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Carter, Lee and Williamson Take Part in Installation Ceremonies

by Mike Brown

Three successful candidates in the Aug. 26, 2023 Sac and Fox Nation General Election took oaths of office in installation ceremonies on Sept. 18 in the Sac and Fox Communi-

Elected Officials Take Oaths of Office Sept. 18

ty Building. Administering the ceremonies was Judge Gregory Bigler.

Those newly-elected Busi-

ness Committee officials installed for four-year terms of office include: Principal Chief Randle Carter, Second Chief

Audrey Rose Lee and Committee Member Robert Williamson. Following a noon lunch served prior to the 1 p.m. in-

stallation program, ceremonies began with Sac and Fox drums and singers, the Presentation of Colors by members of the Sac and Fox Veterans' Honor Guard and, an opening prayer by Sam Spang.

While taking his oath of office for a new term, Committee Member Robert Williamson was joined by his daughter Stevie Williamson, and his granddaughter Alyssa Williamson. While taking her oath of office, Second Chief Audrey Rose Lee was joined by her husband Jeremy Lee, her son Christian Wright, and her granddaughter Everlee Jo Wright.

While taking his oath of office, Principal Chief Randle Carter was joined by his brothers Daman Carter and Beau Carter. Following his installation, Chief Carter presented brief comments pertaining to the future of the Sac and Fox Nation to those in attendance.

Following the ceremonies those attending enjoyed cake and other refreshments. A General Election abstract released by the Election Committee can be found on Page 14.



Newly-elected Principal Chief Randle Carter, center, repeats the oath of office as administered by Judge Gregory Bigler. Taking part from left are Chief Carter's brothers, Beau Carter and Daman Carter. (All Photos by Mike Brown)



Newly-elected Second Chief Audrey Rose Lee, center, repeats the oath of office. Taking part from left are her husband Jeremy Lee, son Christian Wright and granddaughter Everlee Jo Wright.



Committee Member Robert Williamson, center, takes the oath of office for a new four-year term of office. Taking part from left are his granddaughter Alyssa Williamson and daughter Stevie Williamson.

DOI Announces Efforts to Restore Bison Populations

The U. S. Department of the Interior on Sept. 7 announced \$5 million from President Biden's Investing in America agenda to support the restoration of bison populations and grassland ecosystems in Tribal communities. The funding will support Tribally led initiatives to strengthen bison conservation and expansion, improved management of existing herds, and ecosystem restoration efforts in native grassland habitats. These investments advance the Biden-Harris administration's America the Beautiful initiative.

The funding advances the Department's new Grasslands Keystone Initiative, unveiled as part of a restoration and resilience framework that is guiding \$2 billion in investments from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act to restore lands and waters and advance climate resilience.

"The American bison is inextricably intertwined with Indigenous culture, grassland ecology and American history. While the overall recovery of bison over the last 130 years is a conservation success story, significant work remains to not only ensure that bison will remain a viable species but also to restore grassland ecosystems, strengthen rural economies dependent on grassland health and provide for the return of bison to Tribally owned and ancestral lands," said Secretary Deb Haaland. "This new funding from President Biden's Investing in America agenda will help support Tribal efforts to restore this iconic species and integrate Indigenous Knowledge into the Department's shared stewardship goals."

"The Interior Department recognizes the crucial role of utilizing Indigenous Knowledge in our biggest resource conservation and management challenges, including our work to preserve and enhance Tribal bison herds," said Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland. "Through historic funding from the Biden-Harris administration, we can support Tribes in maintaining and rebuilding their herds, which are central to their cultural, spiritual and nutritional

traditions, while also improving and preserving the ecosystems that sustain both bison and Tribal communities."

The investments support Secretary's Order 3410, which will enhance the Interior Department's work to restore wild and healthy populations of American bison and the prairie grassland ecosystem through collaboration among Department bureaus and partners such as other federal agencies, states, Tribes and landowners using the best available science and Indigenous Knowledge.

The funding includes \$3.5 million from the Inflation Reduction Act that will support the Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council's herd development and apprenticeship program created by S.O. 3410. The Council is a collection of 80 Tribes in 20 states that facilitates the management of more than 20,000 buffalo.

An additional \$1.5 million from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is available through

the Bureau of Indian Affairs to federally recognized Tribes and Tribal organizations to support Tribal bison herd expansion interests, including a focus on ecosystem restoration through bison conservation.

American bison once numbered 60 million in North America, with the population anchored in what is now the central United States. Many Indigenous cultures, especially in areas where the species was most abundant, developed strong ties with bison and relied upon them for sustenance, shelter, and cultural and religious practices.

In the 19th century, bison were nearly driven to extinction through uncontrolled hunting and a U.S. policy of eradication tied to intentional harm against and control of Tribes. By 1889, only a few hundred wild bison remained. The persecution of bison contributed to the decline of healthy grassland ecosystems and, eventually, to the Dust

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SAC AND FOX NATION
ANNUAL GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING
SAC AND FOX RESERVATION
STROUD, OKLAHOMA
AUGUST 26, 2023

1. Peggy Big Eagle motion to approve what's written on page 82 and 83 as the Annual Governing Council Meeting minutes of August 27, 2022. Shanarae Boyd-2nd. VOTE: 55-Yes, 1-No, 5-Abstentions. Motion carried.
2. Mary McCormick motion to accept the Special Governing Council Meeting minutes dated October 22, 2022. Don Abney-2nd. VOTE: 61-Yes, 1-No, 7-Abstentions. Motion carried.
3. Justin Morris motion to accept the Secretary's Report. Johnnie Murphy-2nd. VOTE: 31-Yes, 41-No, 2-Abstentions. Motion failed.
4. Jacklyn King motion that the Treasurer provide a written detailed financial report of itemized expenditures including all sources and total revenue funded by both CARES Act and ARPA monies since inception to be provided at the next Special Governing Council Meeting; the report shall also provide what projects are currently in the works and any plans for the ARPA funds. Chris Boyd-2nd. VOTE: 91-Yes, 1-No, 0-Abstentions. Motion carried.
5. Shanarae Boyd motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Eugenia Tyner-Dawson-2nd. VOTE: 47-Yes, 26-No, 6-Abstentions. Motion carried.
6. Jacklyn King motion to accept all Director Reports and Committee Reports. Peggy Big Eagle-2nd. VOTE: 32-Yes, 38-No, 2-Abstentions. Motion failed.
7. Peggy Big Eagle motion to suspend the Director and Committee Reports until after Old Business and New Business. Toni McEntire-2nd. VOTE: 46-Yes, 8-No, 4-Abstentions. Motion carried.
8. Shanarae Boyd motion to accept the Annual Governing Council Meeting minutes dated August 28, 2021. Eugenia Tyner-Dawson-2nd. VOTE: 49-Yes, 1-No 1-Abstention. Motion carried.
9. Shawna Spoon motion to accept the Special Governing Council Meeting minutes dated October 16, 2021. Peggy Big Eagle-2nd. VOTE: 54-Yes, 1-No, 1-Abstention. Motion carried.
10. Niabi Hart motion for the future membership of the Chicago Blackhawks Advisory Committee be based on an open call to all tribal members, including those who reside out of jurisdiction. Perry Griggs-2nd. VOTE: 23-Yes, 17-No, 8-Abstentions. Motion carried.
11. Drawing of Five Pavilions:
 - Robert L. Roubidoux, Roll Number 1392
 - Karen L. Ingham, Roll Number 0783
 - Rhonna D. Morris, Roll Number 3172
 - Terri D. Blanchard, Roll Number 4086
 - Michael W. Harris, Roll Number 1504

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New Sac and Fox Officials

Shown from left after being installed for four-year terms of office are: Second Chief Audrey Rose Lee, Committee Member Robert Williamson and Principal Chief Randle Carter.

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Obituaries

Richard Gene "Rick" Masquat went to his Heavenly Home August 18, 2023 after battling pancreatic cancer. He was born August 30, 1960 in Pawnee, Okla.

Rick graduated from Stroud High School, the Class of 1978. After graduation, he went to Alaska, working on fishing boats and in the oilfield. He worked in several different fields of work from

Richard Gene Masquat

Alaska, Texas to Florida, to fishing, oil-field and construction. He even owned his own roofing company at one time. Rick loved fishing, helping anyone that needed help and swapping tales with friends and family.

Rick is survived by his mother, Dee Byford, of Chandler, and father Lynn and step-mother Mary Linda Pryor of Anchorage, Alaska, close family friend Jim Dervin, his sister Kim Boone of Stroud, his brother Les Masquat of Chandler, Okla. and, a host of nieces, nephews and cousins who loved him dearly.

Services were held August 21, 2023 at Sac & Fox Chapel, Stroud, Okla., and burial followed at the Sac and Fox Cemetery.



Richard Gene Masquat

NOTICE

The Housing Authority of the Sac and Fox Nation has a three-bedroom, two bathroom house with a garage that sits on one acre for sale in rural Lincoln County north of Prague, OK. The property address is 102135 S. 3560 Road Prague, OK 74864. The deadline for submitting a sealed bid on the property will be November 30, 2023.

The Housing Authority also has a 2020 Green-tech Heat solution trailer mounted machine for sale. The deadline for submitting a sealed bid on the heat solution trailer will be October 13, 2023.

The Housing Authority will be accepting sealed bids on the property and the Heat solution trailer mounted machine via mail (P.O. Box 1252 Shawnee, OK 74801), e-mail (ctomas@hasfn.net) or in person (201 N. Harrison Shawnee, OK 74801). All bids must be addressed to Cora Thomas.

For more information on the property and/or the Heat solution trailer mounted machine, please contact the Executive Assistant at ktaylor@hasfn.net or via phone at (405)275-8200 ext. 107.

Happy October Birthday Elders!

Abney, Thomas Delorn
Alexander, Marianne Patricia
Anderson, Debra Deann
Bailey, Margaret Ellen
Banister, Carla De`ann
Barlow, Robert L
Bass, Susan Gale
Beagle, Pamela Jeane
Bean, Terry Lynn
Big Eagle, Peggy Ann
Blanchard, Fredith Ann
Bouzis, Martha L
Boyd, Gladys P
Brown, Richard Dean
Brown, Sylvia Ann
Bryant, Kimberly Gay
Butler, Lee Johnson Jr.
Cancel, Michael Wayne
Charboneau, Cathy May
Christie, Betty Lou
Clark, Susan Marie
Cobb, Roy Dean
Croley, George Dan
Easley, Charlotte Kay
Ellefson, Billie Mae
Ellis, Celena Marie
Erickson, Kristin Alecia
Estes, Jimmy Dean Sr.
Fields, Judith Ellen
Foster, Gloria Ann
Foster, Jeannette
Franklin, Harry G
Franklin, Steven David
Fuller, Glenda Charlotte
Geionety, Dorothy Jeanne
Geisleman, Lucille Helen
George, Kenneth Lynn
Gilder, Julia Marlene
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Harjo, Gail Ruth
Harris, Ronald George
Harwell, Richard Allen
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Hunter, Warren Cleve
Johnson, David Gene
Jones, Clay Woodward
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Kaskuske, Mary Dora
Kishketon, Rowe Alan
Kolpin, Joyce Marie
Larney, Teresa Marie
Little, Michael Boyd
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Lynch, Jena Kay
May, Rosemary B
McMahan, Tammy Rene
Meek, Harold Allen
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Morris, Timothy E
Muhareb, Georgina
Murphy, Michael Edward
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Perez, April Michelle
Petitt, Earnestine Mae
Pipkins, Julie Ann
Poitras, David Joel
Powell, Teresa Ann
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Shackelford, Troy Gene
Southern, Jacquelyn Sue
Taber, James Ervin
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Elders Advisory Committee Report

by Peggy Big Eagle

Our regular monthly meeting was in the Elders and Veterans Building on Wednesday, September 13 with 29 people in attendance. Ms. Billie Tohee, Chair of the National Council on Indian Aging, was a guest speaker about NICOA resources as well as the upcoming national conference in Cherokee, NC at the end of September. We plan to get more information about their program which works with tribes to hire elders.

We were especially happy to have Mary Butler in attendance again. Robin Tiger volunteered to serve as Treasurer for the term, which ends in December. We made vans available to take elders to the Kickapoo Senior Olympics on Friday, September 15, and we thank Ida Parish and Minnie Masquas for driving. Our group came home with lots of medals and fun stories. KTO gave bronze, silver and gold medals with beaded trim.

We will attend the national conference on Indian aging the last week of September in Cherokee, NC. We've never been to this conference before and look

forward to learning about national issues and how we can bring information back to our tribes in Oklahoma. And, enjoy the beautiful scenery and fellowship along the way.

The SFN Elder Conference and Games is October 4 at the Community Building. Registration is free, and we have indoor and outdoor activities planned. We will also post the schedule when it's finalized. All Elders Advisory Committee members are to bring a door prize between \$20 - \$25 dollars. Prizes will be given every 15 minutes throughout the day.

October 11 at the Shawnee Multipurpose Building, we will have our regular monthly meeting and potluck starting at 10:00 a.m. We try to finish our business meeting by lunchtime, so we can socialize and do something more fun in the afternoon.

Then, the next day, we will start a monthly crafts day at the Elders and Veterans Building. We will be working on shawls for women and vests for men. Everybody will bring their own fabric, fringe, buttons for vests, etc. Maintenance will assemble three sewing tables by then. Everyone is welcome, not just tribal elders.

And our final big event (whew!) for the month is a garage sale party and concessions inside the Shawnee Multipurpose Building on Saturday, October 14. All proceeds will go to our fundraising account for various activities. We have lots of concessions that we were not able to sell from the rained-out powwow grounds, especially pickles. We've got about 5 or 6 gallons!

All members will mark their own donations and help set up on Friday, October 13. (I incorrectly said September instead of October last month. I apologize.) Contact Peggy Big Eagle at 405.314.2679 or thepeggybigeagle@gmail.com for information or possible transportation.

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



Sac and Fox Nation Elders Advisory Committee



Garage Sale Party

Shawnee Multipurpose Building



Saturday, October 14th
8:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Sac and Fox Nation Education Department News

by Edwina Butler-Wolfe

Hello!
The Education Department would like to share with you a couple of announcements:

Higher Education Students:
DEADLINE FOR SPRING SEMESTER 2024 WILL BE JANUARY 19, 2024

ALL SAC AND FOX SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WE WILL OPEN UP THE JIM THORPE MALE AND FEMALE SCHOLARSHIP AND THE BLACKHAWK LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP MALE AND FEMALE AWARD ON DECEMBER 1, 2023, AND DEADLINE WILL BE FEBRUARY 1, 2024.

Higher Education application RAP and DOI is available for you to print out and the two senior high school scholarships are online as well. Make sure all applications are complete before submitting to the Education Department.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES THAT WERE ATTENDED:

- August 15 Ripley Public School Back to School Event;
- August 16 Prague Public School Superintendent and Title VI Coordinator met at the Sac and Fox Learning Center on discussion on how the school can better serve Native American students attending Prague. A plan was set 9-21-23 for Native American students to meet their Tribal Education Departments to be informed of funding resources.
- August 26 Sac and Fox Governing Council;
- August 29 Shawnee High

School Back to School;

- September 5 Shawnee High School Title VI Staff Meeting;
- September 6 Citizen Potawatomi Nation Career Fair;
- September 10-13 National JOM Conference in Chicago;
- September 14 Iowa Tribe, Tribal Education Departments met on discussion of Every Student Success Act (ESSA). Nations and Tribe that attended: Sac and Fox Nation, Pawnee Nation, Osage Nation and Iowa Tribe.

Also, • September 19 Tribal Partnerships for STEM Education, at OSU, Stillwater, how colleges and universities can be in partnership with Tribal Education Departments. Panel of Tribal Educators: Leslie Montemayor – Epic Charter Schools, Native American Program Coordinator; Lucyann Harjo Norman Public Schools, Indian Education Director; Erin Parker – Tulsa Public Schools, Indian Education Student Advisor; Edwina Butler-Wolfe – Sac and Fox Nation, Director of Education; Amber Silverhorn-Wolfe -Former Tribal Education Department Director, OU PhD Student.

• September 21 Prague Public School, Tribal Education Resource Night.

The National Johnson O'Malley Conference was held in Chicago, IL. We had the chance to network with other Nations and Tribes that attended the conference. The main topic and concern were the JOM student count, as the count has been stagnated for decades. Spike Bighorn from the Bureau of Indian Education

(BIE) gave an update, and we were able to visit with him one on one with discussion of our JOM Program.

Mr. Bighorn discussed the JOM count on their end was not followed by federal policy. We were in hope that school year 2023 – 2024 was going to be an increase for JOM students. BIE is following the requirements per federal regulations and the school year 2024 – 2025 should be an increase.

• Monday, September 14, first day of the conference Justin Morris, Education Specialist and I attended the Region 3 Caucus Meeting. In the meeting we had discussion of three resolutions that the National Johnson-O-Malley Association presented.

• Resolution 1:
A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL JOHNSON-O-MALLEY ASSOCIATION SUPPORTING ANNUAL REPORTING AND CONFERRING WITH THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS

• Resolution 2:
A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL JOHNSON-O-MALLEY ASSOCIATION SUPPORTING THE CLARIFICATION OF THE DEFINITION OF AN ELIGIBLE NATIVE AMERICAN/ALASKAN NATIVE STUDENT

• Resolution 3:
A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL JOHNSON-O-MALLEY ASSOCIATION SUPPORTING "SECTION 310 JOHNSON-O-MALLEY FUNDING"

Resolutions were passed during our Region 3 meeting and were also passed on Wednesday, final day of conference, with all 8 regions accepting the 3 resolutions. Now, the 3 resolutions will now go for approval with BIE in Washington DC.

If you have any questions on the mentioned resolutions, please give us a call at the Education Department. We will be happy to answer your questions.

We would like to also mention that the RAP Clothing/School Supply Program has ended. We were able to help 450 Sac and Fox Students with a VISA Card of \$300.00 dollars for school clothing and \$100.00 dollars for school supply.

Parents/Guardians/Grandparents when sending in your applications for RAP Clothing/School Supply YOU MUST SUBMIT YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN SAC AND FOX TRIBAL CARD.

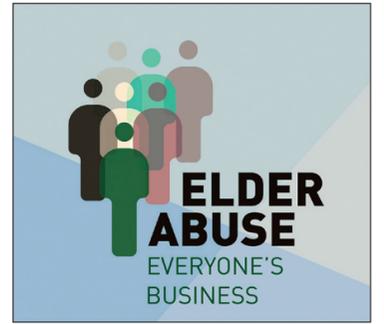
We had numerous applications that came in without Sac and Fox Tribal Cards. This only puts your child/children application in the incomplete folder and delay of receiving their VISA Card or even just missed out on funding.

Starting next year, July 1, 2024, we are going to require ALL RAP CLOTHING/SCHOOL SUPPLY APPLICATIONS TO BE MAILED IN, THERE WILL NOT BE ANY HAND DELIVERY OF APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE, OR FAX, OR EMAIL, SCANNED MUST BE MAILED IN. APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF IT IS NOT MAILED IN. We will be sending letters out to all that receive clothing assistance for school year 2023 – 2024 parents/guardians/grandparents of the requirement of mailing in RAP Clothing/School Supply Applications for school year 2024/2025.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN YOUR CLOTHING RECEIPTS. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SUBMIT RECEIPTS. WE ARE ABLE TO SEE WHAT YOU HAVE PURCHASED.

If you have any questions, please contact us at the Education Department: 918 968-3526, Justin Morris, extension 2043 or Edwina 2046.

Thank you,
Edwina Butler-Wolfe
Director of Education



2023 Governing Council Minutes

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12. Angela Warrior motion to approve **Resolution SF/GC-24-01**, a continuing resolution to ensure the programs and departments funded by the Net Gaming Revenue Budget Fiscal Year 2024 be funded at the same rate funded in the Fiscal Year 2023 Net Gaming Revenue Budget for the first quarter or such a time as Council approves the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget whichever comes first not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). Shanarae Boyd-2nd. VOTE: 48-Yes, 2-No, 1-Abstention. Motion carried.

13. Ashley Pacheco motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Kimberly Warrior-2nd. VOTE: 24-Yes, 17-No, 3-Abstentions. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Lana J. Butler
Lana J. Butler, Secretary
Sac and Fox Nation

Activity Committee Announcement

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

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



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2023 GENERAL ELECTION**

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SAC & FOX NATION

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CERTIFICATION

DECLARES AND CERTIFIES
THE
2023 GENERAL ELECTION AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER TWO
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 201. Election Days

(d) Any candidate receiving the majority fifty percent plus one (50% + 1) of the votes in the Primary Election will be declared the winner of that office. If no candidate receives the majority of the votes, then the two (2) candidates with the highest votes cast in the Primary Election will advance to the General Election.

CHAPTER SEVEN
CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS

Section 710. Certification of Election

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

PRINCIPAL CHIEF Randle Carter
SECOND CHIEF Audrey Rose Lee
COMMITTEE MEMBER Robert E. Williamson

ELECTION BOARD MEMBERS

<u><i>[Signature]</i></u> Temporary Chairman	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u> Temporary Vice-Chairman	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u> Secretary	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u> Asst. Secretary
<u><i>[Signature]</i></u> Member	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u> Member	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u> Member	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u> Member
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(Approved: 2013 SFNEB MINUTES-August 7, 2013 / Revised: July 6, 2014; Revised September 14, 2023)

RAP Department Application Form



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CLIENT'S STATEMENT OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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

DATE _____	SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT OR GUARDIAN _____	GUARDIAN FOR _____
	PERSON ASSISTING WITH APPLICATION _____	RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT _____
DATE _____	RAP SPECIALIST _____	

Business Committee Meeting Minutes

Please be advised that the following are official actions taken by the Business Committee in a Regular Business Committee meeting held on August 17, 2023. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

- Lana J. Butler motion to approve with corrections the Regular Business Committee Meeting minutes dated July 18, 2023. Carla J. Wallace-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Resolution SF-23-183**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2023 Family Violence Prevention and Services Grant Budget in the total funding amount of Fifty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars (\$57,487.00). The funding source is identified as the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Family Violence Prevention and Services Grant #G-22PLOKFPVS. Lana J. Butler-motion. Robert E. Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Robert E. Williamson motion to deny the Scope of Work Speaker Stand for the Jim Thorpe Memorial Park. Carla J. Wallace-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Carla J. Wallace motion to accept the design plan dated August 2, 2023 from Studio 45 for the new maintenance building. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Carla J. Wallace motion to ratify the following resolutions and motions:
 - Resolution SF-23-167**, a resolution approving and authorizing the submission of an application for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) 988 Tribal Response Cooperative Agreement Grant #FG 23-005.
 - Resolution SF-23-181**, a resolution approving and authorizing the submission of an application to the Department of the Interior (DOI) Office of Indian Economic Development (OIED) for the Living Languages Grant Program (LLGP).
 - Resolution SF-23-182**, a resolution authorizing and approving the Architectural and Engineering Services Agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation and Diak Architects LLC for the Shawnee Food and Nutrition Center Expansion Project. The funding source is identified as the SFN FDIPIR Revenue Allocation Plan/Tribal Match Budget.
 - Approving the bid for Burkart Dental Supply in the amount of Three Hundred Seven Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Four Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$307,644.80).
 - Approving to notify the Oklahoma Tax Commission of its restoration/extension acceptance of the Tobacco Compact.
 - Approval of Tribal Emergency Home Repair (TEHR) assistance for 4404 Traditional Way, Shawnee, OK 74804 in the amount of Four Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$4,380.00), Contract #2023-07-01.
 - Approval of Tribal Emergency Home Repair (TEHR) assistance for 19206-A Brangus Rd, Shawnee, OK 74801 in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), Contract #2023-07-03.
 - Approval of Tribal Emergency Water Repair (TEWR) assistance for 1145 E Pecan, Cushing, OK 74023 in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), Contract # 2023-07-05.
 - Approval of Tribal Emergency Water Repair (TEWR) assistance for 13808 Pumpkin Hollow Rd, Hotchkiss, CO 81419 in the amount of Six Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars and Three Cents (\$6,293.03), Contract #2023-07-06.
 - Approval of Tribal Emergency Water Repair (TEWR) assistance for 109 Mose Yellowhorse Dr, Pawnee, OK 74058 in the amount of Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$9,996.30), Contract #202-07-07.
 - Approval of Tribal Emergency Water Repair (TEWR) assistance for 23 E Burnham Ave, Sapulpa, OK 74066 in the amount of Nine Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Four Dollars and Sixty-Seven Cents (\$9,244.67), Contract #2023-08-01.
 - Approval of Charlotte Valero's interest to serve on the Tax Commission.
 - Approval of Muriel Wheeler's interest to serve on the Tax Commission.
 - Approval of Tina Morris' interest to serve on the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.
 - Approval of Justin Roubidoux's interest to serve on the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. (FAILED)

Robert E. Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Resolution SF-23-184**, a resolution approving the Nutrition Services Incentive Program Budget in the total funding amount of Thirteen Thousand One Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$13,148.00). The funding source is identified as the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living, Grant No. 2023OKOANT-00, Year 1 of 3. Carla J. Wallace-motion. Robert E. Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Resolution SF-23-185**, a resolution adding six (6) persons to the Membership Roll of the Sac and Fox Nation in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Sac and Fox Nation. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Carla J. Wallace-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Resolution SF-23-186**, a resolution authorizing and approving the Detention Services Agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center and the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska. Carla J. Wallace-motion. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Lana J. Butler motion to approve the Psychiatrist Renewal Contract #2008-11-060 for Dr. Debra Mee. Carla J. Wallace-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Resolution SF-23-187**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2023 Black Hawk Health Center Dental Clinic Construction Budget in the total amount of Six Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars (\$696,123.00). The funding source is identified as U.S. Department of Treasury Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF). Lana J. Butler-motion. Carla J. Wallace-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Resolution SF-23-188**, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation and Burkhardt Dental. The funding source is identified as U.S. Department of Treasury Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF). Lana J. Butler-motion. Carla J. Wallace-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Resolution SF-23-189**, a resolution adopted by the Business Committee directing and authorizing Carla Wallace, Treasurer, as the official representative to conduct business with the Department of the Interior, Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians on behalf of the Sac and Fox Nation. Lana J. Butler-motion. Robert E. Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Abstain, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Carla J. Wallace motion to approve with corrections the revised Tribal Member Electronic Funds Transfer Enrollment Form and Agreement. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Lana J. Butler motion to approve the DIAK Architectural Plans and Specifications for the Shawnee USDA Warehouse Expansion. Carla J. Wallace-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Carla J. Wallace motion to accept the proposal from HoganTaylor Technology. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Carla J. Wallace motion to approve the following Charitable Donations: Stroud All Sports Booster \$1,500.00, Oklahoma City Indian Clinic \$2,000.00, Bristow Youth Football \$825.00, Tribal Education Departments National Assembly \$1,000.00 and Seminole Golf \$500.00 for a total amount of Five Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$5,825.00). Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.

Business Committee Meeting Minutes

Please be advised that the following are official actions taken by the Business Committee in a Regular Business Committee meeting held on September 12, 2023. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

- Lana J. Butler motion to approve the Regular Business Committee Meeting minutes dated August 17, 2023. Carla J. Wallace-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.

Business Committee Meeting Minutes

- Carla J. Wallace motion to ratify the following resolutions and motions:
 - Resolution SF-23-190**, a resolution appointing Tina Morris to Position Number Five (#5) of the Sac and Fox Nation Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.
 - Resolution SF-23-191**, a resolution approving and authorizing the use of tribally owned land adjacent to the existing Merle Boyd Center and Learning Center for a new Central Tribes of the Shawnee Area (CTSA) Head Start Facility.
 - Resolution SF-23-192**, a resolution appointing Muriel Wheeler to Position Number One (#1) of the Sac and Fox Nation Tax Commission.
 - Resolution SF-23-193**, a resolution appointing Charlotte Valero to Position Number Two (#2) of the Sac and Fox Nation Tax Commission.
 - Resolution SF-23-194**, a resolution appointing Chris Boyd to Position Number Three (#3) of the Sac and Fox Nation Tax Commission.
 - Resolution SF-23-195**, a resolution approving and authorizing the submission of an application to the Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service for Calendar Year 2024 Special Diabetes Program for Indians.
 - Approval of Treasurer to have direct oversight for the day-to-day financial functions and operation of the Finance Department.
 - Approval of Tribal Emergency Home Repair (TEHR) assistance for 43684 Moccasin Trail Rd, Meeker, OK 74855 in the amount of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00.) – Contract #2023-08-03.
 - Approval of Tribal Emergency Water Repair (TEWR) assistance for 12 N Gilpin St, Shawnee, OK 74804 in the amount of Six Thousand Five Hundred Ten Dollars (\$6,510.00.) – Contract #2022-11-10a.
 - Approval of Tribal Emergency Water Repair (TEWR) assistance for 12607 Stevens Rd, Shawnee, OK 74804 in the amount of One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$1,825.75.) – Contract #2023-09-01.
 - Approval of Tribal Emergency Water Repair (TEWR) assistance for 201 Butler Dr, Shawnee, OK 74804 in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00.) – Contract #2023-09-03.
 - Approval of Tribal Emergency Water Repair (TEWR) assistance for 34741 W Montego Bay Rd, Mannford, OK 74044 in the amount of Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$7,900.00.) – Contract # 2023-09-04.
 - Approval of the Lease Agreement by Quadiant Leasing USA, for Black Hawk Health Center Mailing Equipment.
 - Approval of the Renewal Lamar Contract #2022-09-16a for Billboard Sign Advertisement Services on behalf of the Adult Protective Services/Human Services Department.

Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Resolution SF-23-196**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2023 Gaming Commission Budget Modification #1 in the total amount of One Million Seven Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars (\$1,777,887.00). The funding source is identified as Treasury Appropriations. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Resolution SF-23-197**, a resolution adding eleven (11) persons to the Membership Roll of the Sac and Fox Nation in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Sac and Fox Nation. Carla J. Wallace-motion. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Resolution SF-23-198**, a resolution appointing Carla J. Wallace, Treasurer to serve as representative to the Board of Directors of the Central Tribes of the Shawnee Area (CTSA) and designating Lana J. Butler, Secretary as an alternate. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Resolution SF-23-199**, a resolution authorizing and approving the submission of an application to apply Indian Health Service Office of Environmental Health and Engineering Fiscal Year 2022/Fiscal Year 2023 Small Ambulatory Program (SAP) for the Black Hawk Health Center. Carla J. Wallace-motion. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Carla J. Wallace motion to approve the Job description for a Dentist at the Black Hawk Health Center. Robert E. Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Carla J. Wallace motion to approve the Job description for a Dental Hygienist at the Black Hawk Health Center. Robert E. Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.

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October Word Search

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October 2023 Word List

Takwatêha	October
Takwâkiwi	It's autumn
Takwâkêhiwi	It's early autumn
Takwâkethiwa	He goes on the autumn hunt
Takwani	Frost
Takwâkeshiwa	Goes on a fall hunt
Tahitanawasowa	Stays warming oneself by the fire
Taneshawêwa	Has a fire going
Takwahôtôwa	Is trapping
Taneshihamwa	Continues hunting



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.

October Scramble

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ikhawêtâiwk _____

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October 2023 Quotes

The Holy Land is everywhere.
Black Elk

No Statue of Liberty ever greeted our arrival in this country . . . we did not come to the United States at all. The United States came to us.
Luis Valdez

There is but one secret to success; never give up.
Ben Nighthorse Campbell

October 2023 Word Match

Takwatêha	Continues hunting
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Takwâkethiwa	Has a fire going
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Takwâkeshiwa	Frost
Tahitanawasowa	It's autumn
Taneshawêwa	It's early autumn
Takwahôtôwa	Goes on a fall hunt
Taneshiamwa	October



SAUK LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS & NEWS

October 2023

Takwateha (Rutting Moon)

From the Sauk Language Department.

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

Also, the Sauk Language Department has three (3) downloadable, stand-alone language apps for both Android and I Phones. 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

Community **Connect**

October 2023



A Monthly Insight into Community Health at Black Hawk Health Center

“Awareness is the first step in healing”-Dean Ornish

Breast Cancer

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death for Native women. Keeping up with regular mammograms improves early detection and may help save your life.

Screening Guidelines

- Women ages 40 to 44 have the option to start annual breast cancer screening
- Women ages 45 to 54 should have a mammogram once every year
- Women age 55 and older should switch to mammograms every two years or can continue with yearly screening
- Screening should continue as long as a woman is in good health and is expected to live at least 10 more years. Native women should always talk to a doctor or nurse right away if they notice any changes in their breast

Facts

- Breast cancer is the most common cancer found in women
- Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death for Native women
- Approximately 1 in 8 women will get breast cancer in her lifetime

<https://americanindiancancer.org/aicaf-project/breast-cancer-awareness/>

In this Issue:

Domestic Violence Awareness Activities

Breast Cancer Education

Flu Shot on the Go

Breast Cancer Fun Run/Walk

Join us for raising awareness for Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence.

Community **Connect**

October 2023



Cruciferous Vegetables

Women who eat more cruciferous vegetables are less likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer. Women who regularly eat one serving per day of cruciferous vegetables have a 50% reduced risk of breast cancer. Additionally, breast cancer survivors who eat cruciferous vegetables regularly have lower risk of cancer recurrence – the more cruciferous vegetables they eat, the lower their risk.

- § Broccoli
- § Brussels Sprouts
- § Cabbage
- § Cauliflower
- § Collard Greens
- § Horseradish

"Together for Change: Supporting Victims and Building Hope"

Kristi Richardson
Sac and Fox Nation
Division for Victims of Crime Coordinator

Victim Services will kick off October with our special event that holds the power to make a difference in the lives of victims and survivors in our community. Our theme this year is

"Together for Change: Supporting Victims and Building Hope"

This is an event dedicated to raising awareness, provide support, and fostering hope among victims of various forms.

We will be raising awareness every Thursday in October!

October 5th we will host a resource fair in the Sac and Fox Community building from 11am -1pm. Come and connect with local organizations & agencies and shop local vendors. Explore the Resource Fair to connect with local organizations and agencies offering support and services to victims and their families Connect with like-minded individuals, advocates, and organizations to build a strong support network for victims and survivors. We will be giving away free T-shirts, hot dogs, drinks, and desserts. Don't miss out on all the fun!

October 12th we will be handing out purple ribbon pins to each department.

October 19th we will host a self-defense class in the Sac and Fox community building. Get signed up for this free class!!

October 26th we will host a free yoga class in the Sac and Fox Community building. You don't want to miss this amazing opportunity to join in on the fun!

Our interactive sessions are designed to empower individuals, educate on resources, and create a supportive community network.

Join us for raising awareness for Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence.

Life of a Sac and Fox Tribal Member in Sault Sainte Marie, Ontario, Canada

*Special to the Sac and Fox News
by Mary Forget*

I have lived in this border city off and on for most of my life. Even though I have traveled and lived in both northern and southern Ontario, as well as Oklahoma, Texas (where I was born), Arkansas, and even Louisiana for a bit, I always managed to find my way back here.

To me, this is home, it is where my mother decided to settle down in 1969 and raise me since I was a young girl of 2. Two out of four of my children were born in Thunder Bay Ont. but, my youngest two were born here. It is also the birthplace of all my grandbabies. So, for me to think of anywhere else as home is completely out of the question.

I think having so many different things to see and do around where I live is what also keeps this area my home. The different seasons are spectacular, especially when the leaves turn in the fall. I noticed just the other day that some of the leaves were starting to turn my favorite shade of red. (The only time I like that color, actually). Meaning, it won't be long before we start seeing the bright reds, vibrant oranges, and the golden yellows before all the leaves shrivel up, die, and fall to the ground.

With the changing of the colors though, it also means cooler temperatures of which I am not a huge fan. I know I should be used to it by now, but I am 100% a summer person. I always joke and say it's because I was born in Texas and should be used to the cold by now, but it never was the case for me. I am always cold.

With that being said, the last few days have actually been the hottest that we have had all summer. It is currently 90F with a real feel of 104F. I'm loving it and enjoying this while I can even though my family, especially my sons, who work outside for a living, are trying to keep hydrated while they are melting away.

Soon though, it will start to cool down and by Halloween snow will most likely be flying. It never fails, it either rains or snows on Halloween and parents must purchase oversized costumes for their children to fit over their winter gear because it gets extremely cold and wet out. Us parents walk on the sidewalk trying to stay warm the best we can as we wrap our hands around a hot cup of Tim Hortons coffee to keep both our insides, as well as our hands warm.

In the fall, if you are like my family, we like to hike the trails through the bush, go four-wheeling and even hunt. Partridge and moose are the favorites for us. I made sure to teach my children how to shoot a gun properly when they were younger, so that if they did want to hunt later in life, they were able to. I grew up learning and it became a way of life for me every fall and something that I loved doing.

In winter, it's skidoing, sledding, and ice fishing. Melting snow and ice in the spring brings the Smelts and what we call "walking the Stokely" for Rainbow fishing. It's a long creek that fills with Rainbow in Goulais River, about 40 min-

utes north of the Sault.

Personally, I can't stand eating fish, but I will always go for the walk through the bush along that creek. It is beautiful. Then with the coming of summer brings camping, fishing, hikes, bonfires, berry picking (strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, and blueberries) and four-wheeling when possible.

This year though, with all the forest fires happening, we all have been limited with what we can do, and fire bans have been in affect for most of the summer, which means no bonfires and campfires. We weren't even allowed to set off fireworks or the city to have their big display to celebrate Canada Day, July 1st. Sault Mich. had theirs for the first time at their airport to make sure that it was a safe distance from trees and fields, which meant that we wouldn't be able to watch them this year at all. Usually, both sides of the border shoot theirs off at the edge of the St. Mary's River that runs between the Twin Saults. That way, we all can enjoy July 1st, as well as, July 4th.

We don't have tornadoes, hurricanes, or earthquakes in my area, but we do get blizzards quite often throughout the winter that can most times shut down the highways and even the city when it gets too bad. This is when we rely on the snowplows to clear the roadways as best they can so that life may continue.

When I was a child, I remember waking up to snow nearly to the top of our door. When I only had my oldest two children and they were around 4 or 5, it snowed so much on Halloween that my neighbor had to shovel us out because I couldn't open the door. Maybe this is why my family, who all live in Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana, all seem to think that I live with snow most of the year. My sister and niece tell me constantly that they don't want to come up here because they will freeze, even though I say to come visit in the summer.

I remember one summer, one of my aunts and uncle, along with their children, came to visit in August when I was maybe around 10 or 1. They had packed parkas, winter boots and fur mitts. My stepfather had to bring them shopping for summer clothes. I don't think they understood that we didn't live that far up north that they would need that type of clothing.

I get it though, if you haven't visited here, then you wouldn't know what to expect and aren't familiar with living up here. My niece tells me she would rather have tornadoes than blizzards, but I have lived through one and believe me I would rather the blizzard any day even though I would love to have the warmer weather any day. Sadly, with the climate change, we don't get as much snow as we did in years past, but we do still have our fair share.

Living in a border town, we basically have the best of both worlds: the Twin Sault's, as we are known for, Sault Ste. Marie Ont. and Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. At night you can see the bridge that stretches over the St. Mary's River and connects both cities, light up with the Ca-

nadian colors of Red and White on our side and the Red, White, and Blue colors on the American side. Our side is a bit larger with an estimated population of 70,956 people, while Sault Mich. has approximately 13,414.

For us, today (Sept. 5) is technically the last day of summer vacation because tomorrow, school starts here for all school boards in our district. For some it is a new beginning for students as well as parents, and for the rest it is just a continuation.

Here we have JK or Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8, which is Grade School then, Grade 9 – 12 is considered High School. Out of my eleven grandchildren, I have one starting Grade 9, seven in Grade School while three are still too young to attend. School also ends later than the States, which for us is usually the last weekday of June.

Being a border town, the main source of income here is for people who are employed at the Algoma Steel Plant. If you can't get a job there, then some find work up north at the gold mines. My boys and my sons-in-law are in the construction/siding field so, as long as people are building or fixing houses then they have work. As for myself, I keep myself busy with watching my grandbabies and painting pieces of artwork for my family. Once I am finished with the one I am currently working on, then it's on to a commission piece and, then from there, I hope to be able to sell more.

Life of a Sac and Fox Tribal Member in Canada is different: I don't have

the same rights or privileges as I'm sure I would if I lived on the reservation in Stroud, Oklahoma. I feel like I am the only one so far away from everything that I am missing out on what is my heritage. But, I don't think I would change a thing. I have had plenty of options to move back but, I can't leave my babies behind. Family is everything and I would never give that up.

Be safe with whatever you may be doing and enjoy what life has to offer you. No matter where you are in life, you make it what it is and, believe me, if you try hard enough you can find beauty, love, and happiness in literally anything and everything.

- Mary P. Forget



Mary Forget



'Our Heart and Soul'

Presented here is a work of art by Sac and Fox artist Mary Forget of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada: "This piece is called "Our Heart and Soul" for my son, Taylor, and his family. I wanted something that both he and my daughter-in-law could cherish and hopefully, one day, hand down in a reminder of what a wonderful gift he helped create. Avery, Alivia and Laylah are their heart and soul and, I am proud to call them my grandbabies." -Mary Forget

Black Hawk Health Center
Community Health
Department Presents

Breast Cancer Awareness

FUN WALK & RUN

JOIN US IN SUPPORTING BREAST cancer survivors and patients

**Oct. 18th
Sac & Fox
Nation
Pow Wow
Grounds
Check in
12 pm**

**Prizes :
Best Pink Spirt Gear
Bring the Most Folks**

More Information Contact 918-968-9531 ext 3046

Black Hawk Health Center Present

Flu Shot On The Go

Come See Us At Our Mobile Medical Unit

Every Tuesday in the month of October Community Health Department will be at an off site location from 9 am to 12pm, by appointment only
Call BHHC at 918-968-9531 to schedule an appointment

**Oct. 3rd and 24th
Sac & Fox Nation Community Service Bld.
215 N Harrison Ave, Shawnee, OK 74801**

**Oct. 10th and 31st
First Indian Baptist Church
1034 E Walnut St Cushing, OK 74023**

**Oct. 17th
Sac & Fox Nation Administration Building
920963 S. Hwy 99, Stroud, OK 74079**

For more info call : **918-968-9531 Ext. 3046**

WE ARE HIRING



JOB OPENINGS

- SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR
- Juvenile Detention Shift Manager
- Juvenile Detention Maintenance Supervisor
- Pool Manager
- Lifeguard(s)
- Landscapers and Laborers
- HIM Manager
- Self-Governance Director
- Seasonal Landscapers for Tribal Cemeteries
- Behavioral Health Admin Assistant
- Compliance Officer (Gaming)
- Meal Delivery Driver
- Environmental Technician
- Human Resources Director
- Accounts Payable Technician
- Land and Cattle Manager
- APS Program Coordinator
- Clinical Applications Coordinator
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- Transportation Coordinator
- Family Practice Physician
- Surveillance Observer (Gaming)
- Resident Advisor(s) *NEW SALARIES*
- Self-Governance Coordinator

APPLICATION SUBMISSION :
SEND APPLICATIONS AND RESUMES TO HUMAN RESOURCES VIA EMAIL OR HARD COPY

EMAIL
John Carrington, HR Director
hrdirector@sacandfox.com

ADDRESS
920963 S HWY 99 BLDG A STROUD, OK 74079



SAC AND FOX NATION
920963 S. Hwy. 99, Building A • Stroud, OK 74079 • (918) 968-1141 • FAX (918) 968-1142

NAME CHANGE AND/OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

NAME

PRINT CURRENT FULL NAME (First, Middle & Last) _____ ROLL NUMBER _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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

PLEASE LIST PREVIOUS NAME (PRINT) _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

MAILING ADDRESS

OLD	NEW
ADDRESS _____	ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____	CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

STREET ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN MAILING ADDRESS)

OLD	NEW
STREET ADDRESS _____	STREET ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____	CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

Date Electronic File Was Updated _____ Date Sac and Fox News Was Notified _____ Staff Initials _____




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NOTICE

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

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

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

Sac and Fox Nation Telephone Extensions

Main Number: 918-968-3526

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

Form W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

(Rev. October 2018) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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

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

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

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

3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only **one** of the following seven boxes.

Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC C Corporation S Corporation Partnership Trust/estate

Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____

Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is **not** disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.

Other (see instructions) ▶ _____

4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):

Exempt payee code (if any) _____

Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____

(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)

5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions. Requester's name and address (optional)

6 City, state, and ZIP code SAC AND FOX NATION
920883 S. HIGHWAY 99 BLDG. "A"
STROUD, OKLAHOMA, 74079

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number _____

or

Employer identification number _____

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

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

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.

Cat. No. 10231X Form **W-9** (Rev. 10-2018)

Electronic Funds Transfer Enrollment Form and Agreement



***** INSTRUCTIONS TO PAYEE/VENDOR *****

- The Electronic Funds Transfer Enrollment Form and Agreement allows Sac and Fox Nation Finance Department to deposit payments directly into the financial account of a vendor via the Automatic Clearing House (ACH).
- Complete the form in its entirety. **ONLY ONE BANK ACCOUNT CAN BE ADDED PER VENDOR**
- Attach a voided check, direct deposit form or letter from your financial institution listing your name and the corresponding bank information provided on the form. **The payment recipient must be listed as an account holder.**
- Sign and date where indicated and forward the completed information for processing. Send the completed form to:

 Email: finance@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov OR Fax to: 918/968-4528

 OR mail to:

 Sac and Fox Nation
 920963 S Highway 99, Bldg A
 Stroud, OK 74079
 Attn: Finance Department

- All accounts will be pre-noted (tested) to ensure the information provided is valid. During this pre-note, payees/vendors will continue to receive negotiable checks in the mail.
- Incorrectly completed forms may cause significant delays in establishing direct deposit payments.

***** TERMS AND CONDITIONS *****

- Payee/Vendor agrees to accept payment from Sac and Fox Nation through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) and that Sac and Fox Nation can rely on the information provided on the front of this form.
- Payments to you will be deposited into the account designated on the front of this EFT Enrollment Form and Agreement until Sac and Fox Nation is notified in writing that you wish to cancel this authorization or designate a different financial institution or account. A minimum of ten banking days will be needed to execute your instructions.
- Sac and Fox Nation has the right to adjust future payments if payments previously made are found to be duplicates, in excess of requirements, fraudulent, in error, or require any other adjustment under the terms of an agreement with you. This may be accomplished by using an ACH debit.
- Sac and Fox Nation will not be responsible for any loss arising solely from error, mistake, or fraud regarding information on your EFT Enrollment Form and Agreement.



SAC AND FOX NATION
***** ADULT TRIBAL MEMBER ONLY *****
ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER ENROLLMENT FORM AND AGREEMENT
Please Clearly Print or Type All Information

*****ATTACH VOIDED CHECK HERE*****

VOIDED CHECK HERE

****If you do not have a voided check, or choose not to provide one, replace this page with a letter or appropriate direct deposit form from your financial institution with your name and the corresponding account information provided on the Electronic Funds Transfer Enrollment form and agreement.****



SAC AND FOX NATION
***** ADULT TRIBAL MEMBER ONLY *****
ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER ENROLLMENT FORM AND AGREEMENT
Please Clearly Print or Type All Information

Payee Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____
City
State
Zip

Tribal Member contact
Phone: _____ **Sac and Fox Nation Roll #** _____

E- mail: _____

Financial Institution Name: _____

Financial Institution Phone: _____

Routing Number: _____ (9 digits)

Depositor Account No.: _____ **Type:** Checking Savings

EFT Direct Deposits should be applied to: All Payments Per Capita Payments Only General Payments Only

I hereby authorize Sac and Fox Nation to electronically deposit payments via Automated Clearing House (ACH) to the account listed above under the terms and conditions of this Electronic Funds Transfer Enrollment Form and Agreement. I certify that I am authorized to enter into this agreement as account holder or on behalf of the account holder. I verify that the information provided on this form is correct.

Tribal Member Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Guardian Signature (if applicable): _____ **Date:** _____

For Internal Use Only

 Date

Entered By: _____

Reviewed By: _____

Finance Approval _____

**** Carefully review the attached Terms and Conditions ****

Form approved by Business Committee 08/17/2023

\$5 Million to Support Efforts to Restore Bison Populations and Grassland Ecosystems

(Continued from Page 1)
 Bowl in the 1930s. The loss of the keystone species, coupled with land conversion, led to declines of other important grassland wildlife, such as migratory birds and pollinators.
 Beginning in the early 20th century with the support of President Theodore

Roosevelt, conservationists and scientists made a collective effort to restore the American bison. Since then, collaborative conservation and restoration efforts have increased the number of wild bison in the United States from fewer than 500 to more than 15,000. The Interior Department currently manages 11,000

bison in herds across 4.6 million acres of U.S. public lands in 12 states, and will continue to work closely with state and

Tribal wildlife and livestock managers to maintain healthy populations of grassland dependent species.

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 September 19, 2023. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

1. Robert E. Williamson motion to appoint Jacklyn King to Interim Tribal Administrator. Audrey Rose Lee-2nd. VOTE: Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-No, Carla-No, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
2. Robert E. Williamson motion to rescind the Treasurer to have direct oversight for the day-to-day financial functions and operation of the Finance Department. Audrey Rose Lee-2nd. VOTE: Randle-Abstain, Audrey-Yes, Lana-No, Carla-No, Robert-Yes. Motion failed.
3. Audrey Rose Lee motion to approve the revised Personnel Policies and Procedures regarding Chapter One – Introduction, Section 6. Management’s Rights. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-No, Carla-No, Robert-No. Motion failed.
4. Lana J. Butler motion to approve the changes to the Liaison List. Audrey Rose Lee-2nd. VOTE: Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
5. **Resolution SF-23-201**, a resolution identifying individuals authorized to conduct business with the United States Department of the Interior Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians on behalf of the Sac and Fox Nation. Carla J. Wallace-motion. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
6. **Resolution SF-23-202**, a resolution approving and authorizing Randle Carter, Principal Chief, Audrey Rose Lee, Second Chief, Lana J. Butler, Secretary, Carla J. Wallace, Treasurer, and Robert E. Williamson, Committee Member to have signature authority for the Sac and Fox Nation bank accounts at BancFirst. Carla J. Wallace-motion. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
7. **Resolution SF-23-203**, a resolution approving membership for Fiscal Year 2024 into the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) in the total amount of One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$1,300.00) and naming Principal Chief Randle Carter as delegate and Second Chief Audrey Rose Lee, Secretary Lana J. Butler, Treasurer Carla J. Wallace, and Committee Member Robert E. Williamson as alternate delegates. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Carla J. Wallace-2nd. VOTE: Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
8. **Resolution SF-23-204**, a resolution approving and authorizing Randle Carter, Principal Chief, Audrey Rose Lee, Second Chief, Lana J. Butler, Secretary, Carla J. Wallace, Treasurer, and Robert E. Williamson, Committee Member to have signature authority for the Shawnee Trophy bank accounts at First United Bank. Carla J. Wallace-motion. Robert E. Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
9. Audrey Rose Lee motion to approve the 2024 Holiday Calendar. Robert E. Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE

**A REGULAR CALLED MEETING OF
 THE SAC AND FOX NATION
 BUSINESS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD
 ON OCTOBER 10 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE
 CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE
 CULTURAL CENTER BUILDING,
 SAC AND FOX RESERVATION,
 STROUD, OKLAHOMA.**

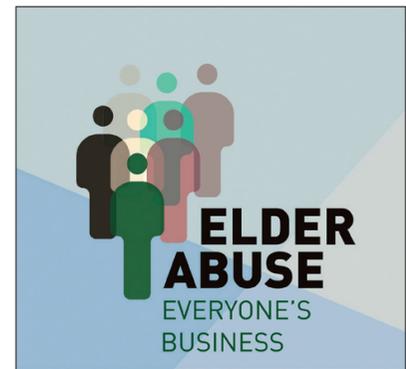


A Message From the Behavioral Health Dept.

October is National Depression and Mental Health Screening Month. This month is centered around raising awareness of mental health issues around the world and improving mental health care to all populations. Mental health issues do not discriminate and effects all walks of life and people. If you know someone or you yourself is in need to for mental health services or counseling; please ask for help. **YOU MATTER AND YOU ARE WORTH IT**

If anyone you yourself, a loved one, or someone you know are showing any signs or symptoms of depression or need for Behavioral Health Services, please reach out for help at the numbers below:

- BHHC Behavioral Health Services: (918) 968-9531 ext. 3019.
- Text or call 988 or use the chat function at 988lifeline.org.
- SAMHSA’s National Helpline: Call 1-800-662-HELP (4357) for a referral for mental health treatment.



EATING HEALTHY ON A BUDGET CLASS

SFN Multipurpose Building
 215 N Harrison Ave, Shawnee

10/18/23
 12-1 PM OR
 5-6 PM

You will learn:

- How to stretch your dollar at the grocery store
- Budget-friendly recipes and menu planning
- Meal prep ideas and using meal prep containers
- Includes cooking demonstration and handouts.

SCAN WITH YOUR CAMERA TO REGISTER!

OR USE THE CONTACT INFO BELOW

918-968-9531 x3042
 josh.nooner@ihs.gov

SCAN ME

FNS HANDBOOK 501
EXHIBIT M

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPPIR)

FY 2023 NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS

Effective October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023

The net monthly income standard for each household size is the sum of the applicable Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) net monthly income standard and the applicable SNAP standard deduction.

48 Contiguous United States: **Use this Amount**

Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standards		SNAP Standard Deduction	=	FDPPIR Net Monthly Income Standards
1	\$1,133	+	\$193	=	\$1,326
2	\$1,526	+	\$193	=	\$1,719
3	\$1,920	+	\$193	=	\$2,113
4	\$2,313	+	\$193	=	\$2,506
5	\$2,706	+	\$225	=	\$2,931
6	\$3,100	+	\$258	=	\$3,358
7	\$3,493	+	\$258	=	\$3,751
8	\$3,886	+	\$258	=	\$4,144
Each additional member					\$394

Alaska: **Use this Amount**

Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standards		SNAP Standard Deduction	=	FDPPIR Net Monthly Income Standards
1	\$1,416	+	\$330	=	\$1,746
2	\$1,908	+	\$330	=	\$2,238
3	\$2,400	+	\$330	=	\$2,730
4	\$2,891	+	\$330	=	\$3,221
5	\$3,383	+	\$330	=	\$3,713
6	\$3,875	+	\$330	=	\$4,205
7	\$4,366	+	\$330	=	\$4,696
8	\$4,858	+	\$330	=	\$5,188
Each additional member					\$492

FNS HANDBOOK 501
EXHIBIT M

FY 2023 FDPPIR Income Deductions (see 7 CFR 253.6(e))

Effective October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023

Earned Income Deduction	Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.
Dependent Care Deduction	Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.
Child Support Deduction	Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.
Medical Expense Deduction	Households that incur monthly medical expenses by any household member who is elderly or disabled are allowed a deduction in the amount of out-of-pocket medical expenses paid in excess of \$35 per month. Allowable medical expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(3).
Home Care Meal-Related Deduction	Households who furnish the majority of meals for a home care attendant are allowed an income deduction equal to the maximum SNAP benefit for a one-person household. The home care meal-related deduction amounts are as follows: 48 Contiguous U.S. States = \$281 Alaska by Area Designations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban = \$351 • Rural 1 = \$448 • Rural 2 = \$545 See 7 CFR 272.7(b) for area designations in Alaska.
Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deduction	Households that incur at least one monthly shelter or utility expense are allowed a standard income deduction (see chart below). Allowable shelter/utility expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(6)(ii).

FNS HANDBOOK 501
EXHIBIT M

FY 2023 FDPPIR Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deductions

Effective October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023

Baseline by Region*

Region	States Currently with FDPPIR Programs	Shelter/Utility Deduction
Northeast/Midwest	Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Wisconsin	\$500
Southeast/Southwest	Arizona, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah	\$400
Mountain Plains	Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming	\$550
West	Alaska, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington	\$450

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

October 2023

SAC AND FOX NATION
FOOD DISTRIBUTION
PROGRAM

STROUD WAREHOUSE
918-968-3030 • 1-800-256-3398

SHAWNEE OFFICE
405-395-0063 • 1-886-622-2310

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2 Walk-in	3 Elder's Day	4 Shipment Elder's Day	5 Elder's Day	6 Stroud HD
9 Late Night Shawnee 8AM-8PM	10	11	12	13 Shawnee HD
16	17	18 Shipment	19	20 Shawnee HD & Stroud HD
23 Late Night Shawnee & Stroud 8AM-8PM	24	25	26	27 Shawnee HD
30 Inventory Day	31 Inventory Day			

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

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

Business Committee Meeting Minutes

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- Carla J. Wallace motion to approve the Job description for Dental Assistant I and II at the Black Hawk Health Center. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Carla J. Wallace motion to approve the job description for a Lead Custodian at the Black Hawk Health Center. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Lana J. Butler motion to approve with corrections the job description for Comptroller. Carla J. Wallace-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Resolution SF-23-200**, a resolution authorizing the renewal of the Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA) 2023-2024 Annual Tribal Membership Dues in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). Robert E. Williamson-motion. Carla J. Wallace-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Carla J. Wallace motion to approve the following Government Donations: Putnum City Schools: \$3,600.00 and Shawnee Public Schools \$3,000.00 for a total amount of Six Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$6,600.00). Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Carla J. Wallace motion to approve the following Charitable Donation: Shawnee News Star \$5,000.00 for a total amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Angela-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF
THE SAC AND FOX NATION
BUSINESS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD
ON OCTOBER 31 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE
CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE
CULTURAL CENTER BUILDING,
SAC AND FOX RESERVATION,
STROUD, OKLAHOMA.

Sac and Fox Nation Food Distribution Program

INSPECTED AND PASSED BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE EST 007

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OVER 100 ITEMS!!!

If at least 1 in your household has a CDIB, you reside within our 5 tribe Service Area, & you meet USDA Income Guidelines... **YOU MAY QUALIFY!!!**

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Sac and Fox Nation
2023 General Election
August 25, 2023
ABSTRACT

VOTES CAST					
PRINCIPAL CHIEF	SHAWNEE	STROUD	CUSHING	ABSENTEE	TOTAL
Randle Carter	78	90	23	22	213
Lavonda Kaye Youngman	40	36	34	23	133
SECOND CHIEF	SHAWNEE	STROUD	CUSHING	ABSENTEE	TOTAL
Audrey Rose Lee	79	84	40	24	227
Clarissa June Littlehead	39	42	17	19	117
COMMITTEE MEMBER	SHAWNEE	STROUD	CUSHING	ABSENTEE	TOTAL
C. Juquin Hamilton-Youngbird	52	55	19	33	159
Robert E. Williamson	66	72	38	13	189

BALLOTS				
POLLING SITES				
SITE	# BALLOTS ISSUED	SPOILED/MUTILATED	REJECTED	RETURNED
SHAWNEE	300	3	3	176
STROUD	350	0	0	221
CUSHING	150	0	0	93

ABSENTEE BALLOTS			
REQUESTS/ MAILED OUT	REJECTED	NOT RETURNED	ABSENTEE BALLOTS RETURNED
75	1	28	47

ELECTION BOARD MEMBERS	
Chairman <i>Carrie Spina</i>	Member <i>Carla Mack</i>
Vice Chairman <i>Alta Carter</i>	Member <i>Deanna James</i>
Secretary <i>Christa Roberts</i>	Member <i>Heera Grant</i>
Assistant Secretary <i>Lisa Saha</i>	Member <i>Mike Jantz</i>
Member <i>Mana Slaw</i>	Member
Member <i>Bruce Morris</i>	Member

COVID-19 TESTING

BEGINNING AUG. 31, 2023

Location: WEST SIDE ENTRANCE
Black Hawk Health Center, Stroud

When: Monday thru Friday
8am-11am and 1pm-4pm Daily

*** PHOTO IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED ***

- Park in designated COVID Testing Area on West Side of Black Hawk Health Center. REMAIN IN VEHICLE.
- Contact the Appointment Desk (918) 968-9531 and inform of make/model and color of vehicle for testing personnel.
- Available to patients with an active medical record at Black Hawk Health Center.
- NOTE: If you do not have an active medical record, contact Patient Registration at (918) 968-9531.



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Convenience is coming your way!

Drivers with tribal car tags can now access the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority's cashless tolling services PIKEPASS and PlatePay!

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Customers with tribal plates can now open a PIKEPASS account or pay for their travels by checking PlatePay.com.

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