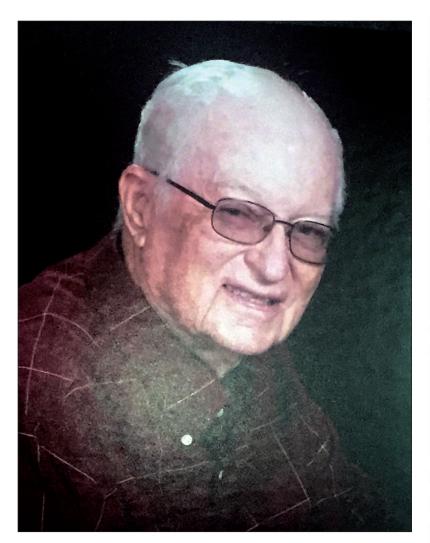
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National Treasure of the Sac and Fox Nation Mr. Arvel Winter

# U. S. Agriculture Industry Watching D.C. Transition

by Brian Brus

If approved as head of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack will likely receive a lot of media attention as the conduit between a new presidential administration and the nation's vast agricultural industry.

However, Vilsack is not the only adjustment that Oklahoma farmers and ranchers will be concerned about as policies transition between presidents, said Derrell Peel and other ag economists at Oklahoma State University.

"From a markets perspective, I imagine that international trade issues will have a different feel with the new administration, notably with efforts to open dialogues and stabilize some trade relationships that have been volatile lately," said Peel, OSU Extension livestock marketing specialist. "I don't expect those changes will be dramatic

or immediate, but it's something we'll see over time."

Amy Hagerman, OSU Extension agricultural and food policy specialist, agreed that resolving retaliatory tariffs and implementing a new trade agreement with China will be a top priority. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has played its own part in realigning markets as consumers in the United States and around the world have been forced to adjust to joblessness, closed restaurants, curfews and sick workers in the supply chain.

"As we move into the recovery phase of COVID-19, this administration will be looking closely at new opportunities and stability," she said.

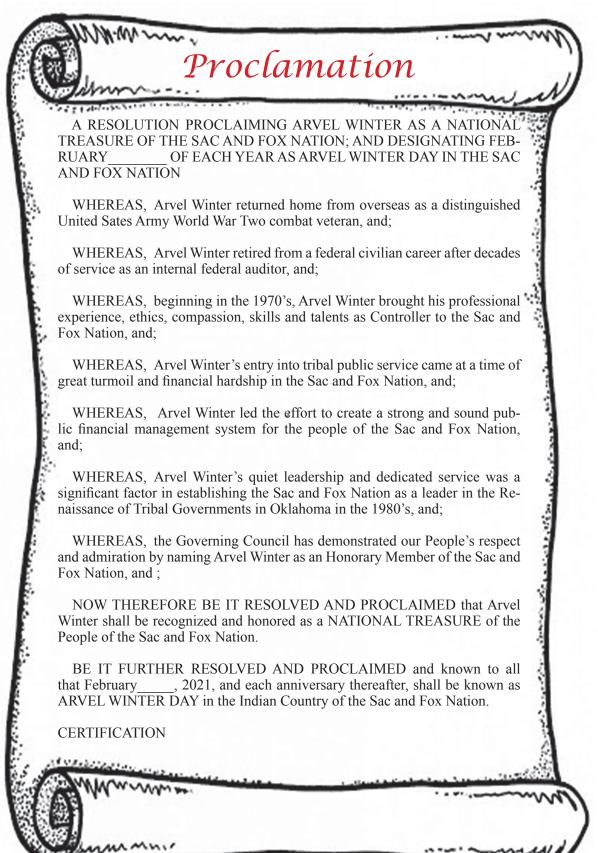
Policy and market changes between presidents are a normal part of healthy democracy, and Oklahoma has a big stake in agriculture. Just a five years ago,

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This surveillance camera photo shows a suspect involved in the robbery of the Sac and Fox Cushing Eastside Smoke Shop on Feb. 10, 2021.

(Photo courtesy of Sac and Fox Nation Police Department.)



# **Smoke Shop Robbery Investigation Is Leading to Multiple Felony Arrests**

by Sac and Fox Nation Chief of Police Andrew M. Selfridge

On the morning of 2/10/2021 at approximately 0740 hours, the clerk at the Cushing East-side Smoke Shop, located on Highway 33 in the northern part of our tribal jurisdiction, was robbed at gunpoint for the con-

tents of the cash register.

The perpetrator, described as a white male wearing a camou-

flaged "hoodie style" jacket and face covering and jeans, left in a black, newer-model crew cab Chevrolet full-sized pickup with custom wheels, push guard with LED light bar, and tinted windows.

Due to the ongoing nature of the investigation, SFNPD can advise that other details must be kept confidential to preserve the integrity of the ongoing investigation. We can advise that SFNPD has made an arrest in connection with the case, and the vehicle used in the robbery has been recovered.

This investigation has led to multiple other felony arrests, search warrants, and stolen property recovery and is ongoing in connection with a second suspect which was driving the vehicle.

### **DOI to Host Consultations With Tribal Leaders**

The Department of the Interior announced Feb. 11 that it will host initial consultations with Tribal leaders in March. In addition to honoring and strengthening the nation-to-nation relationship, these steps will help ensure that future White House and Interior efforts at addressing the four converging crises of our time, COVID-19, economic security, racial justice and climate change, are inclusive of Tribal Nations' priorities and recommendations.

The actions open a new chapter with Tribal governments following President Biden's January 26 memorandum, which noted that respect for Tribal sovereignty and self-governance, fulfilling Federal trust and treaty responsibilities to Tribal Nations, and regular, meaningful and robust consultation with Tribal officials are of the utmost

priority for the Administration. Interior has invited federal agencies to send representatives to listen to the sessions to inform how they might facilitate their own agency-specific consultations.

"Honoring our nation-to-nation relationship with Tribes and upholding the trust and treaty responsibilities to them are paramount to fulfilling Interior's mission. Meaningful consultations ensure we center Tribal voices as we address the health, economic, racial justice and climate crises, all of which disproportionately impact American Indian and Alaska Natives," said Ann Marie Bledsoe Downes, Interior's designated Tribal Governance Officer and Deputy Solicitor for Indian Affairs.

Interior will notify all federally recognized Tribes of the consultation series today, and

shared additional guidance to kick-start and facilitate a productive, meaningful process. Interior will hold four Tribal consultation sessions in March to hear Tribal leaders' suggestions for federal policy and departmental actions, including identifying additional best practices to improve consultation and fortify Interior's relationship with Tribal governments. The sessions will be conducted by Indian Affairs' Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action via teleconference with Tribes in each of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' 12 regions:

• Monday, March 8 (2:00-5:00 p.m. ET): Great Plains, Midwest and Rocky Mountain Regions;

• Wednesday, March 10 (10:00 a.m.-1 p.m. ET): Eastern, Eastern Oklahoma and Southern

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#### Obituaries

## Beverly Sue (Brown) Jackson

Beverly Sue (Brown) Jackson, age 68, died Thursday, January 21, 2021 in a local hospital. She was born to Harry Edward and Lucille (Brady) Brown on November 23, 1952 in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

She graduated from Meeker High School and attended Seminole Junior College. She was office manager for the Sac & Fox Multi-Purpose Center. She was a member of the Sac & Fox Nation, Sac & Fox Elders, Sac & Fox Women's Auxiliary, and served on the Sac & Fox Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

She was a member of the First American female All-State Basketball Team in 1970-71. She loved spending time with

family and watching her kids play basketball. She is known for her fry bread making and always helping everyone out.

Beverly served the Sac & Fox Nation as 2nd Chief and Secretary. She is survived by: son, Stephen and Teresa Fife; and daughter, Jennifer and Victor Castaneda; grandsons, Austin Fife, A. J. Fife, Eryn Johnson, Izzi Castaneda, Zach Fife, Daniel Castaneda, Byron White and Jacob Yackeyonny; granddaughters, Desiree Johnson, Jayleen Castaneda and Leila Herrod; great-granddaughter, Hailey Beltran; sisters, Shirley Walters, Janet White, Margaret Ellis and Tina Brady; brothers, Sherman Brown and Thomas



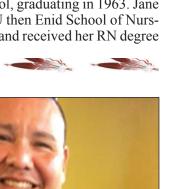
Beverly Sue Jackson

## Jane Hope Stephens

Jane Hope Stephens, a longtime Cushing, Okla. resident, passed away on Sunday, January 17, 2021 in Springfield, Missouri at the age of 75. Graveside services were held January 26, 2021 at Stroud Cemetery, Stroud, Oklahoma with Pastor Bryan Shaw officiating under the direction of Palmer Marler Funeral Home of Cushing, Okla.

Jane was born on October 22, 1945 in

Pawnee, Okla. to Anna (Falls) Delaware. She grew up in Stroud, Okla., where she attended school, graduating in 1963. Jane attended OBU then Enid School of Nursing (Phillips) and received her RN degree



Terry Gene Williams Jr.

## Terry Gene Williams Jr.

Terry Gene Williams Jr., Wah koe sha-Ha (Little Fox), passed away on January 15, 2021. He was born in Wichita, Kan. on February 18, 1973 to Paula Kaye (Knight) and Terry Gene Williams Sr.

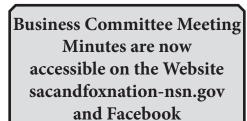
Terry was a man of many names: Shamu, Coach T, and Baby Terry, were just a few of his nicknames. He was a 1991 graduate of Prague High School where he played football. Terry had a magnetic personality. It didn't matter where he was, people were drawn to him. He made friends everywhere he went, especially with his smile and that unmistakable laugh.

For Terry, football was life. He lived and breathed it. He was an incredibly strong man in every sense of the word. He will always be O.S.T. (Old School

Terry was preceded in death by his father, Terry Williams Sr. and his maternal grandmother, Juanita Goodreau.

He is survived by his mom, Paula Kaye Williams; companion, Jennifer Mc-Culley; sons, Moses Jared Williams and Maxx Jordan Williams; daughter, Juanita Mae Williams and, a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and a multitude of kids that were lucky to be coached by him.

Wake was conducted on Jan. 18, 2021 at the Sac and Fox Nation Community Building. Traditional tribal rites were held at Sac and Fox Nation Cemetery on Jan. 19, 2021, and a memorial service was held on Jan. 21, 2021 at the Stroud High School Coliseum.



on September 12, 1968.

She enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in Ft. Worth, Texas in 1970 and, served her country for the next 17 years in both the service and reserves before retiring as 1st Lieutenant in 1987.

She had a long career working in health services, spending most of that time at Cushing Hospital where she retired in 2014. Jane married the love of her life Gary Stephens on April 9, 1976 in Cushing, Okla. They moved to Stroud where they raised their family. They are members of the Only Way Baptist Church. Jane enjoyed crossword puzzles, reading, playing the piano and spending time with family, especially her children and grandchildren.

Jane is survived by her husband Gary of the home; children Leah Smith and husband Jeremiah of Perkins, Okla.; John Stephens and wife Jennifer of Stillwater, Okla.; Robin Buckles of Cushing; and Traci Parsel and husband Matt of Stillwater; brother Bob Delaware and wife Sharon of Stillwater; grandchildren

Liam, Caleb, Hayley, Hannah, Ariel, James, Kris, Kassandra and Clayton, and numerous great-grandchildren and beloved nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Bennie Delaware and Norman Delaware; and, sisters Lucy Irene Delaware and Billy Jean Washington.



Jane Hope Stephens

# Happy March Birthday Elders!

Connie Yevette Ellis Timothy Schexnider Henry Owen Hunter Mary Lynne Deweese Kenneth Wayne Edmonson Emily S. Conner Saginaw Grant Marilyn Renee Franklin Brian Scott Ramseyer Tracy Zay Lauderdale Elizabeth A. Manatowa-Mastel William Dale Allen Terri Denise Elliott Dorris Kay Suitor Ruben Martias Garcia William Kyle Tyner Mary Elizabeth Meadows Patricia Donahue Jessica Dawn Patterson Virginia Marez Roger Allen Mercer 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 Syrous Javad Meheen Marie Lynn Neilsen James David Stephens Larry Francis Morgan Gary Kevin Riley Renee Kay Steele

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#### Obituaries

## Míchael Harry Deer

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

Lifelong Shawnee, Okla. resident and avid OU fan, Michael Harry Deer, 67, entered eternal life on Friday, December 4, 2020

Mike was born on April 22, 1953 in Claremore, Oklahoma to the late Francis and Lena (Small) Deer. He was the oldest of nine children, seven preceding him in death. Mike graduated from Meeker high school in 1971.

Mike married Elnora (Kaseca)Deer on March 23, 1972 and six children were born from this union.

He was a tribal member of the Sac and Fox Nation. Mike professed his love for Christ at an early age. He cherished praising the lord and attended and retired from Wesley United Methodist Church. After retiring, he returned to work at Project Heart delivering meals to the elderly.

Mike was a die-hard OU fan and enjoyed attending games with his dear friend Jimmy Jones. He enjoyed drinking coffee on Fridays with Carl Fredrick. He loved having breakfast with his family on Saturdays at Boomerang. He loved shopping with his wife Elnora. He enjoyed family gatherings with Vernon & Harriet Tehauno.

Mike was a coach to many, including the Red Feathers, Shawnee Angels, Shawnee All-Stars, Shawnee Tushka

#### Justín Wade Ponkilla

Justin Wade Ponkilla, age 34, of Shawnee, Okla. died Thursday, January 14, 2021 in a Lubbock, Texas hospital. He was born July 9, 1986 to Sherry Ann Fields and Gordon Mark Ponkilla.

He graduated from high school and stayed home to care for his son. He had much love for Carrie Poe. He njoyed spending time with his son Karter. He was well known in the community as a genuine friend, life of the party, great father, and outgoing for family and friends. He is survived by: dad, Gordon Ponkilla; and step-mom Tonette; 2 sisters, Emily Fixico and Tania Ponkilla; son, Karter Mark Zane Ponkilla; 3 nephews, Jamison Fields, Lucas Meely and Quinton Jessepe; 5 nieces, Stonie Fixico, Tarrah Jessepe, Mariah Jessepe, Serenity Wano and Penelope Wano; and, many aunts, uncles and other relatives.

# DOI Tribal Consultations

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Plains Regions;

- Wednesday, March 10 (2:00-5:00 p.m. ET): Navajo, Southwest and Western Regions; and,
- Friday, March 12 (2:00-5:00 p.m. ET): Alaska, Northwest and Pacific Regions

The deadline for written comments on the consultation series is 12 p.m. ET on March 19, 2021. Comments can be submitted at consultation@bia.gov.

#### Why the 'nsn.gov' Designation?

From time to time, a question has been asked as to why the Sac and Fox Nation uses such a special exclusive (and longer) native sovereign nation dot gov Internet designation and name:

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Truman Carter

and The Ramblers. He enjoyed playing fast-pitch softball with his brother-in-law Daniel Watson. He also played slow pitch softball with his church and son in Christ Eric Likens. Mike enjoyed hitting the powwow highway. He was the biggest supporter and biggest fan of all his children and grandchildren's sporting events and academic excellence.

He was a loving and caring husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He will always be remembered for always taking care of others first. His smile and words will be missed the most. His favorite phrase "and stuff like that and stuff" will always remain in our

hearts.

Mike leaves behind wife Elnora (Kaseca) Deer of the home. He is survived by three sons: Brandon, Michael and David Deer; two daughters: Channa and Corey Deer. He is preceded in death by his son Derrick "BO" Deer. Mike loved his 19 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild dearly, and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Mike joins children Derrick (Bo) Deer, Tamara Tehauno-Rodriguez, Wesley Jones, parents Francis and Lena (Small) Deer, siblings Bernard Deer, Julia Deer, Cynthia Franco, Patricia Deer, Victoria Deer, and Crystal Venegas in heaven. Tribal Emergency Home Repair (TEHR) Applications are available by request only.

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## Sac and Fox Nation Education Department News

by Edwina Butler-Wolfe

Hello everyone! These past few weeks of being into 2021 have made January seem like it has come and gone so quickly! We can only hope to get back into some normalcy in 2021 as the vaccines are being distributed nationwide.

The Sac and Fox Nation Education department has been working diligently clearing out all the Spring 2021 college students RAP and DOI funding. We have funded 40 Sac and Fox students for Spring 2021 Semester.

The Sac and Fox Nation Education Department has a few important messages to announce as follows: The cutoff time for funding in higher education Spring Session is normally set for November 30th of each calendar year, but due to the pandemic, we were lenient on this deadline in 2020.

Moving forward into 2021, as business is somewhat gradually getting back to normal, we will be enforcing all future deadlines of submitting college applications on set dates. The Fall 2021 deadline is set for June 30, 2021. We will be strictly enforcing that date, so if anyone submits via email or hand delivers a college application after the deadline of June 30th it will not be accepted. I have mentioned in my previous articles' college applications for DOI and RAP Funding, need to be submitted each semester (Spring Session & Fall Session). Each student needs to be able to gather the required information our application lists to ensure funding is provided for each Spring and Fall Session separately.

We experienced delays on applications being processed due to students lacking necessary documents to complete the app. The listed items requested has remained the same each calendar year. I encourage our new/returning students to please provide up-to-date completed documents, so we can better process the information provided for funding efficiently

The department spent too much time calling each student for missing documents, again we cannot process funding until a complete application is submitted to the Education Department. This responsibility relies on the student to be aware of deadlines and turning in documents in a timely manner for assistance. We do have some tribal students that are consistent with turning in all their documents on time with their college application. We greatly appreciate your efforts and encourage all students to please abide by the respected due dates provided. The current state most students display is uncertainty. This sets up a pathway to waiting until the last minute to decide if college is right for them. This is what we are going to focus our attention towards. Working on getting with those students and by reinforcing the deadline dates. In order to be productive students or in a job/career, one must be responsible and punctual in life when working towards goals and career advancements, we hope to create a foundation to follow for students to gear towards being young responsible adults.

If anyone has questions or concerns, please contact the education department office, Thank you.

On January 28, 2021, I sat in on a virtual session of ESSA (Every Student Success Act) Tribal Consultation. The Oklahoma City Metro Indian Education Consortium is made up of Indian Educa-

tion Programs from: Edmond, Mid-Del, Moore, Norman, Oklahoma City Public Schools, Putnam City and Western Heights. Each school gave an overview of their programs and what they were doing in helping our American Indian Children with their studies. Most districts are doing virtual tutoring where offered, and there are some districts that are doing in person tutoring but are limited to the count.

**Edmond Public Schools** 

Edmond Public Schools has 17 elementary schools, 6 middle schools, 3 high schools and 1 alternative school with a total of 23,600 students and out of that total there are 1319 American Indian Students. Representing 49 different Nations and Tribes with 29 in state and 20 out of state. One Sac and Fox student is listed in the 1319 student count.

Mid-Del Public Schools Mid-Del (Midwest City – Del City Public Schools) listed 15 elementary schools, 3 middle schools, 3 high schools 1 alternative school, total number of students in district 11,044 and 832 are American Indian Students, also Mid-Del has a Virtual Academy School with a total number enrolled 2,270 with 120 are American Indian Students. Also, Mid-Del reported how many students that switched to EPIC Virtual School, count which was 3,163 students. We have 6 students out of 11,044 listed as Sac and Fox Nation students. Mid-Del Title VI Indian Education Program helps their students as listed: one to one in-school tutoring, before/ after school tutoring, ACT test fee assistance, SAT test fee assistance, dropout prevention, school supplies, calculators to High School students, senior cap and gown, cultural night.

Moore Public Schools

Moore Public Schools has 25 elementary schools, 6 middle schools, 3 high schools, 1 alternative school with a total of 24,533 students and 3,002 are listed as American Indian Students. We have 14 Sac and Fox Nation Students listed at Moore Public Schools.

Moore Public School has an operational Title VI Indian Education Department services. They provide for American Indian Students as listed: Services provided to students who qualify according to an approved 506 form. Elementary tutoring services determined by Teacher referral, state test results, STAR test results. Supplies used with Title VI funds: materials needed for tutors to provide culturally sensitive academic instruction.

Cultural activities and other items to assist in American Indian student academic success: Student Credit Recovery expenses, night school, Internet-based instruction, Junior High and High School Math Tutoring, ACT Prep & workshops, career guidance, higher Education information with workshops, and they offer after school/summer programs.

Norman Public Schools

Norman Public Schools has 17 elementary schools, 4 middle schools, 3 high schools and 2 alternative schools. Total of 14,419 students with a count of 1,782 American Indian Students. Total of 18 students listed as Sac and Fox Nation students.

NPS Title VI Indian Education program strives to increase academic achievement and increase college enrollment. Services they provide as listed: Tutoring (virtual) IEP Intervention, dropout

prevention, senior recognition night cap and gown, school supplies, study of the 39 federally recognized tribes as a high school course, cultural activities, college and career prep, AP test scholarships, ACT/SAT test scholarships (10th – 12th grades), summer school scholarships, Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society (9th – 12th grades).

#### OKLAHOMA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Oklahoma City Public Schools has 33 elementary schools, 13 middle schools, 9 high schools, and 2 alternative schools and 9 Charter schools. Total of students 31,833 students and 2,076 listed as American Indian Students. We have 29 Sac and Fox Nation Students listed at the OKC Public School.

OKC Title VI Indian Education Program provides as listed: Academic, college/career prep and cultural services and programming to American Indian Students who qualify for services. OKCPS has an active Indian Club, NASS (Native American Student Services) the members and sponsors had many activities: Virtual Cultural Night. Two activities that involved for example, 1. Cooking lessons and 2. Cultural background activity that involved NASS direction.

PUTNAM CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Putnam City Public Schools has 19 elementary schools, 5 middle schools, 3 high schools 1 alternative school. There is a total of 17,994 students with 1,213 that are listed at American Indian Stu-

dents. There are 12 Sac and Fox Nation Students listed at Putnam School.

WESTERN HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Western Heights Public School has 4 elementary schools, 1 fifth and 6th grade intermediate school, 1 middle school, 1 high school, 1 alternative program, 1 ninth grade center. Total 2,725 students in the district and 198 listed as American Indian Students. We have 1 student listed as a Sac and Fox Nation student.

Western Heights Public Schools has a Title VI Indian Education Program they provide services as listed: Tutoring, school supplies, assistance with band instruments, sports, etc.., Native American History lessons, scholarship information, career information, ACT/SAT reimbursement, educational fees for graduation, mentoring, Native American Clubs, Parent Committee, cultural events and activities.

The overall view of the Consultations:

We hope everyone is staying safe and doing their part to help all of us nation-wide to defeat our pandemic challenges faced. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Sac and Fox Nation Education Department for guidance and assistance

The Education Department like to CONGRATULATE MR. ALEXANDER (Alex) GARCIA for his accomplishment of receiving his Associate Degree!! We are very proud of you!!!

Edwina Butler-Wolfe 405 328-0402

## College Student Spotlight

ALEXANDER GARCIA

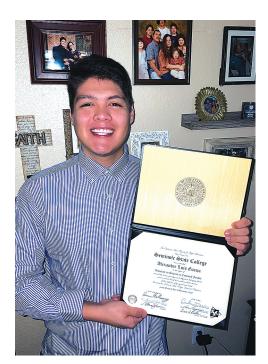
My name is Alexander Garcia. I am 20 years old and a member of the Sac and Fox Nation. I graduated Seminole State College (SSC) with an Associate Degree in Applied Science in Criminal Justice in December 2020.

I choose Criminal Justice at SSC because my dream job is to work for the Drug Enforcement Administration. I currently work as a Communication's Officer for the Okla. County Sheriff's Office, which is a position I obtained during my last semester of school.

My degree, job, and goals would not be possible without the tremendous support from my family and girlfriend. I am the second person from my entire family to ever graduate from college and am glad that my family and tribe are proud of me

My plans are to join a branch of the Military and to obtain a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Throughout my journey of obtaining my Associates Degree, the Sac and Fox Education Department helped tremendously in reducing the stress that comes with the financial aspect of college. Their generous scholarships and contributions lowered the

cost of school, which in turn allowed me to stay focused on schoolwork. I am looking forward to working with the Education Department and I am glad I will have their support and contributions as I try to obtain my Bachelor's Degree.



Alexander Garcia



HAPPY 4TH BIRTHDAY, ALEXANDRIA!

WE LOVE YOU!
FROM
MAMA, DADA,
& SISTER

# CALLING ALL SAUK AND FOX ARTISTS!

We are looking for Sauk and Fox artwork to hang in the new 'Soon to Open' Senior Citizens, Veterans Office and Transportation Building reception area, Stroud, Okla.

This will be on a consignment/loan basis as there are no funds to purchase at this time.

For information, please call Dottie Tiger, 918/290-1754.



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



We want to feature the scholastic, academic and athletic awards or achievements of your child or grandchild of the Sac and Fox Nation!

Send all pertinent information, such as name of student, town, school and grade attending, explanation of award or achievement, and names of parents and/or grandparents, along with a current photo of the student to:

newspaper@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov or: Sac and Fox News, 920963 S. Hwy. 99 Stroud, OK 74079

## Sac and Fox Nation 2021 Election Dates to Remember

SAC AND FOX NATION DATE 01-26-2021 **2021 ELECTION** 

SECRETARY

### NOTICE OF POSITIONS FOR **ELECTION**

The Sac and Fox Nation Election Board is declaring and officially posting the following positions that will be open for the 2021 election year.

**BUSINESS COMMITTEE POSITIONS** 

TREASURER

**SECRETARY** 

**GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE** 

**GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE** 

Georgia F. Nullake, Chairman Sac and Fox Nation Election Board

Sac and Fox Nation 2021 Election Dates to Remember (Approved: January 26, 2021)

Section 201. Election Days

Any such Primary Election shall be held at least thirty (30) days prior to the regular General Election PRIMARY ELECTION: Saturday, June 5, 2021.

Section 201. Election Days

Regular General Elections of members of the Business Committee and Grievance Committee shall be held on the last Saturday in August of each election year. All other required Tribal elections shall be held upon call of the Business Committee. GENERAL ELECTION: Saturday, August 28, 2021.

Section 208. Poll Watchers

Each candidate may designate in writing one person, not a candidate, to watch the activities at the polls. Such designation shall be presented to Election Board Officials prior to the election. Such persons may not interfere in any way with the conduct of the election, but may observe only. Any poll watcher interfering with the election or attempting to electioneer, in any way, shall be rejected from the poll area by a Sergeant of Arms or law enforcement officer.

PRIMARY ELECTION:

Notification of Poll Watchers Deadline: Friday, May 28, 2021 by 4:30 p.m.

GENERAL ELECTION:

Notification of Poll Watchers Deadline: Friday, August 20, 2021 by 4:30 p.m.

All notifications must be sent to the Sac and Fox Nation Election Board, 920883 S. Hwy 99, Bldg. A, Stroud, OK

Section 302. Voting List

It shall be the duty of the Tribal Secretary to compile from the Tribal membership rolls a list of all persons who will be eligible voters on the date scheduled for the Primary Election and General Election and to present sufficient certified copies of this list as requested to the Election Board no later than sixty (60) days prior to the Primary Election and no later than sixty (60) days prior to the General Election. The said copies are to be returned to the Tribal Secretary.

One copy of the voting list shall be maintained in the Tribal Office and be open to public inspection during Regular business hours no later than sixty (60) days prior to the election.

PRIMARY ELECTION:

Voting List Open to the public: Tuesday, April 6, 2021

GENERAL ELECTION:

Voting List Open to the public: Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Section 303. Challenges to Voting Lists

At any time more than twenty (20) days before the Primary Election and General Election, any person may challenge the voting eligibility of any person whose name appears on said list, or may apply to have their name added to said list by filing an application with the Election Board. The application shall clearly indicate the substance of the challenge, the specific names challenged, and the relief requested.

PRIMARY ELECTION: Deadline for Challenges:

Friday, May 14, 2021 by 4:30 p.m.

GENERAL ELECTION: Deadline for Challenges:

Friday, August 6, 2021 by 4:30 p.m.

Section 402. Filing for Office

To be eligible for election and have one's name placed upon the ballot Notice of Candidacy for an elective office must be filed with: The Tribal Secretary after depositing the candidate's non-refundable filing fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) (cashier's check only) with the Tribal Treasurer during regular business hours at the Tribal Office complex not later than sixty-five (65) calendar days prior to the date of the Primary Election and General Election. The Tribal Secretary shall notify the Chairman of the Election Board of all candidates who have filed

Opening date to File for Office: Tuesday, January 26, 2021

PRIMARY ELECTION

Closing date to File for Office: Thursday, April 1, 2021 by 4:30 p.m.

If no Primary Election is held, the closing date to File for Office for GENERAL ELECTION: Thursday, June 24, 2021 by 4:30 p.m.

Section 403. Petition for Office

A petition of ten (10) or more members of Council may submit a written notice with required filing fees of twohundred (\$200.00) non-refundable (cashier's check only), no later than sixty-five (65) calendar days prior to the date of the Primary Election and/or General Election stating the name of the candidate, age, birth date, and proof of actual residence and domicile.

PRIMARY ELECTION:

Deadline to Petition for Office: Thursday, April 1, 2021 by 4:30 p.m.

If No Primary Election is held, the deadline to Petition for Office for the GENERAL ELECTION: Thursday, June 24, 2021 by 4:30 p.m.

Section 406. Withdrawals

Any candidate for office may withdraw by filing a written notice of withdrawal with the Election Board at any time within ten (10) days after the closing date of filing for office. Such notice shall contain the candidates name, the office filed for, a statement of withdrawal and shall be notarized or sworn to before a person authorized to administer oaths. (Required filing fee non-refundable)

PRIMARY ELECTION deadline to Withdraw:

Saturday, April 10, 2021 by 4:30 p.m.

GENERAL ELECTION deadline to Withdraw: Saturday, July 3, 2021 by 4:30 p.m. Section 408. Contest of Candidate Eligibility

Any candidate or eligible voter may challenge a candidate's legal qualifications to run for office by filing a written petition with the Election Board within three (3) business days of the closing of the filing period. Each petition shall state with particularity the reasons the candidate is not eligible to file for office. There is a one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) non-refundable cashier's check contest fee.

PRIMARY ELECTION:

Deadline to Contest Candidate Eligibility: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 by 4:30 p.m.

GENERAL ELECTION: If no Primary Election, deadline to Contest Candidate Eligibility: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 by 4:30 p.m.

Section 602. <u>Application for Absentee Ballot</u>
Qualified voters wishing to cast vote by absentee ballots shall notify the Election Board not sooner than ninety

(90) days and not later than thirty (30) days prior to the election. Such notices must be in writing and must include the correct mailing address of the person making the request. Only one ballot per written request.

PRIMARY ELECTION:

Requests will be accepted from Sunday, March 7, 2021 and cannot accept requests after Thursday, May 6, 2021 by 4:30 p.m.

GENERAL ELECTION:

Requests will be accepted from Sunday, May 30, 2021 and cannot accept requests after

and ballot boxes shall be transported to the Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Court House.

Thursday, July 29, 2021 by 4:30 p.m.

Section 706. The Tally The Election Board shall unlock the ballot box(es), shall remove the ballots one by one, and as each one is removed, the clerks shall read off the names of the candidates marked thereupon. At least two election officials shall view each ballot, and each counter shall keep a separate tally of the votes cast. Each candidate may select a watcher of their choice, not a candidate, to observe and keep a separate record of the tally of the ballots, and who

PRIMARY ELECTION Deadline for Notification: Friday, May 28, 2021 by 4:30 p.m. GENERAL ELECTION Deadline for Notification: Friday, August 20, 2021 by 4:30 p.m. All notifications must be sent to the Sac and Fox Nation Election Board, 920883 S. Hwy 99, Bldg. A, Stroud, OK

shall not interfere with the tally process. After the tally is complete, all ballots, absentee ballots, voter registers,

Section 710. Certification of Election

The election shall be certified by the Election Board immediately after the ten (10) day period for filing an election contest expires, provided, that if an election contest petition is filed within the time period allowed, then no Certificate of Election shall be issued until after such election contest is finally decided.

PRIMARY ELECTION:

If the tally is completed on Saturday, June 5, 2021, Certification is on Tuesday, June 15, 2021. If the tally is completed on Sunday, June 6, 2021, Certification is on Wednesday, June 16, 2021.

If the tally is completed on Saturday, August 28, 2021, Certification is on Tuesday, September, 7, 2021. If the tally is completed on Sunday, August 29, 2021, Certification is on Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

A candidate or qualified voter contesting a Tribal Election shall, within ten (10) days after completion of the tally of the election and declaration of the results, shall deposit a two hundred dollar (\$200.00) non-refundable cashier's check contest filing fee with the Tribal Treasurer, file with the Election Board a statement in writing setting forth their particular grounds for the contest. The statement shall be verified by affidavit of the contestor(s) that they believe the matters and things therein contained are true. After the statement is filed the Election Board shall set a time for a hearing of the contest, no later than ten (10) days after the date on which the statement of contest was filed. Written notice of such hearing shall be mailed or delivered to each candidate for the office contested. Any party to the election protest and the Election Board shall have the right to view the election ballots and records in the presence of the Court Clerk in the clerk's office. Any party to the protest or a Tribal member shall be entitled to receive a photocopy of said documents certified as true and correct copies by the Court Clerk upon payment to said clerk of the normal and customary charges.

Said certified copies shall be received as evidence by the Election Board in like manner as an original. Alternatively the Election Board, upon request of a party or on its own motion, may convene a hearing for any protested election at the Tribal Courthouse for the purpose of review of said election materials. After hearing the proofs and allegations of the contestants, the Election Board shall make their findings and shall have authority to pronounce their judgment either setting aside, or confirming the election.

PRIMARY ELECTION:

If the tally is completed on Saturday, June 5, 2021

The Contest Petition deadline date: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 by 4:30 p.m.

If the tally is completed on Sunday, June 6, 2021 The Contest Petition deadline date: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 by 4:30 p.m.

GENERAL ELECTION: If the tally is completed on Saturday, August 28, 2021

The Contest Petition deadline date: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 by 4:30 p.m.

If the tally is completed on Sunday, August 29, 2021 The Contest Petition deadline date: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 by 4:30 p.m.

Section 805. Request for Recount

Since the Election Ordinance provides for automatic recount of ballots, any request for recount of ballots must list the reasons therefore in writing and be submitted to the Election Board Chairman, or the Chairman's designated representative within five (5) days after the election. Such request must be accompanied by a nonrefundable cashier's check of two-hundred dollars (\$200.00) made payable to the Sac and Fox Nation. Said check shall be forwarded to the Tribal Secretary-Treasurer to be credited against the cost of the recount. The Election Board shall meet and decide within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice whether or not the reasons listed in the request are sufficient to cause a recount of ballots.

PRIMARY ELECTION:

The deadline date to Request a Recount: Thursday, June 10, 2021 by 4:30 p.m.

GENERAL ELECTION:

The deadline date to Request a Recount: Thursday, September 2, 2021 by 4:30 p.m.



#### HELP WANTED! **SAC & FOX NATION**

#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF JOB VACANCIES WITH

THE SAC & FOX NATION:

**Maintenance Technician Health Information Manager Chief Financial Director** 

Resident Advisor (Juvenile Detention Center)

**Land and Cattle Laborer Environmental Technician Family Practice Practitioner Education Specialist Meal Delivery Driver (Part-time) Grant Writer/Planner** 

**Surveillance Observer - Gaming** 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

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



#### SAC AND FOX NATION

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#### **ENROLLMENT PACKET**

#### PLEASE COMPLETE AND ATTACH ALL REQUESTED DOCUMENTS

- 1. SAC AND FOX NATION MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA: Identify the section of the Sac and Fox Constitution under which the applicant claims a right to membership per Article I Membership of Tribe." Please check only one blank.
- APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT: Please furnish as much information as possible on this portion, sign and date. Attach any legal guardianship papers.
- 3. CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE: A certified birth certificate has an embossed seal of the State in which the applicant was born and the signature of the State Registrar. A photo copy "IS NOT" acceptable. The certificate should indicate the name of the applicant. THIS CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE WILL BE RETURNED once all documentation is verified by the Enrollment Department. A copy of the birth certificate will become a part of the official records of the Sac and Fox Nation. If the name on the application differs from the BIRTH NAME, please provide documentation of name change with the application, i.e. Marriage License, Adoption Papers.
- 4. SOCIAL SECURITY CARD: Please provide a copy of the applicant's card. Name on Birth Certificate, Social Security Card and Application must match.
- 5. ANCESTRAL INFORMATION: This guides the researcher in verifying ancestral information and any Indian Blood degree. Please include maiden names if they are known.
- AFFIDAVIT: Please complete, sign and date. This affidavit must be signed by a Notary Public before it is accepted by this office.

RETURN TO: SAC AND FOX NATION Enrollment Department 920883 S. Hwy. 99

Stroud, OK, 74079

SAC AND	FOX NATION	MEMBERSHIP	CRITERIA

IDENTIFY THE SECTION OF THE SAC AND FOX CONSTITUTION UNDER WHICH THE APPLICANT CLAIMS A RIGHT TO MEMBERSHIP PER ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP OF TRIBE (Per SFN Code of Laws Title 24. Tribal Enrollment and Membership Act, Chapter 3 – Enrollment, Section 301):

Please check only one blank.

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\_ SECTION 2. All persons of one-eight (1/8) or more degree of total combined Sac and Fox Indian blood at least one of whose parents is a member of the Sac and Fox Nation.

SECTION 3. All persons now living and eligible for membership under Article I of the Constitution of the Sac and Fox Nation as amended August 26, 1967.

a.	All enrolled persons who names appear on the official census roll of the tribe as
	of January 1, 1937, and who were living on that date.

- \_\_b. Each child born since the date of the said roll and prior to the effective date of Amendment I (October 16, 1954) each of whose parents was a member of the tribe.
- \_\_\_\_c. Each child of Sac and Fox Indian blood born prior to the effective date of Amendment I (October 16,1954) of a marriage between a member of the tribe and any other person, if such child is admitted to membership by the council.
- \_\_\_\_d. Each child who is of one-eighth or more Sac and Fox Indian blood born on or after October 16, 1954, each of whose parents is a member of the tribe.
- \_\_e. Persons born after date of October 16, 1954, who possess one-eighth (1/8) or more Sac and Fox Indian blood, \* at least one parent is a member of the Sac and Fox Nation, shall be entitled to membership with the Sac and Fox Nation, provided an application is submitted in writing to the Sac and Fox Nation and provided that such person,\* if enrolled with another tribe, shall first file a conditional relinquishment with the other tribe.
- f. Persons making application for membership shall be entitled to file application under Section 3 (c) only two times, and if rejected both times, they shall not be entitled to further consideration under 3 (c).

\*Having been duly ratified and approved, proposed Amendment A is hereby designated as Amendment No. VII to the Constitution of the Sac and Fox Nation.

#### SAUK LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS & NEWS

#### March 2021 Pâpôhkwîha

(Half and Half Moon)

Happy St. Patrick's Day

#### Pîthehkâko Ashkipakyâwi Shehkitâkanani!

(Wear Y'alls 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 <a href="https://www.talksauk.com">www.talksauk.com</a>!

Suggestions and comments from tribal members are always welcome on programs you have attended, or would like to see scheduled.

Call 918-968-3526 or 800-259-3970, or email at:

Katie.Thompson@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov

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#### Volunteers Distribute Water for Shawnee-Area Tribal Households

Sac and Fox Nation Chief of Staff Audrey Lee and a team of other volunteers on Sunday, Feb. 21 distributed 100 32-bottle cases of drinking water and 650 gallons of non-potable water for household use to dozens of Sac and Fox tribal families from the Shawnee area. The team set up the drive-by water distribution station in the parking lot of the Sac and Fox Nation Multi-Purpose Complex from 2-4 p.m. after bitter-cold temperatures over the preceding week caused water outages and the City of Shawnee to issue a boil order for (Photos by Mike Brown)

## **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 January 14, 2021. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

- 1) Resolution SF-21-60, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2021 Election Board Budget in the total funding amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). The funding source is identified as Treasury Appropriations allocated by motion at the Special Governing Council Meeting on November 7, 2020. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Jared A. King-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- 2) Resolution SF-21-61, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2021 Sac and Fox Nation Grievance Committee Budget in the total amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). The funding source is identified as Treasury Appropriations, per motion from Special Governing Council meeting dated November 7, 2020. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Don W. Abney-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes. Motion carried.
- 3) Resolution SF-21-62, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2021 Revenue Allocation Plan Veteran's Honor Guard Budget in the total amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00). The funding source is identified as the Fiscal Year 2021 Governing Council approved Resolution SF/GC-21-03. Jared A. King-motion. Jacklyn K. King-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes.
- Robert E. Williamson motion to ratify straw poll for the following Resolution:

Resolution SF-21-58, a resolution approving the Sac and Fox Nation for the Year 2021 Membership into the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) in the total amount of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) and naming Principal Chief Justin F. Wood as Delegate and naming Second Chief Don W. Abney, Secretary Jacklyn K. King, Treasurer Jared A. King, and Committee Member Robert E. Williamson as alternative Delegates. (Passed December 23, 2020)

VOTE: Don W. Abney-2<sup>nd</sup>. Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Absent. Motion carried.

Don W. Abney motion to ratify straw poll for the following Resolution:

Resolution SF-21-59, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2021 Indian Health Service Compact Budget Modification #1 in the total amount of Nineteen Million Two Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$19,229,395.00). The funding sources are identified as the Fiscal Year 2021 Indian Health Services Compact Funding Agreement with prior year's carryover. (Passed December 23, 2020)

VOTE: Jared A. King-2<sup>nd</sup>. Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Absent, Jared-Yes. Motion carried.

- Resolution SF-21-63, a resolution denying Ten (10) persons to the membership roll of the Sac and Fox Nation in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Sac and Fox Nation. Robert E. Williamsonmotion. Don W. Abney-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Absent, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- 7) Resolution SF-21-64, a resolution approving the Calendar Year 2020 Department of Justice Tribal Victim Services Program (Court) Budget Modification #1 in the total funding amount of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars (\$115,532.00). The funding source is identified as the Department of Justice Grant #2019-VO-GX-0117, Year One (1) of Three (3). Robert E. Williamsonmotion. Don W. Abney-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Absent, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes. Motion carried.
- Resolution SF-21-65, a resolution approving the Calendar Year 2021 Department of Justice Tribal Victim Service Program (Court) Budget in the total funding amount of Two Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$258,945.00). The funding source is identified as the Department of Justice Grant #2019-VO-GX-0117, Year Two (2) of Three (3), Jared A. King-motion, Don W. Abney-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Jacklyn-Absent, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes. Motion carried.
- Resolution SF-21-66, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation and Susan Damron to provide legal services to the Department of Justice Tribal Victims Services Program. The funding source is identified as the Department of Justice Tribal Victims Services (Court) Calendar Year (CY) 2021 Budget. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Don W. Abney-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Absent. Motion carried.
- Robert E. Williamson motion to approve Cushing Chamber of Commerce Membership Request in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$255.00) for Calendar Year 2021. Jared A. King-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Absent, Jared-Yes. Motion carried.
- Robert E. Williamson motion to approve Oklahoma Native Assets Coalition Membership Request in 11) the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for Calendar Year 2021. VOTE: Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Absent, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Resolution SF-21-67, a resolution approving the CARES Act Relief Department Budget in the total funding amount of Sixty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$67,877.00). Robert E. Williamson-motion. Jared A. King-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Absent, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes. Motion carried.

#### **Darius Pahmahmie Has Promising** Football Career at Liberty North H.S.

Sac and Fox Nation tribal member the very best. You go all the way, Dari, Darius Pahmahmie, recently completed a success football season at Liberty North High School in Liberty, Mo.

"Darius is a very impressive true freshman, and the lone defensive lineman at the 6 Star Football Combine among defensive lineman that competed as a true freshman. No doubt the Class of '24 big man held his own at the combine, and is a player that should be looking forward to a very fine career for Liberty North.

"He is a big, 6'1", 280-lb., and is only a freshman. So, you can see just how impressive his size already is. He is a player that we expect to get some early attention, or get on the radars soon for his size and power. Darius has a load of potential and promise, and we think he is must-see in the '24 class," said a member of the Liberty North coaching staff.

Darius is the son of Stephanie and Avery Demby of Kansas City, Mo., and Fred Pahmahmie of Horton, Kan. "We are very proud of Darius and wish him

we love you," said a family member.



Darius Pahmahmie



Shown from right with cases of drinking water for distribution to Shawnee-area tribal households are: Chief of Staff Audrey Lee, USDA program representative Tomi Calderon and Chief of Staff Lee's husband, Jeremy Lee.



Shown from right during the distribution of 650 gallons of non-potable water for household use are: Land and Cattle program representatives Andy Warrior and Allen Tsoodle.

## **Agriculture Industry D C. Transition**

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state's economy was more than 320,000 that were created over the last four years jobs and more than \$18 billion in eco-would also be important to farmers. nomic activity, suggesting that 1 in 8 jobs in Oklahoma are related to the industry.

So, a lot of people, economists as well as producers, will be closely following what happens in the White House. Aside from ag policy, the USDA typically takes the lead on issues involving nutrition, natural resources, food scarcity, rural development and, by association, producers' finances as they face commodity price fluctuations and rising personal debt.

In late January, the department announced it would temporarily suspend some foreclosures and debt collections from producers facing financial problems because of the pandemic. Only time will tell how beneficial those efforts will be and how they will be perceived by rural communities, the OSU economists said.

"Another thing to consider is costs of production," Hagerman said. "That's always a concern in agriculture where we run on very tight margins. Any changes in regulations that affect market prices of inputs – like fertilizer or fuel – those things trickle down to agriculture, so they'll be closely watched by producers."

She said typically in such a changeover, some prices will trend up over time and some will go down. Peel added that some in the industry have appreciated the previous administration's efforts to ease agriculture-related regulations, so pro-

ducers are now concerned about reversals that could harm their bottom lines. agriculture's total contribution to the The fate of small business tax incentives

In addition to Vilsack, who led the USDA for most of President Barack Obama's two terms, President Joe Biden also tapped Jewel H. Bronaugh, Virginia's commissioner of agriculture and consumer services, as U.S. deputy secretary of agriculture. If confirmed by the Senate, she would be the first African American woman to serve in the No. 2 position. Following the December elections, membership on the powerful House of Representatives Agriculture Committee is likely to change as well.

"We'll see some new direction coming out of the next omnibus farm bill, which will also reflect the latest leadership changes in Congress," Peel said.

Given Biden's campaign commitments to green energy and to address climate change, said Courtney Bir, assistant professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics, it's reasonable to expect more emphasis on biofuels, which will have implications for corn growers in states north of Oklahoma. Such a policy would ripple to other fields, however, because more corn converted to fuel means less available for livestock feed, in turn affecting other grain growers' decisions and price trends.

"Producers will want to follow news closely in the coming weeks to track policy shifts and anticipate the repercussions," Bir said.

### SAC AND FOX TAX COMMISSION REVENUE

April 2020

Beer and Liquor	\$0.00
State Tobacco Rebate	
Motor Vehicle	
Sales Tax	\$12,673.81
Treasury	\$400.00
Oil and Gas	\$0.00
Gaming	\$52,976.40
TOTAL\$378,969.55	



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Second Chief DON ABNEY
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Committee Member ROBERT WILLIAMSON

#### STATEMENT OF RESIDENCE

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby certify that the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand this information is subject to verification and that it I am found to have provided false or fraudulent information, I may be subject to prosecution under the law.

Additionally, the person(s) identified in this statement of residence will NOT be considered or claimed as part of my household for the current year for tax purposes.

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, provide a place of residence, room and board only, to the person(s) listed:

First Name	Last Name	Social Security Number
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

Place of Residence:			
Address	City	State	Zip
Name of Homeowner/Ren	nter/Landlord:		
Signature	Date		
Notary Seal:	Name of Notary:		
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**FNS HANDBOOK 501 EXHIBIT M** 

#### FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR) FY 2021 NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS (Effective October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021)

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

#### **48 Contiguous United States:**

#### **Use this Amount**

Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard		SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	\$1,064	+	\$167	=	\$1,231
2	\$1,437	+	\$167	=	\$1,604
3	\$1,810	+	\$167	=	\$1,977
4	\$2,184	+	\$181	=	\$2,365
5	\$2,557	+	\$212	=	\$2,769
6	\$2,930	+	\$243	=	\$3,173
7	\$3,304	+	\$243	=	\$3,547
8	\$3,677	+	\$243	=	\$3,920
each additions	al member				\$374

#### Alaska:

#### **Use this Amount**

Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard		SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	\$1,330	+	\$286	=	\$1,616
2	\$1,796	+	\$286	=	\$2,082
3	\$2,263	+	\$286	=	\$2,549
4	\$2,730	+	\$286	=	\$3,016
5	\$3,196	+	\$286	=	\$3,482
6	\$3,663	+	\$304	=	\$3,967
7	\$4,130	+	\$304	=	\$4,434
8	\$4,596	+	\$304	=	\$4,900
each additiona	al member				\$467

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#### FY 2021 FDPIR Income Deductions (see 7 CFR 253.6(e)) Effective October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021

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	Households that incur monthly medical expenses by any household
Deduction	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	Households who furnish the majority of meals for a home care
Deduction	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 = \$204
	Alaska by Area Designations
	• Urban = \$251
	• Rural 1 = \$320
	• Rural 2 = \$390
	Rutai 2 \$570
	See 7 CFR 272.7(b) for area designations in Alaska.
Standard Shelter/Utility	Households that incur at least one monthly shelter or utility
Expense Deduction	expense are allowed a standard income deduction (see chart
*	below). Allowable shelter/utility expenses are provided at 7 CFR
	273 9(d)(6)(ii)

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#### FY 2021 FDPIR Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deductions Effective October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021

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.



#### Sac and Fox Nation **Black Hawk Health Center COVID-19 Statistics**

(Through 2/15/21)

County	<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>Total Deaths</b>
Lincoln	2989 54	
Pottawatomie	7688	72
Payne	8249	46
BHHC Tests Performed*	BHHC Tota	l Positives*
1399	1	72
BHHC Total V	accinations Giv	/en
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\*Indicates number of tests performed, not number of individual patients

#### March 2021

#### 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
1   ELDERS DAY	2	3 SHIPMENT	4	5 ELDERS DAY
8  LATE NIGHT SHAWNEE 12 pm - 6 pm	9 ELDERS DAY	10	11	12 SHAWNEE HD
15	16	17 SHIPMENT	18	19 SHAWNEE HD
22 LATE NIGHT STROUD 8 am - 6 pm SHAWNEE 12 pm - 6 pm	23	24	25	26
29	30 CLOSED FOR INVENTORY	31 CLOSED FOR INVENTORY		

#### **ALL FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS** ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY! THANK YOU!!

**HOURS** 

MONDAY - FRIDAY CERTIFICATION

8:00 am - 4:30 pm **STORE** 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

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This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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