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in March 2016. Look for the dates of these meetings which will be held in Shawnee, Stroud and Cushing.

As Native People we have always looked at how we will preserve our lands for our future generations. I agree with President Obama when he says we have a moral obligation to leave our children a planet that's not polluted or damaged. It is up to all of

us to be more concerned about how we can reduce pollution and the effects of climate change so we leave a cleaner and safer environment for our children and grandchildren. Let's not lose our traditions to convenience, let's look at how our ancestors valued the land, how they preserved it and how we can combine our traditions with modern methods to protect Mother Earth.

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This is the first large scale project the SFHA has taken on since the termination of the 1937 Housing Act funding. The SFHA has continued to develop units; however, a large scale multifamily dwelling is a welcome boost to their ability to serve the Native population.

Brad Campbell, CEO and Principal Owner of Bear Claw Construction stated, "It has been a pleasure working together collaboratively with HUD, The Sac and Fox Nation and Amanda Procter - the lead attorney for the Housing Authority. It is an honor and privilege to work with our Tribal Communities and Housing Directors, like Billy Komacheet, to ensure our team of professionals is providing the best housing possible for our Tribal Members. When all stakeholders come together - like this group has - exciting things can take place and we can all be more effective and efficient in our roles and responsibilities within the team. As a Tribal member of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, I truly appreciate the trust and confidence this team has had in Bear Claw Construction to be a quality service partner to help see this project come to fruition."

Funding for the project was provided through BancFirst, a local lender that

has a rich history of working with lending to the Tribal community. BancFirst is a Section 184 approved lender and has experience working with the Office of Native American Programs. Casey Bell, Senior Vice President of BancFirst Shawnee was an intricate part of the team. The lender's participation was key to successfully navigating through traditional lending, Tribal sovereignty, and the Title VI program. BancFirst left the table feeling confident about working with HUD and Tribe and is currently working on additional Title VI Loans.

"The method in which the Sac & Fox Title VI project was completed was highly efficient and cost effective. Through a series of targeted meetings with all involved parties, the details of the transaction were discussed and agreements were reached. This process prevented many non-productive meetings. All involved parties were prepared for each meeting and that proved to be beneficial." Casey Bell, Senior Vice President BancFirst

For further information, contact: Mr. Billy Komacheet, Executive Director Sac & Fox Nation Housing Authority P.O. Box 1252 Shawnee, OK 74801 (405) 275-8200 BKomacheet@hasfn.net



Groundbreaking Ceremony for the HASFN Wikiuapi Apartments (Photo provided)

## 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.



### Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

## Domestic Violence Program

**Mission Statement**

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

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



## PowWow Committee's Sweet Heart Dance

DATE: February 13, 2016  
TIME: 1:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
PLACE: SAC AND FOX NATION  
COMMUNITY BUILDING  
STROUD OK

### Elders Household Assistance Program

**Eligible Participants:** Members of any federally recognized tribe age 55 or older living in Sac and Fox Jurisdiction.  
**Services to Be Provided:** Assistance with meal preparation, transportation, light household chores, laundry, errands, etc. for up to 6 hours per week. Program participation is limited to 2 months and may be renewed as program funds permit.

We are also looking for individuals willing to serve as choreworkers in the Cushing, Shawnee, Meeker/Prague, and Stroud areas. Choreworkers must be able to pass a background check/drug screening if requested by the Elder and will be paid a flat rate of \$50 per week for each Elder assisted. Preference will be given to tribal members.

Contact: Lynn A. Mihandoost  
Director Human Services Department Sac and Fox Nation  
920883 S. Highway 99, Bldg. A Stroud, Oklahoma 74079  
(918) 968-3526 Ext. 2010

## Happy February Birthday Elders

<p>Sylvia A. Whittaker Butler Charlotte Kay Aswell Robert Jose Gutierrez Patsy Ann Grant Gregg Scott Judy Howard Ray Barada Gloria Ann Hawkins Curtis Dawson Jones Sherry Lyn Robbins Kathy Eileen Walker Carletta Henthorn Mary Jacquelyn Christensen Linda Kay Rogers Freda Lavern West Billy D. Ablin Dawn Sherri Staton Vickie Jo Ebbe Kari Lea Fish Cynthia Joy Standlee Thomas James Myers Cheryl Lynn McClellan Connie Fay Gregory Nancy Ann Whistler Arlan Eugene Manatowa Debra Jean Sousa Kenneth R. O'Brien Franklin Keith Riley Terence John Alvarado Pamela Jeanne Bushyhead Steven Edward Payne Mary Elizabeth Hammett Jackie Dean Keo Roderick James Wakolee Johnnie Kay Murphy Georgia Ann Wakole</p>		<p>Rowena Elaine Wakolee Richard Douglas Crain Frankie Dale Wakolee Mildred G. Marceleno Johnelle Mische' Terry Ralph Billiman Robert W. Davis Jo Rene M. Martinez Carlena Hagler Mary Melissa Jennings Sherri L. McAllister Nicholas John Hovsepian Jeffery Alan Ponkilla Gary Don Norman Eugene Floyd Wilson Samuel Houston Roane Barbara Lee Strouss Tommie Ann Ford Patricia Denise Longhorn Alice Gay Steward Allace Brennan Buchmelter Carl E. Conallis Muriel Renee Wheeler Cozzett Elizabeth Charboneau Sharon Kaye Warren David Louis Walker Sigrid N. Hennrich Cecelia Lois Washington Sally Ann Wakole Richard Howard Williamson Mary Ann Butler Curtis Grant Kenneth Freeland Wood Vera Mae Grant Cheryl Kay Clark</p>
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