



SAC AND FOX NATION

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Two Sac and Fox Elders Honored at 11th Annual AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors

(Oklahoma City, Oklahoma)- Mr. Henry Buck McClellan, Sr. and Mr. Wallace “Bud” McClellan were honored at the 11th Annual AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors. The event was held on October 1st at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City.

The award is one of AARP Oklahoma’s most prestigious and visible awards, given to recognize outstanding Native American elders who are making a powerful difference in their communities, and Indian Country. Principal Chief Justin F. Wood and Committee Member Robert Williamson attended the event on behalf of the Business Committee.

“The Sac and Fox Nation standard of excellence was on display on Tuesday evening at the 11th Annual AARP Indian Elder Honors. I am thankful that AARP Oklahoma understands the importance of our American Indian culture. Our cultures are as vast as the oceans but all of our great nations share a belief in the importance of our elders,” said Chief Wood. “They are our leaders and warriors, historians, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. Our elders hold the key to our past and the solutions to our future. I’m so proud of our two new Sac and Fox honorees. They join a prestigious list of past Sauk honorees that I’m sure will only grow in the years ahead.”

Past Indian Elder Honorees from the Sac and Fox Nation include: Peggy Acoya, Judy Crain Baggett, Mary Ellis, Emerson Falls, Keith Franklin, Mary F. McCormick, Stella M. Nullake-Nanaeto, Lena (Ellis) Pennock Clark, Elizabeth Kay Rhoads, John R. (Jack) Thorpe, William Thorpe, Stella Wilson, and Freeland Wood.

The Sac and Fox Nation is a federally recognized tribal nation of over 4,000 enrolled members. The Nation is led by the Business Committee, comprised of five elected officials: Principal Chief Justin F. Wood, Second Chief Don Abney, Secretary Jacklyn King, Treasurer Jared King, and Committee Member Robert Williamson. The Nation’s jurisdiction lies in portions of Payne, Lincoln and Pottawatomie counties, with the capitol complex located outside of Stroud.

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