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Chief's Address To The Nation

Tribal Members,
This is my final article, as I leave office I am encouraged that our Sac and Fox Nation is at the verge of many promising advancements of the new health center at the tribal complex, satellite health facility in Cushing, another casino in Cushing, many prospective economic endeavors, and more housing for our tribal members. I take this opportunity to thank all members of present and past Business Committees; committees, commissions, and board members; tribal members; governmental staff / employees; attorneys; and everyone that I have worked with over the years. I have made so many new friends across the United States and Indian Country and I will cherish those friendships in addition to all of the people I have worked with during my terms as Secretary and Principal Chief. The past fifteen years have been gratifying and we have seen so much growth within our Nation with new buildings, facilities improvements, new or-

dinances, constitutional amendments, additional departments, roads and bridges improvements within our jurisdictional boundaries, gaming, and many more benefits for you. I am anticipating spending more time with my family now and I am pleased to share with you that we have a new addition to our family with the birth of my grandson Orion Leander Love-Thurman born August 30th. I want to thank all members of my family for tolerating my absence in their lives while serving our people, for your support and encouragement, and I love each one of you. I have grown so much in my perspective of what can make a tribe successful and I appreciate the opportunity it has provided me to grow as a person. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement over the years. I thank our Sac and Fox Nation for allowing me the opportunity to serve you over the years, it has been an honor and privilege.
George Thurman,
Principal Chief

Elders Conference Health Fair & Olympics September 17-18

The annual Elders Conference, Health Fair and Olympics will be held September 17 and 18 in the Sac and Fox Community Building. There will be guest speakers, exercise bingo, health information booths, great prizes, a talent show, and traditional dinner at 5 p.m. The Olympics, which will

start on the 18th, will begin with a fun walk and various games and competitions throughout the day indoors and outdoors. This event is strictly for the elders of the Sac and Fox Nation, surrounding tribal entities and elders over the age of 55. We must limit the food and all the information to the elders present.



Finalizations of documents signed for apartment complex: (From Left) Cheryl McClellan Housing Board, George Harjo Jr. Housing Board, Curtis "Dagwood" Wakolee, Forrest Walker Housing Board, George Thurman Principal Chief, Orvena Gregory Second Chief and Wayne Sims Administrator, Office of Native American Programs for HUD. (SFNews Photo)

Sac and Fox Housing Authority to Build 23 Unit Apartment Complex

By Danica Smith Executive Assistant/HR

A major housing activity for FY 2015 was to plan, develop, design and construct a multi-family housing project for our tribal members. An initial part of the planning stage was to develop financing models to maximize HA resources and leverage private capital. It was decided to use the NAHASDA Title VI Loan Guarantee Program offered from HUD (wherein the Federal government guarantees the notes or obligations issued by Indian Tribe or TDHE). The Housing Authority of the Sac and Fox Nation is one of the first to successfully obtain this loan in this region. This is an effort to reduce the waiting list for rental units/house. It will provide 23 families with affordable housing in the Shawnee area. The apartment complex will be located at the 500 block of Kimberly

Street, which has been unused land since the 1970s. Finalizations of the documents were signed on Friday, August 28, 2015 at the Housing Authority of the Sac and Fox Nation. Chief George Thurman and Second Chief Orvena Gregory were present for the signing along with Board of Commissioners from Housing. Dignitaries from HUD and BancFirst were present for the signing as well. A Ground Breaking Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 10:00 AM at the 500 block of Kimberly in Shawnee with a reception to follow at the Sac and Fox Nation Multi-Purpose Building located at 215 N. Harrison in Shawnee. One of our other housing activities is the construction of three single family homes that will be located on Westech Road

just east of the Blackhawk Casino. In our initial plans it was to develop the multi-family housing project on Westech, but they were scrapped and development of three single family homes of approximately 1400 square feet with two car attached garage were agreed upon. After negotiations it was determined that upon completion of installation of septic systems and water wells, Richardson Homes of Tuttle, would initiate construction of the homes. These homes will be "moderate" but nothing like the homes from the past. The Housing Authority of the Sac and Fox Nation is looking forward to a long-standing working relationship with Richardson Homes to make sure that our taken care of and provided the best of what is available. An open house will come to follow once the homes are completed.

Sac and Fox Nation General Election Results



Office of Chief
Kay Rhoads
Second Chief
Don Abney
Committee Member
Robert Williamson

Housing Authority of the Sac and Fox Nation Inks Deal for Three New Homes

By Vicky O. Misa (Courtesy Shawnee News Star)

On Tuesday, administration from the Housing Authority of the Sac and Fox Nation met with the owners of Richardson Homes of Tuttle for the finalization of a project to construct three homes just outside Shawnee's city limits on Westech Road. Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the Sac and Fox Nation Billy Komahchee said, "This is a momentous occasion for the Sac and Fox Nation tribal members. The construction of these three homes will be the first of many to come in the future. It is our intent to be able to construct future homes — not only within the City of Shawnee — but in the other areas of the our service area, which include Lincoln and Payne Counties." The construction of these homes is the first in over 20 years. The last one was the Four Winds addition in the 1990s, Komahchee said. "Several dignitaries from HUD and Washington D.C. will be at our groundbreaking ceremony Sept. 3," he said. "The houses are projected to be finished in 180 days." The housing authority is looking for land to build on, Komahchee said. "Our biggest problem is not funding, it's find-

ing land for our projects." The Sac and Fox Housing Authority is pioneering new ways to build affordable homes. Komahchee said, "For too long, housing authorities have produced cookie-cutter homes — meaning if you have seen one, you have seen them all. We are breaking that mold. We are proud to be able to utilize a company like Richardson Homes to produce quality homes for our Sac and Fox tribal members." Richardson Homes has served central Oklahoma for nearly twenty years, according to its website at richardson-homesok.com. Sac and Fox Nation Principal Chief George Thurman was on hand to show his support of the housing authority's project. "I believe that Sac and Fox families are going to be very proud to become homeowners of such nice homes; it is my goal and responsibility to ensure that my tribal members are well taken care of. This is definitely a step in the right direction," he said. The project is completely funded by the Native American Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA), a governmental annual allocation to Native American Housing authorities throughout the nation.

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From left, Jim Johnson, of Richardson Homes; Kym Mason, of Richardson Homes; Randy Snead, compliance officer of the housing authority of the Sac and Fox Nation (HASFN); Principal Chief George Thurman, of the Sac and Fox Nation; Billy Komahchee, executive director of HASFN stand together after signing a contract to build three homes on Westech Road about two and a half miles east of Harrison Street just north of Shawnee. (Photo Provided)

Upcoming Events

- September 8**
Sac and Fox Nation Veterans Meeting Cultural Center
- September 9**
Sac and Fox Elders Meeting Stroud
- September 17**
Sac September 17ation Womens Auxillary
- September 17-18**
Elders Conference Health Fair & Olympics

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Obituaries

Anthony "Boots" Lasley

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

Services were Thursday, July 23, 2015 at Immanuel Baptist Church with Mark Wright officiating. Burial followed in Resthaven Memorial Park. The family was at the funeral home Wednesday evening from 6-8 p.m. to visit with family and friends.

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

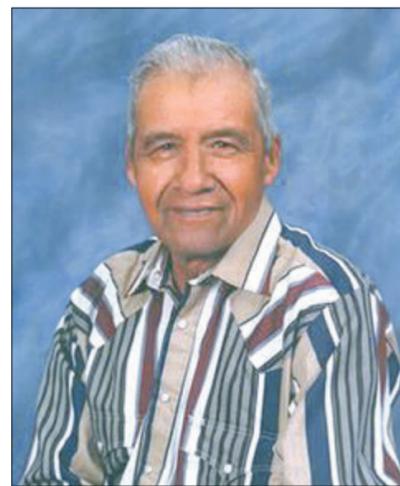
Boots was a partner with Shawnee Sale Barn, hauled hogs for James Sausage, and commercial livestock hauling.

On March 5, 1966 he married Joyce L. Stearman in Meeker, Oklahoma.

He was a member and past President of the Shawnee Roundup Club, a member of the Sac & Fox Nation, and enjoyed farming.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 4 brothers: Charles, Melford, James and Gene; and 2 sisters: Elizabeth and Mary.

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



Anthony "Boots" Lasley

Valerine Charlotte Lasley

Valerine Charlotte Lasley age 81 of Shawnee, died Thursday, August 6, 2015 in an Oklahoma City hospital. Services were Monday, August 10, 2015 at 2:00 P.M. at Walker Funeral Service Chapel with Charles Lasley, Jr. officiating. Visitation was Sunday evening from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the funeral home. A lunch was served Monday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Sac and Fox Multi Purpose Center at Harrison and 10th.

She was born January 23, 1934 in Shawnee, Oklahoma to Oscar Wiles and Estelle (Jones) Lasley. She attended Grove Elementary, Shawnee High School and Seminole Junior College. She was retired. She loved watching golf & westerns, reading and enjoying her grandchildren.

She in preceded in death by: parents; 2 sons: Alex Larney, Jr. and Tim Larney; Daughter: Leah Ann Larney; Brothers: Charles, Melford, Gene, James and Anthony (Boots) Lasley; 2 Sisters: Mary Hernasy and Elizabeth Frazier. She is survived by: Daughters: Mary Harjo of Shawnee, Teresa Larney of Shawnee, Deborah and husband Calvin Toney of Tecumseh, Daughter-in-law: Teresa M. Larney of Konawa, 19 Grandchildren, 8 Great Grandchildren, Special pet companion, numerous nieces and nephews.



Valerine Charlotte Lasley

Frances Butler

Frances Butler was born in Pawnee, Oklahoma on August 23, 1948 and departed this life in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on Friday, August 14, 2015 at the age of 66.

Frances was the daughter of Norwood and Rose (Gokey) Masquat Sr. She was a resident of Shawnee, Oklahoma. She married Harry Francis Butler and was a homemaker. Frances was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter, five sisters, and one brother.

Survivors include one son, Tim Butler of Shawnee, Oklahoma. One daughter, Erica Masquat of Shawnee, Oklahoma. One brother, Norwood Masquat Jr. of Cushing, Oklahoma. One sister, Dee Byford of Chandler, Oklahoma. Three grandchildren, Ashton, Lili, Lino. Other relatives and friends.

Tribe funeral services were held at the Sac & Fox Complex in Stroud, Oklahoma on Sunday, August, 16, 2015 with Forrest Walker officiating. Burial was on Monday, August 17 in the Sac & Fox Cemetery under the direction of Parks Brothers Funeral Service in Stroud.



Frances Butler

Clifford Farrell Monday

After an exacting battle with cancer, Clifford Farrell Monday died on August 18, 2015 surrounded by his family at home in Stilwell, Oklahoma. He was 68 years old.

Clifford was born on April 10, 1947 in Monroe, Michigan to Jesse & Juanita Monday who both preceded him in death.

Clifford loved the outdoors and gardening. There was nothing he liked more than spending time with family and friends. For several years Clifford worked at Cherokee Nation Industries in Stilwell, Oklahoma and eventually went on to work remodeling department stores for DAVCO out of Dallas, Texas until he retired due to health reasons.

Clifford was preceded in death by his parents; his sister Claudette Kay O'Dell; and his daughter Zandra Kay Brown. Clifford leaves behind his wife Hattie of 32 years; his son Shonn Monday & wife Debra of Ware, Massachusetts; his son Michael Chad Monday & friend Teresa Byfield of Fort Gibson, Oklahoma; his brother Donald & wife Jorda of Monroe, Michigan; his brother-in-law Bob O'Dell of Monroe, Michigan; his son-in-law David Brown of Cleburne, Texas; his stepchildren Diane Raigoza; Michelle Cardenas; Tonya Montoya; Rick Raigoza; and their families. Clifford also leaves several nieces & nephews; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren as well as his very special friend Bobby Longshore & wife Frances. Funeral services were held 10 am Friday, August 21, 2015 at the Hart Memorial Chapel in Stilwell with Bro. Gil Hooper officiating.



Clifford Farrell Monday

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Thank You!

Thank You to The Sac and Fox Nation Law Enforcement and Sac and Fox Nation Honor Guard.

Also, Thank you to family and friends during this time of grief.

The Family of Anthony "Boots" Lasley

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Obituaries

Ernest (Ernie) On Wong III

Ernest (Ernie) On Wong, III was born July 28th, 1969 and transited August 22nd, 2015. His father was Ernest On Wong, Jr. and his mother is Landis McClellan. He was raised by his aunt Netha Wong Chir in Monterey Park, California.

His youth and his life were always close to the ocean and the land. He enjoyed his family's 24 foot boat and spent many days on Catalina Island. As a teen he was an eagle scout. As a youth he was trained and worked for California Conservation Corps. Having moved to northern California, he worked at salmon stream bed restoration. He was a crewman and fished commercially out of Eureka, California. In winter he worked at crab fishing. He gardened commercially. Eventually his day job was driving for Campbell Trucking Company, which supplied Trader Joes stores. In his late thirties he reconnected to his birth mother in Oklahoma. He was fascinated that he was Sac and Fox. From his early forties he learned everything he could about his newfound heritage. Every spring he came to Oklahoma to help his relatives with Spring ceremonies. He was always willing to do hard work. He participated in all tribal activities when he came to visit his mother's family and clan. He enjoyed food and he helped people with their gardens and taught them new techniques for better production. He was a fabulous cook. He loved lightning and thunder and rain. His life was cut short by cancer, but he left a legacy of kindness, good nature, energy and sharing with all of us he left behind.

His mother is Landis McClellan and father Ernest On Wong, Jr.(deceased). His brother is Jon Chir, his wife Michelle and their sons Jake and Ethan. His sister is Janet Chir Marquez, husband deceased, children are Nikki and Derek. His Uncles and Aunts are Wallace McClellan, Jr., Merlin McClellan(deceased), Colbert McClellan and wife Jane, Marcia McClellan Mclain and husband Michael, Aunt Melissa Jennings and her son Nicholas, Uncle Dennis Jennings and Auntie Gwen Wilburn. He also leaves Cousins Kevin McClellan and wife Nancy, and children Kyle and Jack, Cousin Michael McClellan and wife Allison, and their sons, Jamie and Logan, Cousin Deanne Hartwick and her son Zachary. He is predeceased by his grandfather, Wallace "Buster" McClellan and Lenna Mae Rushing McClellan. They met as students at Oklahoma Baptist University in the 1930's. He is a descendant of the Kakak and BigWalker families.

He requested traditional Sac and Fox services, commenced on Tuesday evening at the Traditional House on the southwest corner of the Sac and Fox Reservation on State Highway 99, five miles south of Stroud Oklahoma. He was buried at the Sac and Fox Nation Cemetery.



Ernest On Wong, III

Alan Paul Spang

Alan Paul Spang, 39, passed away in Scottsdale, Arizona on August 1. Alan was born in Everett, Washington on December 2. He was an enrolled member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, and also had Sac and Fox and Kickapoo tribal bloodlines. Alan was raised in Davenport, Oklahoma and 1997 moved to the Tempe/Scottsdale area.

Alan is preceded in death by his parents Raymond and Janice (Stevens) Spang; Maternal grandparents Marvin C. and M. June (Grass) Stevens; Maternal Great grandparents Silas Grass and Alice Belle (Tyner) Grass Clarkston; Aunts Lisa A. Stevens, Juanita M. (Grass) Goodreau, Mary (Grass) Clark, Tillie Grass; Uncle Wayne T. Grass, and cousin Jennifer Mae Stevens.

Alan is survived by his brother and family Roy Sam and Carrie (Hunter) Spang of Stroud, Oklahoma; nieces Santana June of Stroud and Summer Rae of Chinle, AZ; nephew Harrison Hunter of Stroud; Uncles Marvin C. Stevens Jr. and son Kyle of Tempe, AZ, David W. and family of Everett, WA, Mark A. and family of Oklahoma City, OK, and Matthew D. and wife Misty of Oklahoma City, OK; aunt Anita J. Stevens of Davenport, OK; and many other beloved cousins, relatives, and a host of friends. Tribal rites were held Saturday and Sunday on the Sac and Fox Nation Reservation in Stroud, Oklahoma with interment at the Sac and Fox Cemetery.



Alan Paul Spang



(From Left) Wil Honeyestewa, Larry Yazzie (Meshquakie) and tribal member Carla Honeyestewa at the Indigenous Art Market held August 20-22 in Santa Fe, NM. (Submitted Photo)

**SAC AND FOX TAX COMMISSION
REVENUE**

June 2015

Beer and Liquor	\$421.08
State Tobacco Rebate	\$205,785.27
Motor Vehicle.	\$4,387.75
Sales Tax.	\$14,484.13
Treasury.	\$195.00
Oil & Gas	\$775.51
Gaming	\$128,786.22
TOTAL	\$354,834.96

**Principal Chief Elect
Kay Rhoads**



I want to extend my sincere appreciation for everyone who supported me during this election. I feel so humble with the outpouring of everyone's encouragement and confidence in my leadership. I will do my best to live up to your expectations.

I also want to congratulate and thank all the candidates who had the initiative to run for the various offices. I know each candidate ran because of their concern and dedication to the Sac and Fox Nation. Each should be commended for their willingness to dedicate their time and energy to work for our tribal members.

During my campaign several members mentioned areas of concern that need to be addressed: improvement in education, economic development, housing, health, service for elders, social services and better accountability of our casinos. There are many other areas that need to be addressed but these areas will be the primary focus based on the comments I heard from tribal members. Most of these areas will need extra funds to make improvements and relying on federal funds will not be sufficient. We have to increase revenues in our casinos to assist in improvement of these programs. Other economic development will have to be explored and our businesses will have to diversify. Partnerships with outside organizations will need to be created to build a stronger economy for our Nation. We can no longer ignore economic opportunities.

"Few people are given the opportunity to change the course of history and even fewer have the courage to do so. There is something frightening about doing something that has never been done before, but there is also something magical about standing on the brink of achieving a higher standard of excellence and walking down an unpaved path." (Mark Pittman, CREC Board President) The Sac and Fox voters are giving me this opportunity and I appreciate the challenge. The challenges that lie ahead will need to be addressed to help pave the way for future generations. Together we can attack the challenges and find solutions to move forward.

I appreciate the input I receive during the campaign and hope the membership will continue to voice their concerns. These concerns affect everyone and will need to be addressed, that is why I will schedule quarterly General Council meetings. More can be accomplished if we can concentrate on specific topics and not try to cover such broad areas in one annual meeting.

It is a privilege to have the opportunity to serve as your Principal Chief and I am honored that you put your faith and trust in my abilities to lead our Nation. I appreciate all your prayers and words of encouragement and will do my best to carry out the duties of the office of Principal Chief.

Thank You All

Kemenwipematethipwa Thakiwaki (I hope you're all well Sauk People). On behalf of my family and the Fox Clan, I would like to say Kewawiyamenepwa (thank you all) to all those that stood by us in our time of need as we mourned the passing of my older brother (Oskush), Alan Paul Spang, Wakomi Ishithowa Wakoshehitho Manethanokimawitho. I would like to thank brother Raymond Massey & the Wolf Clan for taking care of traditional services for A.P., much love & respect Shwehonet for always standing with the Spang Bros., Ketepihpwa Mahwewaki. I would like to thank my auntie Georgia Blanchard and helpers Ida Parish, Shirley Alexander and Peggy BigEagle our Thunder Clan ladies for preparing the traditional meals, these Sauk foods my brother enjoyed so much along with all the prayers and good thoughts that went with them strengthened us all, Ketepihpwa. I would like to thank my brother Zack Butler, our Bear Clan men, and all the helpers that took care of the gravesite thru the early morning hours, also our Maintenance Dept. for use of tools and equipment, we appreciate all your hardwork, Ketepihpwa Neniwaki. We would also like to thank everyone that brought food and other items, and all those that traveled from near and far to spend time with the family and offered good thoughts and prayers... a little bit goes a long ways when we come together. These prayers helped us get through this difficult time and kept us strong through the duration. Id also like to thank brother Michael Lee Smith for standing strong with the family from beginning to end, we got A.P. home, it wasn't easy, it wasn't easy, but we did it... Kewawiyamene brother, I thank you. Last but not least, we would like to thank the Sac and Fox Nation and our tribal leadership, thank you for supporting the family and standing with the Fox Clan in our time of need, Kewawiyamenepwa Ini.

Respectfully,

*Tekamoseh (Sam Spang) – Fox Cutting Across
Wakoshehitho Manethanokimawitho (Fox Warrior Clan)*

CPR-Life or Death *By Eugene M Hoyt, JD, MD, FCLM*

Over 70% of Americans do not know how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Why should you know CPR? Because you may save the life of one of the 383,000 annual out of hospital cardiac arrest victims. Even closer to home, nearly 88% of these arrests occur at home, possibly to you, your spouse, children or other family members. Many of these victims appear healthy and without any cardiac history. Over 90% of sudden cardiac arrest victims die before reaching the hospital. On site CPR dramatically increases survival rates. Effective CPR began immediately after cardiac arrest can double or even triple the victim's survival.

The value of CPR in some form has been recognized for literally hundreds of years, but it was not until the 1960's that techniques were established and people have had CPR education available. Only 30% of our American population is comfortable with the thought of actually providing CPR. More providers are desperately needed. Legislation in Oklahoma and in many states now require CPR be taught in the 9th thru 12th grades at least once as part of the regular school curriculum. Many business owners provide employees with CPR training. There are many community programs.

The new "Hands Only CPR" makes learning so much easier. Always the first step in effective CPR is to call 911 or ask another person to call 911 for more advanced care providers. If the victim is a teen or adult immediately start chest compressions over the heart location near and left of the midline breastbone. The compression should be hard enough to squeeze blood out of the heart and into general circulation. The recommended rate is 120-130 compressions a minute. It has been learned that blood contains enough oxygen to maintain vital organs for several minutes if the blood is circulated by the chest compressions. "Hands Only CPR" is very effective in witnessed cardiac arrest. "Breathing" actually causes interruption of circulation in the immediate

witnessed circumstance.

Nonetheless, CPR with breathing is still recommended for babies and young children. Drowning victims because of poor oxygen exchange prior to an arrest and people in a prolonged arrest should receive mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Many cardiac arrests are caused by cardiac arrhythmias. These are events of rapid ineffective heartbeats. Automated external defibrillation (AED) is small electronic device, which can determine life threatening ventricular tachyarrhythmias. The devices can provide an electrical shock to help restore a normal heart rhythm.

The AED device is easy to use. Turn it on, place the sensor pads on the victim's chest and follow the audio prompts from the machine. If no electric shock is to be given, immediately restart chest compressions.

The Heimlich maneuver is not a part of CPR, but is often discussed and taught during CPR. It is "first aid" for a person who is choking, has a toy, food, or other obstruction blocking the airway, and cannot effectively breathe. The technique is easy. From behind the person reach around, make a fist just above the belly button, tightly grasp your fist with the other hand and make rapid inward and upward thrusts to dislodge the obstructing object. The Heimlich maneuver is an emergency rescue and must be accomplished urgently when a person is choking. If additional help is available ask them to call 911. Do not delay the maneuver to call 911 yourself.

The thought of having to deliver CPR to another person is frightening, but you must act immediately if you are to save a life.

I have taken much for this article from the American Heart website www.heart.org. Go to this excellent resource site! Watch the "Hands Only" video CPR demonstration. Many courses, often free, are locally available. Go to your computer internet search engine and place CPR name of town, OK in the search engine. Call your local fire department, hospital, or county health department for more information.

VA Agreement *by Jessica Buchanan* *Patient Benefits Coordinator Black Hawk Health Center*

The Sac and Fox Nation Black Hawk Health Center and the Department of Veterans Affairs VA Healthcare System proudly announce that we have successfully entered into an Agreement. This agreement is great news for our Veterans, the Black Hawk Health Center, and the Sac and Fox Nation!

Over the last few months we have successfully enrolled 40 Veterans in the Tribal Health Program established with the Department of Veterans Affairs. These 40 Veterans are already receiving healthcare services at Black Hawk Health Center and we will now be able to bill the Veterans Administration for those services with no change to their care or the services they receive. This will bring in more third party dollars to help more patients and is a win-win situation for our Veterans, the Clinic and the Tribe! IF the Eligible Veteran CHOOSES he/she can be assigned to a provider at one of the VA Medical Centers or Clinics, however this is a CHOICE and not mandatory. Another way to explain this is that the Veterans Healthcare can be looked at as an extra tool in your healthcare toolbox or a back-up plan that allows our Veterans the freedom of choice.

Since February, I have personally met with 35 Veterans through day to day contact at the clinic. We have talked about the new Tribal Health Reimbursement Agreement, completed 14 applications for Veterans Healthcare, and numerous

applications for discharge papers to assist our Veterans in receiving the benefits they deserve for their service to our country and the sacrifices they made for our freedom. Although this may sound impressive, the numbers are not satisfying! There are many Veterans who visit our clinic that are missed for various reasons. These Veterans are or may be eligible for Veterans Healthcare, Veterans Disability or other benefits and services that they are not aware of or they are not sure how to go about obtaining these benefits and services.

To assist our Veterans, the Black Hawk Health Center in collaboration with the Oklahoma City Department of Veterans Affairs has scheduled a Veterans Benefits and Enrollment meeting in October. This Benefits and Enrollment meeting will focus on Veterans Healthcare including eligibility, onsite enrollment in VA Healthcare, and provide information, advice and direction related Veterans Disability application processes. The meeting will also provide general information regarding the services available at the Oklahoma City VA Medical Center, the Tribal Health Reimbursement Program, as well as hope to answer any questions that should arise.

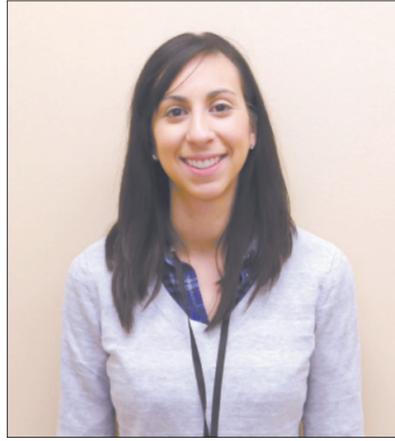
Anyone interested in more information please contact Jessica Buchanan, Patient Benefits Coordinator at Black Hawk Health Center (918) 968-9531 extension 3025



Don't forget the monthly cooking classes presented by Elizabeth Burgess MS, RD. Classes are held at the Education Building, see the flyer in this issue for times and dates. (SFNews Photo)

Breakfast: One Step Towards Good Health

By: Elizabeth Burgess MS, RD/LD



Elizabeth Burgess MS, RD

September 23rd is "Better Breakfast Day." As a dietitian, it is common for me to see people who regularly skip breakfast. Most people typically sleep for seven or more hours a night, and during this time we are fasting. If you feel low on energy after missing a morning meal, it's probably because your body is

running on empty. You wouldn't expect your car to run with no gas would you? Eating breakfast provides your body with blood glucose, which your brain needs to function. Research has found that people who eat breakfast tend to eat more healthfully all day. People who skip breakfast usually don't make up for the nutrients missed at that meal and may actually over eat later.

So what is the best breakfast? Aim for variety! Choose foods from three different food groups such as grain, meat, fruit and milk. Protein should always be included in your morning meal. Try having a glass of milk, greek yogurt, peanut butter, or even a hard cooked egg. People who eat protein at breakfast have been found to perform better on tests due to improved concentration. If you choose to eat cereal go for whole grain and check the first couple of items on the ingredient list. Look for oatmeal or whole grain and avoid products with sugar listed first.

September Cooking Class

Featuring:
Eat Your Vitamins Series
B Vitamins



Tuesday, September 29th at 12:00 pm
Wednesday, September 30th at 11:00 am
Sac and Fox Nation Learning Center
Hosted by: Elizabeth Burgess MS, RD/LD

DON'T FORGET
2015 ELDERS CONFERENCE
HEALTH FAIR & OLYMPICS
SEPTEMBER 17 - 18
Sac and Fox Community Building

SAC & FOX NATION		September Black Hawk Health Center Activities			
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Is Radon Effecting You and Your Indoor Air Quality?



by Phillip Mee, Air Quality Specialist/Indoor Air Quality



Phillip Mee
Air Quality Specialist

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is emitted from the decay of uranium in the soil, rock and water. An estimated 21,000 deaths are caused by radon in the U.S. each year. This is due years of exposure to radon when breathing in air in your home or business (office), which can cause you to get lung cancer. This is because radon decays into radioactive particles, then that become trapped in your lungs when you breathe, causing damage to the delicate tissue in your lungs. It has been warned that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer. If you smoke and there are high levels of radon in your home, your risk of lung cancer goes up. Radon cannot be seen, taste or smelled, and may be a

problem in your home. Radon gets into homes and businesses by moving up through the ground, to the air above through cracks and holes in the foundation. This then gets trapped inside, where it can build up. Exposure is greatest at home, because that is where most of your time is spent. Testing your home is the only way to know if there is a presence of radon and what the levels are. This is easy to do and inexpensive. Test kits can be purchased from home improvement stores. Three to seven days is all it takes for testing, and only a few minutes to set up. The test kits will then need to be sent off to lab facilities for testing and then have the results sent back to you.

We are working on possibly being able to implement radon testing in the Indoor Air Quality Project, to test tribal homes and businesses for the Sac and Fox Nation.

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



The Sac & Fox Royalty attended the Oklahoma Cowgirls Association Barrel Racing event recently at the Sac & Fox rodeo grounds. The girls introduced themselves before the event started. Thanks to the S&F Rodeo Committee for the invite and great job to Gabby, Marissa, and Kaylon.



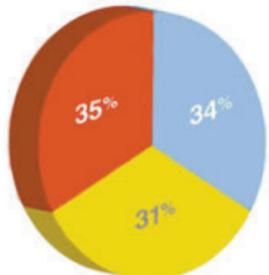
Please mail or return form to the address below.

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



SAC AND FOX NATION
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Email: phillip.mee@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov
Email: jeremy.fischer@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CONCERNS: _____
PHONE: _____



What's in your air?

- Particulates:** dirt, dust, pollen spores, pet dander, candle soot
- Bioaerosols:** viruses, mold, bacteria, living micro organisms
- Volatile Organic Compounds:** odor causing contaminants, chemical gases, solvents

SOURCE: oltrom.com/IAQ/index

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

This service is provided at no cost to you!

Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline
1 800 QUIT NOW

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY
September 12, 2015 / 2:00pm - 7:00pm
Downtown on Broadway
CUSHING, OK
DOWNTOWN CUSHING REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION
The goal of this event is to bridge communities and to teach the native culture through story telling, dancing and drums. This is a great opportunity to bring the community to our historic downtown and have fun while learning.
Booth Rentals for Venders is \$20
Contact Valerie Branyan - Call or Text 918-509-0140
or Email: mbduff@suddenlink.net

LINCOLN COUNTY GRAZING SCHOOL SLATED FOR SEPTEMBER

The Lincoln County Conservation District (LCCD) in conjunction with the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, is offering land owners and livestock producers the opportunity to participate in a one day Grazing School on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at the Bell Cow Ranch located near Chandler, OK.

The event is designed to help grazing managers make sound management decisions. Topics include ecosystem processes, estimating forage production, grass mechanics, grazing systems, prescribed burning and extending the grazing season. Instructors from the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation will be sharing their expertise on effective grazing management.

The instructional staff for the school is made up of seasoned experts from the Noble Foundation located in Ardmore, OK.

Hugh Ajoie, Producer Relation Manager will discuss setting the foundation of a grazing program, how to make the plan, how to work the plan and how to be successful.

Russell Stevens, Strategic Consultant Manager will discuss the natural process of fire in the southern Great Plains, and how to plan and implement a prescribed burn to address your management goals.

Robert Wells, Ph.D. Livestock Consultant will include information on matching supplementation programs with available forages and the costs associated with these.

Joshua Gaskamp, Wildlife & Range Consultant will discuss how grazing and wildlife both can be achieved within the operation. The ax, plow, cow, fire and gun continue to be important tools land managers can use to manage habitat resources for wildlife and cattle.

Chad Ellis, CLS Center Manager will discuss how to set a stocking rate and monitoring your grazing system.

Participants are urged to register before September 1st as space is limited.

Registration is \$40 per person which covers the cost of classroom materials and an optional textbook, "Grasses of the Great Plains: A Pictorial Guide" is available for \$25.

After September 1st the registration cost will increase to \$60 per person.

The grazing school includes a Ribeye Lunch for participants.

Space is limited and the District advises you to register early!

To register contact Heather Layman, LCCD, 405-258-5011

Location
Bell Cow Ranch
341070 East 890 Rd.
Chandler, OK 74834

In April 1937 Oklahoma passed the Conservation District Act, giving citizens the opportunity to form their own conservation districts. The Lincoln County Conservation District is a legal subdivision of state government, whose primary goal is to assist citizens in practicing wise use and management of the state's renewable natural resources, especially its soil and water. Conservation districts continue to assist farmers and ranchers as in the past, but today also assist a larger segment of the public including communities, other units of local government, developers and rural and urban citizens. The Lincoln County Conservation District also provides a variety of education materials and opportunities. The District along with its USDA-NRCS partners also provides technical assistance to Lincoln County landowners and users. The District also leases or provides equipment to assist local landowners with natural resource conservation and best management practices.

Lincoln County Conservation District
201 North Sandy Lane - Chandler, Oklahoma 74834
405-258-5011 • FAX: 855-420-3822 • EMAIL: lincolnccd@conservation.ok.gov
CONTACT: Heather Layman

OKC VA NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN'S ELDER'S COUNCIL
OKC VAHCS WARRIORS GROUP AND IN
COLLABORATION WITH OKC VA AMERICAN INDIAN COUNCIL

Presents
16th ANNUAL VETERANS HONOR DANCE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2015
12:00 P.M TO 5:00 P.M

VA Medical Center, 921 NE 13th Street Oklahoma City, OK 73104
(Northwest corner of NE 13th and Kelley)

HEAD STAFF
Honored Guest Speaker Maj. Gen Rita Aragon
Master of Ceremonies Tim Tallchief
Head Singer Willard Poncho Walker
Head Lady Dancer Eleanor McDaniel
Head Gourd Dancer Randy Frazier
Arena Director Graham Primeaux

Honored Guests
TBA (Pending acceptance)
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HONOR GUARD
Sac and Fox Veterans Honor Guard

Presentation: Changing Winds Cultural Society

Opening Ceremony and Grand Entry.....12:00 pm
Gourd Dancing.....12:30 pm to 2:30 pm
Dinner.....2:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Resume Gourd Dancing.....3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

All Veterans and Princesses invited.
Vendors Welcome

For more information contact:
Candy Fish Klump 405-456-3808 or
Tempie Nichols-Rood 405-456-1129

Head staff please be available by 11:00 a.m.
Vendors welcome with limited booth space available. Contributions accepted.

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.



Native Language Quotes from Around the Nation

Don't be afraid to ask questions of your elders. Ask while they are still here, because when they are gone, that's another piece of our oral history that disappears forever that you can't get back. Ask now and retain that knowledge. Teach your children this knowledge. Pass it on. It's our duty for the generations to come."

Conrad Brown, Meskwaki

"When our young people can no longer speak their language, then cultural genocide has taken place."

Darlene Pipe-Boy

"Some people think our language is dead, but it's not. We still have our language and we're bringing it back."

Jesse DesRosier, Blackfoot

***"We're still here. We still speak our language. We still hear the drum. We still dance."**

Melvin Francis, Passamaquoddy

"I think it's a beautiful language and I wished I would've learned it when I was young. Growing up I would hear people talk and stuff, but I never, never really learned the language itself."

Lakota youth

An Open Letter To all Sac and Fox Nation High School Students and Their Parents

The Sauk Language Department is very pleased to announce that an Online Sauk I and Sauk II language course will be available for the upcoming school year.

Both of these courses were designed to meet or exceed the World Languages PASS standards set by the Oklahoma State Department of Education, and can be substituted for other traditional foreign languages for graduation credit.

Students must enroll in these courses through the local school districts. All of the Sac and Fox Nation jurisdictional high schools will have the opportunity to review and assess these courses to determine if they meet local educational standards. The school districts will make the final decision to add these courses, and a large part of their decision will depend on parent/student requests for these courses.

If your student wishes to enroll in these courses, please contact your school district superintendent to discuss adding these two courses to the 2015-2016 curriculum schedule. Please do NOT call the Sauk Language Department to enroll in these courses. Only the independent school districts have that authority.

The Sauk Language Department is only the monitor of the language classes, and has no decision-making capacity in whether or not each school district makes the decision to include these courses for World Language credit for their students. Each school district will make that determination for their students.

We hope that eventually each student of the Sac and Fox Nation will soon have the opportunity to enroll in these courses, and begin their journey to learning the language of their people.

NOTICE • NOTICE

The Sauk Language Department of the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma is currently accepting resumes and portfolios for part and/or full-time contractual work for web design, digital graphic arts, game development, video production, and other multimedia projects.

This is a call for resumes and portfolios only. Scope of work, project specifications, and rate of pay negotiated on a case-by-case basis. Contractor must be capable of attending design meetings in Stroud, OK and working on-site at least part time.

Please email your resume to the following:
language@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov

NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE



SEPTEMBER 2015 WORDS OF THE MONTH

shêkyâki pehwâki	softball
wîyshîkyâki pehwâki	hardball
êtashîpakatameki	Where they hit it. (home base)
mehtami	1 st base (the first one)
nîshôme	2 nd base (the second one)
nethômike	Third place. (base)
Pakatâno!	Hit it! (command)
Pakatamwa!	S/he hit it!
Îhpakapa!	You hit it!
Nâkwâno!	Go away!
Kêykeno!	Hurry!
Wêwêpîthowa	S/he swings / is swinging
Kîhwêwêpîtha	You swing it
Wîhpânâkeshkâma!	You missed the base
Payâkîchi!	It went over-Strike! (umpire call)
Êmîkâchi!	Foul ball! (umpire call)

SEPTEMBER 2015 WORD SCRAMBLE

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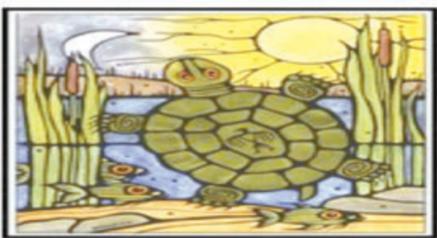
SEPTEMBER 2015 WORD MATCH

(MATCH THE SAUK WORD/PHRASE TO THE ENGLISH WORD/PHRASE)

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SAUK LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS AND NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2015
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(Rutting Moon)



THE SAUK LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT
Would like to welcome all new and returning students to the
Sauk Language Classes at
Stroud High School.
Have a great school year!

The new Sauk I and Sauk II online courses are now available for high school students who want to learn Sauk. If you are interested in taking these courses, please contact your high school counseling office to learn more.

The Sauk Language Department now has 3 FREE downloadable, stand alone Language Apps for both Android and iPhones. Go to Google Play Store or iTunes to get yours today, and start learning Sauk.

Join Us Online!

Come join us online at our UPDATED www.talksauk.com to see what new games and words we have to offer.

We always welcome suggestions and/or comments from tribal members on programs you have attended, or would like to see scheduled. Call 918-968-0070 or 800-256-7552, or email language@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov

SAC AND FOX NATION 2015 JOM FUN DAY



September 2015 Wordsearch

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Redlands Community College Staff Visits Sac and Fox Nation: (From Left) Barbara Cox, Secretary Mary McCormick, Troy Milligan, Principal Chief Geroge Thurman, Lisa Comer and Tamie McCabe (Photo by Jellene Morehead)

Local teen takes part in national conference

By Vicky O. Misa (Courtesy Shawnee News Star)

Shawnee middle-schooler Draven Johnson, 12, has had a busy summer. He managed to pack a plethora of American history, nationally treasured sites and a leadership conference into just six days.

Johnson was nominated to attend the 2015 Junior National Young Leaders Conference (JrNYLC) by his sixth-grade English/Literature teacher Jessica Brown.

Based on his academic merit and leadership qualities he was accepted and invited to attend.

He was on the trip from June 27 to July 2.

"I got the chance to stand in the very same spots that some of our historical leaders once stood. I got to hear closing keynote speaker Mary Beth Tinker," he said. "We even got to visit and stay overnight in the Maryland Science Museum, which was awesome — and one of my favorite site trips."

Draven said they also traveled to Harpers Ferry National Historical Park in West Virginia.

"I have not only learned new things about our nation's history, but also got to physically touch and see with my own eyes iconic historical memorials including the Lincoln Memorial and both the Korean War Veterans Memorial and Vietnam Veterans Memorial."

The 2015 Junior National Young Leaders Conference (JrNYLC) is an Envision program. The program provides a historical view of leadership and encourages young scholars to develop their own leadership skills and strategies for success in the 21st century.

"The JrNYLC enables students to recognize their own leadership abilities and in the context of great men and women from the past and present," Marguerite Regan, dean of academic affairs for JrNYLC, said. "They return home with new confidence in their ability to make a positive impact in their school and community. Washington D.C. is the perfect backdrop for this inspiring program to generate a new generation of U.S. leaders," she said.

At the six-day conference, sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students take part in workshops and participate in simulations to confront the challenges faced by historic leaders from the nation's past. Scholars also explore historically significant sites, monuments and memorials dedicated to U.S. founding fathers, it

states on the program's website.

"The students gain a greater sense of themselves, their roles to preserve American democracy and their responsibilities as tomorrow's leaders," Regan said.

"I am both proud and honored to have been able to represent my school, my community, my Tribe and Native American heritage while attending the conference," Draven said. "I will forever remember this trip. It had a lot of firsts for me: from flying, to being in a place without my family, to meeting and making friends from across the U.S. This was a great hands-on, learning and growing experience for me."

Draven is the grandson of tribal member Anna Marie (Franklin) Holden.



Middle-schooler Draven Johnson, of Shawnee, recently returned from a national young leaders conference. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Some of Draven Johnson's scholarly merits:

- He's a member of the National Jr. Honor Society.
- While in sixth grade he was awarded for outstanding achievement in English, Literature and Science
- He was on both the Teachers and Principals honor rolls and
- He received a citizenship award for commitment to the P.A.C.K. (Practice good manners; Accept responsibility; Care for others and yourself; and Keep safety a priority.)

For more information about the program, visit envisionexperience.com/Leadership.

Sac and Fox Nation Police Department



From Sac and Fox Tribal Police Chief Bob Roberts

Back to school safety tips from Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Police Chief, Bobby Roberts

It's August and that means children are headed back to class. The Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Police Department want to make sure that return is as safe as possible. The focused is on crime tips walking to and from school.

1-Walk the school route along with your children before the first day of school to make sure it is safe and your child know the route.

2-When you can't walk with your children have them walk with a class mate or friend.

3-Encourage your kids to avoid short cuts unless they have been pre-approved.

4-Tell your children to stay observant and aware of their surroundings as they walk. If they feel they are being followed, they should immediately go to a trusted adult or business establishment and tell them.

5-Make sure your child knows what

to do if they think they are in danger — they should yell "help" or make loud noise and run to the nearest business or back to school.

6-Tell your child, if a stranger asks a question, they should not get close to their vehicle. Make sure they know to never get in a car with a stranger — or anyone the kids and parents don't know very well.

7-Tell your child that if they are ever in a situation that makes them uncomfortable, they have the right to say no, loud and clear.

8-To not keep secrets from their adults even if someone they like asks them to.

In conclusion, remember as summer draws to a close, and the kids are back in school. Share the roads with school buses, pedestrians and bicyclists, and provide children with the necessary knowledge to stay safe at school. Have a great, safe and happy 2015-2016 school year, from the Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Police Department.

Native Employment Works (NEW)



Native Employment Works Funds Available Now

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

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

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

PLEASE BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

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

Other documents may be required based on your situation.

Sac and Fox Nation Human Services

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

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

A MEMBER OF THE TAX COMMISSION STAFF WILL NOW BE AT
1st INDIAN BAPTIST CHURCH
CUSHING OKLAHOMA
1034 EAST WALNUT
ONCE A MONTH.

THE TAX COMMISSION WILL BE THERE
2nd THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
WE WILL BE ABLE TO BETTER SERVE TRIBAL MEMBERS LIVING IN THE CUSHING AREA WITH MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND ANY OTHER SERVICE THAT WE CAN ASSIST YOU WITH.

DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER PAPER IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21



Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

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

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

Sac and Fox Nation

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Bldg A.
Stroud, OK 74079
Phone: (918) 968-3526
Extension 2011
Fax: (918) 968-0142
Toll Free: 800-259-3970

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

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

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

PLEASE BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

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



Taron Carter (Submitted Photo)

Taron Carter named Oklahoma Indian All-State Basketball 2015

Sac and Fox tribal member and graduating High School Senior Taron Carter was named First Team Oklahoma Indian All State 2015. He also participated in the Shawnee Area Wide 2015 All Star Game. The Oklahoma Indian All State Game was played Saturday June 20th 2015 at Oklahoma Wesleyan University. On Friday the 19th a banquet was held at beautiful Wesleyan University with a dinner and each player individually recognized for their accomplishments. Taron said, "I was proud to be able to represent our tribe and my school". Taron played for Dale High School and lettered all four years in Basketball. He was a starter his junior and senior year as a shooting guard. His three point shooting prowess was well known across the ranks. Dale made it to the Area Semi-Finals

in his Junior and Senior year and was ranked #1 most of his senior year ending with a ranking of #2, beating both teams who played for the State Championship during the regular season. Taron was a concurrent college student at Oklahoma Baptist University his senior year. Taron attends Immanuel Baptist Church in Shawnee and said "being part of the church helped keep me grounded during my late High School years". His plans are to continue his general studies at Seminole State Junior College this fall. Taron's family is very proud. "We know when he dedicates himself to something the possibilities are endless." "We have all enjoyed watching him grow into the great young man he has become." "We're proud of you!" Mom, Dad, & Logan. Taron is the son of Daman and Julia Carter.

Oklahoma City Indian Clinic offers back-to-school vaccination tips

OKLAHOMA CITY — Back-to-school season is here, which means parents are gathering school supplies and backpacks. It's also the perfect time to make sure your children are up-to-date on their vaccines. Oklahoma City Indian Clinic (OKCIC) is recognizing August as National Immunization Awareness Month and offering tips to ensure children are protected with the vaccines they need to head back to school.

"Getting children all of the vaccines recommended by CDC's immunization schedule is one of the most important things parents can do to ensure a healthy future for their child," said Robyn Sunday-Allen, CEO of OKCIC. "If you haven't done so already, now is the time to check with your doctor to find out what vaccines your child needs."

Oklahoma City Indian Clinic is offering the following tips to protect Oklahoma's children against diseases as they head back to school:

Know what vaccines are available. Vaccines protect against a number of serious and potentially life-threatening diseases. When children are not vaccinated, they are at increased risk for diseases and can also spread diseases to others in

their classrooms and community, including babies who are too young to be fully vaccinated and people with weakened immune systems.

Talk to your child's doctor. Your child's doctor will know which vaccines are recommended for them before going back to school. Some vaccines need to be taken over a period of time and the doctor will help you understand what vaccines need to be renewed and when you need to schedule a follow-up visit.

Check with your child's school. Some schools require attendees to have certain vaccinations before showing up for the first day of classes. Germs are easily passed around a classroom. Know what is required and have your child vaccinated.

Lead by example. Stay up-to-date on your own vaccines and set the example for your children. Young children may not know the benefits of vaccines, and it can relieve some of their fears if they see a parent or older sibling go first when it is time for a shot.

Parents can find out more about the recommended vaccines by visiting www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ or by contacting OKCIC at (405) 948-4900.

2015 RAP Clothing Supply Grant Application

	SAC AND FOX NATION Tribal School Clothing/School Supply Grant Application 920883 S. Highway 99 Stroud, Oklahoma 74079 Education: 918.968.3526 Ext. 2043	OFFICE USE ONLY Received _____ TM _____ CDIB _____ Incomplete <input type="checkbox"/> Initial _____
	APPLICATION DUE BY SEPTEMBER 11th, 2015	

Student Information

Please Print Clearly
*****PROVIDE A COPY OF C.D.I.B.*****

Application No.: _____ Application Date: _____

Student's Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle _____

Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth _____ Sac and Fox Nation Roll # _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone No.: _____ Email Address.: _____

I REQUEST THE SCHOOL TO VERIFY ENROLLMENT AND/OR ATTENDANCE FOR THE ABOVE NAMED STUDENT.

Parent /Legal Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Admissions Office

This section to be completed by school official

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ School Year: 2015-2016

I certify the above student is currently enrolled and attending _____ Name of school _____

Address _____ Telephone No. _____

Signature of School Official: _____ (School Stamp/Seal)

Title: _____ Date: _____

****Tribal Office Use Only****

Date Approved: _____ Education Dept: _____

Statement of Acknowledgment

Applicant: Please read this carefully and sign below

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

Signature _____

Date _____



Sac and Fox Nation Veterans Meeting
 will be
September 8, 2015
Cultural Center
Stroud 5 pm



Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Domestic Violence Program

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



The Domestic Violence Department provides services to:

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

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

Applications Due September 30, 2015

Apply for Native Agriculture & Food Systems College Scholarships

First Nations Development Institute is accepting applications for its First Nations Native Agriculture and Food Systems Scholarship Program that aims to encourage more Native American college students to enter the agricultural sector in Native communities

First Nations will award five \$1,000 scholarships to Native American college students majoring in agriculture and related fields, including but not limited to agribusiness management, agriscience technologies, agronomy, animal husbandry, aquaponics, fisheries and wild-life, food production and safety, food-related policy and legislation, horticulture, irrigation science, plant-based nutrition, and sustainable agriculture or food systems.

Complete information and a link to the online application can be found at www.firstnations.org/grantmaking/scholarship. All applications must be completed and submitted by 5 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time on **Wednesday, September 30, 2015**.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student majoring in agriculture or an agricultural-related field, including food systems.
- Be Native American (enrolled member of a current or terminated federal/state tribe) and be able to provide documentation.
- Have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0.

• Demonstrate a commitment to helping his or her Native community reclaim local food-system control.

Applicants will be asked to complete an online application and provide other required information, including proof of tribal enrollment, college enrollment verification, unofficial transcripts, a letter of recommendation from a faculty member, and a short essay submission of 250 to 500 words.

First Nations believes that reclaiming control over local food systems is an important step toward ensuring the long-lasting health and economic well-being of Native people and communities. Native food-system control has the potential to increase food production, improve health and nutrition, and eliminate food insecurity in rural and reservation-based communities, while also promoting entrepreneurship and economic development. The purpose of the Native Agriculture and Food Systems Scholarship Program is to encourage more Native American college students to enter these fields so they can better assist their communities with these efforts.

If, after reading all of the application information, you still have questions, please contact either Kendall Tallmadge, First Nations Program Officer, at ktallmadge@firstnations.org or (303) 774-7836 x216, or Marsha Whiting, First Nations Senior Program Officer, at mwhiting@firstnations.org or (303) 774-7836 x208.



Principal Chief George Thurman (Left) recently swore-in John Nelson to the Sauk Enterprise Board. (SFNews Photo)

Happy Birthday

Leeandra Heminokeky - September 10

Aidianna Lucero - September 11

Steve Honeyestewa - September 12

Kiko Heminokeky - September 19

We Love You!!!!

CTSA Early Childhood Center

is seeking to hire a part-time
NUTRITION TECHNICIAN

for our Shawnee Location

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

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Must pass background investigation for licensed child care programs
- Previous experience is preferred
- Food handlers certification is a plus

All applications accepted with preference given to *qualified* Native Americans and current/former HS/EHS parents

Apply today:

Applications accepted until position is filled

Employment Applications can be downloaded at:

www.ctsaheadstart.org (click on *Forms*)

or picked up at:

1535 North McKinley Avenue, Shawnee OK 74801

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

can earn **FREE COLLEGE TUITION**

Apply online at www.okpromise.org or

Contact the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education by e-mail at okpromise@osrhe.edu or by phone at 1-8-858-1840 (225-9152 in OKC)

Get an application from your counselor

Happy September Birthday Elders

Maxin Carter
Vicki S. Wilson
Don Juan Couteau
Robert Butler Wolf
Harry Michael Foster
Gregory Lynn Lewis
Linda Kaye Brown
Jennie Kay Bemo
Coleen Beck
June Vlaun
Eli F. Foreman
Henry Lee Jones
Rosemary Smith
Terry Jean Thomas
Henrietta M. Massey
Samuel Ray Whitehead
Janet Gail Neff
Clifford Earl Allmond
Mary E. Osborn
Zack T. Morris
Yvonne Mary Goodeagle
Jackie Shirley Carter-Morrison
Clarissa June Littlehead
Lela Jolene Walker
Thomasine Betsy Wildcat
Joyce Ann Ivy
Gaylon J. Wakolee
Sara K. Dye
Wynona Louise Evans
Christopher Alan Couteau
Michael Eugene Longshore
Phillip Joseph Pettit
Don Wayne Abney
Richard Allen Grass
Reta Gay Limore
Annette Louise Haney
Peter Dean Edmonson
John Curtis Pell
Freddie Alexander Casteel
Mercedes Lewis
Clarita K. Yost
Carol J. Childers
Beverly Claudine Bemo
Cathy Le June Cole
Gary Lee Morgan
Julia Denise Ellis



Leroy Vernon Ellis
Donna L. Haney
Leonard McCoy
Jellene Lue Morehead
Maxine Roseanne Trubshaw
Nancie Estella Poodry
Lonnie Ray Dowd
Jerome H. Hodgens
Samuel Dean Brown
Robert L. Roubidou
Dale Warren Wilson
Anna Alma Russell
Eudora Belle Rogers
Judith Paulette Harris Walding
Brenda Jenell Owens
Michael Allen McCoy
Leota M. Morris
Samuel Taylor Pate
David McCoy
Patty Ann Harjo
Dorothy Jean Tiger
Lawana Louise Malone
Phyllis Ann Bigbey
Margaret Elizabeth Stevens
Michael Brown Harris
Daniel T. McCoy
Florence Anne Owen
Lois Kay Simpson
Jerri Renee McClelland
Dianna June Hamilton
Mary Lou Peacore
Laura Marie Gastineau
Johanna Smith
Christopher Thomas Miles
Johnnie Sterling Harwood
Duane C. Falls
Wayne Gordon Snodgrass
Cleda Darlene Crowe
Gary E. James
Mary Ann Godfrey
Pamela Kincade
Renata Jo Tiger
Hiram Slayton Weis
Carol Bernice Blanchard
Marilyn Kay Kindsvatter
Betty Lou Wano
Joseph Edward Estes

2015 ELDERS CONFERENCE HEALTH FAIR & OLYMPICS

Conference and Health Fair September 17, 2015 at the Community Building in the Sac and Fox Powwow Grounds.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH ELDERS

8:30 AM- Evening

Plan to attend the full day. We will have guest speakers, exercise bingo, health information booths, great prizes, a talent show, and traditional dinner at 5 PM.

Elders Olympics September 18th beginning with a fun walk at 8 AM and various games and competitive events throughout the day indoors and outdoors.



This event is strictly for the elders of the Sac and Fox Nation, surrounding tribal entities, and elders over the age of 55. We know relatives that are not elder's will come, and we must limit the food and all other information to elders present. Please be courteous and thank you for your understanding.

Any questions please contact:
Anthony Ramirez
918-968-9531 ext 3039
Anthony.Ramirez@IHS.GOV

More Powwow Week Photos



Earl Plumley Jr. Special Winner: Anthony Kemble was the winner of the thoroughbred race horse during the annual powwow. The contest was hosted by the Earl Plumley Jr. family. (Photo by Kay Bemo)



Shanarae Boyd was recently sworn-in to serve on the Sac and Fox Housing Authority Board of Commissioners by Principal Chief George Thurman. (SFNews Photo)

Muscogee (Creek) Nation WIC Program Is All About BREASTFEEDING!

For more information about breastfeeding and how to apply for WIC, please call:

1-800-648-2302 or 918-758-2722

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

Sac and Fox Nation Women's Auxiliary

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

Notice: No-Till Drill Season

Begins September 1, 2015

- Custom no-till drilling
- Conservation District provides tractor, drill and operator
- Land owner provides seed
- \$19.00 / acre
- \$2.00 / acre discount if land owner helps load seed
- \$200.00 Minimum charge

Lincoln County Conservation District
Call for Appointment 405-258-5011

SAC AND FOX NATION 2015 GENERAL ELECTION AUGUST 29, 2015 ABSTRACT						
PRINCIPAL CHIEF		SHAWNEE	STROUD	CUSHING	ABSENTEE	TOTAL
Elizabeth Kay Rhoads		118	78	22	18	236
George Thurman		85	75	26	28	214
SECOND CHIEF		SHAWNEE	STROUD	CUSHING	ABSENTEE	TOTAL
Don W. Abney		95	104	34	36	269
Beverly Brown Jackson		105	56	15	7	183
COMMITTEE MEMBER		SHAWNEE	STROUD	CUSHING	ABSENTEE	TOTAL
Tina Morris		87	49	5	28	169
Robert Williamson		115	110	44	16	285
GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE		SHAWNEE	STROUD	CUSHING	ABSENTEE	TOTAL
Young, Dora S. Unopposed		0	0	0	0	0
UNOPPOSED		0	0	0	0	0
BALLOTS						
POLLING SITES						
SITE	# BALLOTS ISSUED	USED	SPOILED/MULTIATED	REJECTED	RETURNED	
SHAWNEE	350	205	0	2	145	
STROUD	250	161	0	2	89	
CUSHING	150	49	0	0	101	
ABSENTEE BALLOTS						
REQUESTS/MAILED OUT	REJECTED	NOT RETURNED	ABSENTEE BALLOTS RETURNED			
61	4	12	49			
ELECTION BOARD MEMBERS						
Chairman	<i>Louis F. Blodgett</i>	Member	<i>Mike Grant</i>			
Vice Chairman	<i>Paula Ullman</i>	Member	<i>Mike Haxey</i>			
Secretary	<i>Patricia Carter</i>	Member	<i>Deanna Ellis</i>			
Assistant Secretary	<i>Carrie Spang</i>	Member	<i>Isaiah</i>			
Member	<i>Quintin Rolness</i>	Member				

CTSA Early Childhood Center

is seeking to hire a full-time **Early Head Start Teacher** for our Shawnee Location

An Early Head Start teacher provides educational experiences to infants/toddlers in a classroom setting, using developmentally appropriate practices.

Early Head Start Teacher Minimum Requirements:

- Infant/Toddler CDA Credential or Certificate of Mastery in CD
- Previous work experience with young children
- Pass background investigation for licensed child care programs

All applications accepted with preference given to qualified Native Americans and current/former HS/EHS parents

Apply today:

Applications accepted until position is filled

Employment Applications can be downloaded at:
www.ctsaheadstart.org (click on Forms)
or picked up at:
1535 North McKinley Avenue, Shawnee OK 74801

CTSA is an Equal Opportunity Employer



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

NAME CHANGE AND/OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

NAME

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

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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

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

MAILING ADDRESS

OLD ADDRESS _____ NEW ADDRESS _____

CITY STATE ZIP _____ CITY STATE ZIP _____

STREET ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN MAILING ADDRESS)

OLD STREET ADDRESS _____ NEW STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY STATE ZIP _____ CITY STATE ZIP _____

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

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

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



Catherine Walker takes the children for a break during the Summer Reading Program. Urijah Nice, Neisho Marquez, Melyssa Marquez, and Ariona Geionety (left to right) stand by the Sac and Fox Agency Vault, the oldest structure in Lincoln County.



Catherine Walker and Cara Mack help the youngsters with arts and crafts projects. Participating are Urijah Nice (front), Melyssa Marquez, Neisho Marquez and Ariona Geionety (clockwise). The Summer Reading Program was held at the Sac and Fox National Public Library the week of July 21-25.

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

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

48 Contiguous United States:

Use this Amount

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

Alaska:

Use this Amount

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

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

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

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

Baseline by Region*

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

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

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE WATER AND SEWER ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

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

HELP WANTED!

SAC & FOX NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

**Chief Financial Officer(Finance)
Seeking Immediate Placement**

**Education Director (Stroud)
Seeking Immediate Placement**

**Resident Advisor (Juvenile Detention Center/Stroud)
Open Continuously**

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

**Human Services Director (Stroud)
Seeking Immediate Placement**

**Elders Program Coordinator (Stroud)
Seeking Immediate Placement**

**Surveillance Observer (Shawnee/Gaming)
Seeking Immediate Placement**

Realty Director (Stroud)

Applicants must successfully pass an OSBI/National background check and drug screen. Preference in hiring is given to qualified Native Americans. Applicants claiming Indian Preference must provide a copy of their CDIB. For more information and to learn how to apply please visit our website at:

www.sacandfoxnation.com

or contact Human Resources, Sac and Fox Nation, 920883 S Hwy 99,
Bldg. A Stroud, OK 74079 or by phone (918) 968- 3526

PARALEGAL SERVICES NOW AVAILABLE

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

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

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

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



Cheryl McClellan was recently sworn-in to serve on the Sac and Fox Housing Authority Board of Commissioners by Principal Chief George Thurman. (SFNews Photo)

URGENT NOTICE TO VETERANS

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

ATTENTION ALL 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.

Indian Child Welfare Department

Located at

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

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

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

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

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

Sac and Fox Transportation Program

Criteria You Must Meet Before Being Eligible for Transportation:

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

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

Roseanna Preston

Sac and Fox tribal member

I make Sac and Fox tribe clan shields
and Sac and Fox ribbonwork.
I also mend clothes and do jewelry repair.
If you're interested give me a call at
405-585-9527



	SAC AND FOX NATION 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

Vocational Rehabilitation Transitional Services

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma

History:

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

Services we can provide:

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

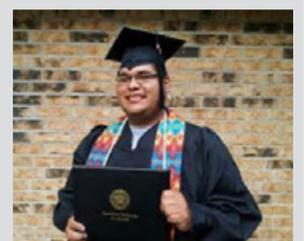
Qualifications:

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



COUNTIES served by ITOVR

- KAY
- NOBLE
- PAWNEE
- PAYNE
- POTTAWATOMIE
- LINCOLN
- LOGAN



Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Vocational Rehabilitation

P.O. Box 728
Perkins, OK 74059

Phone: 405-547-2402 ext 168
Toll free: 1-888-336-4692
Fax: 405-547-1090

E-mail: Christa.Tsotaddle, Transitional Counselor
ctsotaddle@iowanation.org



"See the Person, Not the Disability"

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry continues to prepare for possibility of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)

It's a plan based on a possibility.

Daily, the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry (ODAFF) continues to solidify its response should a case of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) be reported and confirmed in Oklahoma.

HPAI is a serious poultry disease and is highly contagious among birds. There have been no reported cases of HPAI in Oklahoma.

"Also, there have been no documented cases of human illness from the particular strain that has been seen in the U.S.," assistant state veterinarian Dr. Michael Herrin said Tuesday. "There are multiple levels of protection that make it highly unlikely HPAI-infected poultry would ever enter the food chain and proper cooking kills the virus; which means our food supply is very safe."

However, since late 2014, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has confirmed several cases of HPAI in the migratory bird paths known as the Pacific, Central, and Mississippi flyways. The disease has been found in wild birds, as well as in a few backyard and commercial poultry flocks.

"We are starting to see the migration of the waterfowl south into Oklahoma," Herrin said.

Wild migratory waterfowl such as ducks and geese are the natural hosts, added state veterinarian Dr. Rod Hall.

"They rarely become ill from the virus, but can spread it mostly through their feces," Hall said. "The virus is transmitted via the fecal, oral route. Wild waterfowl pass the virus in their feces, then domestic poultry consume feed or water that has been contaminated by the contaminated feces."

The consequences of avian influenza can include high death loss, depopulation of poultry not already dead, disposal, disinfection, indemnity and repopulation, according to Hall.

Again, Oklahoma has not experienced any confirmed cases. But, Herrin pointed to the impact HPAI has had in other areas, including Iowa.

The Iowa Farm Bureau Federation commissioned Decision Innovation Solutions to determine the cost to the state of the HPAI outbreak extending from April through June. The economic research firm estimated total cost to the economy of Iowa at \$1.2 billion. The total to date includes direct losses associated with depletion of flocks and indirect effects on the economy. It is estimated that Iowa will lose 8,500 jobs directly and indirectly as a result of infection on 77 farms.

The impact of HPAI has stimulated producers in the state to cooperate to implement programs to prevent a recurrence in the fall associated with southward migration of waterfowl. According to the Iowa Poultry Association, producers are intensifying both structural and operational biosecurity and upgrading facilities.

Likewise plans have been created in other states, such as Oklahoma.

"Poultry is a big industry in Okla-

homa," Hall said, "and if we don't do a good job of controlling this, then it definitely can impact the industry's ability to export and sell those birds. If it spreads then we end up with a lot more dead birds. So it's just so important not only from the aspect that we're veterinarians and we train to prevent animal suffering and prevent animal death, so we want to do that, but now that we work for the Department of Agriculture, we're also trying to prevent disease incursion into the state and then we're also trying to help our industry within the state. It all just fits together."

"If we have a lot of infected farms, because either we don't react quickly enough or the people that have the birds don't use proper biosecurity and spread it, then we not only have a lot more dead birds but it has a more severe impact on the poultry industry and the general economy of Oklahoma. I've seen a few figures, but in Iowa and Minnesota there has been a big impact not just on the poultry industry but the general economy. People that are working in the industry, they don't have jobs some of them now, so they don't go to town and buy other things, and we all know how it cycles."

Planning has come in many different forms on several different levels.

"As far as groups we've worked with, it probably starts with our tri-state group," Herrin said. "We meet regularly with Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri. That's state regulatory people, federal regulatory people, industry and extension. All of those folks meet on a regular basis and this has been a hot topic obviously this year more than most."

"In-state, we have met with Oklahoma Emergency Management and the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security. They represent disaster relief response capabilities and can assist us with resources, be it people or equipment."

Herrin said that if ODAFF received a call after a suspicious death loss or a suspicious initial test result, they would take samples or resample so that there is a regulatory sample. That would be sent quickly to the National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa for confirmation.

"It's required that they confirm the first case in your state," Herrin said. "If the suspicion is high, we would start mobilizing to the area. We have a mobile lab trailer that we will use as our incident command post. We would take the foam machine in that direction and notify all of our field guys to help with the reconnaissance."

The Kifco foam machine is capable of producing huge volumes of water-based foam which serves as an approved method to depopulate a large poultry flock with minimal exposure of the field personnel to the HPAI virus, according to Herrin.

One of the primary challenges should a case of HPAI be confirmed in Oklahoma, would be notification of everyone in the immediate area in an effort to stop

the spread to other birds.

"Our first step with a confirmed case is to locate it on the map, draw two circles from the reported area, one of just under two miles and another of just over 6 miles," Herrin said. "We'd go door to door."

"We locate every residence, every premises, within the circles and document if there are poultry, if there are pet birds, if there are swine. Those are the animals that would be affected by avian influenza potentially."

In July, Herrin was among members of an ODAFF Incident Command team participating in a HPAI Reconnaissance Exercise in eastern Oklahoma. The exercise provided those individuals an idea of the manpower that would be needed. It also led Herrin and others to work with those on the county level to record the premises in their area.

In terms of response, Herrin said that ODAFF is aware of the locations of each of the commercial operations and that they are certain those operations would contact ODAFF if they thought there might be a case of HPAI in their flock. However, Herrin and Hall said it is important that those with backyard flocks also contact ODAFF immediately if they have a suspicious death loss among their birds.

"Notifying us quickly just increases your chance of mitigating the damage," Hall said. "That's one of the biggest things is just the earlier we know about it, the quicker we can contain it. It can be carried from one farm to another if you're not careful, you can carry it and spread it with people and equipment."

"Also, it wouldn't be a big thing in a small backyard flock but some of these are pretty good-sized backyard flocks and the sooner they notify us and the sooner we get it confirmed the sooner that we

can count the birds that are still alive for indemnity. They can be or will be indemnified by USDA for any poultry that are still alive on their place. The second we get confirmation from NVSL, then we basically get a count on how many live birds they have and what type they are and then they are indemnified for those, but they are not indemnified for the birds that have already died."

So what are some of the biosecurity steps that can be taken by those with backyard poultry?

Hall said it is important to prevent direct contact between waterfowl and domestic poultry.

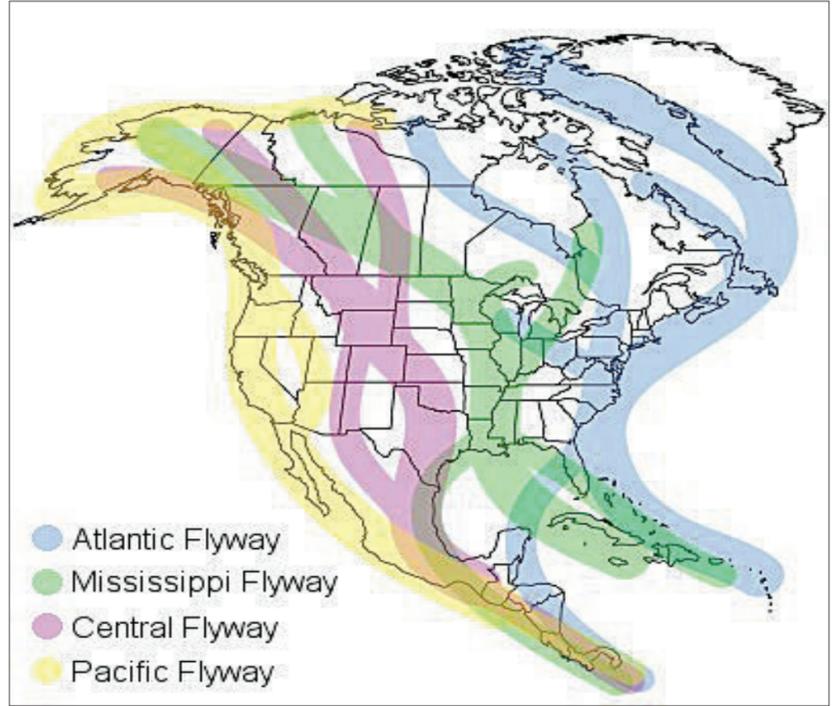
"Don't let domestic poultry drink water from ponds, lakes, or other water that has had wild waterfowl on or in it," Hall said. "Consider penning domestic poultry when waterfowl are in the area. Also, you might think about protective netting around the outside to prevent direct contact."

Hall mentioned that clothing or footwear that has come in contact with waterfowl can spread the virus. It is good to "have dedicated clothing for handling poultry particularly if waterfowl are in the vicinity because a person can't be too careful."

"I have said many times that I hope we look back and think about how we planned for something that never happened," he said. "But it's very important that we continue to be ready in case we get that call."

UPDATES:

If you own poultry in Oklahoma and would like to receive updates about HPAI Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), please contact: Dr. Michael Herrin, assistant state veterinarian, at Michael.herrin@ag.ok.gov, (405) 522-6139.



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September 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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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: _____

Business Committee Meeting Minutes

Special Business Committee Meeting Mini-Minutes July 30, 2015

Please be advised that the following are official actions taken by the Business Committee in a Special Business Committee Meeting held on July 30, 2015. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

(1) Mary F. McCormick motion to approve the New Position, Job Description and addition to organizational chart-Tower Construction Notification System Coordinator for Tribal Historic Preservation Office. Stella Nullake-2nd. VOTE: George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Stella-Yes. Motion carried.

(2) Resolution SF-15-131, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2015 Indian Health Services Compact Carryover Budget Modification #1 in the total funding amount of One Million Five Hundred Sixty-six Thousand Five Dollars (\$1,566,005.00). Mary F. McCormick-Motion, Stella Nullake-2nd. VOTE: Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Stella-Yes, George-Yes. Motion carried.

(3) Resolution SF-15-132, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2015 Black Hawk Health Center third party

billing budget Modification #4 in the total amount of Nine Hundred Seventy-one Thousand Twenty Dollars (\$971,020.00). Mary F. McCormick-Motion, Stella Nullake-2nd. VOTE: Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes. Motion carried.

(4) Resolution SF-15-133, a resolution approving Fiscal Year 2015 Department of Interior Compact Welfare Assistance Budget Modification #1 in the total amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Forty Dollars (\$25,040.00). Stella Nullake-Motion, Mary F. McCormick-2nd. VOTE: Jared-Absent, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, George-Yes. Motion carried.

(5) Resolution SF-15-134, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement (Contract # 2015-07-02) between the Sac and Fox Nation and EBSCO Publishing, Inc. for the right to publish as defined in the attached agreement. Mary F. McCormick-Motion, Stella Nullake -2nd. VOTE: Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Secretary-Yes, Jared-Absent. Motion carried.

(6) Resolution SF-15-135, a resolution

approving the Native American Library Services budget in the total amount of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00). Mary F. McCormick-Motion, Stella Nullake-2nd. VOTE: George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Stella-Yes. Motion carried.

(7) Resolution SF-15-136, approving submission of a grant proposal to the Oklahoma Humanities Council in the amount of Five Thousand dollars (\$5000.00) to fund the Algonquin Culture and Language Festival March 23-24, 2016. Mary F. McCormick-Motion, Stella Nullake -2nd. VOTE: Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Stella-Yes, George-Yes. Motion carried.

(8) Mary F. McCormick motion approval to participate in the proposed survey on the Enforcement of Environmental Law. Stella Nullake-2nd. VOTE: Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Abstain. Motion carried.

(9) Renewal of Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center Service renewal agreements with ten Counties of Oklahoma listed as Carter Coun-

ty #2013-08-02b, Cleveland County #2013-06-04b, Dewey County #2013-07-04b, Jefferson County #2013-05-09b, Kiowa County #2013-07-05b, Logan County #2013-08-03b, Noble County #2013-04-28b, Roger Mills County #2013-07-07b, Stephens County #2013-07-08b, and Woods County #2013-04-35b. Stella Nullake-Motion, Mary F. McCormick -2nd. VOTE: Jared-Absent, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes. Motion carried.

(10) Orvena Gregory motion to approve the agreement (Contract #2009-07-25f) with the Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center and Stroud Public Schools. Stella Nullake-2nd. VOTE: Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent. Motion carried.

Executive Session: None

ADJOURNMENT:

It is the consensus of the Business Committee to adjourn at 3:39 p.m.

Business Committee Meeting Minutes

Regular Business Committee Meeting Mini-Minutes August 13, 2015

Please be advised that the following are official actions taken by the Business Committee in a Regular Business Committee Meeting held on August 13, 2015. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

(1) George Thurman motion to approve the Regular Business Committee minutes of July 16, 2015 with corrections. Orvena Gregory-2nd. VOTE: George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes. Motion carried.

(2) Stella Nullake motion to approve the Special Business Committee minutes of July 30, 2015 with corrections. Orvena Gregory-2nd. VOTE: Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes. Motion carried.

(3) Stella Nullake motion to approve the Tribal Interconnection Security Renewal Agreement #2009-08-04c. Mary F. McCormick-2nd. VOTE: Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes. Motion carried.

(4) Resolution SF-15-137, a resolution authorizing and approving the Sac and Fox Nation Black Hawk Health Center and the Indian Health Service multi-purpose agreement with Joinder attachment #2015-07-03. Stella Nullake-Motion, Mary F. McCormick-2nd. VOTE: Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes. Motion carried.

ried.

(5) Resolution SF-15-138, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2015 Department of the Interior higher education budget Modification #2 in the total amount of One Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Five Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$135,511.00) Stella Nullake-Motion, Mary F. McCormick-2nd. VOTE: Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes. Motion carried.

(6) Resolution SF-15-139, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Black Hawk Health Center and Dr. Khalid Khan. Contract #2015-08-01. Stella Nullake-Motion, Jared A. King -2nd. VOTE: George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes. Motion carried.

(7) Resolution SF-15-140, a resolution approving the Native Employment Works Program (NEW) budget in the total amount of Ten Thousand Sixty-three Dollars (\$10,063.00). Stella Nullake-Motion, Jared A. King-2nd. VOTE: Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes. Motion carried.

(8) Resolution SF-15-141, a resolution adding seven (7) persons to the membership roll of the Sac and Fox Nation in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Sac and Fox Nation. Mary

F. McCormick-Motion, Stella Nullake-2nd. VOTE: Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes. Motion carried.

(9) Mary F. McCormick motion to approve the revision to "Permission to Enter Property" form for conducting Indoor Air Assessments. Stella Nullake-2nd. VOTE: Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes. Motion carried.

(10) Stella Nullake motion to approve Contract #2008-06-04f, Reimbursement Agreement for Primary CARE Provider Services between Oklahoma Health Care Authority and Soonercare American Indian/Alaska Native Tribal Health Service Providers. Mary F. McCormick-2nd. VOTE: Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes. Motion carried.

Break for lunch: 11:44 a.m.

Back from lunch: 3:13 p.m.

(11) Orvena Gregory motion to continue Reentry Program for next two (2) months and fund 2016 Reentry Program. Budget and funding to be identified later.

er. Mary F. McCormick-2nd. VOTE: George-Yes, Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes. Motion carried.

(12) Resolution SF-15-142, a resolution allowing and encouraging the Sac and Fox Nation tribal court to join and support an Amicus Brief for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians on the issue of the full exercise of tribal court civil jurisdiction in a case before the United States Supreme Court. Orvena Gregory-Motion, Stella Nullake-2nd. VOTE: Orvena-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes. Motion carried.

Executive Session:

A. Enrollment. Review Enrollment files.

Went into Executive Session: 3:19 p.m.

Back out of Executive Session: 3:24 p.m.

No Action Taken – Discussion Only

Recessed Executive Session: 3:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

It is the consensus of the Business Committee to adjourn at 3:25 p.m.

Reconvened Business Committee Meeting Mini-Minutes

August 14, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Principal Chief George Thurman called the Reconvened Regular Business Committee meeting to order at 9:56 a.m. Secretary Mary F. McCormick called the roll and announced a quorum is present. Secretary Mary F. McCormick gave the invocation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Enrollment. Review Enrollment files. More information required.

Went into Executive Session: 9:57 a.m.

Back out of Executive Session: 11:09 a.m.

No Action Taken – Discussion Only

ADJOURNMENT:

It is the consensus of the Business Committee to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. Mary F. McCormick, Secretary Sac and Fox Nation

Sac and Fox Nation Extensions

Main Number 918-968-3526

Chief - 1004 • Second Chief – 1005 • Treasurer 1006 • Secretary – 1007

Committee Member – 1010 • BC Front Desk – 1002 • Tax – 1043 - 1045

Accounting – 1030 - 1036 • Property and Procurement – 1020 – 1039 – 1022

Maintenance – 2063 • BHHC – 918-968-9531 • ICW – 1711 • Court – 2039

Library – 2020 - 2021 • Language - 918-968-0070 or ext. 2053 • JUVI – 4000

USDA – 2077 (WIC 2079) - 2080 – 2081 – 2082 (Warehouse USDA 2089)

Education – 2046 • IT – 2041 • Police – 2033 • Self-Governance – 1080

Capitol Security – 1090 • Realty – 1050 • Enrollment – 1040 – 1041 • RAP – 2000

Social Services – 2010 – 2011 • OES – 2091 – 2092 – 2094 • Veterans – 1065

Newspaper - 1060 • NAGPRA/Historic Preservation – 1070 • Chief of Staff - 1001

Business Committee Meeting Minutes

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Haskell Indian Nations University — Lawrence KS 66046

Haskell Alumni Association of Oklahoma (H.A.A.O.)



REUNION 2015



Invites Alumni & Friends to join us at the

Crowne Plaza Hotel

7902 S. Lewis Avenue (across from Oral Roberts Univ. Mabee Center)
Tulsa OK

Oct 2-3-4, 2015

Hotel Reservation number: 918-492-5000; ask for Haskell Reunion Rate of \$89 plus tax.
Room rate includes breakfast

ACTIVITIES

Friday evening: Reception starting at 6:00 p.m.
To date, activities are being planned.

Saturday morning: 10:00 a.m.

Annual meeting for the Association. All alumni are invited to attend the annual Board meeting where reports includes past year activities and future plans. Also, the National Alumni Office and Board Regents will report Haskell activities.

Saturday evening: Dinner starting at 6:00 p.m.

The program will again feature Raffle drawings, Auctions, and Dance. We are again proud to announce that Plano Larry & Ramona will provide the dance music.

Sunday morning: Spiritual singing at 10:00 a.m.

Contacts: Flo (Tanner) Spotted Bear
918-948-2505
Email: haskellight.61@gmail.com

Loretta Burgess
918-633-7030
Email: dushkut1951@yahoo.com

2015 PER CAPITA PAYMENT INFORMATION

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

IRS Form W-9

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

Required Legal Documents

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

Minors

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

Contact information - Finance Department

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

Contact information:

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

Direct fax: 918-968-4528

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

Tax Liability Notification

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

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

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

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

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

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

Assistant Secretary Washburn Announces a New Program to Assist Tribal Social Services Agencies in Placing Children in Safe Homes

WASHINGTON – Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Kevin K. Washburn announced a new Bureau of Indian Affairs' Office of Justice Services (BIA-OJS) program to assist federally recognized tribal social services agencies seeking to place children in safe homes.

"The BIA-OJS Purpose Code X Program will provide tribal social service agencies with the information they need to protect the children they place into care in emergency situations when parents are unable to provide for their welfare," Washburn said. "This program provides BIA law enforcement personnel with the ability to provide our social service agency partners with much-needed information to help to make sure children requiring emergency placements will be placed in safe homes."

The BIA-OJS Purpose Code X Program arose out of a 2014 working group formed by the Departments of Justice (DOJ) and the Interior (DOI) to identify sustainable solutions that provide tribes access to national crime information that addresses criminal and civil needs of tribes. The outcome of this collaboration was the BIA-OJS Purpose Code X Program and DOJ Tribal Access Program for National Crime Information (TAP) TAP will allow tribes to more effectively serve and protect their communities by ensuring the exchange of critical data.

Under the BIA-OJS Purpose Code X Program, BIA-OJS dispatch centers will be available to provide 24-hour access to criminal history records, so name-based checks can be done immediately. Protocols for operating under the new program are being developed by BIA-OJS and will be tested by a select number of tribes prior to a nationwide implementation of the program.

BIA-OJS obtained authorization to perform these name-based checks from the

National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council, an organization which has the legal authority to promulgate rules and procedures governing the exchange of criminal records for non-criminal justice purposes.

"The BIA Office of Justice Services and DOJ's Office of Tribal Justice have made collaboration on improving tribal access to information a high priority over the last year, and I am grateful to the Compact Council for approving our request so quickly," said BIA OJS Deputy Director Darren A. Cruzan.

OJS has also worked to improve tribal reporting to the Uniform Crime Report system and encouraged tribal participation in the National Data Exchange (NDEx) system.

All of these efforts underscore the importance of the exchange of information between law enforcement agencies to achieving public safety in all jurisdictions, including Indian Country.

The BIA-OJS's mission is to address public safety concerns in Indian Country by funding law enforcement, correctional departments and tribal court services to the nation's federally recognized tribes. It also coordinates emergency preparedness support on federal Indian lands by working cooperatively with other federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies throughout Indian Country. The BIA-OJS operates the Indian Police Academy in Artesia, N.M., which provides training and professional development to BIA and tribal law enforcement personnel.

Visit <http://www.indianaffairs.gov/WhoWeAre/BIA/OJS/index.htm> for more information about OJS and its work.

For more information on TAP, visit www.justice.gov/tribal/tribal-access-program-tap.

NOTICE

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

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

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

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

2015 PER CAPITA W-9

Form W-9 (Rev. August 2013) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification	Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.
Name (as shown on your income tax return) X		
Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above		ROLL # X
Check appropriate box for federal tax classification:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____		
Exemptions (see instructions): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____		
Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) X		Requester's name and address (optional)
City, state, and ZIP code X		SAC AND FOX NATION 920883 S. HIGHWAY 99 BLDG. "A" STROUD, OKLAHOMA, 74079
List account number(s) here (optional)		
Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)		
Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the "Name" line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see <i>How to get a TIN</i> on page 3.		
Social security number X		Employer identification number
Part II Certification		
Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:		
1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and		
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and		
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below), and		
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.		
Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.		
Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person X	Date X
General Instructions		
Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.		
Future developments. The IRS has created a page on IRS.gov for information about Form W-9, at www.irs.gov/w9 . Information about any future developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) will be posted on that page.		
Purpose of Form		
A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, payments made to you in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.		
Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:		
1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued).		
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or		
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the		
withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and		
4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct.		
Note. If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.		
Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:		
• An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,		
• A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,		
• An estate (other than a foreign estate), or		
• A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).		
Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.		

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)

Muscogee (Creek) Nation WIC Program

Stroud Clinic

USDA Building 920883 S. HWY 99

Open 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each Month

Hours: 9:30am - 3:30pm

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

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

Closed last business day of each month for staff training.

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

Sac and Fox Nation Swimming Pool Rules and Hours



Pool hours are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



12 and under teams. 1st- Next level • 2nd Dozers • 3rd Storm



19+ 2nd Texas NDN's



Horseshoes Men's Singles 1st Eddie Wood 2nd Odi Brown Sr.



13-18 1st Bird Gang



Volleyball 1st Block Party 2nd Golden Okies



Women's Single 1st Sonia 2nd Lorena Bynam



13-18 2nd Plastic Cup Boys



Volleyball 2nd Golden Okies



Women's doubles 1st Lorena Bynam and Sonia



19+ 1st The Dawgs 2nd Texas NDN's



Men's doubles 1st Terry Jones and Eddie Wood 2nd- Jeremy and Mary



Women's doubles 2nd Tammy Wood and Jamie Gipp

Are you a Sac and Fox artist?

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

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

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

Some restrictions will apply.



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.

Back to School				
MONTH of SEPTEMBER				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
31 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit Cocktail	1 Chili Dog Carrots/Celery Pork & Beans Peaches	2 Vegetable Stew Cabbage Cornbread Pears	3 Hamburger Chips Fresh Veggies Applesauce	4 Scrambled Egg Sausage Biscuit Melon
7 Labor Day Offices Closed	8 Polish Sausage & Sauerkraut Squash Crackers Pears	9 Turkey slices Dressing Green Salad Pudding	10 Indian Taco Salsa Fresh Veggies Peaches	11 Biscuit & Gravy Bacon Boiled Egg Mand Orange
14 Pork Chop Mashed Potatoes Baby Carrots Vanilla Pudding	15 Lima Beans Corn Bread Mixed vegetables Peaches	16 Fried Chicken Mac & Cheese Green Beans Applesauce	17 Fish Cole Slaw Corn on Cobb Pineapple	18 French Toast Stix Sausage Boiled Egg Juice
21 Pinto Beans Yellow Squash Cornbread Pears	22 Spaghetti Green Salad Garlic Toast Pineapple	23 Corn Soup Green Beans Fry Bread Watermelon	24 Beef Enchilada Refried Beans Chips & Salsa Grapes	25 Breakfast Cass Hash Brown Polish Sausage Juice
28 Tuna Casserole Cream Corn Zucchini Mand. Orange	29 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Carrots Bread Fruit Cocktail	30 Pulled Pork Sand Beets Green Salad Peaches		

Sac and Fox Nation Food Distribution Program

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TO SEE IF YOU
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SHAWNEE OFFICE
(866) 622-2310

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

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