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## Task Force to Address Incidence of Missing, Murdered Indians

The United States Department of Justice, the Department of the Interior and the Department of Health and Human Services on Jan. 29 held the first meeting of a White House task force to address the incidence of missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives.

The task force, co-chaired by Attorney General Barr and Secretary of the Interior Bernhardt, is composed of federal officials charged with enhancing the criminal justice response, consulting with tribal governments on potential solutions, and empowering native communities with information.

"The disappearance and death of American Indian and Alaska Native people, particularly women and girls, is an especially tragic chapter in a long story of marginalization and trauma suffered by native people," said Attorney General William

### To Enhance Criminal Justice Response, Consult With Tribes

P. Barr. "We are committed to addressing this challenge, to reducing the violence and protecting the vulnerable from exploitation and abuse. The task force is eager to get to work to address the issues that underlie this terrible problem, and work with our tribal partners to find solutions, raise awareness, and bring answers and justice to the grieving."

"President Trump is committed to addressing systemic challenges in Indian Country, and this task force will develop and implement an aggressive, government-wide strategy to combat the crisis of missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives," said Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt. "By working together and listening to impacted citizens and

tribal communities, we intend to tackle these complex issues."

"I am grateful that President Trump has made it a priority to tackle the tragic issue of missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives," said Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar. "Native

Americans deserve safety and security in their communities, and HHS has a vital role in helping by providing culturally appropriate prevention and trauma informed services to victims and their families. I am committed to working in partnership with President Trump, Attorney Gen-

eral Barr, Secretary Bernhardt, and tribal leaders and members to make a positive impact on this important challenge."

American Indians and Alaska Natives experience disproportionately high rates of violence. President Trump has called the crisis of missing and murdered Native Americans "sobering and heartbreaking." The task force, (Continued on Page 13)

## Sac and Fox Nation Diversifies With Purchase of Shawnee Trophy

The Sac and Fox Nation Business Committee recently announced the purchase of Shawnee Trophy in Shawnee, Okla. The Sac and Fox Nation's newly formed company, Shawnee Trophy, a Sac and Fox Nation Limited Liability Company, purchased the business from longtime owners, Randy and Ruthi Loftis.

Shawnee Trophy is a custom awards business that has been in operation for over 53 years. Shawnee Trophy offers custom awards and personalized gifts ranging from trophies, glass and crystal awards, plaques, acrylic awards, promotional items, to unique corporate recognition awards.

Sac and Fox Nation Principal Chief Justin Wood said the purchase is a milestone in the Nation's efforts to pursue economic development opportunities and diversify its economy.

"The citizens of the Sac and Fox Nation have spoken loud and clear concerning interest in diversifying our Nation's economy. While this may not look like a large step from the outside, it is very much an important and necessary moment for the future of the Sac and Fox people. We will look back on this day and history will reveal it to be the

first in many steps to economic and financial sovereignty for our Nation. We are just getting started," said Principal Chief Wood. "We thank the Loftis family for their assistance during this transition and commend them for growing Shawnee Trophy into the impressive business it is today."

Shawnee Trophy, located at 215 E. Main Street, is an established business with deep roots in Oklahoma. Don and Mary Loftis started the business in 1962. Their son, Randall Loftis, along with his wife, Ruthi Loftis, took over ownership from Don and Mary. Randy and Ruthi Loftis will assist with the transition.

"We are excited about the future of Shawnee Trophy. It was important to us that the new owner is committed to maintaining the quality service our customers are accustomed to," said Randy Loftis.

"We are looking forward to retirement and are pleased Shawnee Trophy will continue operating. We are honored the Sac and Fox Nation has purchased our family business. We're enjoying working with the Sac and Fox Nation during this transition. We know Shawnee Trophy is in good hands."



### Sac and Fox Veterans' Stomp Dance is Well Attended

Kaycee Kernell, of Moore, Okla., adjusts her leggings during the 2020 Sac and Fox Honor Guard Veteran Winter Stomp Dance held Feb. 1 in the Sac and Fox Nation Community

Building. In addition to inter-tribal dancing, the event featured supper, raffles and a variety of vendors. See more photos inside.

(Photo by Mike Brown)

## OHS Adds Listings to National Historic Register

The Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office (OKSHPO) is pleased to announce the newest National Register of Historic Places listings for Oklahoma. The National Register of Historic Places is our nation's official list of properties significant in our past.

The Ponca City Municipal Airport Hangar, located at 2231 Waverly St. in Ponca City, Kay County, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places for its significance in the areas of Economics and Military. The construction of the hangar between 1930 and 1932 symbolized the strong economic relationship between a burgeoning aviation sector and Oklahoma's oil industry.

The City of Ponca City acquired the land upon which the hangar was built in 1930, but managers and engineers from Continental Oil Company (Con-

oco) oversaw construction until its completion in 1932. In 1941 the hangar comprised a key facet of British Flying Training School Number 6, overseen by Darr School of Aeronautics.

Between 1941 and 1944, the school trained more than 1,000 British airmen and more than 100 American aviators for military service in World War II. In 1953 the hangar was rendered obsolete after the completion of an expanded runway system and the construction of a new terminal and administrative building.

Constructed between 1934 and 1936, the Holy City of the Wichitas Historic District in Comanche County is listed in the National Register of Historic Places for its significance associated with the work relief and public works programs of the New Deal in Oklahoma and its importance as a public recreational area.

The district is also significant as an outstanding example of National Park Service Rustic architecture and landscape design as applied to a federal wildlife refuge. The Holy City has been in continuous use in its present Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge site since the first phase of Works Progress Administration construction was completed in 1935.

The Oklahoma National Guard Armory, located at 200 NE 23rd St. in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places for its role in Military and Economics as well as for its Streamline Moderne style. Commonly understood as a federal New Deal project, the armory is in fact a symbol of Governor Ernest Whitworth Marland's "Little New Deal" and was financed solely by state (Continued on Page 10)



Master of Ceremonies Chebon Kernell is pictured welcoming those in attendance to the Sac and Fox Honor Guard Veteran Winter Stomp Dance held Feb. 1 in the Sac and Fox Nation Community Building. (Photo by Mike Brown)

### Upcoming Events

**March 10**  
Yale Univ. Students  
Present Reading  
of Play, 3 p.m.  
Community Bldg.

**March 20**  
National  
'Kick Butts'  
Day

**March 26**  
Indians for Indians  
Radio Show  
Symposium, 1 p.m.  
OU Campus

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## Obituaries

### Peggy Wanda Freeman Acoya

Peggy Wanda Freeman Acoya, 96, resident of Edmond, Okla., passed from this earth Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

Peggy was born August 7, 1923 in Sapulpa, Okla. and is a member of the Sac and Fox Nation, Thunder Clan. Her Indian name is 'Pem y tah moke,' translated: "Storm Clouds coming, then changing direction."

Peggy attended Segar Indian School and Sacred Heart Indian when she was very young. She then attended Putnam City High School before graduating from Haskell Indian School in Lawrence, Kan. where she enjoyed playing on the basketball team.

Peggy was involved with her tribe as a young woman, attending Ed Mack powwows with her mother, Lucy Logan Griggs. Peggy became the secretary of the Sac and Fox tribe in the 1960's and traveled to Washington, D.C. to assist on the Claims Allocations for Sac and Fox Nation. She worked many years for the United States government as HUD Indian Program supervisor in the Denver Regional office, and the Hiawatha, Kan. office before retiring in 1985.

Peggy enjoyed sewing, as well as traveling, with her adventures taking her to places such as Australia, China, and Europe. She also enjoyed reading, watching golf and camping in Estes Park, Colo. In 2006, Peggy moved back to Oklahoma from Denver, Colo., to be near her family. She could now watch her grandchildren and their families grow, watch them play sports, and attend their school activities.

In 2012, Peggy was recognized by AARP Oklahoma as an Indian Elder Honoree. Five years later, she was recognized by Sac and Fox Nation as 2017-2018 "Mother of the Year."

She will be dearly missed by everyone who knew and loved her. Peggy is preceded in passing by her parents, Lucy Logan Griggs and Joseph W. Griggs; grandchildren, Christopher Nelson and Joseph Paul Big Eagle.

Peggy is survived by her son, John Wallace Nelson, his wife, Patti Nelson; daughters, Peggy Big Eagle, and Jacquelyn Sue Southern; grandchildren, Nicole Johnene Flow, her husband Nathan Flow, and Janet Helms; great-grandchildren, Gabe Flow, Kobe Flow, Hailey Helms, Tara Baker, Lauren Wheeler, her husband, Taylor Wheeler; great-great grandchildren, Blake Morton, Alaina Morton, Owen Wheeler, and Cassidy Thornton.

Traditional Services were held Jan. 30, 2020 at Traditional House, Stroud, Okla. Burial followed on Jan. 31, 2020 at Memorial Park Cemetery in Oklahoma City.



Peggy Acoya

### LeeRoy Longshore



LeeRoy Longshore

LeeRoy Longshore was born December 31, 1927 as the ninth child of his parents, Claude and Irene (Cornallis) Longshore in Bunch, Okla. On January 9, 2020, he peacefully left his earthly home in the Horn Community at the age of 92 years and 9 days.

He led the life of a rancher and farmer. He was one of the last of the open range cowboys. He loved the simple things in life, like big family gatherings with lots of music, food, love and laughter. He liked watching college basketball, rooting for Duke all the way. He also cheered for the American bull riders of the PBR.

LeeRoy was preceded in death by Joy (Mills) Longshore, his wife of 62 years; both parents; 13 brothers and sisters; 2 half-siblings; 1 grandson, Mark Brent Longshore; and, 1 son-in-law, Kenneth Limore.

He is survived by 6 children: Roy Dale and wife Joanie, Dennis and wife Virginia, Micky and wife Diane, Ricky and wife Andrea, and Reta Longshore Limore all of Stilwell and, Linda Longshore Rogers and husband Stimson of Sallisaw; 12 grandchildren: Leah Tinsley, Denise Brown, Blake Longshore, Aaron Longshore, Lavonn Stites, Chris Longshore, Shaun Longshore, Jessica Robinson, Colby, Coy and Craig Longshore, and Kenneth Limore; 17 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Services for LeeRoy were Jan. 14, 2020 at Roberts Funeral Home Chapel in Stilwell, Okla. Burial followed the service at Stilwell Cemetery.

### Ronald Wilson Littlehead

Ronald Wilson Littlehead departed this life on January 25, 2020 in Shawnee, Okla. He was age 53 and a lifelong resident of Shawnee, Okla.

He was born to Edward Littlehead Sr. and Cecelian (Butler) Littlehead on July 8, 1966, at Mission Hill Hospital in Shawnee, Okla. He was an enrolled member of the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma. He was also a descendant of the Absentee Shawnee and Euchee Tribes.

Ronald was a graduate of Shawnee High School. After graduation, he worked several years in the construction field as a roofer. In life, he enjoyed cooking and joking with family and friends.

He had two children: Wilson Don Littlehead and Esterlene Cecelian Littlehead. Ronald was preceded in death by his parents, sisters, Radonna Blanchard and Verlayne Wilson, and brother, Edward Littlehead Jr.

He is survived by his two children; sister, Clarissa Littlehead; brother, Cecil Littlehead; several nieces, nephews, and other loving relatives and friends.

Tribal rites were held January 28, 2020 at the Sac and Fox Reservation, Stroud, Okla. Burial was held January 29, 2020 at Clark Family Cemetery in Shawnee, Okla.

## Happy March Birthday Elders!

Connie Yvette Ellis  
Timothy Schexnider  
Henry Owen Hunter  
Mary Lynne Deweese  
Kenneth Wayne Edmonson  
Emily S. Conner  
Isabelle Edgin  
Saginaw Grant  
Marilyn Renee Franklin  
Brian Scott Ramseyer  
Tracy Zay Lauderdale  
Elizabeth A. Manatowa-Mastel  
William Dale Allen  
Terri Denise Elliott  
David Daniel Harris  
Dorris Kay Sutor  
William Kyle Tyner  
Mary Elizabeth Meadows  
Patricia Donahue  
Jessica Dawn Patterson  
Virginia Marez  
Sandra Kay Rolette  
Tressia Annette Cain  
Clarence Edward Hagler  
Jay Von Conallis  
Beatrice Irene Smith  
Melanie Diane Jones  
Leslie Dean Gibbs  
Isaac Benjamin Littleton  
Frankie Theresa Whaley  
Robert A. Musgrove  
Sharen E. Merchberger  
Tammy Dawn Arellano  
Charles Marvin Rumbaugh  
Geraldine Louise Riska  
Denise Jane Murie  
Stacy Ann Root  
Austin Grant  
Clifford Ray Blanchard  
Jackson Ellis  
Syrous Javad Meheen  
Marie Lynn Neilsen  
James David Stephens  
Larry Francis Morgan  
Gary Kevin Riley  
Kimberly Deann Gutierrez  
Kelly Denyce Riska  
Emerson E. Falls  
Patricia Frances Carson



Jimmie Carol Tiger  
Eugene Henry Masters  
Tony Ray Brice  
Martha Ann Burnside  
James Reuben Pawpa  
Patricia Nell Yarholiar  
Stephen Anthony Pettitt  
Christy Mae Blackbear  
Darrell Victor McClellan  
Veronica Lynn Wallace  
Lela J. Lopez  
Raymond Evans Walker  
Barbara Marie Johnson  
David Harris  
Billy Thurman Wakole  
Deborah Grace Tahkofper  
Terry David Riska  
Gail Lynn Depue  
Patsy Diann Simpson  
Samuel William Kaness  
Mary Ann Crook  
Mark Steven Poitras  
Charlet Renee Sauls  
Alwanda M. Ross  
John Terry Blankenship  
Charles Robert Carter  
Barbara Sue Hawkins-Ramos  
Kai Joseph Giffin  
Rosemary Maurer  
Cleda Mageline Curley  
Marcelle Judy Maker  
Robert Eugene Kahbeah  
Terri Elaine Klein  
Temple Shane Meadows  
Pauline Louise White  
Cynthia Armstrong  
Michelle Louise Bouziss  
Susan Eileen Safford  
Joseph Bass  
Debra Lynn Cross-Chandler  
Melanie Kay Roberts  
Robert F. Delaware  
John Wallace  
Georgia Ann Noble  
John Brantley Johnson  
Clifton Bruce Judy  
Marcy Ann Chavez  
Lou Ann Garcia

### A Sincere Thank You

Tribal Members and Elected Officials:

The family of Peggy Acoya would like to express our gratitude for your helpfulness and kindness in honoring our mother, Peggy Acoya, Pem y tah moke.

We are grateful for your prayers and many blessings at this difficult time. Thank you and may God watch over her family, friends, and the Nation.

The Acoya Family

## AARP is Accepting Nominations for 2020 Indian Elder Honors

AARP Oklahoma is accepting nominations for the 12th annual AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors, which celebrates 6 Native American elders who have positively impacted their community, family, tribal nation and nation.

“The AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors recognizes the extraordinary

contribution of Native American elders – many of whom are the unsung heroes of their communities,” said AARP Oklahoma volunteer state president Joe Ann Vermillion.

Since its inception in 2009, AARP Oklahoma’s Indian Elder Honors has recognized more than 6 elders from Oklahoma’s 39 tribal nations. Past honorees include teachers, veterans, artists, tribal leaders, and culture preservationists.

AARP state director Sean Voskuhl said, “This event celebrates a lifetime of service from these distinguished elders who exhibit a love of family, dedication

to culture and respect for all people.”

The 2020 AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors is October 6, 2020, in Oklahoma City. Nomination applications are online at <https://aarp.cvent.com/2020IndianElders>. Nominations may be submitted electronically or mailed to AARP Oklahoma, 126 N. Bryant, Edmond, Okla., 73034. For a list of former honorees, please visit <https://states.aarp.org/oklahoma/nominations-open-for-2020-aarp-oklahoma-indian-elder-honors> and click the 2019 AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors Program.

Nominees must be an enrolled member of one of Oklahoma’s 39 tribal nations, age 6+ , and must be living. Nominees are selected based upon their contribution to and social impact on their community, tribal nation, and/or country.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Nominees do not have to be AARP members to be considered. Honorees will be selected by AARP. For more information, please contact Mashell Sourjohn at 405 715 4474 or [msourjohn@aarp.org](mailto:msourjohn@aarp.org). The deadline for submitting nominations is April 30, 2020 until 11:59 p.m .

## ‘Indians for Indians’ Symposium, Musical Performance Set March 26 at OU

by Mike Brown

Sac and Fox Nation tribal member Lina Ortega, who serves as associate curator of the Western History Collections with the University of Oklahoma Libraries, invites everyone to two events slated for Thursday, March 26 at locations on the University of Oklahoma campus in Norman, Okla.

An ‘Indians for Indians’ Radio Show Symposium is set for 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Bizzell Memorial Library on the OU campus. The symposium will be held in the library’s Community Room, which is on the lower level, Room 118.

A musical performance by Arigon Starr, and a staged reading of her ‘Indian Life’ play, based on the ‘Indians for Indians’ radio show, is set for 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Catlett Music Center on the OU campus.

“These events are presented in conjunction with the ‘Native Voices Over the Airwaves: The Indians for Indians Radio Show’ exhibition that is on display in Bizzell Memorial Library through June 2020,” Ortega noted.



Tribal dancers took part in the 2020 Sac and Fox Color Guard Veteran Winter Stomp Dance held Feb. 1 in the Sac and Fox Nation Community

Building. In addition to inter-tribal dancing, the event featured supper, raffles and a variety of vendors.

(Photo by Mike Brown)

## Apply Now For Free Wildlife Youth Camp

A week full of fun outdoor activities, conservation education and camaraderie is in store for up to 35 lucky teens selected to attend the 22nd annual Wildlife Youth Camp. Applications are now being accepted for this summer’s once-in-a-lifetime event.

“Campers will get a better understanding of wildlife and fisheries management and conservation law enforcement, while at the same time learning some fun outdoor activities,” said Lt. Col. Wade Farrar, youth camp coordinator. “If you are interested in hunting, fishing or a career with the Wildlife Department, then this camp is for you.”

The camp will be June 21-26 at the University of Oklahoma Biological Station at Lake Texoma. Game wardens, wildlife and fisheries professionals and dedicated hunters and anglers will be conducting the camp and supervising activities.

Activities will include archery, wildlife identification, rifle/shotgun shooting, fishing, ropes course, self-defense, wildlife law enforcement scenarios, wildlife and fisheries management education, and deer/turkey/waterfowl law enforcement techniques.

And, thanks to the support of generous sponsors, including the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, it’s all free for the campers.

Applicants must be Oklahoma residents who will be 14 to 16 years old as of June 21, 2020. Prospective campers must fill out an application form and write a 75 word essay describing why they want to attend the camp, why they should be selected, and what they expect to learn. Also, they must furnish a letter of recommendation from someone other than a family member, and a recent photograph showing the applicant participating in an outdoor-related event or activity.

The application form is online at [wildlifedepartment.com](http://wildlifedepartment.com). The page also includes additional information about the camp and photos from previous years. Applications must be submitted online by 4:30 p.m. April 10, 2020.

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accessible on the Website  
[sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov](http://sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov)  
and Facebook**

# Sac and Fox Nation Education Department News

by Edwina Butler-Wolfe

Hello Sac and Fox People!

The Education Department held an Indian Taco Sale on February 21, 2020 at the Sac and Fox Education/Learning Center, Stroud, Oklahoma for funding the Sac and Fox students' graduation stoles for kindergarteners, high school seniors and college graduates.

All the proceeds go toward the cost of stoles and cost of activities to present to each graduate at a planned assembly and banquet. The stoles will only be given out to Sac and Fox students. There is an application in this month's newsletter that must be filled out and sent back to the Sac and Fox Education Department by April 1st, 2020, for a graduation stole.

This will be the first year to present a stole to our Sac and Fox graduates. We would like to see this event practiced every year. We hope that wearing the stole during graduation will be a source of pride for the student to honor the Sac and Fox Nation. We are unable to present a stole to our 8th grade graduates, but we will be implementing stoles for eighth grade next year. This year is a trial based event, and next year will hopefully be better.

In the next few months, the Education Department will be taking applications for school clothing. We would like to give an FYI to Sac and Fox tribal parents, guardians, or grandparents that anytime a check is issued out from the Nation, that a W-9 is required. Last year, there was some confusion on this. Even though a W-9 was turned in to finance for the per capita payment, we still need one from whoever is receiving the clothing check, not the child whom the check is for.

The finance department doesn't share your information with us, so we need one from the parent sent in with the clothing application. We also need a copy of your child's tribal enrollment card turned in with the application. We would like to see the school clothing applications processed in a timely manner with all documents turned in and completed.

We are happy to report that we currently have 35 Sac and Fox college stu-

dents as of this date, who are attending the 2020 spring session and are receiving assistance with the Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP) Program. The Sac and Fox students are very fortunate to have the RAP Program, as this program helps with student tuition (which is paid directly to the school), and books and living allowance (which is paid directly to the student). We are very proud of our college students for taking that next step in their lives and for all vocational students as well.

We would like to stress to each college student that every semester (fall and spring) they will have to fill out a new application for funding from both RAP and Higher Education (DOI). The Higher Education funding is based on a financial needs analysis and that is filled out by the college financial aid office. Not every Sac and Fox Student may be eligible for DOI Higher Education Funding.

It is very important that each student gets started on their paperwork early so that the funding will be available to them as soon as our funding is made available to us. We are planning a couple of ways to help with first time students attending college. We will be planning to set up an evening in Shawnee at the Multi-Purpose Building, at the Education/ Learning Center Building at the Sac and Fox Nation, Stroud, and Cushing at place to be determined in order to meet with these first-time college students.

### PRAGUE PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSULTATION (ESSA)

We would like to share with you some data that we know from attending several Every Student Succeeds Act Consultations. The first round of consultations was with Prague Public School, where I met with Mrs. Vallery Feltman, Superintendent and Mr. Bennie Roller, Indian Education Advisor. We met on January 28, 2020 in the Superintendent's Conference Room.

As I mentioned in last newsletter, Prague Public School has a total of 239 American Indian Students, with 12 students listed as Sac and Fox tribal stu-

dents. Mrs. Feltman indicated that there was not much Indian parent participation. I responded to say that we would like to help in that area to get more Indian parents involved in their student school activities. The Title VI Indian Education Grant is primarily used towards all American Indian Students for their academic needs.

### TITLE VI PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE - PRAGUE PUBLIC SCHOOL

All meetings, agendas, and minutes are available upon request, as well as the official parent advisory bylaws.

Please send your request to Vallery Feltman at vfeltman@prague.k12.ok.us. All families of students with 6 ED forms are welcome to service in an officer capacity. The Title VI oversight, Indian Education curriculum, counseling, planning, activities, and community events links can be found on the school website at www.prague.k12.ok.us. 6 Forms need to be completed to be eligible for services.

Policies and Procedures: Revised annually and kept in the federal office. Listed below are activities that were or will be scheduled:

- Cultural Field Trips;
- Native American Heritage Month;
- Teacher Professional Development Training; and,
- Native American college and career counseling.

The next Indian Parent Committee Meeting will be in April. We hope that there will be more American Indian Parents in attendance. Indian Parent Committees should be one of the strongest committees in a public school, due to the federal funding that financially supports the school. With having an active Indian Parent Committee, it will be much easier for these consultations that are scheduled every year.

One of the discussions was planning staff development sessions with teachers on diversity and learning more about tribes that students represent, and also knowing what not to say that may be hurtful to an American Indian student.

### OKLAHOMA CITY METRO TRIBAL CONSULTATION (ESSA)

The Oklahoma City Metro ESSA Tribal Consultation was Wednesday, January 29, 2020, at Edmond Public Schools Administrative Center. Schools that presented their Federally Funded Programs were: Edmond, Mid-Del, Moore, Norman, Oklahoma City, Putnam City, and Western Heights Public Schools. Federal Programs consist of Title I (Improving basic programs operated by State and local educational agencies), Part A, Title I, Part D (Prevention and intervention programs for children and youth who are neglected, delinquent, or at-risk), Title II, Part A (Supporting effective instruction), Title III, Part A (English Language acquisition, language enhancement and academic achievement act), Title IV, Part A (student support and academic enrichment) Title IV, Part B (21st Century Community Learning Centers), Title VI, Part A subpart 1 (Indian Education Formula Grants to Local Educational Agencies).

There are 409 active Title VI Indian Education Formula Grant Programs in Oklahoma for the school year 2019 - 2020. These serve 127,95 American Indian students, with funding of \$900,41 1.00 in the state of Oklahoma.

In the 7 Metro school districts listed above, the total student count for American Indian students is 11,121 and 79 are Sac and Fox students.

Public School Sac and Fox Students: Edmond 3; Mid-Del 2; Moore 14; Norman 17; Oklahoma City 29; Putnam City 12; and, Western Heights 2.

The highlights of Title VI-funded services were academic support, cultural enrichment, and parent involvement. The public schools listed above do have strong Title VI Indian Programs that are implemented in their prospective school. They support culturally responsive education by incorporating American Indian and Alaska native history and culture into the curriculum and by employing American Indian and Alaska Native teachers and support staff.

### CHOCTAW NICOMA PARK SCHOOL AND HARRAH SCHOOL ESSA CONSULTATION

We met with Choctaw and Harrah Public Schools on February 11, 2020 at the Harrah Public Schools Administrative Office in Harrah, Oklahoma. Tribes that were present were: Sac and Fox Nation, Absentee Shawnee Tribe, and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. We proceeded with the consultation with hearing from the Choctaw/ Nicoma Park School with Donna Cooper, Federal Programs Director giving a report pertaining to the federal programs.

They have a total count of 548 students with 693 being represented by different tribes. Out of the 693 American Indian Student count there are 10 Sac and Fox Students that attend the Choctaw/ Nicoma Park School. No Senior to graduate out of the 10 count. The Title VI Indian Education Program offers site tutoring sessions during the day as a pull out of classroom for the elementary and middle school, and with a part-time tutor in the high school.

Activities that the school coordinate in cultural activities are: spring cultural night, Native American Month program at each site, family craft night, parent meeting/make-it craft or game night, school also has a newsletter "Talking Stick" which gives information of upcoming events for Title VI Program.

### HARRAH PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Harrah Public School federal program report was presented by Allison Brown, Federal Programs Coordinator. Harrah has a total count of 2263 students with 394 being American Indian Students and 6 students listed as Sac and Fox Tribal Students. There are no Sac and Fox students listed in the high school level. Harrah supplied us with test scores of rankings of reading and math. The scores concern me with the low proficiency rate of our American Indian Students.

We asked questions of how the school is utilizing the Title VI funds and if there were any tutoring services offered to students. The age range does concern me, as the grade level is where the Sac and Fox students are highly populated. The Harrah Public School is in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation jurisdiction of JOM Services. I am grateful to see this data and glad that Ms. Brown shared with us.

I strongly recommend to the schools that the Education Departments with tribes need to be notified at the beginning of each school year to be present during enrollment so that parents of American Indian Students would know how the tribes could help with services for our tribal students.

Please feel free to call of any concern.  
Thank you,  
Edwina Butler-Wolfe  
Education Director  
40528- 0402 Cell Number  
918 968-326, E xt: 2046

### SAVE THE DATE AND EVENT

**DATE:** MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2020  
**TIME:** 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** SAC AND FOX NATION GYMNASIUM  
**EVENT:** SAC AND FOX HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR BANQUET

The Sac and Fox Education Department will be hosting the first annual high school senior banquet for Sac and Fox senior graduates. The Business Committee will present stoles to students along with a speech from Chief Wood. Each student will be able to invite 2 guests to the banquet.

Parents, grandparents and guardians, please fill out the application that is printed in the Sac and Fox newsletter. Have the school sign it, and turn it in to the Sac and Fox Education Department, so that we can have an accurate count for the banquet.

The Sac and Fox Nation and the Education Department would like to honor our High School Seniors for their accomplishments.

The Sac and Fox Nation is very proud of our FUTURE LEADERS!!

### SAC AND FOX NATION EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

920883 S. Hwy. 99  
Stroud, OK 74079

### APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION STOLE (SAC AND FOX TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY)

In order to receive a stole from the Sac and Fox Nation to wear for graduation, the student:

1. Must be graduating Kindergarten, High School, or College. The school official will verify that the student is attending, and will graduate this spring.
2. The student must include a copy of his/her tribal enrollment card.
3. The student or parent must turn in a complete and legible application by April 1, 2020.

STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL NAME AND LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCLE ONE: KINDERGARTEN-----HIGH SCHOOL-----COLLEGE

### CERTIFICATION

### TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL OFFICIALS ONLY

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_, is duly enrolled at \_\_\_\_\_ and will graduate this spring, 2020.

School Official (Principal or Registrar) \_\_\_\_\_

Funding is limited, and stoles will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis

### SAVE THE DATE AND EVENT

**DATE:** APRIL 18, 2020  
**TIME:** 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** SAC AND FOX NATION GYMNASIUM  
**EVENT:** SAC AND FOX KINDERGARTEN RECOGNITION

The Sac and Fox Education Department is hosting the first annual event for our Sac and Fox Kindergarteners that will be graduating Spring of 2020. We have 25 stoles to present to 25 Sac and Fox student. There will be an assembly setting with the Business Committee to present stoles to each kindergartener graduate. Along with a speech from Chief Wood.

As our future leaders of our great Nation the Sac and Fox Nation we like to wish our students a good experience in starting their 12 years of hard but fun years of their education.

PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS AND GUARDAINS PLEASE FILL OUT APPLICATION THAT IS PRINTED IN THE SAC AND FOX NEWSLETTER FOR YOUR KINDERGARTENER GRADUATE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FIRST ANNUAL KINDERGARTEN RECOGNITION OF THE SAC AND FOX NATION.

Cake and punch will be served after assembly.

# Smist Curates Her Own Exhibit at Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art

(Following is a news article featuring Sac and Fox Nation tribal member, Anna F. Smist. The article, by reporter Doug Hill, was first published in the *Norman Transcript* on Dec. 6, 2019, and is reprinted here with permission from the *Norman Transcript*. Smist is the daughter of Shirley McCormick, and granddaughter of Mary F. McCormick.)

## While Serving as Summer Intern at OU

by Doug Hill

A last century cover song by British rock combo The Animals is an unlikely partial inspiration for an art exhibit at the University of Oklahoma's Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art. The show titled Mis-

understood! is up now through Dec. 29. "Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood" was a 1965 radio hit. It's an especially off-beat muse for the exhibition's curator considering she's a member of Generation Z.

Anna Smist is an undergraduate English major in her junior year at Yale University. Curating "Misunderstood!" was her last summer's internship project at the museum. She was assisted in the ambitious endeavor by the museum's Eugene B. Adkins Curator Hadley Jerman.

A fuller explanation for the exhibition's genesis came from Smist reading a poem by Kiowa-Caddo artist and poet T.C. Cannon. She spoke to this last month at a poetry reading in conjunction with the show.

"The poem is called 'Misunderstood' and I really think it encompassed what all the native artists and poets in this exhibition had in common," she said. "It was being tired of being misinterpreted by the broader United States public. Also I had been listening to the song 'Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood' by The Animals quite a bit. It just seemed to work out."

## Yale Univ. Students To Visit During 'Okla. Sovereignty Tour'

by Mike Brown

Sac and Fox Nation tribal member Anna Smist, a Yale University student, will be among a group of students to visit the Sac and Fox Nation capitol on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. As part of an 'Oklahoma Sovereignty Tour,' the Yale Indigenous Performing Arts Program group will stage a reading of Cherokee playwright Mary Kathryn Nagle's play about Jim Thorpe titled, 'My Father's Bones.'

Tribal members are invited and encouraged to attend the 3 p.m. event to be held in the Sac and Fox Community Building. Principal Chief Justin F. Wood will lead a conversation about the play and repatriation.

The student group's tour is scheduled during their spring break, and they will be accompanied by two of their Yale professors, and a student services representative. Refreshments will be served.



YALE INDIGENOUS PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM PRESENTS

# My Father's Bones

A staged reading of Cherokee playwright Mary Kathryn Nagle's work about Jim Thorpe and the Sac & Fox Nation's struggle for repatriation, read by Yale Native students. Directly following the reading, Principal Chief Wood will lead a broader discussion about the stakes of repatriation for the Sac & Fox Nation.

**MARCH 10, 2020**  
**3-5 PM**  
**COMMUNITY BUILDING, STROUD**

Refreshments will be provided.



Pictured speaking on the University of Oklahoma campus in Norman, Okla. is Sac and Fox Nation tribal member Anna F. Smist. (Norman Transcript Photo by Doug Hill)

Smist prefaced her remarks to the poetry reading crowd by respectfully acknowledging that we were present on the traditional ancestral lands of the Osage Nation. "The process of knowing and acknowledging the land we stand on is a way of knowing and expressing gratitude for the ancestral Osage people who were on this land before us," she said.

Smist is Sac and Fox, Deer Clan Seminole/ Muscogee. She is a graduate of Norman North High School. In addition to the 46 works of art Smist chose for the show there are also 17 poems written in large print and displayed on poster board. The poems by Native American authors were presented by ten different scholars, politicians and elders during the poetry reading event. Some are Smist's relatives and tribal leadership current and retired.

The exhibition's art is from OU's permanent collection. It explores themes including Native American stereotyping, revisionist history and pride in being Americans. "Real Not Red" is a 1980 gelatin silver print photograph with acrylic words by Richard Ray Whitman (Yuchi/Muscogee) from his "Street Chiefs" series. The image is an intimate portrait of a homeless Native American man in Oklahoma City. Whitman's unflinching camera gaze restores humanity to someone marginalized by society. It reflects a displaced person deprived of a traditional way of life.

Tony Tiger's (Sac and Fox) "Pilgrims" is a 2005 assemblage of digital image and acrylic paint on Masonite and wood. Colorful stylized design elements surround what appears to be a family snapshot. History and spirituality intertwine in the piece that won the OU Art Students Exhibition T.G Mays Purchase distinction in 2006.

Some of the art is reflective of the American Indian Movement founded in 1968 to address poverty and police violence. One of these is Joe Jaqua's (Mission) 1974 etching/ lithograph titled "This is Tomorrow" depicting Indian youth. There's a cinematic quality to the piece with hip-looking young men seated casually before a backdrop of Thunderbird and Zuni sun sign imagery.

One of the presenters at the poetry reading was Sac and Fox Nation Principal Chief Justin Wood. He made remarks pertinent to Oklahoma current events in addition to reading "I Walk in the History of My People" by Chrystos (Menominee).

"As we talk about political resistance I think it's fitting we do this at a time when the State of Oklahoma is being led by someone that is treating us as if we're only there for money," Wood said. "And at one point we were in the way and now we're a good excuse to take some money."

Smist undoubtedly had a meaningful 2019 summer internship. She learned how much work goes into curating an art exhibition and accomplished it in an amazing three months.

"I learned so much from Hadley Jerman, the director of communications Kaylee Kain and museum director Mark White," Smist said. "I'm thankful they took a chance on my idea for the exhibition." Smist is thankful to her mom, who among many other things, also turned her on to The Animals.

## Sac and Fox Nation Community Garden 2020

Community gardens contribute to a healthy lifestyle in numerous ways:

- ✓ providing fresh, safe, and affordable local produce
- ✓ helping to relieve stress and increase sense of wellness
- ✓ getting people active, which improves overall physical health
- ✓ providing social opportunities that build a sense of community and belonging
- ✓ giving people an opportunity to learn and share knowledge on gardening, nature, nutrition, and cooking
- ✓ reduce environmental hazards and provide a more sustainable food system

If you are interested in being a part of the community garden, **please join us for this year's spring planting ceremony!** We will provide you with the following:

- Gardening toolkit
- Seed starter kit
- Kneeling pad

**Date:** 3/16/20

**Time:** 10:00 am

**Location:** East side of Black Hawk Health Center

Garden tending days will be every Tuesday and Friday, 8-10am following the planting ceremony.



**For more info contact Josh Nooner:**

Email: [Josh.nooner@ihs.gov](mailto:Josh.nooner@ihs.gov)

Phone: 918-968-9531 x3042

**Business Committee Meeting Minutes are now accessible on the Website [sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov](http://sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov) and Facebook**

## 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.*



### March 2020 Quotes

When you know who you are; when your mission is clear and you burn with the fire of unbreakable will; no cold can touch your heart; no deluge can dampen your purpose. You know you are alive.

Chief Seattle, Duwamish (1780-1866)

One does not sell the land people walk on.

Crazy Horse, Oglala Lakota (1840-1844)

It does not require many words to speak the truth.

Chief Joseph, Nez Perce (1840-1904)

### March Scramble

aâhinwsni	_____
iatnemâwwain	_____
iakpkîhshwâk	_____
whpîokphâa	_____
omwainteât	_____
kewntêhchehpikiiâch	_____
mâwipikynoâe	_____
aiewmnmkôhî	_____
iowten	_____
htpinaakihwâs	_____

### March 2020 Comic



### March 2020 Word Match

Pâpohkwîha	It blows from
Menôhkamîmi	Uprooted by the wind
Aniwânematwi	The wind blows from
Inâshinwa	Blows in on the wind and lands
Otânematwi	Tree that squeaks in the wind
Otenwi	It blows hard
Pakisâshinwa	Rain water
Kashkîpâhkwi	Spring
Kechichêpihkâsenwi	March
Kemiyânâpowi	Blown by the wind

### SAUK LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS & NEWS

**March 2020**  
**Pâpôhkwîha**  
(Half and Half Moon)

Happy St. Patrick's Day  
**Pîthehkâko Ashkipakyâwi Shehkitâkanani!**  
(Wear Y'all's Green Clothes.)

*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 now has 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.

Join us online or 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)

**Black Hawk Health Center**

**National 'Kick Butts Day'**

by Clinical Staff Writer,  
Ed Abuyog, LCSW

Did you know that March 20, 2020 is National Kick Butts Day?

I'm sure that everyone is aware of the dangers of smoking. It is easy to lose sight of it as something that can those you love. According to the CDC, "tobacco use remains the single-largest preventable cause of death and disease in the United States."

This awareness project targets children, and adolescents all over the country. However, right here in the Sac and Fox Nation, we are here to help.

We can offer:

- Individual counseling and groups to help you quit; and,
- Offer nicotine replacement therapy or other medication with your provider.

What You Can Do:

Give us call and see if we can help. We can explore different ways to help and assist you or your loved one. 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.

**Taden Lewis Honored at Rocky Boy Schools**



Taden Lewis

Taden Lewis, a Sac and Fox Nation tribal member and student at Rocky Boy Public Schools in Box Elder, Montana, was honored by the school as the December 'Student of the Month.'

The announcement on the school's Facebook page states: "Taden is quiet and unassuming, yet very intelligent. He is soft-spoken and has a great sense of humor. Taden has improved his attendance this year and with that, his grades reflect his dedication. Taden has A's in most of his classes and reads beyond his years. His vocabulary is also extremely high. Congratulations to the son of Wahban Wolf Robe and Justin Chiefstick for your academic excellence."

**Meet Sac and Fox Police Corporal Darren Harris**

by Asst. Chief Brandi Crisp

Greetings from the Sac and Fox Nation Police Department! This month, we would like to introduce you to Corporal Darren Harris. Corporal Harris started his career with us in August of 2018 and has been in law enforcement since 2007.

Corporal Harris is currently in charge of oversight of the Sac and Fox Nation Gun Range, carries a taser instructor certification, is a certified SWAT operator, and a CLEET instructor. Corporal Harris is also working towards obtaining his firearms instructor certification.

If you have any questions regarding the gun range, you can contact Corporal Harris at the Sac and Fox Nation Police Department.



**March Word Search**

A W N I H S Â N I T B  
 I W T A M E N Â T O  
 I K J K A G O D Z  
 N W I R A H R A N  
 Y N D M S Î X U T  
 H E L E H W C Q  
 S H Z N K K T  
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**SAC AND FOX TAX COMMISSION REVENUE**  
November 2019

Beer and Liquor.....	\$190.83
State Tobacco Rebate.....	\$305,641.34
Motor Vehicle.....	\$8,099.22
Sales Tax.....	\$15,804.09
Treasury.....	\$165.60
Oil and Gas.....	\$4.30
Gaming.....	\$102,127.98
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$432,033.36</b>

**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.

**March 2020 Word List**

Pâpohkwîha	March
Menôhkamîmi	Spring
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Kashkîpâhkwi	Tree that squeaks in the wind
Kechichêpihkâsenwi	Uprooted by the wind
Kemiyânâpowi	Rain water

**National Nutrition Month!**

March is National Nutrition Month! Good nutrition doesn't have to be restrictive or overwhelming. Small goals and changes can have a cumulative healthful effect, and every little bit (or bite!) of nutrition is a step in the right direction.



**Week one: Eat a variety of nutritious foods every day!**

- ✓ Include healthful foods from all food groups
- ✓ Hydrate healthfully
- ✓ Learn how to read nutrition facts labels
- ✓ Practice portion control
- ✓ Take time to enjoy your food

**Week two: Plan your meals each week!**

- ✓ Use a grocery list to shop for healthful foods
- ✓ Be menu-savvy when dining out
- ✓ Choose healthful recipes to make during the week
- ✓ Enjoy healthful eating at school and work
- ✓ Plan healthful eating while traveling

**Week three: Learn skills to create tasty meals!**

- ✓ Keep healthful ingredients on hand
- ✓ Practice proper home food safety
- ✓ Share meals together as a family when possible
- ✓ Reduce food waste
- ✓ Try new flavors and foods

**Week four: Consult a Registered Dietitian!**

- ✓ Ask your doctor for a referral to an RD
- ✓ Receive personalized nutrition advice to meet your goals
- ✓ Find an RD who is specialized to serve your unique needs
- ✓ Thrive through the transformative power of food and nutrition

**ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS**

Committee/Boards/Commissions

Openings



**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.

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

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**

<b>Earned Income Deduction</b>	Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.
<b>Dependent Care Deduction</b>	Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.
<b>Child Support Deduction</b>	Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.
<b>Medical Expense Deduction</b>	Households that incur monthly medical expenses by any household member who is elderly or disabled are allowed a deduction in the amount of out-of-pocket medical expenses paid in excess of \$35 per month. Allowable medical expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(3).
<b>Home Care Meal-Related Deduction</b>	Households who furnish the majority of meals for a home care attendant are allowed an income deduction equal to the maximum SNAP benefit for a one-person household. The home care meal-related deduction amounts are as follows:  48 Contiguous U.S. States = \$194  Alaska by Area Designations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urban = \$238</li> <li>• Rural 1 = \$304</li> <li>• Rural 2 = \$370</li> </ul> See 7 CFR 272.7(b) for area designations in Alaska.
<b>Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deduction</b>	Households that incur at least one monthly shelter or utility expense are allowed a standard income deduction (see chart below). Allowable shelter/utility expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(6)(ii).

FNS HANDBOOK 501  
EXHIBIT M

**FY 2020 FDPIR Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deductions  
Effective October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020**

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.

**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 January 30, 2020. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

- 1) Jacklyn K. King motion to donate \$312.00 to North Rock Creek School out of the Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP) Government donations for the purchase of a chromebook. Don W. Abney-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Absent. Motion carried.
- 2) **Resolution SF-20-95**, a resolution approving and authorizing the submission of an application to the United States Housing and Urban Development for the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) funding. Don W. Abney-motion. Jared A. King -2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Absent, Justin-Yes. Motion carried.

**March 2020**

**SAC AND FOX NATION  
FOOD DISTRIBUTION  
PROGRAM**  
**STROUD WAREHOUSE**  
918-968-3030 • 1-800-256-3398  
**SHAWNEE OFFICE**  
405-395-0063 • 1-886-622-2310

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2 ELDERS ONLY	3	4 ELDERS ONLY	5 ELDERS ONLY STROUD HD	6 SHAWNEE HD
9 LATE NIGHT SHAWNEE 12 pm - 6 pm	10	11	12 STROUD HD	13 LITTLE AXE TAILGATE 10 am - 12 pm
16 LATE NIGHT STROUD 8 am - 6 pm	17 SHAWNEE HD	18	19	20 PERKINS TAILGATE 10 am - 1 pm
23 LATE NIGHT SHAWNEE 12 pm - 6 pm	24	25	26 SHAWNEE HD	27
30 CLOSED FOR INVENTORY	31 CLOSED FOR INVENTORY			

**HOURS**  
MONDAY - FRIDAY

CERTIFICATION	8:00 am - 4:30 pm	HOME DELIVERIES ARE FOR HOMEBOUND AND/OR DISABLED ELDERS. CALL OUR STROUD OFFICE TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY.
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	This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



**National Kick Butts Day**

**March 20, 2020**

**Come visit one of our Kick Butt Booths and sign up for a chance to win prizes!!!**

**Booths will be located in BHHC lobby, MBC and Behavioral Health.**

**Lots of great information for those who are wanting to stop their tobacco use!!**

**Five names will be drawn to receive prizes and winners will be notified by phone.**

#iKickButts

**HELP WANTED!  
SAC & FOX NATION  
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF JOB VACANCIES WITH

THE SAC & FOX NATION:

- Self-Governance Director
- Chief Financial Director
- Resident Advisor (Juvenile Detention Center)
- Human Services Director
- Land and Cattle Laborer
- Assistant Cook (Part-time)
- Economic Development Director
- Meal Delivery Driver (Part-time)
- Custodian - BHHC
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker - BHHC
- Transportation Driver

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

[www.sacandfoxnation.com](http://www.sacandfoxnation.com)

or contact Human Resources, Sac and Fox Nation, 920963 S. Hwy. 99, Bldg. A Stroud, OK 74079 or by phone (918) 968-3526

## A BRIGHT PATH COMES TO A TRAGIC END

by *Juaquin Hamilton, Sac and Fox Ambassador/Historical Researcher*

On March 28, 1953, 64-year old Sac and Fox tribal member Jim Frances Thorpe passed away of a fatal heart attack in his trailer home in Lomita, California. "Wa-tha-huk" (Bright Path of the Thunder clan) was born a twin on May 28, 1888 in Prague, Oklahoma. Sadly, his twin brother Charles Thorpe passed away at the age of 8 from pneumonia. After his passing, Jim carried the belief that he inherited his brother's strength and that his brother was always with him. Jim had an eventful life full of many highs and lows.

After enrolling in Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, Jim began what would be known as his legacy of becoming "The World's Greatest Athlete." Initially Jim had not signed up for any sports as he didn't understand the rules and techniques, however, watching the track and field team practice caught his curiosity. One day, while watching them practice the high jump, Thorpe sat close by in his overalls and work shoes looking on attentively. One of the students, jokingly, asked Thorpe if he wanted to give it a try. Jim cleared the 5-foot, 9-inch bar on his first attempt breaking the school record.

The next day, Thorpe was summoned by the track and football coach, Glenn "Pop" Warner. Thorpe was instructed to "Go to the clubhouse and trade his overalls for a track outfit." Jim was officially on the team and with no formal training, Jim went on to win many gold medals, but, what Thorpe really wanted was to play football. In the early stages of his football career, Jim was limited to kicking the ball. He could punt a ball 70-yards and drop-kick 6- yard field goals, but for Jim, this wasn't enough. Jim wanted the chance to run with the ball. After making a nuisance by complaining to Pop, Jim got his way and ripped through Carlisle's first-team defense for 50-yards and a touchdown!

Thorpe had proven himself and he became the team starting halfback. For four seasons, Thorpe and the Carlisle Indians were unstoppable. They won 43 games, lost five and tied two. Thorpe's final year, Carlisle outscored its opponents 272-15. Jim Thorpe ran up numbers that even by today's standards will boggle the mind. In his final season, he led the nation with 198 points; scoring 25 touchdowns and averaging 9 yards every time he had hold of the ball.

Glenn "Pop" Warner signed Jim Thorpe up for the 1912 U.S. Olympic team. Before this, Jim had never even heard of the Olympics. The 1912 Games were held in Stockholm, Sweden. Thorpe was entered in the pentathlon and decathlon. Thorpe finished first in four of five pentathlon events. He won the broad jump (23 feet, 3 inches); the 200 meters (22.9); the discus (168 feet, 4 inches); and the 1,500 meters (4:40). He even finished second in the javelin. In the decathlon, Thorpe finished first in four events (shot put, high jump, 110-meter hurdles, 1,600 meters), second in four others (broad jump, 100 meters, 400 meters, discus) and third in the last two (pole vault and javelin). In the end, Thorpe scored 8,413 points out of a possible 10,000, an Olympic record that stood for 20 years. He finished 700 points ahead of the silver medalist, Wislander.

After the pentathlon, Thorpe went to the awards platform where Sweden's King Gustav placed a laurel wreath on his head, then presented him with his gold medal. After the decathlon, the King presented Thorpe with a silver chalice lined with gold and clasped Thorpe's hand and stated aloud, "Sir, you are the greatest athlete in the world."

Later, Jim Thorpe would have his medals stripped away due to his two summers as a professional baseball player with the Rocky Mountain Railroaders in North Carolina. The medals were later restored to his children in 1983, 30 years after his passing. Sadly, Jim Thorpe would not live to see the International Olympic Committee restore his Olympic Records. In 1999, the U.S. Congress passed a resolution naming Jim Frances Thorpe "America's Athlete of the Century". He was a man of many accomplishments and also many hardships. He faced tragedy laced with his triumphs. To this day, his remains are in a mausoleum in Pennsylvania, awaiting the day when he can return home to the place his path began.

### Some of Jim Thorpe's notable accomplishments:

- 6 Seasons in Major League Baseball (1913-1919)
- First President of The American Professional Football Association in 1920 (in 1922 became the National Football League)
- Played in 52 NFL games with six different teams
- Assisted the very first African American to achieve recruitment into the NFL
- Pro Football Hall of Fame 1963 (Charter Class)
- U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame 1983
- U.S. Postal Stamp 1984
- U.S. Postal Stamp 1998 (Olympic Stamp-Stockholm)
- American Football Kicking Hall of Fame 2008 (Inaugural Class)
- American Indian Athlete Hall of Fame 1972 (Charter Class)
- USA Track and Field Hall of Fame 1975
- New York Giants Hall of Fame 1963
- Oklahoma Hall of Fame 1950
- 2018 Native American Gold Coin

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# Significant Properties Added to National Register of Historic Places

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funds. Adjutant General Charles Franklin Barrett and Major General William Shaffer Key, two leading figures in the Oklahoma National Guard, had long argued for the necessity of armories in Oklahoma.

The crisis of the Great Depression transformed their arguments into action as state leaders recognized that the construction of armories could provide economic relief and opportunity for Oklahomans. Upon its completion in 1938, the Oklahoma National Guard Armory in Oklahoma City provided a valuable training site for members of the 45th Infantry Division and served as a public meeting space for Oklahomans.

The State Highway Department Testing Laboratory, located at 2311 N. Central Ave. in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places for its role in Politics/Government and its Art Deco style. The Testing Laboratory played a key role in the evolution of the State Highway Department as a centralized authority for the construction, maintenance and administration of Oklahoma's roads and bridges.

The Testing Laboratory was described as one of the most modern facilities of its time upon its construction in 1934. By the mid-20th century, state engineers and chemists conducted approximately 16,000 tests per month on all materials utilized in road building and upkeep. These tests ensured that Oklahoma's highways adhered to federal standards and guidelines. The Testing Laboratory was a lynchpin for the bureaucratic, regulatory framework that endeavored to

provide safe and dependable roadways for drivers throughout Oklahoma.

Built by W. J. Hoover in 1928, the Iroquois Apartments building, located at 900 NW 13th St. in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places for its role in Community Planning and Development and for its Tudor Revival style. The building is among 25 "brick box" apartment buildings constructed by various developers between 1910 and 1935 in an area of Oklahoma City known today as Midtown. The Iroquois Apartments historically catered to single, working-class tenants, with W. J. Hoover advertising affordable rents and the building's proximity to an interurban railway station. The building harkens to a period when development in Midtown boomed, the residential population steadily increased and demands for affordable housing were at an all-time high.

Harmony School, located at 137 NE 24th St. in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places for its role in Education and Ethnic Heritage as well as for its Classical Revival style. The school, which was first placed into service in 1928, was built in three phases. The first two were designed by the architectural firm of Layton, Hicks and Forsyth, and it reached its current form around 1949 with an auditorium wing designed by ar-

chitects Bailey and Bozalis.

Harmony Elementary School originally served white students only. Located in a transitional neighborhood, it was one of the first elementary schools in Oklahoma City to be the subject of a challenge to the Oklahoma City Board of Education's discriminatory transfer policies. The transfer policy benefited white students

by allowing them to transfer to a predominantly white school outside of their district, but denied African American students the same transfer options. Although that initial challenge proved to be unsuccessful, it helped set the stage for future legal actions that led to the desegregation of the entire public school system in Oklahoma City.

## How is DNA Preserved To Solve Crimes?

Day after day, new stories pop up detailing how police are solving "cold cases" all over the country by using DNA evidence collected at crime scenes years, even decades ago.

Oklahoma even has a recent example, where individuals in Texas and Wyoming were arrested and charged in September for a murder that occurred in a Tulsa motel room 36 years ago. This has left many wondering exactly how decades-old DNA can still be used to solve crimes. A big key to solving cold cases, is, fittingly, cold storage, said Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation President Stephen Prescott, M.D.

For example, he said, if a body remains exposed to the elements, its DNA will be useful for testing only for a few weeks. On the other hand, if it's buried a few feet below ground, it will last 1,000 years or more. And if it's kept cold and protected, it can last much longer: A sample of Neanderthal DNA found in a Belgian cave dates back 100,000 years.

"Like all biological materials, human DNA has a shelf life," said Prescott. "But that expiration date varies wildly, depending on storage conditions. The keys are protecting it from heat, water, sunlight and oxygen."

Long before the advent of DNA sequencing technology, law enforcement investigators were collecting biological evidence from crime scenes in ways that would preserve it until technology could catch up.

That means gathering dry samples, such as hair, dried blood or other bodily fluids, cigarette butts with traces of saliva, and so on, and placing them in separate containers. This avoids cross-contamination with other samples and, when stored in cool, dry spaces, prevents spoliation caused by the growth of organisms like mold or mildew.

With certain pieces of wet evidence, forensics experts dry the samples, then store them in a similar way. For tissue or fluids, they're typically collected in vials and stored in refrigerators or freezers.

"Obviously, sample storage procedures vary among police departments and have changed over time," said Prescott. "Still, so long as those methods keep samples dry, relatively cool, out of the sunlight and uncontaminated by other substances, that evidence should remain 'good' for DNA testing longer than anyone reading this will be around."

And, this DNA technology isn't just used to track down perpetrators of crimes, it has also been useful in exonerating individuals who were wrongfully convicted and for identifying missing persons. These technologies are also benefiting scientists and researchers in the fight against diseases. Cold storage has allowed for the long-term preservation of DNA and other biological samples to unravel the mysteries of disease.

## A Sincere Thank You

The Family of Wayne Riley wish to thank all those who helped with his funeral services. A special thank you to all those that cooked and served the meals, and to all the grave diggers. Thank you and bless you.

Respectfully,  
Gary K. Riley

**Sac and Fox Elders Advisory Committee**  
**Mothers Day Dance**  
**Saturday, May 9, 2020 2 p.m.**  
**Sac and Fox Nation Community Bldg., Stroud, Okla.**  
**Gourd Dance 2 p.m., Supper 5 p.m., Gourd Dance 6 p.m.**

Emcee: R.G. Harris, Head Man Dancer: TBA  
Head Lady Dancer: Peggy Big Eagle  
Head Singer: Joe 'Fish' Dupont, AD: Steven Ward, Randy Tiger

2020-2021

**Elder Mother of the Year - Ms. Margaret Ellis-Stevens**



**Arts & Craft Venders are Welcome!**  
**(No Set-Up Fee, Donation of a Raffle Item)**

**Raffles, Cake Walks, Not Responsible for Accidents or Thefts!**

**SFN Elders Advisory Committee Officers:**

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- Melissa Butler-Denny, Vice Chairperson
- Georgia Harris-Noble, Secretary
- Elizabeth Butler-Wolftongue, Treasurer
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## BLACK HAWK HEALTH CENTER PRESCRIPTION MAILING PROGRAM

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Must meet one of the following Eligibility Criteria:

1. Sac and Fox Tribal Members age 55 and over AND eligible for the Black Hawk Health Center (BHHC) Transportation Program or
2. Sac and Fox Tribal Members age 55 and over WITH Active Oklahoma Medicaid.

*\*for more information on eligibility please contact the BHHC Patient Benefits Coordinator at (918) 968-9531*

### ENROLLMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete and sign the PRESCRIPTION MAILING ELIGIBILITY FORM (PME Form).
2. Return the PME Form to BHHC at the address listed on the Form.
3. Must submit front and back copy of insurance card(s), if applicable.

*\*If you have any questions about eligibility or need assistance, please contact the BHHC Patient Benefits Coordinator at (918) 968-9531.*

### NOTICE: PRESCRIPTION MAILING LIMITATIONS:

Patients must have an active health record at BHHC.

The Pharmacy will not fill prescriptions written by an out of state provider.

The Pharmacy will not mail outside the State of Oklahoma.

The Pharmacy will not mail new or first time prescriptions.

No mailing of controlled substances, refrigerated products, liquids, or medications with special handling requirements.

Prescriptions for mailing must be requested through the BHHC Pharmacy Refill Line and require a 7-day advance notice.

The Pharmacy will only mail to the address listed in the health record of the patient. **It is the patient's responsibility to keep their address up to date.**



Pictured are many of the Sac and Fox Nation employees who took part in 'Wear Red Day' activities held Feb. 7 in observation of American Heart Health Awareness Month. Winners of the 'Wear Red Day' contest were Black Hawk Health Clinic HIM Manager Randi Avery and Health Director Karen Simmons. (Photo by Mike Brown)

### Title VI - Elders Meals March 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 w/ Meat sauce Garlic bread Green beans Side salad Vanilla Pudding	03 Roast potatoes Mashed potatoes Gravy Carrots Side salad fruit	04 Ham salad Sandwich Pasta salad Chips Fruit	05 Chicken fried steak sandwich With veggies chips fruit	06 Ham egg and cheese Croissants Hash brown juice
09 Salisbury steak Mashed potatoes Gravy carrots Side salad fruit	10 pork chops Mashed potatoes gravy Steamed broccoli Side salad Fruit	11 Corn soup Fry bread Side salad Fruit	12 Chicken salad sandwich chips Potato salad fruit	13 French toast Sausage Boiled egg juice
16 Chicken strips Mashed potatoes Gravy Corn side salad rolls fruit	17 Goulash Garlic bread Spinach Side salad fruit	18 Turkey and cheese sandwich with veggies Potato salad fruit	19 Sloppy joes Potato wedges fruit	20 Biscuit and gravy Sausage Boiled egg juice
22 Tatar tot Casserole Mixed veggies Side salad fruit	23 Lasagna Green beans Bread sticks Side salad fruit	24 Pork and hominy Fry bread Side salad fruit	25 Chili dogs Chips Potato salad fruit	26 Pancakes Sausage links Boiled egg juice
29 Steak fingers Mashed potatoes gravy Corn Side salad fruit	30 Hamburger stew Cornbread Side salad fruit	31 Hot ham and cheese sandwich w/fixings macaroni salad Chips Fruit	01 Cheese burgers w/ fixings Potato salad Chips cookies	02 Oatmeal sausage toast with jelly Boiled egg juice

## Staff Members Take Part in 'Go Red for Heart Health'

by Mike Brown  
'Go Red for Heart Health' was the theme for activities held in participation of American Heart Health Awareness Month in February. The slate of activities and educational sessions were coordinated by Black Hawk Health Clinic Community Health Manager Angel Thornton, RN and assistant Kristen Gray.

Weekly educational sessions were conducted in the Social Services Dining Room, and focused on various heart-healthy topics. Educational activities held for Sac and Fox Nation employees included daily fun facts, weekly trivia questions and a red dress or tie contest.

Weekly program topics included: "Get Pumped," which involved exercise with Exercise Specialist Anthony Ramirez; "Red Food for Heart Health," which featured advice from Dietitian Josh Noon-

er on good nutrition and defense against heart disease; "Help Your Heart," which included information on your risk for heart disease: waist size, body mass index, blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol; and, "I Pledge," which urged smoking cessation.

Sac and Fox Nation employees also took part in heart-health awareness activities that included 'Wear Red Day' on Feb. 7 and, a specialized game of 'Jeopardy' on Feb. 20. Winners in a 'Wear Red Day' contest were HIM Manager Randi Avery, and Health Director Karen Simmons.

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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.

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

by Mike Brown

Sac and Fox Nation Secretary Jacklyn King is noting the importance and encouraging all tribal members to participate in the 2020 U. S. Census as information that is gathered impacts federal funding for various tribal programs.

Following is census information provided 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, organizations, and people:

On April 1, 2020, the U.S. Census Bureau will conduct a count of all people 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 Nunakauyarmiut Tribe (formerly known as the Native Village of Toksook Bay) in Alaska. The 2020 Census is being taken in Alaska earlier than elsewhere because many villages 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 \$60 billion in federal funding is distributed annually based on population counts obtained by federal agencies. Each person counted equals \$3,000 in funding for your community.

A year 2000 study determined that under-counting the largest counties in the 2000 Census cost those communities nearly \$3,000 per person. Dollars that impact tribal communities are lost if you are not counted.

In 2016, federal funding disbursed based on people counted in Census surveys included \$361 billion for Medicaid, \$40 billion for roads, and about \$37 billion in programs for families and children, including TANF, CHIP, and WIC.

•NATIVES NEED TO BE COUNTED TO PROTECT TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY: The Census count is used to

determine voting boundaries to elect officials in non-Tribal elections. You need to be counted to have an equal voice to elect candidates who will respect Tribal sovereignty, preserve 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-Tribal governments in many areas to provide assistance in American Indian and Alaska Native languages for voting, social programs, and emergency services.

The decennial census is the most inclusive civic activity in our country, covering every person in every household. The U.S. Constitution requires an accurate count of the nation's population every 10 years. Moreover, the census is integral to our democracy. The data collected affects our nation's ability to ensure equal representation and equal access to important governmental and private 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 Representatives, state legislatures, and local boards; to target more than \$60 billion annually in federal assistance to states, localities, and families; and to guide community decision-making affecting schools, housing, health care services, business investment, and much more. These functions depend 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:

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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 dollars 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](http://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



#### 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





**Color Guard Veteran Winter Stomp Dance Draws Participants From Various Tribes**

Pictured are some of those attending the 2020 Sac and Fox Color Guard Veteran Winter Stomp Dance held Feb. 1 in the Sac and Fox Nation Community Building. In addition to inter-tribal dancing, the event featured supper, raffles and a variety of vendors. (Photo by Mike Brown)

**Presidential Task Force**

(Continued From Page 1)

designated Operation Lady Justice, has been empowered to review Indian Country cold cases, to strengthen law enforcement protocols, and work with tribes to improve investigations, information sharing and a more seamless response to missing persons investigations. Specifically, it will:

- Consult with tribal governments on the scope and nature of the problem; the task force will hold regional consultations and listening sessions at several locations around the country the task force will also host a listening session at the National Congress of American Indians' Executive Council Winter Session in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 12.

- Develop model protocols and procedures for addressing both new and unsolved cases of missing and murdered persons in tribal communities;

- Establish a multi-disciplinary, multi-jurisdictional team, which will include tribal law enforcement, to review cold cases;

- Address issues related to roles, authorities and jurisdiction among tribal, local, state and federal agencies; and,

- Develop and execute a public awareness, education and outreach campaign for affected communities.

The members of the task force are:

- Katharine Sullivan, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, designee for the Attorney General;

- Tara Sweeney, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, designee for the Secretary of the Interior;

- Terry Wade, Executive Assistant Director, Criminal, Cyber, Response and Services Branch, Federal Bureau of Investigation;

- Laura Rogers, Acting Director, Office on Violence Against Women;

- Charles Addington, Deputy Bureau Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services;

- Trent Shores, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma and Chair of the Native American Issues Subcommittee of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee; and,

- Jean Hovland, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Affairs and Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services.

In accordance with the President's Executive Order, Attorney General Barr designated Marcia Good of the Department of Justice, to serve as executive director of the task force, which will present a progress report to the President by Nov. 26, 2020, and a final report detailing its activities and accomplishments by Nov. 26, 2021.

**Monday's | 5:30-6:30pm**  
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RAP APP  
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**Please Provide the Following:**

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

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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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