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Sexual Assault Awareness Information Provided on 'Denim Day'

by Mike Brown

The Sac and Fox Division for Victims of Crime observed 'Denim Day' on April 26 with a focus on sexual assault awareness. Victim advocates and services coordinators Kristi Richardson and Brittney Melton provided sexual assault awareness information along with refreshments and t-shirts in the Sac and Fox Nation Justice Center Lobby.

The 'Denim Day' story began in Italy in 1992, when an 18-year old girl was raped by the 45-year old driving instructor who was taking her to her very first driving lesson. She reported the rape and the perpetrator was arrested and prosecuted. He was convicted of rape and sentenced to jail.

Years later, he appealed the conviction claiming that they had consensual sex. The Italian Supreme Court overturned the conviction and the perpetrator was released. A statement from the Court argued that because the victim was wearing very tight jeans, she had to help him remove them, and by removing the jeans it was

not rape but consensual sex. This became known throughout Italy as the "jeans alibi."

Enraged by the verdict, the women in the Italian Parliament launched a protest wearing jeans on the steps of the Supreme Court. This protest was picked up by international media, which inspired the California Senate and Assembly to do the same on the steps of the Capitol in Sacramento.

Patti Occhiuzzo Giggans, Executive Director of Peace Over Violence, saw this in the media and thought everyone should be wearing jeans to protest all of the myths about why women and girls are raped. Denim Day in Los Angeles was established. The first Denim Day event was held in April 1999, and has continued annually since.

In 2020, Oklahoma law enforcement agencies, including tribal agencies, reported 2,245 forcible and attempted rapes.

Out of 160 individuals arrested for rape, 90 percent of those arrested were adults, and 10 percent were juveniles. According

to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the top five counties with the highest numbers of reported rates in 2020 were:

Oklahoma, Tulsa, Cleveland, Comanche and Payne Counties.

In observation of Denim Day, the Sac and Fox Nation Business Committee gave approval for all Nation employees to wear denim jeans to work on April 26.

By Sac and Fox Advocates for Victims of Crime



Sac and Fox Nation Division for Victims of Crime staff members Kristi Richardson and Brittney Melton are shown from left in the Justice Center lobby while providing information on available services and other information on sexual assault awareness in observation of 'Denim Day.'

(Photo by Mike Brown)

Sovereignty Symposium Set for June 13-14 at the Skirvin in OKC

The Sovereignty Symposium is a national event held for the past 35 years in Oklahoma to provide a forum in which ideas concerning common legal issues among those in the legal professions, federal and state officials, and the state's Native American tribes can be exchanged in a scholarly, non-adversarial environment. It was originally

established by the Oklahoma Supreme Court with this being the first year Oklahoma City University will be involved in the symposium.

This year's symposium will take place June 13-14, 2023, at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel in downtown Oklahoma City. Titled "Treaties," the keynote speaker will be Baroness Emma Nicholson of Winterbourne, a life peer and member of the House of Lords in the United Kingdom.

OCU law houses the American Indian Law and Sovereignty Center as well as its American Indian Wills Clinic. OCU President Kenneth Evans explains further, "Oklahoma City University is honored to be able to host and administer the Sovereignty Symposium for years to come. Our School of Law and our university at-large emphasize collaboration with Oklahoma's 39 tribal governments and their citizens. Hosting the symposium is a natural extension of our continuing efforts."

For more information or to register to attend, please go to thesovereigntysymposium.com.

Margaret Ellis-Stevens and Stella Nullake Receive 'Mother of the Year' Honors



Anna Kilgore places a shawl on Margaret Ellis-Stevens, who was named 2019 'Mother of the Year' during a Mothers Day Honor Dance held May 14 in the Sac and Fox Community Bldg. Looking on at left is Stella Nullake, who was named 2023 Mother of the Year by the Sac and Fox Elders Advisory Committee. See more photos inside.

(Photo courtesy of Juaquin Hamilton)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Pow wow Grounds Pavilion Application DEADLINE has been changed to June 30, 2023. All applications will have to be turned in no later than Friday, June 30, 2023.

Sac and Fox Nation Election Dates

Primary Election: Saturday, June 3, 2023
General Election: Saturday, August 26, 2023

Business Committee Positions Due Election are:
Principal Chief, Second Chief, and Committee Member

Grievance Committee Positions Due Election are:
Grievance Committee #1, and Grievance Committee #2

Find more Primary and General Election Information on **Page 5** of this edition.



Head Singer Nicholas Wahpepah and Open Drums took part in the Sac and Fox Nation Mother's Day Honor Dance sponsored May 13 by the Elders Advisory Committee in the Community Building.

(Photo by Mike Brown)

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Obituaries

Sarah Renee Brown was born in Shattuck, Okla. on January 11, 1985 to Spence and Janet Hummel. Sarah married Kyle Brown October 11, 2014 and the couple made their home in Sapulpa, Oklahoma. Sarah passed away unexpectedly on May 1, 2023 at the age of 38 years old.

Sarah graduated from Shattuck High School in 2003 and attended the University of Tulsa. Sarah completed her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology with certificates in Legal and Women's Studies in 2007. She then continued her education at University of Tulsa College of Law, completing her Juris Doctor in 2010. Sarah was admitted to the Oklahoma Bar Association in September 2010.

She was also a member of Tulsa County and the Cherokee Nation Bar Associations. At the time of her death she was a well-respected and recognized member of the Oklahoma legal community. Sarah was a life-long learner and completed a certificate in Sustainable Capitalism and ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) from U.C. Berkeley School of Law in 2022. She was also part of the 2018 graduating class of Leadership Native Oklahoma through the American

Sarah Renee Brown

Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma.

After graduating from law school, Sarah started her legal career with the Tulsa City Council. Her career quickly took off and she expanded her legal resume to include judgeships for the cities of Tulsa and Depew, policy analyst for the Sac and Fox Nation, professor at Oral Roberts University and The University of Arkansas, and her own private legal practice. Sarah was proud to have been a Tulsa '30 Under 30' honoree.

Sarah supported and volunteered much of her time with Tulsa Lawyers for Children. She was appointed to the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women in 2016. Sarah was also a professional photographer, with pieces most recently featured as a contemporary artist in the Hogue 125 Inspired Oklahoma Landscape exhibit. She also had a passion for family genealogy and her Native American heritage as a proud descendant of the Cherokee Nation and Lakota Sioux tribes.

A celebration of life was held at the Reynolds Center in Tulsa on Sunday, May 7, 2023.

Sarah is survived by her husband, Kyle; parents, Spence and Janet Hum-

mel; brothers, Paul Hummel (Heather, nieces, Maya and Laken) and Nick Hummel (Kristin, nephews, Price and Park); Kyle's parents, David and Charlotte Brown; and twin sister, Christen Robinson; and, many close friends and colleagues.



Sarah Renee Brown

Seals Earns Place In Udall Program

The NASNTI REACHE Program at East Central University ha announced Delanie Seals, a senior Legal Studies major, has been accepted into the prestigious Udall Native American Congressional Internship program.

Seals is from Ada, Okla. and is a member of the Chickasaw, Choctaw, and Sac and Fox Nations. She has been involved in advocacy of various issues since she was in high school, including fighting to end discriminatory dress codes and advocating for more just police policies.

Seals currently is an intern for the Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, president of the ECU Student Government Association and a member of the ECU Native American Student Association. Seals' accolades at ECU include the 2022 Spirit of MLK Award and the 2020 Shirley Mixon Trailblazer award.

Seals has also devoted her time to a research project demonstrating the effects of the U.S. Supreme Court case McGirt v. Oklahoma on both tribal nations and the State of Oklahoma and is writing a thesis about tribal criminal jurisdictional matters for the ECU Honors Program. She plans to go to law school after getting her undergraduate degree, and work for a political and legal advocacy organization after.

"Being able to participate in the Udall Internship will give me the chance to learn about the federal legislative process," Seals said, "to build connections with political and legal professionals, to learn more about tribal sovereignty, and to understand the relationship between the federal government and tribal nations."

Happy June Birthday Elders!

Abney, Sharon Kay
Ahgoom, Ronald Wayne
Alexander, Edmond Jacob Jr.
Alexander, Erin Casey
Allen, Viola Kay
Britt, Mary Sue
Brown, Stewart Matthew
Bushyhead, David Wade
Coombs, Diane Elizabeth
Delaware, Rodney Keith
Eldredge, Larry Ernest
Ellis, Linda Sue
Franklin, Carole Ann
Franklin, Martin Edward
Galloway, Ronald Lee
Garrison, Shirley Jean
Goodeagle, Ronald Charles Jr.
Grant, Lisa Renee
Grass, Michael Lynn
Grass, William Lloyd
Gray, John David
Hale, Angela Dawn
Hilligoss, Ramona Ann
Hocker, David D
Hodgens, Gary Wayne
Holly, Jacqueline Allene
Hoskins, James Evans
Hutchens, Brenda June
Johnson, Ramona Marie
Lack, Murna Lee
Lane, Charlotte Estelle
Long, Becky Marie
Long, Lamont L



Longshore, Roy Dale
Lovelady, Pearl Darlene
Macy, Lisa Louise
Mascorro, David Jon
McAllister, Sharron
Nelson, John Wallace
Pawling, Richard Leroy Jr.
Perry, Allyson Beth
Preston, Roseanna Frances
Quintana, Hilda
Rhodd, Connie Paulette
Rivas, Daniel Jr.
Roubidoux, Linus
Saulsberry, Clyde
Smith, Deborah Lou
Springer, Peggy Melody
Tate, Sherri Leigh
Tipton, Bobbe Ann
Trammell, Frederick Allen
Trammell, Michael Steven
Vigo, Lori Lynn
Wachter, Deborah Diane
Wakolee, Angela Sue
Wallace, Charles William
Wallace, Cheryl Denise
Wapskineh, Verna Lavene
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Garden Tool Sets, Vegetable Seeds Distributed at Black Hawk Health Center

Joyce Wolfe is pictured May 3 at Black Hawk Health Center after receiving a garden tool set and garden seed packets distributed by the Sac and Fox Nation Special Diabetes Program. Shown from left distributing the items are Exercise Specialist Anthony Ramirez and Dietitian Josh Nooner. (Photo by Mike Brown)



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Partnership to Preserve Indian Boarding School Oral History, Records

The Department of the Interior and National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) on April 26 announced a new inter-agency partnership to expand the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative through the collection of oral histories and digitization of records documenting the experiences of survivors and descendants of federal Indian boarding school policies.

NEH has committed \$4 million to support the digitization of records from the United States’ system of 408 federal Indian boarding schools and the creation of a permanent oral history collection, documenting the experiences of the generations of Indigenous students who passed through the federal boarding school system.

The Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative is an ongoing, comprehensive effort by the Interior Department to recognize the troubled legacy of federal Indian boarding school policies with the goal of addressing their intergenerational impact and shedding light on the traumas of the past.

“Federal Indian boarding school policies have touched every Indigenous person I know. Deeply ingrained in so many of us is the trauma that these policies and these places have inflicted. This is the first time in history that a U.S. Cabinet Secretary comes to the table with this shared trauma, and I’m determined to use my position to help communities heal,” said Secretary Deb Haaland. “This is one step, among many, that we will take to strengthen and rebuild the bonds within Native communities that federal Indian boarding school policies set out to break.”

“The policies of the federal Indian boarding school system have had a profound and lasting impact on Native communities,” said NEH Chair Shelly C. Lowe (Navajo). “The first step toward addressing the intergenerational consequences of these schools is to squarely acknowledge and examine the history of a federal system intended to separate families, erase Native languages and cultures, and dispossess Native peoples of their land. NEH is proud to join with the Department of the Interior in this important effort to shed light on this chapter of our country’s history.”

Creating a permanent oral history program on the history of federal Indian boarding schools has never before been undertaken by the U.S. government and is a resource that has been requested by Indigenous communities. The Department’s oral history project will ensure

stories and experiences that survivors share can be understood and learned from for future generations.

In May 2022, Secretary Haaland and Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland released Volume 1 of the investigative report called for as part of the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative. The report represented a significant step by the federal government to comprehensively address the facts and consequences of historical federal Indian boarding school policies, which resulted in the twin goals of cultural assimilation and territorial dispossession of Indigenous peoples through the forced removal and relocation of their children. Volume 2 is expected to be published by the end of 2023.

As part of the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative and in response to recommendations from the report, Secretary Haaland launched “The Road to Healing.” This year-long commitment to travel across the country is giving Indigenous survivors the opportunity to share their stories and be connected with trauma-informed support. NEH’s Chair Lowe has joined Interior Department staff at several stops on “The Road to Healing,” including this week’s event on the Tulalip Reservation in Washington State. The oral history project will build on this effort to create space for survivors. Details regarding the facilitation of this effort will be released in the coming weeks.

In addition to NEH’s direct support for the Interior Department’s Federal Indian

Boarding School Initiative, NEH will also fund related humanities programs, including scholarly research, convenings, and educational programs that further public understanding of the history and impact of the federal Indian boarding school system. This funding builds upon previous NEH-supported work such as the Heard Museum’s Away From Home permanent exhibition of American Indian boarding school stories, and the Genoa Indian School Digital Reconciliation Project, which is digitizing and transcribing government records, photographs, oral histories, and other historical materials documenting the experience of Native American children who attended the Genoa U.S. Indian School in Nebraska between 1884 and 1934.

SAC AND FOX NATION
2023 GENERAL ELECTION

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THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2023

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Sac and Fox Nation Education Department News

by Edwina Butler-Wolfe

Hello! Sac and Fox Tribal Members

The Education Department is wrapping up the ‘Every Student Success Act’ (ESSA) consultations’ with all the surrounding public schools. We had 29 ESSA Consultations from January through May of 2023.

Who is required to have consultation with tribes and nations? Schools that receive Indian Education Funding through Title VI Programs. Schools that receive Title VI funding of \$40,000.00 dollars and more should be contacting tribes and nations to consult with their use of federal funding. It is the tribes’ and nations’ responsibility to inquire as to how the federal dollars are being spent towards our Native American Students that attend that public school.

Questions should also be asked about Title I, Part A3; Part C and Part D, Title II, Part A, Title III, Part A, Title IV, Part B, Title V, Part B, Subpart 2. School Year 2021-22 data show for American Indian and Alaska Native Students in Oklahoma that attend public school the total is 156,526 students. There are 412 districts or schools eligible to receive Title VI funding in Oklahoma.

List of Schools we consulted with: SAC AND FOX STUDENTS ATTENDING: SHAWNEE PUBLIC SCHOOL 110; CUSHING PUBLIC SCHOOL 41; NORTH ROCK CREEK PUBLIC

Jazmine H. Grass Graduates From Putnam City West



Sac and Fox tribal member Jazmine Helena Grass graduated May 13, 2023 from Putnam City West High School in Oklahoma City. She is the daughter of Roberto Grass Sr. and Jolene Dorsey. She will continue her journey this fall at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

(Photo provided)

Janessa Rolette Graduates From Kindergarten



JANESSA ROLETTE, KINDERGARTEN GRADUATE, SAC AND FOX TRIBAL MEMBER, GRADUATED FROM KINDERGARTEN AT TECUMSEH EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER. JANESSA RECEIVED THE ATHLETIC AWARD OUT OF 4 KINDERGARTEN CLASSES OF 20 STUDENTS PER CLASS. Janessa is the daughter of Stuart Rolette, Sac and Fox Tribal Member, and Tiffany LittleCreek, Absentee Shawnee. She is the granddaughter to the late Pam Butler-Rolette, Sac and Fox, and the late Gary Rolette, Sac and Fox, the late Deloris LittleCreek and Arnold LittleCreek.

SCHOOL 35; TECUMSEH PUBLIC SCHOOL 33; OKLAHOMA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL 30; PLEASANT GROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL 20; MOORE PUBLIC SCHOOL 17; STILLWATER PUBLIC SCHOOL 16; PRAGUE PUBLIC SCHOOL 15; NORMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL 15; MID-DEL PUBLIC SCHOOL 10; CHOCTAW PUBLIC SCHOOL 9; PUTNUM CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL 7; and, WESTERN HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL 7.

Also, TULSA PUBLIC SCHOOL 6; GROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL 3; McLOUD PUBLIC SCHOOL 3; MUSTANG PUBLIC SCHOOL 3; RIPLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL 2; SEMINOLE PUBLIC SCHOOL 2; PIEDMONT PUBLIC SCHOOL 2; CRESENT PUBLIC SCHOOL 2; GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL 2; DEER CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL 2; CLEVELAND PUBLIC SCHOOL 1; NEWCASTLE PUBLIC SCHOOL 1; EDMOND PUBLIC SCHOOL 0; LATTA PUBLIC SCHOOL 0; and, BYNG PUBLIC SCHOOL 0.

Update on the Senate Bill 429, allowing students enrolled in certain schools or institutions to wear tribal regalia during graduation ceremonies: The first reading, February 6, 2023, authored by Senator John Michael Montgomery, District 32 and Coauthored by Representative Trey Caldwell, District 63; Second reading referred to Education February 7, 2023, passed unanimously 45 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Bill was sent to the House: first reading March 23, 2023; Second reading referred to Common Education March 29, 2023, April 11, 2023 Common Education Committee passed unanimously. General order third reading April 24, 2023: House Floor passed Ayes 90, Nays 1.

Bryant Walker Graduates From Kindergarten



BRYANT WALKER, SAC AND FOX TRIBAL MEMBER, GRADUATED FROM KINDERGARTEN AT PRAGUE PUBLIC SCHOOL. BRYANT IS THE SON OF WHITNEY STANDING, SAC AND FOX MEMBER AND CAMERION WALKER, SAC AND FOX MEMBER.

Kobie Peacock Graduates in Bismark, N. Dakota



Kobie Peacock, Sac and Fox member, graduated from United Tribes Technical College, Bismark, North Dakota. Kobie received his Certificate of Degree in Heavy Equipment on May 12, 2023.

Bill signed, returned to Senate, referred for enrollment April 24, 2023. Enrolled to House and signed, returned to Senate on April 25, 2023. Sent to the Governor for signature April 23, 2023. Governor vetoed May 1, 2023.

On April 22, 2023, the Education Department held the first annual Senior High School Graduate Banquet at the Grand Casino. We had 16 RSVP call-ins, and 9 graduates showed up for the event.

List of students that attended: Ashley Callan, Elk City High School; Caitlyn Nanaeto, North Rock Creek High School; Isaac Grant, Carl Albert High School; Jadence Sanders, Prague High School; Jazmine Grass, Putnam City West High School; Katelynn Gregory, Northwest Classen High School; Merry Henderson, Classen School for Advanced Students; Mindy Wildcat, Varnum High School; and, Tyrone Butler, Agra High School.

Each student was honored with a Chromebook and Pendleton laptop case and Pendleton Spa Towel. Also, each student was given a Sac and Fox Graduation Stole. Acting Chief Angela Gasper, Secretary Lana Butler and Treasurer Carla Wallace were present to honor students with the gifts.

Sac and Fox Senior graduates who were unable to attend may come by the Education Department Office and pick up their Pendleton Spa Towel and lap top case.

Only the students who attended the banquet will receive a Chromebook. PLEASE BRING YOUR SAC AND FOX TRIBAL ENROLLMENT CARD WHEN PICKING UP YOUR GIFT. ITEMS WILL NOT BE MAIL OUT, YOU WILL HAVE TO PICK THEM UP.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

• JUNE 30, 2023 IS THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR COLLEGE FALL SEMESTER 2023. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETE ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2023.

• JULY 1, 2023 IS THE START FOR RAP CLOTHING AND SCHOOL SUPPLY APPLICATION. APPLICATION MUST BE SIGN BY THE SCHOOL AND A COPY OF STUDENT SAC AND FOX ENROLLMENT CARD. PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN APPLICATION WITHOUT A COPY OF STUDENT SAC AND FOX ENROLLMENT CARD.

• JULY 1, 2023 IS ALSO THE START FOR JOHNSON O’MALLEY APPLICATION. IF YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN ARE ENROLL IN THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS PLEASE FILL OUT A JOM APPLICATION: AGRA, CHANDLER, CUSHING, DAVENPORT, GROVE (SHAWNEE LOCATION), MEEKER, NORTH ROCK CREEK, PLEASANT GROVE (SHAWNEE LOCATION), PRAGUE, RIPLEY, SHAWNEE, STROUD PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

ANY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENT THAT IS ENROLL IN A FEDERALLY RECONIZED INDIAN TRIBE AND NATION ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES THROUGH THE SAC AND FOX NATION JOM PROGRAM.

If you have any questions please call the Sac and Fox Nation Education Department. 918 968-3526, extensions 2043 Justin Morris or 2046 Edwina Butler-Wolfe.

Thank you,
Edwina Butler-Wolfe
Director of Education
Sac and Fox Nation



Those attending the Sac and Fox Senior Banquet on April 22, 2023 at the Grand Casino shown front row from left are: KATELYNN GREGORY, Northwest High School, JAZMINE GRASS, Putnam City High School, CAITLYN NANAETO, North Rock Creek High School, ISAAC GRASS, Carl Albert High School, TYRONE BUTLER, Agra High School. Back row from left: MINDY WILDCAT, Varnum High School, JADENCE SANDERS, Prague High School, MERRY HENDERSON, Classen School of Advanced Studies, ASHLEY CALLAN, Elk City High School.

(Photo Provided)

Sac and Fox Sisters Graduate



Alivia Grass, Sac and Fox tribal member shown at right, is a 8th grade graduate from Pleasant Grove School, (Shawnee, OK). She graduated with multiple honors: Principals Honor Roll all year, including ‘Student of Today’ given by the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma. Alivia is the daughter of Amelia Grass, Sac and Fox, and granddaughter to the late Sam Grass, Sac and Fox and, late Billie Grass, Absentee Shawnee. Jessamae Foreman, shown at left, Sac and Fox tribal member, is a kindergarten graduate from Pleasant Grove Public School (Shawnee, OK). She is the daughter of Amelia Grass, Sac and Fox, and granddaughter to the late Sam Grass, Sac and Fox and the late Billie Grass, Absentee Shawnee.

(Photos Provided)



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Sac and Fox Nation 2023 Election Dates to Remember

SAC AND FOX NATION
2023 ELECTION

FILED
DATE 12/19/2022
SECRETARY
SAC & FOX NATION
Lana J. Butler

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 2023 election year.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE POSITIONS
PRINCIPAL CHIEF
SECOND CHIEF
COMMITTEE MEMBER

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE
GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE #1
GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE #2

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

12/18/2022
Date

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DATE 2/16/2023
SECRETARY
SAC & FOX NATION
Lana J. Butler

Section 201. Election Days
(c) Any such Primary Election shall be held at least thirty (30) days prior to the regular General Election.
Primary Election: Saturday, June 3, 2023

Section 201. Election Days
(a) 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 26, 2023

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 for the Primary Election must be in writing and received eight (8) days prior to the election, per Election Board Rules.
DEADLINE: Friday, May 26, 2023 by 5:00 p.m.

GENERAL ELECTION:
Notification of Poll Watchers for the General Election must be in writing and received eight (8) days prior to the election, per Election Board Rules.
DEADLINE: Friday, August 18, 2023 by 5:00 p.m.

All notifications must be sent to the Sac and Fox Nation Election Board, 920963 S. Hwy 99, Stroud, OK 74079 or emailed to SFNEB@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov.

Section 302. Voting List
(a) 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.
(b) 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:
Open to the public: Tuesday, April 4, 2023

GENERAL ELECTION:
Open to the public: Tuesday, June 27, 2023

Section 303. Challenges to Voting Lists
(a) 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 12, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.

GENERAL ELECTION:
Deadline for Challenges: Friday, August 4, 2023, by 5:00 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 for office.

OPENING DATE TO FILE FOR OFFICE:
Tuesday, January 3, 2023

PRIMARY ELECTION:
Closing date to file for Office: Thursday, March 30, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.

If No Primary Election is held, Closing Date for General Election: Thursday, June 22, 2023, by 5:00 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 two hundred (\$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, March 30, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.

If No Primary Election is held, Closing Date for General Election: Thursday, June 22, 2023, by 5:00 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 9, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.

GENERAL ELECTION:
Deadline to withdraw: Saturday, July 2, 2023, by 5:00 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 4, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.

GENERAL ELECTION:
If no Primary Election, deadline to contest Candidate Eligibility: Tuesday, June 27, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.

Section 602. Application for Absentee Ballot
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 5, 2023, and cannot accept requests after Thursday, May 4, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.

GENERAL ELECTION:
Requests will be accepted from Sunday, May 28, 2023, and cannot accept requests after Thursday, July 27, 2023, by 5:00 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 shall not interfere with the tally process. After the tally is complete, all ballots, absentee ballots, voter registers, and ballot boxes shall be transported to the Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Court House.

PRIMARY ELECTION:
Notification of Tally Watchers for the Primary Election must be in writing and received eight (8) days prior to the election, per Election Board Rules. DEADLINE: Friday, May 26, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.

GENERAL ELECTION:
Notification of Tally Watchers for the General Election must be in writing and received eight (8) days prior to the election, per Election Board Rules. DEADLINE: Friday, August 18, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.

All notifications must be sent to the Sac and Fox Nation Election Board, 920963 S. Hwy 99, Stroud, OK 74079 or emailed to SFNEB@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov.

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 3, 2023
CERTIFICATION is on Tuesday, June 13, 2023

If the tally is completed on Sunday, June 4, 2023
CERTIFICATION is on Wednesday, June 14, 2023

GENERAL ELECTION:
If the tally is completed on Saturday, August 26, 2023
CERTIFICATION is on Tuesday, September 5, 2023

If the tally is completed on Sunday, September 1, 2023
CERTIFICATION is on Wednesday, September 6, 2023

Section 802. Contest Petition
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 3, 2023
THE CONTEST PETITION DEADLINE DATE: Tuesday, June 13, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.

If the tally is completed on Sunday, June 3, 2023
THE CONTEST PETITION DEADLINE DATE: Wednesday, June 14, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.

GENERAL ELECTION:
If the tally is completed on Saturday, August 26, 2023
THE CONTEST PETITION DEADLINE DATE: Tuesday, September 5, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.

If the tally is completed on Sunday, August 27, 2023
THE CONTEST PETITION DEADLINE DATE: Wednesday, September 6, 2023, by 5:00 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 non-refundable 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 8, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.

GENERAL ELECTION:
The deadline date to request a recount: Thursday, August 31, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.

Driskell Graduates at Shawnee H.S.



Bradley Driskell is a graduate of Shawnee Public Schools. His parents are: James and Leanna Driskell (Blackburn), and his grandparents are Richard and Tina Blackburn (Brown).



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SAUK LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT PHILOSOPHY

Indians are born speaking our languages. For some of us, they lie dormant within our bodies. They are looking for a way out. God gave us these beautiful languages. All of us hold them in a sacred manner within. There is no such thing as an Indian person who cannot speak Indian.

Our language programs find these languages within our bodies. They bring them out through our mouths and deliver them to their rightful resting places within our hearts.

June Scramble

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June 2023 Word Match

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Wâwîshasowa

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Menwikîshekatwi

Pâyôhkatwi

Nepiwashkatwi

Nesêyâhiwi

It is a fine day

The grass is wet

June

There is a heavy dew

It is dusk

Almost unbearably hot for one

Summer house

Sweats profusely

Feels hot

It is bright dawn

SAUK LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS & NEWS

June 2023

Ahkihkêha

(Planting Moon)

From the Sauk Language Department.

The new Sauk I and Sauk II online courses are now available for high school students who want to learn Sauk. If you are interested in taking these courses, please contact the Sauk Language Department to learn more.

The Sauk Language Department 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.



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Suggestions and comments from tribal members are always welcome regarding programs you have attended or would like to see scheduled. Call 918-968-3526, X1076 or 800-259-3970, X1076, or email at: Katie.Thompson@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov



Talk Sauk.

June 2023 Quotes

Out of the Indian approach to life, there came a great freedom, an intense and absorbing respect for life, enriching faith in a supreme power and principles of truth, honesty, generosity, equity and brotherhood as a guide to mundane relations.

Black Elk, Oglala Lakota (1863-1950)

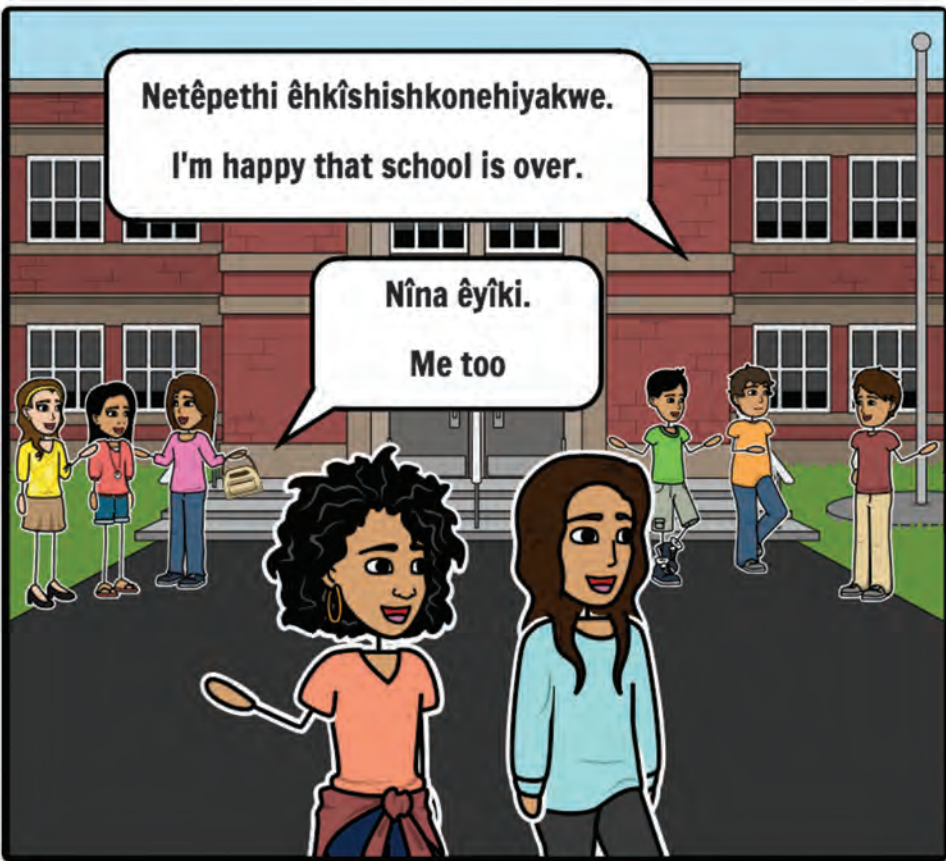
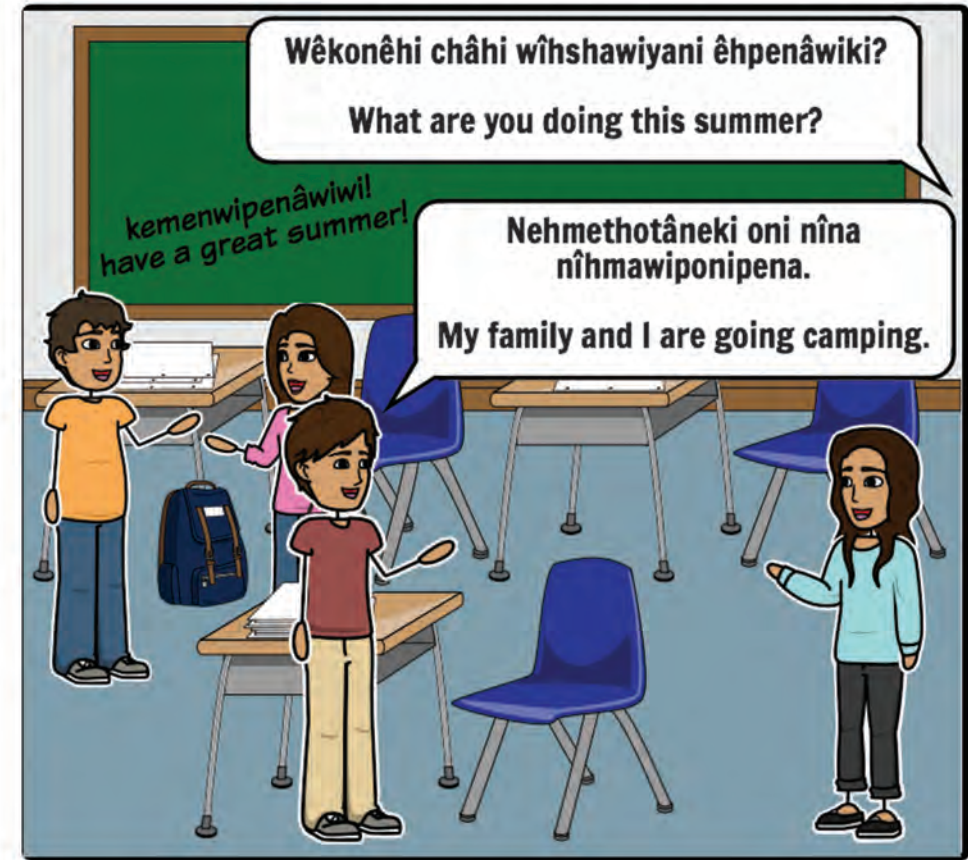
I am going to venture that the man who sat on the ground, in his tipi, meditating on life and its meaning, accepting the kinship of all creatures and acknowledging unity with the universe of things was infusing into his being the true essence of civilization.

Luther Standing Bear, Oglala Lakota (1868-1939)

It is better to have less thunder in the mouth and more lightening in the mouth.

Apache Proverb

June Comic



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 April 18, 2023. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

1. Carla J. Wallace motion to approve the Environmental Assessment for the Sac and Fox Nation Roe Property Affordable Housing Development. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
2. Robert E. Williamson motion to approve with corrections the Special Business Committee Meeting minutes dated April 4, 2023. Carla J. Wallace-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
3. Robert E. Williamson motion to approve the Membership Dues for the Seminole Chamber of Commerce in the amount of Eight Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$890.00). Carla J. Wallace-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
4. Robert E. Williamson motion to ratify the following motions:

a. Approval of Tribal Emergency Home Repair (T.E.H.R.) assistance for 1013 E. Pecan, Cushing, OK 74023 in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), Contract #2023-04-02.

b. Approval of Tribal Emergency Water Repair (T.E.W.R.) assistance for 1013 E. Pecan, Cushing, OK 74023 in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), Contract #2023-03-01.

c. Approval of the Tag-Pro Annual Software Service Agreement for April 1, 2023 through March 1, 2024, Agreement #2011-03-061. The funding source is identified as the Fiscal Year 2023 Tax Commission Treasury Budget.

Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
5. **Resolution SF-23-105**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2023 Blackhawk Foundation Grant Budget for the Sauk Language Department in the total amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00). The funding source is identified as the Chicago Blackhawks Foundation. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Abstain, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
6. **Resolution SF-23-106**, a resolution approving the United States Department of Agriculture Food Nutrition Service FDD Cares Act Budget in the total funding amount of One Million One Hundred Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,102,500.00). The funding source is identified as the USDA Food and Nutrition Service Grant No. USDA-FNS-FDD-CARESACT-SF-02. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
7. **Resolution SF-23-107**, a resolution approving and authorizing the submission of an application to apply for funding of the 58th Annual Sac and Fox Nation Pow-Wow through a grant with the Oklahoma Arts Council. Carla J. Wallace-motion. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
8. **Resolution SF-23-108**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2023 Black Hawk Health Center Third Party Billing Budget in the total amount of Two Million Seven Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Four Dollars (\$2,752,544.00). The funding source is identified as Private Insurance, Medicaid, and Medicare Revenue. Lana J. Butler-motion. Carla J. Wallace-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
9. **Resolution SF-23-109**, a resolution approving the American Rescue Plan Act Low Income Household Water Assistance Program Budget Modification #1 in the total amount of One Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars (\$198,196.00). The funding source is identified as the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, ARPA Low Income Household Water Assistance Program Grant #21PLOKLWC6. Lana J. Butler-motion. Carla J. Wallace-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
10. **Resolution SF-23-110**, a resolution approving the DHHS Administration for Native Americans Sauk Language Atowe Project Budget Modification #1 in the total amount of Two Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$298,177.00). The funding source is identified as the DHHS Administration for Native Americans Award #90NL0657-03-00 Year 3 of 3. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
11. **Resolution SF-23-111**, a resolution approving the Title VI Part-C Caregiver Support Program Budget in the total funding amount of Sixty-Five Thousand Sixty Dollars (\$65,060.00). The funding source is identified as the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living, Grant Document No.2023OKOATC-02, Year 3 of 3. Lana J. Butler-motion. Robert E. Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
12. **Resolution SF-23-112**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2023 Revenue Allocation Plan Tribal Emergency Home Repair Budget Modification #1 in the total funding amount of Two Hundred Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Nine Dollars (\$214,409.00). The funding source is identified as the Governing Council Resolution SF/GC-23-05. Lana J. Butler-motion. Carla J. Wallace-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
13. **Resolution SF-23-113**, a resolution approving the Department of the Interior American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Food Sovereignty Budget Modification #1 in the total funding amount of One Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$126,000.00). The funding source is identified as the Fiscal Year 2021 US Department of the Interior Funding Agreement, one-time distribution of ARPA funds. Carla J. Wallace-motion. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
14. **Resolution SF-23-114**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2023 Department of Interior

Business Committee Meeting Minutes

- Compact Higher Education Budget Modification #2 in the total funding amount of One Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Nine Dollars (\$157,639.00). The funding source is identified as the Fiscal Year 2023 Department of Interior Compact Funding Agreement. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Carla J. Wallace-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
15. **Resolution SF-23-115**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2023 Department of Interior Compact Johnson O'Malley Budget Modification #2 in the total funding amount of One Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars (\$143,758.00). The funding source is identified as the Fiscal Year 2023 Department of Interior Compact Funding Agreement. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Carla J. Wallace-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
16. Robert E. Williamson motion to approve the following Charitable Donations: Legendary Elite Basketball Club \$1,000.00, Institute of American Indian Arts Foundation \$1,000.00, and Oklahoma Prospects \$350.00 for a total amount of Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,350.00). Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
17. Robert E. Williamson motion to approve the following Government/Local Donations: Shawnee Golf \$250.00 and Shawnee Indian Education \$1,157.65 for a total amount of One Thousand Four Hundred Seven Dollars and Sixty-Five Cents (\$1,407.65). Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
18. **Resolution SF-23-116**, a resolution approving the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Tribal Emergency Water Repair Program Budget in the total funding amount of Six Hundred Ninety-Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$693,316.00). The funding source is identified as the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Treasury Appropriations. Lana J. Butler-motion. Robert E. Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Carla J. Wallace motion to approve HRP-23-04. Robert E. Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.

June Word Search

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June 2023 Word List

Ahkihkêha	June
Ânemesowa	Almost unbearably hot for one
Wîshasowa	Feels hot
Wâwîshasowa	Sweats profusely
Ôtêwenikâni	Summer house
Wâsâpanwî	It is bright dawn
Menwikîshekatwî	It is a fine day
Pâyôhkatwî	There is a heavy dew
Nepiwashkatwî	The grass is wet
Nesêyâhiwî	It is dusk



INTEREST TO SERVE
ON
COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, AND BOARDS

The Sac and Fox Nation’s Business Committee will appoint people to fill vacancies, as they occur on various Committees, Commissions and Boards. If you are a tribal member 18 years of age or older, and wish to serve, please complete the information below and return the completed form to the Tribal Secretary.

NAME: _____ ROLL NUMBER: _____

Address: _____ Telephone Number: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

I wish to be considered to serve on the following Committees, Commissions or Boards, as prioritized below:

Priority #1: _____

Priority #2: _____

Priority #3: _____

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

Currently open positions include: •Tax Commission (3) •Health Board (5) and •SBEB (1)
NOTE: Gaming Commission, Housing Authority and Sauk Business Enterprise Board will require a resume.

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Community Nutrition Champions are pictured with OKTEP staff outside the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Pictured back row left to right: Edlyn Marquez, Victoria Battise, Lyle Silversmith, Alex Hainta and Bryant Sowsonicut. Middle row: Channa Tiger, Edwina Sanchez, Jeannette Francisco, Amanda Hoffman, Whitney Weryackwe, Jennifer Boynton, Michele Alphus and Johanna Tenorio. Front row: Tiffany Grant, Teresa Jackson and Kelli Begay. (Photo provided)

USDA Staff Members Attend Regional Nutrition Training

Channa Tiger, Distribution Manager for the Sac and Fox Nation’s Stroud USDA Distribution Center and Edlyn Marquez, Program Support Specialist (Stroud USDA) were among Southwestern Region FDPIR staff members attending Community Nutrition Champion Training (CNCT) held March 28-29, 2023, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as part of a three-year cooperative agreement between the Oklahoma Tribal Engagement Partners (OKTEP) and USDA FNS.

CNCT is a nutrition paraprofessional curriculum designed to provide nutrition education training to non-nutrition professionals who work in FDPIR and engage with participants. Attendees, who are referred to as “champions,” hold many FDPIR positions, such as intake and eligibility support specialists, outreach personnel, and warehouse workers.

Learning activities covered in the training included: • MyPlate nutrition; • Food labels; • Food safety; • Cooking basics; • Recipe basics; • Recipe modification; • Planning, conducting, performing, and evaluating cooking demonstrations.



Elders Lawn Care Services Program Guidelines

This program is designed to provide Lawn Care Services for the safety and healthy daily living needs of all our eligible Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Member Elders and those members who are physically disabled and cannot safely perform Lawn Care themselves, regardless of location/residency.

- Applicant(s) must be an enrolled member of the Sac and Fox Nation age 55 or older, or who is physically disabled and residing within or out of jurisdiction.
- Participants will have their lawns cut Two (2) times per month for 6 (six) months, based on available finding and number of participants served.
- Funding for this program is limited and each application will be processed in the order in which it was received. This program will fund as many Tribal Member requests as funding will permit. However, preference may be given to emergency situations.
- Applicants claiming a physical disability MUST provide a physician’s statement.

Letter to Editor

April 19, 2023

To Sac and Fox News:

For my uncle, Sac and Fox tribal member Terry Billiman: Thank you to everyone who helped my cousin bury my last uncle on my mother’s side. My mother is Mary Billiman, also a Sac and Fox tribal member. Lydia Grant is my grandmother, and Fannie Tyner is my great-grandmother. We are from the Peace Clan.

I wish everything happened with perfect timing. I didn’t get out in time to see you on your way. If only I knew how much it would hurt to lose a family member, how it would impact my prison stay here. I lost my soul mate Marvis Lee, my brother Randlet, and now my Uncle Terry.

It cut deep like a knife. I feel so locked up with my emotions. I just want to get

out and be with my family, cry on their shoulders because I lost a lot of family. I wish it wasn’t me who had to stay behind. I say to myself every day, “Get up, overcome the tasks for the day, pray, and stay productive.

When I do find my place in life, my strength, my balance, my happiness, I want you to see that I did it! I made it happen! I promise to get my kids back; to be there every milestone, every waking moment. No more absence. No more loneliness. No more growing up without a mom. Reunite with my people.

I am a strong indigenous woman. My people run through me and I carry my people in me. Aho. Usqualii-Hopi-Navajo-Sac and Fox Nation. Bye,

Shaandiin Sekayumtewa
Sac and Fox Tribal Member



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Activity Committee Announcement

The Sac & Fox Nation Activity Committee is comprised of tribal member volunteers who have the desire to promote activities within our tribe. The Activity Committee is open to all Sac & Fox Nation tribal members as well as non-tribal members.

Beginning in June the Activity Committee will hold a regular meeting the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Shawnee Multi-Purpose Building. Meetings are open to the public. The Activity Committee encourages membership, ideas, suggestions and/or concerns of the organization and hosting events.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Date: _____

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip

Phone: _____ Tribal Roll#: _____ Tribal Elder: _____ Disabled: _____

Directions to Home: _____

PROOF OF RESIDENCE

You must provide one of the following:

1. Utility bill in eligible Sac and Fox Tribal Members name with corresponding address.
2. Property Rental/Lease Agreement in Sac and Fox Tribal Members names with corresponding address.
3. Notarized Letter from spouse/guardian of tribal members affirming residence of the client and a utility bill in their name with corresponding address of the home receiving benefits.

Failure to provide verification will cause application to be incomplete and pending. Services will be approved once completion of application is received.

Disabled Tribal Member:
Must provide a Benefit Award Letter or State/Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Agency Letter

I hereby authorize the Sac & Fox Nation Elders Title VI Lawn Program to make any necessary inquiries relating to my account’s which the Department may be considering making payment on my behalf. I understand that I have a right to request a fair hearing of any action which I do not agree with by submitting the request in writing within Ten (10) days to the Business Committee. I understand that any person who knowingly, willfully and fraudulently provides false information for the purpose of obtaining benefits which he/she is otherwise ineligible to receive, may be subject to prosecuting to the fullest extent to the appropriate Tribal Statutes.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

Supporting Documents Received: ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, what type: _____

Human Services Representative: _____ Date: _____

Cc: file

Approved by B.C. on March 7, 2023

2023 Mother’s Day Honor Dance Snapshots



Sac and Fox Nation Historian Juakin Hamilton, right, served as master of ceremonies for the Mother’s Day Honor Dance hosted May 13 by the Elders Advisory Committee in the Community Bldg. (Photo by Mike Brown)



Pictured from left are: 2023 ‘Mother of the Year’ Stella Nullake and 2019 ‘Mother of the Year’ Margaret Ellis-Stevens. (Photo by Juakin Hamilton)



These ladies are shown making final preparations to take part in the Mother’s Day Honor Dance held May 13 in the Community Bldg. (Photo by Mike Brown)



The Sac and Fox Elders Advisory Committee accepts a donation from the honorees. Shown from left are: Liz Butler-Wolftongue, Anna McKosato-Kilgore, Stella Nullake, June Smith-Hamilton and Peggy Big Eagle. (Photo by Juakin Hamilton)

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An-Na-Mo-Sa or Julia Mitchell of the Sauk and Fox

An-na-mo-sa, or Julia as she was commonly called, was born in Wisconsin in about 1810, and was of native heritage. In 1825, at the young age of 15, she became the wife of David D. Mitchell, a military man. Including Julia, Mitchell had about 5 wives of native blood. Mitchell became the clerk for John Jacob Astor’s American Fur Company in 1828 and traveled with the company.

As tensions increased, in the summer of 1832, Illinois volunteer militia unmercifully chased Black Hawk and his people driving them to Wisconsin Heights, backing them up to the Wisconsin River. In order to buy time for the women, children, and elderly to cross the river, Black Hawk’s men (about 50 Sauks and nearly 70 Kickapoos) attempted to stop the militia’s advance. Black Hawk was desperately outnumbered, facing 750 militiamen, who proceeded to shoot down as many as 68 of Black Hawk’s warriors. Despite the losses, their stand allowed many women and children to cross the river to safety.

Julia was one of those women. She strapped all of her possessions with her 3-year-old daughter Mary to her pony and plunged into the Wisconsin River, which was swollen to flood stage. Her pony was not able to traverse the waters as well as she supposed and halfway across the river, she took the child on her back and the pony disappeared into a whirlpool. Her friends who had made it to the other side helped her across. But when it was time to continue their escape from the pursuing army, she was so exhausted that the rest of the band had to leave her and the baby there. She and her child survived for 10 days with nothing to eat but wild onions.

Julia and Mary were captured by the Winnebagos, a tribe that was hostile to the Sauk and Fox, who took them to the Winnebago Mission where they were taken care of. Two years after her ordeal, while Julia was still living at the mission, she was walking along the same river she had crossed in escape and found something sticking out of the sand. She pushed the sand away and could hardly believe her eyes, it was a trunk that she had lost on the river crossing. As was a custom of the day, she had a chain hanging around her waist with important keys. She found the key to her trunk and opened it and all of her items were there. Most things fell to pieces as she touched them, except some silver coins and brooches.

Julia eventually married John Goodell, an Indian interpreter who was later employed at the Sac and Fox Agency here in Osage County. While Julia was married to a white man, she wanted to keep her native traditions and attended the traditional feasts and activities. John and Julia Goodell’s home at the Quenemo agency was an asylum for orphans, the sick, and the needy. They adopted twins, Fannie and Isaac Baker, children of Indian trader, Isaac Baker, and his Fox wife, who had died after their birth. Fannie, who later sought to document much of the history of the Sauk and Fox in Kansas, said that her foster mother was the only true Christian she ever knew. Julia Goodell died at the Sauk and Fox agency in Oklahoma on January 8, 1880.



VOLUNTEERS ARE NOT PAID BECAUSE THEY ARE WORTHLESS, BUT BECAUSE THEY ARE PRICELESS!!!



50+ Category winners with honorees from left are: June Hamilton, 1st place Janice Deer, 2nd place Jill Hunter and Stella Nullake. (Photo by Juakin Hamilton)



18-49 Category winners with honorees from left are: June Hamilton, 3rd place Charlsie Calls Him, 2nd place Nykita Talton, 1st place Cyleyss Stumblingbear and Stella Nullake. (Photo by Juakin Hamilton)

FNS HANDBOOK 501 EXHIBIT M				
FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FPIR)				
FY 2023 NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS				
Effective October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023				
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 Standards		SNAP Standard Deduction	FPIR Net Monthly Income Standards
1	\$1,133	+	\$193	\$1,326
2	\$1,526	+	\$193	\$1,719
3	\$1,920	+	\$193	\$2,113
4	\$2,313	+	\$193	\$2,506
5	\$2,706	+	\$225	\$2,931
6	\$3,100	+	\$258	\$3,358
7	\$3,493	+	\$258	\$3,751
8	\$3,886	+	\$258	\$4,144
Each additional member				\$394
Alaska:				
Use this Amount				
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standards		SNAP Standard Deduction	FPIR Net Monthly Income Standards
1	\$1,416	+	\$330	\$1,746
2	\$1,908	+	\$330	\$2,238
3	\$2,400	+	\$330	\$2,730
4	\$2,891	+	\$330	\$3,221
5	\$3,383	+	\$330	\$3,713
6	\$3,875	+	\$330	\$4,205
7	\$4,366	+	\$330	\$4,696
8	\$4,858	+	\$330	\$5,188
Each additional member				\$492
FNS HANDBOOK 501 EXHIBIT M				
FY 2023 FPIR Income Deductions (see 7 CFR 253.6(e))				
Effective October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023				
Earned Income Deduction	Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.			
Dependent Care Deduction	Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.			
Child Support Deduction	Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.			
Medical Expense Deduction	Households that incur monthly medical expenses by any household member who is elderly or disabled are allowed a deduction in the amount of out-of-pocket medical expenses paid in excess of \$35 per month. Allowable medical expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(3).			
Home Care Meal-Related Deduction	Households who furnish the majority of meals for a home care attendant are allowed an income deduction equal to the maximum SNAP benefit for a one-person household. The home care meal-related deduction amounts are as follows: 48 Contiguous U.S. States = \$281 Alaska by Area Designations <ul style="list-style-type: none">Urban = \$351Rural 1 = \$448Rural 2 = \$545 See 7 CFR 272.7(b) for area designations in Alaska.			
Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deduction	Households that incur at least one monthly shelter or utility expense are allowed a standard income deduction (see chart below). Allowable shelter/utility expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(6)(ii).			

FNS HANDBOOK 501 EXHIBIT M		
FY 2023 FPIR Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deductions		
Effective October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023		
Baseline by Region*		
Region	States Currently with FPIR Programs	Shelter/Utility Deduction
Northeast/Midwest	Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Wisconsin	\$500
Southeast/Southwest	Arizona, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah	\$400
Mountain Plains	Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming	\$550
West	Alaska, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington	\$450

*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.

Camp Clean-Up Notice

In preparation for Sac and Fox Nation Powwow, there will be three camp clean-up days: **The weekends of May 12, June 2 and June 16, 2023.** Please have trash ready for pickup by the roadway and, larger items please mark with an X so we know to go into the camp for disposal. If you have limbs around your camp, please pick them up so we can mow around the campsite.

SAC AND FOX TAX COMMISSION
REVENUE
July 2022

Beer and Liquor.....	\$309.01
Motor Vehicle.....	\$9,063.14
Sales Tax.....	\$14,770.70
Treasury.....	\$425.00
Oil and Gas.....	\$0.00
Gaming.....	\$191,902.22
TOTAL.....	\$216,470.07

June 2023				
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 Walk-in	2 Elder's Day
5 Late Night Shawnee 8AM-6PM	6 Elder's Day	7 Shipment Elder's Day	8	9 Stroud HD & Shawnee HD
12	13	14	15	16
19 Late Night Shawnee & Stroud 8AM-6PM	20	21 Shipment	22	23 Stroud HD & Shawnee HD
26	27	28	29 Inventory Day	30 Inventory Day

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

HOURS (Monday-Friday)		HOME DELIVERIES ARE FOR HOMEBOUND AND/OR DISABLED ELDERS. CALL OUR STROUD OFFICE TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY. <i>This institution is an equal opportunity provider.</i>
Certification	8 am - 5 pm	
Distribution	8 am - 3 pm	
Store AM Inventory	8 am - 8:30 am	
Store PM Inventory	3 pm - 5 pm	



Sauk Business Enterprises Board

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Regular called meeting of the Sauk Business Enterprise Board to be held on **June 6, 2023 at 5:30 P.M.** in the conference room of the Social Services Building, Sac and Fox Nation Reservation, Stroud, Oklahoma.

Please be advised this meeting is open to all Sac and Fox Nation tribal members.

N.A.S.W.G



2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at Rolling Hills 2102 E Main Shawnee, ok 74801

Email: NASWG1@GMAIL.com

FB & FB Messenger: Native American Strong Women's Group

All Women Welcome

WE WILL EAT AT 6PM. TALKING CIRCLE WILL BEGIN AT 6:30PM TO 7:30PM

Chicago Blackhawks Foundation 2023 Grants Are Awarded to Nine Departments/Committees to Support 14 Different Projects and Events

This year, as part of the partnership between the Chicago Blackhawks and the Sac and Fox Nation, an Advisory Committee was established to work with the Chicago Blackhawks Foundation to award grants for projects and events.

Current Membership of the Advisory Committee includes:

- Edwina Butler Wolfe
- Stella Nullake
- Angela Warrior
- Katherine Thompson

The by-laws currently allow for up to 7 members, and membership will be revisited this fall in partnership with the Business Committee.

The Advisory Committee and Blackhawks Foundation created application guidelines for Departments and Committees of the Nation to apply for funding from the Chicago Blackhawks Foundation to support projects, events and programs. The following criteria were developed:

Eligibility: For any program, project or event, the grant application should fall into one of the following categories:

- **Project Based Grants:** a one-time investment in a project for the benefit of the Sac and Fox Nation. (Example: one time investment in the purchase of health and fitness equipment available for public access)
- **Annual Grant Funding:** a continued annual investment for the benefit of the Sac & Fox Nation (Example: college scholarship funding)
- **Event Sponsorship:** a one-time investment that applies to an annual event. (Example: Powwow, Jim Thorpe Day)

Examples of what is NOT considered eligible for funding:

- **Individual grants:** These funds are not for individual tribal members
- **Operational support:** These funds are directed to specific programs, projects and events, not to offset annual Department operational budgets.

The Department/Committee receiving funding are asked to submit a summary on the use of funds to the Advisory Committee so that the Chicago Blackhawks Foundation can report on the full impact of grants to the Nation.

Once the Advisory Committee makes recommendations on grant awards, the awardee is asked to submit their budget to the Tribal Administrator for approval by the Budget Taskforce, and then submitted to the Business Committee.

All grants awarded this past year are outlined below. The grants awarded represent over 20% of all grant dollars the Chicago Blackhawks Foundation distributed this year to community organizations. It is the goal of the Chicago Blackhawks Foundation to continue to increase grant funding each year as the partnership grows and more applications are submitted by Departments and Committees. The new grant process for next year will begin in August, with applications accepted through October 15th. Grants will be awarded by November.

If any tribal member has questions, they may contact Sara Guderyahn, Executive Director of the Chicago Blackhawks Foundation at SGuderyahn@Blackhawks.com.

In addition to the grants below, the Chicago Blackhawks Foundation recently contributed \$10,000 to the Sac and Fox Nation Emergency Relief Fund to support with the efforts after the tornado damage in Shawnee.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS FOUNDATION GRANTS		
Department/Committee	Grant Award	Grant Award Program Description
Powwow Committee	\$10,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To provide camp ration foods for the upcoming Powwow.• Meeker Indian Club to support efforts in providing assistance during ration pickup/delivery
USDA/FDPIR Department	\$1,550.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Request for medals/awards for winners of the 10th Annual Sac and Fox Nation Sauk Walk, 1K & 5K Run
Sac and Fox National Public Library	\$7,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Curation; Supplies and Food for an art and culture exhibition at the Library during PowWow
Veterans Department	\$32,546.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pergola reconstruction at Veterans Memorial
Elders Committee	\$68,797.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NICOA conference for 30 elders
Education Department	\$35,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black Hawk Leadership Scholarship (male + female)• Jim Thorpe Athletic Scholarship (male + female)• Back to School Supplies: 2023-2024
Language Department	\$25,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Android Version of the Sauk Language App• Algonquian Language and Cultural Convention
Veterans Department	\$90,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New benches for Veteran’s Memorial (with inscription)• Monument for Veteran’s Memorial
Powwow Committee	\$15,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Performance Fee for Northern Cree Drum Group
Sac and Fox Nation Archives	\$15,107.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dell Inspiron 14 Laptop• Dell OptiPlex 5000 Micro Form Factor• ViewSonic 24” Monitor –• ScanPro 3500 “All-In-One” Microfilm Scanner
Activities Committee	\$6,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jim Thorpe Day: t-shirts and food

June is PTSD Awareness Month

by Behavioral Health Dept. Manager
Kristen ‘Jade’ Morningstar

Welcome to the month of June, which is PTSD Awareness Month! Is It PTSD? When you have PTSD, it’s hard to feel safe. The traumatic event – natural disaster, combat, sexual assault, accident - can take hold, and you find you can’t stop thinking about it. Maybe you have nightmares and trouble sleeping. Maybe you feel on edge and unsettled or don’t find pleasure in things you used to enjoy. Maybe you feel it’s just easier to be alone. Feelings like these are common after going through a trauma.

For most people, they pass in a few weeks or months, but for others they are long lasting. PTSD symptoms fall into four categories: reliving or re-experiencing the event, avoiding things or places that remind you of the event, negative changes in beliefs and feelings, and hyper-arousal or being on guard. For someone to be diagnosed with PTSD,

they need to have symptoms in all four categories. PTSD symptoms can happen at any age, and they come and go.

Only a mental health care provider can diagnose you with PTSD. And, knowing if you have PTSD is the first step to getting effective treatment. So, it is important to talk with a doctor if you think you have symptoms. There are effective treatments even if you have been living with symptoms for years. Keep in mind that you’re not alone. And, there are treatments that will help you feel better and take back control of your life. Be the advocate, take that first step for yourself.

- 6% or 3 in every 50 American adults will have gone through PTSD or post-traumatic stress disorder at some point in their lives;
- PTSD is most prevalent among American adults between the ages of 45 and 49 years old at 9.2%;
- Women have a lifetime PTSD prevalence rate of 9.7%, compared to 3.6% in men.



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AUDREY ROSE LEE

FOR

SECOND CHIEF

LET'S STAND TOGETHER!

**WANT POSITIVE CHANGE?
TRANSPARENCY? UNITY?
LOOK NO FURTHER....**

I WILL

- UPHOLD ALL LAWS, POLICIES, AND REGULATIONS.
- HELP ALL SAC AND FOX NATION TRIBAL MEMBERS, NOT JUST A FEW.
- KEEP TRIBAL MEMBERS INFORMED.
- WORK WITH THE GOVERNING BODY AND THE OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS ON COMPLETING AND UPDATING THE 10 YR. PLAN.
- BUILD POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER TRIBAL LEADERS, LOCAL COMMUNITIES, STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS.
- STRIVE FOR UNITY, NOT DIVISION.

GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY MY ACTIONS WILL SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS.



Letter to Editor

May 19, 2023
OPINION

In a letter from Sac and Fox Indian agent, Thomas Forsyth to Superintendent of Indian Affairs, William Clark (of Lewis and Clark fame) dated, January 5, 1827: “But even the influential chief found it expedient to bow to the wishes of the tribal council, which, in the final analysis, wielded what authority there was among the Sac and Foxes.”

This tradition of our tribal government is clearly written in Article II of the Constitution which delegates “all the powers” of the Constitution to the Governing Council (GC) as “the Supreme Governing body of the Sac and Fox Nation”. The Business Committee’s (BC) power is limited to the enforcement of tribal laws and the administration of the daily conduct of tribal business.

But, the current members of the (BC) follow their recent predecessors, and enforce (BC) Resolutions that have been used to amend (GC) Resolutions, which changes tribal law. EXAMPLES: The 2007 Enterprise Act is a (BC) amendment of the 2003 Enterprise Act (a GC Resolution).

This takes control of the casinos and


all economic development from the oversight of (GC) shareholders. And then there’s the 2008 (GC) Resolution that rescinded the (BC) Resolution for the 2007 Act (the 2003 replaces the 2007 Act!). Another unknown result is that a (GC) Resolution which removes Banning at the casinos from tribal law is not being enforced.

Instead, a (BC) amendment to the original Gaming Ordinance, which was a (GC) Resolution, allows for an Exclusion Policy at the casinos (I think exclusion means banning).

An even clearer picture of the (BC) distancing itself from tribal members is the canceling of a petitioned Special Council meeting that was to address the self-generated (BC) salary increase of \$30,000. (BC) called off this meeting before a quorum could be made. Why weren’t there any attendance incentives for this meeting, like the August Council meeting?

Now is the time for one obvious solution. Elect candidates who want to change direction and go back to the 1827 ways of our elders and represent the voices of the Sac and Fox Nation and enforce its laws.

John Nelson, Roll #1174




URBAN Native Elders
RISK & PROTECTIVE FACTORS FOR BRAIN HEALTH

Over 70% of American Indians and Alaskan Natives live in urban areas. Yet, studies of Native elders' brain health have primarily focused on rural and reservation settings. Through brain scans and assessment of thinking and memory, the URBANE research study seeks to learn more about urban Native elders' brain health and examine how vascular brain injury, like strokes, may contribute to increased risk of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias.

Eligibility

- American Indian or Alaskan Natives
- Ages 55 and older
- Live in or commute to a large city or town (non-reservation)



SCAN ME


Incentives

- Volunteers will receive up to \$300 for completing blood and urine labs, interview, clinical exams, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scans, wearing a wrist sleep and physical activity monitor and keeping a sleep journal for 10 days.
- Anyone can earn a \$50 referral incentive per eligible person who completes the study.

Visit Durations & Locations



- Visit 1: Interview, Cognitive, & Physical Exams (3-4 hours) at the URBANE office (Center for American Indian Research)
- Visit 2: MRI (2 hours) at the OU Health MRI facility

Participate in the URBANE study by contacting us at:



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www.urbanestudy.com



Funded by the National Institutes of Health and the National Institute on Aging in partnership with Washington State University.

RAP Department Application Forms



SAC AND FOX NATION
RAP ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

HARDSHIP

FAX: 918-968-4207
PH: 918-968-3526
EXT: 2001
EMAIL: sfnrap@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov
ADDRESS: 920963 S. Hwy 99
Stroud, OK 74079
RAP APP
Form#2011-01
BC Approved on
10/06/2020

NAME _____ PHONE# (____) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

BIRTHDATE ____/____/____ SOCIAL SECURITY# xxx-xx-(____) SFN ROLL# _____

Sac and Fox Nation tribal membership will be verified by the Sac and Fox Nation RAP Department

Please List Statement of Need: _____

Please Provide the Following:
Completed W-9 form and proof of residency.

CLIENT’S STATEMENT OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
I hereby authorize the Sac and Fox Nation RAP Department to make any necessary inquiries relating to my account’s which the RAP Department may be considering making payment on my behalf. I understand that I have the right to a hearing of any action of the Sac and Fox Nation, which I consider improper, and also any unreasonable delay in decision. (Request for fair hearings may be made in writing to the Business Committee of the Sac and Fox Nation, 920963 S. Hwy. 99 Stroud, OK 74079) I understand that any person who knowingly, willfully and fraudulently provides false information for the purpose of obtaining benefits which he/she is otherwise ineligible to receive; may be subject to prosecution to the fullest extent to the appropriate Tribal statutes.

DATE _____ SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT OR GUARDIAN _____

PERSON ASSISTING WITH APPLICATION _____

DATE _____ RAP SPECIALIST _____

GUARDIAN FOR _____

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT _____



Saul Language Dept. Director Katie Thompson is pictured at left in the Sac and Fox Nation Cultural Center during Open House held April 21. In the above photo, open house attendees are shown at the potato bar provided for lunch in the Sac and Fox National Public Library. In the photo below, attendees are shown enjoying lunch in the Cultural Center. (Photos by Mike Brown)

What’s Going on With the Elders Advisory Committee

by Peggy Big Eagle

The Mother’s Day Honor Dance was the Elders Advisory Committee focus for May. We selected Stella Nullake as the EAC Mother of the Year. She received an embroidered blanket, roses and an honorarium. Margaret “lil Margaret” Stevens was another honoree as previous Mother of the Year because we couldn’t honor her properly during Covid. We tried to show our appreciation for all mothers!

After canceling our Stroud taco sale in April, we had a big turnout in May. It was our first fundraiser in the new Elders

and Veterans Building. There was a free lunch that day at the Nation’s library, and we still had orders from several tribal employees. Thanks to all who joined us! We will be back in the Shawnee Multi-purpose Center selling tacos on Friday, June 2 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Phone in your order for pick up and avoid the line!

Our regular monthly meeting and potluck in June will be in Stroud Wednesday, June 14 at 10:00 a.m. We also plan to tour the Transportation Building which is adjacent to the Elders and Veterans Building. We welcome newly-elected secretary Anna Kilgore to complete the 2023-2024 term, and thank Jennifer Wood for her time in office.



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NAME _____ PHONE# (____) _____

ADDRESS _____

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BIRTHDATE ____/____/____ SOCIAL SECURITY# xxx-xx-(____) SFN ROLL# _____

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Please List Statement of Need: _____

Please Provide the Following:
(3) Estimates from appliance vendor with a manager’s signature and the Tribal member’s name clearly stated.

****NOTE****
Upon approval of your application and should you have a balance due, you have ONLY ten (10) business days to pay the remaining balance.

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NATIVE YOUTH PREVENTING
DIABETES PRESENTS
Diabetes Prevention
Day Camp



FOR TRIBAL YOUTH AGE 8-12
Wednesday June 14 9AM-3PM

DM2 prevention, Nutrition, Physical Activity,
Behavioral Health, Eagle Adventure, Healthy Snacks

Located at OBU Intramural Fields
registration begins at 8:30AM

Limited to first 60
Questions email Anthony.Ramirez@IHS.GOV

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE SAC & FOX NATION PRESENTS

June 7-Shawnee @ Boy Scout Park
1400 E Main St, Shawnee, OK

June 8-Stroud @ Sac & Fox Housing
Duplexes 504 S Second Ave. Stroud, OK

June 9- Cushing @ Memorial Park
E 5th St, Cushing, OK

4-6 p.m.

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2023




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58th Annual Sac and Fox Nation Powwow
Jim Thorpe Memorial Park Stroud, Oklahoma
July 6-9, 2023

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POWWOW INFO : MASON WILLIAMSON 918-306-2101 VENDOR INFO : KIM BOONE 918-968-5095



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NAME CHANGE
AND/OR
CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

NAME

PRINT CURRENT FULL NAME (First, Middle & Last)

ROLL NUMBER

SIGNATURE

DATE

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

PLEASE LIST PREVIOUS NAME (PRINT)

DATE OF BIRTH

MAILING ADDRESS

OLD

NEW

ADDRESS

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

CITY

STATE

ZIP

STREET ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN MAILING ADDRESS)

OLD

NEW

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR MINORS REQUIRE A W-9 FORM BE COMPLETED FOR THE BANK. PLEASE REQUEST A FORM FOR EACH CHILD FROM THE ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT, 918-968-3526 ext. 1040 or 1041.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

Date Electronic File Was Updated

Date Sac and Fox News Was Notified

Staff Initials



NOTICE

A W-9 form is not needed for Per Capita Payments unless you have a name change, new address, you are a newly-enrolled tribal member or, if required, for RAP applications.

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

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Sac and Fox Nation Telephone Extensions

Main Number: 918-968-3526

- Chief - 1004
- Second Chief - 1008
- Treasurer - 1006
- Secretary - 1007
- Committee Member - 1005
- BC Front Desk - 1009
- Tax - 1043-1045
- Accounting - 1030-1036
- Property and Procurement - 1020-1039-1022
- Maintenance - 2062
- BHHC - 918-968-9531
- ICW - 1711
- Court - 2039
- Library - 2020-2021
- Language - 1075
- JUVI - 4000
- USDA - 2077 (WIC 2079)-2080-2081-2082 (Warehouse USDA 2089)
- Education - 2046
- IT - 2041
- Police - 2033
- Self-Governance - 1080
- Capitol Security - 1090
- Realty - 1052
- Enrollment - 1040-1041
- RAP - 2000 - 2001
- Social Services - 2010-2011
- OES - 2091-2092-2094
- Veterans - 1065
- Newspaper - 1060
- Tribal Administrator - 1010
- NAGPRA/Historic Preservation - 1070
- ARPA - 1819

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

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

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

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

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

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

3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only **one** of the following seven boxes.
☐ Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC
☐ C Corporation
☐ S Corporation
☐ Partnership
☐ Trust/estate
☐ Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) **▶**
Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.
☐ Other (see instructions) **▶**

4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3).
Exempt payee code (if any) **▶**
Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) **▶**
(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)

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

6 City, state, and ZIP code

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

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

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.
Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number
or
Employer identification number

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:
1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.
Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

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

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.
Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.
Purpose of Form
An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.
• Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
• Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
• Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
• Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
• Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
• Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
• Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
• Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)
Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.
If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.

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Community Connect JUNE 2023

A Monthly Insight into Community Health at Black Hawk Health Center

Be A Part of Wear BLUE!

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#ShowUsYourBlue

Meet BHHC Health Director

Events

Dietician's corner

EVENTS:

Leigon of Men Walking Group
(weather permitting)

Location: POW WOW Grounds

Date: June 12th -16th

Time: 11:00 to 12:30

Men’s Health Education Table in BHHC Lobby every Friday of the Month of June,

Time 10:00 to 2:00

#ShowUsYourBlue - June 16, 2023

Men live sicker and die younger. Wear BLUE was created by Men’s Health Network to raise awareness about the importance of male health and to encourage men to live longer and healthier lives.

Men’s health awareness can mean many different thing such as making healthy lifestyle choices, making regular annual visits to the doctor, getting educated on heart disease or diabetes, starting general health conversations with their male friends, and much more.

Whether it is your friend, brother, dad, boyfriend, spouse, or boss, show them you care about them and their health by wearing blue.

Health facts about men -

Men are more likely to die by suicide than women. (CDC)

About 248,530 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer every year in the United States. (Cancer.org)

Out of 500 men, 60% do not go to a doctor if they fear they are suffering from a severe health problem. (The Cleveland Clinic)

Heart disease is the leading cause of death among men in the United States. (CDC)

More than 60 percent of adult American men are overweight. (National Institutes of Health)



My name is Robert Lincoln; I am a former U.S. Navy Corpsman. I served with the United States Marine Corps in combat operation in Iraq. I am now serving as the Health Director for the Black Hawk Health Center. It is with great honor that I do so for the people of the Sac & Fox Nation and the surrounding community.

**Dietician’s
Corner**

**Maintaining
Testosterone Levels
Naturally**



What can I do to maintain or increase my testosterone level naturally?

1. **Maintain healthy body weight.** This is probably the most important thing a man can do. As belly fat increases, there is an increase in activity of the enzyme "aromatase," which converts testosterone in the fat cells to estrogen.
2. **Exercise.** A combination of aerobic (increase in heart rate) and resistance (weightlifting) has been found to increase the production of testosterone.
3. **Get a good night’s sleep.** Most testosterone is made during deep REM (Rapid Eye Movement) sleep. A poor sleep cycle with less time spent in REM has been associated with low testosterone levels.
4. **Avoid tobacco products.** Tobacco reduces testosterone.
5. **Limit alcohol.** Alcohol (more than two drinks a day) causes more testosterone to be converted into estrogen.
6. **Manage your stress.** When researchers study long term stress, they measure cortisol in the blood. This is a steroid hormone. When cortisol levels are high, they can increase fat deposits. This in turn results in more testosterone being converted into estrogen.
7. **Eat well.** Poor nutrition is at the root of many diseases. It can also create an imbalance of male hormones.

- For specific nutritional recommendations, please reach out to BHHC dietitian:

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