



Saginaw Grant to Receive Humanitarian Award

By Simon Moya-Smith (Courtesy of Indian Country Today)

Actor and public speaker Saginaw Grant will be honored next month with an award by a California nonprofit for his commitment to Native American communities.

Grant, who is a citizen of the Sac and Fox, Iowa and Otoe-Missouria nations, will receive the 2015 Native American Humanitarian of the Year Award from Four Directions Education -- an Orange County, California-based nonprofit working to get more Native Americans into college.

In 2013, Grant, who has appeared in AMC's *Breaking Bad* and Jerry Bruckheimer's *The Lone Ranger*, told ICTMN he works tirelessly to inspire Native Americans of every age.

"Every morning, I start off my day by talking to the Creator," he said. "And these are the things I tell my young people: Keep true to who you are. You are a Native person. You're different than all these other cultures. It doesn't hurt to compliment somebody. This is what I teach the young people. I go to recov-

ery houses where men are suffering and wanting to get away from alcohol. I know that life. I've been through it. And when I talk to them they know I've had that experience that they are in or are going through. I'm somewhat successful in my endeavor. I was at one time an alcoholic myself, but I'm no longer an alcoholic. And it makes me feel very proud because I'm making up for what disgrace I did bring to my people when I was using alcohol. I try to get this across to our people who are still suf-



Actor Saginaw Grant, (left) walks the red carpet at the premiere of *The Lone Ranger* at Disneyland California Adventure in Anaheim, California, in June 2013. Grant will be honored with a humanitarian award in 2015. (Photo courtesy Jonathan Wheelhouse)

It's Time to Bring Home Jim Thorpe

Harlan McKosato (Courtesy of Indian Country Today)



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On the surface it seems like quite an honor to have a town named after you. Take the case of what is officially known as the Borough of Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania. It's a municipality named after the Olympic champion and the American sports legend from the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma. Growing up and reading about arguably the most famous Native American of the 20th Century (Thorpe) I was always puzzled about one part of his biography. Why was he buried in Pennsylvania?

It's been over 100 years since Jim Thorpe was crowned "World's Greatest Athlete" by the King of Sweden in the 1912 Stockholm Olympics after winning a Gold Medal in both the decathlon and the pentathlon. Combined they are actually 15 different track and field events. No one else has ever accomplished this feat.

The Washington Post has

called Thorpe "the star who almost single-handedly created professional football." He also played professional baseball. In 2000 he was voted "Athlete of the 20th Century" by ABC's *Wide World of Sports*, beating out Babe Ruth and Muhammad Ali. These awards have extra significance to me because I am a citizen of the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma as well. Although not related directly by blood, our families have been very close for generations. My son affectionately calls him "Grandpa Jim."

Under the surface is where this story gets complicated. You see, come to find out Jim Thorpe never wanted to be buried in Pennsylvania even though he attended the Carlisle Indian School in the Keystone State and made his fame as a college football player there. He wanted to be buried in a traditional burial with his family and Sac and Fox people.

It's a long story but here's the short version. After his death in April 1953 his third wife Patricia Askew Thorpe, a non-Indian, burst into Thorpe's traditional Sac and Fox funeral wake with Oklahoma state troopers at her side. She ordered him to be loaded up and whisked him away in the middle of the night, and had him put in a mausoleum. The ceremony was never completed. She started shopping the legendary athlete's body to the highest bidder.

Two dying coal mining towns called Mauch Chunk and East Mauch Chunk, tucked away in the Poconos of Pennsylvania, went in together to

buy his remains for a reported \$25,000 and renamed their two towns jointly -- the Borough of Jim Thorpe. It was meant to attract tourists, but it only created a trickle. Maybe the NFL would choose the little town for their Hall of Fame location? It didn't happen.

According to Steve Ward, an Indian law attorney who represents the tribe and Thorpe's two remaining sons, Richard and William, grandiose plans were made to use Thorpe's body to reverse the town's economic fortunes. Plans called for the commercialization of the Jim Thorpe name, to include a football shrine, a museum, a 500-bed hospital, an Olympic stadium and a sporting goods factory. None of these plans were ever realized, and the Borough of Jim Thorpe continues in decline today. Let's fast forward.

In June of 2010, Thorpe's sons filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, citing the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, or NAGPRA. The Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma also joined the suit in the U.S. District Court of Pennsylvania to bring Thorpe's remains back to finish his traditional burial. The delay in filing was because of the son's respect for the wishes of Thorpe's daughters to leave him in Pennsylvania. When all the daughters passed away, the sons filed the suit. The case is known as *John Thorpe, Sac and Fox Nation et al. v. Borough of Jim Thorpe et al.*

The final judgment of the district court was filed on April 19, 2013. Judge Richard Caputo ruled that NAGPRA, by its plain language, was applicable to Jim Thorpe's remains. The tribe and the Thorpe family were all anticipating the homecoming of this Olympic champion and hero sometime this year. Of course, the Borough refused to follow the order and appealed the ruling, saying basically that they had "bought him fair and square" and that his remains should remain their property even though the family and tribe have said the Borough can keep the Thorpe name.

On October 23, 2014, a three- (Continued on Page 3)

fering from it. The Creator gave us the ability to know right from wrong. We just have to make the right decision. Today, if we live by these principles, we can be happy."

Four Directions Education will host its "Honoring Traditions" gala January 31, 2015

from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at El Adobe in San Juan Capistrano, California. The gala is open to the public.

Read more at <http://indian-countrytodaymedianetwork.com/2014/12/25/saginaw-grant-receive-humanitarian-award-158446>

Chief's Address To The Nation

Happy New Year! I'm very excited about the direction that our Sac & Fox Nation is moving and the year 2015 promises to be a very prosperous time for our Nation. The planning for a new health clinic; development of an economic development department; obtaining a grant's writer; plans to improve our tribal parking lots; implementation of VAWA; obtaining new software for financial reporting; updating our code of laws and adding new laws; and planning to initiate electronic filing of records are just some of the things planned or have been implemented. Our tribal government is not stagnant, we are moving in the right direction which is forward!

National News

Congress' HR 83 with Amendments Now Signed into Law

President Obama signed into law, as PL 113-235 the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 on December 16, 2014. This act is an Omnibus bill package which provides yearlong funding to a number of programs which affect our community. Included in the bill is continuous funding for the Bureau of Indian Affairs programs, in-

cluding those related to Self-Governance and Education, which are of a major concern for our nation. Also included in the funding package are funds for Housing Projects and the USDA Food Distribution Programs. The bill is a great leap forward in this direction because it makes the funds we receive available for the entire fiscal year instead of the smaller continuing resolution appropriations bills that were being approved in the following years on a shorter basis. This allows our programs to meet their federal trust requirements but also to meet the service needs of all the members who participate in these programs.

I am very pleased to be able to tell you that this legislation passed as I personally wrote letters to the Oklahoma Congressmen urging them to act on this measure with full approval. I even conveyed my sentiments on the issues to Representative Coles office over the phone in early December. The approval of this measure is a great benefit for us and we look forward to being able to have our programs fully funded to serve the needs of our members for the entire year. (Continued on Page 3)

Upcoming Events

January 13
Sac and Fox Nation
Veterans Meeting
Cultural Center

January 14
Sac and Fox Elders
Monthly Meeting
Stroud

December 18
Sac and Fox Nation
Womens Auxillary



Employee of the Year: Mason Williamson was named "Employee of the Year" at the annual employee Christmas dinner. (SFNews)

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Sac and Fox Grant Staff Present for 14th Annual Indian Nations Conference in California

Last month the Sac and Fox reentry grant program manager attended the 14th Annual Indian Nations Conference – Justice for Victims of Crime, at the Agua Caliente Reservation in California, in conjunction with a tribal youth conference.

Attendance at the conference was estimated at over 1,100 people representing numerous tribes across the United States. Activities included traditional opening ceremonies and special guest speakers, followed by breakout sessions with spe-

cial topics.

“Attendance at the Conference is a Great Opportunity to Network with other Tribes working on similar programs and learn from their experiences”, said program manager Alana Owen.

Sac and Fox member Eugenia Tyner-Dawson facilitated one of the sessions for attendees of the conference. Eugenia is the Executive Director - Justice Programs Council on Native American Affairs and Senior Advisor to the Assistant Attorney General for Tribal Affairs - Of-

fice of the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

Over the past month members and employees of Sac and Fox have been meeting to discussion possible topics for submission of the Coordinated Tribal Assisted Solicitation (CTAS) which is due in February, 2015. The meeting members refer to the group as the “Community Committee for Sustainable Solutions.” Anyone interested in participating can contact Alana at 918-968-4279.

2014 Native American Language Revitalization Workshop

On November 21, 2014, Sauk Language Instructor Mosiah Bluecloud and the two current college level Youth Interns, Eddie Fullbright and Nicole Watashe, attended the two day Native American Language Revitalization Workshop at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada, Oklahoma.

Mosiah taught two workshops. “Sauk Language in the High School”, assisted by both interns, and “The Sauk Language Modified Master-Apprentice Program: It’s not your daddy’s Master-Apprentice program anymore.” Both workshops were well attended by attendees from other tribal language programs.

The Workshop offered the Sauk Language Youth Interns the opportunity to learn about other tribal language programs, and talk to language interns from other tribes, where they exchanged experiences and information. The Workshop also allowed for the Sauk Language Master Apprentice Program to be showcased as one of the best language revitalization programs in the country, and was used as a forum to answer questions from other tribal organizations on establishing their own programs based on the Sauk Language model.



Sauk Language Interns, Nicole Watashe (top center) and Eddie Fullbright (bottom center) assist with Workshops taught by Sauk Language Instructor, Mosiah Bluecloud.

Sac and Fox Elders
Monthly Meeting
January 14
2015
Stroud
10:00 am

Sac and Fox
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January 13
2015
Cultural Center
Stroud 5 pm

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Letter to Principal Chief George Thurman

December 15, 2014

The Honorable George Thurman
Chief, Sac & Fox Nation
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Mr. Thurman,

My name is Yannah Meeks, Sac & Fox Roll #2198. This past fall I accepted a position with Shawnee Public Schools as an Education Advisor for Horace Mann Elementary. Horace Mann Elementary School in Shawnee has a fantastic Native American population. Some classes have a majority of Native American students, and we have well over 200 students with more than 120 Native American students enrolled. I simply wanted to share with you what an invaluable resource our tribe has been for me this past semester.

We kicked off our year with a Red Ribbon Week with a visit from Jamie, the Youth Coordinator of the Sac & Fox Behavioral Health Department. She had a program for us regarding the effects of drugs and alcohol and distributed red ribbons and coloring books to our entire school. This is with only three days notice.

Jean at the Education Department has been kind enough to share surplus school supplies for our very grateful classrooms. Amanda Lenora and her crew at the Indian Child Welfare Department shared five backpacks of school supplies as well as goodie bags containing rewards for students for a job well done. The ICW has helped our students in numerous ways, including in keeping some of our student’s families together.

The language department of the Sac & Fox Nation have also been so kind as to create Sac & Fox language packets for our Sac & Fox students to begin their introduction to our Native language. This is a great introduction to the language that they may continue when they get to Shawnee High School and enroll in our language course.

It brings me great pride to see what an asset our tribe has become to our students. These children are now developing great pride in knowing their heritage and learning of our culture, arts, and history. I just wanted to thank the Sac & Fox Nation for their invaluable assistance and we look forward to working with your tribe again very soon!

Yannah Meeks,

Indian Education Advisor,
Horace Mann Elementary
Shawnee Public Schools

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judge panel from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit ruled that NAGPRA cannot be used to compel a repatriation of Thorpe to his homelands. It was a slap in the face to the plaintiffs and others who had supported and fought for his return.

"We're disappointed and shocked at this outcome," said Sac and Fox Nation Principal Chief George Thurman, "but we have decided to pursue our options and are focused on moving forward in this case.

"The judges decided that Congress intended for NAGPRA to apply largely to ancient or old burials and not to the modern burial of Jim Thorpe," wrote the Chief in the Sac and Fox News. "The judges wrote that a repatriation in this instance would be a 'patently absurd' application of NAGPRA."

"In an unwarranted departure from unambiguous statutory commands, the (three-judge panel of the Third Circuit) invoked the so-called 'absurdity doctrine' to prevent the very outcome Congress intended and that occurs regularly in American Indian grave repatriations," wrote Ward in a Statement

Concerning a Petition for Panel Rehearing and Rehearing En Banc that was filed on December 8, 2014. "Initial decisions by the U.S. Courts of Appeal are made by three-judge panels. The non-prevailing party in a case can ask for a rehearing en banc, meaning a rehearing before all of the active judges on the court."

The statement also pointed out that the "Supreme Court long has defined an 'absurd' result as one so contrary to social values that Congress could not have intended it – a standard not even remotely met in this case...the panel's decision lowers the bar. The reasons the panel found a possible repatriation unusual or surprising or 'absurd' reflect a fundamental misunderstanding of NAGPRA.

"Instead of focusing on the truly shocking facts surrounding the removal of Jim Thorpe's body from a traditional Sac and Fox burial rite...and the commercial use of his remains...the panel improperly speculated about theoretical consequences, none of which are possible if NAGPRA is prop-

erly interpreted.

"Additionally, the panel incorrectly assumed that the District Court had ordered Thorpe's body to be exhumed and his remains delivered to his sons, which is incorrect and which reflects its misunderstanding of Congress' design of the repatriation process.

"In this case, the panel correctly found no ambiguity in NAGPRA's definition of a museum... and, in fact, found that the municipality (the Borough of Jim Thorpe) in possession of the remains in this case was squarely within a literal application of (NAGPRA's) language. The application of NAGPRA in this instance...cannot be less than a 'plausible' result, and it is not reasonably a result that 'defies rationality' or is 'nonsensical' or that otherwise could be considered contrary to social values."

"The injustice was that Jim Thorpe's casket could have taken away from his traditional funeral without any consideration of the rights of Indian people," said Ward, who works for Connors & Winters law firm

out of Tulsa. "The court of appeals appears to have viewed the injustice as being to the Borough of Jim Thorpe. We believe the focus of this legal analysis should be on the rights of Indian people and tribes."

Part of a written Statement of the Sac and Fox Nation reads, "Family is one of the most important pillars of the Sac and Fox way of life. The Sac and Fox Nation, along with the Thorpe Family, will ceaselessly pursue this issue until Jim is finally returned to us – his family"

Jack Thorpe, the son who initially led the charge and then subsequently died of cancer, explained to me once on my radio show that "it's not about Dad wandering around as a lost spirit. The media plays that up, but we know better. We just want for Dad to be buried where he wanted to be buried – with his family here at the old place, here on Moccasin Trail."

It's time to bring Grandpa Jim home.

Read more at <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2014/12/21/its-time-bring-home-jim-thorpe>

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Congress Passes Tax Extenders Package that Includes Certain Tribal Extensions

Late December 17, 2014 the Senate passed H.R. 5771, the Tax Increase Prevention Act of 2014 by a vote of 76-16. The tax extenders package retroactively extends over 50 expired tax breaks for a one year period-meaning they would expire after December 31, 2014. The bill now goes to the President, which he is expected to sign into law, and would allow businesses and individuals to claim those tax breaks for the upcoming filing of 2014 tax returns. Included in the package were three tribal provisions:

- Section 114: Extension of Indian Employment Tax Credit;
- Section 124: Accelerated depreciation of qualified leasehold improvement, restaurant, and retail improvement property, of motorsports entertainment complexes, and of business property on Indian reservations; and
- Section 154: Extension of Production Credit for Indian Coal Facilities Placed in Service Before 2009.

Since this is a retroactive measure, the 114th Congress is expected to make tax extender issues a top priority at the start of the 2015 session. NCAI will continue to advocate for a permanent extension of tribal tax credits that encourages business investment in Indian Country.

*DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR |
Bureau of Indian Education Updating
Johnson O'Malley (JOM)*

*Student Count - Deadline EXTENDED:
December 31, 2014*

Earlier this year, a Congressional directive - the Explanatory Statement to Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 - was issued to the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) to conduct a comprehensive student count of eligible JOM students to be completed by September 15, 2014. The submission period was in effect from July 14, 2014 - September 15, 2014. The deadline has since been extended as announced earlier this month to Wednesday, December 31, 2014.

The Johnson O'Malley (JOM) program provides grants to supplement basic student needs for Native students in public schools since 1934. The purpose of these vital dollars are to foster specialized, culturally sensitive and unique educational programs that develop leadership skills of future tribal leaders necessary to promote positive academic, social and economic changes in Indian communities. These funds are often the only source through which Native students can engage in basic activities expected of all students.

The BIE Education Line Officers will contact federally recognized tribes, existing JOM programs, and urban Indian communities to gather information regarding JOM eligible students.

Sac & Fox Nation has complied and sent in our updated student information. I wish to thank Jean Lynam, Education Dept. for the work extended to supply this vital information. NCAI strongly supports action on an updated student count for the JOM program - as iterated in resolution #REN-13-013 as well as more recently in #ATL-14-039 from the 2014 Annual Convention. In addition, NCAI's 2014 Education Budget Request urges Congress to provide \$42 million for the program and to update the student count.

Local News

RodeoCommittee

Our Rodeo Committee has booked two more events for this next rodeo season. The Oklahoma Cowgirls Association (OCA) has

committed to have 2 of their 2015 Jackpot Series events at our arena on May 25th and July 21st. This association may have as many as 300 plus contestants competing.

The Oklahoma Cowgirls Association was formed in 1974 by a group of women who wanted a fun place to compete and socialize. The Association can boast several National and International Finalists: Kelli Amos Posttrach, Tracy Posttrach Nowlin, Betty Roper, Melanie Southard, Jamie Malone-Hiett, Dixie Wheaton, Debbie Allen, Sara Ellingson, Connie Cooper, Julana Cochran Clay, and Charla Hartness Allen. Over the years they have also included several AQHA, APHA, PtHa, ABRA, NOTRA, and IBHA World Champions: Rose Barker, Dixie Wheaton, Sherry Brewer, Jamie Malone-Hiett, and Deena Wheaton. The success of the OCA can be attributed directly to its ability to change with the times. The OCA started almost as a gymkhana association. Barrel racing was not the only event, included was pole bending, flag racing, goat tying, steer undecorating, breakaway roping, and team roping. They also put on the Second largest futurity for several years. Along the way, they have dropped everything except barrel racing. OCA moved to the 4D format when it appeared that the Novice horse races were being forgotten. OCA is now the oldest barrel racing association in Oklahoma and rank as one of the largest.

From the Updating of the Violence Against Women's Act Provisions

The Sac and fox Nation Business Committee voted at our meeting on December 11, 2014 to update the violence against women act provisions and the guardianship laws for both minors and adults to bring them in line with the new more modern federal definitions which were approved by the Federal Government this year. These changes are a major step forward for us and will allow our nation to provide significant protections that we did not have jurisdiction for in the older code sections. This modernization is something that has been done by only a handful of Tribal Nations and brings us into line with the forefront of the movement to decrease the violence against Native American Women. To better explain these changes, I am quoting a writing from our Attorney General, Greg Bigler, from December 11, 2014

Today the Sac and Fox Nation Business Committee adopted all revisions and amendments I submitted to assert enhanced jurisdiction under the Violence Against Women Act of 2013. The Nation will now be able to prosecute non-Indians for certain domestic abuse and violations of protective orders in their territory. The Sac & Fox Nation is not the first to move under VAWA, but it will be one of the first half dozen tribes in the United States to do so. The new amendments will also allow the SFN to increase incarceration from 1 year to 3 years by taking advantage of the federal Tribal Law and Order Act provisions. It has been a great deal of work to get the Codes to this point, and I felt reasonably confident the amendments would pass but one never knows till they are. I spent a lot of time yesterday getting everything ready for today's BC meeting, coincidentally while I am attending the VAWA Inter-tribal Working Group meeting. It is a huge relief to know the Codes are now in place and proud of the Sac and Fox to see them moving on this issue. I can't thank the Sac and Fox Business Committee, enough for their attention, and Chief George Thurman for getting it on the agenda. And, a special thanks to Charlotte Isenhower

Cartwright, the SFN Court Clerk, for all her input and suggestions as to how the codes needed to address the Court's concerns as the Tribal Court is the focal point for this enhanced assertion of the Nation's sovereignty. Charlotte is a great example of the Tribal Court Clerks who do fantastic work at the tribal courts but seldom get the credit and recognition they deserve for the work they do.

The amended titles include, Title 6, Civil Procedure, Chapter 6 Jurors; Title 9 Courts; Chapter One, District Court. Section 102 - Minimum Qualifications of Judge of the District Court; Title 10, Crimes - Section 3 - Penalties, Chapter 2 - Crimes Against Persons (section 201-225, including Sec. 207.1 - 207.8 Domestic Abuse & Ch. 2A Sex Crimes), Section 415 False Statements or Entries; Title 11, Criminal Procedure, Chapter One Preliminary Provisions, Chapter Two Proceedings Before Trial, Section 202 Arrest Warrant or Summons to Appear & Section 204 Arraignment; and all of Title 13 Family, Chapter 9 - Domestic Abuse.

The Nation also, finally, adopted my drafts of Article II - Minors; Article III - Adults; Article IV - Miscellaneous of Title 13 - Guardianship and Conservatorship Act.

So all in all it was a good day, and a huge relief...

Short Takes

- The Business Committee have conducted interviews for a grants writer/planner and should have their selection starting in January, thus strengthening a team being comprised to help move our Nation forward.
- The Business Committee after meeting with the Sauk Business Enterprises (SBE) has decided to expand the SBE Board membership from 3 members to 5 members.
- The Sauk Business Enterprise(s) (SBE) and Business Committee have entered into an agreement with PACE Group to locate and hire an Economic Development Director to add to the team mentioned earlier. The first meeting was held on December 12, 2014. On the same day, Klas Robinson, Minneapolis, MN and The Innovation Group, Littleton, CO discussed their respective proposals re the feasibility study for the best use of the Cushing Industrial Building and the Shawnee Trust Property Owned by the Nation.
- Congratulations to our Activity Committee for a very successful Christmas Program on December 20th! The Community Building was SRO!

*Department News
Transportation*

Our Transportation Department held a "Public Hearing" on December 11th to gather information by the SFN leaders and staff to use as part of the process for developing the Sac and Fox Nation's Long Range Transportation Plan. Tribal members, state, county, and local officials plus members of the general public were invited to attend to discuss and provide input and suggestions on proposed or future projects which might include public roads, bridges, tribal parking lots, or transit matters. This meeting was both informative and productive and we are looking forward to seeing what our Transportation department does in the future to help support the growing needs of our community.

Finance Department

Our Finance Department has been exploring ways to streamline the recording and reporting of financial transactions of the Nation. The timely response to inquiries from departments, committees, commissions, boards, and entities of our Government has been a top priority of our Chief Financial Officer (CFO); plus Mr.

Ellis is considering revamping our Property & Procurement Department by reducing the time consumed in ordering items and the payment will be conducted in a much needed and expedited manner with the implementation of software that will alleviate so much paperwork. The Business Committee, Property & Procurement, Human Resources, Finance, and Chief of Staff recently listened to a proposal by Software / Simplified, Tracy, CA. The following is an explanation of how this software would help in financial management, time tracking, human resource management and fundraising management.

Software / Simplified

Software Simplified is a consulting firm specializing in financial management and time tracking. Industries served include the legal sector, nonprofit organizations, small governments and tribal nations which our Nation is considering implementing in the upcoming January Business Committee Meetings.

This groups, authorized since 1999, works directly with public and private organizations fully understanding the unique financial reporting and management requirements imposed today. The implementation of this new software includes four key phases: Planning, Implementation, Training, and On-going Support. This proven process will allow us to streamline our systems for the financial management of the nation in a proven system which has been utilized by many other nations across the country as well as other small government systems.

Moreover, the new system will help us move forward and modernize the ability of our Nation to keep detailed financial records which are connected to the Human Resources systems employed by the Nation. This Update to the Human Resources System will allow us integrate HR management and reporting with Payroll and Accounting. This exciting change will streamline our payroll process by making changes and updating information all in one place. The Nations human resources will also be better able to track certifications and education, so our HR staff can focus on people instead of paperwork.

The manner that our tribal government serves you (tribal members) as our clients' needs an overhaul; by this I mean new methods of operation, modernizing our communication, upgrading our information technology, new facilities / buildings, and electronic filing of records. I have been an advocate for these changes and as our "team" continues to grow I am starting to see changes for the betterment of our Sac & Fox Nation coming to fruition.

I ask for your prayers for our Business Committee, tribal government, and our Sac & Fox Nation as we move into this New Year 2015.



Sincerely,
George Thurman, Principal Chief

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.

January 2015 Native American Quotes
<http://www.nativevillage.org/Libraries/Quotes>

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

Phil Cash, Umatilla

"It is so easy to sit on the couch and play video games or watch TV. Do something positive that can inspire folks. Our elders expect a lot from future generations."

Jeremy Marshall, Cherokee

"When you begin a great work you can't expect to finish it all at once."

Teedyuscung, Delaware

"Our language is what holds us. It is a part of who we are. This is what my father told me."

Dakota Littlecrow, Salish

"You have the values that come with the language. Never trade off for something that is foreign. Your legacy should be good enough."

Rhonda Hopkins, Chippewa

"For many years the government policy was to assimilate native people into mainstream society and essentially stamp out [our culture]. It's a testament to the tenacity of our people that we have any native cultures or religions left in the United States. We are seeing a remarkable cultural renaissance in the tribal communities."

Walter Echohawk



Talk Sauk.
**SAUK LANGUAGE
DEPARTMENT**

January 2015 Word Scramble

- oNpîhen _____
- eweônnmpeâiMkh _____
- noiktPiê _____
- htaipCnîo _____
- enonMo _____
- âaaiwkhmtAom _____
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January 2015 Word Match

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pitikêno	it's winter
chîtapino	come on in
menono	i'm going home
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wâpeshkwânehkwêwa	reindeer
wâpitîha	it's too expensive
menwakimowa	have a drink
wîhtahkitechepkîwi	take a seat
mehpowi	it's cold
wanâkîno	have a white hair
châkanetîhi	it's going to be a cold night
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nîhkashkihâwa	cocoa
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pepôwi	money

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Sauk Language Happenings and News

JANUARY

CHAKIMAHKÔHA-Little Bear Moon



**Have a Safe and Happy New
Year!**

2015



SAUK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

GO TIGERS!

Welcome back from Christmas break!
Only 5 months of School left.

Good Luck to all the Sauk Students who participate in Athletics this winter!

GO TIGERS!

SAUK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Exciting News From Sauk Language!!

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.

Thank You

Stroud 1st and 2nd grade boys basketball: Sage Team would like to say THANK YOU to IOWAY CASINO for their donation to pay for our uniforms. The support of IOWAY CASINO is greatly appreciated!



Nearly 100 people celebrate holidays with open house at Sac and Fox library

Things were bustling at the Sac and Fox National Public Library in December, including a holiday open house on Wednesday, Dec. 17. Almost 100 people were on hand to celebrate.

Catherine Walker, our Historical Researcher, opened with a short history of the Library and dedicated the luncheon to the Sac and Fox Business Committee. That includes an exhibit showing details of the individual members. The presentation is still on display.

Sam Spang, FDPIR Director, gave the invocation.

Sandwiches, appetizers, and three kinds of cake (chocolate, vanilla and strawberry) were part of the dinner.

Eugenia Dawson, who works in Washington D.C., wins the unofficial award for traveling the furthest to celebrate.

Door prizes were also part of the day. Mason Williamson took home a Sac and Fox tote bag while Mosiah Bluecloud garnered a stuffed eagle. Decorated mugs were won by Harriet Nanaeto, Nikki Knesek, Dustin Rolette, Berdina George, Trisha Cooper and Sena Yesslith.

Hoodies have been added to the items for sale in the gallery. The hoodies come in a variety of colors, including OU red, OSU orange, black and beige. All are zipped-up hoodies, except for the beige ones, which are pullovers.

We also have books, ball caps, tote bags and mugs for sale. All profits benefit the Library.



And please sign up for a library card if you don't have one. Applications are available in the Library.

Also, you can visit the library's online catalog at <https://sacandfox.biblionix.com/atoz/catalog/>.

Come and check us out!



PLEASE NOTIFY

Secretary Mary F. McCormick
Of Any Change In Your Address

This is the **ONLY CONTACT** we have with you

Indian Child Welfare Department

has moved to the

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

January 2015 Wordsearch

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From The Merle Boyd Center

Meet Sac and Fox Nation Podiatrist Dr. James E. Webb Jr., D.P.M



Dr. James E. Webb Jr., D.P.M

A Podiatrist, Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM), is the only health care professional whose total training focuses on the foot, ankle and related body systems. Dr. Webb treats people of all ages with common disorders of feet including bunions, heel pain/spurs, hammertoes, ingrown toenails, warts, corns, calluses, sprains, fractures, infections, and injuries. Dr. Webb also provides the Sac and Fox Nation with a comprehensive diabetic foot care program. He stresses the importance of proper foot care and routine checkups.

Dr. Webb is affiliated with the Oklahoma Podiatric Medical Association and American Podiatric Medical Association and served as the Oklahoma Podiatric Medical Association President from 2003-2004. Dr. Webb's education follows as;

- College High School – 1982
- Westminster College in Fulton, MO Bachelor's Degree – 1986
- California College of Podiatric Medicine in San Francisco Graduate Studies – 1990
- University of Southern California Los Angeles County Medical Center Internship – 1990
- Maryland Podiatric Residency Program in Baltimore, MD Emphasis: Podiatric Orthopedics & Podiatric Surgery - 1992

Dr. Webb has been providing the Sac and Fox Nation with Podiatry services since January 2013. The Podiatry clinic is located in the Merle W. Boyd Center. The hours of operation are every Wednesday from 8:30am to 3:30pm. In order to receive an appointment one must have a referral placed by Black Hawk Health Center or other IHS provider.

Contact number for the Merle W. Boyd Center is 918-968-9531 ext. 3000

Folic Acid Awareness Week

By Elizabeth Burgess MS, RD



Elizabeth Burgess MS, RD

The second week in January is dedicated to folic acid awareness. Folic acid is a type of B vitamin that is usually found in supplements or fortified foods such as cereal. It is important to make sure we receive folic acid in our diets for multiple reasons. The vitamin is responsible for

helping body tissues grow and making body cells work. Folic acid is especially important during pregnancy as it can help prevent birth defects like spina bifida. In adults, folic acid deficiency may cause anemia, gray hair, a swollen tongue, and peptic ulcers. Food sources high in folic acid are dark green leafy vegetables, dried beans, peas, and citrus fruits. Look for fortified or enriched foods like breads, cereals, and rice that may also contain folic acid.

Recommended Amounts:

- Males age 14 and older: 400 mcg/day
 - Females age 14 and older: 400 mcg/day
 - Pregnant teens 14-18 years; 600 mcg/day
 - Pregnant females 19 and older: 500 mcg/day
 - Breastfeeding females 14-18 years: 600 mcg/day
 - Breastfeeding females 19 and older: 500 mcg/day
- Source: Medline

Tax Exemption for American Indians and Alaska Natives

Don Whitehead, Health Services Director

Starting in 2014, every person needs to have health coverage or make a payment on their federal income tax return called the "shared responsibility payment." Some people are exempt from making this payment. As a member of an Indian tribe, you can ask the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for this exemption before you file your federal income tax return. You don't need to ask for an exemption if you're not going to file a federal income tax return because your income is below the filing threshold. If you're not sure, you may want to ask for an exemption.

If you get this exemption, you can keep it for future years without submitting another application if your membership or eligibility for services from an Indian health care provider remains unchanged. You can use one application to apply for this exemption for more than one person in your tax household.

You will need documents showing tribal membership or eligibility for services from the Indian Health Service, a tribal health care provider, or a urban Indian health care provider, your Social Security numbers (SSNs), if you have them, and Information about people in your tax household. We ask for Social Security number and other information to make sure your exemption is counted when you file your federal income tax return. All the information you give will be kept private and secure, as required by law.

Your documentation, completed and signed application must be sent to the address below. They will follow-up with you within 1-2 weeks and let you know if they need additional information. If you get this exemption, they will give you an Exemption Certificate Number that you'll put on your federal income tax return. If you don't hear from them, visit HealthCare.gov, or call the Health Insurance Marketplace Help Center at 1-800-318-2596.

Health Insurance Marketplace – Exemption Processing
465 Industrial Blvd.
London, KY 40741

Black Hawk Health Center can assist you in filing for an exemption.

If you should need copies of the application with instructions, help with filling out the application, or a letter of eligibility for services from the Indian Health Service please contact the Black Hawk Health Center at (918) 968-9531. We will be happy to assist you in completing the forms.

Sac and Fox Transportation Program

Criteria You Must Meet Before Being Eligible for Transportation:

- You must have an established chart at BHHC
- You must have no other means of transportation
- You must have an active referral from a BHHC provider to the facility where being transported

If you have Medicaid, please utilize SoonerRide
 SoonerRide's toll free phone number is
(877) 404-4500

January 2015 Black Hawk Health Center Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<i>Happy New Year</i>		1 Closed for New Years Day	2 11:15 SWEATIN' TO OLDIES 12:15 Circuit Training
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JANUARY 2015 MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pow-wow Committee Sponsoring NEW YEAR'S DANCE Thursday, Jan 1, 2015 Community Building	EAC Monthly Mtg Wednesday, January 14, 2015 SMPC-Shawnee	Keep Warm and Be Prepared . . . always wear a hat and gloves, and keep blankets in the car.	1 New Years Day OFFICES CLOSED	2 Oatmeal w/raisins Boiled Egg Toast Orange Juice
5 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Carrots Pears	6 Lima Beans w/ham Cabbage Cornbread Fruit Cocktail	7 Spaghetti Green Beans Garlic Bread Jello w/fruit	8 Fried Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Zucchini Peaches	9 Chili w/beans Sm. Baked Potato Crackers Mandarin Orange
12 Baked Fish Cole Slaw Corn on Cob Applesauce	13 Vegetable Stew Crackers Cheese Slices Vanilla Pudding	14 Beef Hotdog Potato Wedges Cottage Cheese w/ Tomato Peaches	15 Meatloaf Mac & Cheese Green Beans Tropical Fruit	16 Biscuit & Gravy Bacon Boiled Egg Orange
19 Chef Salad Fried Okra Crackers Plain Cake	20 Pork Ribs Potato Salad Baby Carrots Mandarin Oranges	21 Cheeseburger French Fries Pork & Beans Fruit Cocktail	22 Chicken & Noodles Squash Crackers Pears	23 BeefnBean Burrito Chick. Quesadilla Chips & Salsa Pineapple
26 Spaghetti WC Corn Garlic Toast BS Pudding	27 Pot Roast Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Wheat Bread Applesauce	28 Tuna Casserole Carrots Bread Peaches	29 Indian Taco Fresh Veggies Salsa Grape Dumplings	30 French Toast Sausage Patty Boiled Egg Milk

Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline

1
800
QUIT
NOW

Join us at the first cooking class of the New Year!

Featuring:

Banana Bread Protein Muffins

Participants will learn how to turn this classic food item into a healthier option AND receive a prize for participating!

Merle Boyd Center

January 13 at 12:00 pm

January 14 at 11:00 am

(Limit 25 people)

FLU 2014 REVISITED

Gene Hoyt, JD, MD, FCLM

In Oklahoma and across the nation we expect flu outbreaks most usually in January and February. Over the past several years the flu vaccine has been a good match to the circulating virus. "Flu" may be caused by any number of related viruses. The current vaccine covers what were thought to be the most likely viral pathogens for the 2014-2015 flu season. So far both locally and across the nation the flu A virus, H3N2, has been the most commonly detected illness causing virus. In March 2014 a mutated, or changed form of the A virus, was found. This mutated A could not be incorporated into the vaccine in time for

the onset of the flu season. The current vaccine does not fully or completely protect against this mutated viral form. The vaccine does appear to be a close match for both the H1N1 and subtype B virus which are now circulating.

Get your flu shot, it's not too late. The vaccine is effective against both H1N1 and subtype B flu strains and may provide some protection against the influenza, H3N2 variant. Who should get the vaccine? Most everyone but, people who have had an allergy to the vaccine, people who have egg allergies, people who are ill and have fever must be screened by knowledgeable medical

personnel before receiving any form of the vaccine. Otherwise everyone over 6 months of age should receive the vaccine. Call your doctor's office to find out if they have the vaccine and get the best flu preventative medicine has to offer—the flu shot. Many places including the County Health Departments, your local pharmacy, Walmart, Walgreens, and CVS are still giving the flu shot. The flu shot is based on extensive research of viral illness which circulated in the southern hemisphere earlier this year. The Centers for Disease Control and The World Health Organization has been very good but not perfect in predicting viral circulation in preparing the flu shot.

The question always arises, "I am pregnant should I take the flu shot." Generally speaking the flu shot is safe for pregnant women. No adverse effect has been shown to the expectant mother or the developing child. But, always discuss the flu shot and all medicines, even over the counter medicines, with your OB doctor. Another very common question is, "Can I get the flu from the flu shot?" No, No, No, you cannot get the flu from the flu shot! Some people may have flu like fever and body aches and pain, but this is not the flu. It is a side effect caused by your immune system reacting to components of the vaccine. You must also remember it takes about 2 weeks for you to develop immunity after the flu shot. If you have been exposed to the flu before you receive the flu shot, you may develop the flu, not from the flu shot, but from your exposure before immunity developed. This is the reason it is suggested to get the flu shot early, before flu cases start to develop. If a person's immune system is

weak, full immunity may not develop. Sometimes a "high dose" shot is suggested or people at risk may receive a second flu shot. People with COPD, asthma and diabetes should receive the flu shot early. Some people may be allergic to the flu shot. The vaccine is prepared using eggs. If you are allergic to eggs, you should not receive the standard flu shot. There is a special egg free vaccine available.

You should get a flu shot every year. Vaccines change from year to year. Also, even if the shot was the same, a "recall" vaccine shot will provide greater immunity as immunity can decline over time.

You know about flu shots. I also write every year about the pneumonia vaccine. The flu shot and pneumonia shot just seem to go together each fall. Pneumococcal disease is wide spread not only in the United States but around the world. In fact, this common and vaccine preventable disease kills more people each year than all other vaccine preventable diseases combined. It may manifest itself as a blood, brain, or lung infection. These illnesses are becoming much more difficult to treat because of antibiotic resistance. If you are over 65 get the PneumoVax shot. If you are under 65 but have chronic lung, heart, or kidney problems, get the shot! If you smoke get PneumoVax shot. People with cancer, organs transplants or a damaged or absent spleen get the shot! As always talk to your physician about your particular circumstance.

You know what to do to help protect yourself from these common ailments. "Just do it" is not just the Nike logo. It's good Oklahoma common sense!

Happy New Year!

NOTICE
Sac and Fox Nation Veterans
 will be electing officers
 at the February 10th meeting
 All Veterans Attend

The Sac and Fox Nation Indian Child Welfare continue the quest for foster parents.

For more information, please contact:
 918-968-3526 ext. 1713

**BE THE REASON....THEY FEEL LOVED,
 THEY HAVE HOPE, IT GETS BETTER!**

Happy January Birthday Elders

Eddie Lee Blanchard Taylor Neal Finley Gregory Paul Walker Sandra D'ann Bruehl Avis E. Austin Cheryl Ann Carter Robert Lewis Tyner Charles Arthur Holland Donald Lee Fixico Janis Gail Fleming Dora Steel Young Alphues Christjohn Wilson Harriett Janean Hunter Jesse W. Baldwin Carla K. James Debra Joyce Ornelas George L. Thurman Forest C. Nelson Truman Andrew Carter Edward Littlehead Cecelia L. Snodgrass Gloria M. Castillo Cathy Lynn Tamminga Christina Louise Roan Glenn Mitchell Logan Mark Kent Megehee Pamela Ann Longshore Lana Jo Duncan Bobby Duane Longshore Annette Hunter Rice Charles Larry Ryan Anita Lynn Hooley Simon Carter Retherford Frank Gokey Carol Rose Littlehead Dino Ray Riley Elvis Edgar Ellis John Bill Croley Paula Kaye Bean Cheryl Ann Torres George Nullake Sarah Rhodes Donna Diane Gorton Mamie Long Landis Marileen McClellan Frank E. Rhodd Alma Louise Davis Sandra Kay Patton Daniel R. Tyner	  	John L. Cummins Rosa D. Hawzipta Keith Edward Franklin Valerine Charolette Lasley Antowine N. Warrior David Keith Butler Thomas Morris Warrior Jacqueline Helfer LaDonna Renee Brown Toni Colline Littlewalker Dee Ann Manatowa Cynthia Ina Crane Walter Andrew Nullake Glenn K. Morton Rosita V. Quintana Margaret McKinney-Woodward Lewis Marez Louise E. McIlvaine Wanda Marie Wolf Minnie Franklin Emil V. Nelson Karolyn Kaye Heuston Harry Benson Walker Viola Freida Prewitt Samuel F. Morris Sharon Elaine Franklin Margaret Frances Wood Roger Keith James Amos Black David Michael Tibbitts Arthur Marez Arnold Ray Terry Barry Dean Irons Mary Frances McCormick Dolores Lurlene Kahrahr Alden Ray Franklin Ronald Dean Lopez Thelma D. Rogers Victor James Barnes Brenda Sue Floyd Sandra Ray Sherri A. Vandervort Marilyn Jean Spoon James Howard Roubidoux Richard Eugene Walker Mary Christine Harjoe Johanna Myers David Eric Schexnider Edward Scott Troy
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Business Committee Meeting Minutes
 are now accessible on the Website and Facebook
sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov

Sac and Fox Enrollment Department
is trying to locate the following Tribal Members:

Victor James Barnes DOB: 1902 Clyde Benjamin Davis DOB: 12/06/1933 Anthony Myron Mack DOB: 12/25/1940 Brandon Dean Thacker DOB: 03/01/1979	Bridgette Jean-Marie (Harkins) DOB: 7/27/1980 Arthur H. LaBelle DOB: 1917 Glen Kenneth Morton DOB: 1927 Donald L. Tyner DOB: 12/08/1938
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If you have any information on them, please inform the Enrollment Department at 1-800-259-3970, extension 1040 or 1041. If they have passed away, send us a Copy, of their Death Certificate or Obituary.



SAC AND FOX NATION
RAP ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

FAX: 918-968-0098
 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)		
<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 _____	

I am a positive runner focused on pacing myself
 I wonder how long I've been running
 I hear people saying my name as I pass them
 I see the distance between me and the other runners
 I want to be at the front of our group
 I am a positive runner focused on pacing myself

I pretend as soon as I turn the corner I'll be finished
 I feel sweat running down the side of my face
 I touch my forehead to swipe the sweat off my face
 I worry I'll get dehydrated while I'm running
 I cry when I let myself down when it comes to my goals
 I am a positive runner focused on pacing myself

I understand that I have to be patient with myself
 I say I can do it because I believe in myself
 I dream I will achieve my goals
 I try to pace myself whenever I'm running
 I hope to see improvement in the speed I run
 I am a positive runner focused on pacing myself



Anna Smist, granddaughter of Mary McCormick

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.

Sac and Fox Nation Police Department

From Sac and Fox Tribal Police Chief Bob Roberts 

Winter Storm Safety Tips

This season, there have already been winter storms that left homes and businesses without electricity, leaving residents to find alternate ways to heat homes. Whenever alternate heating methods are used, the risk of having a home fire or exposure to dangerous carbon monoxide increases. The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) advises the following tips to stay safe:

Power and Gas Lines

After a storm, avoid power lines that have been damaged or downed. Do not use gas lines that are leaking until they have been inspected.

Generators

Only use generators outdoors. Generator fumes contain carbon dioxide that can quickly overwhelm a person.

Check to make sure the right size and type of power cords are used.

Never run cords used for a generator under a carpet or a rug.

Ensure that a generator is not connected to another power source, such as a wall outlet.

Keep all chemicals away from the generator for safety purposes.

Candles

Use candles with care, as they can be easily knocked over and start a fire quickly.

Consider using battery operated candles instead, as they are a safer alternative.

Space Heaters

All space heaters should be placed at least three feet from beds, curtains or anything flammable.



Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

LIHEAP runs from Nov. 10 – April 15 for heating assistance and from June 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 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.



ONABEN selects Tulsa, Oklahoma for the 2015 annual Native Trading at the River Conference

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Portland OR -- ONABEN - Our Native American Business Network announces the city for the annual Trading at the River Conference and Native Marketplace. The conference, held for the last eleven years in Oregon and Washington, will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, May 2015. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation will host the conference and native marketplace at their properties, River Spirit Casino and RiverWalk.

Trading at the River is a two-day event that focuses on content to facilitate growing strong economies on tribal reservations and in communities through entrepreneurship, developing and growing small businesses and building partnerships.

Veronica Hix, ONABEN Executive Director, expressed her appreciation at the opportunity to bring Trading at the River to Oklahoma. "Trading at the River is a unique experience for entrepreneurs, small business owners and economic development practitioners to gather, exchange and grow. The change in venue next year will be a great opportunity to be able to share Trading at the River outside of the Pacific Northwest."

ONABEN Board Chairman, Jack Lenox, also commented that, "The Muscogee (Creek) Nation offered to host our event and, in line with ONABEN's growth and expanded services across Indian country, the ONABEN Board of Directors approved the city and venue change."

ONABEN will also partner with the Cherokee Nation TERO and Mvskoke Loan Fund to present Trading at the River. Anchoring the conference is a marketplace where Native artists, crafters and other vendors can showcase and sell their products and services.

ONABEN is a 501(c)(3) corporation headquartered in Portland, Oregon, and was created in 1991 by four Oregon tribes to encourage development of a private sector on their reservations. ONABEN provides curriculum, training and organizational consulting focused on developing entrepreneurship in Native communities. ONABEN serves Native business development organizations and entrepreneurs nationally through its "Indianpreneurship" curriculum. The group is driven by its mission to strengthen Indigenous communities and individuals by increasing opportunities for economic growth through culturally innovative business solutions.

For more information about ONABEN and Trading at the River, please visit ONABEN.org and TradingattheRiver.com.



TRADING AT THE RIVER

april@onaben.org telephone: 503-968-1500



2014 PER CAPITA PAYMENT INFORMATION

- You must be enrolled by Tuesday, September 30, 2014 to be eligible for the 2013 per capita payment.
- The tribal membership roll will be certified by Tuesday, September 30, 2014.
- A complete Internal Revenue Service (IRS) form must be received by the Sac and Fox Nation Office of Enrollment before a check can be distributed.
- The Sac and Fox Nation Finance Department will mail the 2014 IRS form 1099 by Saturday, January 31, 2015.
- No official date has been set at this time for disbursement of the per capita payment.
- All checks will be mailed, no exceptions.
- If Enrollment has a different mailing address for you, they will change their records to match what is listed on the W-9 form.

IRS Form W-9

It is critical that the IRS Form W-9 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 Office of Enrollment will verify all information including name, current mailing address and social security number. 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 IRS Form W-9 must match the name on the social security card. If your name has 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 an IRS Form W-9 for minor children; not doing so could result in the minor's authorized amount of payment being deposited along with the remaining balance into the minor's trust fund account.

Contact information – Office of Enrollment

All completed IRS Form W-9s 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
Office of Enrollment
920883 S. Hwy 99, Bldg. A
Stroud, Oklahoma 74079

Direct fax: 918-968-9636

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Enrollment staff by phone at 918-968-3526 or 800-259-3970.

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.

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

ATTENTION

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



EARLY LEASE MODIFICATIONS

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

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



HUNTING

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

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 ↓

2014 PER CAPITA W-9

Form W-9 (Rev. August 2013) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification	Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.																																				
Print or type See Specific instructions on page 2.	Name (as shown on your income tax return) X	ROLL # X																																				
	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above																																					
	Check appropriate box for federal tax classification: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____																																					
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	City, state, and ZIP code X	List account number(s) here (optional)																																				
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 <i>How to get a TIN</i> on page 3.																																						
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 																																						
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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.																																						
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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:																																						
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 																																						
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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:																																						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.																																						

Elders Advisory Committee Says Thank You

The Elders Advisory Committee would like to express their appreciation to everyone that attended their Winter Dance on December 6, 2014. A big thank you goes out to the Head Staff; MC-Jamey Noble, Head Man-Greg Morris, Head Woman-Georgianne Noble, Head Singer-Jeff Wilson, Head Gourd Dancer-Everett Denny, AD's-Anthony Calderon, Ricky Ashley, and Tristain McKissick, Cooks-Mary Brown and Anita Stevens who cooked a fantastic meal. Also to our SFN Honor Guard, Singers, SFN Tribal Secretary Mary McCormick, Pat Ward, Crystal Ashley, WC Harjo, Houston Stevens, Steve Ward, Lila Walker, Shirley Wakole, Cheryl McClellan, Becky Ellis, Judy Ellis and all others that helped. We appreciate all the donations of cakes, raffle items and all the monetary donations. We couldn't do it without all of you. MANY THANKS!!!!

Juvenile Detention Center Host Employee Christmas Dinner

The Juvenile Detention Center held its 2nd Annual Christmas Party for their employees and their families on Friday December 12, 2014.

The staff and their guests were treated to a Christmas Dinner catered by D's Catering from Stroud.

Each employee was given a certificate for years of service:

- Nancy Nullake (17 Years)
- Juan Arvizu (17 Years)
- Sharon Emmons (17 Years)
- Bryan Hinshaw (14 Years)
- Doug Murphy (13 Years)
- Janice Sudheimer (13 Years)
- Tena Nabors (8Years)
- Josh Jordan (8 Years)
- Richard Summers (7 Years)
- Pam Zimmerman (3 Years)
- Mariah Funk (3 Years)
- Gene Carroll (2 Years)
- Wanda Rodriguez (2 Years)
- Katrina Hinshaw (1 Year)
- Rose Barnes (1 Year)
- Geoffrey Peden (1 Year)
- Maria Starr (1 Year)
- Jessica Saunders (1 Year)
- Raiven Franklin (1 Year)

- Trisha Cooper (1 Year)
- Michelle Yost (1 Year)
- Billy Tiger (1 Year)

New additions to the facility: Juan York, Jon Godwin, Brianna Smith and Timothy Young.

Also yearly awards were given in four categories: Employee of the Year, Resident Advisor of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and the "Oopsey" of the Year. These awards are voted on by each employee in each category.

The winners were:

- Gene Carroll*
Employee of the Year
- Jessica Saunders*
Resident Advisor of the Year
- Juan York*
Rookie of the Year
- Mariah Funk*
"Oopsey" of the Year

The staff then participated in a gift exchange event to close the evening.

The Detention Center would like to wish the entire Sac and Fox Nation a very safe and Happy Holiday Season.

SAC AND FOX TAX COMMISSION REVENUE

October 2014

Beer and Liquor	\$535.10
State Tobacco Rebate	\$255,026.69
Motor Vehicle.	\$4,354.25
Sales Tax.	\$15,497.69
Treasury.	\$115.00
Oil & Gas.	\$1,832.18
Gaming	\$119,168.16
TOTAL	\$396,529.07



is accepting applications for

Housekeeping

Applicants must pass background and drug screens,

Native American preference.

Submit resume by fax @ 405-395-9090 or visit our website at sandfcasino.com to apply online.

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.

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.

PT-16 State Cost-Share Assistance Conservation Program

Lincoln County Conservation District Cost-Share Program will be under way starting January 20, 2015.

LCCD was allocated \$13750.00 to cost share on installation of conservation practices in the county. The program will offer Brush Management, emphasis on cedar trees, and Water Well – well drilling and casing. These practices are being offered to help with Cedar control and drought relief. The maximum cost-share payment rate is 50%. The maximum cost-share payment that shall be made to any participant from these funds is \$4000.00. To be eligible for consideration and applicant must

have a Cooperator Agreement on file, a completed application for allocated funds and a conservation plan approved by the district in which the eligible person's land is located.

Sign-up for this program will run from January 20, 2015 through February 27, 2015. Applications will be available at the District office during this time.

For more information contact the Lincoln County Conservation District, 405-258-5011. The office is located at 201 N. Sandy Lane, Chandler, OK and the office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

HELP WANTED!

SAC & FOX NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

Education Director (Stroud)
Seeking Immediate Placement

Resident Advisor (Juvenile Detention Center/Stroud)
Open Continuously

Grant Writer/Planner
Seeking Immediate Placement

Health Information Management Coder
Seeking Immediate Placement

Environmental Specialist
Seeking Immediate Placement

Environmental Technician (Stroud)
Seeking Immediate Placement

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



Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline

1 800 QUIT NOW



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: _____



SAC AND FOX NATION
920883 S Hwy. 99 Building A • Stroud, Oklahoma 74079 • (918) 968-1141 • FAX (918) 968-1142

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 NEW

ADDRESS _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

STREET ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN MAILING ADDRESS)

OLD NEW

STREET ADDRESS _____ 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 _____

**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.

Card of Thanks from Family of Harold Wallace

Our family would like to say thank you to everyone for the kind words, thoughts, prayers, cards, flowers and food. It was of great comfort to know that you were thinking of us, as we were grieving.

We want to say thank you to the following: the nurses at Colonial Estates Skilled-Rehabilitation Unit, Kim, Mary, Lily, Tosha and John for the great care they gave to our loved one while there; Loving Care Hospice nurses, Sheri, Amanda and Amber for the great care they also gave Harold; to Linda Foster, Administrator of Colonial Estates for being helpful to us; special thanks to Wanda and Stephanie for being there during Harold's illness; to Gene and Debra Wakole; to Rev. Ellis Rolette and Rev. Wayne Wilson for officiating at the services and being there for us; thanks to Gov. Edwina Butler-Wolfe and Absentee Shawnee Tribe for allowing the use of Horse Shoe Bend for the meal; thanks to Cindy Carpenter, Jackie Carpenter and Mona McCoy for the wonderful meal they prepared for everyone; to the Enrollment Department, the Maintenance Department and other Departments of the Sac and Fox Nation in helping prepare for the burial.

We are greatly appreciative for those who came to pay their respects and for everyone's presence, which was a testament of how much Harold, was respected and loved.

Thank you once again for your thoughtfulness. Your kind words helped us in our difficult time and will help us to accept his untimely death.

Warm regards, wife, Kay, daughters, Anita, Pamela, Carla, grandchildren, Tony, Jeremy, Danica, Jacob, Ryan, Dax, Bode, Bailyn, Eden and Jeremiah.

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE WATER AND SEWER ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Please call (405) 214-4200, or stop by our office at 14106 Highway 177, Shawnee, Oklahoma, for more information.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation

WIC Program

Stroud Clinic

USDA Building 920883 S. HWY 99

Open 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each Month

Hours: 9:30am - 3:30pm

Closed for Lunch 12:00pm - 1:00pm

1-800-648-2302 or 918-968-1784 for information

Closed last business day of each month for staff training.

Standards for participation are the same regardless of age, race, sex, color, national origin or handicap.



Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Domestic Violence Program

Mission Statement

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma's Domestic Violence mission is to eliminate violence in Native Country and to strengthen Native families to end the cycle of violence. Absentee Shawnee Tribe Domestic Violence program serves Native American families and Non-Native families by providing advocacy in the areas of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Dating Violence.



The Domestic Violence Department provides services to:

Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault (on call 24 hours per day), Stalking, and/or Dating Violence. We serve Native and non-Native victims as well as their children, as these problems affect everyone in our community. When a victim flees the situation they often leave behind all of their belongings, that's where we step in, offering a hand up to the victim. We offer advocacy for the victim, through the process of court, counseling, housing and utility assistance, referrals as needed (for services ASTDV does not provide), shelter, and transitional housing. We have four transitional houses fully furnished, where victims will be provided the opportunity to get an education and obtain job skills. Emergency transportation can be provided as well. For questions regarding necessary paperwork in order to receive assistance please contact the AST Domestic Violence Office.

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

Business Committee Meeting Minutes

Special Business Committee Meeting Mini-Minutes November, 20 2014

Please be advised that the following are official actions taken by the Business Committee in a Special Business Committee Meeting held on November 20, 2014. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

(1) Stella Nullake motion to approve the Special Business Committee Meeting minutes of October 21, 2014 with corrections. Jared King-2nd. VOTE: George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes. Motion carried.

(2) Stella Nullake motion to approve the Reconvened Special Business Committee meeting minutes of October 22, 2014 with corrections. Jared King-2nd. VOTE: Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes. Motion carried.

(3) Stella Nullake motion to approve the Special Business Committee Meeting minutes of October 23, 2014 with corrections. Jared King-2nd. VOTE: Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes. Motion carried.

(4) Mary F. McCormick motion to approve the Regular Business Committee Meeting minutes of November 6, 2014 with corrections. Jared King-2nd. VOTE: Jared-Yes, Stella-Abstain, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes. Motion carried.

(5) Stella Nullake motion to approve the Reconvened Regular Business Committee Meeting minutes of November 7, 2014 with corrections. Jared King-2nd. VOTE: Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes. Motion carried.

(6) (TABLED) till 12-11-14 Resolution SF-15_ approving the Native Employment Works Program (New) Budget Modification #1.

(7) Approved Resolution SF-15-10L a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Black Hawk Health Center

and Dr. Venkata Damera contract #2014-11-01. Stella Nullake-motion, Mary F. McCormick-2nd. VOTE: George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes. Motion carried.

(8) Stella Nullake motion to approve the 2015 Holiday Calendar with changes of SFN Appreciation Day to move from Wednesday December 23, 2015 to April 3, 2015 Good Friday. Jared King-2nd. VOTE: Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George -Yes. Motion carried.

(9) Mary F. McCormick motion to approve the change for the Reentry Program Specialist to Reentry Program Manager and approve revised job descriptions for the Reentry Program Manager and Reentry Program Assistant. Stella Nullake-2nd. VOTE: Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes. Motion carried.

(10) Stella Nullake motion to approve contract #2014-08-01a amendment as presented per memo dated November 18, 2014 with Delta Physician Placement Services. Mary F. McCormick-2nd. VOTE: Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes. Motion carried.

(11) Mary F. McCormick motion to reject the offer for Lease Agreement with "red E Dump". Stella Nullake-2nd. VOTE: Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes. Motion carried.

Break for lunch at 11:38 a.m.
back from lunch at 12:47 p.m.

(12) Approved Resolution SF-15-11. A resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation and the PACE Group contract #2014-11-02, the funding source is identified as the Sauk Business Enterprise Board Budget, SF-15-03. Stella Nullake-motion, Mary F. McCormick-2nd. VOTE: George-Yes, Orvena-Absent, Stella-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes. Motion

carried.

(13) Approved Resolution SF-15-12L a resolution adding seven (7) 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, Mary F. McCormick-2nd. VOTE: Orvena-No, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes. Motion carried.

(14) Powwow Committee Request (Discussion Only).

Break at 1:30 p.m.

Back from break at 2:25 p.m.

(15) Consensus of the Business Committee for the Policy Analyst to work with each Business Committee Member their concerns on proposed amendments

and respond as quickly as possible on the Sauk Business Enterprise Act.

(16) By Consensus the Business Committee to table the Government/Charitable Donations till the December 11, 2014 Regular Business Committee Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
HRPA-2015-02

Went into Executive Session at 2:27 p.m. Out of Executive Session at 3:08p.m.

Stella Nullake motion to approve HRPA-2015-02 as presented. Mary F. McCormick-2nd. VOTE: George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes. Motion carried.

Adjourned meeting at 3:09p.m.

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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.

Notice:

The tribal school clothing and school supplies grant will require you to turn in all receipts for your child's purchases by **January 31st, 2015**. Failure to do so may result in not receiving the grant for the following school year. Funding is limited, and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

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 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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Sac and Fox Casino Snack Bar Menu

Stroud 918-968-2540

Monday - Friday 10:00 am to 11:00 pm

Saturday 11:00 am to 11:00 pm • Sunday 12:00 - 6:00 pm

Hamburger	\$4.50	Grilled Chicken Sandwich	\$4.00
Cheeseburger	\$5.00	Crispy Chicken Sandwich	\$4.00
Bacon Cheeseburger	\$5.50	BLT	\$3.00
Taco Burger	\$4.00	(These items served with Chips)	

Hot Dog	\$3.00	Grilled Chicken Wrap	\$3.00
Chili Cheese Dog	\$4.00	Crispy Chicken Wrap	\$3.00
Polish Dog	\$3.00	BLT Wrap	\$3.00
Hot Link	\$3.00	Bowl-O-Chili (w/crackers)	\$3.00
(These items served with Chips)			

Salads			
Green Salad	\$4.00	Side Salad	\$2.00
Grilled Chicken Salad	\$5.50	Crispy Chicken Salad	\$5.50
Taco Salad		\$5.00	

Fajita	\$3.00	Nachos	\$3.00
Soft Taco	\$2.00	Loaded Nachos	\$5.00
Crispy Taco	\$1.00	Frito Chili Pie	\$3.50

Chicken Noodle Soup \$2.50 • Pretzel \$2.00

Candy \$1.00

M & Ms Plain & Peanut • Kit Kat - Skittles • Milky Way • Twix • Snickers • Reeses Peanut Butter Cups

Grandma's Cookies \$1.00

Chocolate Chip • Chocolate Brownie • Peanut Butter • Vanilla Cream Mini

Kettle Cooked Chips (Cheddar Jalapeno • BBQ • or Sea Salt) \$1.00

Extras: .50

bacon, chili, cheese, dressing & sour cream, taco meat, Jalapeno pepper

Daily Specials

Tuesday - Taco Tue • Wednesday - Hot Dog Day • Thursday - Sandwich Day • Friday - Bacon Cheese Burger

Election Board 2015 Dates to Remember

Sac and Fox Nation

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

FILED
 DATE Dec 16, 2014
 SECRETARY
 SAC & FOX NATION
 Amy L. M. Smith

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)

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SAC & FOX CHAPTER NATIVE AMERICAN CHURCH

ANNUAL BENEFIT ALL GOURD DANCE

SUNDAY—FEBRUARY 8, 2015

SFN COMMUNITY BUILDING - 6 miles South on Highway 99

STROUD, OK

EVERYONE IS WELCOME !

Head Singer	Dewayne Toftpi, Kiowa/Ute Kiowa Chapter NAC
Head Gourd Dancer	Dude Blaylock, Absentee Shawnee/Peoria N.E. Inter-Tribal Chapter NAC
Head Lady Dancer	Phammie Littlesun, Pawnee Pawnee Chapter, NAC
M.C.	Mike Burgess, Comanche Comanche Chapter NAC
A.D.	Joe Estes, Sac & Fox

2:00 PM Opening Prayer

Flag Song

Memorial Song

Gourd Dance

5:30 PM Prayer—Supper

6:30 PM War Mothers' Songs (4)

7:00 PM Gourd Dance

10:00 PM Closing Prayer

CONCESSION STAND RAFFLES 50/50 CAKE WALKS SILENT AUCTION

Sac & Fox Chapter NAC Is not responsible for theft or personal injuries. Absolutely no drugs or alcohol.

Christmas at Sac and Fox Nation

