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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.

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.

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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

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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
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Lana Jo Duncan
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