

Sauk Language Youth Group Takes First Place Trophy With Hymns

by Cedric Sunray

For the second consecutive year, the Sauk Language Department has entered the largest groups in the history of the fifteen-year-old University of Oklahoma Native American Language Fair and, brought

At OU Native American Language Fair

home a first-place trophy! While last year's large group was comprised of eighty elementary aged students and

twenty high school students from Stroud, this year's program presenters were made up of seventy students from Stroud

High School, Chandler High School, Prague High School, Cushing High School, Meeker High School, Shawnee High School, McLoud High School and Little Axe High School. The students performed Sauk Hymns with puppets to the delight of the crowd.

Over 1,000 students participated in this year's two-day fair, with some tribal language programs arriving from the far corners of the United States to take part. The high schools sponsored by the Sauk Language Department practiced diligently under the tutelage of the Sauk language instructors since the beginning of January to perfect their parts. This initiative allowed Sac & Fox students and their primarily Indian classmates an opportunity to access the language in a direct way.

With over 125 total students from the eight high schools at-

tending the classes during their advisory classes, lunches and after school programs, the high levels of participation clearly showed that learning Sauk is of importance to students, school systems and families across the Sac & Fox jurisdiction and beyond.

On May 8th, these same high schools will be "battling" it out against each other at the Sac & Fox Nation Gymnasium for the coveted Sauk Language Bowl trophy, currently under the control of last year's bowl winner, Shawnee High School. The 3rd Sauk Language Bowl will begin at 10 a.m. and run until approximately 11:30 a.m.

We strongly encourage as many as possible to come out and witness this fun event as area students test their knowledge of Sac & Fox language & culture. Come cheer on your favorite high schools and relatives! For more information contact Language Coordinator Connie Cobb at: connie.cobb@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov



Pictured are members of the Sauk Language Department's group that earned first-place honors with their presentation of Sauk Hymns with puppets at the University of Oklahoma Native American Language Fair held April 2 in Norman, Okla. The group was comprised of high school students from Stroud, Chandler, Prague, Cushing, Meeker, Shawnee, McLoud and Little Axe. They were among over 1,000 students from across the United States in attendance at the annual Native American Language Fair. (Photo courtesy of Sauk Language Dept.)

Primary Election is June 1, 2019 Candidates File For Chief, Second Chief, Business Committee Member Seats

by Mike Brown

Following the three-month candidate filing period that ended March 28, races have developed for the 2019 Sac and Fox Nation Primary and General Elections.

Candidates filing for the office of Principal Chief are: Zachary Linn Butler, Audrey Rose Lee, Elizabeth Kay Rhoads and Justin Freeland Wood. The Principal Chief position will be the only race on the Primary Election ballot.

Candidates filing for the office of Second Chief are: Don W. Abney and Angela Gasper. Candidates filing for Business Committee Member are: Channa L. Tiger and Robert E. Williamson. Filing for a Grievance Committee position are Krishna Bear and Dee Manatowa.

A Notification of Candidates filed March 29, 2019 by Sac and Fox Nation Secretary Jacklyn K.

King can be found in this edition of the *Sac and Fox News*.

Voting on Saturday, June 1, 2019 will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 6 p.m. at the following polling sites: Shawnee Multi-Purpose Center, 215 N. Harrison, Shawnee, Okla.; Sac and Fox Nation Cultural Center, 920907 Hwy. 99, Stroud, Okla.; and, First Indian Baptist Church, 1034 E. Walnut, Cushing, Okla.

The 2019 General Election is set for Saturday, August 31, 2019. The General Election ballot will include: The two Principal Chief candidates receiving the most votes in the Primary Election, and the candidates who filed for the Second Chief, Committee Member and Grievance Committee positions.

More information and Sac and Fox Nation Election Dates to Remember can be found in this edition of the *Sac and Fox News*.

Principal Chief Kay Rhoads Address To The Nation

In preparation for the 2020 budget, Congress is hearing testimonies regarding the many programs that are requesting funding for the upcoming budgets. The President has forwarded his recommendations to Congress and, once again, the funding for many of our programs are not being considered.

The President's budget canceled all funding for the Johnson O'Malley programs that fund our American Indian students in public schools. Climate Resilience funding was eliminated, even though this is the funding we use to test the air quality in our home and offices and, focus on other factors that affect the quality of our environment.

Fortunately, for Indian tribes, Congress is the arm of the government that approves the budget. They see the need to support the needs of the tribes and plan to restore all the programs

the President chose to eliminate. It is important to provide testimony to Congress to let them know the needs of our people. We have to tell the stories of how limited funding has



Elizabeth Kay Rhoads
Principal Chief
Sac and Fox Nation

affected the tribal governments and limit the services needed to serve our tribal members.

Congresswoman Kendra Horn met with Tribal leaders in Del City in April to learn of some of the hardships and successes of the tribal nations. She was very much concerned how the government shutdown affected Indian country. Although it did not have a profound impact on the Sac and Fox Nation, it would have if the shutdown had continued.

I shared with her the fear we were not going to be able to serve the people needing food through the food distribution program, because the government warehouse that stores food was closed and limited food delivery. The number of people impacted by job layoff, threatened to increase our numbers without additional supplies.

(Continued on Page 2)



Area Tribal Leaders Meet With Congresswoman Kendra Horn

Sac and Fox Nation Principal Chief Kay Rhoads is pictured at right along with U. S. Congresswoman Kendra Horn, Absentee Shawnee Governor Edwina Butler-Wolf and Seminole Nation Chief Greg Chilcoat during a recent consultation meeting in Del City, Okla. regarding current tribal issues.

(Photo Provided)

Upcoming Events

May 11

Sac and Fox Elders Mothers Day Dance Community Building, 2 p.m.

May 17

Sac and Fox Victory Day Business Offices Closed

May 27

Memorial Day Ceremonies at Cemetery and Veterans Memorial

June 15

Tribal Royalty Honor Dance Community Building, 2:30 p.m.

Sac and Fox News

The Sac & Fox News is the monthly publication of the Sac & Fox Nation, located on SH 99, six miles south of Stroud, OK.

Mailing address:

Sac and Fox Nation
Administration Building
920963 S Hwy 99 Bldg A
Stroud, OK 74079
Phone: 918-968-3526
Fax: 918-968-4837

The Sac & Fox News is the official publication of the Sac and Fox Nation. Our mission is to meet all tribal members information needs concerning the Nation.

The Sac & Fox News is mailed free, one per address, to enrolled Sac and Fox tribal members. Paid subscriptions are available for \$12.00 annually.

Editorial statements, guest columns, and letters to the editor published in this newspaper contain the opinions of the writers. These opinions do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Sac and Fox News staff or any elected official or department of tribal government or administration.

The Sac and Fox News reserves the right to refuse publication of letters to the editor. All editorials and letters to the editor become the property of the Sac and Fox News.

Submissions for publication must be signed by the author and include an address and contact phone number. They are limited to 300 words. The staff will not edit editorials or letters to the editor to fit the 300-word limit.

Deadline for the June issue is:

Monday, May 20, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

Reprint permission is granted, with proper credit to the Sac and Fox News, unless other copyrights are shown. Articles and letters may be submitted to the newspaper either by mail or Fax to the address provided above, - or by e-mail: newspaper@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov.

Address corrections & changes are accepted by The Business Committee at the address listed below.

Managing Editor

Mike Brown

For information:

918-968-3526 x1060
newspaper@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov
Publisher: Sac and Fox Nation
Member of
Native American Journalists
Assn - Since 1988
Member OPA
~~~~~

### Tribal Officers:

918-968-3526 or 800-259-3970

### Principal Chief:

Elizabeth Kay Rhoads  
Telephone (918) 968-3526  
Ext. 1004  
[chief@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov](mailto:chief@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov)

### Second Chief:

**Audrey R. Lee**  
Telephone (918) 968-3526  
Ext. 1010  
[secondchief@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov](mailto:secondchief@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov)

### Secretary:

Jacklyn K. King  
Telephone (918) 968-3526  
Ext. 1007  
[secretary@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov](mailto:secretary@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov)

### Treasurer:

Jared King  
Telephone (918) 968-3526  
Ext. 1006  
[treasurer@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov](mailto:treasurer@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov)

### Committee Member:

Robert Williamson  
Telephone (918) 968-3526  
Ext. 1005  
[cmember@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov](mailto:cmember@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov)

### Business Committee

#### Mailing Address:

**Sac and Fox Nation  
Administration Building  
920963 S Hwy 99 Bldg A  
Stroud, OK 74079  
Visit us on the webb @  
[sacandfoxnation.com](http://sacandfoxnation.com)  
*click news***

## Obituaries

### Richard Eugene Walker

Richard Eugene Walker, 76, of Prague, Okla. left this life on April 6, 2019 in Prague, Okla. He was born January 22, 1943 in Shawnee, Okla. to Evans And Katie (Ellis) Walker.

He worked as a welder and in maintenance for the Sac & Fox Nation. He is preceded in death by his parents; 3 sons Perry, Jeffery and Richard; and, one daughter, Jamie Walker.

Richard is survived by his wife, Evelyn, of the home; 3 sons, Billy, of Bethel, Edward, of Bethel, and Jubal of the home; 4 daughters, Angela Ga'mez of Georgia, Josephine Walker, Eugenia Walker and Christina Walker and, numerous grandchildren.

Tribal Rites were held April 9, 2019 and Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at the Walker Home Place on Moccasin Trail Road, Prague, Okla.

Burial was held April 10, 2019 in the McKosato Family Cemetery, Prague, Okla. Arrangements were under the direction of Parks Brothers Funeral Service in Prague, Okla.



### Chief Rhoads Address

(Continued From Page 1)

Fortunately, our voices were heard and the warehouses were allowed to continue deliveries.

I voiced our concern about the fear of not being able to provide medical service to our people because IHS was not considered an essential government function. However, the Veteran Administration (VA) was allowed to remain open and continue to serve their medical needs. As the first Americans, citizens of this country, with guaranteed protection to education, health and welfare through various treaties, it would seem that medical needs for tribal members should be an essential government function and be exempt from government shutdowns.

The tribal leaders at the meeting asked for her support to recommend to Congress to give all tribal nations "advanced appropriations" to avoid any kind of funding crisis in the event of another government shutdown. Letters of support from tribal governments throughout Indian country are requesting Congress support our request for "advanced appropriations" so our federal funding will be available immediately for each fiscal year.

Another issue that was also brought to her attention was the budget process for funding the BIA. The TIBC, tribal budget task force, recently recommended the priorities for funding areas within the BIA. The tribes were allowed to weigh in on the process, but the problem is that the decision makers are not at the table and do not understand the importance of why we prioritized certain areas. Our funding levels are never funded to our true level of need and the Department of Interior has other departments that are given more funding consideration, such as Parks & Recreation, Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, etc.

The tribes are asking for the Assistant Secretary of Interior to be moved directly under the Secretary of Interior to have more influence on budgets, regulations and priorities. It is difficult to understand why the BIA is the only DOI agency that serves human beings but is not considered a high priority. It is also a question as to why is the BIA under the Department of Interior and not in another agency, such as the Secretary of State.

This was the first time Congresswoman Horn, has heard such a proposal as to the possibility of moving the BIA to a different agency. She stated it would not happen soon but, the idea should be pursued. This idea will continue to be introduced to various federal committees but, tribal nations must unite to make the change occur. As we all know, change is slow but not impossible. Look at the State of Oklahoma, the tribes have requested for years a Secretary of Tribal Affairs be a part of the Governor's cabinet and after first introducing it in 2005, it finally happened.

Our voices have to be heard not only within our local tribal communities but also at the State and National levels. Without our voices, our issues will never be heard and progress can never be made.

## Noble and Bear Appointed to Sac and Fox Nation Grievance Committee



Tribal Elder Georgia Noble is pictured at right taking the oath of office after being appointed to a two-year term on the Sac and Fox Nation Grievance Committee by the Sac and Fox Nation Business Committee. Conducting the ceremony at left is Sac and Fox Second Chief Audrey Rose Lee. At center is the appointee's husband, Jamey Noble.. (Photo by Mike Brown)



The Business Committee also recently appointed tribal member Krishna Bear, left, to temporarily fill a vacancy on the three-member Grievance Committee. Bear and candidate Dee Manatowa will be on the Aug. 31, 2019 Sac and Fox Nation General Election ballot for election to a full, two-year term on the committee. Francis Grant Jr. is a current, seated member of the committee.

## Happy May Birthday Elders!

Janice Lee Riche  
Vicky Harley  
Joseph Virgil McCreless  
Paula Iris Winlock  
David Glenn West  
Judy K Stephens  
Vada Rose Meek  
Mark Ashton Brewer  
Bobbie L. Shawn  
Imogene Haley  
Melva Ladawn York  
Edgar Thomas Butler  
Harry Dewynne Wood  
Marietta Reynolds  
Ronald M. Bemo  
Delores Jean Carter  
Michael John Pimley  
Betty Lou Taber  
Odell M. Dowd  
Robert Alexander Whistler  
Carla Dean Honeyestewa  
Cecil Dewayne Littlehead  
Mary Sue Truitt  
Robin Gaye Brown  
Ricky Dean Brice  
Sonja Renee Hanson  
Jeffrey Wayne Rumbaugh  
Myra K. Bohannan  
Monty Eli Tasier  
Cathleen Dolores Mikulski  
Theresa Sue Ferguson  
James Lee Goniwicha  
Debra Elaine Wakole  
Michael David Gibbs  
Billie F. Berry  
Randall Keith Tiger  
Elizabeth Denise Natseway  
Barbara Ladon Hale  
Peggy Ann Dixon  
Francis Leroy Grant



Robert David Chaney  
Monica Lee Lenzini  
Pauline Sue Webb  
Katherine Sue Higgs  
Rosalyn G. Clinkenbeard  
Glannister Charles Brown  
Maxine Carol Wakolee  
Patricia Ann Holland  
William Cliff Jones  
Gwendolyn J. Switch  
Elvita Louise Jefferson  
Jeffrey Alan Whipple  
Alden Gene Blanchard  
Gloria Gay Williams  
Bertha Lynn Brown  
Joy Ellen Walklin  
Patricia R. Yarbrough  
Edward L. O'Brien  
Reginald Ashley  
Shalah Louise Grass  
Genevieve Marie Barber  
William Francis Thornton  
Anita Marie Zein  
Frankie Charles Carter  
Edward James Bruno  
Elizabeth Ann Macias  
Larry William Dowd  
Carmelia Ketcher  
Rebecca Jeanne French  
Edward Lenfesti Safford  
Sammy Lee Bass  
Stephanie Michelle Kramer  
Tracey Dawn Romine  
Rebecca Lea Dean  
Edward Abraham Longshore  
Ida Louise Parish  
Barbara Jane Harshberger  
Timothy H. Dean  
Monty Bass  
Judy Anita Baggett



## Presidential Task Force on Protecting Native American Children Announced

President Donald Trump on March 26 appointed Trent Shores, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma, as a co-chair of a Presidential Task Force formed to address the institutional and systemic breakdown that failed to prevent a predatory pediatrician from sexually assaulting Native American children for years while employed by the Indian Health Service.

The President announced the formation of a Presidential Task Force on Protecting Native American children in the Indian Health Service System on March 26 to examine any systemic problems that may have failed to prevent this doctor's actions and led to any failures of the Indian Health Service to protect Native American Children. The Task Force will develop recommended policies, protocols, and best practices to protect Native American children and prevent such abuse from ever happening again.

"I appreciate the confidence placed in me by President Trump to help lead this Task Force," said U.S. Attorney Trent Shores. "We have the opportunity to do good work for a righteous cause. Protecting Native American children who enter the Indian Health Service system is a common sense mission. It's also one which this Task Force will approach with a great sense of purpose and urgency. I'm thankful for President Trump's focus on this issue and commitment to finding solutions to prevent these atrocities from happening again. This is about doing the right thing."

Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Bill John Baker voiced his support for the appointment, "Trent Shores, the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma, has a history of working to protect Indian children in Oklahoma and I have confidence in his ability to make safety recommendations as part of this new designated task force."

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby stated, "It is heartbreaking and unconscionable that an IHS pediatrician was allowed to prey upon Indian children. We commend and support the Administration and the Department of Justice for initiating this important review of IHS practices so that all proper measures are taken to ensure the protection and safety of all children."

The Task Force will be comprised of subject-matter experts from several United States Government agencies, and co-chaired by Joseph Grogan and U.S. Attorney Shores, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

In addition to U.S. Attorney Shores, the Task Force will include two other Oklahomans, Shannon Bears Cozzoni and Bo Leach. Ms. Cozzoni is an Assistant United States Attorney and Tribal Liaison in the Northern District of Oklahoma where she regularly works with tribes to address justice-related issues. Ms. Cozzoni previously served as the First Assistant Attorney General at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and brings a wealth of experience to the Task Force.

Bo Leach is the Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City Division of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services. ASAC Leach is a skilled criminal investigator with vast experience in law enforcement Indian Country, including investigating child sexual abuse. He is also a member of the Choctaw Nation.

The Task Force will draw on the expertise of other Federal employees and resources and seek perspective and input from tribal leaders and Native American voices. However, the work of the Task Force will not interfere with: (1) the criminal investigation of one particular pediatrician; (2) a review underway at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), including a review by the Department's Inspector General, which HHS Secretary Azar ordered earlier this year; or (3) a review conducted by an outside, independent contractor retained by the Indian health system.

### U.S. Attorney Trent Shores Appointed as Co-Chair

Members of the Presidential Task Force on Protecting Native American Children in the Indian Health Service System:

- Joseph Grogan, Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy, Co-Chair;
- United States Attorney Trent Shores, Co-Chair;

- Bo Leach, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services;
- Stephanie Knapp, MSW, LCSW, Child/Adolescent Forensic Interviewer, Federal Bureau of Investigation's Office for Victims Assistance, Child Victim Services Unit;

- Shannon Bears Cozzoni, Tribal Liaison and Assistant United States Attorney, United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Oklahoma;
- Caitlin A. Hall, MD, FAAP, Clinical Director/Pediatrician, Dzilth-na-o-dithle Health Center, Indian Health Service; and,
- Farnoosh Faezi-Marian, Program Examiner, Office of Management and Budget.



### Officials Discuss Students Wearing Tribal Regalia at Graduation

Sac and Fox Nation Principal Chief Kay Rhoads, other area tribal leaders, students and parents met recently with Shawnee Public Schools officials to discuss the right of students to wear tribal regalia at high school graduation commencement. Pictured from left are: Shawnee Public School Superintendent Dr. April Grace, Chief Kay Rhoads, Absentee Shawnee Governor Edwina Butler-Wolf, former Muskogee Nation Chief George Tiger, Seminole Nation Chief Greg Chilcoat and Absentee Shawnee Lieutenant Governor Kenneth Blanchard. (Photo Provided)

## MAY AT BLACK HAWK CASINO



**FRIDAY, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6:30PM – 8:30PM**  
**COMEDIAN**  
**TATANKA MEANS**  
**LIVE AT BLACK HAWK AMPHITHEATER**  
**FREE TO SAC & FOX TRIBAL MEMBERS**

**READY. SET. **  
**DURANGO!**

ALL MAY AND THE FIRST TWO WEEKENDS IN JUNE

**SATURDAYS • 8PM & 10PM**

**WIN A KEY FOR  
A CHANCE TO  
START THE SUV!**



**FRIDAY, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
**12PM – 7PM**

**SAC & FOX TRIBAL MEMBERS CAN  
RECEIVE 1 T-SHIRT WHILE SUPPLIES  
LAST AND 1 \$5 FREEPLAY OFFER**



Like Us on Facebook!  
Sac and Fox Nation  
Sac and Fox Casino  
Sac and Fox Language Program  
Sac and Fox Dept. of Human Services  
Sac and Fox National Public Library



**THEBLACKHAWKCASINO.COM**  
42008 WESTECH ROAD • SHAWNEE, OK  
(405) 275-4700





EDUCATION NEWS FOR MAY

By Barbara Ramo, Education Director, Sac and Fox Nation

*"I can accept failure. Everyone fails at something. But, I can't accept not trying."* -Michael Jordan, Bachelor's Degree in Geography, Professional Basketball Player

Jean Lynam and I attended the Johnson-O'Malley Conference 2019 on April 1st and 2nd at the Choctaw Casino and Resort in Durant, Okla. The theme of this year's conference was: "JOM... A Time of Knowledge, Tradition and Culture."

According to Bill John Baker, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, the themes speaks to the responsibility we have to our children to protect, celebrate our unique traditions and heritage." It takes dedicated education professionals to work with our children to make an impact on their future.

On April 16, 1934, the Johnson-O'Malley Program act was passed. The purpose of the JOM act was to subsidize education, medical attention and other services provided by the States, or Territories to Indians living within their borders.

Today, the Johnson-O'Malley program's purpose is to provide supplementary financial assistance to meet the unique and specialized educational needs of eligible Indian students, including programs supplemental to the regular schools program and school operational support, where support is necessary to maintain established State educational standards. The Johnson-O'Malley (JOM) funds are not to take the place of federal, state or local funds.

The two main requirements of the JOM Act are to assure Parent Participation and control. The two requirements are the INDIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE and the EDUCATION PLAN:

- Local Indian Education Committee (LIEC) is an elected governing body comprised of parents of eligible Indian students. Persons acting in "loco parentis" (assuming the "place of the parents", such as legal guardians or parents of adopted children) may also serve except school officials or school administrators.
- What is an Education Plan? The Education Plan is a written document that outlines a plan for providing programs to meet the unique and specialized educational needs of Indian students. It identifies needs of the Indian students, the goals and objectives to be accomplished, procedures to be followed and the methods to be used in evaluating the program as well as the budgets.

PARENTS: It is necessary for you to become involved in your children's education and participation in the Johnson-O'Malley Program is the way to

ensure that the educational needs of your children are being met. Please join your local Indian Education Committee to make a difference in your child/children's education.

A little background on the Johnson-O'Malley Act will call your attention to the fact that federal funding was frozen at the 1995 level and capped at 278,000 students nationally. It negatively impacted families, schools and communities. By law, the U.S. has a trust responsibility to tribal nations; however, the population and funding formulas to fund the trust never grew, even though Indian Country has grown rapidly since 1995.

According to a comment from the Cherokee Nation, "There are more than 130,000 American Indian school-aged children in our state's public schools- the highest in the country. Yet, Oklahoma continues to be the worst state for K-12 school funding cuts. Since 2008, Oklahoma has slashed education funding by almost 25 percent.

The U.S. Census confirms American Indians are among the fastest-growing populations in America. The National Indian Association reported that they FY 18 federal budget allocated only \$15 million of the estimated \$42 million required to fully fund JOM in the United States.

According to Carla Mann, National JOM Association Board President, "The Johnson O'Malley Supplemental Indian Education Program Modernization Act was introduced in order to update the student count for the program." President Mann goes on to say, "Passage of this legislation moves us one step closer to finally addressing the numerous concerns about the persistent inaccuracy of the eligible student counts for Johnson-O'Malley (JOM) program."

The Modernization Act will enable NJOMA and other JOM stakeholders to work with the Bureau of Indian Education to modernize the program's existing rules and regulation to provide improved guidance to JOM contractors and education experience for students. President Mann stated, "The passage of this Act would end the denial of JOM services to schools that have been unable to join since 1996."

More than two decades (23 years) JOM stakeholders have been advocating for JOM reform. It has been at least 23 years since the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs conducted the last official JOM student count. Tribes have been submitting their student count on a yearly basis, but to no avail. A count was attempted in 2014, but it was consider incomplete and unofficial.

S. 943 (115TH): JOHNSON-O'MALLEY SUPPLEMENTAL INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM MODERNIZATION ACT passed Congress on December 21, 2018.

During the workshop: Understanding The JOM Supplemental Act: The Good, The Bad, and the Reality, Steve Pruitt, a NJOMA Board Officer provided us with the exciting opportunities regarding Senate Bill 943 and its passage into Public

Law. Mr. Pruitt stated that JOM as of December 18 is a Free-Standing Status, gives authority to act, and provides mandates to operate in Indian Country since it is now authorized in LAW. Mr. Pruitt provided us an Implementation Timeline as to what must take place before the final report is completed. However, it looks as though the 2021 school year may see more dollars and more resources for the JOM Program.



Miss Indian OU Sadie Rachelle Littlecreek is pictured with her mother, Crystal Springer and grandmother Beverly Springer. (Photo Provided)

Sadie Rachelle Littlecreek Recently Crowned as 2019-20 'Miss Indian OU'

Sadie Rachelle Littlecreek, a freshman at the University of Oklahoma (OU), was recently crowned as 2019-2020 'Miss Indian OU.' She is a graduate of Perkins-Tryon High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society. At OU, she is majoring in International Business and Pre-law.

She is an enrolled member of the Absentee Shawnee tribe of Oklahoma. Additionally, she is a descendent of the Sac & Fox Nation, Iowa Tribe, Otoe-Missouria Tribe, and Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Her name is 'Tha Thay Guam Me Ce,' given to her by her late great-grandmother, Marie Gibson.

She began her college career in the Start Sooner program, which allows incoming freshman to get a head start on their college experience. She is a participant in the American Indian Science and

Engineering Society and Gamma Delta Pi sorority at OU, and has been awarded a New Horizon Scholarship, a Community Enrichment Scholarship, Pehar Scholarship and Miss Indian OU scholarship.

Her platform is to promote mental health awareness, specifically suicide prevention. She recognizes the esteemed honor of being selected as Miss Indian OU and, her hope is to advocate for mental health awareness to all tribal nations.

She is the daughter of Crystal L. Springer, Sac & Fox Nation, Iowa tribe descendant, and Otoe-Missouria descendant. Her biological father is Levi K. Littlecreek, Absentee Shawnee and Muscogee (Creek). Her step-father is Leon D. Martine, Navajo. She is the granddaughter of Beverly Springer and great-granddaughter of the late Howard L. Springer and Ruth McClellan Springer.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

We have 125 tribal members whose children received clothing/supplies grants from the tribe last school year that haven't turned in their receipts. Please send these in as soon as possible if you plan to apply for next year's school clothing grant. Those without receipts will not be funded. Thank you!

SAC AND FOX NATION EDUCATION DEPT.



Coming soon near you  
Central Tribes of the Shawnee Area, Inc.  
CTSA HEADSTART



We are proud to let you know we are opening a New Head Start in Stroud, OK

Applications are being taken at the Sac & Fox Education Dept.

Directions: Sac & Fox Education Dept. 5 1/2 miles south of Stroud on 930 RD. Go past the clinic on top of the hill. It is located south of the gym.

For more information, please call the CTSA Main Office at (405)275-4870

Required Documentation:

1. Proof of income (at least 2 checks stubs/Income letter/TANF letter/Income tax form)
2. Proof of residence (Utility/phone bill, Housing lease—MUST show physical address)
3. CDIB card, SNAP, WIC or any assistance you are receiving
4. Shot records and Birth certificate and Source of Health Care (Tribal/IHS, Private Ins.)
5. If your child has a Documented Disability, we will need a copy of his/her IFSP or IEP.

Stroud CTSA Headstart  
Yellow Earth Learning Center

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NOTICE

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

With Oklahoma's Promise, the Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program, 8th, 9th, and 10th grade students whose family income is \$50,000 or less can earn FREE COLLEGE TUITION

Apply online at [www.okpromise.org](http://www.okpromise.org) or  
Contact the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education by e-mail at [okpromise@osrhe.edu](mailto:okpromise@osrhe.edu) or by phone at 1-8-858-1840 (225-9152 in OKC)  
Get an application from your counselor



## ‘Earth Day’ Open House



Sac and Fox Nation Environmental Services Director Jeremy Fincher is pictured with some of the displays featured April 18 during ‘Earth Day’ and open house activities held at the Office of Environmental Services Building. OES staff were present to answer questions pertaining to environmental issues or services and grant programs offered by OES. (American Photo)



Dale Miller, who serves as water quality specialist with the Sac and Fox Nation Office of Environmental Services, is pictured during OES ‘Earth Day’ and open house activities with ‘Casper,’ a Sulcata Tortoise, who has reached the age of one-year and nine-months. Shown in the foreground is a rain simulator for riparian zone used for demonstration purposes. (Photo by Mike Brown)

## Okla. Hemp Bill is Signed Into Law By Gov. Kevin Stitt

On April 18, Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt signed Senate Bill 868 into law after it was unanimously approved by the House and Senate.

Senate Bill 868 provides for the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry to develop and administer a program for the production of commercial hemp under the 2018 Farm Bill. Current state law, passed last year under the 2014 Farm Bill, allows for Oklahomans to participate in the Industrial Hemp Pilot Program, which requires growers to be licensed through a research institution. The new Farm Bill changed federal industrial hemp law and made changes to state law necessary as well.

There are eight colleges and universities participating in the current Agricultural Industrial Hemp Pilot Program- Langston University, Redlands Community College, Northern Oklahoma College-Tonkawa, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Cameron University, Oklahoma Panhandle State University, Murray State College, Connors State College, and Western Oklahoma State College.

“The next step is for USDA to finalize federal rules under the 2018 Farm Bill,” said JanLee Rowlett, ODAFF Legislative Liaison. “When new federal rules are in place, we will then develop state rules. After state rules are developed, we are required to have our state plan approved by USDA. USDA has 60 days to respond after we submit the plan. This process will take time, but we want to get it right for Oklahoma producers.”

Rowlett anticipates USDA will finalize their rules later this year. State and federal rules should be in place to allow for planting of industrial hemp in the 2020 crop year.

“Producers should know planting for the 2019 crop year, which is happening from now through June, still falls under the existing Pilot Program state law. So, growers still need to work with a research institution to grow hemp this year,” said Rowlett. “ODAFF will work diligently to develop a state plan and promulgate rules to be prepared to license growers directly for the 2020 growing season.”



Pictured left to right are: U.S. EPA Acting Deputy Administrator, Henry Darwin; Sac and Fox Nation Environmental Director, Jeremy Fincher; U.S. EPA Regional Tribal Operations Committee Co-Chairs, Pueblo of San Felipe, Governor James Candelaria & U.S. EPA Acting Region 6 Administrator, David Gray. (Photo Provided)

*April 3, 2019 in Dallas, Texas*

## Jeremy Fincher Receives Environmental Excellence Award at EPA Tribal Summit

Sac and Fox Nation Environmental Services Director Jeremy Fincher was presented the 2019 Environmental Excellence Award at the 22nd Annual U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Tribal Summit held April 3, 2019 in Dallas, Texas.

The award was presented in recognition of past and ongoing efforts in collecting lead samples and abatement actions for the Central Tribes of the Shawnee Area (CTSA) Childcare Facility and Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center, including “outstanding commitment to protecting children’s health by being one of the first tribal nations in Region 6 to complete the voluntary sampling of drinking water lead levels in tribal schools and childcare facilities.”

As a result of this project, Fincher has received a request to present at the U.S.

EPA’s Office of Research and Development and Region 6, 2019 Small Drinking Water Systems Meeting set for May 21-22, at the 2019 U.S. EPA Region 6 Conference and Training Facility in Addison, Texas. Fincher will be presenting alongside U.S. EPA staff regarding the experience and knowledge gained during the 3T’s Lead Testing Program that is designed to benefit other small water systems across EPA Region 6.

Facility-specific correspondence is expected to be issued by EPA Region 6 recognizing the outstanding efforts of CTSA and JDC Maintenance Staff as well. “Each facility’s maintenance staff are exceptional and have continued to provide their full support throughout the process and have shown tremendous dedication to reducing lead in children’s drinking water,” said Fincher.



## Sac and Fox Nation Veterans Memorial Gourd Dance



SFN Community Building

Saturday, May 25, 2019

Stroud, OK

Head Singer \_\_\_\_\_ Dwayne Tofpi

Head Gourd Dancer \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas Morris

Emcee \_\_\_\_\_ Francis Grant

Arena Director \_\_\_\_\_ Jaime’ Cervantes

**10 AM  
READING  
OF  
DECEASED  
TRIBAL  
VETERANS  
AT  
SAC AND FOX  
CEMETERY**

**Gourd Dance 2pm-5pm**

**Supper 5pm-6pm**

**Gourd Dance 6pm- ?**

Sponsored by the Sac and Fox Nation Veterans Organization, the Sac and Fox Nation Veterans Auxiliary and the Seminole Nation Veterans Organization

**6 PM  
CROWNIN  
G OF OUR  
2019-  
2020  
SAC AND  
FOX  
VETERANS  
PRINCESS**

**Raffles**

**50/50**



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.



May 2019 Quotations

You have to look deeper, way below the anger, the hurt, the hate, the jealousy, the self-pity, way down deeper where the dreams lie, Son. Find your dream. It's the pursuit of the dream that heals you.  
Billy Mills, Oglala Lakota (1938)

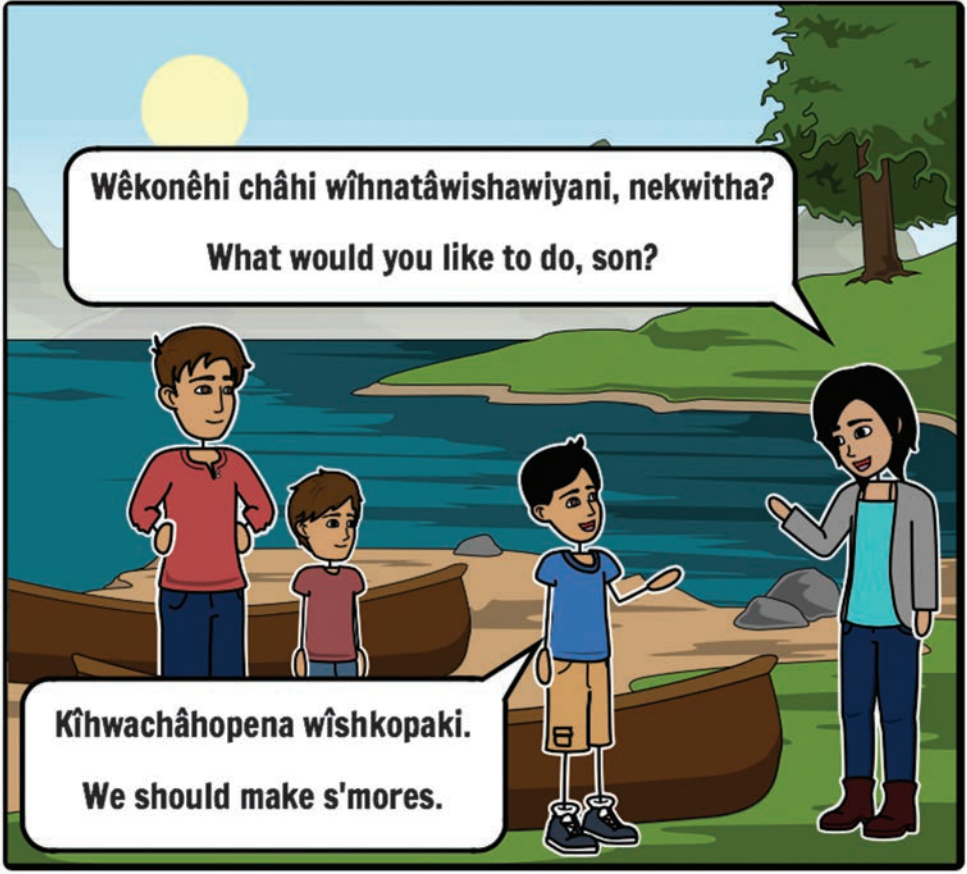
When you have a spiritual foundation, you look at poverty different then.  
Russell Means, Lakota (1939-2012)

I am an Indian, American Indian. I prefer American Indian (because) anyone born in the western hemisphere is a Native American.  
Russell Means, Lakota (1939-2012)

May Scramble

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| êaiwnwaikw     | _____ |
| mhaôâiikntwywe | _____ |
| nhâkÂêipmeha   | _____ |
| makêmhêê       | _____ |
| haipîspnkwii   | _____ |
| wkiemyâi       | _____ |
| keisweâmyainh  | _____ |
| kaaawênw       | _____ |
| akyahawap      | _____ |
| iiyâwâytpêkh   | _____ |

May Comic



May 2019 Word Match

|                |                         |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| Âpâminehkêha   | Butterfly               |
| Kemiyâwi       | Makes it rain           |
| Kemiyâneshiwa  | It rains                |
| Kemiyânwihtôwa | There is a rainbow      |
| Anakwêwa       | Cattail                 |
| Anakwêwiwi     | The trees bud           |
| Pashkinîpiwi   | Rainbow                 |
| Sâkipyêyâwi    | Tree is budding out     |
| Mêmêkêha       | May                     |
| Apahkwaya      | Gets caught in the rain |

SAUK LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS & NEWS

May 2019  
Âpâminehkêha  
(Moving Camp 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.

Join us online or visit our website for Sauk words and to play games at [www.talksauk.com](http://www.talksauk.com)!

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



Serenity Littlehead Coordinates First Native American Assembly at CHS



Cushing High School student Serenity Littlehead recently coordinated the first Native American assembly to be held at her school. She and other representatives spoke to the student body about Native American topics, sang and presented Native dancing. Littlehead also prepared a display, shown below, that included examples of Native American art, clothing and other items of importance. She is pictured above, at left, during the program, along with Sac and Fox Honor Guard Princess Taliah Switch, Roland Barker, Coleman American Horse, Kay Oss, Nick Blanchard and others who took part in the assembly program. Pictured in the side photo from right are Serenity Littlehead and Taliah Switch. (Photos Provided)



May Word Search

I  
Ç Î Ò  
A I S B  
Q H W U Ç E  
Q Ê Â A Â M Ò  
Q Ê K Y A S É Ê Ò  
Ë Ç H I Î W K K M F  
B Î Â E M Ê K I M Ê Ê G  
Ê T E N E L Ò Î H I Î K O  
A V Z L I K C D L O S Ò Ç Ê Q  
Ê Ê Q L M Â P Ç F R Ê E Î G H J  
É Ò X L Ç Â Ê N Ó D Â D F N Z V A U  
K T N Q C P B R Ê F L B O L Â U Ç M H  
F F V Â É O Â O E Ò B Ô R P U G Y Â T A Â  
T T H Â K I P Y Ê Y Â W I I M F L I D D T Ò  
Y É D O Ò I Ò R A Y I Y H T S T Ô D K M Â E M M  
Î F Ê J Â S Z T Ê Ê Î F Z Î Ò Y Ê Ê E H F G B  
Î C Y O X I B Ô E Î Ò É K P D P D Z Â Î R T K U K K U  
Î I Â N H A N A K W Ê W A E Ê T D Î H H K O N X D E Ô V  
V A Y A W K H A P A F B Ê Ê I W I W Ê W K A N A Y Â L S S Ò  
C  
V  
E  
Ê K U O G L G M Y A L R A J Ò V Â Î J Î Î B T Ò R I M Ò N U  
R T Ê Â U V N P P Ç F Ê Ê Ê L V X Â U O F É R O L P Q Z  
V O V N Ô L Q P A S H K I N Î P I W I T H T H V É L N V  
M Î L Î X E M V V Â Ò O K Q Ê P F N Î P M P G Ò Î X  
Z S A W Ô T H I W N Â Y I M E K R Î Â X B Ç B Y Ê Y  
Z X T Ò Ò Â Z Z Ò A N Ô Î P M Ê M Ê Ô V F Ô J H

May 2019 Word List

|                |                         |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| Âpâminehkêha   | May                     |
| Kemiyâwi       | Its rains               |
| Kemiyâneshiwa  | Gets caught in the rain |
| Kemiyânwihtôwa | Makes it rain           |
| Anakwêwa       | Rainbow                 |
| Anakwêwiwi     | There is a rainbow      |
| Pashkinîpiwi   | Tree is budding out     |
| Sâkipyêyâwi    | The trees bud           |
| Mêmêkêha       | Butterfly               |
| Apahkwaya      | Cattail                 |

HELP WANTED!  
SAC & FOX NATION  
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITES

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

- Chief of Staff
- Family Practice Physician
- Realty Director (Stroud)
- Grant Writer/Planner (Stroud)
- Surveillance Observer (Shawnee)
- Self-Governance Director
- ICW Specialist (Shawnee)
- Resident Advisor
- Certified Pool Operator/Manager - Seasonal
- Lifeguard - Seasonal
- Executive Assistant 2
- Environmental Technician P/T

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

ATTENTION  
TRIBAL MEMBERS  
Committee/Boards/Commissions  
Openings

- GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE**  
Hears complaints of misconduct in office by members of the Business Committee and performs other duties as assigned by tribal law. Must be a member of the Sac and Fox Nation, and at least twenty one (21) years of age and reside in the State of Oklahoma. Terms of office are four (4) years and staggered. Three-member committee. Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary.  
Vacancy: Position #1, Position #2, and Position #3
- SAUK BUSINESS ENTERPRISES BOARD**  
Purpose is to provide sources of revenue, remedy the underemployment rate of tribal members, attract diversified business enterprises and expand the Nation's land base and economic development potential. The board is composed of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Member. The term of office shall be for three (3) years, and staggered. A board member may be a member or non-member of the Sac and Fox Nation and shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and legally capable of entering into a binding contract. Must be able to pass background check for Gaming License.  
Vacancy: Position #3
- HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
Purpose is to remedy unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions; alleviate the acute shortage of decent, safe and sanitary dwellings for persons of low income; provide employment opportunities through the construction and improvement, of low income dwellings. May be a member or a non-member of the Sac and Fox Nation and at least twenty-one (21) years of age. Five member board: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer; chosen by board members. Terms of office are four (4) years and staggered. (Per Sac and Fox Housing Authority Act of 1993)  
Vacancy: Position #1, Position #2, and Position #3

Please submit Interest to Serve forms with Resume to:  
Secretary, Jacklyn K. King  
Business Committee  
Sac and Fox Nation  
920883 S. Hwy 99, Bldg. A  
Stroud, Ok 74079  
secretary@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov

Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline

1 800 QUIT NOW



MAY 2019

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<br>SHIPMENT    | 2<br>ELDERS ONLY                      | 3<br>SHAWNEE HOME DELIVERIES               |
| 6<br>ELDERS ONLY                       | 7<br>LATE NIGHT SHAWNEE<br>12 pm - 6 pm  | 8<br>ELDERS ONLY | 9<br>STROUD & SHAWNEE HOME DELIVERIES | 10<br>LITTLE AXE TAILGATE<br>10 am - 12 pm |
| 13                                     | 14                                       | 15               | 16<br>STROUD HOME DELIVERIES          | 17 VICTORY DAY<br>CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY       |
| 20<br>LATE NIGHT STROUD<br>8 am - 6 pm | 21<br>LATE NIGHT SHAWNEE<br>12 pm - 6 pm | 22<br>SHIPMENT   | 23                                    | 24<br>PERKINS TAILGATE<br>10 am - 1 pm     |
| 27 MEMORIAL DAY<br>CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY  | 28                                       | 29               | 30<br>CLOSED FOR INVENTORY            | 31<br>CLOSED FOR INVENTORY                 |

HOURS  
MONDAY - FRIDAY

CERTIFICATION  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm

STORE  
8:30 am - 2:30 pm

STORE AM INVENTORY  
8:00 am - 8:30 am

STORE PM INVENTORY  
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Sac and Fox Nation and Teamsters  
National Pipeline Conducting Free  
Class B Truck Driver Training



The Sac and Fox Nation and Teamsters National Pipeline have partnered to offer free classroom and hands-on training for anyone wanting to learn and certify in driving Class B vehicles. Two-week classroom training was held in March in the Sac and Fox Nation Learning Center, and hands-on training was held in April at the former Tanger Outlet Center parking lot in Stroud. Teamsters Trainer Gilbert Kennedy is pictured above giving instructions to trainees at the Tanger location. (Photo by Mike Brown)



Truck driving students seeking Class B certification are shown preparing to maneuver a driving course designated with orange safety cones at the former Tanger Outlet Center parking lot in Stroud. (Photo by Mike Brown)



Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline

1

800

QUIT

NOW

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS


A member of the Tax Commission Staff  
Will now be at:  
The Shawnee Multi-Purpose Center  
Twice a Month  
The Tax Commission Representative  
Will be there on:  
The First (1st) and Third (3rd) Thursdays

We will be able to better serve tribal members living in the Shawnee area with motor vehicle registration and, any other service that we can assist you with.

Foster and Adoptive Homes Needed

You can make a Difference.

Contact the Indian Child Welfare  
department to  
learn how you can make a  
Difference



For more information, please contact:  
Karen Hamilton or Nethia Wallace  
Shawnee Multi-Purpose Building  
405-275-1262

Vote for  
Zachary Linn Butler For Principal Chief


Hello, Tribal membership, I hope that this meets all of you well. My name is Zachary Linn Butler and I am running for the office of Principle Chief of the Sac and Fox Nation. This is both a pleasure and an honor to be considered for this office.

I grew up in the Drumright/ Cushing area. I am a member of the Bear clan. I am the son of Edgar and Donna Butler. My grandparents were the late Harry Butler Sr. and Caroline Kishketon.


My educational efforts began at Drumright High school. After receiving my high school diploma, I attended Langston University and later went on transfer to Oklahoma State University in Stillwater Oklahoma. I have a bachelor's degree in Agronomy (Plant/Soil Science) from Oklahoma State University.

I would like to take this opportunity to speak to you on several issues that you, Tribal members, need to know about our Tribal programs. A few of the big concerns is our healthcare, the condition of our Tribal lands, education, and housing. I have a firm belief in bringing any issues or concerns to light, resolving any of the concerns, and then moving forward in a positive direction. This is where I need you as Tribal citizens to assist me in trying to re shape our Tribal system. I believe it is time for a change, and I hope you help me to make that move forward for the betterment of our Sac and Fox Nation people.

Thank you



2019 Nutrition Services Schedule



Cooking Classes

All classes will be held in the Sac and Fox Chapel unless otherwise posted. Class times are 11am-12pm and 12pm-1pm, both classes cover the same information.

January: Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>  
February: Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> – Community Building  
March: Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>  
April: Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>  
May: Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>  
June: Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>  
July: Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>  
August: Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>  
September: Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>  
October: Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>  
November: Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>  
December: Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

Grocery Store Tours

Tour will provide tips over successfully navigating the grocery store, healthy food ideas, reading and understanding food labels, and buying groceries on a budget. Tours will be limited to first 10 registrants.

Williams, Stroud: Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>  
Anthony's Foods, Prague: Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>  
WalMart, Cushing: Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>  
FireLake, Shawnee: Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

Please RSVP by using the sign-up sheets that are located at the front desks of both the Black Hawk Health Center and the Merle W. Boyd Center. You can also RSVP by emailing [josh.nooner@ihs.gov](mailto:josh.nooner@ihs.gov) or calling 918-968-9531 x3042.

JOSH NOONER, MS, RD/LD

918-968-9531 X3042



Lauren Masquat Signs With Bacone College; Joins a Stellar Recruitment Class

by Cedric Sunray

In the summer of 2018, Bacone College, found itself at a crossroads. For two decades, the nation’s oldest American Indian university had slowly drifted from its historic mission and identity. Drastic changes were needed to ensure that a return was possible.

With the hiring of a Navajo president, new Indian administrators, staff, coaches and professors, as well as a focused strategy of student recruitment within Indian Country, the university now has a bright future. The women’s basketball program has been a clear indicator of the university’s renewed focus. On April 8th, one of the State of Oklahoma’s top high school basketball players, Lauren Masquat (Sac & Fox/Miami) chose Bacone over numerous other offers. She joins a stellar recruiting class including Rahshauna Macon (Cheyenne & Arapaho; Riv-

erside Indian School), Tayshia Twitty (Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma; Norman High), Kayleigh Edge (Caddo; Gracemont High School), Sunzie Harrison (Chickasaw; Allen High School), Kayla Stephens (Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; Riverside Indian School), Madison Slinkey (Cheyenne & Arapaho; Riverside Indian School) and verbal commit Haylee Quick Bear (Oglala Lakota; Todd County High School). With three more top players still awaiting campus visits during the month of April, the 2019-2020 season looks very promising.

“Lauren is both an outstanding shooter and ball handler whose transition to the university level will be without many struggles. She is a true athlete in every sense and her basketball IQ is very high. There is no doubt that she is making her family, community and her tribes very proud,” remarked Head Bacone College

Women’s Basketball coach Juan Davis (Cherokee Nation).

Bacone College Athletic Recruiter Cedric Sunray (MOWA Choctaw) continued, “Finding a good athlete is easy in both the state and the country. Finding a good athlete with the type of positive

character traits, strong academic aptitude and positive leadership attitude evidenced in Lauren is another story. If one was looking for an example of an ideal student-athlete for a university program to pursue, she would be the prototype. We are blessed to have her.”

Rainbolt Presents \$444,318 to OMRF And Stephenson Cancer Center at OU

H.E. “Gene” Rainbolt, chairman emeritus of BancFirst Corp. and, a longtime donor to cancer research initiatives in Oklahoma, recently presented checks totaling \$444,318 to the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation and the Stephenson Cancer Center at the University of Oklahoma.

The two charities split the funds, which were proceeds from a dinner and private concert by country music legend Willie Nelson hosted by Rainbolt in celebration of his 90th birthday. Rainbolt underwrote the event and, in lieu of birthday gifts, asked guests to make donations to cancer research to benefit OMRF and Stephenson.

“Medical research holds the key to understanding this disease and finding ways to stop it,” said Rainbolt. “I hope these gifts will help make a difference for the patients and families who have to face this terrible disease.”

Approximately 800 guests attended the dinner and concert, which took place

at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum on Feb. 20.

“The impact of Gene’s generosity through this event will live on through the ongoing research at the Stephenson Cancer Center,” said Assistant Vice President of Development for the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center Stacey Maxon. “The patients, families, physicians and caregivers are very grateful for this significant support.”

This is the second time Rainbolt has capitalized on a “zero” birthday to benefit cancer research. When he turned 80, he hosted a similar concert—also starring Nelson—that raised \$340,000 for Stephenson and OMRF.

“What a great way to celebrate a milestone birthday and make an impact on this community at the same time,” said OMRF Vice President of Development Penny Voss. “We salute Gene and the Rainbolt family for their steadfast support for cancer research in Oklahoma.”

Explore How to Manage Land for Better Soil Health, Healthy Food

Join the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and NRCS soil scientists for a free soil health workshop and lunch on May 14 in Okmulgee. The workshop will explore how to manage your land for better soil health and healthy food. Speakers will discuss the soil and its biological components as they relate to grazing and cropping systems, rainwater infiltration, erosion resistance, drought resilience, and plant growth efficiency.

Soils are often neglected, but there are some soils, some microbes and some grazing systems that will help our soils by investing in some simple soil health practices. The workshop will provide the opportunity for farmers and ranchers to learn simple steps to improve their operations’ sustainability.

“This workshop will provide a great opportunity for landowners to learn about different alternatives to consider in management of their grazing lands,” stated Phillip Martin, NRCS Resource Conservationist.

NRCS partners for the workshop include, the Oklahoma Tribal Conservation Advisory Council (OTCAC), other USDA agencies and conservation groups. Conservation district partners include the Okmulgee, Mayes, Muskogee, Rogers, Tulsa and Wagoner Conservation Districts.

This event will include a locally-led survey to identify conservation resources concerns in your area, updates on conservation programs, Ag Census, and provide training on simple steps for better forage. Our conservation program discussions will be led by Farm Service Agency, National Agriculture Statistics Service, NRCS, and OCC.

The workshop will be held at 11 a.m. on May 14th. The workshop will be held at the College of the Muscogee Creek Nation, 2170 Raven Circle, in the Seminar Conference Rooms 107 and 108, in Okmulgee. Lunch will be provided.

Attendees are encouraged to pre-register by calling or emailing by May 8 to Chris Best, Christopher.Best@ok.usda.

gov, 405-385-3032, or Dr. Carol Crouch carol.crouch@usda.gov ph. 405-612-9331. The workshop is open to the public.



Pictured back row left to right are: John Byford (grandfather), Bobby Baldwin (Chandler High Athletic Director), Rodney Treat (Chandler Girl’s Basketball Coach). Front row left to right: Delores Boyd (grandmother; Sac & Fox), Lori Masquat (mom), Lauren Masquat, Juan Davis (Bacone College Head Women’s Basketball Coach). (Photo courtesy of Cedric Sunray)

ATTENTION HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE SAC AND FOX NATION APPLICANTS

Application Updates:

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



Sixth Annual Family Fishing Day Saturday, June 1, 2019 10 a.m. - 12 noon At Veteran’s Lake (Entrance is Just North of the Casino on the East Side of Hwy. 99)

This is an Educational Event

Come on out to the pavilion at Veteran’s Lake! Bring the family and friends! All Ages Welcome! \*All Children Must be Accompanied by Guardian at all Times Included: Rod and Reels Provided Bait is Provided • No Fishing License is Needed It’s All FREE!!



Sponsored By: Sac and Fox Nation Office of Environmental Services In Partnership With the Oklahoma Dept. of Wildlife Conservation Contact Person: Dale Miller 918-968-0046 (Inclement Weather Will Cancel and Reschedule)

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





### A Teepee in the Making

Sac and Fox Nation Elder Mary Butler, above, and daughter-in-law Shawn, below, are pictured while sewing a new canvas teepee cover in the Sac and Fox Nation Community Bldg. Mary Butler, who has been making teepees for over 50 years, said the current cover is being sewn for a Pawnee relative to use in Native American Church services. Shawn, and husband Allen Butler, have been building teepees for approximately 20 years. (Photo by Mike Brown)



## Business Committee Meeting Minutes

Please be advised that the following are official actions taken by the Business Committee in a Special Business Committee meeting held on March 27, 2019. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

- 1) Audrey R. Lee motion to approve the Regular Business Committee meeting minutes dated March 6, 2019. Jacklyn K. King-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- 2) **Resolution SF-19-98**, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation and Justice Systems, Inc. The funding sources are identified as Fiscal Year 2019 RAP Tribal Court and Trial Court Supplemental budgets. Audrey R. Lee-motion. Jacklyn K. King-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes. Motion carried.
- 3) **Resolution SF-19-99** a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation and Louis I. Lang. The funding source is identified as the Fiscal Year 2019 Treasury budget. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Audrey R. Lee-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes. Motion carried.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. HRP-19-03
- b. HRP-19-02
- c. HRP-19-04
- d. HRP-19-05

Entered Executive Session at 1:39 p.m.  
Out of Executive Session at 4:21 p.m.

#### Action taken:

- a. The Human Resource Director is to send a letter to the individual outlining the decision from the Business Committee. The Human Resource Director will work with Finance to determine any other financial cost associated with this.
- b. Discussion only, the Business Committee will wait on additional numbers to come forward to make a more informed decision. HRP-19-02 will be tabled until the April 10, 2019 meeting.
- c. Human Resource Director to review the law to make sure that we're in compliance with the law and based upon that bring that back to the Business Committee to make the final decision and make sure there are no laws that supersede our HR policies.

Entered back into Executive Session at 4:26 p.m.  
Back into Executive Session at 4:31 p.m.

- d. Jacklyn K. King motion to enact the provisions outlined in Chapter 4, Section 401 of the Sac and Fox Nation's Code of Laws in the matter of HRP-19-05. Audrey R. Lee-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-No, Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes. Motion carried.

## Business Committee Meeting Minutes

- 1) Audrey R. Lee motion to approve the revised Scheduler job description for Merle Boyd Center Robert E. Williamson-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- 2) Audrey R. Lee motion to approve the revised Patient Registration Manager job description for Black Hawk Health Center with corrections. Robert E. Williamson-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes. Motion carried.
- 3) Robert E. Williamson motion to approve the pipe fencing along Highway 99 and the Veterans Lake entrance per the example of the red fencing picture on page 32 in the Business Committee meeting packet. Jacklyn K. King-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes. Motion carried.
- 4) **Resolution SF-19-100**, a resolution acknowledging receipt of the conditional relinquishment from the membership of the Sac and Fox Nation. Audrey R. Lee-motion with corrections. Jacklyn K.

## Business Committee Meeting Minutes

King-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes. Motion carried.

- 5) **Resolution SF-19-101**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2019 Revenue Allocation Plan Tribal Court budget modification #1 in the total funding amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00). The funding source is identified as the Fiscal Year 2019 Governing Council approved resolution SF/GC-19-05. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent. Motion carried.
- 6) **Resolution SF-19-102**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2019 Tribal Court Supplemental budget modification #1 in the total amount of ninety-five thousand six hundred forty-five dollars (\$95,645.00). The funding source is identified as fees and fines collected by the Sac and Fox Nation District and Supreme Courts. VOTE: Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- 7) **Resolution SF-19-103**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2018 Department of Interior Compact Department of Public Safety budget modification #5 in the total amount of one million one hundred sixty-eight thousand seven hundred fifty-nine dollars (\$1,168,759.00). The funding source is identified as the Department of Interior Compact Multi-Year Funding Agreement and previous years carryover. VOTE: Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes. Motion carried.
- 8) **Resolution SF-19-104**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2019 Indian Health Services Compact budget modification #1 in the total amount of fourteen million seven hundred thirty-six thousand six hundred twenty-six dollars (\$14,736,626.00). The funding sources are identified as the Indian Health Services Compact Funding Agreement with prior year's carryover. VOTE: Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes. Motion carried.
- 9) **Resolution SF-19-105**, a resolution authorizing and approving the project Memorandum of Agreement contract# 2019-03-04 for the reconstruction and replacement of the state highway 99 bridge over Salt Creek in Lincoln county, Oklahoma between the Sac and Fox Nation and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. The funding source is identified as the FY2019 Transportation Program (TTP) G2G budget, Construction line item and DOI Transportation. Audrey R. Lee-motion with corrections. Robert E. Williamson-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Absent. Motion carried.
- 10) **Resolution SF-19-106**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2018 Department of Interior Compact Realty budget modification #3 in the total amount of two hundred sixty-six thousand eighty-two dollars (\$266,082.00). The funding sources are identified as the Department of Interior Self-Governance Compact Multi-Year Funding Agreement with Fiscal Year 2017 carryover. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Audrey R. Lee-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent. Motion carried.
- 11) **Resolution SF-19-107**, a resolution amending SF-18-116 authorizing and approving the Black Hawk health Center policy: Outside Prescriptions Policy and Procedures with corrections. Jacklyn K. King-motion. Audrey R. Lee-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- 12) **Resolution SF-19-108**, a resolution amending SF-07-133 authorizing and approving the Black Hawk Health Center Transportation Department Policies and Procedures with corrections. Audrey R. Lee-motion. Robert E. Williamson-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes. Motion carried.
- 13) **Resolution SF-19-109**, a resolution authorizing and approving the Black Hawk Health Center Policy: Service Animals Policy and Procedures with corrections. Jacklyn K. King-motion. Audrey R. Lee-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes. Motion carried.
- 14) Audrey R. Lee motion to approve the Delegation Agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation and Central Tribes of the Shawnee Area Inc., for program administration. Contract renewal# 2014-11-03d. Robert E. Williamson-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes. Motion carried.
- 15) **Resolution SF-19-110**, a resolution approving and authorizing the submission of an application to the Institute of Museum and Library Services for the Native American Library Services Basic Grant for the Sac and Fox National Public Library for the period of August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020 up to the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). Jacklyn K. King-motion. Audrey R. Lee-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent. Motion carried.
- 16) Audrey R. Lee motion to approve the Modification Agreement for use of the Tanger parking lot between the Sac and Fox Nation and Northeast Oklahoma SCCA and Northeast Oklahoma Region Solo Event co-chairs. Jacklyn K. King-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- 17) Audrey R. Lee motion to approve the revised Change of Status form. Robert E. Williamson-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes. Motion carried.
- 18) Audrey R. Lee motion to approve the revised RAP Specialist I and II job description as presented. Jacklyn K. King-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Audrey-No. Motion carried.
- 19) **Resolution SF-19-111**, a resolution approving and authorizing the submission of an application to the Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Tribal Opioid Response Grant Continuation for year two in the amount of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00). Audrey R. Lee-motion. Robert E. Williamson-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Absent. Motion carried.
- 20) **Resolution SF-19-112**, a resolution approving and authorizing the submission of an application to the Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental health Services Administration Tribal Behavioral Health Grant Program native Connections Continuation for year two up to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00). Audrey R. Lee-motion. Robert E. Williamson-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Absent, Jared-Absent. Motion carried.
- 21) Robert E. Williamson motion to approve the Tribal Emergency Home Repair Program (TEHR) application, authorization and release. Audrey R. Lee-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Abstain. Motion carried.
- 22) **Resolution SF-19-113**, a resolution appointing Georgia A. Noble to fill the vacancy in office number one (#1), an unexpired term, of the Grievance Committee of the Sac and Fox Nation. Audrey R. Lee-motion. Jacklyn K. King-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- 23) **Resolution SF-19-114**, a resolution appointing Krishna Bear to fill the vacancy in office number one (#2), an unexpired term, of the Grievance Committee of the Sac and Fox Nation. Audrey R. Lee-motion. Jacklyn K. King-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Abstain. Motion carried.
- 24) **Resolution SF-19-115**, a resolution authorizing and approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the Sac and Fox Nation and Tribal Energy Resource, LLC, contract # 2019-03-06. Audrey R. Lee-motion. Robert E. Williamson-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes. Motion carried.
- 25) Jacklyn K. King motion to approve the following request to be paid from the RAP Charitable Donations line item: Chilocco National Alumni Association in the total amount of \$1,500.00. Audrey R. Lee-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent. Motion carried.
- 26) Jacklyn K. King motion to approve the following requests to be paid from the RAP Government Donations line item: DOT Rulemaking Committee Conference \$2,700.00, Ripley Public Schools \$2,000.00, Davenport Public Schools \$2,000.00, Depew Volunteer Fire Department \$3,000.00, Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies Washington University St. Louis \$1,000.00, Chandler Chamber of Commerce \$300.00 in the total amount of \$11,000.00. Robert E. Williamson-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.

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



# Mary McCormick Speaks to English Class at Okla. State University

*Submitted by Mary F. McCormick*  
Former Sac and Fox Nation official Mary F. McCormick gave a presentation on April 3, 2019 to an Oklahoma State University English class on the topic: Introduction to Digital Humanities/Stories, Resistance, and Native Communities. The topic assigned to her to speak on was: “How are We Sustaining Our Indian Culture?”

Mrs. McCormick began her presentation by asking, “What is culture?” She then explained that one of the meanings is the customs and civilization of a particular people or group.

She also responded to students’ questions from previous interview questions she had been given. She also provided visual items to show what the Sac and Fox Nation had accomplished to sustain their culture in their tribe. Three items Mrs. McCormick displayed had been made during the 1880s. They were items of her maternal grandmother, Dora Walker, with the items belonging to Dora’s mother, Edith Benson. Other items provided for showing were the Primer Book of the Sac and Fox Language that she had developed in 1977, and a book listing the tribal members as of April 1, 1975.

One of the items provided for the class was a map of the original land given to the Sac and Fox Nation by the United States. The area was comprised of the land between the two rivers of the north Canadian River on the south end, and the Cimarron River to the north end of the land base. The tribal land base today is only about 1,000 acres located five miles south of Stroud, Okla. The tribe owns additional land in the city of Stroud (which was the old Tanger Mall area); the city of Shawnee, and in the city of Cushing. The tribal park located on the tribal land, south of Stroud, as of 2017, has now officially been named The Jim Thorpe Park. The Governing Council took further action by motion, that the great Jim Thorpe’s Indian name also be included on the gate entrance.

Other items shown were the women’s traditional dress and, a picture of a Bark House that the Sac and Fox people lived in many years ago. They were a people of the Great Lakes area, and found adequate bark to build their homes. The Sac and Fox members were used to a canoe and its use. They were a wealthy tribe, as they learned the value of selling animal hides, or fur. Pictures of two great leaders were shown. One picture was of Kee-o-kuk (the running fox), who was a chief. The drawing shown was by George Catlin. A second picture shown was Black Hawk, a war chief who lost the last battle defending the fight for the tribe’s home in Rock Island, Illinois, on the Mississippi River. The chief, Kee-o-kuk, recognized the need to surrender, and he also recognized the need for education. The United States made mention of what they would provide to the Sac and Fox Tribe of Indians, in the treaties, which included health and education.

Additional items shown were; (1.) The Ten Year Economic Development Plan that was approved by the Governing Council in 1986; (2.) The Position Paper on Proposed Oklahoma State - Indian Tribal Governmental Authorities act; and, (3.) A copy of the Annual Governing Council Booklet for the annual Governing Council held the last Saturday in August of each year. Each tribal member who attends the annual Governing Council and registers, receives their booklet for the annual meeting, full of reports and pending action from the Business Committee.

Every member, eighteen years of age, “have the right to speak on the Council floor, and/or move motions.” The also

## Topic: “How Are We Sustaining Our Indian Culture?”

have the right to “file for an elective office.”

Mrs. McCormick was accompanied to OSU by her daughter, Shirley Marie McCormick. Shirley Marie also added additional information from her experience as a tribal member, and also about her mother’s work. Shirley Marie received her Bachelor and Master’s degrees from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla. She noted it had been about thirty years since she had been to OSU.

In charge of the class was Dr. Rachel C. Jackson, Rhetoric and Writing Studies Program, Dept. of English, Oklahoma State University. Dr. Jackson is a mem-

ber of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. She is also a Newberry Fellow, Newberry Consortium in American Indian Studies.



**JOIN THE 2020 CENSUS TEAM**

United States Census 2020 **APPLY ONLINE!** [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs) The U.S. Census Bureau is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## NOTICE CAMP CLEAN-UP

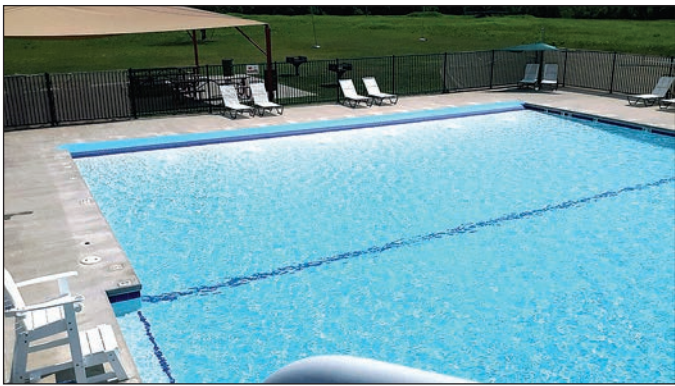
In preparation for Pow-Wow,  
there will be two Camp Clean-Up Days:  
May 13 and June 17

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.



Mary F. McCormick

## Sac and Fox Nation Swimming Pool Rules and Hours



### Sac and Fox Nation Swimming Pool Opening Memorial Weekend!!

Pool hours are:  
12 pm to 6 pm Tuesday through Sunday  
Closed on Mondays  
*(Children Under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult)*  
Admission prices are \$2.00 for the general public,  
\$1.00 for Sac and Fox Nation tribal members  
Season Pass Available Through the Maintenance Dept.

Private Parties are in the evenings from 6 pm until 8 pm  
Parties are required to fill out proper paperwork for rental  
agreements as well as for scheduling 24 hrs in advance  
**and Full Payment Must be Received**

Arrangements will be administered  
through the Maintenance Department  
(918) 968-4271

Pool rental prohibited during the week of the  
Nation’s Annual Celebration

Rental prices are \$75.00 (2 hours) for general public,  
\$50.00 for Sac and Fox Nation tribal members  
Certified Lifeguards with CPR/First aid training will be on duty  
No waiving of fees. No exceptions.

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



Like Us on Facebook!  
Sac and Fox Nation  
Sac and Fox Casino  
Sac and Fox Language Program  
Sac and Fox Dept. of Human Services  
Sac and Fox National Public Library



# Discovery Could Open Doors for MS Treatments

Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation scientists have made a discovery that could open doors to new treatments for multiple sclerosis.

OMRF researcher Bob Axtell, Ph.D., and graduate student James Quinn found that, in laboratory mice, a particular white blood cell (known as TFH cells) seems to play a key role in MS.

“Multiple sclerosis is a complex disease, where several different types of white blood cells drive relapses and disability in MS. Two subtypes of blood cells known to drive diseases are B cells and T cells. But, it’s not entirely clear how these cells communicate to drive this devastating disease,” said Axtell, an assistant member in OMRF’s Arthritis and Clinical Immunology Program. “What James figured out was that the TFH cells are actually communicating with the B cells in this disease.”

In multiple sclerosis, or MS, the body’s immune system attacks its own healthy tissues. In particular, it attacks myelin, which is the protective later that covers nerves and fibers throughout the body. These attacks cause a variety of symptoms, including issues with vision, muscle spasms, tremors and paralysis.

The cause of MS remains unknown, making research into the disease crucial for improved treatment options for the estimated 2.3 million people living with the disease globally.

To better understand what triggers MS disease in mice, Axtell and Quinn looked at the newly discovered TFH cells.

“It has been known that white blood cells groups called T cells and B cells cooperate in MS, but how they cooperate has been a mystery.” said Quinn. “Our study shows that TFH cells communicate with B cells to drive severe disease.”

Using mice engineered to develop an MS-like condition, the OMRF scientists found that TFH T cells communicated with B cells to drive severe disease. When they blocked the function of TFH in the mice, their disease lessened.

“Knowing that TFH cells promote this cross communication with other cell types supports the idea that targeting these cells could be an effective therapeutic strategy for MS in humans,” said Axtell.

The next steps will be further research to explore how TFH influences the development of MS and whether blocking it could lead to effective therapies for patients. “This is still early-stage work, but it holds exciting clinical potential,” said Axtell.

Axtell joined OMRF in 2013 from Stanford University. Quinn, who has worked in Axtell’s lab at for three years, is a graduate student at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

**Business Committee Meeting**

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

**Why the ‘nsn.gov’ Designation?**

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

The “nsn dot gov” (nsn.gov) designation carries with it more significant levels of legitimacy, trust, and authority than a commercial, “dot com” domain name.

“NSN DOT GOV” confirms that it is an official government website that has been certified, verified, and recognized by the United States Government.

Of course, commercial sub-entities and public political subdivisions of tribal government may also use a commercial dot com designation for commercial-oriented purposes.

Truman Carter

**Sac and Fox Elders**

**Mothers Day Dance**

**May 11, 2019 2 p.m.**

**Sac and Fox Nation Community Bldg., Stroud, Okla.**

**Gourd Dance 2 p.m., Supper 5 p.m., Dance 7 p.m.**

**Emcee: Frank Carson, Head Man Dancer: Francis Grant**

**Head Lady Dancer: Cheryl McClellan**

**Head Singer: Herb Addson, AD: Russell Saunders/Steve Ward**



**Contact: Stella Nullake at 405-323-0635 or Melissa Denny at 918-223-5108**

**Raffles, Cake Walk, Not Responsible for Accidents!**

**MAY AT SAC & FOX CASINO**



**SATURDAY**  
**MAY 25TH • 10PM**  
**WIN A NEW WAVERUNNER!**

**20 POINTS IS 1 ENTRY AND 2X POINTS ON THURSDAYS**

**EARN ENTRIES ALL MONTH LONG. 1 LUCKY WINNER.**



**FRIDAY, MAY 17TH**  
**12PM – 7PM**

**SAC & FOX TRIBAL MEMBERS CAN RECEIVE 1 T-SHIRT WHILE SUPPLIES LAST AND 1 \$5 FREEPLAY OFFER**



**TACO TRIO**  
**\$3.00**



**Pabst Blue Ribbon**  
**\$2.00**



**Gato Negro Chilean Wine**  
**\$3.50** glass



**SNFCASINO.COM**  

**356120 926 ROAD • STROUD, OK 74079**

Must have valid ID and Player's Club Card. See Player's Club/Cage for details. Management reserves the right to revoke or alter any promotion or offer.



# 2019 Sac and Fox Nation Easter Celebration Highlights



Sac and Fox Nation Second Chief Audrey Rose Lee and Courtney Plumley are pictured from left slicing cake and pies for the Activity Committee’s family Easter celebration held April 20 in the Sac and Fox Community Building. The festivities included egg hunts, food, games and prizes.



Two-year-old Alexandra Franklin was among dozens of youngsters who visited with the Easter Bunny at the Easter Egg Hunt and festivities organized April 20 in the Community Building by the Sac and Fox Nation Activity Committee.



Sac and Fox Nation Activity Committee officer Angela Warrior is pictured lining-up participants for an egg tossing game during the Easter celebration activities.



Elders are pictured enjoying an Easter Egg Hunt held during the April 20 Easter festivities.



The Sac and Fox Activity Committee and other helpers served grilled hamburgers, hotdogs and all the trimmings to everyone attending the 2019 Easter Egg Hunt and festivities.



Children ages 0 through 2 years are shown being assisted during an Easter Egg Hunt held on April 20. Egg hunts for children in age categories were conducted by members of the Sac and Fox Activity Committee and other helpers.



Sac and Fox Nation employees Connie Rhodd and Katie Thompson are pictured at the prize table during the Employee Committee’s Easter festivities held April 18.



Sac and Fox Nation employees are pictured on an Easter Egg Hunt conducted April 18 by the Employee Committee south of the Administration Building.

All Photos by Mike Brown



- 1) Audrey R. Lee motion with corrections to approve the Special Business Committee meeting minutes dated March 27, 2019. Jared A. King-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- 2) Audrey R. Lee motion with corrections to approve the Recessed Special Business Committee meeting minutes dated March 28, 2019. Jared A. King-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes. Motion carried.
- 3) **Resolution SF-19-116**, a resolution approving and authorizing the submission of an application to the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families Administration for Native Americans Language Preservation and Maintenance grant for the Sauk Language Department. This match funding is identified as Treasury Appropriations. Audrey R. Lee-motion. Robert E. Williamson-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes. Motion carried.
- 4) Jacklyn K. King motion to approve proposed change to the Administrative Leave Policy which would enable the paid leave for situations that may arise which does not fall under our current policy. Audrey R. Lee-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Jared-No, Robert-No, Kay-No, Audrey-No, Jacklyn-Yes. Motion failed.
- 5) **Resolution SF-19-117**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2018 Juvenile Detention Center Substance Abuse budget modification #1 in the total funding amount of one hundred two thousand three hundred sixty dollars (\$102,360.00). The funding source is identified as the Fiscal Year 2018 Indian Health Services Compact Funding Agreement with prior year remaining funds. Jared A. King-motion. Audrey R. Lee-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes. Motion carried.
- 6) **Resolution SF-19-118**, a resolution authorizing and approving the Black Hawk Health Center Policy: Hardship Durable Medical Equipment Policy and Procedures. Jacklyn K. King-motion. Jared A. King-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- 7) **Resolution SF-19-119**, a resolution authorizing and approving the Black Hawk Health Center Radiology Department revised Quality Management and Improvement Plan. Audrey R. Lee-motion. Robert E. Williamson-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes. Motion carried.
- 8) **Resolution SF-19-120**, a resolution authorizing and approving the Black Hawk Health Center Radiology Department Policy and Procedures. Audrey R. Lee-motion. Robert E. Williamson-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes. Motion carried.
- 9) **Resolution SF-19-121**, a resolution authorizing and approving the Black Hawk Health Center Infection Control Latex Allergy Policy and Procedure. Audrey R. Lee-motion. Jared A. King-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes. Motion carried.
- 10) **Resolution SF-19-122**, a resolution authorizing and approving the Black Hawk Health Center Infection Control Hand Hygiene Policy and Procedure. Jared A. King-motion. Jacklyn K. King-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes. Motion carried.
- 11) **Resolution SF-19-123**, a resolution authorizing and approving the Black Hawk Health Center Policy and Procedure, Risk Management Plan. Jacklyn K. King-motion. Audrey R. Lee -2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried
- 12) **Resolution SF-19-124**, a resolution amending SF-07-133 authorizing and approving the Black Hawk Health Center Community Health Nursing Program Policy and Procedures. Audrey R. Lee-motion. Robert E. Williamson-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes. Motion carried.
- 13) **Resolution SF-19-125**, a resolution amending SF-08-09 authorizing and approving the Black Hawk Health Center Policy: Exercise Program. Audrey R. Lee-motion. Jared A. King-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes. Motion carried.
- 14) **Resolution SF-19-126**, a resolution authorizing and approving the Black Hawk Health Center Policy: Vista Imaging Policy and Procedures. Audrey R. Lee-motion. Robert E Williamson-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes. Motion carried.
- 15) **Resolution SF-19-127**, a resolution amending SF-07-133 authorizing and approving the Black Hawk Health Center Pharmacy Department Policy and Procedures. Audrey R. Lee-motion. Jared A. King-2<sup>nd</sup>. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Kay-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Recessed at 5:11 p.m. until Monday April 15, 2019.

Sac and Fox Nation  
Food Distribution Program

←————→

CALL TODAY  
TO SEE IF YOU  
QUALIFY!!!

STROUD OFFICE  
(800) 256-3398

★ ★ ★ ★

SHAWNEE OFFICE  
(866) 622-2310

If at least one member of your  
household is Native American, you  
reside within our service area, and you  
meet our income guidelines...  
You May Qualify. Call Today!!!



In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, political beliefs, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or call toll free (866) 632-9932 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 577-8335; or (800) 945-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE  
OF OKLAHOMA



CITIZEN  
POTAWATOMI



SAC & FOX  
NATION



TRIBAL



TRIBAL

| Household Size         | SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard |   | SNAP Standard Deduction |   | FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1                      | \$1,012                          | + | \$164                   | = | \$1,176                           |
| 2                      | \$1,372                          | + | \$164                   | = | \$1,536                           |
| 3                      | \$1,732                          | + | \$164                   | = | \$1,896                           |
| 4                      | \$2,092                          | + | \$174                   | = | \$2,266                           |
| 5                      | \$2,452                          | + | \$204                   | = | \$2,656                           |
| 6                      | \$2,812                          | + | \$234                   | = | \$3,046                           |
| 7                      | \$3,172                          | + | \$234                   | = | \$3,406                           |
| 8                      | \$3,532                          | + | \$234                   | = | \$3,766                           |
| each additional member |                                  |   |                         |   | \$360                             |

### Use this Amount

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

|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Earned Income Deduction</b>                    | Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Dependent Care Deduction</b>                   | Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Child Support Deduction</b>                    | Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Medical Expense Deduction</b>                  | Households that incur monthly medical expenses by any household member who is elderly or disabled are allowed a deduction in the amount of out-of-pocket medical expenses paid in excess of \$35 per month. Allowable medical expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(3).                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Home Care Meal-Related Deduction</b>           | Households who furnish the majority of meals for a home care attendant are allowed an income deduction equal to the maximum SNAP benefit for a one-person household. The home care meal-related deduction amounts are as follows:<br><br>48 Contiguous U.S. States = \$192<br><br>Alaska by Area Designations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urban = \$232</li> <li>• Rural 1= \$295</li> <li>• Rural 2 = \$360</li> </ul> See 7 CFR 272.7(b) for area designations in Alaska. |
| <b>Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deduction</b> | Households that incur at least one monthly shelter or utility expense are allowed a standard income deduction (see chart below). Allowable shelter/utility expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(6)(ii).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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

\*If the geographic boundaries of an Indian reservation extend to more than one region per the identified regional groupings above, then a qualifying household has the option to receive the appropriate shelter/utility expense deduction amount for the State in which the household resides or the State in which the State agency's central administrative office is located.



## INTEREST TO SERVE

### ON COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, AND BOARDS



The Sac and Fox Nation's Business Committee will be appointing 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 form below and return the completed form and *a resume to the Tribal Secretary*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_



# Bonds Sold to Rehabilitate Flood Control Structures

In recent weeks, the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority (the “Authority”) sold \$5.116 million in bonds on behalf of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission (OCC) for the rehabilitation of some flood control structures in the state. Governor Kevin Stitt and Secretary John Budd signed the bond purchase agreement on April 16, 2019.

OCC officials said the sale was an example of the commission combining its physical and financial responsibilities to the people of Oklahoma.

“The main benefit is to protect the lives of Oklahomans who live below these dams,” said Trey Lam, OCC executive director. “These dams are high-hazard dams, not because there’s anything wrong with them, but just because people live below them. Also, in the case of Perry, Meeker and Wilburton, these are multi-purpose dams that provide either primary or secondary water supplies to communities across Oklahoma.”

Tammy Sawatzky, the OCC Conservation Programs Division director, added that many of these are old, but, “It doesn’t mean they are unsafe. These dams were designed and built for a 50-year life and with rehabilitation, it will extend it to a 100-year life.”

Lam said the Authority refinanced what was remaining of an existing bond issue and combined it with a new \$5.116 million bond. “Now we have one bond that’s combined and it reduced the interest rate like you would save money in your home refinance,” Lam said.

How much did it save? By combining the refinancing of the existing bond issue and the new money bond issue, the Okla-

## At Meeker, Perry, Wilburton

homa Conservation Commission saved the State of Oklahoma \$509,633.71.

Scott A. Reygers, administrator of the authority, said the combined bond issue is financed at a historically low, all-intrue-interest cost of 2.43%.

How it works: In the 2014 Farm Bill, \$256 million was provided for small watershed flood control dam rehabilitation. Over time, \$32 million was made available to Oklahoma. However, this was in a cost-share scenario.

“The time period that it came in was during the budget crisis in Oklahoma and we had a hard time matching the federal funds,” Lam said in reference to a

cost-share of 65 percent federal (United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA NRCS) and 35 percent state funds. “The original appropriation was \$3 million and we later received another \$1 million, but we were still short and the danger was that without the state matching funds, that money could be diverted to other states, such as to Texas that has an ongoing/revolving fund available for these projects.”

The Oklahoma Legislature came up with the bond proposal of \$5.116 million. “The legislature approves it, then the bond authority approves the issuing

of it and then it has to be taken out and sold by the authority in the marketplace,” Lam said. “That’s when the interest rate is established. In this case, it was a good market.”

“In 2007 we had the inland hurricane that did a lot of damage to flood control and a \$25 million bond was passed then,” Lam said. “We’ve been paying on that since then and have it paid down some. So, similar to what you might do with a house, OCIA refinanced that portion. They paid off that bond at the same time that they sold these new bonds. Now, we have one and with the reduced interest rate, it saved the state about a half of a million dollars.” The funds are scheduled to be available May 9, 2019, Reygers said.

## Forestry Youth Camp Registrations Due by May 10

Do you know a teen who could benefit from spending a week hiking and canoeing, while learning about natural resources in a beautiful forest? Oklahoma Forestry Services invites girls and boys between the ages of 13 to 15 to apply for its annual Oklahoma Forestry Camp, which will be held June 3-8 at Beavers Bend State Park in southeast Oklahoma.

“Youth Forestry Camp provides a unique experience for teens, especially those who don’t get to spend a lot of time outdoors,” said Oklahoma Forestry Services Director and State Forester Mark Goeller. “It’s really a fun, hands-on way to learn about our environment from foresters and other natural resources professionals, while having adventures and making new friends. Our camp experience has a lasting influence on kids, whether it’s a new appreciation for the forest or even choosing natural resources careers.”

In addition to swimming, canoeing, fishing and hiking, campers will also participate in hands-on forest management and stream ecology learning activities with natural resource professionals. These professionals, who represent organizations such as Oklahoma Forestry Services, Oklahoma Dept. of Wildlife Conservation, Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, Oklahoma State University Research Extension, Lower Mountain Fork River Foundation, US Forest Service and Weyerhaeuser Company, will also discuss career opportunities with the teens.

The fee for campers is \$250, which covers all costs, including lodging, meals, field trips, workshops and transportation at camp. A limited number of partial scholarships are available to help defray the cost. Camp staff applications are also being accepted.

Teens are encouraged to register now for this extraordinary camp experience, as space fills up quickly and registration closes on May 10th. Visit [www.forestry.ok.gov/forestrycamp](http://www.forestry.ok.gov/forestrycamp)



Like Us on Facebook!  
Sac and Fox Nation  
Sac and Fox Casino  
Sac and Fox Language Program  
Sac and Fox Dept. of Human Services  
Sac and Fox National Public Library

## VOTE Elizabeth Kay Rhoads For Principal Chief



It has been my honor to serve the Sac and Fox Nation as the Principal Chief for the past four years. The work has been challenging and has given me pride in knowing our Nation is beginning to move forward. I want to continue the progress we have made and am asking for your support in the upcoming election on June 1, 2019.

To move our Nation forward it takes a lot of planning, foresight, budgeting and lobbying to get the resources needed to advance ideas. A leader has to have a vision and direction to move forward. Challenges are many and progress moves slow but continuity is essential to reach advancement for economic growth. By retaining me as your Principal Chief, we can continue the progression of our economic future. During my current term a few of the accomplishments we have made include:

Establishment of the CTSA, Yellow Earth Early Childhood Education Center for children from birth to pre-kindergarten.

Implementation of plans to expand the Blackhawk Health Clinic and add additional services including Optometry, dental, wound care and consolidation of all programs in one facility is in progress.

Construction for the new Tribal Elders and Transportation complex is ready to begin this year after a long delay in replacing the Elder’s Building that was destroyed by fire.

Creation of the Sac and Fox Holding Company to explore and create economic development ventures other than gaming and to ensure separation from government operations to protect our tribal immunity.

Development of the Land and Cattle Program that has made improvements to the tribal lands for agricultural use and the establishment of a cattle operation.

A remodeled RV park expanded space for additional RV hook-up and parking.

The Pow-wow grounds now has a new look with the installation of the Jim Thorpe Park Entrance as well as an improved road around the campground area.

Improvements to our roads and bridges throughout our tribal jurisdiction have progressed and a new access road to the clinic is in the development stages to help improve access and safety for the tribal members and staff.

These are only a few of the achievements made in the last four years but there are so many more opportunities for the Sac and Fox Nation to grow because of our location and resources. We need to take advantage of these economic ventures but will need the leadership, vision and management to make them a reality.

As a candidate for Principal Chief, I have over 30 years of strong leadership in management and supervision, policy and procedure development, organization and budget oversight. I have a firm understanding of the many programs operated by our Nation and possess the ability to advocate at the Federal level to present our needs and fight for additional funding. I have a Master’s Degree in Guidance and Counseling, Advanced Studies in Business Administration and hold a Bachelor’s of Science in Education with a Science minor.

As your current Principal Chief, I have extensive contacts with local, state, tribal and federal officials and maintain a strong working relationship with each group. My work with other Indian Nations and Federal agencies allows me the opportunity to learn more about the issues confronting Native communities and allows me to serve on various National committees and boards to insure the rights of Native people. I have experience with various federal programs and recognize the connection programs can have with each other. I encouraged our tribal programs in education, health, safety, social services, housing, gaming, economic development and administration to partner on their goals and activities to support and strengthen each other and reduce duplication of efforts, cost and increase efficiency.

I have heard the concerns of tribal members and recognize the need to focus on education, economic development, housing, health, employment and safety. These similar concerns have been voiced for many years. Every concern has problems that can be resolved with proper leadership, planning and implemented strategies to move toward resolution. During my term as Chief, I have addressed many of these problems as is evidenced by my performance. I have more than just a vision for the Nation; I have the values, determination, integrity and experience to move our Nation forward. If elected as your Principal Chief, I will continue to be committed to addressing our tribal membership’s concerns, move toward resolution and continue the progress we have started.

If the above experience in management, organization, leadership, foresight, and action are the qualities you expect of your tribal leaders and you want our Nation to continue to move forward, please vote for me, Kay Rhoads, for your Principal Chief.

If you are unable to come to the polls to cast your vote, please request your absentee ballot by May 1, 2019 to vote in the Primary Election. Your support and belief in my leadership is very much appreciated so exercise your voice and vote for Elizabeth Kay Rhoads on June 1, 2019.

For more information please contact at [kayrhoads2005@yahoo.com](mailto:kayrhoads2005@yahoo.com).







Head Start Students Help With Planting in ‘Community Garden’



Students from Stroud CTSA Head Start Yellow Earth Learning Center, helped other volunteers from Black Hawk Health Center and Merle Boyd Wellness Center plant squash, cucumbers, tomatoes, green beans, carrots and radishes in the Sac and Fox Nation’s ‘Community Garden’ on April 17. The garden is located east of Black Hawk Health Center. The event marked the second planting at the new garden. The first planting on March 18 included Red Pontiac and Yukon Gold potatoes and sweet and red onions. (Photo by Mike Brown)



Merle Boyd Wellness Center Dietitian Josh Nooner talks about planting green beans with students from Stroud CTSA Head Start Yellow Earth Learning Center at the Sac and Fox Nation’s ‘Community Garden.’ (Photo by Mike Brown)

Chief Kay Rhoads Speaks at Tribal Self-Governance Conference



Sac and Fox Nation Principal Chief Kay Rhoads is pictured in the top photo addressing those in attendance at the Tribal Self-Governance Conference held recently in Traverse City, Michigan. She presented an update on the Dept. of Transportation Negotiated Rule-Making Committee’s work. Chief Rhoads co-chairs the committee along with Head Councilman Joe Garcia of the Ohkay Owingeh Tribe. Chief Rhoads, Sac and Fox Nation Second Chief Audrey Rose Lee and Sac and Fox Nation Secretary Jacklyn King are pictured among the Oklahoma delegation in attendance at the conference, along with Rear Admiral Michael D. Weahkee, who serves as principal deputy director of the Indian Health Service agency and, members of his staff.

(Photos Provided)



ATTENTION  
TRIBAL MEMBERS  
SR. MAN AND SR. WOMAN  
NOMINATIONS DUE  
May 15, 2019



I, \_\_\_\_\_, Roll No. \_\_\_\_\_ hereby nominate the following  
Man: \_\_\_\_\_. He should be the Sac & Fox Nation Sr. Man because:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Roll No. \_\_\_\_\_ hereby nominate the following  
Woman: \_\_\_\_\_. She should be the Sac & Fox Nation Sr. Woman  
because: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mail ballot to:  
Activity Committee  
Sac & Fox Nation  
920883 S. Hwy. 99, Bldg. A  
Stroud, OK 74079  
Or E-mail ballot to: [J.morris92@yahoo.com](mailto:J.morris92@yahoo.com)

- Letter to Editor -  
Maintenance Dept.  
Appreciated

April 18, 2019  
Letter to Editor:  
We are beyond blessed to have had such a good turnout for our Title VI Easter Luncheon. And, on behalf of the Title VI Program, we would like to say thank you to the staff and volunteers for their generous donations of candy filled eggs, decorations, and meal items.  
We are especially thankful to the Maintenance Department for their above-and-beyond kindness and generosity as they came together and donated 200 eggs for the egg hunt for our Title VI participants. We are glad the participants had an enjoyable day and look forward to next year!

Thank you,  
Eugenia Denny  
Sac and Fox Nation  
Human Services Director

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







2018-2019  
Sac & Fox Nation Tribal Royalty  
Honor Dance  
Saturday, June 15th  
@ Community Building  
Miss  
Janae Grass

Jr. Miss  
Leilani Walker-Pizano



Little Miss  
Quincie Barse-Presson

Head Staff:  
MC - Francis Grant  
Head Singer - Gene Logan  
Head Gourd Dancer - Russell Morris  
AD - Elijah LaDeaux

Schedule:  
Gourd Dance @ 2:30  
Supper @ 5:30  
Social Dancing @ 6:30

Special Invitation: All Past/Previous SFN Tribal Royalty  
&  
2018-2019 SFN Sr. Man & Sr. Woman of the Year: Don & Mary Abney  
& All Past/Previous SFN Sr. Man & Sr. Woman of the Year

Committee/Vendor Contact Info.: (918) 290-9822 or (405) 919-0819  
SFN Activity Committee Not Responsible for Accidents or Theft

## Lyme Disease Has Spread to All 50 States

When Gary Gorbisky’s knee suddenly ballooned and became painful to move, he was puzzled. And worried. The long-time runner and scientist at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation had not done anything that he thought would trigger that sort of reaction. But when he went to the doctor, he soon discovered the cause.

“He ran a test for Lyme disease,” said Gorbisky, who leads OMRF’s Cell Cycle and Cancer Biology Research Program. “My results came back spectacularly positive.”

Caused by a form of bacteria, Lyme is transmitted to humans through tick bites. Early symptoms can include a bullseye skin rash, fever, aches, pains and other flu-like symptoms, but these warning signs are not guaranteed to be present. Even when they are, they are often mistaken for symptoms of other diseases.

Gorbisky said he did not remember having been bitten by a tick and did not recall having any of the early symptoms. If the disease is not recognized and treated, it can manifest in more severe ways, including joint problems like Gorbisky’s, facial paralysis, cognitive impairment and heart issues.

Some patients experience recurrent symptoms even after treatment with antibiotics. The infection can go into hiding in the body, even after the antibiotics, and reemerge later. This happened to Gorbisky. Fortunately, he has since managed a full recovery from his knee problems, although it required two courses of antibiotics.

Historically, the disease has been mainly found in Northeastern and upper Midwestern states, along with Northern California. However, a recent report found that it’s spread to all 50 states.

“The most important thing for Oklahomans to know about Lyme disease is that it’s here now,” said Gorbisky.

Fortunately, precautions for Lyme disease are the same as for any other tick-borne illnesses, said OMRF physician-researcher Hal Scofield, M.D. “Your best defense is to keep ticks off your skin. When you’re in wooded or grassy areas, wear long sleeves and pants, use an insect repellent with DEET, or do both.”

Scofield also recommends checking yourself thoroughly and taking a shower once you return home. “If you see a tick, pluck it out with tweezers,” he said.

With the number of Lyme-infected ticks growing, disease numbers have tripled over the past two decades. The Centers for Disease Control states that approximately 30,000 cases are now reported in the U.S. each year.

Still, experts estimate that the actual number of U.S. cases each year—not just those reported—has swelled to 300,000. A vaccine that showed 76 percent effectiveness was pulled from the market in 2002 due to limited consumer demand and fears over side effects. A new vaccine is currently in the works, but it’s still in the experimental stage; even if ultimately proven effective and safe, would take years to reach the market.

In the meantime, if you experience any of the early symptoms, ask your physician to test you for Lyme. Caution is the surest defense, said Scofield.

“Lyme can be treated effectively with antibiotics if it’s caught early, and again if symptoms return,” Scofield said, “But the best solution is to be aware and avoid getting bitten by ticks.”

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

Like Us on Facebook!  
Sac and Fox Nation  
Sac and Fox Casino  
Sac and Fox Language Program  
Sac and Fox Dept. of Human Services  
Sac and Fox National Public Library

## JUSTIN FREELAND WOOD

for **PRINCIPAL CHIEF**

Friend,

My name is Justin Freeland Wood, and I am seeking your vote to become the Principal Chief of the Sac and Fox Nation.

I am the son of Freeland Wood, grandson of Eddie Wood, nephew of HD Wood, Patricia Wood Ward, and the great grandson of Lorena Mack-Wood.

My wife Olivia and I have four children, two of whom attend North Rock Creek Public School. We live in Shawnee and attend Heritage Church. Raising our children where we grew up, around the people and businesses we know and trust, allows us to instill in them the lessons and values that were taught to us by our parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents and great alike.

I have a deep desire to serve our tribe. It was imparted to me by my family at a young age. My faith in Christ informs and leads my decision-making. I believe that integrity, transparency, accountability and communication should be the cornerstones of our government. We have the responsibility to respectfully govern and provide for our elders and our youth.


I am not new to leadership or working within government. In 2012 I was elected to represent Shawnee in the Oklahoma House of Representatives. I became the first citizen of the Sac and Fox Nation to serve in Oklahoma’s or any other state’s public office. After two terms in the Oklahoma Legislature, I left office to lead Big Brothers Big Sisters in Tulsa. We returned to Shawnee in 2017. In my current job, I work at the state capitol to advance scientific research and the growth of high paying science and technology jobs in Oklahoma.

I represented many of my Sauk family while serving in public office, and I look forward to serving you again as your Principal Chief. With your support, I will ensure fairness and accountability in all tribal government. Together we will defend our sovereignty, protect and promote our traditions, language and culture, while providing educational and job opportunities, to ensure that the future of our people is strong. I will work hard to earn your support and your vote on June 1st.

With gratitude,

Justin Freeland Wood  
**405-481-4018 (cell phone)**  
**wood4chief@gmail.com**





## 2019-2020 Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Princess Application

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

E-mail to: [angewarr21@gmail.com](mailto:angewarr21@gmail.com) OR [carrieladeaux@gmail.com](mailto:carrieladeaux@gmail.com) OR [cmplumley25@gmail.com](mailto:cmplumley25@gmail.com)

**Pageant Competition: June 15, 2019 @ 11:00 a.m. in SFN Community Building**

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Sac & Fox Roll No.: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Check Box If Descendant: ☐

Describe descandancy: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Father’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**CANDIDATES MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING:**

- ❖ Role model, etiquette & participation within SFN tribal events
- ❖ Must be able to dance, willingness to learn more about Sac & Fox history and customs
  - ❖ Must be able to attend SFN Activity Committee events
  - ❖ Must reside in Oklahoma
- ❖ Must not be married, cohabitare, nor have significant other

| COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS:       |                                    |                                    |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| LITTLE MISS<br>(6-10 years old) | JR. MISS<br>(11-15 years old)      | MISS<br>(16-21 years old)          |
| Tribal greeting & translation   | Tribal greeting & translation      | Tribal greeting & translation      |
| Describe & model tribal dress   | Describe & model tribal dress      | Describe & model tribal dress      |
|                                 | Traditional or contemporary talent | Traditional or contemporary talent |

List your hobbies, goals, subjects, achievements & titles: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to be a Sac & Fox Nation tribal princess? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

SELECT YOUR CANDIDACY:

☐ MISS

☐ JR. MISS

☐ LITTLE MISS

Candidate signature & date

Parent signature & date

❖ Please submit (1) 4X6 profile photo

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 24, 2019 - NO EXCEPTIONS**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact (405)919-0819 OR (918)290-9822 OR (405)915-4433

# Slate of Wildlife Rule Changes Approved

The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission voted March 25 to expand the state’s black bear hunting area to include all areas south of Interstate 40 and east of U.S. 69, and to prohibit the harvest of bears with research collars.

In considering the annual slate of rule change proposals, Commissioners also decided to open raccoon harvest year-round, remove harvest limits for farm ponds, and authorize the Director to implement chronic wasting disease management actions as necessary.

Several proposals were amended, including one that would have eliminated permanent (entire-season) waterfowl blinds on many lakes. Instead, Commissioners decided to continue the usual duck blind drawings this September but evaluate the practice further and reconsider the issue next year.

The rule changes approved by Commissioners will now go to the state Legislature and the Governor for approval before being added to Title 800 of Oklahoma’s Statutes, which governs the operations of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. The changes were proposed in December and went through a public comment period.

Pending final approval, hunters will be able to pursue bears this year in all of Haskell and Choctaw counties, and portions of Bryan, Atoka, Pittsburg, McIntosh, Muskogee and Sequoyah counties, in addition to the existing open area of Latimer, Le Flore, McCurtain and Pushmataha counties.

To help protect Oklahoma’s native deer and elk populations from the threat of chronic wasting disease, Commissioners approved a restriction on importing, possessing or transporting any cervid carcass or part of a cervid carcass from outside Oklahoma except quarters or meat with all spinal material removed, cleaned teeth, finished taxidermy products, and hides or tanned products. An amendment to the proposal will allow cervid heads to be brought into Oklahoma if new restrictions are followed. Those restrictions are to be developed soon.

Commissioners approved opening Okmulgee County and several wildlife management areas for fall turkey hunting season, deleted the requirement to complete the “Record of Game” for many species, and approved regulations for the new Neosho WMA and Thomas A. Bamberger Sr. WMA.

Also during the March 25 meeting, a five-year strategic plan setting goals for the Wildlife Department gained Commission approval. Director J.D. Strong said 22 years have passed since the Department’s strategic plan was updated. After months of effort that sought to involve all employees, the plan will serve to define and prioritize the work of the Department and strengthen agency accountability.

In other business, Commissioners:

- Viewed a status report from Dave Kostersky of Ducks Unlimited Canada on Department contributions toward waterfowl production. Commissioner Bruce Mabrey suggested the Department increase its \$75,000 annual commitment to DU Canada, since more than 38 percent of the state’s fall flight originates in Saskatchewan.
- Accepted a \$2,388 donation from the Central Oklahoma 89er Chapter of Quail Forever for upland game conservation tools. Chapter President John Bellah said leveraging the donation with federal matching grants will generate almost \$10,000 to help fund Department management activities.
- Received an update from John Weir and Russell Stevens of the Oklahoma Prescribed Burn Association on activities partly funded by the Wildlife Department. Prescribed burning is among the best tools land managers can use to improve wildlife habitat.
- Learned that the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Foundation had gained approval from the Internal Revenue Service to operate as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization.
- Heard Director Strong’s regular report on various division activities in the Department, including a report that the Fisheries Division stocked more than 15 million fish into Oklahoma waters in the past year.

Business Committee Meeting

Minutes are now accessible on the Website

[sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov](http://sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov) and Facebook



NOTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES

SAC AND FOX NATION  
2019 PRIMARY ELECTION  
JUNE 1, 2019

VOTING BEGINS: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

POLLING SITES:

SHAWNEE

Shawnee Multi-Purpose Center  
215 N. Harrison  
Shawnee, OK 74801

STROUD

Sac and Fox Nation Cultural Center  
920907 S. Hwy. 99  
Stroud, OK 74079

CUSHING

First Indian Baptist Church  
1034 E. Walnut  
Cushing, OK 74023

PRINCIPAL CHIEF

ZACHARY LINN BUTLER

AUDREY ROSE LEE

ELIZABETH KAY RHOADS

JUSTIN FREELAND WOOD

SECOND CHIEF

DON W. ABNEY

ANGELA GASPER

COMMITTEE MEMBER

CHANNA L. TIGER

ROBERT E. WILLIAMSON

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE POSTIONS

KRISHNA BEAR

DEE MANATOWA

Georgia F. Nullake, Chairman

Sac and Fox Nation Election Board

March 28, 2019

Date

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.

DEADLINE TO CONTEST: TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019 BY 4:30 P.M.

(Approved: 2010 SFNEB MINUTES-May 18, 2010 / Revised: June 24, 2014)

## Tips Offered for Emergency Food, Water Supplies

by Barbara J.B. n, P.D., R.D/LD  
Oklahoma State University  
Extension Field Specialist

If a spring tornado, summer or winter storm or other disaster strikes a community, there might not be access to food, water, and electricity for days, or even weeks. By taking some time now to store emergency food and water supplies, it can provide for the entire family.

### Water Supplies

Having an ample supply of clean water is a top priority in an emergency. A normally active person needs to drink at least two quarts of water each day. Hot weather could double that amount. Children, nursing mothers, and ill people will need even more. Water is also needed for food preparation and hygiene. Store at least one gallon per person, per day. Store at least a one-week supply of water for each member of the family.

If supplies run low, never ration water. Drink the amount you need today, and try to find more for tomorrow. You can minimize the amount of water your body needs by reducing activity and staying cool.

### How to Store Water

Store water in thoroughly washed plastic, glass, fiberglass, or enamel-lined metal containers. Never use a container that has held toxic substances. Plastic containers, such as soft drink bottles, are best. Food-grade plastic buckets or drums can also be purchased.

Seal water containers tightly with screw-down lids, label them, and store in a cool, dark place. Use and replace water every six months.

### Food Supplies

There is no need to go out and buy unfamiliar foods to prepare an emergency food supply. Use the canned foods, dry mixes, and other staples on the cupboard shelves. In fact, familiar foods are important. They can lift morale and give a feeling of security in time of stress. Also, commercially canned foods will not require cooking, water, or special preparation. Below are recommended short-term food storage plans.

#### Special Considerations

As you stock food, take into account the family's unique needs and tastes. Try to include foods that they will enjoy and that are also high in calories and nutrition. Foods that require no refrigeration, preparation, or cooking are best.

Individuals with special diets and allergies will need particular attention, as will babies, toddlers, and elderly people. Make sure to have a non-electric can opener, disposable plates, cups, utensils, and do not forget nonperishable foods for pets.

#### Short-Term Food Supplies

In most parts of Oklahoma, it is unlikely that an emergency would cut off the food supply for a week. But with our unpredictable weather it would be wise to prepare a supply that will last that long. The easiest way to develop a one-week stockpile is to increase the amount of basic foods normally kept on the shelves.

#### Storage Tips

Keep food in a dry, cool spot, a dark area if possible; Keep food covered at all times; When opening food boxes or cans do so carefully so that they can be reclosed tightly; Wrap cookies and crackers in plastic bags, and keep them in tight containers; Empty opened packages of sugar, dried fruits and nuts into screw-top jars or airtight cans to protect them from pests; Place new items at the back of the storage area and older ones in front.

#### Nutrition Tips

During and right after a disaster, it is important that you keep up your strength. Eat at least one well-balanced meal each day. Drink enough liquid for the body to function properly (two quarts a day). Eat enough calories to do any necessary work.

#### Shelf Life of Food Storage

Here are some general guidelines for rotating common emergency foods:

- Use within six months - Powdered milk, dried fruit, crisp crackers, and dried potatoes.
- Use within one year - Canned condensed meat and vegetable soups; Canned fruits, fruit juices, and vegetables; Ready-to-eat cereals and uncooked instant cereals; Peanut butter, unopened; Jelly, unopened; Hard candy and canned nuts; Wheat; Vegetable oils; Dried beans and corn.
- May be stored longer than one year if stored in a cool, dry, dark location - Baking powder; Instant coffee, tea, and cocoa; Salt; Non-carbonated soft drinks; White rice; Bouillon products; and, Dry pasta.

SAC AND FOX NATION  
2019 PRIMARY ELECTION

REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT

THE ELECTION BOARD MUST RECEIVE THIS FORM BY DEADLINE DATE OF  
May 2, 2019

(FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, THIS FORM MAY BE DUPLICATED)

NAME (Please Print):

(First) (Middle) (Maiden) (Last)

ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP:

ROLL #:

DATE OF BIRTH:

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

All requests must be returned by mail (only) to the address below

SAC AND FOX NATION ELECTION BOARD  
P.O. BOX 240  
STROUD, OKLAHOMA 74079

PLEASE fill out EACH BLANK completely and return by deadline date.

ELECTION BOARD USE ONLY  
PRIMARY REQUEST

RECEIVED:

APPROVED:

MAILED BALLOT:

DISAPPROVED:

REASON:

ELECTION BOARD

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Secretary

Assistant Secretary

Member

Member

Member

Member

Member

Member

Member

Member

(Approved: 2010 SFNEB MINUTES-May 17, 2010 / Revised: March 8, 2011)



## MONTHLY TOBACCO CESSATION SUPPORT GROUP

- Held the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month
- 12-1 pm
- Learning Center Conference Room

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

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

Sessions will also include peer interaction and recovery support.

For more information, Please contact DeAnna in Behavioral Health.

### YOU CAN STOP SMOKING NOW





### Graduation Ceremony Conducted For JDC Resident From Payne County

On March 27, 2019 a Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center resident from Payne County received a Stroud High School diploma during a ceremony held at the center. The graduate received his diploma while wearing a blue cap and gown provided by Stroud Public School Teacher Sharon Emmons and SHS Principal Scott Baade, pictured above. The graduate was surrounded by family members, who were in attendance to celebrate the once-in-a-lifetime occasion. The graduate's parents were very appreciative of the efforts by Stroud High School and the Juvenile Detention Center to make the ceremony special for their son. (Photo Provided)

### Title VI - Elders Meals May Menu

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

| Monday                                                                            | Tuesday                                                                                  | Wednesday                                                                         | Thursday                                                                             | Friday                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 29<br>On Aprils Menu                                                              | 30<br>On Aprils Menu                                                                     | 01<br>On Aprils Menu                                                              | 02<br>On Aprils Menu                                                                 | 03<br>On Aprils Menu                                                                |
| 06<br>Lasagna<br>Garlic bread<br>Green beans<br>Side salad<br>fruit               | 07<br>Goulash<br>Spinach<br>Side salad<br>fruit                                          | 08<br>Pinto Beans<br>Sliced onion<br>Fry bread<br>Side Salad<br>Fruit             | 09<br>Chili dogs<br>Chips<br>Potato salad<br>fruit                                   | 10<br>Scrambled eggs<br>Bacon<br>Biscuit w/jelly<br>Hash brown<br>Juice<br>orange's |
| 13<br>Taco salad<br>w/tortilla<br>chips corn<br>salad<br>fruit                    | 14<br>Tatar tot<br>Casserole<br>Mixed<br>veggies<br>Side salad<br>fruit                  | 15<br>Fried chicken<br>Mashed<br>potatoes<br>gravy<br>Corn side<br>salad<br>fruit | 16<br>Sloppy joes<br>Potato<br>wedges<br>fruit                                       | 17<br>Victory Day<br>closed                                                         |
| 20<br>Steak fingers<br>Mashed<br>potatoes<br>gravy<br>Corn<br>Side salad<br>fruit | 21<br>Grilled ham<br>cheese<br>sandwich<br>Tomato<br>Soup<br>Side salad<br>Fruit         | 22<br>Meatloaf<br>Mashed<br>potatoes<br>gravy<br>Carrots<br>Side salad<br>fruit   | 23<br>Cheese<br>burgers w/<br>fixings<br>Potato salad<br>Chips<br>fruit              | 24<br>Pancakes'<br>Sausage<br>Boiled egg<br>Juice                                   |
| 27<br>Memorial<br>Day<br>Closed                                                   | 28<br>Chicken strips<br>Mashed<br>potatoes<br>gravy<br>Corn rolls<br>Side salad<br>fruit | 29<br>Meat gravy<br>Fry bread<br>Side salad<br>fruit                              | 30<br>Ham and<br>cheese<br>sandwich w/<br>fixings<br>Marconi salad<br>Chips<br>fruit | 31<br>Oatmeal<br>sausage<br>toast with<br>jelly<br>Boiled egg<br>juice              |

### Black Hawk Health Center

#### May is ‘Mental Health Awareness Month’

by Clinical Staff Writer,  
Ed Abuyg , LCSW

#### Struggling with Depression Did You Know?

Depression is the one of the most common mental health issues experienced today. It impacts 6.7% of American Adults each year. Most people at some point in their life will experience Depression. The symptoms include feeling sad, anxious or an empty mood for two or more weeks. Depression impacts sleep, either sleeping too much, disrupted or too little sleep, as well as restlessness or irritability. Depression also leads to difficulty concentrating and poor memory. Occasionally in depression, physical symptoms, such as pain or as digestive problems do not respond to treatment. It can occur with anyone, of any age, gender, or race. Depression also robs one of the basic pleasures that one normally enjoys, such as hobbies, the taste of food that one normally enjoys or even sexual intimacy. Fatigue, loss of energy, and feeling worthless are also routine parts of depression, robbing one of the zest for life and things once enjoyed.

Depression is never a “normal” part of life. It is a serious condition and contributes to thoughts of suicide. While there is no single cause for depression, it can be a part of a medical condition, a side effect of medication, difficult life stressors, relationship problems, or other factors.

We do know women, as a whole, are slightly more vulnerable to depression. The most important fact is that Depression is treatable, and no one needs to suffer unnecessarily.

What You Can Do


- (1) Be aware of the symptoms of depression;
- (2) Consider that depression is treatable and not a normal part of life; and,
- (3) Act by getting help or encouraging your loved one to get help.

We are here to help. For more information, contact the Behavioral Health Department at 918-968-9531, ext. 3019. Educational and counseling services are available to assist in prevention and treatment.

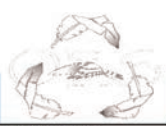
### Business Committee Meeting Minutes

are now accessible on the Website and Facebook

[sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov](http://sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov)



### Sac and Fox Nation Office of Environmental Services IS LOOKING FOR CANDIDATES FOR Free Private Well Water Testing



Please mail, email, or return form to address below.

Sac and Fox Nation  
Office of Environmental Services  
920883 South Hwy 99  
Stroud, OK 74079

You may also contact OES via email, phone, or fax:

Phone: 918-968-0046  
Fax: 918-968-0049

Dale Miller  
Water Quality Specialist  
dale.miller@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov

\*Testing is limited to Sac & Fox Nation members, or on Trust Lands only.\*

Yes (X) No (X)

Sac and Fox Nation Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Sac and Fox Nation Trust Land: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Location Directions (If Rural): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

By submission of this form the applicant is assuming authority and giving authorization to the SFN OES representative to complete this sampling including entry and access to residence, well, and sample site. The SFN OES and/or its representative are not liable or responsible for any remediation needs or damages incurred performing these tasks.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

If your drinking water does not come from a public water system, you alone are responsible for assuring that it is safe. The Office of Environmental Services understand that testing your own water can be difficult and expensive. The SFN OES has obtained the funds from an EPA grant to assist with this cost. It is with pleasure that OES offers this service, free of charge, as a courtesy to you!

What is OES testing for?

Testing for a few of the most common contaminants is highly recommended. Even if you have a safe, pure water supply, testing should be performed at least once a year to ensure that your water is safe to drink.

The Office of Environmental Services will be testing your well for the following contaminants:

|                                  |                               |                     |                 |                  |       |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------|
| -pH                              | -Alkalinity                   | -Chloride           | -Fluoride       | -Nitrate+Nitrite | -Iron |
| -Sulfate                         | -Arsenic                      | -Manganese          | -Total Coliform | -Conductivity    |       |
| -E. coli (signs of bad bacteria) | -TDS (Total Dissolved Solids) | -Turbidity (Cloudy) |                 |                  |       |

Your water sample will be analyzed at Accurate Environmental Laboratory, a laboratory which is certified by the State of Oklahoma to test drinking water. Please allow a minimum of 15 work days to receive test results. The Office of Environmental Services will mail the results and any recommendations to you.

Note\*


Please understand that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency only regulates public water systems; EPA does not have the authority to regulate private wells.

Sac and Fox Nation's Office of Environmental Services also does not have the authority to regulate private wells.

Sac and Fox Nation's Office of Environmental Services is not responsible for, nor capable of, remediating wells.

\*Funding is available for a limited number of households.

So contact OES today to schedule sampling!



## HEALTH FAIR

Thursday July 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM-1 PM

**HEALTH INFORMATION, DIABETES AND  
CANCER AWARENESS, HEALTH SCREENINGS,  
OBI BLOOD MOBILE, DOOR PRIZES, RAFFLE  
DRAWINGS, AND MUCH MORE!**

Any questions please contact  
Anthony Ramirez 918-968-9531, ext 3039; Anthony.Ramirez@ihs.gov

Located at the Sac and Fox Gymnasium by the Black Hawk Health  
Center. 356110 E 930 Rd.  
7 miles south of Stroud, E 930 Road off highway 99

