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Chief Thurman and Sandra Massey (NAGPRA) Attend Play About Thorpe Case and Take Part in NAGPRA Panel

by Sandra Massey (NAGPRA)

On February 12th, Sac and Fox Nation Principal Chief George Thurman and Historic Preservation Officer Sandra Massey attended the staged reading of *My Father's Bones*, a play about the Jim Thorpe lawsuit, and participated on the panel about the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation (NAGPRA) afterward. The University of Pennsylvania Penn Cultural Heritage Center in Philadelphia sponsored the program, offered free to the public.

The event included a showing of the Jim Thorpe, *World's Greatest Athlete* movie trailer, the presentation of *My Father's Bones*, the panel, and a reception.

My Father's Bones, written by Suzan Shown Harjo and Mary Kathryn Nagle and directed by Matt Pfeiffer, recounts the circumstances of Jim Thorpe's funeral, burial, and the subsequent lawsuit through the eyes of his youngest son, John "Jack" Thorpe, former Principal Chief.

Jim Thorpe requested and was in the middle of a traditional Sac and Fox funeral when his third wife Patsy Thorpe removed his body before the ceremony had concluded. Although he wanted to be buried in Oklahoma, Jim Thorpe's body remained unburied for years while Patsy Thorpe searched for a burial site, finally striking a deal with the two towns of Mauch

Chunk and East Mauch Chunk.

The towns merged to become the Borough of Jim Thorpe. While the Borough claims that it was not motivated by tourism, it removed Jim Thorpe's remains from its cemetery and placed him in a roadside park.

Jack Thorpe made several attempts to repatriate the body of his father, finally filing a lawsuit in 2010. After his death in 2011, the remaining Thorpe sons, William and Richard, and the Sac and Fox Nation went forward with the litigation, still in process.

Suzan Shown Harjo is an Indian activist who worked for years to bring NAGPRA into being. She also sued the Washington professional football team over the team name and won. During the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) conference in 2014 she presented a resolution in support of the Sac and Fox Nation's case to repatriate Jim Thorpe. Most recently, she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Mary Kathryn Nagle is an attorney and award winning playwright whose plays have been presented across the country. She is a member of the 2013 Emerging Writers Group at the Public Theater.

The first version of *My Father's Bones* was selected as a finalist for the 2013 Von Marie Atchley Excellence in Playwriting Award and performed at the Autry Center of the American West in Los Angeles.

The play will be presented during the Sovereignty Symposium on June 3rd at the Skirvin Hotel in Oklahoma City.

Zack Morris, Sac and Fox/Potawatomi, portrayed Jack Thorpe. New York actor Joe Cross, married to a tribal member, acted the part of Bill Thorpe; he once appeared as Black Hawk in a play presented during the 1992 Sac and Fox Pow Wow.

Other speakers on the NAGPRA panel included Harjo, President of the Morning Star Institute; John E. Echohawk, Director of the Native American Rights Fund; and Lucy Fowler Williams, Associate Curator and Keeper of American Collections at the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. Panel moderator Richard Leventhal is the Executive Director of the Penn Cultural Heritage Center, a Department of Anthropology Professor at the University of Pennsylvania, and Curator in the American Section of the Penn Museum.



From Left: Sac and Fox Nation Principal Chief George Thurman was a speaker on the NAGPRA panel and Zack Morris, Sac and Fox/Potawatomi, portrayed Jack Thorpe in the play.



Zack Morris (far left) and Joe Cross (center) with the rest of the cast in a staged reading. (Photos by Sandra Massey NAGPRA)

TIMELINE OF LAWSUIT

- June 2010. Jack Thorpe files a lawsuit against the Borough of Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania.
- April 2013. U.S. District Court Judge Richard Caputo rules in favor of the Thorpe sons.
- October 2014. The U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the ruling. Three of ten judges comprised the Court of Appeals. The Sac and Fox Nation petitioned for rehearing and rehearing en banc (i.e., asking the Third Circuit's other judges to hear the case, with the original three recused.)
- December 2014. The Pennsylvania Third Circuit Court of Appeals denied the Petition for Rehearing, providing no reason.
- February 2015. The Sac and Fox Nation will petition the United States Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. A writ of certiorari means the Supreme Court has agreed to hear arguments regarding whether a ruling had been decided correctly.

Upcoming Events

March 7

Sac and Fox Elders All-Gourd Dance Benefit Community Building 1:00 - ?

March 9

Sac and Fox Nation Veterans Meeting Cultural Center

March 11

Sac and Fox Elders Monthly Meeting Stroud

March 19

Sac and Fox Nation Womens Auxillary

April 4, 2015

Sac and Fox Nation Eggpalooza 1:00 - 3:30 pm

April 9

Sac and Fox Genealogy Workshop Learning Center 2 pm - 6 pm

Chief's Address To The Nation

I pray that my article finds you and your family in good health and that this winter season with all of the unpredictable weather patterns hasn't affected you in any adverse manner. I believe all of our students are looking forward to Spring Break, spring sports, and upcoming graduations. Students, if you have any accomplishments that you wish to share with our tribal membership, please contact our newspaper Editor Ken Johnson at extension #1060, and he will be more than happy to help you with your story.



Principal Chief George Thurman

Black Hawk Health Center

I am pleased to announce the hiring of a medical coder and licensed practical nurse, both of

whom are tribal members.

I have some additional good news - before the end of March, we will have two (2) Doctors and two (2) Physician Assistants working as a team to see more patients. Although overcrowded at the current facility, we converted another exam room, which is a good thing because it means more patients can receive much needed health care.

One can see that we are very crowded at the current health facility, but we are progressing towards very soon announcing a Groundbreaking Ceremony for your new health facility!

Rodeo Committee

The Rodeo Committee is excited to announce the addition of another event to the 2015 calendar. The Oklahoma High School Rodeo Association (OHSRA) has agreed to have one of their sanctioned rodeos at our rodeo facilities October 10-11.

This rodeo promises to be one of the largest events ever to be held at our rodeo grounds, which means improved facilities need to be built at the grounds to accommodate all of the contestants who compete, plus their families. An exceptional rodeo this year could mean more rodeos being booked for our fa-

cilities in coming years. These cowboys and cowgirls will be our source to other rodeo contestants telling them about the great facilities and hospitality that they encountered while competing here.

The Rodeo Committee invites anyone who wishes to join the committee to contact a committee member and ask when their next meeting will be.

Economic Development

The PACE Group, selected to help our Nation recruit an Economic Development Director, met with many tribal members, community leaders, Sank Business Enterprise Board, and Business Committee to complete a Needs Assessment and Job Description. They are now ready to aggressively begin their search for the right person to fill this position.

A firm will be selected soon to conduct a feasibility study for best usage of our available land base within Payne, Lincoln, and Pottawatomie counties. Sank Business Enterprises Board and Business Committee have interviewed two (2) firms to conduct this study, which will let us know what type of economic development is best suited for our properties. That will save money and time as we decide

how to diversify our economic development endeavors.

For t Takes

• United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) – The Nation recently held a meeting with USDA representatives to discuss how they can help our Nation in many areas from agriculture, housing, loans, grants which can benefit individuals and our government. Plans are to have more meetings within a "town hall" meeting atmosphere on a weekend so that tribal members may attend to ask specific questions.

• Black Hawk Health Center (BHHC) - An announcement will be made very soon of a "town hall" meeting to receive your input as to what tribal membership and other patients wish to have included in a new health center / clinic. Lunch will be provided. A representative from the architectural firm will be present to listen to your suggestions, which may be implemented into the planning stage of the facility. The BHHC staff will also attend to listen and have input as well.

• Bill and Richard Thorpe, Conner's & Winter Law Firm, SFN Historic Preservation Of-

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Sac and Fox News

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Obituaries

Daniel Ryan Pennock

Daniel Ryan Pennock was born at Dameron Hospital in Stock on on October 6 1981 and passed away on February 4 2015 in Shawnee, OK where he has lived for the past 31 2 years. He was born, and lived in Stock on and Lodi California as a child.

He graduated from Toky High School and then lived in Highland CA before he moved to Shawnee.

He was a proud member of the Sauk Fox Tribe and a descendant of Chief Black Hawk. He is survived by his parents, Laura Sage Sholl Munn of Manteca and David Pennock III of Stock on; two brothers; Thomas Sholl of Visalia/Stock on and David Pennock IV of NY. Also survived by his grandmothers Lena Clark of Shawnee, OK and Lila Sage of Sacramento; his Aunts Helen (Henry Perkins MI, Audrey Strickland OH, Bev Seale WV, Marilyn Galano (Bob) NM/Stock on and JuliAnne (Mike) Rhine of Tracy. His cousins include: Si (Barbie) and Isaiah Galano NM, Sara Galano TX, Mack Rhine of Tracy, Nate (Amber) Seale OR, Megan (Jeff) Jeffus-Seale AR, and Josh Seale TX.

In 2004 Danny traveled to Tokyo and Kyoto, Japan. He was a fine chef and worked at El Bistro in Lodi and in several Indian casino restaurants. He loved music, singing and playing guitar.

He currently belonged to the LDS Church in Shawnee with whom he helped in the reconstruction of tornado victims' homes. There was a memorial service at the LDS Church and another service was held at the Transformed Through Hope Ministries Church, 1100 W Alameda St., Manteca, on Saturday, February 21.



Daniel Ryan Pennock



Robert Jackson Pennock

Shawnee resident, Robert Jackson Pennock 83 died Sunday, February 5 2015 in Oklahoma City.

Wake services were 7:00 P.M. Thursday, February 9 2015 at First Indian Baptist Church. Funeral services were Friday at First Indian Baptist Church with burial following at Wakarusa Cemetery.

Robert Jackson Pennock was born April 3 1931 in Shawnee, Oklahoma to William and Genevieve Pennock. He worked as a bricklayer most of his life. He was a member of the Sac and Fox Nation and enjoyed going to the casino and spending time with his grandkids.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister: Billie Ruth Pennock and an infant sister: "Bunny" Pennock

He is survived by 5 Children; Robin Pennock of Shawnee, Sami Pennock of Liberal, KS, Frank Pennock of Tecumseh, Kelsey Pennock of Shawnee, and Talon Pennock of Kansas; 5 Grandchildren: Trejon Miles, Charlie Milligan, Cade Milligan, Sienna Carpenter, and Mason Pennock Brothers and Sisters: Barbara Pennock Patty Ann Harjo, William "Jay" Pennock Laura "Jean" Pennock and Rick Pennock as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other family and friends.



Robert Jackson Pennock



Margaret Dollens

Margaret Dollens, 93, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, formerly of Fort Smith, passed from this life February 16, 2015 in Broken Arrow. Margaret was a homemaker.

She is survived by a son, Jerry Myers of Choctaw, Oklahoma; three daughters, Sherry Macy of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Anne Mason of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Mary Lynne Deweese of Broken Arrow; one sister, Rosemary Mauer of Harrah, Oklahoma; nine grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. Margaret was the widow of Thomas Earl Dollens.

Graveside services were at 12:00 pm Friday, February 20, 2015 at Fort Smith National Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home.



Margaret Dollens



Alberta "Peaches" Staley

Alberta "Peaches" Staley, 87 year old resident of Kiefer, Oklahoma was born in Cushing, OK and passed away on February 12 2015 in Kiefer. She was born October 4 1927 to John and Angelina (LeClaire) Crane in Cushing, Oklahoma. Mrs. Staley worked as a waitress. The family held a private memorial service.



Sac and Fox Elders
Monthly Meeting
March 11
2015
Stroud
10:00 am

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

Sac and Fox Nation
Veterans Meeting
March 10
2015
Cultural Center
Stroud 5 pm

Sac and Fox Genealogy Workshop
Hosted by the Sac and Fox National Public Library and the Sauk Language Department

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Learning Center
April 9, 2015
2 pm - 6 pm

Please Join Us!
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• Opportunity to purchase proofs of photographs from archives
• Research your family and lineage
• Free family vocabulary list, CD, and Sauk family tree template available
• Library and Language staff will be available to assist in family research
• Please bring any family information you may have • •

There will be 3 genealogy workshops for the 2015 year: April 9, May (TBA) and Thursday July 9
For any questions, please contact Cathrine Walker at 918-968-3526 ext. 2022

Frederick Douglass High School Student Commits on National Signing Day by Cedric Sunray

At 6'5 and 324lbs., Coltyn Ingham (Comanche/Sac & Fox/Kiowa) is hard to miss coming down the hallways of his school in Oklahoma City. While his final season for Class 4A powerhouse Douglass High School ended in great controversy with a referee admitted blown call in the state playoffs against Locust Grove, Coltyn's dreams of attaining a college degree have not.

On National Signing Day (Wednesday, February 4th, 2015), the big young man with good grades and humility inked his national letter of intent. True to the character references provided by his classmates, teachers, school administrators, and coaches, Coltyn chose his school not based on whether or not they played on national TV or how many fans they packed in the stands, but rather on how they met his criteria which included long term commitment to his educational goals, cultural understanding, fulfillment of his intended major, a debt free four year path to a degree, coaching leadership, and the combined tradition and future goals of the program.

When his announcement came on the

stage of the Douglass auditorium in front of a gallery of supporters and significant individuals in his life, his final decision was applauded and praised for the opportunity he selected. An eagle feather was gifted to him and a ball cap emblazoned with the name of his choice was placed upon his head.

His new university coach Rich Brewer had this to say about the signing, "We are ecstatic to have him join our brotherhood! This is awesome for our program and we welcome him to our Haskell family!"

Coltyn will continue an over 100 year athletic tradition this Fall when he walks into historic Haskell Memorial Stadium situated on the campus of Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas. Like many young Indian men before him, he will represent the purple and gold and answer the question, "Would your ancestors be proud of you today?"

Coltyn Ingham is the son of enrolled Sac & Fox Nation tribal member Frederick Conklin Ingham, Jr. and enrolled Comanche Nation tribal member Donna Marie Dreuecky.



Staff members of the Sac and Fox National Public Library display some of the gifts available at the gallery. Hoodies are available in beige, black, OU red, and OSU orange. Hats in pink and beige are also available as well as books, mugs, flags and tote bags. For more information, contact Marlena Starr and 918-968-3526, extension 2021. Items can be mailed, or come visit us. (SFNews Photo)

Chief's Address To The Nation From Page 1

fice, and Business Committee have been discussing the "Jim Thorpe" case since the disappointing ruling from the Third Circuit Court decision and will soon have an announcement in regards to this case.

I want to emphasize once again our need for open communication between

the Business Committee, tribal membership, employees, and the local communities to insure that all visions, ideas, and suggestions are shared among everyone and if any way possible to implement for the benefit of all.

Sincerely,
George Thurman, Principal Chief



Top Photo: Coltyn Ingham (Comanche/Sac & Fox/Kiowa) with members of the Frederick Douglass High School Football Coaching Staff, his teammates, and School Administration on National Signing Day (Feb. 4th, 2015) Bottom: Coltyn Ingham with his mother, Donna Marie Dreuecky and family.(Article & Photos by Sedric Sunray)

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

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

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

Donald L. Tyner
DOB: 12/08/1938

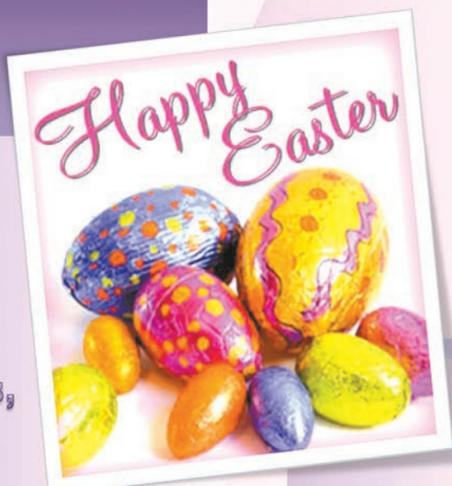
Bridgette Jean-Marie (Harkins)
DOB: 7/27/1980

Arthur H. LaBelle
DOB: 1917

Glen Kenneth Morton
DOB: 1927

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



Games,
Food
and
Prizes!

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Hunt
For all
ages!

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EGGAPALOOZA

Saturday, April 4, 2015

1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Sac and Fox Nation Community Building

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Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma

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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.



Talk Sauk.
SAUK LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

Sauk Language Classes Mondays and Thursdays

- Starting Feb. 16, 2015 Sauk Tutoring session will be available at the Learning Center 7pm-9pm
- Starting Feb. 19, 2015 Community Classes at the Learning Center 7pm-9pm

* classes will be taught by Mosiah Bluecloud

Native American Quotes

"Education is really the long-term solution to other social issues."
-Dan King, Ojibwe

"Toss a stone into the water and the ripples are felt far away. In the same way, the decisions before us today will be felt in tribal life for seven generations, and beyond."
-Jefferson Keel, President,
National Congress of American Indians

"There are not enough words to give to tell you how important language is to our sacred traditions."
-Phil Cash, Umatilla

"...Get an education, graduate and go to college. Then bring what you learned back to us and share it with your community."
-Teresa Harvey

"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

"Optimistic, hopeful people view barriers and obstacles as problems to be solved and not as the reason to give up or turn back. Positive people never, ever give up."
-Wilma Mankiller, Cherokee

Word Scramble

tôhnpîô	_____
ênakôinkah	_____
akwaknêehs	_____
htaêhâti	_____
nhaaihti	_____
kkihhtiao	_____
ihâwimsawkhi	_____
awpaôthknaaâ	_____
kâhkaâesww	_____
aaeshhmtmkew	_____
înhânpâahewmke	_____
hôkiiakhanêcnt	_____

March 2015 word match

pôthinô!	ahkwâwishimi!
nakahikênô!	nakithachikênô!
(s)he braked	nakithahi!
turn off the ignition	hit the brakes!
stop (the car)!	nakeshkêwa
make a u-turn	kohkithahi
fill her up!	âhtêthahi
look out!	ahkwawâpatanô!
(s)he swerved	wâkâshkêwa
(s)he collided with it	mehteshkamwa
shall I pass?	get in!
Stop!	nîhpemehkânâwa?

Sauk Language Happenings and News



Daylight Savings Time: Move ahead 1 hour

GO TIGERS!

SAUK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Spring Break 3/16-20/15

Stroud Public Schools -No School 2/13/15

SAUK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

GO TIGERS!

Make sure you got your Sauk Language App!!!

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

And....

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

Join us!

*Sauk Tutoring on Monday Nights 5pm-9pm

*Sauk Community Classes on Thursday nights 7pm-9pm

Both classes are at the Sac & Fox Learning Center in Stroud, OK

March 2015 Word List

Ahkwâpatanô!	Look out!
Ahkwâwishimi!	Fill her up!
Âhtêthahi	Turn off the ignition
Kohkithahi	Make a U-turn
Mehteshkamwa	(S)he collided with it
Nakahikênô!	Hit the brakes!
Nakeshkêwa	(S)he braked
Nakithachikênô!	Stop!
Nakithahi!	Stop (the car)!
Nîhpemehkânâwa?	Shall I pass?
Pôthinô!	Get In!
Wâkâshkêwa	(S)he swerved

Sweetheart Dance 2015



March 2015 Wordsearch

ô	a	w	m	i	h	a	s	i	a	m	m	i	n	a
n	k	a	t	i	â	â	m	h	k	e	p	k	k	w
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k	o	h	k	i	t	h	a	h	i	t	p	ô	a	k
i	k	t	n	t	ê	a	a	k	a	e	h	k	w	h
h	w	ô	a	i	i	h	w	w	a	s	h	i	ê	s
c	â	a	k	t	t	w	s	â	h	h	h	â	k	â
a	ô	n	a	t	a	p	â	w	a	k	h	a	h	k
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Sac and Fox Honor Guard Princess, Reagan Hill, with the "Knights of Columbus" at a recent Conference at the Veterans Hospital in OKC. (SFNews photo)

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE WATER AND SEWER ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

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"Veterans helping Veterans"

SAC & FOX NATION VETERAN'S WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
HONOR GUARD PRINCESS SELECTION

The Sac and Fox Nation Veteran's Women's Auxiliary will be selecting the Sac and Fox Veteran's Honor Guard 2015-2016 Princess. We are now accepting Biographies from all interested young ladies who meet the following criteria. The princess will be announced and crowned at the annual Sac and Fox Veteran's Memorial Day Pow-Wow.

Candidates are required to meet the following criteria:

1. Candidate must be of Sac & Fox descent
2. Age limit: 13-19 years of age
3. Have a family member(s) who is a veteran (living or deceased) or is currently serving in the military
4. Submit a typewritten, detailed biography about them. Biography should show applicant's knowledge of their Sac & Fox heritage, veteran background and all accomplishments.
5. Dancing ability
6. All candidates must be in full regalia and be present at the time of selection
7. Reside in Oklahoma
8. No cohabitation
9. No children

Please include address and telephone number. All biographies need to be submitted to the Sac & Fox Veteran's Women's Auxiliary, 920883 S. Hwy. 99 Building A, Stroud, Oklahoma 74079 or e-mailed to the Auxiliary Secretary, Shawna Spoon at shawnaspoon@att.net. Deadline for submission is May 9, 2015. Please contact Clarissa Littlehead, Auxiliary Chairperson, at 405-240-0082 or Shawna Spoon at 405-275-2581 for further information.



Sac & Fox Nation Casino - Stroud Snack Bar Menu

Mon-Sat: 11am-12am
Sun: 10am-10pm

PIZZA

Combo	\$5.00
Pepperoni	\$5.00
Sausage	\$5.00
Cheese	\$5.00

REV WRAPS

Cheese Pizza	\$2.50
Three Meat Pizza	\$2.50

BURGERS

Hamburger	\$4.50
Cheeseburger	\$5.00
Bacon Cheeseburger	\$5.50

SAMMICHES

Grilled CHK Sandwich	\$4.00
Crispy CHK Sandwich	\$4.00
BLT w/Chips	\$3.00

DOGS & MORE

Hot Dogs	\$3.00
Hot Link	\$3.00
Chili Chs. Dog w/Chips	\$4.00
Frito Chili Pie	\$3.50
Chicken Nuggets	10/\$2.50
Hot Wings	6/\$3.00
Tator Tots	\$2.00

MEXICAN

Crispy Taco	\$1.00
Soft Taco	\$2.00
Nachos	\$3.00
Loaded Nachos	\$5.00

Candy & Cookies \$1.00

DAILY SPECIALS

<u>Mexican Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
Crispy Taco \$0.75	All Pizzas \$4.00	Hamburgers \$4.50
Soft Taco \$1.50		Ch. Burger \$5.00
Nachos \$1.50		Bacon Ch. Burger \$5.50
Loaded Nachos \$3.50		(All w/ Chips & Cookie)
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	
Hot Wings 6/\$2.50	All Pizzas \$4.00	

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Nominations Due

April 13, 2015

I, _____, Roll # _____ hereby
nominate the following Man: _____

He should be the Sac and Fox Nation Sr. Man because:

I, _____, Roll # _____ hereby
nominate the following Woman: _____

She should be the Sac and Fox Nation Sr. Woman because:

APPLICATION

Sac and Fox Nation

Miss, Jr. Miss, and Little Miss Sac and Fox Nation

Application Due April 30, 2015

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

TRIBAL MEMBER

Sac and Fox Roll No.: _____

DESCENDANT

If not an enrolled tribal member, please describe Sac and Fox lineage:

Parent(s) Name & Tribe: _____

Maternal Grandparents Name & Tribe: _____

Paternal Grandparents Name & Tribe: _____

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PARALEGAL SERVICES NOW AVAILABLE

The Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Court is pleased to announce that paralegal services are now being offered at the Sac and Fox Nation Justice Center. This service is to help alleviate the pressure placed on the pro-se 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 pro-se 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 918-968-3526 for dates and times.



The Sac and Fox Veterans along with the Seminole Nation Veterans recently participated in a "National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans" in Oklahoma City at the Veterans Hospital. From Left: Dean Ray Tartsah, Paul Wolf, Phillip Coon, Barney Mitchell, Curtis Wabbe, Alex Fish, Austin Grant, Reagan Hill (Honor Guard Princess), Valerie Russell, Sonny Masqat, David Johnson and Candy Lumpkin.

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

SAC AND FOX TAX COMMISSION REVENUE	
December 2014	
Beer and Liquor	\$193.44
State Tobacco Rebate	\$211,108.19
Motor Vehicle.	\$2,259.00
Sales Tax.	\$17,049.09
Treasury.	\$185.00
Oil & Gas.	\$777.12
Gaming	\$125,188.20
TOTAL	\$356,760.04



Sac and Fox and Seminole Nation Veterans posting colors at the "National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans" Conference. (SFNews photo)

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.**

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: _____

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 RAP ASSISTANCE APPLICATION**

FAX: 918-968-4207
 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 _____

Approved by BC October 2014

From Donald P. Whitehead, Health Director BHHC

Health care should always be an ever changing environment. Without change, there is a tendency to stand still. It should be our mission to look for ways to improve, add services, or seek new opportunities to provide care. A health center should not accept things the way they are. Over the past several months, changes have been made at Black Hawk Health Center, some small, some large.

Providers

For many years, BHHC has operated without a full complement of Providers. The current facility was designed to accommodate four Providers. But recruitment has been difficult and finding them harder. Beginning March 1, BHHC will have four providers that are full time staff of BHHC, two physicians and two physician assistants. This will allow the clinic to have more appointment slots, established patients will see the same provider at every visit, and additional medical services can be provided. Directed by Dr. Eugene Hoyt, Medical Director, the new providers are:

- Dr. Gary Kindell who moved back to Okanoma from Alaska (see article in the paper)
- Kathy Song, PA hired in December
- Steven Johnston, PA hire date is March 2015 from Colorado Springs, Colorado

**Front Office Reorganization/
Lobby Renovation**

Also in the fall of 2013 the front office was reorganized. The reorganization was implemented in order to better manage patient flow, improve information accuracy, and assist patients and their families to identify and obtain health care coverage. Gathering information on the front end is critical to the total care of the patient. Melanie Niccum is now

scanning in health records to be incorporated in the clinic's Electronic Medical Record. Having documents in electronic format allows providers to easily access all of a patient's health information in one place. We hired a new patient benefits coordinator (PBC), Jessica Buchanan and she immediately increased the number of patients assisted. In January, the PBC completed 3 eligibility checks, and assisted in 2 Medicaid applications.

New lobby furniture was installed to replace torn and worn out chairs. The furniture chosen was selected for two reasons. One, the furniture has arms for the patient to more easily stand. Two, the material can be cleaned to provide a sanitary environment. The walls were painted and a new 5 inch HD TV was installed. The glass panels at the reception desk were removed in order to better communicate up front.

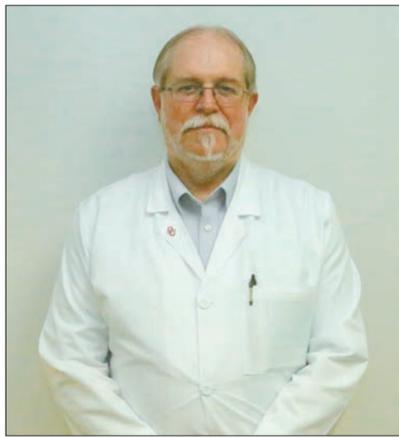
Third Party Billing

Third Party Billing is where BHHC bills insurance companies, Medicare, and Medicaid and receives payments for health care services provided at the clinic. The patient is not responsible for deductibles or co-pay when they receive services here. The payments received from third parties are important because it helps pay for many of the things we have done and will do in the future. With better information collection and patient benefits coordination, this dollar amount could increase.

Wellness Center Exercise Room

The existing workout equipment has been there for a number of years. The equipment wears out and new technology comes along to provide a better workout experience. Fifteen new pieces of equipment will be in place in March and other equipment could be replaced within the next few months.

The Last Frontier – Fond Memories of Medical Practice and Life in Alaska 2008-2014



Gary R. Kindell, MD

In 2008, my wife Sharon (an RN), and I took the opportunity to move to Fairbank, Alaska where I practiced in a community health center, and she worked in a medical clinic. We packed the U-Haul, drove up through Montana into western Canada, and took the Alaskan Highway from Dawson Creek British Columbia to Fairbank. While it was a fantastic trip, it was good to have a reason to drive around 60 miles per day for eight days straight and not have to turn around and drive back. This was in early May. Spring was just beginning, snow was still on the mountains, and the rivers and lakes were still frozen in the Canadian Rockies and Alaska. Unbelievable beauty.

We settled into Fairbank, which is within 100 miles of the Arctic Circle, and found that the distances between communities are quite extreme in Alaska. Not only that, there are not many (or any) roads linking the various villages. Flying is the way to go, but for fairly short distances, snow machines and dog sleds work well in the winter after the rivers have frozen over providing 'ice highway' everywhere. (I met a physician from Homer, which is located at the tip of the Kenai Peninsula, who takes his snow machine from just north of Anchorage and follows the Iditarod route to Nome and back each winter just for fun.) As Anchorage is 350 miles down the George Park Highway from Fairbank, most people just fly Alaska Airlines for the trip of about an hour. This flight takes one over the Alaska Range and just to the east of Denali (Mt. McKinley). If Denali was

'out', the pilot would occasionally take the 737 on a loop around the mountain to the delight of the passengers.

For a native Oklahoman, it was an incredible experience in a markedly different way of life due to both the climate and the geography. From summer days when there is no darkness and temperatures are up to around 90 to winter when the time from sunrise to sunset is only about 4 hours and temperatures can easily fall to minus 50. Our first winter there, we had a two-week stretch when the daytime HIGH never got above 40 below. (They called that a 'cold snap'...) Fairbanks is so far north that one can observe the moon above the northern horizon – looking over the North Pole at the moon on the other side of the earth. So, not only does the sun not set in the summer, there are times when the moon does not set as well.

Due to the remoteness of the villages off the highway system, people arrange to have food, medicine, and various supplies flown into their respective sites by the stores in Fairbanks. One retired couple I cared for lived west of the Denali National Park at an old lodge and had their supplies flown in weekly. On one such trip, the float plane flipped in the lake, killing the pilot. Unfortunately Alaska, with a population of only about 735,000, ranks high when it comes to lives lost in personal aircraft crashes.

The patients I met at the clinic included Native Alaskans, trappers, gold miners, 'haul road' truckers who take supplies to the North Slope, and the oil-field workers as well. Many lived in isolated dry cabins several miles from town, and those who lived in the villages were even further out. One Native Alaskan came in for evaluation of a swollen knee which had resulted from extensive snow-shoeing. It had to be a single-visit success as he lived in an off-road village on the Yukon River and had taken a snow machine for 2 hours to get to a car which he drove for another 2 hours to Fairbanks. Follow-up was not going to happen. A trapper, who had a one hundred mile trap-line along a tributary of the Yukon River far north of town, dealt with significant degenerative disc disease in his neck as well as poorly controlled hypertension (no surprise) and

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would occasionally show up for his clinic visit when he had time. He was full of stories of adventure as well as advice on how to collect gold from the rivers without panning. (Secret stuff.) I also cared for some of the 'Gems of Fairbanks' – Old Timers (Sourdoughs) in their 80s and 90s who had seen many changes over the years and who settled there on homesteads long before Alaska attained statehood. One of these 'Gems' was a woman in her 80s (a local 'blue blood') who was born in Fairbanks. She related that her mother, who was born in Dyea, Alaska (the base camp for the Chilkoot Trail), would never tell anyone where she was born since Dyea only existed for about two years in the late 1890s, and they would then know her age.

Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, with about 150 beds, is a quality facility but has limited specialty services. It is common for patients to be flown to either

Anchorage or Seattle for tertiary care. For that reason, we purchased an insurance to cover air ambulance costs, and that ran only about \$100 per year. One of my patients who suffered an intracranial hemorrhage and had to be flown out later related to me that the insurance she had only covered the air service from Fairbanks "to about the end of the runway". I have no idea how she ever is going to cover the thousands it cost her to get to Seattle.

Our time in Alaska's Interior passed seemingly in the blink of an eye, but the memories of our time in The Last Frontier will certainly last for the rest of our lives.

Note: For those of Stillwater and surrounding communities, you might remember that I practiced in Stillwater at the Mercury Marine clinic from 1998 through 2006.

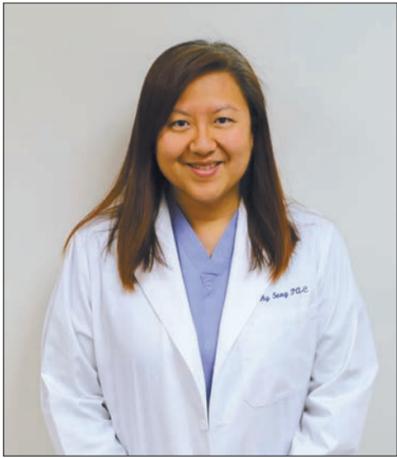
Gary R. Kindell, MD

March 2015
Black Hawk Health Center Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Exercise Room open 7AM-6PM 11:15 Circuit Training 12:15 Circuit Training 5 PM Cardio/core training	3 Exercise Room open 8-4:30 Anthony in Shawnee	4 Exercise Room open 7AM-6PM 11:15 Circuit Training 12:15 Circuit Training 5 PM Lower Body Focus Training Class	5 Exercise Room open 8AM-6PM 11:15 Circuit Training 12:15 Circuit Training 5 PM Upper Body Focus	6 Exercise Room open 7AM-4:30PM 11:15 Circuit Training 12:15 Circuit Training
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What is a PA?

by Kathy Song, PA, BHHC



Kathy Song, PA, BHHC

What is a PA? Occasionally, I have been asked this question.

PAs (also known as physician assistants) are nationally certified licensed medical professionals trained to practice medicine under the supervision of physicians. PAs are “middle providers or physician extenders” who render diagnostic and therapeutic patient care in practically all medical specialties and settings. They take patient histories, perform physical examinations, order laboratory and diagnostic studies, interpret tests, diagnose injuries and illnesses, develop treatment plans, and counsel on preventive health care. PAs have the authority to write prescriptions in all states. PAs also perform procedures including assisting in surgeries.

The PA profession was created to improve and expand healthcare.

A bit of history...

In the early 1940s, physicians and educators recognized there was a shortage of primary care physicians as well as a need to meet the growing demands for patient care services due to an increasing population. To help remedy this, Dr. Eugene Stead at Duke University Medical Center, assembled the first class of PAs in 1942. He selected four Navy Hospital Corpsmen who had received considerable medical training during their military service. Dr. Stead based the curriculum of the PA program on his knowledge of the fast-track training of doctors during World War II.

Physician assistants are trained in the medical model similar to that of physicians. PAs must complete their education at a PA program that is accredited by the ARC-PA (Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant). According to the ARC-PA, “accreditation is a process of quality assurance that determines whether the program meets established standards for function, structure and performance.” Mostly all prospective candidates are required to hold a bachelor’s degree for admission. The PA programs usually are 2-3 months in length and comprise of didactics (classroom based lectures) and a year-long clinical training (rotations or

preceptorships). Rotations are required in the following areas of specialties including (but not limited to): Internal Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Behavioral Health, Family Medicine, and Emergency Medicine. The completed training leads to a master’s degree. Currently, PAs are required to be board certified by passing an examination governed through NCCPA (National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants), and all states require physician assistants to be licensed in order to practice.

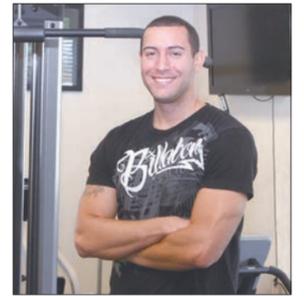
How do we differ from nurse practitioners?

Although both middle level professionals are alike in many aspects such as assessing, diagnosing and treating patients, the difference mainly lies in the education and training. While PAs tend to act more as clinicians, entering the field directly out of school, NPs (nurse practitioners) usually have 5 years of nursing experience before entering their clerkships (similar to rotations). Like PAs, nurse practitioners are required to earn at least a master’s degree from an accredited program before they can practice. These programs typically require at least two years of full-time postgraduate study in addition to time spent earning undergraduate degrees (usually bachelor’s degree) or accruing professional experience in the field. PAs can choose to tailor their training to one (or more) specific areas of medicine. NPs have specialized training in one particular area (family practice, pediatrics, women’s health, psychiatry, etc.), which usually complements the area of their prior nursing experience. Nurse practitioners do not typically rotate in surgery during their clinical year; therefore, additional certification is required to work in surgery. Because PAs are trained in all specialties, they are called the “jack of all trades.” NPs do not have the lateral mobility as PAs, who are able to change specialties whenever they want in their career.

A few figures...

According to the AAPA (American Academy of Physician Assistants), there are more than 100,000 PAs in the U.S and more than 10,000 PAs in Oklahoma as of September 2013. Approximately 70% are in Primary Care (primary care includes Family Medicine with and without Urgent Care, General Internal Medicine, General Pediatrics and OB/GYN). Of that, almost 50% are in Family Medicine. A report from the National Governors Association found that “PAs will continue to play an important role in healthcare delivery in the future, particularly in light of new, integrated models of care.”

As a PA, I am truly honored to be able to help improve health outcomes for my patients and hope to provide quality of care in this rapidly changing healthcare environment.



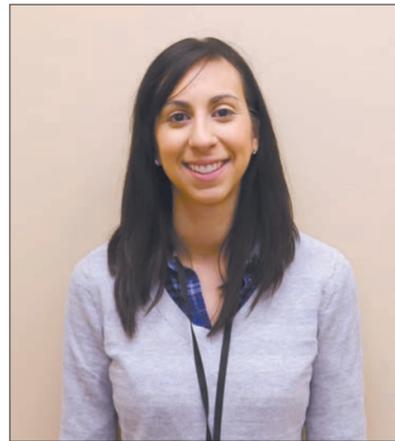
Anthony Ramirez
Exercise Specialist MBC

The exercise room and locker rooms will be open at 7AM on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only

This is for the exercise room only, no other services at the MBC will begin at 7AM

March is National Nutrition Month!

By Elizabeth Burgess MS, RD



Elizabeth Burgess MS, RD

Grains: Foods such as rice, fry-bread, bread (white or wheat), pasta, potatoes (sweet or white), corn, peas, cereal

Dairy: Yogurt, milk, cheese, sour cream, almond/soy milk

Protein: Eggs, chicken, salmon, beef, bison, fish, turkey, pork

Vegetables: Includes food like carrots, artichokes, tomatoes, cucumber, mushrooms, broccoli, leafy greens

Fruits: Includes foods like raspberries, apples, bananas, peach, pineapple, oranges, strawberries

When going to the grocery store, pick one fruit or vegetable that you have never tried before and buy it. Remember canned or frozen fruits and vegetables are just as nutritious as fresh produce!

Make March your healthiest month! Try to make your plate and portion sizes look just like MyPlate. Let’s look at some examples of each food group on MyPlate:

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Tax Exemption for American Indians and Alaska Natives

Don Whitehead, Health Services Director

Starting in 2013 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 1-800-368-6969.

Health Insurance Marketplace - Exemption Processing
Industrial Bldg.
London, KY

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.

March Cooking Class

Featuring **Juicing**



Juicing has become one of the biggest health trends. Participants will create 2 types of juices and learn how to incorporate juicing into their healthy lifestyle.

New Location!! Sac and Fox Nation Learning Center

Tuesday, March 24 - 11am

Friday, March 27 - 12pm

To sign up:

Contact the Dietitian, Elizabeth Burgess at 918-968-9531 ext. 3042
or email - Elizabeth.burgess@ihs.gov



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FY 2015 NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS
(Effective October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015)**

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

48 Contiguous United States:

Use this Amount

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

Alaska:

Use this Amount

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

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

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

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

Baseline by Region*

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

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

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Stroud Clinic

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Education Director (Stroud)
Seeking Immediate Placement

Resident Advisor (Juvenile Detention Center/Stroud)
Open Continuously

Landscaper (temporary/Stroud)
1st week April 2015 - last week September 2015

Certified Lifeguards (Stroud)
May 23, 2015 - September 6, 2015

Executive Assistant (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

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Emily S. Conner
Isabelle Edgin
Saginaw Grant
Brian Scott Ramseyer
Elizabeth A. Manatowa-Mastel
William Dale Allen
David Daniel Harris
Dorris Kay Ashlock
William Kyle Tyner
Mary Elizabeth Meadows
Patricia Donahue
Jessica Dawn Patterson
Virginia Marez
Sandra Kay Rolette
Mary Alice Sam
Jay Von Conallis
Melanie Diane Jones
Leslie Dean Gibbs
Isaac Benjamin Littleton
Frankie Theresa Whaley
Robert A. Musgrove
Sharen E. Merchberger
Geraldine Louise Riska
Stacy Ann Root
Austin Grant
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Eugene Henry Masters
Tony Ray Brice



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Patricia Nell Yarholer
Stephen Anthony Pettit
Darrell Victor McClellan
Veronica Lynn Wallace
Mark Wayne Person
Lela J. Lopez
Raymond Evans Walker
Barbara Marie Johnson
David Harris
Billy Thurman Wakole
Virginia Wright
Terry David Riska
Gail Lynn Depue
Patsy Diann Simpson
Samuel William Kanes
Mary Ann Crook
Daniel O'Brien
Alwanda M. Ross
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Charles Robert Carter
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Sac and Fox Nation Police Department
From Sac and Fox Tribal Police Chief Bob Roberts



Safety Tips: Protect Yourself From Violent Crime

A list of tips for adults on staying safe

- Don't walk or jog early in the morning or late at night.
- When out at night, try to have a friend walk with you.
- Carry only the money you'll need on a particular day.
- Don't display your cash or any other inviting targets such as cell phone, handheld electronic games, or expensive jewelry and clothing. If you think someone is following you, switch directions. If they continued to follow you, in a vehicle drive to a Police Station, open store or restaurant or a lighted house, if on foot cross over across the street and go to a open business or establishment.
- Try to park in well-lighted areas with good visibility and close to walkway, stores, and people.
- Make sure you have your key out as you approach your door.
- Always lock your car, even if it's in your own driveway near your motor running.
- Do everything you can to keep a stranger from getting into your car or to keep a stranger from forcing you into his or her car.
- If a dating partner has abused you, do not meet him or her alone. Do not let him or her in your home or car when you are alone.
- If you are a battered spouse, call the police or sheriff's department immediately. Assault is a crime, whether committed by a stranger or your spouse or any other family member. If you believe that you and your children are in danger, call a crisis hotline or a health center (the police can also make a referral) and leave immediately.
- If someone tries to rob you, give up your property—don't give up your life.
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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

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The Facts on Leaks:

- * The average household's leaks can account for more than 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year, or the amount of water needed to wash 270 loads of laundry.
- * Household leak can waste more than 1 trillion gallons annually nationwide. That's equal to the annual household water use of more than 11 million homes.
- * Ten percent of homes have leak that waste 90 gallons or more per day.
- * Common types of leak found in the home include worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking fixtures. All are easily correctable.
- * Fixing easily corrected household water leak can save homeowners about 10 percent on their water bills.
- * Keep your home leak free by repairing dripping faucets, toilet flappers, and showerheads. In most cases, fixture replacement parts don't require a major investment.
- * Most common leak can be eliminated after retrofitting a household with new WaterSense labeled fixtures and other high-efficiency appliances.

Leak Detection:

- * A good method to check for leaks is to examine your winter water usage. It's likely that a family of four has a serious leak problem if its winter water use exceeds 12,000 gallons per month.
- * Check your water meter (read from left to right) before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, you probably have a leak
- * One way to find out if you have a toilet leak is to place a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl within 15 minutes without flushing, you have a leak. Make sure to flush immediately after this experiment to avoid staining the tank
- Faucets and Showerheads:
 - * A leaky faucet that drips at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year. That's the amount of water needed to take more than 180 showers!
 - * Leaky faucets can be fixed by checking faucet washers and gaskets for wear and replacing them if necessary. If you are replacing a faucet, look for the Wa-

terSense label.

- * A showerhead leaking at 10 drips per minute wastes more than 500 gallons per year. That's the amount of water it takes to wash 60 loads of dishes in your dishwasher.

- * Most leaky showerheads can be fixed by ensuring a tight connection using pipe tape and a wrench. If you are replacing a showerhead, look for one that has earned the WaterSense label.

Toilets:

- * If your toilet is leaking, the cause is often an old, faulty toilet flapper. Over time, this inexpensive rubber part decays, or minerals build up on it. It's usually best to replace the whole rubber flapper—a relatively easy, inexpensive do-it-yourself project that pays for itself in no time.

- * If you do need to replace the entire toilet, look for a WaterSense labeled model. If the average family replaces its older, inefficient toilets with new WaterSense labeled ones, it could save 13,000 gallons per year. Retrofitting the house could save the family nearly \$2,400 in water and wastewater bills over the lifetime of the toilets.

Outdoors:

- * An irrigation system should be checked each spring before use to make sure it was not damaged by frost or freezing.

- * An irrigation system that has a leak 1/32nd of an inch in diameter (about the thickness of a dime) can waste about 6,300 gallons of water per month.

- * To ensure that your in-ground irrigation system is not leaking water, consult with a WaterSense irrigation partner who has passed a certification program focused on water efficiency; look for a WaterSense irrigation partner.

- * Check your garden hose for leak at its connection to the spigot. If it leaks while you run your hose, replace the nylon or rubber hose washer and ensure a tight connection to the spigot using pipe tape and a wrench.

You can truly help protect our water and resources by following these simple and helpful steps.

This information and much more can be found at: www.epa.gov/WaterSense or (866) WTR-SENS (987-7367) (toll-free WaterSense Helpline).



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

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

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

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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.

Business Committee Meeting Minutes

Regular Business Committee Meeting Mini-Minutes February 5, 2015

Please be advised that the following are official actions taken by the Business Committee in a Regular Business Committee Meeting held on February 5, 2015. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

(a) Approved Resolution SF-15-50, a resolution authorizing and approving the Detention Service agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center and the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, Contract #2015-01-04. Stella-motion, Jared King-2nd. VOTE: George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes. Motion carried.

(b) Approved Resolution SF-15-51, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Black Hawk Health Center and Dr. Christopher A. Thompson, Contract #2015-01-05, the funding source is identified as the Indian Health Services Compact Budget. Stella-motion, Jared King-2nd. VOTE: Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes. Motion carried.

(c) Approved Resolution SF-15-52, a resolution authorizing and approving the United States Environmental Protection Agency Indoor Air Quality Grant Budget for the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015, in the amount of \$75,070.00, the funding source is identified as the US Environmental Protection Agency Indoor Air Quality Grant #TX-00F89801-01. Stella-motion, Jared King-2nd. VOTE: Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes. Motion carried.

(d) Approved Resolution SF-15-53, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2015 Indian Health Services Compact Budget Modification #1, in the total amount of \$8,676,470.00, the funding source is identified as the Indian Health Services Compact Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Funding Agreement and previous year's carryover. Stella-motion, Mary-2nd. VOTE: Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes. Motion carried.

(e) Approved Resolution SF-15-54, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2015 Black Hawk Health Center Third Party Billing Budget Modification #1, in the total amount of \$971,020.00, the

funding sources are identified as Private Insurance, Medicaid, and Medicare. Stella-motion, Jared -2nd. VOTE: George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes. Motion carried.

(f) Approved Resolution SF-15-55, a resolution approving the Calendar Year 2015 Special Diabetes Program for Indians Budget in the total amount of \$468,274.00, the funding source is identified as the Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Services, Special Diabetes Grant No. H1D4IHS0027-18-00. Stella-motion, Jared -2nd. VOTE: Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes. Motion carried.

Break at 10:45 a.m.

Back from Break at 10:58 a.m.

(g) Approved Resolution SF-15-56, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Sauk Language Department and Pilgrim Heights Camp and Retreat Center Contract #2015-01-06, the funding sources are identified as the Administration for Native Americans Grant #90NL0565-02-00 and the Native Voices Endowment/Endangered Language Fund not to exceed \$25,010.50. Stella-motion, Jared -2nd. VOTE: Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes. Motion carried.

(h) Approved Resolution SF-15-57, a resolution approving the Native Voices Endowment Endangered Language Fund Budget in the total amount of \$19,200.00, the funding source is identified as revenue received from the Endangered Language Fund. Stella-motion, Jared King-2nd. VOTE: Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes. Motion carried.

(j) Approved Resolution SF-15-58, a resolution approving and authorizing the Submission of an Application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the Indoor Air Quality Grant Proposal for the period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, in the amount of \$87,110.00. Stella-motion, Orvena-2nd. VOTE: Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes. Motion carried.

(k) Approved Fiscal Year 2015 Con-

sultant Agreement/Christine Williamson/Renewal Contract #2009-03-08e (amendment). Stella-motion, Jared -2nd. VOTE: George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes. Motion carried.

(n) Approved Audio/Visual Production Specialist Agreement/Arlan Manatowa/Contract #2009-03-05h (amendment). Stella-motion, Jared -2nd. VOTE: Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes. Motion carried.

(l) Approved Resolution SF-15-59, a resolution approving adding four (4) 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-motion, Jared-2nd. VOTE: Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-No. Motion carried.

Break for lunch at 11:30 AM

Back from lunch at 1:14 PM

(i) Approved Resolution SF-15-60, a resolution approving the National Science Foundation Documenting Endangered Languages Grant Budget

Modification #1, in the total amount of \$59,996.00, the funding source is identified as the National Science Foundation Grant No. BCS-1360709. Stella-motion, Jared King-2nd. VOTE: Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes. Motion carried.

(o) Mary F. McCormick-motion to approve the United Planners litigation is being handled by the Calvert Law Firm. Stella -2nd. VOTE: George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes. Motion carried.

Executive Session at 1:31 P.M.

HRPA #2015-04

Tribal member is requesting Sac and Fox blood to be restored

Out of Executive Session at 2:30 P.M.

HRPA #2015-04

(Tabled until February 6, 2015)

Tribal member is requesting Sac and Fox blood to be restored

(Tabled until February 6, 2015)

By consensus of the Business Committee we will recess until February 6th at 9:30 A.M.

Reconvened Business Committee Meeting Mini-Minutes February 6, 2015

Please be advised that the following are official actions taken by the Business Committee in a Reconvened meeting of February 5th back to order in a Regular Business Committee Meeting held on February 6, 2015, at 10:17 A.M. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

Executive Session at 10:18 A.M.

Tribal member is requesting

Sac and Fox blood to be restored

HRPA #2015-04

Out of Executive Session at 11:38 A.M.

Tribal member is requesting Sac and Fox blood to be restored.

Enrollment has been instructed to

contact the tribal member for a formal request and the enrollment clerk to provide further information after researching.

HRPA #2015-04

No further action to be taken at this time, it stands as passed on January 22, 2015.

Break for lunch at 11:42 A.M.

Back from lunch at 2:32 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS:

(1) Organizational Chart (tabled until February 19, 2015) HANDOUT

(2) Donations /Government/Charitable (tabled until February 19, 2015) HANDOUT

Adjourned at 2:33 P.M.

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.

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

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Central Tribes of the Shawnee Area, Inc. Head Start/Early Head Start Programs

ANNUAL REPORT 12/1/13 THRU 11/30/14

Prepared by: Tamika O'Neal – Head Start/Early Head Start Director

• CTSA Head Start/Early Head Start is operated solely on Public Federal funds in the amount of \$1,518,899 is the total amount of funds awarded after the 5.27% Sequestration budget cut was reinstated. CTSA does not receive any private funds.

• **Proposed Budget and Budgetary Expenditures**

The proposed budget is prepared as a part of the grant application package. It is prepared by carefully considering all resources necessary to serve the required number of children. We use the proposed budget as a guide for our budgetary expenditures. An explanation of the budgetary expenditures is as follows:

1. Personnel Expenditures

We strive to meet all guidelines that are set forth for us in staffing numbers and qualifications. Maintaining a well qualified staff is expensive and represents the majority of our grant money. Staffing costs include salaries, employer paid Social Security and Medicare taxes, Workers Compensation Insurance Premiums, Unemployment Insurance Premiums, Medical/Dental Insurance Premiums, and employer paid Retirement Benefits.

2. Supplies Expenditures

The first of these is office supplies for program administration. Also, there are program supplies and food service supplies. Program supplies include all necessary items for the classrooms and for the teachers to make and execute their lesson plans. Food service supplies are the items necessary to serve and feed the children such as dishes, glasses, and silverware. The actual expense for food is covered with money provided by the USDA.

3. Audit Expenditures

This is for all costs related to the required annual financial audit.

4. Facilities Expenditures

These include Rent Expense for our facility in Norman, Oklahoma, and Maintenance Expense which is for all costs necessary to maintain the facilities.

5. Utilities Expenditures

This includes all electric, gas, water, telephone, and trash service expenditures.

6. Insurance Expenditures

This includes facility insurance, liability insurance, and vehicle insurance.

7. Travel Expenditures

This includes gasoline and maintenance for all company vehicles.

8. Parent Expenditures

This includes two line items. The first is Parent Services which is used to give temporary assistance to parents for living expenses. For Parent Services, we are always the payer of last resort. The other is Parent Activities. Parent Activities Funds are used to help with the cost of parent planned events.

9. Staff Training Expenditures

This line item is for sending staff to required trainings to ensure they have current knowledge in all areas. It is also used to help with the costs necessary to assist employees in meeting the minimum education requirements of their

positions.

10. Other Expenditures

This covers the three remaining line items. The first of these is Printing/Advertising Expense which covers any forms we use that need to be prepared by a professional printer and any necessary advertising for employment vacancies, legal notices, enrolment, and retention. Next is Fees Expense. The majority of these funds are used for required pre-employment screenings. The last of these is Classroom Substitute Expense. Because we are required to maintain staffing requirements in each classroom we have to pay for substitutes when a regular teacher is absent.

• Total number of children and families served during the dates above would be approximately 146 Head Start/Early Head Start children and families and the average monthly enrollment was 99%. Since the beginning of the 2014-2015 school years CTSA has been consistently fully enrolled. All applying children are eligible for services; however, the children with the greatest needs are selected first using a criteria ranking sheet approved by Policy Council that follows federal guidelines.

• CTSA was federally reviewed in March of 2014 and received a 100% compliant review. The results of the FY2013 Audit: there were no findings and only managerial notes that were immediately addressed.

• Approximately 83 % of the enrolled children were reported on PIR as up-to-date on their EPSDT and 83% dental exams in Head Start, and 71% for both in Early Head Start on the programs Program Information Reporting (PIR).

• CTSA operates 3 centers: Cushing, Norman and Shawnee – We encourage all our families to be involved with our program. CTSA offers a variety of parent and family activities throughout the program year. These include activities like Thanksgiving Dinner, Christmas Parades, Children's Programs, Muffins with Mom, Dad's day, Trike-a-thons, as well as always welcoming parents and families to volunteer in the classroom. Additional ways parents get involved is through creating Child and Family goals, Home Visits, Parent/Teacher Conferences, Policy Council and Parent Committees.

• CTSA has School Readiness Goals which also include the Family Engagement aspect that are set to accommodate all ages including Infants and Toddlers, individual goals are set for each child, with the input of the parent, to meet their appropriate developmental needs at that time. Each of these goals aligns with the Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework as well as the State early learning guidelines. Children are assessed 3 times a school year to monitor progress and assist in creating new child goals. CTSA strives to ensure that all efforts are made to prepare children and parents for the Kindergarten experience, including transition activities/packets and/or field trips to the local public schools.



Employees of Southwest Solutions install a high-density shelving unit in the Archives room in the Sac and Fox Nation's Cultural Center on Friday, Feb. 27, 2015. The state-of-art system will maximize storage space for years, if not decades, to come.

Young Bear Receives Princeton University Poetry Festival Invitation

MEK WAKI ETLEMENT, Tama County, Iowa

Meskwaki poet and tribal member, Ray Young Bear, has been invited to the Princeton Poetry Festival in Princeton, New Jersey on March 13-14, 2015. The biennial event has a line up of internationally acclaimed poets who will read from their work and take part in a panel discussion entitled "The Place of Poetry."

Young Bear, who resides with his family on the Meskwaki Settlement, is the author of five books of poems and prose. In a prepared statement, he wrote:

"I've been writing poems for forty-five years. Occasionally, I get asked to read them. That's the easy part. Otherwise, crafting words with English, a second language, is like sculpting a life-sized horse from scrap auto parts. It takes time finding and then welding the right pieces together. Once the metal horse is set against the vast hinterland sky, the third-oldest elder of

Kisko Creek sinks into the recliner, wondering which project to work on next."

Some of Young Bear's latest poems and word-song translations were featured in Yellow Medicine Review, Iowa Review, New Letters, and Prairie Schooner. This summer, the Blue Heron Review plans to include his work. These new poems are part of Manifestation Wolverine, his sixth book, which will be published by Open Road Media in October 2015. The digital publisher and multimedia content company also intends to reprint Black Eagle Child, a 1992 novel, as an e-book.

The author is represented by:

Fletcher & Company
78 Fifth Avenue, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10011

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More information on author is available at Google +>>>: + :=<<<

OKLAHOMA INDIAN LEGAL SERVICES, INC. Indian Wills Clinic

Attorneys from Oklahoma Indian Legal Services will provide free will preparation services for eligible tribal members who own interest in Indian Trust/Restricted Land

Tuesday, May 5, 2015
(10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

Sac and Fox Tribal Courthouse
Stroud, OK

Please call Norma to register @ 1-800-658-1497, (M-F 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.).
You must have an appointment to talk to an attorney.



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

ONABEN

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.

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March 2015				
SAC AND FOX NATION				
FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM				
STROUD WAREHOUSE (918) 968-3030		1-800-256-3398		
SHAWNEE OFFICE (405) 395-0063		1-866-622-2310		
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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Election Board 2015 Dates to Remember

Sac and Fox Nation

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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)



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 St. Patrick's Day				
MONTH of MARCH 2015				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Cheeseburger Fresh Veggies French Fries Broccoli Pineapple	3 Chicken & Rice w/celeery Zucchini Mandarin Orange	4 Hamburger Stew Combread Peaches	5 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Tropical Fruit	6 Salmon Filet Rice Pilaf Spinach Pears
9 Pintos w/ham Cabbage Mex. Cornbread Fruit Cocktail	10 Spaghetti Green Beans Garlic Toast Pears	11 Chicken Strips Scalloped Pots Carrots Cherry Crisp	12 Beef Taco Refried Beans Chips & Salsa Peaches	13 Biscuit & Gravy Sausage Patty Orange Juice
16 Pig in a Blanket Pasta Salad Carrots Tropical Fruit	17 Baked Fish Corn on Cob Cole Slaw Lime Jello w/fruit	18 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Cream Gravy Green Salad Pears	19 Ham Sweet Potatoes Green Bean Jello w/fruit	20 Goulash Zucchini Garlic Toast Pineapple
23 Chicken Quesadilla Spanish Rice Pico de Gallo Fruit Cocktail	24 Tuna Salad Sand Chips Carrot & Raisins Apple	25 Pork Ribs Baked Beans Green Salad Bread Peaches	26 Indian Taco Fresh Veggies Salsa Pears	27 Breakfast Burrito Hash Brown Cranberry Juice
30 Pork Chop Mashed Potatoes w/gravy Carrots Tropical Fruit	31 Chili Dog Fries Green Salad Vanilla Pudding	REMINDER Elders Mother's Day Dance May 9, 2015 Big Ticket Raffle!	New Elders Tea March 17 th Soc. Ser. Dining Room Invitation to all new elders age 55 & over →	Come and get acquainted with elders, learn about the Elders Committee, fun activities, trips, and other info!