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## Caddo Nation Donates Personal Protective Equipment to Sac and Fox Nation OES

Scott Anderson, Environmental Specialist and Deputy Emergency Manager for Caddo Nation, shown at left, recently donated 40-N95 masks, 650-pairs of Nitrile gloves, 50-surgical masks, approximately 80 pounds of dog food and 1,000 face coverings to Sac and Fox Nation Environmental Director, Jeremy Fincher. “The donation was made possible by the generosity of Caddo Nation’s Environmental and Emergency Response

departments and OES’s continued engagement in EPA’s Regional Tribal Operation Committee,” said Director Fincher. “If you or anyone you know are in need of this type of PPE, please contact Chief of Staff, Audrey Lee at 918-968-3526 or [cos@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov](mailto:cos@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov) or Jeremy Fincher at [oes@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov](mailto:oes@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov),” he added.

(Photo Provided)

## Tony Tiger Among Seven Artists Featured In ‘MVSKOKE VOICES’ Museum Art Show

‘MVSKOKE VOICES,’ Contemporary Native American Art, is open to the public at the Seminole Nation Museum in Wewoka, Okla. following a delayed opening date due to COVID-19 concerns. The first-ever joint exhibition by the Seminole Nation Museum and Red Earth Art Center features seven of Oklahoma’s most talented Seminole and Muscogee (Creek) artists in an invitational art show open free to the public through August 22. An Artist’s Reception is scheduled Saturday, Aug 15 from 2-4 pm at the museum.

For over 40 years the Red Earth Art Center in Oklahoma City and the Seminole Nation Museum in Wewoka have worked to achieve their similar missions to share the history and traditions of American Indian arts and cultures through a combination of ethnological programming, educational outreach, art exhibitions and award-winning Festivals.

The Seminole Nation Museum and Red Earth Art Center have collaborated to create a contemporary art exhibition that celebrates artists of Muscogee (Creek) and Seminole origins. Those who share the MVSKOKE language also share a deep connection through their extraordinary history and cultural traditions.

MVSKOKE VOICES Contemporary Native American Art features beautiful examples of Seminole and Muscogee (Creek) paintings, screen prints, textiles and sculpture pieces. The invitation art show includes the original art of award-winning artists Leslie A. Deer (Muscogee Creek), Enoch Kelly Haney (Seminole), Benjamin Harjo, Jr (Absentee Shawnee/Seminole), Bobby C. Martin (Muscogee Creek), Dana Tiger (Muscogee Creek), Tony Tiger (Muscogee Creek/Sac & Fox/Seminole), and the late Tillier

*Now Through Aug. 22  
In Wewoka, Okla.*

Wesley (Muscogee Creek).

The Seminole Nation Museum was constructed in 1937 by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) to serve as the Wewoka Community Center. Today, the museum has hosted over a half-million visitors representing every US State and over 100 foreign countries since opening nearly five decades ago. It has more than doubled in size to include 4000 square feet of display space, a research library, and expanded arts and crafts center and an art gallery that regularly hosts special and national traveling exhibits.

Situated on the entire 500 block of South Wewoka Avenue (Main Street) near downtown Wewoka, this big time museum in a small town is 69 miles east of Oklahoma City just south of I-40. The museum’s campus is situated on land located in both the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. All agree the Seminole Nation Museum is special to the 3,189 residents who call Wewoka home.

In June 2019, the Red Earth Art Center reached an agreement with BancFirst that relocated the small, yet active art center to the ground floor lobby of the BancFirst Tower in downtown Oklahoma City. BancFirst recently purchased the 36-story building formerly known as Cotter Ranch Tower and construction crews are currently working on extensive renovations to the downtown landmark.

Plans call for the Red Earth Art Center to reopen to the public in 2021 with a full schedule of art exhibitions featuring area artists in addition to the notable Red Earth permanent collection of fine art including paintings, sculpture, pottery, basketry and

the renowned Deupree Cradleboard Collection, considered the largest collection of its kind in the southwest.

A major component of the downtown Oklahoma City Red Earth Art Center will continue to be a sales gallery featuring both contemporary and traditional original Native artwork from local and regional artists. A mission of the non-profit organization is to provide Native artists a vehicle to sell their art to the public.

Both museums are noted for their award-winning marquis events. The Seminole Nation Museum founded and co-sponsors the annual Wewoka Sorghum Festival - swelling the population of the community tenfold on the fourth Saturday of October. The annual Red Earth Festival attracts thousands from throughout the globe each

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*Announced by Tribal Officials*

## 57th Annual Sac and Fox Nation Powwow Canceled Due to Virus

On May 8 the Sac and Fox Nation announced the difficult decision was made to cancel the 57th Annual Sac and Fox Nation Powwow. The event, scheduled for July 9 -12, 2020, has been canceled due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The Sac and Fox Nation Business Committee made the decision to cancel the annual event after closely monitoring the coronavirus outbreak and recommendations from public health experts.

The process has been a continuing conversation; the Powwow Committee also monitored the developments and recommended the cancellation of this year’s event. The logistics and extra precautions that would need to be in place this year make the event unmanageable.

“It’s with a heavy heart that we announce this decision. We understand the gravity of the situation for our families, ven-

dors, and guests. The Sac and Fox Nation Powwow is an important tradition with a history of excellence,” said Principal Chief Justin F. Wood. “We know this is more than an event. It’s a celebration of culture, family, and connection. But we can’t sacrifice the health of our tribal members and community. We are disappointed, but remain confident we will get through this difficult time together.”

Chief Wood emphasized the Sac and Fox Nation Powwow will return better than ever in 2021. “I encourage everyone to make plans to join us next year for the 2021 Sac and Fox Nation Powwow.”

The 2021 Sac and Fox Nation Powwow is scheduled for July 8-11, 2021 and is open to the public. The event will be held at Jim Thorpe Memorial Park, located near the Sac and Fox Nation’s Capitol Complex, five miles south of Stroud, Okla.

## Sac and Fox Nation Receives a Second CARES Distribution

The Sac and Fox Nation Business Committee announced June 15 that the Sac and Fox Nation received a second distribution from the Coronavirus Relief Fund in the amount of \$2,879,457.81.

As of June 15, 2020, the Sac and Fox Nation has received a total of \$24,197,685.70 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund. The Sac and Fox Nation received an initial distribution from the Coronavirus Relief Fund of \$21,318,227.90 on May 19, 2020.

Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act established the \$150 Billion Coronavirus Relief Fund. The U. S. Treasury is responsible for making payments from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to tribal governments. The Sac and Fox Nation applied for the funds and submitted the required documentation to receive the funds.

The allocation methodology was determined by the U. S. Treasury. The U. S. Treasury announced it has retained funds for Alaska Native corporations pending litigation on the matter. Further, the U. S. Treasury announced it has “retained a portion of the amounts set aside for tribal governments, which

will be available to resolve any potentially adverse decision in litigation.” The Sac and Fox Nation Business Committee is working with all of the departments to finalize allocation of the funds in accordance with the guidance released by the U. S. Treasury.

You can learn more about the U. S. Treasury’s actions here: [home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares/state-and-local-governments](https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares/state-and-local-governments)

## Red Earth Festival Reset For Sept. 5-6

The award-winning Red Earth Festival, recognized as one of America’s top art festivals, has been rescheduled to Labor Day Weekend, September 5-6, at the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort located minutes east of Oklahoma City on I-40 near Shawnee.

During the first weekend of September, Oklahoma City will be the center of western and Native art and culture as people gather to celebrate the Native cultures that make Oklahoma

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## History Center Offering ‘Vernacular’ Photo Exhibit of Oklahoma Life

Beginning June 15, the Oklahoma History Center is offering a new photographic exhibit entitled “In the Vernacular: Everyday Images of Oklahoma Life,” which celebrates everyday image-making. The exhibit is expected to run for approximately one year, and is composed of 36 black-and-white and color images curated from the Oklahoma Historical Society’s photographic collections.

It features fun, quirky and sometimes odd images of Oklahomans. The photos were taken for a variety of purposes, including souvenir postcards, government archives, police case files, pin-up posters, networking web-

sites, magazines, newspapers and family albums.

Vernacular photography is a genre comprised of family and professional studio portraits as well as casual snapshots. These images are usually created by amateur photographers for documenting personal history.

In the book “African American Vernacular Photography,” Brian Wallis, curator of the Walter Collection, describes the genre as “banal photographs, often recorded by the most ordinary photographers, small-town studio operators, professional photographers on assignment, dads with cameras in the backyard.” According to Wallis,

these images “believe no apparent aesthetic ambition other than to record what passes in front of their camera with reasonable fidelity.”

The exhibit is on display in the Chesapeake Event Center and Gallery, which also is utilized for meetings and events. Patrons should call in advance to make sure the exhibit is open to the public during the time of their visit. The Oklahoma History Center is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive in Oklahoma City. For more information and to check on viewing availability, please call 405-522-0765.



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## Obituaries

Shawnee resident Patty Ann Harjo departed from this life on April 16, 2020 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She was born on September 14, 1939 in Claremore, Oklahoma to William Bill Pennock and Genevieve Meek-Pennock. She was a homemaker, devoted wife to the love of her life, Stanford Paul Harjo, and mother to all.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Stanford of 24 years, brother Robert "Bobby" Pennock Sheridan "JJ" Pennock and sisters Billie Ruth "Hockey" Pennock and Barbara "Sadie" Pennock.

She is survived by her sons, Patrick Harjo of Shawnee, Joseph Harjo of Seminole, and James Harjo of Norman;



Walter Jackson Wakole

## Walter Jackson Wakole

Walter Jackson Wakole was born in Hiawatha, Kan. on April 4, 1939 to Gayle Goodleft and Steven Wakole, Sr. He entered the spirit world on Dec. 2, 2019. He was raised on the Kickapoo reservation in Kansas, and attended school at Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Oklahoma where he graduated in 1960. Walter worked at various maintenance, construction and security guard jobs. He moved to Standing Rock in 1977 and obtained a Cultural Resource Specialist certificate, which provided opportunities to travel throughout North Dakota and Minnesota, working with companies conducting cultural monitoring. He was a Kansas City Chiefs fan, and loved all his Kansas and Standing Rock relatives. Walter is survived by his father, Steven Wakole Sr. of Kansas; brothers Knox Ah Wakole and Wallace Wakole; Craciana Wakole, Mariella Wakole, all of Neah Bay Washington; grandmother Alverda Chopper, Cannonball and several aunts, uncles, cousins and loving companion Crystal Leann. He was preceded in death by his mother, Gayle Goodleft, grandparents Reba and Walter Wakole, Harvey Goodleft, Sr., Ardella 'Susie' Goodleft-Weed, Darvin Goodleft, Richard Wakole and cousins Monty and Chennena. A wake service and a funeral service were held Jan. 3, 2020 and Jan. 4, 2020 in Fort Yates, North Dakota.

## Thank You!

The family of Don J. Couteau wishes to thank the Sac and Fox Nation and all who sent their kind thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We gratefully acknowledge Georgia Nullake from Enrollment and Managing Editor Mike Brown for their assistance. We also thank Don's sisters, Jackie Carter, Carlena Hagler, Carletta Henthorn, Shirley Whittington and Harold; the two sisters who made the long drive, Mabel Walton, Larry and Barbara Reeves; and, the many nieces and nephews of Oklahoma. Kewahwiayamene The Couteau Family

## Patty Ann Harjo

grandchildren: Dominique, Stacey, Jalen, Marcus, Brandon, Cierra, Isaiah, Kolbie, Jaycee, Kaleb, Kalee, Josiah, Austin, Tatum, Wynter, Traijen, Kadence, Nehemiah, Kaden, and Hailey; great-grandchildren: Noah, Travis, Os'KeOwv, Olivia, James, Nakiah, Gracie, Kassius, Lucien, Hiawatha, and Arayleigh; sister Jean Pennock of Shawnee; brothers: Rick Pennock of Shawnee, Raymond Pennock of Stroud; and, numerous other family members and friends.

Wake services and funeral services were held at Patrick's home in Shawnee, Oklahoma, and burial followed at Wakole Cemetery.



Patty Ann Harjo

## Announcement

From the Sac and Fox Nation RAP department:

Applicants that are living within the Sac and Fox Nation jurisdiction and **HAVE NOT** received assistance from the following RAP health programs:

- Dental
- Vision
- Dentures
- Hearing Aids

Please contact our Black Hawk Health Center @ (918) 968-9531 to setup a referral appointment to receive assistance through our contract health program.

## Happy July Birthday Elders!

Janet Zorina Patterson  
Saginaw M. Grant  
Corrine Hines Hull  
Sherry Lynn Beard  
Michael Gene Tully  
Francena Little  
Diana Jean Hopkins  
Richard Arthur Lexvold  
Mary Catherine Pleacher  
George Thomas Anderson  
Charlotte Ann Everett  
Stella Louise Wilson  
Debra Theresa Sord  
Beverly Y. Springer  
Lawrence Haney  
Patty Lynn Pendleton  
Connie Lee Schraeder  
Carolyn J. Baron  
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Joseph Shane Davis  
James Edward Galloway  
Rema Jean Kaseca  
Kathleen Marie Cardenas  
Grace Nama Springer  
Maudella Renee Whitehead  
Vickie Ann Dupuis  
Delores Jean Barada  
Peggy Sue Rimando  
Oma Lee Boyd  
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Ellen Milagros Ortega  
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Ruth Ann Garvin  
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Esther Louise Armitage  
Dennis Wayne Bushyhead  
Freida Marie Taylor  
Lowell Eugene Wakole  
Mary Louise Estes  
Patricia Lee Ward  
Lana Jo Butler  
Michael Woodard Hackbarth  
Billy Lee Woodall  
Rilla Marie Maxwell



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Sherry Jean Macy  
Dan W. Yarbrough  
Hattie Francine Whitebreast  
Loretta Mae Ponkilla  
Trudy Renea Ferrell  
Tina Marie Morris  
Kirby Lee Grant



# National Parks Benefit U. S. and Local Economies \$41.7 Billion

U.S. Secretary of the Interior David L. Bernhardt on June 11 announced the annual economic benefit of national parks to the U.S. and local economies. In 2019, visitor spending in communities near national parks resulted in a \$41.7 billion benefit to the nation’s economy and supported 340,500 jobs. Visitor spending increased by \$800 million from 2018 to 2019 and the overall effect on the U.S. economy grew by \$1.6 billion. In the last five years, visitor spending has increased by \$4.1 billion and the effect on the U.S. economy grew by \$9.7 billion.

“We have been working to safely welcome the public back to their national parks and provide more service again,” said Secretary Bernhardt. “These treasured places provide respite and recreation for the American people, in addition to vital economic support to gateway communities across the country. The tremendous value of our national parks is undeniable as is the need to adequately maintain them, which is why President Trump has called on Congress to address the decades of deferred maintenance.”

According to the annual National Park Service report released today, 2019 National Park Visitor Spending Effects, more than 327 million visitors spent \$21 billion in communities within 60 miles of a park in the National Park System. Of the 340,500 jobs supported by visitor spending, more than 278,000 jobs exist in communities adjacent to parks. The report includes statistics by park and by state on visitor spending and the number of jobs supported by visitor spending.

“Safely increasing access to national parks and other public lands supports individual and collective physical and mental wellness, said National Park Service Deputy Director David Vela, exercising the authority of the Director. “It also benefits park gateway communities where millions of visitors each year find a place to sleep and eat, hire outfitters and guides and make use of other local services that help drive a vibrant tourism and outdoor recreation industry.”

Lodging expenses account for the largest share of visitor spending totaling \$7.1 billion in 2019. The restaurant sector had the next greatest effects with \$4.2 billion

in economic output. Motor vehicle fuel expenditures were \$2.16 billion with retail spending at \$1.93 billion.

There are National Park System sites in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Territories of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa and Guam. Visitation varies across the country from Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona to Grand Portage National Monument in Minnesota.

Last year, Grand Canyon National Park attracted nearly 6 million visitors who spent more than \$890 million, supporting 11,806 jobs and generating a \$1.1 billion total economic output. Grand Portage National Monument recorded approximately 94,985 recreation visitors who spent an estimated \$6,208,000. That spending supported 78 jobs and more than a \$6 million total economic output.

## ‘MVSKE VOICES’

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year, eager to experience the art and cultures that make Oklahoma unique. Both events have received the prestigious Redbud Award for Outstanding Event by the Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation Department.

The Seminole Nation Museum is open Monday - Saturday 10-5 pm or by appointment. The museum is closed on federal holidays and admission is free, although donations are encouraged and accepted. Guided tours and special programs for groups are available.

MVSKE VOICES Contemporary Native American Art is funded in part by the Oklahoma Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Seminole Nation Museum and Red Earth Art Center are recognized as the region’s premier organizations for advancing the understanding and continuation of Native American traditional and contemporary culture and arts. The Red Earth Art Center is an Allied Arts member agency.

# Red Earth Festival Postponed Until Sept. 5-6, 2020

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unique.

The 34th annual Red Earth juried art market features original art by Native artisans in the beautiful Grand Casino Event Center. Festival guests will experience the artistic creations of some of America’s most celebrated artists as they offer for sale exquisite examples of contemporary and traditional paintings, bead work, basketry, jewelry, pottery, sculpture, graphics and culture attire. Native dance presentations, storytelling, musical performances, and consultations with art experts are featured throughout weekend celebrations.

For those interested in learning more about the Native American artwork in their private collections, popular “Ask the Expert” sessions are scheduled Saturday, September 5 from 1-3 pm offering guests the opportunity to get an expert opinion on treasured American Indian pieces. Experts in the fields of bead work, basketry, pottery, cultural items, jewelry, painting, rugs and blankets will be available for private consultations included

with the price of admission. Guests are encouraged to bring up to three items for review.

Red Earth has garnered numerous accolades through its 40-year history – setting the standard for many of today’s Native art shows. Red Earth was a finalist for the 2018 ONE Award for the Arts presented by the Oklahoma Center for Non-Profits, and the Oklahoma Travel Industry Association has twice named Red Earth Oklahoma’s Outstanding Event. A recent USA Today 10Best Reader’s Poll named the Red Earth Festival one of the Top Ten Art Festivals in America.

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

# ANNOUNCEMENT

The Sac and Fox Nation Human Service Department is now accepting applications for FY’ 2020 LIHEAP Cooling season for the months of May 1, 2020 through September 31, 2020. You can pick up applications from the Main Office/SMPC (please call to make an appointment and we can take the application to your vehicle) or off the Sac and Fox Nation website. If you have any questions please contact Carrie LaDeaux, Interim Human Services Director at 918/968-3526 ext. 2010 or email Carrie. Ladeaux@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov.



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Truman Carter



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Sac and Fox Nation Education Department News

by Edwina Butler-Wolfe

Greetings!

Hope everyone is doing well and being safe. We have started working 8 hours now in the Education Department as of June 15. Our hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. You are asked to call for an appointment and wear a mask when coming into the Learning Center Building.

The Education Department is currently now taking clothing allowance applications for school year 2020 and 2021. If you did not turn in your clothing receipts from last year you will not be qualified to receive this year's clothing allowance of \$500. Only Sac and Fox Tribal students are eligible for the school clothing grant which is funded by RAP (Revenue

Birth  
Announcement



Murphy Rae Franklin

Murphy Rae Franklin was born May 3, 2020. She is the daughter of Janis Jackson and Thomas Franklin, and is little sister to Alexandria Franklin.

Allocation Plan) Funds. All school aged students (Pre-K through 12th Grade). Applications are on the Sac and Fox website and can be picked up at the Learning Center Building on the Sac and Fox Camps in Stroud, or at the Multi-Purpose Building, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Student must be an enrolled member of the Sac and Fox Nation at the time of application. No pending tribal enrollment applications will be accepted. Applicants must provide the student's full name, a copy of the student's tribal membership card (CDIB), and a current mailing address. A School official's signature and job title verifying enrollment accompanied by a school stamp or seal, if a stamp or seal is unavailable, or the official may use the school's official letterhead to verify enrollment. Authorized signatures that are acceptable are: School Counselor, Principal or School Secretary.

The school supply grant which is funded by the RAP (revenue allocation plan) is awarded to school-aged children so that they may grow and learn and become productive community leaders. The fund goes along side with the school clothing grant which is \$500 for school supplies.

Both grants are first-come, first-served basis and we will provide services to as many applicants as possible.

We would like to express to our higher education students if you are having some problems with completing your applications from the Sac and Fox Education Program, please reach out to us and we will assist you. We would like to see all Sac and Fox students get the opportunity to further their education.

Due to the COVID-19 virus, we understand that it was difficult for applications to meet the June 9 deadline for fall session, so we will extend the deadline to August 1, 2020.

There are two programs for our Sac and Fox Higher Education Students:

1. Sac and Fox Nation Higher Education Application Department of Interior (DOI);

2. Sac and Fox Nation RAP (Revenue Allocation Plan) College Education Program Application.

DOI Application guidelines:

- Complete grant application – Please fill in all blanks with the necessary information/signatures
- Copy of your tribal enrollment card
- Personal letter stating the college major you plan to pursue and your career goals upon graduation.
- Letter of admission from the college/university you plan to attend along with a class schedule for the semester.
- High school transcript and/or GED Certificate. NOTE: If you have previously attended college you must submit a copy of your transcripts, covering all college hours completed.
- Financial Needs Analysis (FNA) form- the top portion must be completed by the student and the bottom portion is to be completed by the college Financial Aid Office. Make sure you have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine Pell Grant and other grant eligibility whether you think you qualify or not without these results, the college Financial Aid Office cannot complete your FNA form and the Sac and Fox Nation's Higher Education Department cannot determine funding needs.

RAP College Education Program Application:

FIRST-TIME APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

- Complete application form;
- Signed Privacy Statement;
- Proof of Sac and Fox Tribal Membership (CDIB);
- Letter of admission from the college or university;
- A personal letter stating your proposed college major;
- Copy of semester class schedule;

- Official College transcript (if you have previously attended college) OR an official high school transcript;
- Complete "Verification of Academic Enrollment Form";
- Signed Release of Information form;
- Signed W-9 Form

REQUIREMENT: (CONTINUING STUDENT)

- Complete application form;
- Sign Privacy Act Statement; (EACH SEMESTER);
- Semester class schedule (EACH SEMESTER);
- Official college transcript with grades from previous semester;
- Complete Verification of Academic Enrollment form;
- Sign Release of Information form;
- Signed W-9 form

STUDENTS WILL HAVE TO FILL OUT THE DOI AND RAP APPLICATIONS EACH SEMESTER (FALL AND SPRING SEMESTER) TO RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE SAC AND FOX NATION HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

FUNDING IS AWARDED ON EITHER A FULL-TIME (12 OR MORE CREDIT HOURS) OR PART-TIME (6 TO 11 CREDIT HOURS). STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO PASS THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF HOURS FOR WHICH THEY RECEIVE FUNDING AS SPECIFIED IN THEIR FUNDING CONTRACTS.

Both of the college applications as well as the clothing applications are on the Sac and Fox Nation website under the Education page. If you have concerns, please let the Education Department know.

Edwina Butler-Wolfe  
Director of Education Department  
908 SE 10th  
800 cell number

Thank You!

Dear Jean & Barbara,

We are elated to be sending you Micah's graduation announcement from the University of Oklahoma. The Sac and Fox Nation made all the difference in Micah graduating with a Bachelor's Degree, debt free. And, he did it in three years. It looks like he will be finishing with a GPA of over 3.5. We cannot thank you enough for all your help, insight and support!

Micah has matured and grown in integrity and wisdom over the past three years. We couldn't be prouder of his Native American heritage.

With warm affection,  
John, Elizabeth and Micah Floyd



Micah Floyd

Congratulations to Our 2020  
Sac and Fox Nation Graduates!

Jaylee Sky Harjo

My name is Jaylee Sky Harjo. I am a senior at Glenpool High School, Class of 2020. I am an enrolled member of the great Sac and Fox Nation. I am Fish Clan, and my traditional Sauk name is Na Ka Ka. My parents are Virgil Harjo and Diana Hulbutta. My paternal great grandparents are the late great Edgar and Myrtle May Ellis. My paternal grandparents are the late great Joyce May Ellis and the Rev. Vincent Mike Harjo. My maternal grandparents are Ronald and Deana Hulbutta.

My future plans are to attend Oklahoma State University IT in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, and then transfer to OU Tulsa in the medical field. My plan is to live faithfully with God while walking the Red Road.



Congratulations to Our 2020  
Sac and Fox Nation Graduates!

Matthew David Gashwazra

My name is Matthew David Gashwazra. I am a member of the Sac and Fox Nation and Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma. I am a senior graduating from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma. I have been involved with The Native American Student Association (NASA) throughout my college career, and currently serve as NASA president. I've been on the President's Honor Roll for four years, and received the President's Leadership Award in 2019. I will get my Associates Degree in Secondary Education. Hopefully, I will be able to attend the University of Kansas to get a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education. I am the son of the late Tracey Lauren Ellis-Gashwazra and Howard

Michael Gashwazra. I am the grandson of the late Leroy Ellis and the late Mabel Smith Ellis, and grandson of Marvin Gashwazra and Katherine Spinger Gashwazra.



MONTHLY TOBACCO CESSATION  
SUPPORT GROUP

- Held the 1st Wednesday of every month
- 12-1 pm
- Learning Center Conference Room

Group sessions will be open to members of the Sac and Fox Community, tribal employees, and TIP Group Members.

Sessions will cover multiple areas of tobacco cessation including creating a quit plan, healthy behaviors, the truth about tobacco, changing behaviors, coping with cravings, and maintaining change.

Sessions will also include peer interaction and recovery support.

For more information, Please contact DeAnna in Behavioral Health.

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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 May 4, 2020. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

- 1) Robert E. Williamson motion to approve the Special Business Committee meeting minutes dated April 29, 2020. Don W. Abney-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- 2) **Resolution SF-20-150**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2020 United States Department of Justice Tribal Victim Services Program (Elders) budget in the total amount of Ninety-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$99,270.00). The funding source is identified as the US Department of Justice Tribal Victim Services Program (Elders) Grant #2019-VO-GX-0171, Year 1 of 3. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Jacklyn K. King-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes. Motion carried.
- 3) **Resolution SF-20-151**, a resolution approving the NAHASDA Indian Housing Plan (Amended IHP) 2020. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Don W. Abney-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes. Motion carried.
- 4) Jacklyn K. King motion to approve the Sac and Fox Nation Black Hawk Health Center Expansion and Renovation 100% Design Development Progress Drawings as presented. Don W. Abney-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes. Motion carried.
- 5) Jared A. King motion to approve the Crowe Dunlevy acting on behalf of Blue Knight Energy Partners request for Consent to Survey. Don W. Abney-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes. Motion carried.
- 6) Robert E. Williamson motion to approve signature on Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Program Loan for Sac and Fox Casino and Black Hawk Casino with Banc First. Don W. Abney-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION  
Entered Executive Session at: 2:01 p.m.  
Out of Executive Session at 3:36 p.m.

- Action Taken:
- 1) HRP-20-05 Upheld
  - 2) HRP-20-06 Upheld
  - 3) HRP-20-07 Upheld Recommendation

OMRF Believes Covid-19 Is ‘Here for the Long Haul’

Chick n px Measles. HIV. Covid-19 Even after the pandemic subsides, the coronavirus is likely to join the list of contagious diseases that remain in circulation for decades to come, according to health experts at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation.

“It looks like Covid-19 will be here for the long haul,” said OMRF President Stephen Prescott, M.D. When illnesses stubbornly resist efforts to stamp them out, experts call them endemic.

“An endemic is a virus that’s always present, but not usually in huge outbreaks. It comes and goes in waves and just becomes a part of life, like the seasonal flu,” said OMRF physician-scientist Scofield, M.D., who also serves as associate chief of staff for research at the Oklahoma City VA.

Multiple initiatives are working toward the development of a vaccine for the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus. But even if these efforts succeed, unless nearly everyone gets vaccinated, they won’t eliminate the virus.

“I’m skeptical a Covid-19 vaccine will wipe out the virus,” he said. “We have highly effective vaccines for pneumococcal pneumonia, but only about 2 of every 3 adults have received even one. As a result, pneumococcal pneumonia is still responsible for roughly half of all pneumonia deaths in the U.S. every year.”

A survey of Oklahomans earlier this month from Amber Integrated found that only 5 percent of those polled would get a vaccine against the coronavirus if one became available. Similarly, a poll by The Washington Post found that only 7 in 10 Americans were interested in getting vaccinated.

“Even if it proves safe and effective, you will still have many Americans who don’t vaccinate because they don’t believe in it or don’t trust a new vaccine,” Scofield said. “And that will keep the virus around.”

Outside the U.S., especially in developing countries, access to the vaccine could also be a major issue. For example, with pneumococcal pneumonia, nearly 6 children under the age of 5 die every year from what Scofield describes as a “nearly completely preventable disease.”

The effects of SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus will likely grow milder over time, said Prescott. “Our immune systems should develop ‘memories’ of the virus that will blunt or eliminate future infections,” he said. “It’s also possible the virus itself will mutate to a less lethal form, which is more advantageous from an evolutionary

perspective.” All told, Prescott said, “There’s a good chance it will join the four other coronaviruses that already circulate seasonally in our population.” Those viruses are much milder than the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, causing only cold-like illnesses. One way or the other, Prescott said, we should be prepared to coexist with the virus for the foreseeable future. “That doesn’t mean a perpetual lockdown,” he said. “But it does mean incorporating precautions like frequent hand-washing and some forms of social distancing into our daily lives if we want to stay safe.”

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 May 21, 2020. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

- 1) Robert E. Williamson motion to ratify Straw Poll to approve the lowest bid of HP Engineering in the amount of \$8,750.00 to conduct geothermal conductivity test well drilling and conductivity testing for the Black Hawk Health Center expansion. Don W. Abney-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- 2) Jacklyn K. King motion to ratify Straw Poll. **Resolution SF-20-152**, a resolution approving the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, Older Americans Act (OAA) Title VI-Native Americans Nutrition Services budget in the total funding amount of forty-seven thousand four hundred thirty dollars (\$47,430.00). The funding source is identified as the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living, Grant No. 2023OKNAC2-00. Robert E. Williamson-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes. Motion carried.
- 3) Don W. Abney motion to ratify Straw Poll. **Resolution SF-20-153**, a resolution approving the CARES Act for nutrition services for Native American programs under Title VI of the Older Americans Act (OAA) budget in the total funding amount of eighty-eight thousand nine hundred twenty dollars (\$88,920.00). The funding source is identified as the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living, Grant No. 2023OKNAC3-00. Jacklyn K. King-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes. Motion carried.
- 4) **Resolution SF-20-154**, a resolution establishing the Sac and Fox Nation COVID-19 Economic Support Program. Jacklyn K. King-motion. Robert E. Williamson-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes. Motion carried.

Sac and Fox Nation  
Office of the Secretary

Announcement

To: Sac and Fox Nation  
From: Jacklyn K. King, Secretary  
Date: 05/21/2020  
Re: Annual Governing Council Reports and Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP) Requests and Reports

Please accept this announcement as the official call for Annual Governing Council reports due by **July 14, 2020**.

The Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP) requests and reports will be due by **July 31, 2020**.

Please submit the requests and reports to the attention of the Secretary, Office of Government by one of the following:

Mailing address: 920963 S. Hwy 99, Stroud, OK 74079.  
Fax: 918-968-1142  
Email: secretary@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov



2020-2021  
Sr. Man & Sr. Woman Nominations

**Nomination deadline: July 31, 2020**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Roll No. \_\_\_\_\_ hereby nominate the following

Man: \_\_\_\_\_. He should be the Sac & Fox Nation Sr. Man because:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Roll No. \_\_\_\_\_ hereby nominate the following

Woman: \_\_\_\_\_. She should be the Sac & Fox Nation Sr. Woman

because: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail nomination to: Activity Committee  
920883 S. Hwy. 99  
Stroud, OK 74079

OR E-mail nomination to: carrieladeaux@gmail.com



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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.



## July 2020 Word Scramble

kweêaeptt	_____
wpmeaekê	_____
wâenêknaîk	_____
anyêkpewêo	_____
pwinâe	_____
naîwim	_____
ekwawîkê	_____
êwetîimnhi	_____
wiâwhpaâ	_____
nakiawweê	_____

## July 2020 Word Match

Penâwi	There is a dance
Pâwâhiwa	Dances in a circle
Nîkânekêwa	Powwow
Nîmiwa	July
Nîmihetêwi	Dances around
Aniwekêwa	Leads in the dance
Kîwekêwa	Dances past
Opyênekêwa	Dances very well
Pemekêwa	Dances
Tetepekêwa	Dances slowly

## SAUK LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS & NEWS

July 2020  
Penâwi  
(Summer Moon)

From the Sauk Language Department.

The 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.

Also, the Sauk Language Department has three (3) 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.

Join us online!

You may also visit our website for Sauk words and to play games at

[www.talksauk.com](http://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](mailto:Katie.Thompson@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov)

## July 2020 Quotes

Martin Luther King said, "I have a dream." But we, Indians, didn't have a dream, we had reality.

Ben Black Elk, Oglala Lakota, (1899-1973)

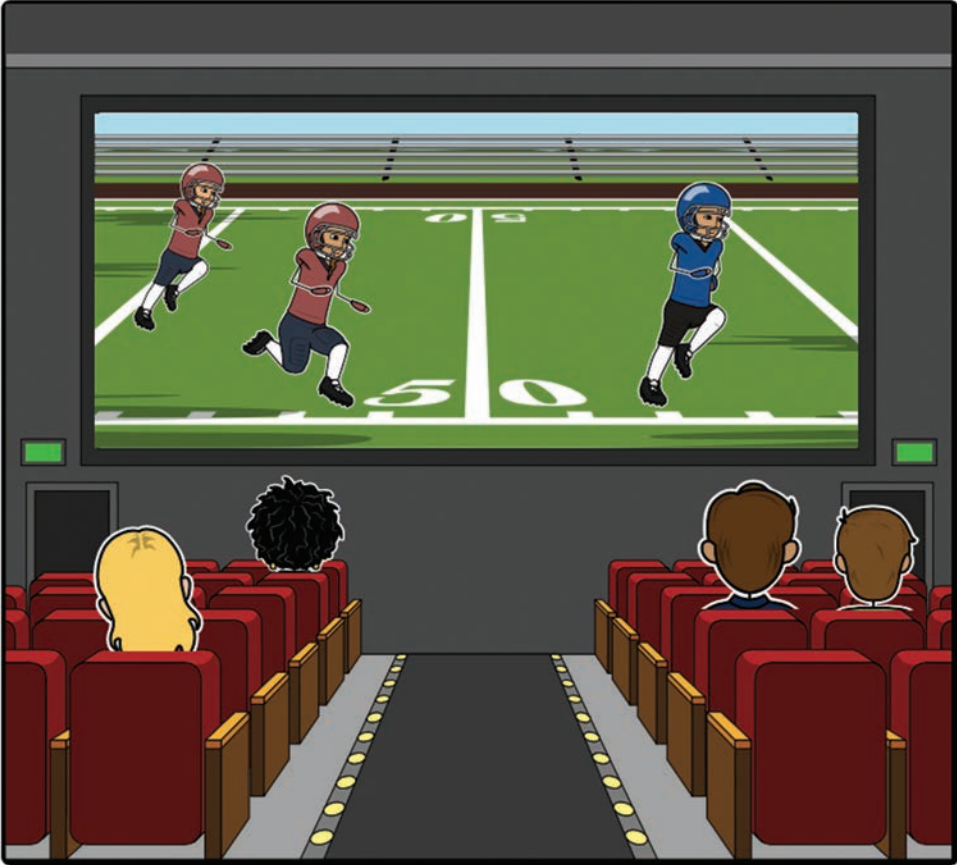
The Great Spirit is everywhere; he hears whatever is in our minds and our hearts, and it is not necessary to speak to him in a loud voice.

Black Elk, Oglala Lakota, (1863-1950)

When a man does a piece of work which is admired by all, we say that is wonderful, but when we see the changes of day and night, the sun, the moon and the stars in the sky, and the changing seasons upon the Earth, with their ripening fruits, anyone must realize that it is the work of someone more powerful than man.


Chased-By-Bears, Santee Yanktonai, 1893-1915

## July Comic





RAP Application Form Provided Here



SAC AND FOX NATION  
RAP ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

TRIBAL ENERGY

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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please Provide the Following:

The bill you are requesting assistance with & proof of residence if the bill is not in your name.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 June 12, 2020. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

- 1) Robert E. Williamson motion to approve the Special Business Committee meeting minutes dated May 4, 2020. Jared A King-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Absent, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- 2) Robert E. Williamson motion to approve the Special Business Committee meeting minutes dated May 21, 2020. Don W. Abney-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Absent, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes. Motion carried.
- 3) Ratify Straw Poll. **Resolution SF-20-155**, a resolution authorizing amendment number one to each of two construction contracts with Lambert Construction Company. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Don W. Abney-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Jacklyn-Absent, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes. Motion carried.
- 4) **Resolution SF-20-156**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2020 Education fundraiser budget in the total funding amount of one thousand ninety-three dollars (\$1,093.00). The funding sources are identified as fundraising activities and donations. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Don W. Abney-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes Jacklyn-Yes. Motion carried.
- 5) Robert E Williamson motion with corrections to ratify and approve straw poll for Sac and Fox Nation COVID-19 Response Personnel Policies and Procedures. Don W. Abney-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Absent, Jared-Yes. Motion carried.
- 6) Robert E. Williamson motion to approve the revised renewal agreement #2018-03-03a for William Cecil Bernard. Don W. Abney-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Justin-No, Don-Yes Jacklyn-Absent, Jared-No, Robert-Yes. Motion failed.
- 7) **Resolution SF-20-157**, a resolution authorizing and approving the Detention Service Agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center and Alfalfa; Caddo; Johnston; Kay; Kingfisher; Nowata; Ottawa Counties. Don W. Abney-motion. Jared A King-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Absent, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes. Motion carried.
- 8) Robert E. Williamson motion to approve the renewal Juvenile Detention Service Agreements for Adair County #2019-10-05a; Atoka County#2019-10-06a; Choctaw County #2019-10-51a; Coal County #2019-10-42a; Cotton County#2019-10-41a; Craig County #2019-10-07a; Creek County #2019-10-08a; Delaware County #2019-10-09a; Garvin County #2019-10-12a; Greer County #2019-10-47a; Harmon County #2019-11-05a; Harper County #2019-10-13a; Hughes County #2019-10-39a; Leflore County #2019-10-45a; Love County #2019-10-15a; McClain County #2019-10-16a; McCurtain County #2019-10-18a; McIntosh County #2019-10-17a; Murray County #2019-10-21a; Noble County #2019-10-23a; Okfuskee County #2019-10-24a; Okmulgee County #2019-10-25a Pottawatomie County #2019-10-29a; Texas County #2019-10-31a; Tillman County #2019-10-32a. Don W. Abney-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Jacklyn-Absent, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes. Motion carried.
- 9) Robert E. Williamson motion to approve the American Indian Chamber of Commerce 2020 Membership in the amount of \$300.00. Don W. Abney-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Absent. Motion carried.
- 10) Jared A. King motion to approve the City of Stroud bridge replacement project partnership request. Don W. Abney-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Absent, Jared-Yes. Motion carried.

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 June 15, 2020. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

- 1) **Resolution SF-20-158**, a resolution adding one (1) person to the membership roll of the Sac and Fox Nation in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Sac and Fox Nation. Jared A. King-motion. Don W. Abney-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Justin-Yes, Don-Yes Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- 2) Jacklyn K. King motion to approve a lease amendment for Shawnee Trophy building. Don W. Abney-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes. Motion carried.

July Word Search

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July 2020 Word List

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Pemekêwa	Dances past
Tetepekêwa	Dances in a circle

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FNS HANDBOOK 501  
EXHIBIT M

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR)  
FY 2020 NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS  
(Effective October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020)

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	\$1,041	+	\$167	=	\$1,208
2	\$1,410	+	\$167	=	\$1,577
3	\$1,778	+	\$167	=	\$1,945
4	\$2,146	+	\$178	=	\$2,324
5	\$2,515	+	\$209	=	\$2,724
6	\$2,883	+	\$240	=	\$3,123
7	\$3,251	+	\$240	=	\$3,491
8	\$3,620	+	\$240	=	\$3,860
each additional member					\$369

Alaska:					Use this Amount
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard		SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	\$1,300	+	\$286	=	\$1,586
2	\$1,761	+	\$286	=	\$2,047
3	\$2,222	+	\$286	=	\$2,508
4	\$2,683	+	\$286	=	\$2,969
5	\$3,144	+	\$286	=	\$3,430
6	\$3,605	+	\$300	=	\$3,905
7	\$4,065	+	\$300	=	\$4,365
8	\$4,526	+	\$300	=	\$4,826
each additional member					\$461

FNS HANDBOOK 501  
EXHIBIT M

FY 2020 FDPIR Income Deductions (see 7 CFR 253.6(e))  
Effective October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020

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 = \$194  Alaska by Area Designations <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Urban = \$238</li><li>Rural 1= \$304</li><li>Rural 2 = \$370</li></ul> 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 2020 FDPIR Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deductions  
Effective October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020

Baseline by Region*		
Region	States Currently with FDPIR Programs	Shelter/Utility Deduction
Northeast/Midwest	Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Wisconsin	\$450
Southeast/Southwest	Arizona, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah	\$350
Mountain Plains	Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming	\$450
West	Alaska, 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.

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

Committee/Boards/Commissions

Openings

SAC & FOX NATION

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

Rodeo Committee

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

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.

## - Letter to Editor -

June 19, 2020  
A Letter to the Editor:  
Tribal members, there is an immediate need to address concerns that our Business Committee has inherited due to past missteps by previous Business Committees. A committee of tribal members needs to be formed to look into issues and past practices that the Business Committee is basing current tribal business decisions on. The following are actions that have occurred without discussion or knowledge of the Governing Council:  
1. An Attorney General’s Opinion (not a law) that says that a Business Committee Resolution can erase or amend any Governing Council Resolution;  
2. An Attorney General’s Opinion that takes control of casinos and economic development away from the Enterprise Board, which was directly overseen by Governing Council, and gives it to the Business Committee;  
3. Businesses created and bought and financed without prior knowledge or approval by Governing Council (the Enterprise Board is the economic development arm of the Sac and Fox Nation);  
4. A tribal member illegally banned from the Black Hawk Casino, and no investigation;  
5. Interference by a Business Committee member in a casino jackpot payout with no investigation;  
6. Enterprise Board legal defense, as provided according the Enterprise Act, denied to a member of the Enterprise

Board;  
7. The Sac and Fox Gaming Commission holding an illegal “Closed and Confidential Hearing” (where no confidential information was presented) and refusing to send Hearing records to the Hearing individual for approval purposes or to the Nation’s secretary, the keeper of all tribal records.  
These are past actions and inactions that set a precedence that our Business Committee may continue to use in making decisions that diminish the welfare and rights of all the Sac and Fox people. The objective of a committee of tribal appointed members is to gather and pass detailed information on tribal concerns, and prepare for Governing Council meetings where any missteps by past or present Business committees can be corrected by a vote of the Governing Council. In reference to items 1. and 7. above, these are challenges to our Constitution which states: Article III, Section 1. (c), “The Secretary...shall have all powers of the Governing Council, which records and powers shall be open to inspection... by any members of the Governing Council desiring to read them.” And, Article II, Section 1, “The Supreme Governing body of the Sac and Fox Nation shall be the Governing Council...”

John Nelson  
Enterprise Board  
Okahoma City, OK 73106  
90914

Business Committee Meeting Minutes  
are now accessible on the Website and Facebook  
[sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov](https://www.facebook.com/sacandfoxnation-nsn)

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NOTICE

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

August 2020

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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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2020 PER CAPITA PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Individual must be enrolled by September 30, 2020 to be eligible for the 2020 per capita payment.
  - Tribal members will need to submit a W9 to the Finance Department for the upcoming 2020 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, 2021.
- 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 other 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

OLDNEW

ADDRESS

ADDRESS

CITYSTATEZIP

CITYSTATEZIP

STREET ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN MAILING ADDRESS)

OLDNEW

STREET ADDRESS

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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**

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

► Go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9) for instructions and the latest information.

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) ►

☐ Other (see instructions) ►

**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.

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.

6 City, state, and ZIP code

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Requester's name and address (optional)

SAC AND FOX NATION  
920883 S. HIGHWAY 99 BLDG. "A"  
STROUD, OKLAHOMA, 74079

**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.

**Social security number**

**or**

**Employer identification number**

**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.

**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](http://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-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)



# Tribal Members Urged to Participate in 2020 U. S. Census

*by Mike Brown*

Sac and Fox Nation Secretary Jack yn King continues to empha size the impr - tance for all tribal members to p rticip te in the 20 U. S. Census as information that is gathered imp cts federal funding for various tribal p ograms.

Following is census information p o- vided by the Native American Rights Fund (NARF), the oldest, largest non-

## Impacts Federal Funding for Tribal Programs

profit legal organization defending the rights of Native American tribes, organi- zations,a nd p op e:

On Ap il 1, 0 the U.S. Census Bu- reau will conduct a count of all p op e living in the United States and the Tribal Nations in the United States.

Alaska Natives are among the first Americans being counted, beginning in January, with the Nunak uyarmiut Tribe (formerly known as the Native Village of Tokook Bay) in Alaska. The 0 Census is being tak n in Alaska earlier than elsewhere because many vil- lages are in remote areas and residents often leave their communities in April for subsistence fishing and hunting and warm-weather jobs.

•NATIVES NEED TO BE COUNTED TO SECURE FEDERAL DOLLARS: About 0 billion in federal funding is distributed annually based on ppl a- tion counts obtained by federal agencies. Each person counted equals \$3,000 in funding for your community.

A year 0 study determined that under-counting the largest counties in the 0 Census cost those communities nearly \$3,000 per person. Dollars that imp ct tribal communities are lost if you are not counted.

In 2016, federal funding disbursed based on p op e counted in Census sur- veys included \$361 billion for Medicaid, \$40 billion for roads, and about \$37 bil- lion in p ograms for families and chil- dren, including TANF, CHIP, and WIC.


• NATIVES NEED TO BE COUNT- ED TO PROTECT TRIBAL SOVER- EIGNTY: The Census count is used to

determine voting boundaries to elect offi- cials in non-Tribal elections. You need to be counted to have an equal voice to elect candidates who will resp ct Tribal sover- eignty, p reserve your culture, and fairly allocate resources to Indian Country.

•NATIVES NEED TO BE COUNTED TO PRESERVE THEIR LANGUAGES: Census data is used to require non-Trib- al governments in many areas to p ovide assistance in American Indian and Alas- k Native languages for voting, social p ograms,a nd emergency services.

The decennial census is the most inclu- sive civic activity in our country, cover- ing every p rson in every household. The U.S. Constitution requires an accurate count of the nation's ppl ation every 10 years. Moreover, the census is integral to our democracy. The data collected af- fects our nation's ability to ensure equal representation and equal access to im- pr tant governmental and p ivate sector resources for all Americans, including across racial and ethnic lines.

Census results are used to allocate seats and draw district lines for the U.S. House of Rep esentatives, state legisla- tures, and local boards; to target more than 0 billion annually in federal as- sistance to states, localities, and families; and to guide community decision-mak- ing affecting schools, housing, health care services, business investment, and much more. These functions dep nd on a fair and accurate census.



### 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**

## The 2020 Census at a Glance



The U.S. Constitution requires that each decade we take a count—or a census—of America’s population. The 2020 Census goal is to count everyone once, only once, and in the right place.


The census provides vital information for you and your community.

- It determines how many representatives each state gets in Congress.
- Communities rely on census statistics to plan for a variety of resident needs including new roads, schools, and emergency services.
- Businesses use census data to help provide more local jobs and places to shop.

Each year, the federal government distributes hundreds of billions of dol- lars to states and communities based on U.S. Census Bureau data.

In 2020, we will introduce new technology to make it easier than ever to respond to the census. For the first time, you will be able to respond online, by phone, or by mail. We will use data that the public has already provided to cut down on household visits. And, we are building a more accurate address list and automating our field operations—all while keeping your information confidential and safe.

*The Census Bureau is the leading source of statistical information about the nation’s people. We provide snapshots on population size and growth and detailed portraits of our changing communities.*



U.S. Department of Commerce  
Economics and Statistics Administration  
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU  
**census.gov**

### Foundation of a Successful Census



#### Establish Where To Count

- Using aerial imagery and in-field work to identify new homes and buildings
- Partner with U.S. Postal Service
- Local governments input through the Boundary Annexation Survey and Local Update of Census Addresses
- Comprehensive review of all addresses



#### Motivate People To Respond

- Partner with community leaders and trusted voices
- Use tailored messages
- Encourage self-response

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#### Count The Population

- Respond online, by phone, or by mail
- Visit households that do not respond
- Online forms in multiple languages
- Mailed Individual Census ID is not required for online response



#### Release Census Results

- Deliver apportionment counts to the President by December 31, 2020
- Release counts for redistricting by April 1, 2021
- Make it easier for the public to access data

