are true. After the statement is filed the Election Board shall set a time for a hearing of the contest, no later than ten (10) days after the date on which the statement of contest was filed. Written notice of such hearing shall be mailed or delivered to each candidate for the office contested. Any party to the election protest and the Election Board shall have the right to view the election ballots and records in the presence of the Court Clerk in the clerk's office. Any party to the protest or a Tribal member shall be entitled to receive a photocopy of said documents certified as true and correct copies by the Court Clerk upon payment to said clerk of the normal and customary charges.

Said certified copies shall be received as evidence by the Election Board in like manner as an original. Alternatively the Election Board, upon request of a party or on its own motion, may convene a hearing for any protested election at the Tribal Courthouse for the purpose of review of said election materials. After hearing the proofs and allegations of the contestants, the Election Board shall make their findings and shall have authority to pronounce their judgment either setting aside, or confirming the election.

PRIMARY ELECTION:

If the tally is completed on Saturday, July 25, 2015

THE CONTEST PETITION DEADLINE DATE: Tuesday, August 4, 2015 by 4:30 p.m.

If the tally is completed on Sunday, July 26, 2015

THE CONTEST PETITION DEADLINE DATE: Wednesday, August 5, 2015 by 4:30 p.m.

GENERAL ELECTION:

If the tally is completed on Saturday, August 29, 2015

THE CONTEST PETITION DEADLINE DATE: Tuesday, September 8, 2015 by 4:30 p.m.

If the tally is completed on Sunday, August 30, 2015

THE CONTEST PETITION DEADLINE DATE: Wednesday, September 9, 2015 by 4:30 p.m.

Section 805. Request for Recount

Since the Election Ordinance provides for automatic recount of ballots, any request for recount of ballots must list the reasons therefore in writing and be submitted to the Election Board Chairman, or the Chairman's designated representative within five (5) days after the election. Such request must be accompanied by a non-refundable cashier's check of two-hundred dollars (\$200.00) made payable to the Sac and Fox Nation. Said check shall be forwarded to the Tribal Secretary-Treasurer to be credited against the cost of the recount. The Election Board shall meet and decide within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice whether or not the reasons listed in the request are sufficient to cause a recount of ballots.

PRIMARY ELECTION:

The deadline date to request a recount: Thursday, July 30, 2015 by 4:30 p.m.

GENERAL ELECTION:

The deadline date to request a recount: Thursday, September 3, 2015 by 4:30 p.m.

(Approved: September 30, 2013/Revised: July 16, 2014)

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.

Sac and Fox Nation Swimming Pool Rules and Hours



Pool hours are:

12:00pm to 6pm Tuesday through Sunday
 Closed on Mondays

Admission prices are \$2.00 for the general public,
 \$1.00 for the Sac and Fox Nation tribal members

Private Parties are in the evenings from 6:00pm until 8pm
 Parties are required to fill out proper paperwork for rental agreements as well as for scheduling 24 hrs in advance

Arrangements will be administered through the Maintenance Department
 918-968-4271

Pool rental prohibited during the week of the Nation's annual celebration

Rental prices are \$75.00 (2 hour) for general public,
 \$50.00 for Sac and Fox Nation tribal members

Certified Lifeguards with CPR/First aid training will be on duty
 No waiving of fees. No exceptions.

SAC AND FOX ANNUAL POWWOW

