



### Chief Kay Rhoads Address To The Nation



**Elizabeth Kay Rhoads**  
Principal Chief  
Sac and Fox Nation

As the year comes to a close I hope everyone had a joyous holiday and enjoyed the time you shared with family and friends both near and far. With another year behind us, please take some time to reflect on the good times you shared throughout the year with family and friends, the fond memories of loved ones, and recognize the accomplishments no matter how big or small you made in your life. With the New Year comes many new dreams, visions, opportunity and challenges that we must implement.

This holds true for the Nation and the Nation's leaders, as well. This is the time to look at the dreams and visions of what really needs to be done to strengthen our Nation. The opportunities that is available to us to develop a diverse economy and create new jobs and businesses to ensure our growth. The challenges of how to find alternative revenue sources to fund new projects develop new partnerships, and how to implement effective programs will have to be resolved.

To meet some of the challenges we must seize the opportunities to acquire new grants. We have the chance to expand

our grant options if we build a foundation at the tribal headquarters. One way of doing this is to create needed housing for our tribal members. By having a residential basis on our tribal lands, more funds can be acquired for health, education, social services and public safety. If housing is developed in the immediate Headquarter area, the population is increased which results in the need for more services such as schools, daycare, medical services, social programs and activities. New training programs will need to be created to create a more skilled workforce for the new residents. If a strong workforce is created, business and industry will be more willing to invest in our area creating more job opportunities, businesses and expansion of our economy.

As part of the residential area, the development of a Senior Living Facility will need to be constructed. By increasing the elder population in the immediate area, this will allow the Elders to have easier access to the Social Services Program thus growing the program. It will allow the Elders easier access to medical services provided by Blackhawk Health Clinic and justify the expansion of health programs and services. With the increased population in the immediate area this will require the need for the development of a Convenience Store/fuel station, that has been long requested, as well as other stores and services.

This has been a dream of many people for many years, now is the time to make it happen. We have the land base, housing and health carryover funds that can bring this project to realization. This will help us address the vision of our Nation's growth, seize the opportunities and tackle the challenge of strengthening our Nation.

For this dream to happen, we need the support of our tribal members. We must have members willing to come to the Tribal Council Meetings to help make these decisions. The members must take part in the progress of the Nation. To use any of the tribal land for any of these projects, we need the consent of the Governing Council. Business cannot be conducted without a full quorum.

The people asked for more Governing Council meetings rather than one per year. As your Principal Chief, I have called for Quarterly Council Meeting, so we can conduct business. Trying to take care of business for a growing nation requires more than one meeting. Quarterly meetings allow for a smaller agenda and more time to concentrate on crucial business. I encourage each of you to take a part in the governing of your Nation. Don't let an opportunity pass the Sac and Fox Nation again, attend the Governing Council and help us to make our Nation the leaders of Indian Country again.

The next Governing Council Meeting will be held on March 5, 2016. Come and find out about your new casino development.

Do you want to earn interest on your gaming dollars? Then you need to be present to vote and pass an investment policy. Do you want a say in how grievances are handled? You have to vote on these issues to have a new policy implemented. Your involvement is needed to help make our government stronger. I hope to see you at the meeting in March, mark your calendars.

Happy New Year and may your year be blessed, joyful and prosperous.



**Employee of the Year:** (From Left) BC Member Robert Williamson, LaDona Johnson, Treasurer Jared King, Second Chief Don Abney and Principal Chief Kay Rhoads (SFNews Photo)

### DOI Releases Status Report for Land Buy-Back Program, Announces New Initiative to Expand Implementation Schedule

*Seeks input from tribal leaders, landowners to help determine sequence of next locations*

WASHINGTON – The Department of the Interior today released the 2015 Status Report for the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (Program), which summarizes its implementation to date and significant economic impact in Indian Country. Since 2013, the Buy-Back Program has paid nearly \$715 million to landowners and restored the equivalent of approximately 1.5 million acres of land to tribal governments.

In addition to releasing the Status Report, the Program is launching a two-part Planning Initiative to help determine its next implementation schedule for 2017 and beyond.

The first part seeks input from tribal governments who are interested in participating in the Program. Eligible tribal governments not already scheduled for implementation are invited to formally indicate their interest in participating in the Program no later than March 11, 2016.

More information is available to tribal leaders at: [www.doi.gov/buybackprogram/tribes](http://www.doi.gov/buybackprogram/tribes). The second part is a nationwide recruitment drive to further identify and engage landowners who are interested in learning more about this opportunity.

"The Buy-Back Program is another excellent example of this Administration's commitment to provide more economic, social and cultural opportunities for landowners, their families, and tribal communities for the benefit of generations to come," said Deputy Secretary Michael L. Connor. "The interest in the Program across Indian Country has been incredible and momentum is building. Already more than 66,000 individuals have had the opportunity to consider purchase offers for their fractional land interests. We are committed to collaborating with tribal governments to offer this opportunity to as many

individuals as we can within the Program's ten-year timeframe."

The Buy-Back Program implements the land consolidation component of the Cobell Settlement, which provided \$1.9 billion to purchase fractional interests in trust or restricted land from willing landowners at fair market value. The Program is authorized by Congress through 2022.

For the first time, the Program's Status Report includes the findings of an economic impact study. According to the Department's Office of Policy Analysis, cumulative Program payments to landowners as of September 2015 have contributed an estimated \$752 million to gross domestic product, \$1.4 billion in the output of goods and services, and supported about 9,000 jobs nationwide.

"This Program is about putting resources back into Indian (Continued on Page 3)

### Report From Secretary Mary F. McCormick

The Governing Council for the Sac and Fox Nation did not reach a quorum for the meeting last Saturday, December 12, 2015. Only 38 members signed the Registration Sheet, for the day. Principal Chief Kay Rhoads then dismissed the employees who needed to be present, and then announced that the meeting would continue as the Sauk Business Enterprise Board needed to give a "Status Report on the Cushing Casino."

Tribal member John Nelson, (Continued on Page 3)



**Secretary Clinton meets with Sac and Fox Chief:** (From Left) Principal Chief Kay Rhoads, Hillary Clinton, Secretary of State and Alicia Neva Quaya SFN Realty Director. (Photo Submitted)



**BC Recognition Awards:** Each of the business committee members chose an employee that exemplified hard work and strong character traits. (from left) The Committee Member's award went to Donna Vasquez ; Second Chief's award to Wolfgang Hinker; Jane Rich and Camaron Snider accepted a plaque in honor of the late Raymond Massey; secretary's award went to Don Whitehead; and treasurer's award to Karen Simmons (not pictured); and Chief Rhodes award went to Jean Lynam. (SFNews)

### Upcoming Events

**January 12**

Sac and Fox Nation  
Veterans Meeting  
Cultural Center

**January 13**

Sac and Fox Nation  
Elders Meeting  
Stroud 10 am

**January 21**

Sac & Fox Nation  
Womens Auxiliary

**January 22**

Election Board Meeting  
Shawnee Multi-Purpose  
6:30 PM

**March 5**

Governing Council  
Community Building  
10:00

**February 6**

Winter Stomp Dance  
Benefit  
6:00 pm - ?  
Community Building

**February 13**

Powwow Committee  
Sweetheart Dance  
1:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
Community Building

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## Report from the Housing Authority of the Sac and Fox Nation

The Housing Authority of the Sac and Fox Nation was approved January 19, 1993 by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

This "approval" allowed the Sac and Fox Nation to receive Federal funds. With the reception of these Federal funds, there are "restrictions" that are to be complied with set forth by the Federal Government.

HUD representatives annually perform on-site reviews of housing authorities in order to insure that Federal rules and regulations are being adhered to.

Any housing authority found not to be in compliance with any provisions of NAHASDA is subject to remedial action, which could include termination of payment (loss of funding).

The Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE) is the Housing Authority of the Sac and Fox Nation (HASFN). Housing Commissioners are appointed by the Business Committee to be the "governing body" of the HASFN.

The regulations that are to be followed by housing authorities are set forth at 24 CFR Part 1000 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA).

The HASFN policies and procedures, as well as federal regulations, are available for review at the HASFN office.

The HASFN conducts regular monthly board meetings on the third (3rd) Monday of each month at 4:30 PM, unless otherwise posted, at the housing authority office at 201 N. Harrison St. Shawnee,

Oklahoma. These monthly meetings are open to the public and tribal members are encouraged to attend.

The current HASFN Commissioners are: Chairman Forrest Walker, Vice-Chairman Curtis Wakolee, Secretary Shanarae Boyd, Treasurer George Harjo Jr., and Board Member Cheryl McClellan.

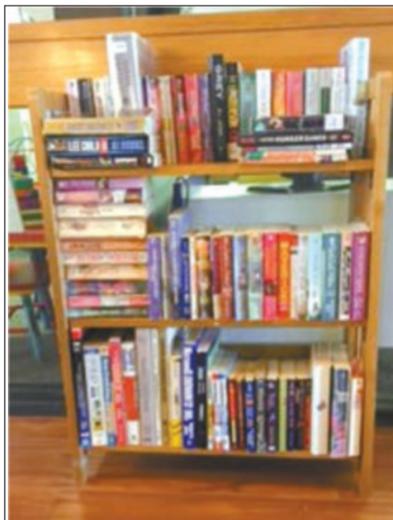
The current Administration includes: Executive Director Billy Komahcheet, Executive Assistant/H.R. Representative Danica Smith, Compliance Officer Randy Snead, Housing Management Dept. Director Kathryn Geionety, Housing Services Dept. Director Sherman Brown, Housing Services Assistant Director Joyce Snodgrass, and Inspector Marty Masquat.

For any questions or comments please feel free to contact any of the above listed administration by calling 405-275-8200 or stop by the office located at 201 N. Harrison St. Shawnee, Oklahoma. For any questions or comments to the Board members please feel free to attend the monthly board meetings.

Any and all input is encouraged.

**Sac and Fox Elders**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
January 13  
2015  
Shawnee 10:00 am

**Sac and Fox Veterans**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
January 12  
2015  
Cultural Center



The Sac and Fox National Public Library has used paperbacks (and a few hardbacks) for sale. Paperbacks are three for \$1, or 35 cents each. Hardbacks are \$1 each.

**DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY PAPER IS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20**

## 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

### PUBLIC NOTICE

A REGULAR CALLED MEETING OF THE  
**SAC AND FOX NATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE**  
TO BE HELD ON  
January 11, 2015  
AT 9:00 A.M.  
IN THE SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES BUILDING  
**SAC AND FOX RESERVATION**  
STROUD, OKLAHOMA



### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## NOTICE • NOTICE • NOTICE • NOTICE • NOTICE

### QUARTERLY GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING of the Sac and Fox Nation



Saturday, March 5, 2016

Sac and Fox Nation Community Building  
10:00 am



## Land Buy Back Program From Page 1

Country,” said Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn. “The moment to get involved in this opportunity is right now. We have only a few short years in which to implement this important Program, and we are determined to do everything we can to provide interested tribal governments and landowners the chance to participate. This is an opportunity we cannot take for granted.”

Informed by early planning activities and its open solicitation in 2013-2014, the Department identified 42 locations where land consolidation activities – such as planning, outreach, mapping, mineral evaluations, appraisals or acquisitions – have either already occurred or are expected to take place through the middle of 2017. These locations represented 83 percent of all outstanding fractional interests across Indian Country.

There are about 245,000 owners of nearly three million fractional interests across Indian Country who are eligible to participate in the Program. Many see little or no economic benefit from what are often small, undivided interests in

lands that cannot be utilized due to their highly fractionated state.

Interested landowners should call the Trust Beneficiary Call Center (Call Center) at 888-678-6836 to register their interest and confirm contact information. Registration in no way commits a landowner to sell their land nor does it guarantee that an offer will be received; it merely identifies the landowner’s interest in receiving an offer.

Individuals can contact the Call Center or visit their local Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) or Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) office to learn more about their land and their options – including how the Program works. The Call Center and local OST staff can also help landowners think strategically about how to use funds they may receive through the Program.

To further help individuals make informed decisions about their land, extensive frequently asked questions and answers are also online at: [www.doi.gov/buybackprogram/landowners/upload/Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf](http://www.doi.gov/buybackprogram/landowners/upload/Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf).

## Report From Secretary Mary F. McCormick From Page 1

Chairman, Sauk Business Enterprise Board, then presented up-to-date information on starting a casino in Cushing, Oklahoma. Chairman Nelson noted that the information he was citing was from a preliminary report from The Klas Robinson Hospitality Consulting, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Enterprise Board, along with our Economic Development Director, were ready with their recommendations for the Nation to make a Contractor Selection, and an intergovernmental Financing with an Amortization Schedule.

Principal Chief Rhoads has called for another Special Governing Council meeting for Saturday - March 5, 2016. Council will begin at 10 a.m. Please be present for this important meeting. Principal Chief Rhoads invited the tribal members to write her for any additional items the member may want to add to the agenda, with a dead-

line date of February 5, 2016. However, Business Committee members were in agreement today, (12-14-15), including our Principal Chief, that the present agenda is already full. But, do send your additions to her.

One request as we end our news-item: Please bring back your copy of the Council booklet that you received last Saturday. Since we did not have a quorum, the agenda items will be the same, plus whatever you may mail in to Principal Chief Rhoads. We will have a new agenda. Please call Lisa Fuller (Ext #1009) for those tribal members who were not present, if you would like a copy of the Governing Council booklet that was given out last Saturday. I look forward to seeing you March 5, 2016. Invite and/or remind other tribal members to be in attendance March 5. We need to get the casino in Cushing, in operation as soon as possible.

*Feel like a cup of coffee or tea?*

*Please join us at your*

*Sac and Fox National Public Library ...*

*and we'll put the pot on!*

*Or, we can share a bag of*

*popcorn!*

*Drop by!*

*Anytime!*



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## ELECTION BOARD MEETING

DATE: JANUARY 22, 2016

TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: SAC AND FOX NATION

MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING

215 NORTH HARRISON

SHAWNEE, OK 74801

## LEARN TO TALK SAUK AT SCHOOL

The new Sauk Language I and II online courses are now available for high school students who want to learn Sauk. These courses are available for World Language credit for graduation, or for elective credit.

If you are interested in taking these courses, please contact the Sauk Language Department to learn more.

918-968-0070

### 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 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

## Happy January Birthday Elders

Eddie Lee Blanchard  
Taylor Neal Finley  
Gregory Paul Walker  
Sandra D'ann Bruehl  
Gloria Jean Grant  
Avis E. Austin  
Jeffrey Spencer Stroebel  
Cheryl Ann Carter  
Robert Lewis Tyner  
Charles Arthur Holland  
Donald Lee Fixico  
Janis Gail Fleming  
Dora Steel Young  
Alphues Christjohn Wilson  
Harriett Janean Hunter  
Jesse W. Baldwin  
Carla K. James  
Debra Joyce Ornelas  
George L. Thurman  
Forest C. Nelson  
Truman Andrew Carter  
Edward Littlehead  
Cecelia L. Snodgrass  
Gloria M. Castillo  
Cathy Lynn Tamminga  
Christina Louise Roan  
Glenn Mitchell Logan  
Mark Kent Megehee  
Pamela Ann Longshore  
Lana Jo Duncan  
Bobby Duane Longshore  
Annette Hunter Rice  
Charles Larry Ryan  
Anita Lynn Hooley  
Simon Carter Retherford  
Frank Gokey  
Carol Rose Littlehead  
Dino Ray Riley  
Elvis Edgar Ellis  
John Bill Croley  
Paula Kaye Bean  
Cheryl Ann Torres  
George Nullake  
Sarah Rhodes  
Donna Diane Gorton  
Mamie Long  
Landis Marileen McClellan  
Frank E. Rhodd  
Alma Louise Davis  
Sandra Kay Patton



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Rosa D. Hawzipta  
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Antowine N. Warrior  
David Keith Butler  
Thomas Morris Warrior  
Jacqueline Helfer  
La Donna Renee Brown  
Toni Colline Littlewalker  
Dee Ann Manatowa  
Cynthia Ina Crane  
Walter Andrew Nullake  
Glenn K. Morton  
Rosita V. Quintana  
Bobby Reed  
Lewis Marez  
Louise E. McIlvaine  
Wanda Marie Wolf  
Minnie Franklin  
Emil V. Nelson  
Harold James Kaseca  
Karolyn Kaye Heuston  
Harry Benson Walker  
Samuel F. Morris  
Sharon Elaine Franklin  
Margaret Frances Wood  
Roger Keith James  
Amos Black  
David Michael Tibbitts  
Arthur Marez  
Arnold Ray Terry  
Barry Dean Irons  
Mary Frances McCormick  
Dolores Lurlene Kahrahrak  
Alden Ray Franklin  
Ronald Dean Lopez  
Thelma D. Rogers  
Victor James Barnes  
Brenda Sue Floyd  
Sandra Lee Ray  
Sherri A. Vandervort  
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Richard Eugene Walker  
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Johanna Myers  
David Eric Schexnider  
Edward Scott Troy

Margaret Denise McKinney-Woodward

# News You Can Use from the Sac and Fox Nation Education Department

By Barbara Ramos Education Director

The Education Department is now fully staffed with the addition of Barbara Ramos as the Education Director. I am a member of the Sac and Fox Tribe and I am excited about the potential of the Nation's education program. I have worked as a Substitute Teacher in Arizona and in Oklahoma which encompassed working with both elementary students and high school students. While working on my Masters of Education in Special Education I worked as a full-time Special Education Teacher at Yuma High School in Yuma, AZ. I worked with Learning Disabled students but ended up working with the Severe and Profound students who faced many challenges. Prior to working in education I worked with the Indian Health Service as a Supervisory Health Systems Specialist and managed CHS Programs in El Paso, TX, Mesalero, NM, and Yuma, AZ.

During the coming months I look forward to conducting professional development activities, workshops, and in-service training for staff and client population. (Yes, Elders I do intend to set up some basic computer classes for you.) I plan to also facilitate access to continuing education, distance learning, and on-line courses.

Some things that are happening in the Education Department are the following:

\* The RAP Education Program was able to provide assistance to fifty (55) tribal members who attended colleges/universities for the 2015 fall term. If you intend to attend college/university the spring 2016 semester you should submit your RAP Education Request packet as soon as possible. The application deadline is March 1; however, many students started applying early in the fall. The RAP Education Program has limited funds and it is on a first-come first-served basis.

\* Start your scholarship search early in your senior year. For those of you who are attending or planning to attend college you should apply for scholarships well in advance because some scholarship deadlines for the fall semester are

April 15. Contact Catching the Dream (CTD), 8200 Mountain Road, NE, Suite 203, Albuquerque, NM 87110. Phone: (505) 262-2351, Fax: (505) 262-0534 or E-mail: Main: (Joy Noll) Nscholarsh@aol.com for guidance on how to apply. This program encourages students to apply for all sources of funding in addition to applying to CTD. The minimum number of scholarships students will find is 40 or more. This will enable them to attend any college in the U.S.

Scholarship Programs for Native American Students:

MESBEC: Math, Engineering, Science, Business, Education, and Computers: All science fields, medicine, business, education, math, computer science

NALE: Native American Leadership in Education: Secondary Education, Elementary Education, Special Education, Educational Administration

TBM: Tribal Business Management: Finance, Economics, Business Administration, Accounting, Retailing, Hotel Management

According to CTD their biggest frustration is that students inquire about the scholarship and then do not apply. They fail to read the instructions (How to Find and Win Scholarships) and end up calling them to ask what they are supposed to do. Their answer is that they should find and win all the scholarships they can find and can and should go to college with no loans. One student found 102 scholarships and won 70 of them. This takes time but it can pay off in the long run. GIVE IT A TRY!

The 2015-16 school year is closed for scholarships; however, you are encouraged to visit the following websites: American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC)-offers both undergraduate and graduate programs funded in part by the Cobell Education Scholarship Fund – you should contact the agency to obtain information on scholarships for the 2016-17 school year. <http://aigcs.org>. Applications need to be completed as soon as possible. The Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) this program is designed to help develop

a group of leaders that represent the ethnic diversity of America in the 21st century. Contact this scholarship program at: <http://www.aigcs.org/scholarships/gms-program-information/>

\* The Education Department will no longer be responsible for scheduling activities for the gym. Effective December 15, 2015 the Finance Department will be handling the scheduling of the gym for any tribal activities as well as the payments and refunds of deposits. This will streamline the process for tribal members to obtain services without going from one

department to the other.

\* NOTICE: We have many RAP college students who are doing exceptionally well in their chosen field of study. If any of you would like to be featured in the tribal newspaper please submit a picture, biography, and what your major is and why you chose that field of study and where you are attending college. WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!

\* If you have any questions you may contact me at (918) 968-3526, EXT. 2046 or Jean Lynam, EXT. 2043.

## 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.

### FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR) FY 2016 NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS (Effective October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016)

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	\$981	+	\$155	=	\$1,136
2	\$1,328	+	\$155	=	\$1,483
3	\$1,675	+	\$155	=	\$1,830
4	\$2,021	+	\$168	=	\$2,189
5	\$2,368	+	\$197	=	\$2,565
6	\$2,715	+	\$226	=	\$2,941
7	\$3,061	+	\$226	=	\$3,287
8	\$3,408	+	\$226	=	\$3,634
each additional member					+ \$347

#### Alaska:

Use this Amount

Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard		SNAP Standard Deduction	=	FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	\$1,227	+	\$265	=	\$1,492
2	\$1,660	+	\$265	=	\$1,925
3	\$2,094	+	\$265	=	\$2,359
4	\$2,527	+	\$265	=	\$2,792
5	\$2,960	+	\$265	=	\$3,225
6	\$3,394	+	\$282	=	\$3,676
7	\$3,827	+	\$282	=	\$4,109
8	\$4,260	+	\$282	=	\$4,542
each additional member					+ \$434

### FY 2016 FDPIR Income Deductions (see 7 CFR 253.6(e)) Effective October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

<b>Earned Income Deduction</b>	Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.
<b>Dependent Care Deduction</b>	Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.
<b>Child Support Deduction</b>	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.
<b>Medical Expense Deduction</b>	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).
<b>Home Care Meal-Related Deduction</b>	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"> <li>• Urban = \$237</li> <li>• Rural 1 = \$302</li> <li>• Rural 2 = \$368</li> </ul> See 7 CFR 272.7(b) for area designations in Alaska.
<b>Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deduction</b>	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 2016 FDPIR Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deductions Effective October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

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

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



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# “Happenings at the JDC”

By Mariah Funk Receptionist/Secretary SFN Juvenile Detention Center

The end of the year meeting and Christmas party was held at the Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center on Friday December 18, 2015.

During the meeting, some safety issues were discussed, as well as any announcements to the staff. After that, the employees enjoyed a traditional Christmas meal, employees received awards and lastly a gift exchange for staff and guests. It was a fun time had by all!!!!

The recipients of the awards are as follows:



Employee of Year-Best Attitude  
Trisha Childress



Resident Advisor of the Year  
Excellence in Attendance-Tena Nabors



Rookie of the Year  
Lawrence Hamilton



Leadership Award-Gene Carroll



Oopsy of the Year-Tiffany West and Pam Zimmerman (Not Pictured)



Dedication Award-Mariah Funk



Dedication Award-Doug Murphy



Teamwork Award-Josh Jordan



Excellence in Attendance  
Richard Summers



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			Happy New Year	1 CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY
4 ELDERS DAY WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:30 SHAWNEE 8:30-2:30	5 ELDERS DAY WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:30 SHAWNEE 8:30-2:30	6 WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:30 SHAWNEE 8:30-2:30 SHIPMENT	7 WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:30 SHAWNEE 8:30-2:30	8 ELDERS DAY WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:30 SHAWNEE 8:30-2:30
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## SAUK LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT PHILOSOPHY

*Indians are born speaking our languages. For some of us, they lie dormant within our bodies. They are looking for a way out. God gave us these beautiful languages. All of us hold them in a sacred manner within. There is no such thing as an Indian person who cannot speak Indian.*

*Our language programs find these languages within our bodies. They bring them out through our mouths and deliver them to their rightful resting places within our hearts.*



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DEPARTMENT**

### JANUARY 2016 LANGUAGE QUOTES

**"Language is the vehicle for transmitting culture".**  
Ryan Mackey-Cherokee

**"Among Native Americans, tribal family names are a big part of your identity. And the language is also important -- it's the glue that holds our culture together."**  
Signaak-Chippewa

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

### 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.

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### January Word List

Tree	Mehtekwi
Cedar Tree	Meshwâwâhkwa
Hickory Tree	Pêshkipêhi
It's Fall	Takwâkiwi
It's Winter	Pepowi
It's Snowing	Mehpowi
Have a cold	Akikwâpyêwa
It's Cold	Kethîyâwi
Deer	Peshekethiwa
Rabbit	Meshwêha
Squirrel	Anikwa
Fox	Wâkoshêha

### January 2016 Word Scramble

Mehtekwi	It's Fall
Meshwâwâhkwa	It's Snowing
Pêshkipêhi	Squirrel
Takwâkiwi	Have a cold
Pepowi	Rabbit
Mehpowi	Hickory Tree
Akikwâpyêwa	Fox
Kethîyâwi	Cedar Tree
Peshekethiwa	It's Winter
Meshwêha	Tree
Anikwa	Deer
Wâkoshêha	It's Cold

### January 2016 Word Match

eetMhwik	_____
eâMswhwkaâwh	_____
hêsipiPhêk	_____
kTâiakiww	_____
opePwi	_____
hpMewio	_____
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aniwAk	_____
Wohsêkâha	_____

## SAUK LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS AND NEWS

**JANUARY 2016  
CHAKIMAHKÔHA  
(Little Bear Moon)**



**FROM THE SAUK LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT!**

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 the Sauk Language Department to learn more.

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### The Sauk Language Department wants to hear from you!

In an effort to offer new and exciting ways to involve young members of the tribal community, the Sauk Language Department is asking for young adults, ages 18-25, who are high school graduates, to let us know if a new Sauk Language Multimedia Technology Pilot Program would be something you would be interested in attending.

#### What is the Sauk Language Multimedia Technology Pilot Program?

This is a pilot program designed for creative, organized young adults who want to develop skills using a broad level of current technologies.

The Sauk Language Multimedia Technology Pilot Program will focus on providing basic instruction in web design, graphic arts, digital illustration, and video production.

If you are interested in this new Pilot Program, please send the following information, either by email or regular mail, to the Sauk Language Department:

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 Black Ball Cap is Adjustable

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 Ball Cap \$5



**January 2016 Wordsearch**

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The Sauk Language Department of the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma is currently accepting resumes for part and/or full-time work for individuals experienced in working with youth and young adults. Additional experience working with multi-media technology (i.e. graphic arts, web design, etc.) is preferred, but not mandatory. Resumes with portfolios would be given preferential treatment.

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. Those interested in working with youth and young adults **must be capable of attending design meetings in Stroud, OK and working on-site at least part time.**

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**'FATHER AND SON TRIP'** BY NICOLE WATASHE

Epemipahonakoyâke nekanonatipena ôni nepethetâpena nakamonani.  
 Nenêtâpena ketomikati "Thâkiha Falls". Nepyâpena.  
 ïnoki nôtha ôni nina nîmaynemêthikêpena  
 Nepônihetîpena  
 Êyêwitheniyâki nôtha netâchimohekwe achimonani.  
 Ânekochi êwathêyâki mehtami nepemahopena chimâni.  
 Ênanâhinemêthikêyâki newishâtêhe.  
 Nekanonatipena êyênemêthikêyâki. Châmekoni nemeshenâ nemêtha!  
 Netashkachipyâpena. Êyêwitheniyâki nôtha netâchimohekwe âchimonani.  
 Nenanythetopena châki kékohi wîpenoyâke.  
 Nepichithetopena châki kékohi âtamopineki.  
 Nepenopena. Nekya nekwinomekwe.



# SAC AND FOX NATION 2015 CHRISTMAS PARTY



# Black Hawk Health Center

*By: Don Whitehead, Health Director*

The current Black Hawk Health Center facility was completed in 1998. It is structured under a Self-Governance Compact with Indian Health Service and has been in place since 1994. The Sac & Fox Nation owns and operates the health center providing health services five (5) days per week from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Direct Services are provided to anyone who is a member of a Federally Recognized Indian Tribe which is determined by a copy of the CDIB card, tribal enrollment card, or Letter of Decendancy.

Black Hawk Health Center (BHHC) provides a range of outpatient services for the Native American community and tribal members of the Sac and Fox Nation. Services include primary medical care, behavioral health, pharmacy, com-

munity health, laboratory, transportation, radiological/x-ray, diabetic education, nutrition counseling, exercise therapy, patient benefits coordination, and contract health services. Fiscal Year 2015 provided the following number of services:

- Clinic visits - 6,699 patient visits
- Health Center all visits - 9,812 visits
- Pharmacy - 57,859 scripts filled
- Laboratory - 43,169 total tests completed
- Radiology - 968 exams
- Physical Therapy - 2,082 treatments
- Podiatry - 654 exams
- Third Party Billing Collections- \$1,222,375 on 21,140 claims filed

Contract health services are provided to patients with a current patient chart at

the health center and lives within the Sac & Fox Nation contract health services delivery area which include portions of Lincoln, portions of Potawatomi, and portions of Payne counties. Last fiscal year, CHS paid more than 3 million dollars for outside health services. This service covered almost 7,500 referrals.

The Patient Benefits Coordinator (PBC) provides assistance to patients and their families to secure some form of health care coverage. This includes Medicare, Medicaid, Veteran's Administration, and coverage through the Affordable Care Act (ACA). In nine months of the last fiscal year, the patient benefits coordinator completed 4,613 eligibility checks, 331 Medicaid applications, and 89 VA enrollments. The PBC also assist-

ed patients with applying for Medicare coverage, ACA applications, and numerous Patient Assistance Programs.

Black Hawk Health Center now has an agreement with the Veterans Administration to provide VA health services in the clinic. We assist Veterans in enrolling in the VA health system, see Veterans for clinic services, make referrals to the OKC VA Health Center and bill the VA for any services provided in the clinic. In 2015 the clinic assisted 89 Veterans enrolling for VA health services.

Four full time Providers expands the number of patient slots during the day. The Health Center went from 32 slots per day to 54 slots per day. This also includes 12 walk in slots (3 for each Provider) to improve same day access.

# Seasonal affective disorder (SAD)

*By: Karen Simmons Behavior Health Services Black Hawk Health Center*

Seasonal affective disorder (also called SAD) is a type of depression that involves the seasons. It is also referred to as winter depression. It usually begins in late fall or early winter and then one's normal mood returns in summer. A less common type of SAD, known as summer depression, usually begins in late spring or early summer. While it is not proved, some believe that SAD may be related to changes in the amount of daylight you get.

Seasonal affective disorder is estimated to affect 10 million Americans. Another 10 percent to 20 percent may have mild SAD. SAD is more common in women than in men. Illness typically begins around age 20. Some people experience symptoms severe enough to affect quality of life, and 6 percent require hospitalization. Many people with SAD report at least one close relative with a psychiatric disorder, most frequently a severe depressive disorder (55 percent) or alcohol abuse (34 percent). Although some children and teenagers get SAD, it usually doesn't start in people younger than age 20. Yet, when it does, the syndrome is first suspected by parents and teachers. It also appears that the risk decreases with age. SAD is more common the farther north you live.

### Symptoms

Not everyone with SAD has the same symptoms, but common symptoms of winter depression include the following:

- Feelings of hopelessness and sadness
- Thoughts of suicide
- Hypersomnia or a tendency to oversleep
- A change in appetite, especially a craving for sweet or starchy foods
- Weight gain
- A heavy feeling in the arms or legs
- A drop in energy level
- Decreased physical activity
- Fatigue
- Difficulty concentrating
- Irritability
- Increased sensitivity to social rejection
- Avoidance of social situations

### Symptoms of the summer SAD are:

- Poor appetite

- Weight loss
- Insomnia
- Agitation and anxiety

Either type of SAD may also include some of the symptoms that are present in other kinds of depression, such as feelings of guilt, a loss of interest or pleasure in activities previously enjoyed, ongoing feelings of hopelessness or helplessness, or physical problems such as headaches and stomachaches.

Symptoms of SAD tend to reoccur at about the same time every year. The changes in mood are not necessarily related to obvious seasonal stressors (like being regularly unemployed during the winter). Usually depression is mild or moderate. However, some people experience severe symptoms and 6 percent of SAD patients need hospitalization at some time in their lives.

Seasonal Affective Disorder can be misdiagnosed as hypothyroidism, hypoglycemia, or a viral infection such as mononucleosis.

### Causes

The cause for SAD is unknown. One theory is that it is related to the amount of melatonin in the body, a hormone secreted by the pineal gland. The body is exposed to its secretions for a shorter period of time during summer because light suppresses its production. The long nights of winter extends the amount of time melatonin is released into the body, thus increasing symptoms. It is not clear how melatonin produces the symptoms reported. One possible explanation is that melatonin causes a drop in body temperature and lower body temperature is associated with sleep. This could indicate that it is related to the sleep-wake cycle and related to the hypersomnia and fatigue reported.

### Treatments

Because winter depression is probably caused by a reaction to a lack of sunlight, broad-band light therapy is frequently used. This therapy requires a light box or a light visor worn on the head like a cap. The individual either sits in front of the light box or wears light visor for a certain length of time each day. Generally, light

therapy takes between 30 and 60 minutes each day throughout the fall and winter. The amount of time required varies with each individual. When light therapy is sufficient to reduce symptoms and to increase energy level, the individual continues to use it until enough daylight is available, typically in the springtime. Stopping light therapy too soon can result in a return of symptoms.

When used properly, light therapy seems to have very few side effects. Side effects include eyestrain, headache, fatigue, irritability and inability to sleep (when light therapy is used too late in the day). People with manic depressive disorders, skin that is sensitive to light, or medical conditions that make their eyes vulnerable to light damage may not be good candidates for light therapy.

When light therapy does not improve symptoms within a few days, then medication and, or, behavioral therapies should be introduced. In some cases, light therapy can be used in combination with anyone or all of these therapies.

### Self-Care

- Monitor your mood and energy level
- Take advantage of available sunlight
- Plan pleasurable activities for the winter season
- Plan physical activities
- Approach the winter season with a positive attitude
- When symptoms develop seek help sooner rather than later

If you or someone you know may be experiencing symptoms of SAD, please contact your physician to discuss your concerns.

## Sac and Fox Transportation Program

*Criteria You Must Meet Before Being Eligible for Transportation:*

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## January 2016 Black Hawk Health Center Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Exercise Room open 7AM-4:30PM 11:15 Circuit Training 12:15 Circuit Training
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## SAC AND FOX

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**December  
1st, 2015** and  
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first full week in  
**September  
2016**. Weigh in  
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each month at  
the MBC on our  
scale.

## NATION

# BIGGEST



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medical chart with  
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Center

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percentage of BODY  
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**Sac and Fox Nation Police Department**  
 From Sac and Fox Tribal Police Chief Bob Roberts



January Safety Tips

**Should Citizens Arm Themselves?**



Sac and Fox Tribal Police Chief Bob Roberts

Should citizens arm themselves? I will not make a call for citizens to arm themselves however I do not have any issues or concerns with any citizen who decides on his or her own that they want to possess and own firearms, if they are well trained and it is done in a reasonable way. I support any lawful citizen's right to defend themselves while acting in accordance with state and federal laws. In

critical times such as these, or any other time, this country was founded on the principles that allow our citizens to protect themselves.

Having stated the above I wish to point out the fact that private citizens with concealed handguns kill far more innocent victims than criminals. Concealed handgun permit holders were the perpetrators in at least 29 mass shootings since 2007. At least 17 law enforcement officers died at the hands of concealed carry killers since May 2007, research shows. The idea that civilians have the skill to intervene successfully in a mass shooting is a fantasy also armed bystanders could be mistaken by police to be the actual shooter.

The Violence Policy Center, an Washington-based organization that supports strong gun control laws, says the vast majority of shootings by concealed weapons permit holders are homicides, suicides and accidents. A small percentage is in self defense, the center says.

In conclusion I support the Second Amendment rights, but the decision to arm oneself lies with you, the individual citizen.



Cesar Guerrero Jr.

**Cesar Guerrero Jr. Graduates with Honors and Joins Marines**

Congratulations to Cesar Guerrero Jr. he graduated from High School with honors.

After graduation he then joined the Marines and on September 11, 2015 he graduated from boot camp at Paris Island, South Carolina.

After a 10-day leave he was sent to Camp Geiger S.C. for combat training.

His parents are Cesar and Anna Guerrero, Grandparents are the late Juan G. and Mildred Marceleno. Great Grandparents were the late Edgar and Myrtle Ellis of Moccasin Trail.

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 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 ASSIT YOU WITH.

**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.

**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.

**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 pay-check 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

**HELP WANTED!**  
**SAC & FOX NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITES**  
 THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF JOB VACANCIES WITH THE SAC & FOX NATION:

- Accounting Technician (Finance)**  
Seeking Immediate Placement
- Resident Advisor (Juvenile Detention Center/Stroud)**  
Open Continuously
- Cashier (Finance)**  
Seeking Immediate Placement
- Human Resources Director (Stroud)**  
Seeking Immediate Placement
- Reality Specialist (Stroud)**  
Seeking Immediate Placement
- Environmental Technician**  
Seeking Immediate Placement
- Surveillance Observer (Shawnee)**  
Seeking Immediate Placement
- ICW Specialist (Shawnee)**  
Seeking Immediate Placement

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

# Library hosts its Annual Christmas Open House

By Kathy Platt Library Director

About 70 people of all ages attended the Library's annual Open House on Thursday, Dec. 17. We feasted on lasagna, salad, green beans, garlic bread, soft drinks along with chocolate, strawberry and almond cake for desert from the culinary talents of D's Catering in Stroud.

We hope everyone had a good time and enjoyed the food.

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The library plans to have a workshop for children on Saturday, Feb. 13, to make Valentine's cards for parents, siblings and schoolmates. The class will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Please called the library at 918-968-3526, extension 2021, to register your child today.

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Keep us in mind, as we have added hundreds of new items to the library in the past few months, with an eye on Common Core topics, which will help

parents and their children keep up with schoolwork.

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Earlier this year, the Sac and Fox National Public Library joined OverDrive and the Ok Virtual Library, a consortium of Oklahoma libraries providing digital collections.

You can now download e-books, audiobooks and music to your own e-reader, be it an iPad, Nook, Kindle or smart phone.

This service is available for card-holding members of the Library. If you don't have a SFNPL card, we can set one up for you in a couple of minutes.

You can visit the library's catalog at <https://sacandfox.biblionix.com/atoz/catalog>.

Or call us at 918-968-3526, extension 2021. Or, better yet, drop in for a cup of coffee.

Come and check us out!



Enjoying the Elders Winter Dance: (From Left) Jazlyn Hindsley, Lillian Butler, Kaiya Moore, Lori Moore and Ayden Youngman. (SFNews Photo)



Enjoying the Annual Christmas Open House at the Sac and Fox Nation National Public Library (SFNews Photo)

SAC AND FOX TAX COMMISSION REVENUE	
September 2015	
Beer and Liquor	\$145.06
State Tobacco Rebate	\$205,736.42
Motor Vehicle	\$4,088.00
Sales Tax	\$13,472.03
Treasury	\$114.28
Oil & Gas	\$753.05
Gaming	\$115,637.76
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$339,946.60</b>

The Sac and Fox National Public Library offers two computers geared toward our youngest patrons. The computers have an assortment of games and fun programs for babies through early grade school. (Shhh. Some games are even educational, but don't have to tell them that!) Help your little ones get a leg up by calling (918-968-3526, Extension 2021) or drop by for more information.

## Indian Child Welfare Department

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

### CALLING ALL CHILDREN

Make a list of all your Valentines and come to the Sac and Fox National Public Library on Saturday, Feb. 13, between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and we will help you make the perfect card for all of your Valentines!

For more information, call the Library at 918-968-3526, extension 2021.

**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

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**MAILING ADDRESS**

<u>OLD</u>	<u>NEW</u>
ADDRESS _____	ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____	CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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**STREET ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN MAILING ADDRESS)**

<u>OLD</u>	<u>NEW</u>
STREET ADDRESS _____	STREET ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____	CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

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

# New Year Traditions *By Alicia Nevaquaya Realty Director*

As the New Year emerges the Tribe welcomes a fresh start! The practice of welcoming a new cycle in the calendar is probably one of the most universal holiday celebrations in the world, and often celebrated with enjoying certain foods, especially legumes (beans), for luck.

Legumes, including beans, peas and lentils are considered to be symbolic of money and thus considered an indication of prosperity and good luck into the New Year. Several of them resemble coins and the fact that they swell up when soaked in water, also extends the analogy that the prosperity grows with time.

Traditions vary in different parts of the world. In Italy there is a preference for sausages with green lentils that is eaten just after midnight. In a similar vein in Germany they bring in the New Year with split peas, and in Japan lucky foods eaten during the first three days of the year include sweet black beans.

Closer to home and here in Oklahoma, it's traditional to eat black-eyed peas in a dish called "Hopping John". When the dish is served with collard greens, the odds of prosperity are increased as green symbolizes the color of money.

The New Year often comes with resolutions for eating healthy and legumes are healthy and readily available during these winter months when other things are somewhat lean. The bounty of red, yellow, green and white lentils, along with the dozens of red, white and black beans ensure that we have plenty of options to pick from at the beginning of the New Year and beyond. The Realty Department wishes you the best in the New Year and always.

Prep time: 10 minutes.

Cook time: 25 minutes. Serves: 6

- Ingredients**
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
  - 1 tablespoon butter
  - 1 medium sized onion, diced
  - 2 cloves garlic, minced
  - 1 or 2 ribs of celery, finely chopped
  - 1 or 2 carrots, diced
  - 1 cup of white rice (I used Basmati rice, which will give this recipe a very delicate and elegant finish)
  - 2 1/2 cups of stock or water
  - 3/4 cup of cooked black eyed peas
  - 1 teaspoon salt or to taste
  - 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
  - 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar (optional)
  - Chopped green onions for garnish

**Instructions**

In a pot with a tight fitting lid, add in the olive oil and the butter and heat until the butter is melted. Add in the onion, garlic and sauté for about 5 minutes, until the onion softens considerably and begins to turn pale golden. Add in the celery and the carrot and stir well. Stir in the rice and mix well. Add in the stock or the water and the cup of black eyed peas. Add in the salt and the pepper and bring the mixture to a simmer.

Cover and cook the rice for 18 minutes (please note, this time works for the basmati rice, for other rice varieties allow a few more minutes, essentially the rice should be soft and all the water should be absorbed)

Let the rice rest for about 10 minutes. Remove the lid and fluff the rice. Sprinkle with the red vinegar if using and garnish with the green onions if using.

Notes: If you are cooking the black eyed peas yourself, please save the cooking liquid and add in to the rice, in lieu of the stock or water.



**Thank you Employee Committee for all your hard work:** (From Left) LaTonya Killman, Carrie Spang, Letha Carter and Rhonna Morris (SFNews Photo)

## Library Genealogy Report *by Catherine Walker Historical Researcher*

December 10, 2015 a Genealogy Workshop was held from 9am – 3:30pm at the Sac and Fox Nation Multi-Purpose Building in Shawnee Oklahoma. Tribal members had access to the old rolls, allotments, allotted lands, older genealogy's that were pre-done, lot of this information was helpful in finding your relations. Also, some of information from the allotments had members English and Indian names.

We had a sign-in sheet with 7 names.

Ralph Hamblin states: I enjoyed all the good information you provided to me about many of my relatives. Thank you for all that you are doing.

Shirley Alexander states: I enjoyed the Genealogy Workshop. There were 3 or 4 people that came to the workshop. It was very interesting to see and help people to look up their ancestors.

No dates have been set, planning on having a Genealogy Workshop in Cushing and in Shawnee again.

### 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.



## 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.

2016		JANUARY			2016	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
		SFN Elders Advisory Committee Mtg 1-13-16 SHAWNEE			1	HAPPY NEW YEAR OFFICES CLOSED
4	5	6	7	8		
Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Carrots Pears	Lima Beans w/ham Cabbage Cornbread Fruit Cocktail	Spaghetti Green Beans Garlic Bread Jello w/fruit	Fried Chicken Scalloped Pots Zucchini Peaches	Scrambled Eggs Sausage Patty Toast Banana		
11	12	13	14	15		
Cat Fish Cole Slaw Corn on Cob Applesauce	Beef Stew Fry Bread Vanilla Pudding	Meatloaf Mac & Cheese Green Beans Fruit Cocktail	Chili Dog Potato Salad Cottage Cheese w/Tomato Cake	Biscuit & Gravy Bacon Boiled Egg Orange		
18	19	20	21	22		
Goulash Fried Okra Crackers Plain Cake	Pork Ribs Potato Salad Baby Carrots Mandarin Oranges	Cheeseburger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Cocktail	Chicken & Noodles Squash Crackers Pears	French Toast Sausage Patty Boiled Egg Milk		
25	26	27	28	29		
Beef Tamale Pie WC Corn Ranch Beans BS Pudding	Pot Roast Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Applesauce	Polish-N-Kraut Carrots Crackers Peaches	Indian Taco Fresh Veggies Salsa Grape Dumplings	Sausage Biscuit Hash Brown Boiled Egg Juice		

HAPPY NEW YEAR! MAY 2016 BRING YOU HEALTH, PEACE, AND JOY!

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Winter Stomp dance Benefit

Sponsored by Sac and Fox Honor Guard

**When:** Feb 6, 2016,  
6PM-??

**Where:** Sac & Fox  
Community Building  
Highway 99 Stroud, OK  
MC-Oba Mack-Fish  
Pond Grounds

**\*Bring Chair**  
50/50 & Raffles  
Cake Walk

We Welcome

All Stomp dance grounds, leaders  
Shell shakers and Vendors

\*Not responsible for lost items, No Alcohol or Drugs Allowed

Contact Paul D Wolf (405)275-6587

## Business Committee Meeting Minutes

Special Business Committee Meeting Mini-Minutes November 23, 2015 and Recessed November 24, 2015

Please be advised that the following are official actions taken by the Business Committee in a Special Business Committee Meeting held on November 23, 2015. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

(1) Don Abney motion to approve the Regular Business Committee Meeting minutes of November 9, 2015 with corrections. Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Kay-Yes, Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, and Robert-Yes. Motion carried.

(2) Resolution SF-16-41, a resolution adding eight (8) persons to the membership roll of the Sac and Fox Nation in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Sac and Fox Nation. Don Abney-motion, Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Don-Yes. Motion carried.

(3) Resolution SF-16-42, a resolution committing undivided interest owned by the Sac and Fox Nation in Sac and Fox Allotment 317, Ella Carter Allotment, located in the SE of Section 26, Township 17 North, Range 5 East of the Indian Meridian, Lincoln County, Oklahoma, containing 160 acres more or less a acquired from the probate-of individual Indian Land Owners in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Land Consolidation Act (ILCA) of 2000, as amended by the American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004 and excluding those interest acquired as a result of the United States Supreme Court's decision in *Babbitt V. Youpee* (117 S 1CT. 727) to be encumbered by right of way by the United States Secretary of the Interior or his designee. Don Abney-motion, Jared A. King-2nd. VOTE: Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Don-Yes, Mary-Yes. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Went into Executive Session at 11:26 a.m.

Sauk Business Enterprise Board Recommendations, Presentation by Wayne Evans/Economic Development Director. (Discussion Only) Bring Back to the December 7, 2015 Regular Business Committee Meeting.

Out of Executive Session at 3:30 p.m.

Recessed at 3:34p.m.  
till November 24, 2015

Please be advised that the following are official actions taken by the Business Committee in a Recessed Special Business Committee Meeting held on November 24, 2015. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

(1) Resolution SF-16-43, a resolution authorizing and approving a letter of intent between the Sac and Fox Nation and Ducati Capital JV to explore an oil refinery project proposal. Mary F. McCormick-motion, Don Abney-2nd. VOTE: Robert-No, Kay-No, Don-No, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes. Motion failed.

Treasurer Jared King left meeting at 9:30a.m.

(2) Resolution SF-16-43, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2016 Employee Committee Budget in the total amount of \$14,154.00, the funding source is identified as carryover from prior years and current year expected revenue. Don Abney-motion, Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Kay-Yes, Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Jared A. King entered meeting at 9:34a.m.

(3) Robert Williamson motion to approve the contract renewal between the Sac and Fox Language Audio/Visual Production Specialist Contract #2009-03-05k. Don Abney-2nd. VOTE: Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes. Motion carried.

(4) Mary F. McCormick motion to approve the Black Hawk Health Center personnel changes and additions those being, Patient Benefits Coordinator, Patient Benefits Manager, Patient Benefits Manager, Contract Health Services Technician IV and to eliminate the Receptionist Clerk III. And make changes to the Black Hawk Health Center Organizational Chart.

Don Abney-2nd. VOTE: Mary-Yes, Jared-Abstain, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Don-Yes. Motion carried.

(5) Resolution SF-16-44, a resolution to appoint the Sac and Fox Nation Principal Chief as Commander of the Police Department under Title 22-Sac and Fox Nation Law and Order Act Section 77. Mary F. McCormick-motion, Jared King-2nd. VOTE: Jared-No, Robert-No, Kay-No, Don-No, Mary-Yes. Motion failed.

(6) Don Abney motion to approve the Sac and Fox Nation Organizational Chart as amended, all names and phone extensions will be removed. Jared King-2nd. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes. Motion carried.

(7) Resolution SF-16-44, a resolution to Respect and Protect Tribal Nation's Rights. Don Abney-motion, Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Kay-Yes, Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.

Break for lunch at 11:45 p.m.  
back from lunch at 1:00 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Went into Executive Session at 1:46

a. Robert Williamson motion to accept the resignation from Chuck Mills Sauk Business Enterprise Board Position #3 effective immediately. Don Abney-2nd. VOTE: Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes. Motion carried.

b. Robert Williamson motion to accept the resignation from Steven Loyd Sac and Fox Gaming Commission/Position-Commissioner. Don Abney-2nd. VOTE: Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Don-Yes. Motion carried.

c. Resolution SF-16-45, a resolution appointing Shirley McCormick to position of Chair for the Sac and Fox Nation Gaming Commission conditioned upon his/her successful completion of Gaming License and background check approval, term to expire November 20, 2017. Robert Williamson-motion, Don Abney-2nd. VOTE: Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Don-Yes, Mary-Abstain. Motion carried.

d. Resolution SF-16-46, a resolution appointing Chuck Chaney to position of Vice Chair for the Sac and Fox Nation Gaming Commission conditioned upon his/her successful completion of Gaming License and background check approval, term to expire on November 20, 2018. Don Abney-motion, Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes. Motion carried.

e. Resolution SF-16-47, a resolution appointing Lavonda Youngman to position of Commissioner for the Sac and Fox Nation Gaming Commission conditioned upon his/her successful completion of Gaming License and background check approval, term to expire on November 20, 2018. Mary F. McCormick-motion, Jared King-2nd. VOTE: Kay-Yes, Don-Abstain, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.

f. Resolution SF-16-48, a resolution appointing Steven Loyd to position #3 on the Sauk Business Enterprise Board of Directors, pending a successful and satisfactory background check and licensing, term to expire on November 20, 2017. Don Abney-motion, Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes. Motion carried.

Out of Executive Session at 3:30 p.m.

(8) Mary F. McCormick motion to approve the donation request from the John Deere/Fish Clan for remodeling of the traditional home of the Sac and Fox Fish Clan, to be paid out of the Charitable Donation Line Item-\$10,000.00. Don Abney-2nd. VOTE: Kay-Yes, Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Abstain. Motion carried.

(9) Mary F. McCormick motion to approve the donation request from the Agra Athletics for tournament sponsorship of three games at \$100.00 each to total \$300.00 to be paid out of the Government Donation Line Item. Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Don-Yes, Mary-Yes. Motion carried.

(10) Mary F. McCormick motion to approve the donation request from the Wewoka Public Schools Co-Op Head Start sponsorship grant writer to keep the head start program going, to be paid out of the Government Donation Line Item -\$1,000.00. Don Abney-2nd. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Yes. Motion carried.

(11) By Consensus of the Business Committee to approve \$1,000.00 to Miss Indian World "Cheyenne Brady" for sponsorship 2015-2016, to be paid out of Public Relations Line Item.

(12) By Consensus of the Business Committee Stipends change to award stipends to previous Committees this is to supersede motion made on November 9, 2015 in a Regular Business Committee Meeting.

**ADJOURNEMENT:**

By Consensus of the Business Committee to Adjourn at 4:19 p.m.

## Office of Environmental Services



### Heating Safety Tips By: Phillip Mee-Air Quality Specialist

With the winter temperature getting colder outdoors. Keeping your home warmer indoors, is a must. Most homes are heated by central heating systems/furnaces such as; electric or natural gas, natural gas wall heaters, or by wood burning stoves/fireplaces. Many heating systems aren't running at peak performance and sometimes homeowners forget to have them checked for safety. Here are a few tips to ensure that your systems are in good, safe working condition:

- \* Schedule to have your heating system/furnace tuned-up. Have a professional service technician inspected and service your systems annually to ensure proper operation. The service technician can clean systems for heavy winter use and ensure that all connections, wiring and electric components are safe for operation and that your system is receiving the proper airflow, which is crucial to preventing the need for system repairs. Limited airflow may make your heating bill spike, and also cause unnecessary strain to your heating system. If a furnace check-up is scheduled before it gets too cold, you can have your fireplace (if you have one) tune-up done at the same time and save you time and money.

- Wood-burning fireplaces should have the chimney and flues checked for blockage and possible corrosion. Chimneys should be clean and free of creosote build up, which can lead to chimney fires. A professional chimney sweep can

clean out any creosote and soot that may be built up. Use seasoned woods because it burns more efficiently. If you try to use wood that has been left out in the open and absorbed water, it will not burn. Never burn glossy or coated papers. They contain chemicals that are released into the air you breathe.

- Test carbon monoxide detectors. Furnaces that burn natural gas, propane, oil wood or coal keep you warm for the winter, but if they malfunction, or a chimney or vent is blocked, trapped carbon monoxide can be get in the indoor air and become dangerous. Carbon monoxide detectors should be placed throughout the home and if you have a furnace located in a basement, a carbon monoxide detector should be placed there as well. Be sure to test all of the detectors in your home and install fresh batteries in each unit, every year. If you do not have carbon monoxide detectors in your home and you have a reason that you should. It would be a good idea to invest in a few, for you and your family's health and safety.

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](mailto: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.

## INDOOR AIR QUALITY

*Please mail or return form to the address below.*

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

**SAC AND FOX NATION**  
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
920883 S. Hwy 99 Bldg. A  
Stroud, OK 74079  
Phone: 918-968-0046  
Fax: 918-968-0049  
Email: [phillip.mee@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov](mailto:phillip.mee@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov)  
[jeremy.fischer@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov](mailto: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!*

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Regular Business Committee Meeting Mini-Minutes December 7, 2015

Please be advised that the following are official actions taken by the Business Committee in a Regular Business Committee Meeting held on December 7, 2015. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

(1) Resolution SF-16-49, a resolution adding three persons to the membership roll of the Sac and Fox Nation in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Sac and Fox Nation. Don Abney-Motion, Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Kay-Yes, Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.

(2) Resolution SF-16-50, a resolution denying two (2) persons to the membership roll of the Sac and Fox Nation in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Sac and Fox Nation. Don Abney-Motion, Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes. Motion carried.

(3) Resolution SF-16-51, a resolution acknowledging receipt of the conditional relinquishment of Wallace H. Allen Jr., from the membership of the Sac and Fox Nation. Don Abney-Motion, Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Don-Yes. Motion carried.

(4) Resolution SF-16-52, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2016 Revenue Allocation Plan Education Budget in the total amount of \$402,960.00. The funding source is identified as the Governing Council approved Resolution SF/GC-16-04. Don Abney-Motion, Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes. Motion carried.

(5) Resolution SF-16-53, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2016 Revenue Allocation Plan Food Distribution Program Budget in the total funding amount of \$60,000.00. The funding source is identified as the Governing Council approved Resolution SF/GC-16-04. Robert Williamson-Motion, Don Abney-2nd. VOTE: Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Don-Yes, Mary-Yes. Motion carried.

(6) Resolution SF-16-54, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2016 Revenue Allocation Plan Office of Government Budget in the total funding amount of \$10,000.00. The funding source is identified as the Governing Council Resolution SF/GC-16-04. Don Abney-Motion, Robert Williamson-2nd. Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent. Motion carried.

(7) Resolution SF-16-55, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2016 Revenue Allocation Plan Newspaper Budget in the total funding amount of \$52,000.00. The funding source is identified as the Governing Council approved Resolution SF/GC-16-04. Don Abney-Motion, Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Kay-Yes, Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.

(8) Resolution SF-16-56, a reso-

lution approving the Fiscal Year 2016 Revenue Allocation Plan Department Budget in the total funding amount of \$126,188.00. The funding source is identified as the Governing Council Resolution SF/GC-16-04. Don Abney-Motion, Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes. Motion carried.

(9) Resolution SF-16-57, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2016 Revenue Allocation Plan Maintenance Facilities and Grounds Department Budget in the total funding amount of \$249,476.00. The funding source is identified as the Governing Council approved Resolution SF/GC-16-04. Mary F. McCormick-Motion, Don Abney-2nd. VOTE: Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Don-Yes. Motion carried.

Break at 10:10 a.m.

Back from Break at 10:45 a.m.

(10) Resolution SF-16-58, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2016 Revenue Allocation Plan Activity Committee Budget in the total funding amount of \$20,981.00. The funding source is identified as the Governing Council approved Resolution SF/GC-16-04. Robert Williamson-Motion, Don Abney-2nd. VOTE: Kay-Yes, Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.

(11) Resolution SF-16-59, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2016 Revenue Allocation Plan Elders Advisory Committee Budget in the total funding amount of \$20,981.00. The funding source is identified as the Governing Council Resolution SF/GC-16-04. Don Abney-Motion, Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes. Motion carried.

(12) Resolution SF-16-60, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2016 Revenue Allocation Plan Election Board Budget in the total funding amount of \$10,000.00. The funding source is identified as the approved Governing Council Resolution SF/GC-16-04. Don Abney-Motion, Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Don-Yes. Motion carried.

(13) Resolution SF-16-61, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2016 Revenue Allocation Plan Grievance Committee Budget in the total amount of \$16,421.00. The funding source is identified as the approved Governing Council Resolution SF/GC-16-04. Mary F. McCormick-Motion, Don Abney-2nd. VOTE: Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Don-Yes, Mary-Yes. Motion carried.

(14) Resolution SF-16-62, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2016 Revenue Allocation Plan Tribal Princess Budget in the total funding amount of \$8,500.00. The funding source is identified as the approved Governing Council Resolution SF/GC-16-04. Robert Williamson-Motion, Don Abney-2nd. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Don-Yes,

Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent. Motion carried.

(15) Resolution SF-16-63, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2016 Revenue Allocation Plan Sac and Fox Nation Rodeo Committee Budget in the total funding amount of \$20,981.00. Don Abney-Motion, Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Kay-Yes, Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.

(16) Resolution SF-16-64, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2016 Revenue Allocation Plan Veteran's Honor Guard Budget in the total amount of \$30,000.00. The funding source is identified as the Governing Council approved Resolution SF/GC-16-04. Don Abney-Motion, Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes. Motion carried.

(17) Resolution SF-16-65, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2016 Revenue Allocation Plan Veteran's Memorial Landscape Maintenance Budget in the total amount of \$10,000.00. The funding source is identified as the Governing Council approved Resolution SF/GC-16-04. Don Abney-Motion, Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Don-Yes. Motion carried.

(18) Resolution SF-16-66, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2016 Revenue Allocation Plan Women's Auxiliary Budget in the total funding amount of \$5,000.00. The funding source is identified as the Governing Council approved Resolution SF/GC-16-04. Mary F. McCormick-Motion, Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Don-Yes, Mary-Yes. Motion carried.

(19) Resolution SF-16-67, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2016 Revenue Allocation Plan Office of Enrollment Burial Assistance Budget in the total funding amount of \$112,765.00. The funding source is identified as the Governing Council approved Resolution SF/GC-16-04, 1.5% General Welfare. Don Abney-Motion, Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent. Motion carried.

(20) Resolution SF-16-68, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2016 Tribal Court Budget in the total funding amount of \$26,000.00. The funding source is identified Department of Interior (DOI) carryover. Don Abney-Motion, Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Kay-Yes, Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.

(21) Resolution SF-16-69, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2016 Indian Child Welfare Budget in the total funding amount of \$50,000.00. The funding source is identified as Department of Interior (DOI) carryover. Don Abney-Motion, Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes. Motion carried.

(22) Resolution SF-16-70, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2016 Library Budget in the total funding amount of \$23,000.00. The funding source is identified as Department of Interior (DOI) carryover. Mary F. McCormick-Motion, Don Abney-2nd. VOTE: Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Don-Yes. Motion carried.

(23) Resolution SF-16-71, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2016 Revenue Allocation Plan Office of Government Donations Budget in the total funding amount of \$112,765.00. The funding source is identified as the approved Governing Council Revenue Allocation Plan Resolution SF-GC-16-04. Don Abney-Motion, Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Don-Yes, Mary-Yes. Motion carried.

(24) Resolution SF-16-72, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2016 Veterans Memorial Fund Budget in the amount of \$7,020.00. The funding source is identified as the Governing Council approved Resolution SF/GC-16-04. Don Abney-Motion, Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent. Motion carried.

(25) Resolution SF-16-73, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2016 Social Services Elders Program Budget in the total amount of \$45,000.00. The funding source is identified as Department of Interior (DOI) carryover. Don Abney-Motion, Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Kay-Yes, Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.

(26) Resolution SF-16-74, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2016 Revenue Allocation Plan Human Services Program Budget in the total funding amount of \$614,500.00. The funding source is identified as the Governing Council Resolution SF/GC-16-04. Don Abney-Motion, Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Don-Yes. Motion carried.

(27) Resolution SF-16-75, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2016 Revenue Allocation Plan Pow-Wow Committee Budget in the total amount of \$64,057.00. The funding source is identified as the Governing Council approved Resolution SF/GC-16-04. Mary F. McCormick-Motion, Don Abney-2nd. VOTE: Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Don-Yes, Mary-Yes. Motion carried.

Executive Session:

Went into Executive Session: 1:22 p.m.  
Back out of Executive Session: 2:20 p.m.  
(Discussion Only)

ADJOURNMENT:

It is the consensus of the Business Committee to recess at 4:32 p.m. reconvene on December 8, 2015.

## Business Committee Meeting Minutes

Reconvened Regular Business Committee Meeting Mini-Minutes December 8, 2015

Please be advised that the following are official actions taken by the Business Committee in a Reconvened Regular Business Committee meeting held on December 8, 2015. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

(1) Resolution SF-16-76, a resolution authorizing the conveyance of tribally owned fee lands (Tanger Mall Property) to the United States in Trust for the Sac and Fox Nation pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act, 25 U.S.C. § 465, the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. § 501, and Implementing Federal Regulations at 25 C.F.R. Part 151. Mary F. McCormick-Motion, Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes. Motion carried.

(2) Renewal Contract Agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation and Osage Nation Renewal Contract #2013-04-37b. Robert Williamson-Motion, Don Abney-2nd. VOTE: Kay-Yes, Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.

(3) Sac and Fox Nation 2016 Holiday Calendar Approval. Robert Williamson-Motion, Don Abney-2nd. VOTE: Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes. Motion carried.

(4) Re-instate the Indian Education Committee (IEC) for the Sac and Fox Nation's JOM Program. Don Abney-Motion, Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Don-Yes. Motion carried.

(5) Trademark request from a French start-up Company with Canadian origins for the use of "SAUK & FOX" name as their Trademark for leather hand bags. Response letter to be sent to include history of the Tribe and if Company wants to proceed, will be required to pay 25% of proceeds from sales to Sac and Fox Nation. Mary F. McCormick-Motion, Don Abney-2nd. VOTE: Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Don-Yes, Mary-Yes. Motion carried.

(6) Rescind Resolution SF-16-45, a resolution appointing Shirley McCormick to position of Chair for the Sac and Fox Nation Gaming Commission condi-

tioned upon his/her successful completion of gaming license and background check approval. Robert Williamson-Motion, Don Abney-2nd. VOTE: Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Don-Yes, Mary-No. Motion carried.

(7) Rescind Resolution SF-16-47, a resolution appointing Lavonda Youngman to position of Commissioner for the Sac and Fox Nation Gaming Commission conditioned upon his/her successful completion of gaming license and background check approval. Robert Williamson-Motion, Don Abney-2nd. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Don-Yes, Mary-No, Jared-Absent. Motion carried.

Executive Session:

Went into Executive Session: 2:38 p.m.  
Back out of Executive Session: 3:50 p.m.

Request from Tribal member to sell land to Sac and Fox Nation

Mary F. McCormick-Motion that Sac and Fox Nation are not interested in purchasing David Wakolee allotment. Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Kay-Abstain, Don-Yes, Mary-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

It is the consensus of the Business Committee to adjourn at 4:46 p.m.

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*The Sac and Fox Nation  
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Would Like to Wish  
Everyone a Happy  
New Year. May you  
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prosperity in 2016*

