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‘Indians for Indians’ Radio Show Exhibit Opens With Reception at OU

Native Performances and Book by Lina Ortega Also Featured

by Mike Brown

Sac and Fox Nation officials and tribal elders were among members of various tribes from across the state in attendance Nov. 14 for the opening of the ‘Native Voices Over the Airwaves: The Indians for Indians Radio Show’ exhibit at Bizzell Memorial Library on the University of Oklahoma campus in Norman.

The multifaceted historical exhibit and related activities were spearheaded by Sac and Fox tribal member Lina Ortega, who serves as Native American Studies librarian and associate curator with the University of Oklahoma Libraries, Western History Collections. The opening events included an afternoon reception in the library, an evening of performances in Catlett Music Center on the OU campus that were inspired by the innovative radio show, and the release of a book on the radio show published by Ortega in conjunction with the exhibit.

Broadcast over OU’s WNAD radio station, the ‘Indians for Indians’ program aired from 1941 through the mid-1970s. The show was created and originally hosted by Don Whistler, chief of the Sac and Fox Tribe, and continued by OU’s Sequoyah Indian Club. “The Indians for Indians Hour was a vibrant blend of Native music and speech on an incredible array of topics, including community life, military service, religion, education and advocacy for Native rights,” said Ortega.”

“It represents an incredible snapshot of U. S. history as told through Native American experience. This exhibition is a way to bring together campus and statewide communities to explore Oklahoma and U. S. history through Native voices and to promote this collection as a resource for scholarship and cultural revitalization,” she added.

Among special guests in attendance for the opening events were members of the Whistler Family. Don Whistler serves as Sac and Fox chief from 1936 to 1951.

In addition to Ortega, speakers at the afternoon reception were: Warren Queton, who serves as tribal liaison for the OU Office of Diversity and Inclusion; Carl Grant, who serves as interim dean of OU Libraries; Sac and Fox Nation Principal Chief Justin Freeland Wood; and, Donna Williams, of Canada, who is a granddaughter of the late Sac and Fox Chief Don Whistler.

In addition to historical artifacts and interactive media, the exhibit includes informative and educational wall displays with featured topics including: The Whistler Family, Community Life, Schools and Education, Native Rights and Tribal Government, We are a Praying People, A Family Tradition, Military Service and more. The wall display topics correspond with chapters featured in Ortega’s 68-page book. The exhibit will remain on display at the library through August 3, 2020.

Over 200 hours of the radio program, recorded on 152 open-reel audio tapes, have been digitized with improved audio quality and, made available online. The files are accessible through the libraries website at: repository.ou.edu.

A related exhibition, ‘The Indians for Indians Radio Show: Sports and Recreation,’ is on display through Jan. 30, 2020, in the Western History Collections Reading Room, room 300 of Monnet Hall, 630 Parrington Oval on the Norman campus.

Donna Williams, a Canada resident and granddaughter of the late Sac and Fox Chief Don Whistler, speaks at the exhibit opening reception on the OU campus. (Photo by Mike Brown)

Pictured from left at the exhibit reception are Lina Ortega, Sac and Fox Nation Principal Chief Justin Wood and Sac and Fox Nation Secretary Jacklyn King. (Photo by Mike Brown)

Lina Ortega, Sac and Fox Nation tribal member and author, who serves as Native American Studies librarian and associate curator with the OU Libraries Western History Collections, center, visits with attendees at the ‘Indians for Indians’ radio show exhibit opening held in Bizzell Memorial Library on Nov. 14. (Photo by Mike Brown)

Chief Justin Freeland Wood’s Address to the Nation

I appreciate your attendance at our 2019 Special Governing Council to approve RAP Budgets and disperse the 2019 Per Capita payments. While it is exciting to begin a new year and outline our priorities for the 2020 calendar year, this year’s budget highlights the necessity to diversify our economic portfolio to boost our ability to provide services to our people, not only in our jurisdiction, but spanning the globe.

While patience is necessary, I believe we have waited long enough to begin building out our economic base. Serving the people of the Sac and Fox Nation should be, and is, our first priority. I hope you will stand with me and the entire Business Committee as we work to build new opportunities for our people.

In the aftermath of Oklahoma’s current governor’s recent press conference, I would like to give an official update on the Gaming Compact disagreement. I have a unique perspective to the legislative process and an immense respect for the process of government to government relationship.

However, I believe the governor is wrong and uniformed to the impact our sovereign nations have on everyday Oklahomans. Prior to attacking his sovereign neighbors, the governor took no actions to get to know our leaders or their people. It appears that he sees us as little more than another industry to exploit.

In spite of an attempt to divide the 31 Sovereigns who have a class three gaming compact with the state, we have become united and stand united today. We do not anticipate any disruption to our gaming operations in 2020. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office.

As this year comes to a close, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from my family to yours. I am thankful for many blessings,

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Sac and Fox Nation Principal Chief Justin Freeland Wood

Upcoming Events

Dec. 7	Dec. 24, 25, 26	Feb. 1
Sac and Fox Elders Winter Dance, 2 p.m. Sac and Fox Community Bldg.	Tribal offices Closed For Christmas Holidays	Sac and Fox Honor Guard Veteran Stomp Dance, 6 p.m. Community Bldg.

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Thank You!

Thank you for the support of the Sac & Fox Nation at the Nov. 14th opening of Native Voices Over the Airwaves: The Indians for Indians Radio Show exhibit. Chief Wood's remarks at the reception were inspiring and I appreciate his time, as well as Secretary King's time, to attend.

The Sac & Fox Nation Color Guard posted the flags at the evening performance. I was proud to see our Nation's flag at OU that day. I appreciate the Color Guard's willing help.

Harlan McKosato came from Albuquerque to be the master of ceremonies. His time is much appreciated as well.

Thank you to Bryce Bailey for coordinating the Sac & Fox singers and dancers. Young Buffalo Horse opened the evening with a song for posting the colors and a flag song, then sang for the dancers: Patience Longhorn, Breanna Butler, Amira Walker-Pizano, Taliah Switch, Shalah Miller, Cheryl McClelland, Marty Thurman, and Tomi Calderon.

The performance was well attended and the Sac & Fox Nation definitely had pride of place!

Lina Ortega,
Exhibition Curator

Happy December Birthday Elders!

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Native American Health

Leroy Downs, Jr

Affordable Care Act Income Table

Size	PL	400% PL	Size	PL	400% PL	Size	PL	400% PL	Size	PL	400% PL
1	$12,140	$48,560	3	$20,780	$83,120	5	$29,420	$117,680	7	$38,060	$152,240
2	$16,460	$65,840	4	$25,100	$100,400	6	$33,740	$134,960	8	$42,380	$169,520

[Size=size of family; range of income of Native American [PL=start of income; 400% PL=end of income]

A good example is a Native American family of 5 members. The father earns 51K income a year and has health care through his employer, the mother has zero income, and one child is on Sooner Care. Only the mother and 2 of the children need health care. It cost these 3 members of the family $0 per month on a Blue Cross & Blue Shield healthcare insurance policy.

Another good example is a family of 5 members. The family income is 36K. The monthly cost of a Blue Cross & Blue Shield healthcare insurance policy is $2,336. The cost to the family only $8 a month.

A none-white family has 4 members in their family. The family income is 26K. The monthly cost of a Blue Cross & Blue Shield healthcare insurance policy is $1,439. The cost to the family is $0 a month.

Finally, a family of 1 member. The family income is 14K. The monthly cost of a Blue Cross & Blue Shield healthcare insurance policy is $1,024. The cost to the family is only $0 a month. The only problem is that the smaller the family, the less likely the family member will obtain this free insurance because this family member believes he [mainly) is going to live forever.

A Native American 65 or over can obtain a Medicare Advantage [MA) Humana policy with a saving of $40 a month or $500 a year. The cost saving can be only obtained if the Native American obtains their pharmaceuticals from the Indian Health Clinic (IHC).

Let us sign you up for the Federal Government Benefit Program of Extra Help. The Federal Government helps paying for your pharmaceuticals. We help you sign up.

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Carter Taking Bass Fishing Hobby to Advanced Level

by Mike Brown

Sac and Fox Nation tribal member Larry Carter enjoys bass fishing and, has taken his love for the sport to an advanced level by competing in The Bass Federation's (TBF) tournament circuit and other events.

In June of this year, Carter, of Shawnee, Okla., was named 'Co-Angler Champion' for TBF's District 6 (Arkansas and Oklahoma), along with District 6 Top Boater Michael Morris of Ada, Okla. Carter and Morris now advance to the TBF National Championship after weighing-in a two-day total of 20.09 lbs. of bass caught during the District 6 National Semi-Finals event on Millwood Lake in Arkansas.

The TBF National Championship will be held in March or April of 2020 at a location to be announced.

"I've been tournament fishing for at least 20-years plus," said Carter. "I got started with the Ada Bass Masters Club in Ada, Okla., and I fish every chance I get,' he added.

Carter and Ada Bass Masters Club won the TBF Oklahoma State Championship in September on Lake Hudson, and followed-up with a second-place Jackpot Tournament win on Prague Lake.

The fishing duo's success at the TBF semi-finals was highlighted in the Fall 2019 edition of Fishing League Worldwide's (FLW) 'Bass Fishing' magazine.

Sac and Fox Nation tribal member Larry Carter, right, receives a 'Co-Angler Champion' award from a tournament director in The Bass Federation (TBF) District 6 competition at Millwood Lake in Arkansas.

Larry Carter holds an 8 lb. largemouth bass he caught during a recent Jackpot Tournament at Prague Lake. (Photos Provided)

OMRF Scientists Receive Merit Review Awards From Dept. of Veterans Affairs

Two Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation scientists have received Merit Review Awards totaling $1.3 million from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Holly Van Remmen, Ph.D., and Tim Griffin, Ph.D., from OMRF's Aging and Metabolism Research Program focus on a pair of diseases prevalent in aging veterans: age-related muscle loss and osteoarthritis, respectively.

Van Remmen, who chairs OMRF's aging program, received $650,000 to continue an investigation into a potential therapy for age-related muscle loss called sarcopenia. No drug options currently exist to treat the condition, which causes muscle weakness and atrophy.

"Sarcopenia is a highly relevant problem for the veteran population, as more than half of all veterans are over age 60," said Van Remmen. "The weakness associated with it contributes to falls and fractures, deconditioning, institutionalization, and contributes to obesity and diabetes. All of these could significantly improve with a treatment."

In the lab, Van Remmen showed that a new therapy, CDN1163, was successful in elderly mice. They studied mice until they were 26-28 months old—approximately equivalent to 70-plus human years. They observed those who did not receive the treatment had normal atrophy and weakness, but those who did receive it maintained considerably more muscle mass and muscle function.

"Now that we know the drug works, we need to develop a more efficient version. Once we have refined it, we can then start moving toward human trials," said Van Remmen, who holds the G.T. Blankenship Chair in Aging Research at OMRF. "This is very promising and could make a real impact in improving quality of life for veterans."

Griffin also received $650,000 for his work in developing a new clinical approach for people suffering from osteoarthritis, the most common form of arthritis.

There are no approved treatments for osteoarthritis, or OA, which stems from the loss of cartilage in joints and abnormal bone growth. About half all Americans develop painful OA during the course of their lifetime.

"There is an urgent need for OA care, and it's even more pronounced in veterans," said Griffin. "They have a higher rate of post-traumatic OA than the general population related to injuries and the physical nature of their service."

Clinical studies show being physically active reduces OA pain and increases mobility. "And it doesn't matter what kind of activity you do. It can be swimming, walking, aerobics or other activities," he said. "Being active in any way you can shows benefits, and we aim to understand exactly how exercise works at a molecular level."

Using this clinical knowledge, Griffin will study how exercise changes the metabolism of joint tissues to reduce pain and inflammation. This should allow them to develop options to give OA sufferers more 'bang for their buck' with therapy, he said.

Their findings could also provide safer alternatives to opiods and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs for reducing pain. "Eventually we would love to treat the disease itself, but if we can efficiently reduce symptoms and pain, that would be a great interim success that could help veterans sooner rather than later," said Griffin.

Chief Wood's Address to the Nation

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including the opportunity I have been blessed with to lead our people. It is one of the greatest honors of my life.

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Sac & Fox Honor Guard Veteran Winter Stomp Dance

Date: February 1, 2020
Time: 6 p.m. - Midnight
Location: Sac and Fox Community Building
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Emcee: Chebon Kernell
All Grounds, Shell Shakers and Public are Welcome
Supper: 6 p.m. Dance: 7 p.m.
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November 18, 2019

Dear Tribal Voter:

The Sac and Fox Nation Business Committee submitted Resolution Number SF-19-244 which proposed a constitutional amendment. The resolution also requested the Secretary of the Interior conduct an election to allow the Sac and Fox Nation tribal members the opportunity to vote on the ratification or rejection of the proposed constitutional amendment.

On October 18, 2019, the Acting Regional Director, Southern Plains Region approved and authorized a Secretarial Election. Subsequently, Sherry Lovin, Tribal Government Officer, Southern Plains Region, was appointed as the Chairperson of the Sac and Fox Nation Secretarial Election Board. The Chairperson's responsibility is to see that the Secretarial Election is conducted pursuant to regulations in 25 CFR Part 81. The election date is **January 4, 2020**.

You now have the opportunity to vote on the ratification or rejection of the proposed constitutional amendment. Enclosed is a side-by-side comparison of the current and proposed constitutional amendment for your review. **Only adult tribal members who are 18 years or older on the date of the Secretarial Election AND have registered with the Secretary of the Interior shall be entitled to vote on the ratification or rejection of the proposed constitutional amendment of the Sac and Fox Nation.**

For individuals wishing to register, a Voter Registration Form is enclosed to sign and return. A pre-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Be sure to print your name, address, telephone number and sign your name and date the form. **All registration forms must be received by the Secretarial Election Board at P.O. Box 1550, Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005 by December 16, 2019, to be considered valid.**

This notice is being mailed to all tribal members 18 years or older at the addresses listed on the current membership roll.

It is particularly important and is being emphasized and repeated that only adult tribal members who register to vote in this Secretarial Election will be permitted to vote on the ratification or rejection of the proposed constitutional amendment.

Immediately after the ballots are counted on January 4, 2020, the results of the Secretarial Election will be posted at the Southern Plains Regional Office, Anadarko, Oklahoma; Sac and Fox Nation Headquarters, Stroud, Oklahoma; Sac and Fox Nation Multi-purpose Building, Shawnee, Oklahoma; Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Court, Stroud, Oklahoma; Black Hawk Health Center, Stroud, Oklahoma; Merle Boyd Center, Stroud, Oklahoma; Learning Center, Stroud, Oklahoma; Cultural Center, Stroud, Oklahoma and Sac and Fox Nation Library, Stroud, Oklahoma.

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Chairperson, Secretarial Election Board

Black Hawk Health Center

Holiday Season Stress and Depression

by Clinical Staff Writer,
Ed Abyzog, LCSW

Holiday Season Stress and Depression

Many of us experience the Holiday Season with fun and celebration, looking forwards to the gathering of friends and family, often brining to mind the wonderful memories past. However many experience sadness and stress, often due to unrealistic expectations, financial strain, being away from loved ones, recent losses of loved ones and physical problems.

All of this in a backdrop the changes in daylight and seasons, both people and animals are impacted in both mood and behavior. If these changes in season and daylight disrupt normal life, one should consider other treatment options. Overall, consider one or more of these recommendations for coping with Holiday stress and depression:

1. Make realistic expectations for the holidays season.
2. Set realistic goals for yourself.
3. Pace yourself. Do not take on more responsibilities than you can handle.
4. Make a list and prioritize the important activities. This can help make holidays more manageable.
5. Be realistic about what you can and cannot do.
6. Do not put all your energy into just one day (ie, Thanksgiving Day, New Year's Eve). The holiday cheer can be spread from one holiday event to the next.
7. Live and enjoy the present.
8. Look to the future with optimism.
9. Don't set yourself up for disappointment and sadness by comparing today with the good old days of the past.
10. If you are lonely, try volunteering some time to help others.
11. Find holiday activities that are free, such as looking at holiday decorations, going window shopping without buying and watching the winter weather, whether it's a snowflake or a raindrop.
12. Limit your drinking since excessive drinking will only increase your feelings of depression.
13. Try something new. Celebrate the holidays in a new way.
14. Spend time with supportive and caring people.
15. Reach out and make new friends.
16. Make time to contact a long lost friend or relative and spread some holiday cheer.
17. Make time for yourself.
18. Let others share the responsibilities of holiday tasks.
19. Keep track of your holiday spending. Overspending can lead to depression when the bills arrive after the holidays are over. Extra bills with little budget to pay them can lead to further stress and depression.

What You Can Do.

(1) Be aware. Of the Holiday Season's Impact on You and Your Loved ones;

(2) Consider. That depression is treatable and not a normal part of life, and much stress preventable

(3) Act. Encourage your loved one to get help

We are here to help. For more information, contact the Behavioral Health Department, educational and counseling services are available to assist in prevention and treatment.

New Recommendations Set for Children's Beverage Consumption

by Trisha Gedon
Agriculture & Communications Services
Oklahoma State University

Although the grocery store shelves are packed full of all sorts of drinks for children, leading medical and nutrition organizations have developed new, comprehensive recommendations for beverage consumption for children ages birth to 5 years old.

Experts now recommend breast milk, infant formula, water and plain milk as the best beverage options for children, said Janice Hermann, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension nutrition specialist.

"Experts now caution against beverages that are sources of added sugars in young children's diets, including flavored milk and sugar- and low-calorie sweetened drinks," Hermann said. "They're also suggesting avoiding beverages that are on the market and targeted to children such as toddler formulas, caffeinated drinks and plant-based/non-dairy milks, including almond, rice or oat milk which provide no nutritional value."

It is important to start shaping nutritional habits and promoting healthy beverage consumption in early childhood. From the time children are born through their first few years, beverages are a significant source of calories and nutrients and can have a big impact on a child's future health. Hermann said babies up to 6 months old need only breast milk or infant formula to get enough fluids and proper nutrition.

"In addition to breast milk or infant formula, babies between 6 months and 12 months can be offered a small amount of drinking water once solid foods are introduced. Just a few sips at mealtime will help them get familiar with the taste," she said. "It's best for children under age 1 to avoid juice completely. Even 100 percent fruit juice offers no nutritional benefits over whole fruits."

Begin adding whole milk to a toddler's diet when they are 12 months to 24 months old. Whole milk contains many essential nutrients. Be sure to include plain drinking water for hydration. Hermann said a small amount of 100 percent, no-sugar-added juice is fine, but several small pieces of whole fruit is a better choice.

Milk and water should be the go- to beverage choices for children between the ages of 2 and 5. Look for milks with less fat than whole milk such as skim or low-fat options. If you do give your child juice, again, make sure it is 100 percent juice and stick to small amounts. You can even water it down a bit.

"Sometimes as parents we tend to worry about the types of foods our children are consuming but beverage choices play an important role in their nutrition," Hermann said.

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Healthy Eating, Active Living, Early Detection Emphasized on 'Breast Cancer Awareness Day'

by Mike Brown

Barbara Neal, who serves as a health educator with Cherokee Nation cancer programs administered in Tahlequah, Okla., was guest speaker at the Sac and Fox Nation's annual 'Breast Cancer Awareness Day' program coordinated Nov. 1 in the Sac and Fox Community Building by Merle Boyd Wellness Center staff members Tonya Killman and Nacole Parrick.

In her comments, Neal emphasized the importance of annual mammograms and early detection in the fight against breast cancer. Merle Boyd Wellness Center Dietitian Josh Nooner presented an educational video highlighting "The Impact of Diet" on one's overall health.

Merle Boyd Wellness Center Exercise Specialist Anthony Ramirez emphasized the importance of active living and conducted Tai chi exercise poses with audience participation.

During the program, Sac and Fox Nation staff members Lisa Fuller and Jane Rich were honored as "Breast Cancer Warriors."

During the Breast Cancer Awareness Month of October, the Merle Boyd Wellness Center staff conducted weekly activities, such as Crazy Sock Day, Twinkie Day, Team Spirit Day and 'Rock Your Pink & Style,' and a breast cancer pumpkin decorating contest.

Pictured from left at the annual Sac and Fox Nation 'Breast Cancer Awareness Day' program hosted Nov. 1 in the Sac and Fox Community Building by the Merle Boyd Wellness Center are: Event coordinator Tonya Killman, breast cancer survivor and Senior Executive Assistant Lisa Fuller from the Sac and Fox Nation Office of Government, guest speaker Barbara Neal of the Cherokee Nation, and event coordinator Nacole Parrick. (Photo by Mike Brown)

Tips Offered for Enjoying Holiday Meals, Events and Gift-Giving on a Budget

by Trisha Gedney
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Oklahoma State University

For many Oklahomans, getting through each month can be a financial struggle. With the holidays just a few weeks away, some families may be wondering how they can make their budget stretch to cover extra expenses.

The best way to budget for the holidays is to actually start the process in January, said Cindy Clampet, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension family resource management assistant specialist.

"Most people don't think about holiday budgeting at the beginning of the year. However, if you're just now starting to think about this upcoming holiday season, there are ways to celebrate while making your limited dollars stretch a bit further and still create lasting memories."

To get in the holiday spirit, attend free or inexpensive events hosted in your community. Check with the local school to see if band, orchestra or choral groups will be putting on a holiday concert. Some schools or community theater groups may be putting on a play. Families also can participate in caroling church events, driving through holiday lights displays or taking part in community meals.

When it comes to giving gifts, think more along the practical line and do not splurge on frivolous items. "If your family does exchange gifts, give things that are truly needed," she said. "This type of gift is a better option than something trendy."

Wrapping gifts can be a lot of fun, especially when children decorate plain paper to use for wrapping paper. Colored construction paper is perfect for making gift tags. Just a few sheets will be more than enough. If you are a saver, you probably have some gift bags left from the last holiday season that can be reused, as well.

Clampet also said a great way to cut back on expenses is to draw names for a family gift exchange.

"It can be quite costly to get gifts for everyone, especially in large families," she said. "It's a good idea to place a dollar limit on the gift. Keep in mind the holiday season isn't just about gifts – it's about creating lasting memories. If gifts simply aren't in the budget, get the family together for a fun game night or movie night. Everyone can bring a snack to share. These are the things your family will remember,not the gifts."

If you opt for giving gifts, shop smart. You still have time to look for deals and compare prices. There are several websites available to help you compare prices from different stores. If shopping online, look for free shipping and free returns.

"Because we're still a few weeks out from the holidays, consider giving homemade gifts. Food gifts such as cookie mix or soup mix in a mason jar are always appreciated," Clampet said. "Another option is to make a coupon book for services you can provide throughout the year. Services such as a car wash, lawn mowing, dog walking or babysitting could be very handy for the recipient."

Preparing a holiday feast can be expensive when one family hosts everyone. Host a potluck instead. Ask guests to bring side dishes and desserts. This also is a great way to collect new recipes.

Some people may have special events to attend. Instead of buying a new outfit, check with family and friends to see if they have something you could borrow. Another option is to check local second-hand stores.

Families with children who need some help with holiday gifts can check into the community's Angel Tree or similar program. Local churches, civic clubs, Salvation Army and other organizations have programs that can help families in financial needs. Some local businesses also sponsor families with toy drives, food baskets or other programs such as a turkey giveaway.

"Keep in mind, there are food banks and other resources available all year to help families in need, not just during the holidays," Clampet said. "If you are in need of assistance, contact these resources soon. With some planning and some help your family can have a wonderful holiday season."

NOTICE!

Update on RAP applications: There are a few changes set out as follows: Hardship applications will have a W-9 attached that needs to be filled out and turned in with the application. Tribal Energy applications will need the bill to be attached to the application. Emergency Appliance applications need to include three (3) quotes and the quotes can come from Lowe's. T.E.H.R. (Tribal Emergency Housing Repair) applications need to include three (3) estimates from a contractor, copy of your house deed and an electric bill attached to the application.

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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.

December 2019 Word Scramble

aeshîkthw kawhamihcKhe _____

kiyThaâiw _____

ôpPeiw _____

onâkeniwhsaTîh _____

wpohieM _____

nîiwwaAksh _____

aAnkô _____

kwaaAâ _____

winkwTaa _____

nMapeiwktâiwnaop _____

December 2019 Word Match

Kehchimahkwa kîshethwa	First snow on the ground.
Tahkiyâwi	There is frost.
Pepôwi	It is many winters.
Tashîhkânoweni	Star.
Mehpowi	Snow.
Ashkanwîwi	December.
Akôna	It snows.
Anâkwa	Toy.
Takwanwi	It is cold.
Mânwipeponakatwi	It is winter.

SAUK LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS & NEWS

December 2019
Kehchiimahkwa
(Great 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.

The Sauk Language Department also has three (3) free downloadable, stand-alone language apps for both Android and iPhones. Go to Google Play Store or iTunes to get yours today, and start learning Sauk. When you talk Sauk, you always rock.

Join us online or visit our website for Sauk words and to play games at

www.talksauk.com!

Suggestions and comments from tribal members are always welcome on programs you have attended, or would like to see scheduled.
Call 918-968-3526 or 800-259-3970, or email at:
Katie.Thompson@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov

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Talk Sauk.

Sauk Language Department

December 2019 Quotes

When all the trees have been cut down, when all the animals have been hunted, when all the waters are polluted, when all the air is unsafe to breathe, only then will you discover you cannot eat money.

Cree Prophecy

Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect.

Chief Seattle, Duwamish (1780-1866)

We are all children of the Great Spirit, we all belong to Mother Earth.

Chief Seattle, Duwamish (1780-1866)

December Comic

Governing Council Minutes

Please be advised that the following are official actions taken by the Governing Council in a Special Governing Council meeting held on November 9, 2019. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

1) Mary F. McCormick motioned to strike the Election Board Ordinance from the agenda. Georgia Ann Noble-2nd. **VOTE: YES-59, NO-0, ABSTAIN-0. MOTION CARRIES.**

2) **Resolution SF/GC-20-02**, a resolution denying Linda Kay Brown Bontrager to the membership roll of the Sac and Fox Nation in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Sac and Fox Nation. Gwen Wilburn motion to deny. Valerie Patterson-2nd. **VOTE: YES-53, NO-2, ABSTAIN-7. MOTION CARRIES TO DENY MEMBERSHIP.**

3) **Resolution SF/GC-20-03**, A resolution accepting and approving the Sac and Fox Nation's Fiscal Year 2020 Net Gaming Revenues to be allocated October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 for use in the total amount of five million seven hundred seventy-seven thousand nine hundred fifty-three dollars ($5,777,953.00) in accordance with the approved Revenue Allocation Plan. Dee Ann Manatowa motion to approve. Peggy Big Eagle-2nd. **VOTE: YES-62, NO-0, ABSTAIN-0. MOTION CARRIES.**

4) **Resolution SF/GC-20-04**, a resolution approving the Sac and Fox Nation's Fiscal Year 2020 Net Gaming Revenue for the sixty-five percent (65%), in the amount of three million seven hundred fifty-five thousand six hundred sixty-nine dollars ($3,755,669.00) and authorizing a per capita payment distribution in the amount of nine hundred twenty-two dollars and fifty-four cents ($922.54) to eligible Tribal Members in accordance with the approved Revenue Allocation Plan.. Georgia Ann Noble motion to approve. Jacquelyn Southern-2nd. **VOTE: YES-65, NO-0, ABSTAIN-0. MOTION CARRIES.**

5) Georgia Ann Noble motion to keep two thousand dollars ($2,000.00) for the Election Board. Valerie Patterson-2nd. **VOTE: YES-39, NO-14, ABSTAIN-6. MOTION CARRIES.**

6) Georgia Ann Noble motions that the two thousand dollars ($2,000.00) for the Election Board be earmarked for three (3) tribal meetings, five (5) Officers, and food. Valerie Patterson-2nd. **VOTE: YES-9, NO-35, ABSTAIN-7. MOTION FAILED.**

7) **Resolution SF/GC-20-05**, a resolution approving the Sac and Fox Nation's Fiscal Year 2020 Revenue Allocation Plan budget from the Fiscal Year 2019 Net Gaming Revenues for the 35% Tribal Government Operations in the total amount of two million twenty-two thousand two hundred eighty-four dollars ($2,022,284.00). Wiyanna Hicks motions with corrections. Zack Morris-2nd. **VOTE: YES-49, NO-0, ABSTAIN-0. MOTION CARRIES.**

8) **Resolution SF/GC-20-06**, a resolution approving the 23% unexpended funds from Fiscal Year 2018 Net Gaming Revenue budget SF/GC-18-04 in the total amount of seventy-six thousand seven hundred ninety-eight dollars and forty cents ($76,798.40) and to put fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000.00) in Indian Child Welfare (ICW), eleven thousand seven hundred ninety-eight dollars and forty cents ($11,798.40) in Maintenance and add fifty thousand dollars ($50,000.00) to the Tribal Emergency Home Repair line item. Bessie Morris motions. Jacquelyn Southern-2nd. **VOTE: YES-41, NO-5, ABSTAIN-1. MOTION CARRIES.**

Jacklyn K. King, Secretary
Sac and Fox Nation

Pictured is the new 54-ft. long, 23-ft. wide Park Road bridge in Chandler, Oklahoma's Tilghman Park. (Photo courtesy of Truman Carter)

Cooperative Bridge Project Completed In Chandler, Oklahoma's Tilghman Park

The Chandler Park Road Bridge Safety Improvement Project is completed and passed final inspection on Thursday, October 17, 2019.

This project was a cooperative effort between the City of Chandler, Okla. and the Sac and Fox Nation. The project was supported by Chandler Public Schools and Lincoln County Commissioner Troy Evans, who provided the new bridge beams. The Bureau of Indian Affairs approved the design plans and provided inspection services.

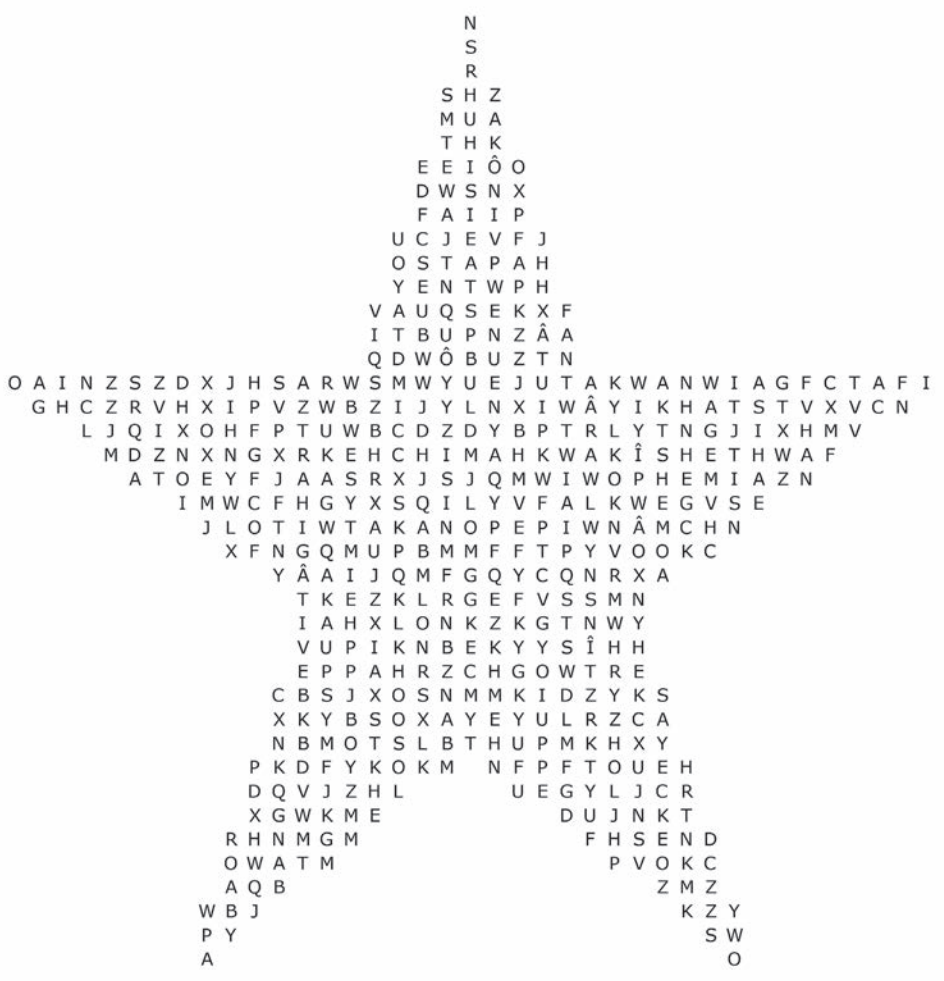
The new bridge, located in Tilghman Park, is now 54-feet long, 23-feet wide, with a 52-ton weight limit. The bridge is a single span bridge with a reinforced concrete deck, and features an elevated and protected 8 foot-wide pedestrian sidewalk with pipe hand rails for improved safety.

"This bridge is an important link in the city. It connects the local schools to the athletic practice fields. Many out of town teams play Chandler at the local athletic fields, further increasing the need for more school children and pedestrian safety. The existing bridge was unsafe for school buses, and it was inadequate for an upcoming sidewalk safety project," said Sac and Fox Nation Transportation Director Truman Carter.

Chandler city officials closed the road and began demolition of the existing bridge after Chandler schools closed for the 2019 summer break. The bridge contractor, RRY Services, Inc., of Stillwater, Okla. completed the bridge construction before the beginning of the fall school semester.

The Sac and Fox Nation paid for the bridge construction in the amount of $145,540.20. The city has completed the road approaches to the bridge and reopened the roadway to traffic.

December Word Search



December 2019 Word List

Kehchimahkwa kîshethwa	December (Great Bear Moon)
Tahkiyâwi	It is cold.
Pepôwi	It is winter.
Tashîhkânoweni	Toy.
Mehpowi	It snows.
Ashkanwîwi	First snow on the ground.
Akôna	Snow.
Anâkwa	Star
Takwanwi	There is frost.
Mânwipeponakatwi	It is many winters.

ATTENTION: TRIBAL MEMBERS

WHY WE ARE GOING TO VOTE ON A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT IN A SECRETARIAL ELECTION?

WHY IS A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NEEDED?

In the membership article of the Sac and Fox Constitution, Article I, Section 3(e) it does not clearly state and require that an applicant have a parent on the roll. In the past, every applicant has been required to have a parent on the roll. But unfortunately, there was an incident where an applicant was denied membership because no parent was on the roll, however, she won in Tribal court allowing the applicant to enroll.

WHAT IS A SECRETARIAL ELECTION?

Voting on a Constitutional amendment is different from a Tribal election. It is called a Secretarial Election because the Nation and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) must follow voting rules set by the Secretary of the Interior. Prospective voters MUST REGISTER to vote in this election. Registering and voting are DONE BY MAIL, not in person.

THE IMPORTANCE OF VOTER REGISTRATION

In past Secretarial Elections, there has been as few as 300 or less Tribal Members registered to vote to amend the Constitution. The Secretarial Election Board will hold two (2) voter registration events:

- Elder's Winter Dance at the Community Building on December 7, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Multi-purpose building: To Be Announced

Some examples of raffle prizes to be awarded to Tribal Members who register to vote include:

- Pendleton Blanket
- Sac and Fox coffee mugs
- 2019 Pow-Wow T-Shirts
- Grocery baskets

STEPS IN A SECRETARIAL ELECTION

- Every adult (18 and over) will receive an information packet by mail including a voter registration form and return envelope. When Tribal Members return the voter registration form they will be added to the voters roll list. Deadline for registration is Monday, December 16, 2019
- The roll list of voters who registered by the deadline will be posted.
- Registered voters will then receive absentee ballots by mail and must return them by mail to the Secretarial Election Board by the deadline Saturday, January 4, 2020.
- Votes will be counted in public at the Shawnee Multipurpose Building on Saturday, January 4, 2020. The results will be posted that day.

WHO ARE THE SECRETARIAL ELECTION BOARD MEMBERS?

Two (2) BIA employees, Sherry Lovin and Andrea Phillips, and two (2) Tribal Members, Gwen Wilburn and Peggy Big Eagle are the Secretarial Election Board members. For additional information contact Gwen at 405-850-1279 or Peggy at 405-314-2679, thepeggybigeagle@gmail.com

Business Committee Meeting Minutes
are now accessible on the Website and Facebook
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Title VI - Elders Meals

December Menu

Monday - Thursday: Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Friday: Breakfast is served from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
02 Spaghetti with meat sauce green beans Garlic bread Side salad fruit	03 Potato soup Cornbread Side salad fruit	04 Chicken patty Sandwich w/ fixings Macaroni salad Chips fruit	05 pork chops Mashed potatoes gravy Steamed broccoli Side salad fruit	06 Sausage egg and cheese croissant Hash brown juice
09 Salisbury steak scalloped potatoes Corn Side salad fruit	10 Meatloaf Mashed potatoes gravy Carrots Side salad fruit	11 Indian Tacos With fixings Fruit	12 Sloppy joes Potato wedges Vanilla pudding	13 Oatmeal Sausage toast with jelly Boiled egg juice
16 Goulash Garlic bread Spinach Side salad fruit	17 Chicken fried Steak mashed potatoes Gravy broccoli side salad fruit	18 Barbeque sandwich Coleslaw Chips fruit	19 Elders Christmas Dinner	20 Biscuit and gravy sausage Boiled egg juice
23 Employee Meal Kitchen closed	24 Closed Holiday	25 Closed Holiday	26 Closed Holiday	27 Whole grain Cereal Toast w/jelly Juice and milk
30 Lasagna Garlic bread Green beans Side salad fruit	31 Black-eyed peas Cornbread Oven fried potatoes Side salad fruit	01 Closed Holiday	02 Chili Dogs Chips Potato salad fruit	03 Sausage Biscuit Hash brown Boiled egg juice

Sac and Fox Artist Tony Tiger

Contemporary Artist Tony Tiger's 'Yellow Earth People' Wins 'Best of Class'

Sac and Fox artist Tony Tiger recently participated in two indigenous art competitions and markets, earning a third place in graphics at SEASAM, the Southeastern Art Show and Sale, hosted by the Chickasaw Nation in Tishomingo, Okla; and, a 'Best of Class' award in two-dimensional art at the Cherokee Art Market in Catoosa, Okla. The Best of Class award was received for a mixed media piece titled, "Yellow Earth People." The mixed media is from a large series of works on paper, incorporating print making techniques. "I am proud to represent my Sac and Fox people wherever I exhibit my art. I have been invited to travel to Paris, France next year to present at a conference titled, 'Beyond the Spectacle,'" said Tiger. (Photo Provided)

Don't Be a Victim! Tips Offered to Keep Your Holiday Happy and Safe

by Sac and Fox Nation Police Sgt. Kimberly Dibble

The holidays are a time for family, friends, celebration and camaraderie. People often save all year to make this season special. However, there are those who work diligently this time of year to make sure that they benefit from all your hard work. Don't be a victim! Simple steps can keep your holiday happy and safe!

Many people travel leaving homes unattended. Be proactive! If you can't have someone stop by occasionally to check on your home, simple things like: stopping your mail service for when you are gone, running cycle based lights throughout the house on timers, and being extra sure not to overshare on social media that you will be out of town are key. Predators carefully monitor things like this. Don't rely solely on the police to keep your home safe.

If you stay home for the holidays the hustle and bustle will often distract people from simple safety techniques. When shopping locally make trips home as you can to drop off packages you've purchased, if you are forced to be out due to distance, try to keep most things covered in cars or locked in covered truck beds. The old adage out of sight out of mind often holds true. Park under or in range of cameras even if you will have to walk further.

At home both during and after the holidays as you open presents don't advertise at your curb line what you've purchased by setting your boxes out with the trash. This can make you house a prime for break ins. Take boxes to centralized trash dump locations, or store them to burn later if that is an option for where you live. If you order online do not have packages delivered to your house. Most post offices allow in-house deliveries and pick up. Get with your post office for the address to use for this option, or require packages to be signature only. If you have good neighbors that you know will be home, ask them, and you can also have those packages delivered to their residence.

In a society that is getting less connected personally even though we have become more connected socially, look out for your neighbors and look out for yourselves. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Assess your surrounding periodically and be aware there is nothing that criminals like more than people who don't pay attention. If you don't pay attention you often don't see a problem until it's too late.

Leaving vehicles running and unattended is a sure way to lose a lot. Please avoid this at all cost, the 'it won't happen to me' or 'I'll just be a second' only holds out so long and is a gamble.

Common sense goes a long way towards a Happy and Safe Holiday Season. Enjoy the time with your family and friends. and Happy New Year!

Business Committee Meeting Minutes are now accessible on the Website sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov and Facebook

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NOTICE

Applications for College - Vocational and Adult Education are on the Sac and Fox Nation Web site - Click on Education for downloads.

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

Committee/Boards/Commissions Openings

Rodeo Committee

Plans, Coordinates, Schedules, Monitors and Executes Activities Associated with the Nation's Rodeo.

Gaming Commission

Purpose is regulatory, not managerial. Will Conduct oversight to ensure compliance with tribal, federal, and if applicable state laws and regulations. Monitors compliance with the internal controls of the gaming operation and in tracking revenues ect. Shall be and act independently from the Business Committee and Governing Council, in all matters within the purview.

Indian Education Committee- JOM

Promotes the welfare of Indian children and youth in home, school, community and Tribe; raise the standards of school achievement of Indian Children; and bring into closer relationship the home and the school so that the parents and the teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of Indian children and youth.
Must be parent or legal guardian of eligible JOM student.

Please submit Interest to Serve to:

Secretary, Jacklyn K. King
Business Committee
Sac and Fox Nation
920963 S Hwy 99
Stroud, OK 74079
secretary@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov

Sauk Business Enterprises Board

To provide sources of revenue, remedy the underemployment rate of Tribal Members, attract diversified business enterprises and expand the Nation's land base and economic development potential.
Must be 21 years of age and legally capable of entering into a binding contract. (Business Committee requests a resume to be submitted.)

Activity Committee's 2019 Halloween 'Boo Bash' Highlights

A friendly dinosaur was among the goblins welcoming everyone to the 2019 Halloween 'Boo Bash' hosted and coordinated by the Sac and Fox Nation Activity Committee Oct. 26 in the tribal Community Building. The popular event was attended by over 200 tribal members of all ages.

Michael Plumley is pictured with a few of the entries in a pumpkin decorating contest held during the Halloween festivities.

Shanarae Boyd and the Sac and Fox Nation Realty Dept. hosted a fishing booth for youngsters at the Halloween party.

Activity Committee volunteer Angela Warrior serves cookies and other goodies to those attending the 2019 'Boo Bash.'

The Sac and Fox Nation Patient Registration Dept. hosted a ping-pong ball toss game for prizes at the event.

The Sac and Fox Nation Maintenance Dept. sponsored a bean-bag toss for prizes at the Halloween party.

Sac and Fox National Public Library staff offered free t-shirts to everyone in attendance at the Halloween party.

The Sac and Fox Nation Finance Dept. sponsored miniature golf game for prizes at the event held in the Sac and Fox Nation Community Building.

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FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR)
FY 2019 NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS
(Effective October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019)

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	$1,012	+	$164	=	**$1,176**
2	$1,372	+	$164	=	**$1,536**
3	$1,732	+	$164	=	**$1,896**
4	$2,092	+	$174	=	**$2,266**
5	$2,452	+	$204	=	**$2,656**
6	$2,812	+	$234	=	**$3,046**
7	$3,172	+	$234	=	**$3,406**
8	$3,532	+	$234	=	**$3,766**
each additional member					**$360**

Alaska: **Use this Amount**

Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard		SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	$1,265	+	$281	=	**$1,546**
2	$1,715	+	$281	=	**$1,996**
3	$2,165	+	$281	=	**$2,446**
4	$2,615	+	$281	=	**$2,896**
5	$3,065	+	$281	=	**$3,346**
6	$3,515	+	$292	=	**$3,807**
7	$3,965	+	$292	=	**$4,257**
8	$4,415	+	$292	=	**$4,707**
each additional member					**$450**

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EXHIBIT M

FY 2019 FDPIR Income Deductions (see 7 CFR 253.6(e))
Effective October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019

Earned Income Deduction	Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.
Dependent Care Deduction	Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.
Child Support Deduction	Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.
Medical Expense Deduction	Households that incur monthly medical expenses by any household member who is elderly or disabled are allowed a deduction in the amount of out-of-pocket medical expenses paid in excess of $35 per month. Allowable medical expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(3).
Home Care Meal-Related Deduction	Households who furnish the majority of meals for a home care attendant are allowed an income deduction equal to the maximum SNAP benefit for a one-person household. The home care meal-related deduction amounts are as follows: 48 Contiguous U.S. States = $192 Alaska by Area Designations • Urban = $232 • Rural 1= $295 • Rural 2 = $360 See 7 CFR 272.7(b) for area designations in Alaska.
Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deduction	Households that incur at least one monthly shelter or utility expense are allowed a standard income deduction (see chart below). Allowable shelter/utility expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(6)(ii).

FNS HANDBOOK 501
EXHIBIT M

FY 2019 FDPIR Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deductions
Effective October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019

Baseline by Region*

Region	States Currently with FDPIR Programs	Shelter/Utility Deduction
Northeast/Midwest	Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Wisconsin	$400
Southeast/Southwest	Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas	$350
Mountain Plains	Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming	$450
West	Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington	$400

*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.

HELP WANTED!

SAC & FOX NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

Education Director
Self-Governance Director
Juvenile Detention Center Director
Resident Advisor (Juvenile Detention Center)
Drug & Alcohol Prevention/Life Skills Specialist
Human Resources Director
NAGPRA Director
Land and Cattle Laborer
Licensed Clinical Social Worker
Physical Therapist

Ap licants must successfully pass an OSBI/National background check and drug screen. Preference in hiring is given to qualified Native Americans. Ap icants claiming Indian Preference must provide a copy of their CDIB. For more information and to learn how to apply please visit our website at:
www.sacandfoxnation.com
or contact Human Resources, Sac and Fox Nation, 920963 S. Hwy. 99, Bldg. A Stroud, OK 74079 or by phone (918) 968-3526

Business Committee Meeting Minutes

Please be advised that the following are official actions taken by the Business Committee in a Special Business Committee meeting held on October 23, 2019. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

1) Jacklyn K. King motion to approve with corrections Special Business Committee meeting minutes dated September 20, 2019. Jared A. King-2nd. VOTE: Justin-Yes, Don-Absent, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Absent. Motion carried.

2) Jacklyn K. King motion to approve Regular Business Committee meeting minutes dated October 9, 2019. Jared A. King-2nd. VOTE: Don-Absent, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes. Motion carried.

3) **Resolution SF-20-10,** a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2019 Motor Pool Budget Modification #1 in the total amount of forty-five thousand dollars ($45,000.00). The funding sources are identified as mileage reimbursement. Jared A. King-motion. Jacklyn K. King-2nd. VOTE: Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes, Don-Absent. Motion carried.

4) **Resolution SF-20-11,** a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2020 Family Violence Prevention and Services Grant Budget in the total amount of forty-five thousand eight hundred thirty dollars ($45,830.00). The funding source is identified as the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Family Violence Prevention and Services Grant, Grant #G-19OKIJFVPS. Jared A. King-motion. Jacklyn K. King-2nd. VOTE: Jared-Yes, Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes, Don-Absent, Jacklyn-Yes. Motion carried.

5) **Resolution SF-20-12,** a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation and Randall K. Tiger, Contract #2019-10-02. The funding source is identified as the Fiscal Year 2020 DOI Land and Cattle Budget. Jared A. King-motion. Jacklyn K. King-2nd. VOTE: Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes, Don-Absent, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes. Motion carried.

6) **Resolution SF-20-13,** a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation and Elijah Gene Ladeaux, Contract #2019-10-03. The funding source is identified as the Fiscal Year 2020 DOI Land and Cattle Budget. Jacklyn K. King-motion. Jared A. King-2nd. VOTE: Justin-Yes, Don-Absent, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Absent. Motion carried.

7) **Resolution SF-20-14,** a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2020 Tribal Court Supplemental Budget in the total amount of seventy-four thousand one hundred eighty-seven dollars ($74,187.00). The funding source is identified as fees and fines collected by the Sac and Fox Nation District and Supreme Court from prior years. Jared A. King-motion. Jacklyn K. King-2nd. VOTE: Don-Absent, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes. Motion carried.

8) Jacklyn K. King motion to ratify straw poll for approval of three (3) Juvenile Detention Service Renewal Agreements: Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma #2013-02-04e, Seminole Nation #2013-010-04e, and Pottawatomi County #2013-05-18f. Jared A. King-2nd. VOTE: Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes, Don-Absent. Motion carried.

9) Jared A. King motion to approve updated organizational chart for the Drug and Alcohol Prevention/Life Skills Specialist position in the Juvenile Detention Center. Jacklyn K. King-2nd. Jared-Yes, Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes, Don-Absent, Jacklyn-Yes. Motion carried.

10) Jared A. King motion to approve Option "B" update to the Donated Sick Leave Policy. This option will set a deadline 48 hours before timesheets are due. Jacklyn K. King-2nd. Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes, Don-Absent, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes. Motion carried.

11) Jared A. King motion to approve Letter of Agreement between Oklahoma Tribal Engagement Partners and the Sac and Fox Nation Special Diabetes Program, Contract #2018-08-01a. Jacklyn K. King-2nd. Justin-Yes, Don-Absent, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Absent. Motion carried.

12) **Resolution SF-20-15,** a resolution approving and authorizing the submission of an application to Native Voices Endowment: A Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Legacy – Endangered Languages Fund for Fiscal Year 2020. Jared A. King-motion. Jacklyn K. King-2nd. VOTE: Don-Absent, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes. Motion carried.

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.

DECEMBER 2019

SAC AND FOX NATION FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2 LATE NIGHT SHAWNEE 12 pm - 6 pm	3 ELDERS ONLY	4 SHIPMENT	5 STROUD HD ELDERS ONLY	6 LITTLE AXE TAILGATE 10 am - 12 pm
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16 LATE NIGHT STROUD 8 am - 6 pm	18 SHAWNEE HD	18 SHIPMENT	19	20 SHAWNEE HD
23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY	25 CHRISTMAS CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY	26 DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY	27
30 CLOSED FOR INVENTORY	31 CLOSED FOR INVENTORY			

HOURS
MONDAY - FRIDAY

CERTIFICATION	8:00 am - 4:30 pm
STORE	8:30 am - 2:30 pm
STORE AM INVENTORY	8:00 am - 8:30 am
STORE PM INVENTORY	2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

HOME DELIVERIES ARE FOR HOMEBOUND AND/OR DISABLED ELDERS. CALL OUR STROUD OFFICE TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY.

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OU Library Exhibit 'Native Voices' Reception Highlights

Sac and Fox Nation Principal Chief Justin Freeland Wood speaks Nov. 14 at the reception opening the 'Indians for Indians Radio Show' exhibit on the University of Oklahoma campus. (Photos by Mike Brown)

Complimentary copies of Lina Ortega's book, 'The Indians for Indians Radio Show' were available to those attending the Nov. 14 reception and opening of the special exhibit at OU's Bizzell Memorial Library. (Photos by Mike Brown)

Sac and Fox tribal member Lina Ortega visits with Comanche tribal member Richard Attocknie at the Nov. 14 exhibit reception held in OU's Bizzell Memorial Library.

Tribal members from across the state and beyond enjoyed refreshments at the reception held to open the 'Native Voices' exhibit on the OU campus.

Reception attendees are shown viewing a display featuring the late Sac and Fox Chief Don Whistler and the Whistler Family.

Members of the Sac and Fox Nation Honor Guard are pictured posting the Sac and Fox Nation and American Flags during a 'Native Voices' tribute performance at the University of Oklahoma's Paul F. Sharp Concert Hall. Serving as master of ceremonies for the evening program was Sac and Fox tribal member Harlan McKosoto. (Photo courtesy of Rachael Lester)

Sac and Fox Nation tribal member Jacquelyn Southern listens to audio narrative at one of the many displays prepared as part of the 'Native Voices Over the Airwaves: The Indians for Indians Radio Show' exhibit.

Sac and Fox Nation tribal member and head singer Bryce Bailey, at the podium, and other members of the Young Buffalo Horse drum group, performed in conjunction with Sac and Fox princesses and other woodland-style dancers at the evening performance. (Photo courtesy of Rachael Lester)

RAP Assistance Application Forms Provided Here

NOTICE: A W-9 Form (Available on Page 14) is Required With Certain Applications

SAC AND FOX NATION
RAP ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

FAX:918-968-4207
PH: 918-968-3526
EXT: 2000 & 2001
RAP APP
Form#2011-01
BC Approved on
7/6/18

EMERGENCY APPLIANCE

NAME_____PHONE # (with area code)_____

ADDRESS_____

CITY_____STATE_____ZIP CODE_____

D.O.B._____-_____-_____SOCIAL SECURITY # (Last 4 digits)_____ 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:

(3) Estimates from Lowes Home Improvement with a manager's signature and the Tribal member's name clearly stated.

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 I

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VISION

NAME_____PHONE # (_____)_____

ADDRESS_____

CITY_____STATE_____ZIP CODE_____

BIRTHDATE_____/_____/_____SOCIAL SECURITY # xxx-xxx-(_____) SFN ROLL #_____

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****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.

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HARDSHIP

NAME_____PHONE # (with area code)_____

ADDRESS_____

CITY_____STATE_____ZIP CODE_____

D.O.B._____-_____-_____SOCIAL SECURITY # (Last 4 digits)_____ SFN ROLL #_____

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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.

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TRIBAL ENERGY

NAME_____PHONE # (with area code)_____

ADDRESS_____

CITY_____STATE_____ZIP CODE_____

D.O.B._____-_____-_____SOCIAL SECURITY # (Last 4 digits)_____ SFN ROLL #_____

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Kids and Grandkids Are G-R-E-A-T!!

We want to feature the scholastic, academic and athletic awards or achievements of your child or grandchild of the Sac and Fox Nation!
Send all pertinent information, such as name of student, town, school and grade attending, explanation of award or achievement, and names of parents and/or grandparents, along with a current photo of the student to:
newspaper@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov
or: Sac and Fox News, 920963 S. Hwy. 99
Stroud, OK 74079

SAC AND FOX NATION ELDERS WINTER DANCE

DECEMBER 7, 2019
SAC AND FOX NATION COMMUNITY CENTER

HEAD STAFF

MASTER OF CEREMONY	FRANK CARSON
HEAD SINGER	HERB ADSON
HEAD MAN	RUSTY TIGER
HEAD LADY DANCER	DOTTIE TIGER
A.D.'s	RANDY TIGER & TERESA LeCLAIR
GOURD DANCE	2:00 P.M.
SUPPER	5:00 P.M.
GOURD DANCE	6:30 P.M.
INTER-TRIBAL DANCING	7:00 P.M.

CAKE WALK 50/50 DOOR PRIZES RAFFLES

NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS ALLOWED NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ACCIDENTS

2019 Sac and Fox Nation Employee Committee Halloween Highlights

This assorted group of Halloween characters from the Administration, Business Committee and Social Services Buildings and others is pictured in front of the Administration Building in conjunction with the Employee Committee's 2019 Halloween festivities.

A few staff members from the Sac and Fox Nation USDA Food Program are shown at the entrance to their first-place 'Egyptian labyrinth' entry in the departmental Halloween decorating contest.

'Carnival' was the theme at the Black Hawk Health Clinic pharmacy for the departmental Halloween decorating contest. Staff members shown from left are: Jane Rich, Glenda Carver, Camaron Snider, Kim Beachler and Bernice Llewellyn.

Among the assortment of Halloween characters taking part in the festivities were these entries from Merle Boyd Health Center, Sandy Harris, Anthony Ramirez, Angel Thornton and Josh Nooner.

Picture are Sac and Fox Nation employees who took part in the Halloween costume contest held in the Sac and Fox Nation Gymnasium.

Pictured are many of the students from CTSA Head Start Yellow Earth Learning Center who were special guests at the Sac and Fox Nation Employee Committee's Halloween party held in the tribal gymnasium. The students were accompanied by teachers and parents, and were given prepared Halloween goodies by representatives of several governmental departments.

(All Photos by Mike Brown)

2019 PER CAPITA PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Individual must be enrolled by September 30, 2019 to be eligible for the 2019 per capita payment.
- Tribal members will need to submit a W9 to the Finance Department for the upcoming 2019 Per Capita Payment.
- Once a W-9 form is received, it will be updated into our system and all payments due will be made at a time of disbursement.
- If an individual is a NEW tribal member, or has had a NAME CHANGE, a copy of Social Security card is needed for our records.
- There is NO deadline on submitting a W9. All checks will be mailed, no exceptions.
- The IRS 1099 form will be mailed by January 31, 2020.
  NEW MINORS . . . PLEASE SEND COPY OF SOCIAL SECURITY CARD SO WE CAN GET TRUST ACCOUNTS ESTABLISHED

W-9 Form
It is critical that the W-9 Form be completed correctly and thoroughly for each individual tribal member. Be sure to fill out your NAME, MAILING ADDRESS, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, and then SIGN and DATE your form.

Required Legal Documents
If you have had a name change due to marriage, divorce, adoption, etc., it is important the Finance Department has a copy of your social security card. All othere legal documents should be sent to the Enrollment Department so their records can be updated. Any guardianship or Power of Attorney documents need to be on file with the Finance Department.

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

Contact information - Finance Department
For identity/security purposes, a W-9 form will not be accepted by e-mail. Completed forms may be hand delivered, mailed, or faxed.

Contact information:

Sac and Fox Nation
Finance Department
920963 S. Hwy 99, Bldg. A
Stroud, Oklahoma 74079

Direct fax: 918-968-4528
If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Department staff by phone at 918-968-3526 or 800-259-3970 ext. 1033, 1038 or 1027.

Tax Liability Notification

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

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

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

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

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

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

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NAME CHANGE AND/OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

NAME

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

SIGNATURE ____ DATE ____

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

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

MAILING ADDRESS

OLD	NEW
ADDRESS	ADDRESS
CITY STATE ZIP	CITY STATE ZIP

STREET ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN MAILING ADDRESS)

OLD	NEW
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.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

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

NOTICE

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

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

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

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

Form **W-9** (Rev. October 2018) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

▶ Go to *www.irs.gov/FormW9* for instructions and the latest information.

Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

Print or type. See Specific Instructions on page 3.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.

2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above

3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only **one** of the following seven boxes.

☐ Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC ☐ C Corporation ☐ S Corporation ☐ Partnership ☐ Trust/estate

☐ Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶

Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is **not** disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.

☐ Other (see instructions) ▶

4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):

Exempt payee code (if any) ____

Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) ____

(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)

5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.

Requester's name and address (optional)
SAC AND FOX NATION
920883 S. HIGHWAY 99 BLDG. "A"
STROUD, OKLAHOMA, 74079

6 City, state, and ZIP code

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number ☐☐☐ – ☐☐ – ☐☐☐☐

or

Employer identification number ☐☐ – ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here Signature of U.S. person ▶ Date ▶

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to *www.irs.gov/FormW9*.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, *later.*

Cat. No. 10231X Form **W-9** (Rev. 10-2018)

2019 Sac and Fox Nation Employee Committee Halloween Highlights

Sac and Fox Nation Employee Committee Chairman Andy Warrior served as master of ceremonies for the Halloween potluck lunch and program held Oct. 31 in the Sac and Fox Nation Gymnasium. (All Photos by Mike Brown)

Pictured clockwise from left are: First place costume contest winner Jeremy Fincher as 'Blind Ref', third place winner Anthony Ramirez as 'Gru', and second place winner Audrey Rose Lee as 'The Penguin.'

Nick Jennings stands patiently as Sac and Fox Nation Principal Chief Justin Wood, left, and Josh Nooner frantically wrap him in tissue during the timed 'mummy wrap' competition.

Winning first-place team members in the 'Mummy Wrap' contest shown from left holding their 'prizes' are: Audrey Rose Lee, Sac and Fox Nation Secretary Jacklyn King and Angela Warrior.

Sac and Fox Nation Business Committee Member Robert Williamson and these four Sac and Fox Nation staff members were among those enjoying a potluck lunch on Halloween in the Sac and Fox Nation Gymnasium.

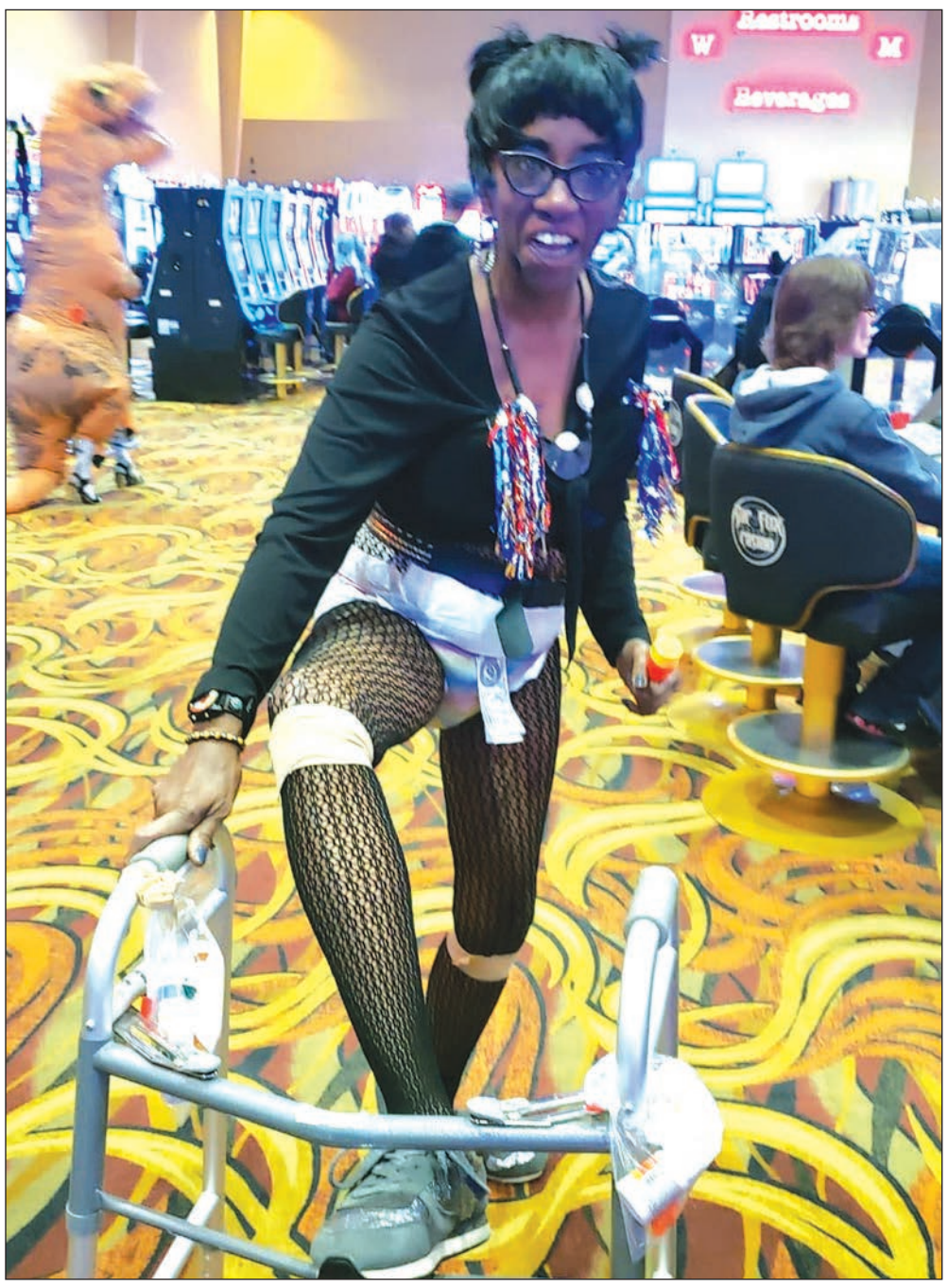
Sac and Fox Nation Education Dept. staff members Jean Lynam and Mary Brown are shown from right as they distribute Halloween candy to 25 special visitors from the CTSA Head Start Yellow Earth Learning Center.

Black Hawk Casino's Family Day, Halloween Highlights

'Family Day' Fun on Oct. 5

'Trunk-or-Treat' Visitors on Oct. 26

'Trunk-or-Treat' Unity Group



'Granny' Arrives

'Ghost Buster' to the Rescue on Oct. 31

'Pirate' Invasion

A 'Table' Dance?

Activity Committee's 2019 Halloween 'Boo Bash' Highlights

'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'The Big, Bad Wolf' are pictured at the pumpkin patch prepared for the Sac and Fox Nation Activity Committee's 2019 Halloween 'Boo Bash' held Oct. 26 in the tribal Community Building.

'Three Blind Mice' found their way to the Halloween 'Boo Bash.' They were among dozens of youngsters enjoying food, games and prizes at the event.

Sac and Fox Nation Activity Committee Chairman Andy Warrior, Courtney Plumley and Angela Warrior ware pictured with some of the contest trophies awarded at the Halloween party.

Hundreds of slices of pizza were served at the party, along with 'witches brew' and other scary menu items.

Over 200 Halloween goblins were registered in attendance at the 'Boo Bash.' Those attending enjoyed pizza, popcorn, cookies, candy and other goodies at the event held in the tribal Community Building.

Free and fresh-popped popcorn was made available at the Halloween party by Carrie Spang and the Sac and Fox Realty Dept.

The Meeker Indian Club hosted a Tootsie Pop ring toss game for youngsters attending the 'Boo Bash.' (All Photos by Mike Brown)

Thank You!!

Letter to Editor:

The Sac & Fox Nation Activity Committee would like to express our deep appreciation for all of those that made our annual Halloween Boo Bash a success. We especially thank tribal members, tribal royalty, our relentless volunteers, our families and friends.

Thank you: Meeker Indian Club, Maintenance Dept., Land and Cattle Dept., BHHC Patient Registration, Finance Dept., Realty Dept., IT Dept., Black Hawk & Sac and Fox Casinos. Congratulations to all contest winners!

Ketep,

SFN Activity Committee

Business Committee Meeting Minutes

Please be advised that the following are official actions taken by the Business Committee in a Regular Business Committee meeting held on November 13, 2019. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

1) Don W. Abney motion to approve the Regular Business Committee meeting minutes dated October 23, 2019. Jacklyn K. King-2nd. VOTE: Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Absent. Motion carried.

2) **Resolution SF-20-15**, a resolution authorizing the use of Indian Health Services Compact Carryover Funds from the Indian Health Care Improvement Funds Line Item related to the remodel/renovation of the existing Sac and Fox Nation Black Hawk Health Center in the total amount of Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000.00). Jacklyn K. King-Motion. Don W. Abney-2nd. VOTE: Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes. Motion carried.

3) Don W. Abney motion to approve SENSE Incorporated Contract Renewal #2010-11-03i. Jacklyn K. King-2nd. VOTE: Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes. Motion carried.

4) Jacklyn K. King motion to approve Tribal Member Jacquelyn Southern request for land partition. Don W. Abney- 2nd. VOTE: Jared-Absent, Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Motion carried.

5) **Resolution SF-20-16**, a resolution authorizing and approving detention service agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center and the Chickasaw Nation. Don W. Abney. Jacklyn K. King-2nd. VOTE: Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent. Motion carried.

6) **Resolution SF-20-17**, a resolution authorizing and approving the detention service agreements between the Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center and Adair, Atoka, Craig, Creek, Delaware, Dewey, Garfield, Garvin, Harper, Latimer, Love, McClain, and McIntosh counties of Oklahoma. Jacklyn K. King-motion. Don W. Abney-2nd. VOTE: Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Absent. Motion carried.

7) **Resolution SF-20-18**, a resolution authorizing and approving the detention service agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center and McCurtain, Major, Mayes, Murray, Muscogee, Noble, Okfuskee, Okmulgee, Osage, Payne, Pittsburg, Pottawatomie, Seminole, Texas and Tillman counties of Oklahoma. Don W. Abney-motion. Jacklyn K. King-2nd. VOTE: Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes. Motion carried.

8) **Resolution SF-20-19**, a resolution authorizing and approving the detention service agreements between the Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center and Citizen Potawatomi, Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, Sac and Fox of Missouri, in Kansas and Nebraska, and Comanche Nation. Motion- Don W. Abney. Jacklyn K. King-2nd. VOTE: Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes. Motion carried.

9) **Resolution SF-20-20**, a resolution in support of expressing the sense of The House of Representatives Resolution that Jim Thorpe's Olympic Records by the International Olympic Committee should be re-stored and reinstated for his unprecedented accomplishments during the 1912 Olympic Games. Jacklyn K. King-motion. Don W. Abney-2nd. VOTE: Jared-Absent, Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes. Motion carried.

10) **Resolution SF-20-21**, a resolution supporting the Cherokee Nation's action to exercise its Tribal Treaty Rights, including the seating of a delegate in the U.S. House of Representatives where promised, and calls upon the House of Representatives to fulfill its obligations to the Cherokee Nation by seating its named delegate in Congress. Don W. Abney-motion. Jacklyn K. King-2nd. VOTE: Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent. Motion carried.

11) **Resolution SF-20-22**, a resolution encouraging the State of Oklahoma to continue its work to address The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Crisis in Oklahoma. Don W. Abney-motion. Jacklyn K. King-2nd. VOTE: Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Absent. Motion carried.

12) **Resolution SF-20-23**, a resolution adding six (6) persons to the Membership Roll of the Sac and Fox Nation in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Sac and Fox Nation. Jacklyn K. King-motion. Don W. Abney-2nd. VOTE: Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes. Motion carried.

13) **Resolution SF-20-24**, a resolution to approve the 2020 Tribal Membership into the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA) in the total amount of Five Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars ($582.00). Jacklyn K. King-motion. Don W. Abney-2nd. VOTE: Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes. Motion carried.

14) **Resolution SF-20-25**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2020 Revenue Allocation Plan 1.0% Local Government Operations and 0.5% Charitable Donations Budget in the total funding amount of Eighty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Dollars (86,670.00). The funding source is identified as the Governing Council Resolution SF/GC-20-05. Jacklyn K. King-motion. Don W. Abney-2nd. VOTE: Jared-Absent, Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes. Motion carried.

15) **Resolution SF-20-26**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2020 Sac and Fox Nation Pow-Wow Committee Budget in the total amount of Forty-Five Thousand Sixty-Seven Dollars ($45,067.00). The funding source is identified as previous year's carryover. Don W. Abney-motion. Jacklyn K. King-2nd. VOTE: Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent. Motion carried.

16) **Resolution SF-20-27**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2020 Employee Committee Budget in the total amount of Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Five Dollars ($9,745.00). The funding sources are identified as employee donations and fundraising events. Don W. Abney-motion. Jacklyn K. King-2nd. VOTE: Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Absent. Motion carried.

17) **Resolution SF-20-28**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2020 Sac and Fox Nation's United Nation's Indian Tribal Youth Budget in the total funding amount of One Thousand Twenty Dollars ($1,020.00). The funding source is identified as fundraising activities by the group. Jacklyn K. King-motion. Don W. Abney-2nd. VOTE: Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes. Motion carried.

18) **Resolution SF-20-29**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2020 Department of Interior Compact Library Budget Modification #1 in the total funding amount of One Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-One Dollars ($148,991.00). The funding sources are identified as the US Department of Interior Compact Multi-Year 2018-2021 Funding Agreement, with prior year's carryover. Don W. Abney-motion. Jacklyn K. King- 2nd. VOTE: Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes. Motion carried.

19) **Resolution SF-20-30**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2020 Library Fund Budget Modification #1 in the total amount of Twenty Thousand Thirty-Seven Dollars ($20,037.00). The funding source is identified as Treasury Appropriations. Jacklyn K. King-motion. Don W. Abney-2nd. VOTE: Jared-Absent, Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes. Motion carried.

20) **Resolution SF-20-31**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2020 Department of Interior Compact Court Budget Modification #1 in the total funding amount of Two Hundred Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Dollars ($218,870.00). The funding source is identified as the Department of Interior Self-Governance Compact Multi-Year 2018-2021 Funding Agreement, Fiscal Year 2019 DOI Court Jury Trial Carryover, and prior year's carryover. Don W. Abney-motion. Jacklyn K. King-2nd. VOTE: Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent. Motion carried.

21) **Resolution SF-20-32**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2020 Tribal Court Operations Budget Modification #1 In the total amount of Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-five Dollars ($50,235.00) to carry out the program and for proper fiscal control. The funding source is identified as Treasury Appropriations. Jacklyn K. King-motion. Don W. Abney-2nd. VOTE: Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Absent. Motion carried.

22) **Resolution SF-20-33**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2020 Department of the Interior Compact Department of Public Safety Budget Modification #1 in the total funding amount of Eight Hundred Forty-Five Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars ($845,158.00). The funding source is identified as Department of Interior Multi-Year 2018-2021 Funding Agreement, FY 2018 one-time distribution of funds and prior year's carryover. Don W. Abney-motion. Jacklyn K. King-2nd. VOTE: Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared- Absent, Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes. Motion carried.

23) **Resolution SF-20-34**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2020 Tribal Police Operations Budget Modification #1 in the total funding amount of Two Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Six Dollars ($251,946.00). The funding source is identified as Treasury Appropriations. Jacklyn K. King-motion. Don W. Abney-2nd. VOTE: Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes. Motion carried.

Sac and Fox Nation tribal member Jimmy Stephens speaks at an Oct. 8 Dallas, Texas City Council meeting in support of Indigenous People's Day.
(Photo Provided)

Dallas City Council Approves 'Indigenous People's Day'

On Tuesday, October 8 City of Dallas, Texas City Council Member Omar Narvaez, brought forth a resolution and the council voted to change the observation of Columbus Day to 'Indigenous People's Day' in Dallas by passing the resolution.

Seven speakers with ties to the Native American Community addressed city council members, speaking in favor of the resolution. Sac & Fox Nation tribal member Jimmy Stephens, spoke on behalf of the Urban Intertribal Center of Texas (UITCT), a federally funded clinic serving Native American and Alaskan Natives in Texas. Stephens, of DeSoto, Texas, is the son of Joe and Judy (Conallis) Stephens of McAlester,Okla.

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24) **Resolution SF-20-35**, a resolution approving and authorizing the designation of a parcel of land described as the WWSWSW and EWWSWSW of Section 22, Township 14 North, Range 6 EAST of the Indian Meridian, Lincoln County, Oklahoma containing 15 acres more or less for a pollinator habitat project. Jacklyn K. King-motion. Don W. Abney 2nd. VOTE: Jared-Absent, Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes. Motion carried.

25) **Resolution SF-20-36**, a resolution approving and authorizing the submission of an application to the Southern Plains Tribal Health Board and Oklahoma Area Tribal Epidemiology Center for Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country for the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars ($15,000.00). Don W. Abney-motion. Jacklyn K. King-2nd. VOTE: Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent. Motion carried.

26) Jacklyn K. King motion to approve the renewal of the remote radiologist services agreement with Eagle Partners PLLC for the Black Hawk Health Center Radiology Department Contract #2009-01-02j. Don W. Abney-2nd. VOTE: Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Absent. Motion carried.

27) Jacklyn K. King motion to approve the renewal of existing membership to the State Chamber of Oklahoma in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($2,500.00). Don W. Abney-2nd. VOTE: Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared- Absent, Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes. Motion carried.

28) Jacklyn K. King motion to approve the request by the Employee Committee for two (2) hours of administrative leave for Wednesday, November 27, 2019 for employees to attend the Employee Committee's Thanksgiving activities and Two (2) hours of administrative leave for Monday, December 23, 2019 for Christmas activities. Don W. Abney-2nd. VOTE: Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes. Motion carried.

29) Jacklyn K. King motion to approve the RAP Government Donations Line item: Riverside Indian School War Party $700.00, Riverside Indian School $300.00, Shawnee High School Native American Club $300.00, Bethel Wildcats Youth Football Team $525.00, North Rock Creek Public Schools Lady Cougar Basketball $1,000.00, Chandler Area Chamber of Commerce $500.00, Prague Chamber of Commerce $200.00, Cromwell Volunteer Fire Department $500.00, and Meeker Fire Department $1000.00 for a total of $5,225.00. Don W. Abney-2nd. Jared-Absent, Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes. Motion carried.

30) Jacklyn K. King motion to approve the RAP Charitable Donations Line Item: Shawnee Hustle $500.00, for a total amount of $500.00. Don W. Abney 2nd. VOTE: Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent. Motion carried.

31) Jacklyn K. King motion to approve changes to liaison list as proposed by the Business Committee. Don W. Abney-2nd. VOTE: Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Absent. Motion carried.

32) Don W. Abney motion to approve Infinisource Service Agreement to produce COBRA services for the Sac and Fox Nation. Jacklyn K. King-2nd. VOTE: Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Absent. Motion carried.

33) Don W. Abney made a motion to approve Business Associate Agreement with Infinisource for the Sac and Fox Nations COBRA management. Jacklyn K. King-2nd. VOTE: Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Entered Executive Session at 11:13 4 p.m.
Out of Executive Session at 1:16 p.m.
No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: 1:32 p.m.

ATTENTION
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE SAC AND FOX NATION APPLICANTS

Application Updates:

Applicants shall update their applications and supporting documents and maintain current contact information on file on an annual basis. This is the responsibility of the Applicant and not the HASFN. Applicants who have not updated their application within one (1) year of the original application date will be removed from the waiting list and will have to re-apply to be placed back on the waiting list. These Applicants will receive a new approval date. Inactive applications and supporting documents will be discarded after three (3) years.

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SECRETARIAL ELECTION NOTICE

SAC AND FOX NATION

Tribal members of the Sac and Fox Nation are hereby advised an election will be held on **January 4, 2020**, for the purpose of voting on the proposed constitutional amendment. The election will be conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Sac and Fox Nation in accordance with Title 25 Part 81 of the Code of Federal Regulations (25 CFR Part 81). This election is **NOT** a tribal election and will **NOT** be conducted under tribal election procedures.

Pursuant to the requirements of 25 CFR Part 81, **only adult tribal members who register to vote** in this election will be entitled to vote on the ratification or rejection of the proposed constitutional amendment. This Secretarial Election Notice is being mailed to all members 18 years of age and older at the address listed on the current tribal membership roll with a Voter Registration Form. **Any member who does not receive a Secretarial Election Notice Packet by mail, or received and misplaced their packet, may pick up one in person at:**

Southern Plains Regional Office or call 405/247-1534
100 Riverside Drive
Anadarko, Oklahoma

THE REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARIAL ELECTION BOARD BY MAIL AT P.O. BOX 1550, ANADARKO, OKLAHOMA 73005 BY DECEMBER 16, 2019. NO HAND DELIVERED REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

This election is to be conducted by **absentee ballots only**. There will be no polling sites. If your registration form is received by the deadline, you will automatically be mailed an absentee ballot. You will not need to make a separate request for an absentee ballot.

It is particularly important and is emphasized and repeated that **only adult tribal members who register to vote in this election will be permitted to vote on the ratification or rejection of the proposed constitutional amendment.**

Immediately after the ballots are counted on January 4, 2020, the results of the Secretarial Election will be posted at the Southern Plains Regional Office, Anadarko, Oklahoma; Sac and Fox Nation Headquarters, Stroud, Oklahoma; Sac and Fox Nation Multi-purpose Building, Shawnee, Oklahoma; Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Court, Stroud, Oklahoma; Black Hawk Health Center, Stroud, Oklahoma; Merle Boyd Center, Stroud, Oklahoma; Learning Center, Stroud, Oklahoma; Cultural Center, Stroud, Oklahoma and Sac and Fox Nation Library, Stroud, Oklahoma.

Chairperson, Secretarial Election Board

United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Indian Affairs

RULES OF SECRETARIAL ELECTION

IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 25 PART 81 OF THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

RULES TO GOVERN THE SECRETARIAL ELECTION TO VOTE ON WHETHER TO RATIFY OR REJECT THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT OF THE SAC AND FOX NATION.

1. **ELECTION DATE:** January 4, 2020

2. **POLLING PLACE:** NONE – **ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTING ONLY**

3. **ELIGIBLE VOTERS:** All enrolled members who are 18 years old or older on the day of the election and who have registered with the Secretary of the Interior will be permitted to vote to ratify or reject the proposed constitutional amendment.

   YOU MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE SAC AND FOX NATION SECRETARIAL ELECTION BOARD ("SECRETARIAL ELECTION BOARD") TO BE ENTITLED TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

4. **REGISTRATION:** The Voter Registration Form must be completed and received by the Secretarial Election Board by mail (self-addressed stamped envelope enclosed) at Secretarial Election Board, P.O. Box 1550, Anadarko, Oklahoma by **December 16, 2019.** If you do not receive the registration material or it has become lost, you may pick up the Secretarial Election Notice Packet from the Southern Plains Regional Office, 100 Riverside Drive, Anadarko, Oklahoma or call 405/247-1534.

   IMPORTANT: If you do not properly register with the Secretary of the Interior, you will not be allowed to participate in this election.

5. **REGISTRATION FORM:** Voters that sign the Voter Registration Form using an "X" or a thumb print must have two (2) individuals sign as witnesses.

6. **VOTERS LIST:** The registered voter list shall be in alphabetical order and shall be posted for review no later than December 16, 2019, at the following locations:

   Southern Plains Regional Office, 100 Riverside Drive, Anadarko, Oklahoma
   Sac and Fox Nation Headquarters, 920963 South Highway 99, Stroud, Oklahoma
   Sac and Fox Nation Multi-purpose Building, 215 North Harrison, Shawnee, Oklahoma
   Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Court, 356159 East 926 Road, Stroud, Oklahoma
   Black Hawk Health Center, 356110 East 930 Road, Stroud, Oklahoma
   Merle Boyd Center, 356123 East 930 Road, Stroud, Oklahoma
   Learning Center, 930102 South 3562 Road, Stroud, Oklahoma
   Cultural Center, 920907 South Highway 99, Stroud, Oklahoma
   Sac and Fox Nation Library, 920895 South Highway 99, Stroud, Oklahoma

7. **ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:** Any individual whose name does not appear on the official eligible voter list can claim the right to vote by presenting a written claim to the Secretarial Election Board. The right to vote of anyone whose name is on the list may also be challenged in writing to

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the Secretarial Election Board.

Such claims/challenges must be sent to: Secretarial Election Board, Attention: Sherry Lovin, P.O. Box 1550, Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005. Claims/challenges must be received by December 23, 2019. The Election Board shall meet to pass on any claim/challenge; its decision shall be final.

8. **ABSENTEE VOTING:** Registered voters will vote by absentee ballot. **Hand delivered absentee ballots will not be accepted under any circumstances. Absentee ballots must be received through the U.S. Postal Service.** If more than one ballot is received from any one individual, neither ballot will be counted.

   Absentee ballots must be **received by** the Secretarial Election Board at P.O. Box 1550, Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005, by January 4, 2020.

9. **COUNTING OF BALLOTS:** The ballots will be counted at the Sac and Fox Nation Multi-purpose Building in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Counting will begin at 2:00 p.m. on January 4, 2020. Individuals present for the counting are asked not to interact or distract the election officials or workers during the counting process or they will be asked to leave.

10. **POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:** The results of the election shall be posted at the Southern Plains Regional Office, Anadarko, Oklahoma; Sac and Fox Nation Headquarters, Stroud, Oklahoma; Sac and Fox Nation Multi-purpose Building, Shawnee, Oklahoma; Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Court, Stroud, Oklahoma; Black Hawk Health Center, Stroud, Oklahoma; Merle Boyd Center, Stroud, Oklahoma; Learning Center, Stroud, Oklahoma; Cultural Center, Stroud, Oklahoma and Sac and Fox Nation Library, Stroud, Oklahoma.

11. **CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:** Any eligible voter may challenge the election results within five (5) days following posting of the results of the election. The challenge must be in writing, filed with the Secretary of the Interior through the Secretarial Election Board Chairperson, and must give the grounds for the challenge with **substantiating evidence.** If, in the opinion of the Secretary, the objections are valid and warrant a recount or new election, the Secretary shall so order. The results of the recount or new election shall be final.

CONTEST MUST BE FILED BY JANUARY 9, 2020, AT:
SECRETARIAL ELECTION BOARD
ATTENTION: SHERRY LOVIN
P.O. BOX 1550
ANADARKO, OKLAHOMA 73005

12. **RATIFICATION:** The proposed constitutional amendment shall be considered ratified and become effectively immediately, if the majority vote in favor of ratification; provided, at least 30 percent (30%) of the registered voters have cast ballots in the election.

Sherry Lovin
Chairperson, Secretarial Election Board

United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Southern Plains Regional Office
Post Office Box 368
Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005

IN REPLY REFER TO:
Tribal Government Services
405/247-1534 or 580/560-4463

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO THE SAC AND FOX NATION CONSTITUTION
Side-By-Side Comparison
SECRETARIAL ELECTION
SAC AND FOX NATION
January 4, 2020

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT
	AMENDMENT A
ARTICLE 1 – MEMBERSHIP OF TRIBE SECTION 3. (e) Persons born after date of October 16, 1954, who possess one-eighth (1/8) or more Sac and Fox Indian blood, shall be entitled to membership with the Sac and Fox Nation, provided an application is submitted in writing to the Sac and Fox Nation and provided that such person has not been enrolled with another tribe.	ARTICLE 1 – MEMBERSHIP OF TRIBE SECTION 3. (e) Persons born after the date of October 16, 1954, who possess one-eighth (1/8) or more Sac and Fox Indian blood, at least one of whose parents is a member of the Sac and Fox Nation, shall be entitled to membership with the Sac and Fox Nation, provided an application is submitted in writing to the Sac and Fox Nation, and provided that such person ~~has not been enrolled with another tribe.~~ , if enrolled with another tribe, shall first file a conditional relinquishment with the other tribe.