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Sac and Fox Elders Receive AARP Oklahoma Honors

Sac and Fox tribal members Peggy Big Eagle, Linda Standing and Gwen Butler-Switch and Sac and Fox Education Dept. Director Edwina Butler-Wolfe were among 47 honorees from 23 Oklahoma tribal nations recognized at the 15th annual

Program Held at First Americans Museum in OKC

AARP Oklahoma Native American Elder Honors event for their achievements, community service and impact. Since 2009, AARP Oklahoma has honored

nearly 700 Native American elders from Oklahoma's 39 tribal nations.

The ceremony was held in Oklahoma City at the First Americans Museum on November 1. The floor-to-ceiling windows in The Hall of The People overlooked the First Americans Museum (FAM) Mound. The FAM Mound, a 21st-century mound that pays tribute to the Oklahoma tribes who descended from Mound-builder cultures, served as a poignant backdrop for the ceremony.

AARP Oklahoma State Director Sean Voskuhl welcomed the 300 attendees and said the Native American Elder Honors was established to memorialize the work and contributions of elders who inspire future generations. Voskuhl thanked the honorees for answering the calling to contribute and lift communities. "Whether they are well known or exhibit quiet devotion to family and community, all our honorees represent the love of family, dedication to culture and respect for all," Voskuhl said. "We are overwhelmed and inspired by the work you do."

The Nov. 1 program included a performance by the Oklahoma

Fancy Dancers, an in-memoriam tribute, a presentation of the Dr. John and Tewanna Edwards Leadership Award to Carmelita Wamego Skeeter, and the presentation of 47 medallions to the 2023 AARP Oklahoma Native American Elder Honors recipients.

The medallions were presented to the honorees by AARP State President Jim Randall, AARP Oklahoma Senior Associate State Director Mashell Sourjohn, former AARP Oklahoma Executive Council Member Tewanna Edwards, and June Kao, AARP Audience Strategy Manager.

The 15th annual AARP Oklahoma Native American Elder Honor recipients included educators, veterans, artists, tribal leaders, culture preservationists and everyday heroes. "These honored elders embody AARP's mission and, through example, motivate others to follow suit and selflessly serve their communities," Voskuhl said. "Individually, their accomplishments are remarkable. In totality, their impact is breathtaking throughout Indian Country and our nation."

The AARP Oklahoma Na-

tive American Elder Honors celebrates Native American elders who positively impacted their community, family, tribal nation, and nation. This honor celebrates a lifetime of service by distinguished Native American elders who exhibit a love of family, dedication to culture, and respect for all people. Nominations for the 2024 AARP Oklahoma Native American Elder Honors will open in January 2024.

Following are brief profiles of the four Sac and Fox Nation honorees as listed in the event program:

• **Peggy Big Eagle:** Sac and Fox Nation member Peggy Big Eagle remains active well into her retirement. A member of the Thunder Clan, she currently serves on the tribe's Housing Authority and the Elders Advisory Committee.

Big Eagle has previously served on the Business Committee as tribal secretary. She was also a member of the New Mexico Bar Association and clerked for the New Mexico Supreme Court before returning to Oklahoma and becoming a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association.

Big Eagle is the first tribal member to be elected as Sac and (Continued on Page 8.)



Sac and Fox Elder Peggy Big Eagle, center, is pictured at the awards program with AARP State President Jim Randall, AARP Oklahoma Associate State Director Mashell Sourjohn, former AARP Oklahoma Executive Council Member, Tewanna Edwards and June Kao, AARP Audience Strategy Manager.

(All photos by Jerry Hymer Photography)



Sac and Fox Elder Linda Standing, center, is pictured with AARP Oklahoma Associate State Director Mashell Sourjohn, former AARP Oklahoma Executive Council Member, Tewanna Edwards and June Kao, AARP Audience Strategy Manager.



Sac and Fox Elder Gwen Butler-Switch, center, is pictured with AARP State President Jim Randall, AARP Oklahoma Associate State Director Mashell Sourjohn, former AARP Oklahoma Executive Council Member, Tewanna Edwards and June Kao, AARP Audience Strategy Manager.



Sac and Fox Nation Education Director Edwina Butler-Wolfe, center, is pictured with AARP State President Jim Randall, AARP Oklahoma Associate State Director Mashell Sourjohn, former AARP Oklahoma Executive Council Member, Tewanna Edwards and June Kao, AARP Audience Strategy Manager.

Chief Carter Says Tribal Car Tags Issue is About Governor's Attempt at "Authority and Control"

by Emily Kalka
Lincoln County News
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Sac and Fox Principal Chief Randle Carter said the recent situation surrounding a member of another tribe being ticketed for tribal tags is about "authority and control."

"The governor thinks he has authority over tribal matters between the tribe and its members," he said. "But, on the Sac and Fox, I can tell you since inception, we've administered it according to what guidelines have been sent out by the Supreme Court."

He said to his knowledge, the Sac and Fox Nation has not received any word of any of their motorists with tribal tags being ticketed. He wants to reassure his tribal members that the Nation is monitoring the situation and asks that they inform tribal leadership if they do receive any tickets or encounter other problems with the state related to their tribal vehicle tag.

He said that the on thing he wants to know is what the attorney general of the state will do about the situation.

"What's he going to do to prosecute it or the DAs? How are they going to handle this?" he said, adding that tribal leaders haven't been consulted on the enforcement of these matters. "It's kind of taken us by surprise."

He also said that according to the court, it is illegal for law enforcement to pull over anybody merely for displaying a tribal tag.

Carter is just one of many tribal leaders in the state who are voicing concern over the recent ticketing of a Native American tribe member for having tribal plates.

Last week, a member of the Otoe-Missouri tribe was pulled over by the Oklahoma Highway Patrol near Enid. The woman had a tribal license plate and was ticketed for speeding and failure

to pay state motor vehicle taxes because she did not live on tribal land, according to reports.

The legal right to Oklahoma tribes to issue motor vehicle license tags was confirmed in 1993 with the landmark deci-

sion by the U. S. Supreme Court in the case Oklahoma Tax Commission v. Sac and Fox Nation.

According to the ruling, the state does not have the authority to tax tribal citizens who live (Continued on Page 8.)

Sac and Fox Nation Statement About State of Oklahoma Enforcement Actions Relating to Tribal Motor Vehicle Tags

The Sac and Fox Nation's leadership is receiving inquiries from tribal members about the ongoing actions by the State of Oklahoma relating to tribal motor vehicle tags. This week the Oklahoma Highway Patrol issued a ticket to the driver of a car bearing a tribal tag—a member of another tribe—for failure to pay state taxes. This has created a lot of concern among members of the Nation and other tribes across the state.

The legal right of the Oklahoma tribes to issue motor vehicle license tags was confirmed in a landmark decision of the United States Supreme Court in 1993 issued in a case filed by the Sac and Fox Nation, Oklahoma Tax Commission v. Sac and Fox Nation. The Nation continues to issue license plates to qualified tribal members based on the guidelines the Supreme Court established in that decision.

If members of the Sac and Fox Nation receive tickets or encounter other problems with the state relating to their tribal motor vehicle tag, we would appreciate their contacting tribal leadership. In the meantime, we will continue to monitor this situation.

Randle Carter, Principal Chief Sac and Fox Nation



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Obituaries

Henrietta Scott Massey (Mahweta), full-blood Sac and Fox tribal member, passed away on October 29, 2023 at the age of 87. Henrietta was born September 29, 1936 to Henry Scott and Mamie Butler Scott.

She was preceded in death by her parents, all of her siblings, and her two children, Raymond Massey and Sandra Massey. She is survived by her beloved granddaughter Rosemary Massey, her adopted children, and many other relatives from the Sauk, Meskwaki, and Kickapoo tribes.

Henrietta Scott Massey

Henrietta was a member of the Wolf clan. She was a lifelong participant in traditional ceremonies and speaker of the Sauk language. Throughout her adult life, she served the Sac and Fox Nation in many capacities, from being a tribal official to working with the Sauk Language Dept. to serving as a Gaming Commissioner.

She worked closely with her daughter Sandra Massey on historic preservation and, served on the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act committee for many years. She loved Sauk language, history, and culture and devoted much of her life to trying to teach and preserve them.

Traditional services were held at the Sac and Fox Nation Nov. 1, 2023 A graveside service was held Nov. 2, 2023

at Euchee Valley Memorial Park, Cushing, Okla. with Sam Spang officiating.



Henrietta Scott Massey

Final Stop for DOI ‘Road to Healing’ Made on Nov. 5

U. S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland hosted the 12th and final stop on “The Road to Healing” on Nov. 5.

In June 2021, Secretary Haaland launched the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative to shed light on the troubled history of Federal Indian boarding school policies and their legacy for Indigenous Peoples. In May 2022, the Department released Volume 1 of an investigative report as part of the Initiative, led by Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland.

In response to recommendations from the report, Secretary Haaland and Assistant Secretary Newland launched “The Road to Healing,” a year-long commitment to travel across the country to allow survivors of the federal Indian boarding school system the opportunity to share their stories, help connect communities with trauma-informed support, and facilitate the collection of a permanent oral history.

“The Road to Healing has been an incredible opportunity to share with folks from across the country – and one that has left an indelible mark on how we will proceed with our work,” said Secretary Haaland. “This is one step, among many, that we will take to strengthen and rebuild the bonds within Native communities that federal Indian boarding school policies set out to break. Those steps have the potential to alter the course of our future.”

Joining in many of the visits across the country were leadership from the Department’s Indian Affairs team including Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Wizipan Garriott and Bureau of Indian Education Director Tony Dearman, as well as representatives from Department of Health and Human Service’s Indian Health Service (IHS) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), including IHS Director Roselyn Tso and NEH Chair Shelly Lowe. At every stop, IHS staff were on hand to offer trauma-informed support.

Transcripts from each stop on “The Road to Healing” can be found on the Department’s Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Web page.

Happy December Birthday Elders!

Ashley, Alicia Carole
Bighow, Loretta D.
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Branson, Cheryl Kathleen
Brewer, Edward Scott
Brown, Sherman Wayne
Capshaw, Georgette Eileen
Carter, Thomas Houston Sr.
Chambers, Teresa Lynn
Copeland, Lasagna Sue
Cummins, Thomas Raymond
Davids, Carla Lynn
Deere, Johnny Wayne
Demmer, Dusty Diane
Detwiler, Geneva F
Erickson, Sunny Hope
Estes, Yvonne Louise
Failes, Penny Lois Louise
Fields, Tammy Louann
Floyd, Mary Nancy
Gibbs, Bert Wiley Sr.
Goforth, Roland Scott
Gokey, James McDaniel
Grant, Jesse Allen
Groves, Holland Finis
Gutierrez, Tawana E
Harjo, Mary Elizabeth
Harris, Michael Wayne
Hill, Gary Keith
Huffman, Emma Natoma
Hughes, Regina Carlene
Jefferson, Anna Marie
Johnson, Francine Irene
Jordan, Lousia Michelle
Kohler, Tina Marie
Lauderdale, Ronald Jasper
Littleton, Helen Jane
Lowe, Crystal Danette
Mack, Anthony
McAllister, Barry Dan
McAllister, Donna K

McLain, Marsha C
Merrell, Donna Louise
Moats, Letha Diane
Montgomery, Michelle Lynn
Myers, Sharis Jean
Nordyke, Cheryl Lee
Nullake, Nancy L
O’ Brien, Michael Eugene
Ornelas, Debra Joyce
Payne, Mary Alice Laverne
Pennock, Donna Kay
Pennock, Richard Gene
Primeaux, Deborah Lee
Quintana, Karen Lynn
Redmon, Laura Ann
Reeves, Barbara Lou
Rogers, Timothy Paul
Saulsberry, Sharon Bernice
Setien, Laura Yvonne
Smith, Pamela Sue
Spaid, Florence Clarene
Standish, Bettina Gayle
Tsoodle, Andrew Elba
Turner, Dara Jean
Tyner, Donald Lee
Wakole, Shirley Ruth
Wakolee, Curtis
Wakolee, Kevin Wayne
Walker, Jonas Edward
Wallace, Carla June
Walton, Mable C
Ward, Gary Marshall
Weems, Vicky Lucinda
Whittington, Shirley Ann
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Black Hawk Walk!

In observation of Native American Heritage Month and Diabetes Awareness Month, the Black Hawk Health Center Special Diabetes Program hosted a 'Black Hawk Walk, Fun Run and 5K. The Nov. 9 event was held in the Sac and Fox Community Bldg. and Jim Thorpe Memorial Park.

Those attending received an event t-shirt and healthy snacks. Also available were diabetes screening and education, mobile flu shot clinic and booths from various tribal and community partners.

Many of those participating in the fun walk are pictured gathered with the Black Hawk helicopter in the Sac and Fox Nation Veterans Memorial Plaza. See more photos inside. (Photo by Mike Brown)

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Sac and Fox Nation Education Department News

by Edwina Butler-Wolfe



Pictured from left at the Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech College Fair are Sac and Fox Nation Education Specialist Justin Morris and Education Dept. Director Edwina Butler-Wolfe. (All Photos Provided)



A full group of students and advisers/counselors are shown during a Nov. 3 field trip to Tinker Air Force Base in Midwest City.



These tribal members represented the Sac and Fox Nation during Native American Heritage Day activities at the Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech College Fair in Shawnee. L to R Sac and Fox Princess's Mahlea Warrior, Little Miss, Anessa Harmon, Junior Miss, Breanna Butler, Miss Sac and Fox, Arlen Good-Fox, Singer, Railee Primeaux, Jingle Dress Dancer, Juakin Hamilton, MC.



Art contest winners pictured during the field trip to Tinker Air Force are: Abria Hamilton, First Place Winner, Grove Public School, Captain Jonathan Witherspoon USAF Flight Commander, Navajo, Oske Bemo, Third Place Winner, Meeker High School, Tatum Ryan, Second Place Winner, Shawnee High School.

Hello Tribal Members:

The Education Department has been very busy the past three months. We would like to share with you some of the events that we attended:

- September:**
- 5th: The Title VI Director of Shawnee Public School hosted a Tribal Education Department resource forum for the Title VI advisors that are employed by the Shawnee School. Tribes that attended was the Sac and Fox Nation, Absentee Shawnee, CPN.
 - 6th: We set up a educational booth at the CPN College Fair at the Firelake Arena. We were able to reach out to Sac and Fox tribal members from various schools out of our service area.
 - 10th through the 13th: Justin Morris, Education Specialist and I attended the National Johnson O'Malley annual conference in Chicago, IL. We network with tribes across Indian Country and had a chance to have a one-on-one discussion with BIE (Bureau of Indian Education) Department.
 - 14th: I attended a meeting at the Iowa Tribe hosted by the Education Department. Discussion was for Tribal Education Departments to dialogue together for the upcoming ESSA Consultation (Every Student Success Act) for school year 2023-2024.
 - 19th: A Tribal Partnership Day was conducted at the Oklahoma State University Campus and I was invited to sit on a panel of discussion of Tribal Education Department. I spoke on how our Sac and Fox Education Department operates and the resources we have for our Sac and Fox Tribal Members.
 - 21st: Justin and I and Olivia Stacy attended the Prague Public School Tribal Resource Night for Students. We were able to meet parents from Prague and sign them up for JOM and met with Sac and Fox students that will be graduating this Spring.
 - 29th: The end of Olivia Stacy's temporary employment, Olivia was hired in mid-June to oversee the RAP Clothing/School Supply. We would like to thank Olivia for all her work in that program, she also did other office duties that contributed to the education dept successes accomplishing daily tasks. Olivia is attending Seminole State College and we wish her a college career that is full of success.
- October:**
- 3rd: Justin Morris, attended the Seminole Public School Title VI Parent Committee Meeting. The school system invites tribes to their meeting and only a few attends. I am happy to say that the Sac and Fox Nation has showed up for the last three years.
 - 5th: Justin attended Perkins Resource Fair and the Title VI Parent Committee Meeting. Justin engages in the Title VI meetings and I am grateful that he is a voice in those meetings as to what the public schools should be doing with their federal funding.
 - 10th: I attended the North Rock Creek impact Aid Meeting. There were 5 parents that attended.
 - 12th: In person Blackhawk Advisory Board meeting was held at the Sac and Fox Nation Cultural Center.
 - 17th through 21st Justin and I attended the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I was invited to sit on a panel with two other tribes from New Mexico and Washington State. Discussion was Tribal Education Departments. There were a lot of informational sessions going on, it was impossible to go to all as some was going on at the same time. I was glad to have Justin attend as he hit some high priority sessions that we needed information for our department.
 - 25th: Our Oklahoma Advisory Coun-

cil on Indian Education meeting started up again at the State Department. I was placed back on the board by Greg Treat, President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate.

- 28th: RAP Meeting
- November:**
- 3rd: Tinker AFB Field Trip (Native American Heritage Statice/ Art Contest). The Education Department chartered a bus to transport students from Stroud, Ripley, Prague, Meeker, Chandler, Shawnee, North Rock Creek, Pleasant Grove, Grove Public Schools. 25 students and 9 advisors/counselors and staff in the Sac and Fox Nation Education Department (4). We had a total of 10 entries of art work that participated in the contest. Schools that participated were; Three students from Grove, one student from Pleasant Grove, two students from North Rock Creek, two students from Meeker, two students from Shawnee.
 - 6th: The Sac and Fox Education Department set up a booth at the Thunder Native American Youth Day. The Sac and Fox Students from Cushing and Meeker Public School along with a parent/advisor/counselor was treated to a ticket to attend the Thunder vs. Hawks that evening. The event started at 12:30 pm.
 - 9th: I attended the Tribal Education Department Scholarship Forum at the Grand Casino. We were on the panel to inform area public schools of our resources for our Sac and Fox Students. Tribes that attended were: Sac and Fox, Absentee Shawnee, Osage, Quapaw, Creek, Comanche, Iowa, CPN,
 - 15th: Education Department set up a booth at the Iowa College Fair. This event was hosted by the Iowa Education Department. There were 20 public schools with around 500 students.
 - 16th: Education Department set up a booth at the Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech College Fair. The Sac and Fox Nation Education also helped coordinate an activity to the vo-tech students of the Sac and Fox Nation History. We had the Sac and Fox Princesses attend, Breanna Butler, Miss Sac and Fox Nation, Anessa Hamon, Junior Miss Sac and Fox Nation and Mahlea Warrior, Little Miss Sac and Fox Nation. Railee Primeaux from Shawnee Middle School, Arlen Goodfox, singer, and Juakin Hamilton, MC. There were two sessions one in the morning and afternoon.
- We would like to remind our Sac and Fox students of some important deadlines that are coming up;
- Spring semester for higher education (COLLEGE STUDENTS) is January 19, 2024. ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED TO BE FUNDED FOR SPRING SEMESTER BY JANUARY 19, 2024.
 - BLACKHAWK LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP (MALE AND FEMALE) AND JIM THORPE ATHLETIC SHCOLARSHIP MALE AND FEMALE (HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS) GRADUATING IN MAY 2024 DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 1, 2024. SCHOLARSHIPS ARE MUST BE ATTENDING A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY. DOES NOT INCLUDE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL. MUST BE A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.
- This is an early reminder, but I want to make sure everyone understands that when July 1, 2024 approaches for RAP Clothing/School Supply, that we will not be accepting FAX, EMAIL, SCAN, OR HAND DELIVERY. ALL applications MUST BE MAILED IN THROUGH United States Postal Service (USPS). This is for accurate record keeping.
- If you have any questions, please let me know. 305 328-0402 cell phone.
- Edwina Butler-Wolfe
Director of Education



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Letter to Editor

Nov. 16, 2023
To: Members of the Sac and Fox Nation
I wish to share with each of you tribal members, the intent of the RAP tribal funds, from which each of us receive a check each year. RAP stands for **Revenue Allocation Plan**.
This document was duly approved by the Governing Council by **Resolution SF/GD-96-04** on April 27, 1996. This document was then approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 13, 1997. Thus, all amendments, or revisions, to the Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan will require federal approval. Any changes to the RAP law must be approved by the Governing Council.
In an effort to teach the tribal member the difference between **tribal needs**, and/or committee needs, I developed a **List of Tribal Needs**. I had 100 copies made of the Tribal Needs, and at our last Special Governing Council, Oct. 28, 2023, I put them on the table where we put our handouts for the tribal member(s) to pick up for their information. I then person-

ally gave each member of our Business Committee a copy of the Tribal Needs. The List of Tribal Needs was printed on yellow paper for easy identification.
Thus, I want the total membership to learn the difference between tribal needs and just committee needs. Furthermore, half the proposals came from our federal programs who already receive funds, requested by the program directors themselves!
May the **List of Tribal Needs** help each of us to learn that we, the tribe, must have programs that will provide “more funds” for the tribal members. The two casinos I recommend will do just that! In conclusion, the building downtown Stroud, Oklahoma belongs to the Sac and Fox Nation. Period.
I salute the “young tribal member” who attended the Special Governing Council to make known to us his “need for more money.”

Sincerely,
Mary F. McCormick

Mary F. McCormick, Deer Clan
To: Business Committee, Sac and Fox Nation
List of Tribal Needs

- 1. Casino at Stroud; 2. Casino at Cushing (already in Trust Status); 3. Tribal Vegetable Garden (right north Quigg home-site, with Road-side Sales, & paid employees); 4. Tribal Grocery Store, and Gasoline Station (with service, and minor car repair, wash cars); 5. Publicize Trailer-home Park (must have TV connections); also,
- 6. Elder’s Nursing Home (Guidelines: Negotiate size, and site, with Gov Council); 7. Tribal Rodeo (Small towns, communities, love Western theme); 8. Weekly Entertainment – Community Bldg (Tribal committees work Concession, for funds) Ex: Dance, every Fri night; square-dancing, Singing on Sunday Afternoon, Bow Contest; 9. Annual Historical Meeting – w/Speaker, known State/National (emphasize tribal history/members); 10. Sac and Fox Nation “Hall of Fame.” Honor Four men and Four Women each year (to begin with); and
- 11. Keep the tribal Delinquency Bldg full: Must negotiate contracts with the State/Tribes/BIA/ Cities; 12. New Tribal Bldg Complex (2 story, with Conference Room, basement for storing files, Tornado room; 13. Jim Thorpe Statue (in front of the new Tribal Bldg Complex); 14. Negotiate with the City in Pennsylvania, for the return of Jim Thorpe’s body, to our reservation; 15. Butterfly Area (Northeast side of reservation, and/or near the river on north side); 16. Clean up/out the entire tribal reservation, to look nice at all times. Cut trees down, we always need fire-wood; make posts, burn small limbs, etc; and,
- 17. Keep all tribal cemeteries clean, and neat. Ex: the Dancing Ground cemetery. Also, Realty needs to insure that the owner possesses ingress, and egress ownership; 18. Use tribal Road funds, on tribal roads, and streets where members live. (Ex: Prague); 19. Our tribal Realty Office need to include, on sale of any tribal land, that the owner possesses ingress and egress with the sale of land, that has a family cemetery; also,
- 20. Build a Bark-house. (for display, and show our heritage); 21. Build a Gift Store (allow tribal members to contribute sale-items, hand-made items); 22. Build “brook” on east side of the Pow-wow grounds; 23. Build two “foot-bridges” across the brook, (south end and northern end); 24. Plant flowering trees around the pow-wow area, and other areas, such as the church; 25. Build a “Splash-pond” for the children, and elders, to cool off during Pow-wow; 26. Trim all trees on the Jim Thorpe Park area(s), at least twelve feet from ground. Kill all poison-ivy; and,
- 27. Move the “Drum, and Singing Contests” to October, and/or November. November is National Indian month, isn’t it?; 28. Once we move the casino to Stroud, then that building will be free for tribal use; 29. Invite other businesses to hold their annual/quarterly meetings on the reservation; 30. Invite the Western Tribes to hold meeting on reservation. Who do the Bureau of Indian Affairs pay to hold their meetings? They need to do business with the Indian tribes who provide their jobs, and salaries; also,
- 31. Get “quotes” from insurance companies, as to the cost to provide the Nation with burial expense, and also all the other services that the Nation provides; 32. Sell “Note-pads” with the tribe’s name, and other tribal items. Ex: Rocks, t-shirts, w/Clan; 33. Have a “genealogy sheet” on every member, filed in his personal folder, with his/her Indian name, and Clan name. Go back to the years, at least, when we started our tribal Computerized Membership List; 34. Again, I request that an up-dated Membership Booklet be developed, and distributed to the current membership; 35. Always have a picture of the Business Committee in the annual Governing Council packet, at the front of the book, with their names, and positions; and, 36. INVITE/ENCOURAGE out-of-state members to attend either the annual Governing Council, and/or the annual Pow-wow. Then, introduce them, and honor them.

Business Committee Meeting Minutes
are accessible on the Website
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BHHC Special Diabetes Program
‘Black Hawk Walk’ Snapshots



Representatives of the Lincoln County Health Dept. are shown at their booth during the Black Hawk Health Center Special Diabetes Program ‘Black Hawk Walk’ event held Nov. 9 in the Sac and Fox Community Bldg.
(All Photos by Mike Brown)



Representatives of the Sac and Fox Nation Housing Authority are shown at their booth during the ‘Black Hawk Walk’ event.



Representatives of the Sac and Fox Nation’s Division for Victims of Crime are shown at their booth during the Nov. 9 Black Hawk Health Center Special Diabetes Program ‘Black Hawk Walk.’

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IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE SAC AND FOX NATION POLICE DEPARTMENT AT (918) 968-2031

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.

SFN Activity Committee Hosts Halloween ‘Trunk-or-Treat’ Festivities



Sac and Fox Housing Authority representatives Cora Thomas and Marquisha Torres are shown from left during the Oct. 21 Sac and Fox Activity Committee’s Halloween festivities attended by families from the surrounding area. (All Photos by Mike Brown)

December Word Search

Word search grid containing various words related to December and the Sac and Fox Nation.



Kimberly Warrior and her little helper Aida Walker are pictured greeting and registering those attending the Oct. 21 Halloween festivities held in the Sac and Fox Community Bldg. and Jim Thorpe Memorial Park.



Workers are shown preparing and serving hot dogs and other goodies during the Halloween festivities held in the Community Bldg.



Sac and Fox Nation Activity Committee officers pictured from left during the Halloween event are Zach Butler, Angela Warrior and Ashley Pacheco.

December 2023 Word List

Kehchimahkwa kîshethwa	December (Great Bear Moon)
Tahkiyâwi	It is cold.
Pepôwi	It is winter.
Tashîhkânoweni	Toy.
Mehpowi	It snows.
Ashkanwîwi	First snow on the ground.
Akôna	Snow.
Anâkwa	Star.
Takwanwi	There is frost.
Mânwipeonakatwi	It is many winters.



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



We want to feature the scholastic, academic and athletic awards or achievements of your child or grandchild of the Sac and Fox Nation! Send all pertinent information, such as name of student, town, school and grade attending, explanation of award or achievement, and names of parents and/or grandparents, along with a current photo of the student to: newspaper@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov or: Sac and Fox News, 920963 S. Hwy. 99 Stroud, OK 74079

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2023 PICTURES WITH SANTA



3:00-7:00 p.m. at the Housing Authority of the Sac & Fox Nation 201 N. Harrison Shawnee, OK

FREE PHOTOGRAPH WITH SANTA! MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

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.

December 2023 Word Scramble

aeshîkthw kawhamihcKhe	_____
kiyThaâiw	_____
ôpPeiw	_____
onâkeniwhsaTih	_____
wpohieM	_____
nîiwwaAksh	_____
aAnkô	_____
kwaaAâ	_____
winkwTaa	_____
nMapeiwktâiwnaop	_____

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SAUK LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS & NEWS

December 2023 Kehchiimahkwa (Great Bear 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 also has three (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. When you talk Sauk, you always rock.

Join us online or visit our website for Sauk words and to play games at

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



December 2023 Quotes

When all the trees have been cut down, when all the animals have been hunted, when all the waters are polluted, when all the air is unsafe to breathe, only then will you discover you cannot eat money.
Cree Prophecy

Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect.
Chief Seattle, Duwamish (1780-1866)

We are all children of the Great Spirit, we all belong to Mother Earth.
Chief Seattle, Duwamish (1780-1866)

December Comic





Free help

Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline

1 800

QUIT NOW

784-8669 OKhelpline.com

Four Receive AARP Tribal Elder Honors Nov. 1 at First Americans Museum in OKC

(Continued From Page 1)
Fox Nation tribal attorney and was the first chief justice of the Supreme Court for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe. She was also the first employee of Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity, which in turn was the first statewide Indian organization in Oklahoma.

She also served as administrator, high school teacher, bus driver and janitor at the first Indian-controlled school in Oklahoma, Institute of the Southern Plains, in Hammon. Along the way, she worked at Deganawida-Quetzalcoatl University in Davis, California; Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington; and was special assistant to the president at South Oklahoma City Junior College (now Oklahoma City Community College).

• Linda Standing: Linda Standing is an enrolled member of the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma and is of Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma descent. She has served the Sac and Fox Nation in various capacities through the years, such as tribal secretary, a member of the Sauk Enterprise Board and as a commissioner for the Sac and Fox Housing Authority.

She graduated from Harrah High School and attended Central State University in Edmond where she met her late husband Freddie Standing. The two had three children and moved with them to Denver. It was during this time that she was involved in the Denver Native American Center, organizing local powwows and a youth dance troupe, as well as, working with the National Indian Health Board.

As her children grew, Standing moved back to Oklahoma and became a parent sponsor for the Anadarko High School Native American Club, assisting in fundraising, sponsoring powwows and chaperoning field trips. In was through these activities that she met and grew her family through adopting and taking in several children into her home.

Standing became “mom” to numerous children throughout her life, many of whom still call her that. She is a respected tribal elder and an active member in the tribal community events. Standing is an accomplished seamstress in ribbon

work applique and beading. Standing strives to instill the traditional teachings and values to her children, grandchildren and tribal community.

• Gwen Butler-Switch: Gwen Butler-Switch is a Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma member and a descendant of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. She was born and raised in the northeastern part of Shawnee, Okla.

Butler-Switch is well-known for her artistic talent in traditional Native American attire applique work, making powwow dance competition attire for men and women. Butler-Switch also designed and made shawls and vests for the Tinker Air Force Base’s Inter-tribal Council in Oklahoma City.

She has contributed her traditional Native American talent and skill to the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma Education Dept. and the University of Oklahoma Indian Alumni Society by creating Native American student graduation stoles.

Butler-Switch has also made several handcrafted ‘Quilts of Valor,’ which are awarded to an Armed Forces member or veteran who have been touched by war. She has also involved in tribal affairs as a former Sac and Fox Housing Authority board member. She spent 27 years at Tinker Air Force Base, where she retired as a B-52 sheet metal mechanic.

Butler-Switch values family, endurance, traditions and Native American culture. She is an elder who is loved and respected by everyone who meets her.

• Edwina Butler-Wolf: Beverly Edwina Butler-Wolfe has accomplished what no other woman has achieved in the history of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma: She has the distinction of being, not only the only woman to serve as tribal governor, but also the only governor to be elected and serve three consecutive terms.

As governor, she signed the first memorandum of understanding between the tribe and the American Red Cross, ensuring emergency response support for the tribe, if there was ever a need. Butler-Wolfe has also been an active member of the National Congress of American Indians and served as vice president

of the United Tribes of Oklahoma. Today, Butler-Wolfe is an appointed member of the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education, and works as education director for the Sac and Fox Nation, where she provides support and service to Sac and Fox youth, as well as, higher education and job training assistance for adults. Butler-Wolfe is known for working diligently and tirelessly for students throughout her career, which spans 15 years with North Rock Creek School as the Title VII coordinator, and two years as a coach. She’s helped countless students with their studies, obtained resources and is there as support for everyday life, in school and out. One of her goals is to not let any student be left behind, and she has used her own time and money to that end, ensuring her students have every possible opportunity to be successful. Her dedication and hard work have been instrumental in creating a better future for Indigenous youth.

BAGS AND POUCHES—WOODLAND

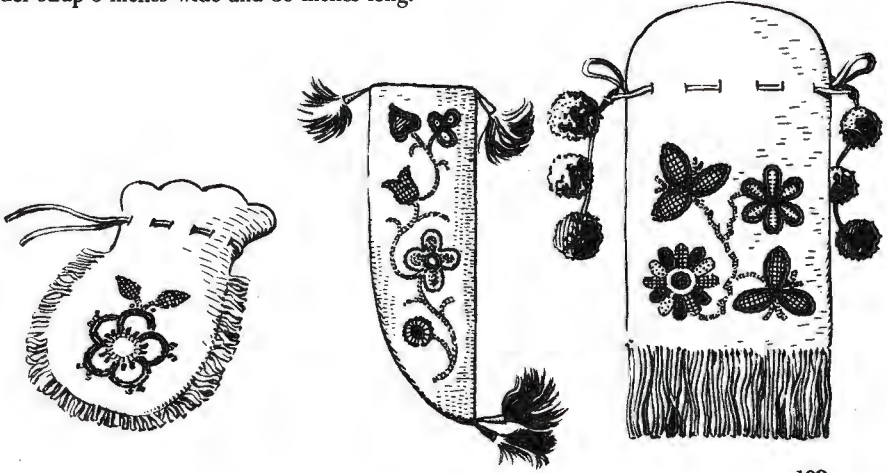
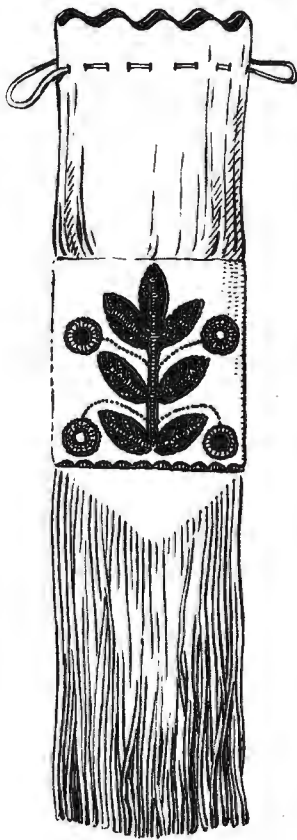
IN SIZE THEY ARE the same as those of the Plains to the westward, and were made in essentially the same way, and served the same functions, but in appearance and atmosphere they were quite different. As the designs of the Woodland tribes differed from those of the prairie peoples, so the beaded bags differed in ornamentation and effect. The one is floral, the other geometric. There is likewise the usual difference in beading technique, the Woodland with the overlaid and the Plains with the lazy stitch.

The pipe bag in the illustration is an old Chippewa bag, of the same size as its prairie counterpart on the opposite page, but with the curved floral treatment in contrast to the straight lines of triangles and rectangles. It, too, is the container of its owner’s ceremonial pipe and thus becomes an article of importance.

The pocket bag below it is but partially beaded, the buckskin itself serving as the background, a treatment equally as prevalent as solid beading. A common practice is to make these bags of velvet, to match the dance clothing of the same material.

The little buckskin bag at the left is the Woodland counterpart of the strike-a-light pouch. The knife sheaths were usually solidly beaded as shown.

The most famous of Woodland beaded articles is the huge medicine bag, seen in the photograph on page 105. This bag, an old Chippewa one owned by the author, is 18 inches square, with a shoulder strap 8 inches wide and 50 inches long.



Chief Carter Comments on Tribal Tags

(Continued From Page 1)
within tribal jurisdiction. The Oklahoma Department of Public Safety said in a statement that the ruling states Native Americans can only use a tribal tag if they reside and “principally garage” their vehicle in the tribe’s territory.

Principal Chief Carter is one of the last remaining Sac and Foxes who was at that case. His father, Truman Carter, issued the very first tribal license plate in Oklahoma and was one of the main three who filed the case.

Only three tribes - the Cherokee, Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations - have compacts with the state that allow them to issue tribal tags regardless of where their citizens reside.

According to Carter, the Sac and Fox Nation’s jurisdiction runs as far north as the Cimarron River, as far south as the north fork of the Canadian, east to the Creek County-Lincoln County line, and all the way to the west side of Kickapoo Street in Shawnee. This is 750 square miles that fall under the Nation’s jurisdiction. Just about half of the tribe’s membership - 4,000 people - live within these boundaries.

“That case isn’t just about car tags, it’s also about income tax,” he said. “The question really is, if you’re not legally required to pay a tax, would you? The answer is always no. That was the heart of the issue back then and still the heart of the issue now.”

BAGS AND POUCHES—PLAINS

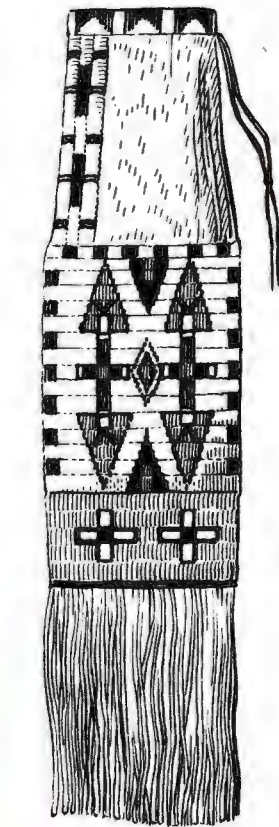
BAGS WERE NEXT in importance to clothing in the everyday life of the Redman—they were his pockets, his tobacco pouch, his pocketbook, his handbag. Important, too, were they to the Indian in gala dress, as something beautiful to carry, richly supplementing the finery of his clothing. There were four types:

The pipe bag, one of the most beautiful of Indian items, much coveted by collectors, was made of soft leather and heavily beaded and fringed. It contained the precious ceremonial pipe of its owner. The bag proper consists of a square or rectangular section solidly beaded on both sides, about six inches wide and six to ten inches long. Above this is an extension of about the same size, beaded only with a band or two so that it can be drawn together for tying. At the bottom is a long fringe, sometimes as long as the bag itself, thus often giving the bag an overall length of three feet; the one illustrated measures twenty-six inches.

Pocket bags, sometimes called paint bags, were worn on the belt to serve as a pocket for carrying tobacco, paint, or small trinkets, or in the case of women, sewing materials. They are about six inches wide and lack the long fringe.

Strike-a-light bags carried flint for making fire, and in later years served as a pocketbook. In size they run three by four, or four by five inches.

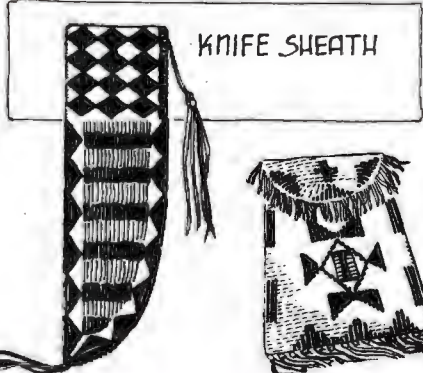
Knife sheaths of leather were beaded; of rawhide, were painted parfleche-style.



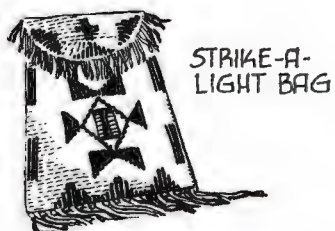
PIPE BAG



POCKET BAG



KNIFE SHEATH



STRIKE-A-LIGHT BAG

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE PRESENTS

GOURD DANCE

December 2, 2023
SFN Community Building

Master of Ceremonies - Juaquin Hamilton-YoungBird
Head Singer - Arlen Goodfox
Head Gourd Dancer - Zachary Butler
Arena Director - Patrick Gasper
Santa's Helpers - Shawnee H.S. Indian Edu. Club

Schedule:
Gourd Dance @ 1 pm
Supper Break @ 5 pm
Resume Gourd Dance @ 6:30 pm
Santa Arrives @ 7 pm

Co-hosted by SFN Rodeo Committee

Gingerbread House & Ugly Christmas Sweater Contests

Committees are not responsible for any theft, injury or accidents.
FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT 405-919-0819
VENDORS WELCOME


SAC AND FOX NATION RODEO

SAC AND FOX TAX COMMISSION REVENUE	
March 2023	
Beer and Liquor.....	\$403.29
Motor Vehicle.....	\$9,238.51
Sales Tax.....	\$16,745.97
Treasury.....	\$860.00
Oil and Gas.....	\$0.00
Gaming.....	\$203,372.55
TOTAL.....	\$230,620.32

Community

Connect

A Monthly Insight into Community Health at Black Hawk Health Center

Dec. 2023

“Life Is Better
With Clean
Hands”



Clean Hands Count

National Handwashing Week is observed the first week in December and is dedicated to helping people remain healthy one hand wash at a time. Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), keeping hands clean is one of the best steps against illness and the spread of germs. The term hand hygiene includes both the use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol when hands are not visibly dirty and washing with soap and water. With the coming influenza season and COVID-19 still very much around us, it is best to take necessary precautions to keep yourself and others safe.

Five Steps to Handwashing

- Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap.
- Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
- Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the “Happy Birthday” song from beginning to end twice.
- Rinse your hands well under clean, running water.
- Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them

Community

Connect

Dec. 2023



When To Use what

Soap and Water
OR
Alcohol-based Hand Sanitizer

Soap and Water

- Before, during, and after preparing food.
- Before eating food
- Before and after caring for someone who is sick with vomiting or diarrhea
- Before and after treating a cut or wound
- After using the toilet
- After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the bathroom.
- After touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste
- After handling pet food or pet treats
- After touching garbage
- If your hands are visibly dirty or greasy

Alcohol-based Hand Sanitizer

- Before and after visiting a friend or loved one in a hospital or nursing home, unless the person is sick with Clostridioides difficile (if so, use soap and water to wash hands).
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, and wash with soap and water as soon as you can.
- DO NOT use hand sanitizer if your hands are visibly dirty or greasy—for example, after gardening, playing outdoors, fishing, or camping. If a handwashing station is available, wash your hands with soap and water instead.

WE ARE HIRING

JOB OPENINGS

- Executive Assistant (Gaming) #2023-43 (Shawnee)
- Archives Library Tech # 2023-46, (Stroud) Part Time
- Compliance Officer (Gaming)
- Environmental Technician
- Accounts Payable Technician
- Transportation Coordinator
- Family Practice Physician
- Surveillance Observer (Gaming)
- Resident Advisor(s) *NEW SALARIES*
- Self-Governance Coordinator
- Licensing Investigator
- Human Resources Assistant
- Community Health Nurse
- Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) (BHHC, Stroud) (2)-
- Behavioral Health Case Manager (BHHC, Stroud)-
- Behavioral Health Licensed Therapist (BHHC, Stroud
- Realty Specialist #1 (Stroud) #2023-51
- Policy Analyst, #2024-05 (Stroud)
- Store Manager, Shawnee Trophy, #2023-50 (Shawnee)
- Enrollment Specialist, #2023-53, (Stroud)
- Laboratory X-Ray Assistant #2024-07 (Stroud)
- Radiology Manager #2024-08 (Stroud)
- Meal Delivery Driver - Position #1 (Part-time) (Stroud)
- Meal Delivery Driver - Position #2 (Part-time) (Stroud)
- Capitol Security Officer #2024-11 (Stroud)
- Administrative Assistant - Maintenance #2024-12 (Stroud)
- Food Services Coordinator - JDC #2024-13 (Stroud)

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

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NAME CHANGE AND/OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

NAME

PRINT CURRENT FULL NAME (First, Middle & Last)

ROLL NUMBER

SIGNATURE

DATE

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

PLEASE LIST PREVIOUS NAME (PRINT)

DATE OF BIRTH

MAILING ADDRESS

OLDNEW

ADDRESS

ADDRESS

CITYSTATEZIP

CITYSTATEZIP

STREET ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN MAILING ADDRESS)

OLDNEW

STREET ADDRESS

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

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

Date Electronic File Was Updated

Date Sac and Fox News Was Notified

Staff Initials







Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline

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784-8669 OKhelpline.com

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

(Rev. October 2018)

Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue Service

Request for Taxpayer
Identification Number and Certification

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) ▶

☐ Other (see instructions) ▶

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.

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.

X

6 City, state, and ZIP code

X

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Requester's name and address (optional)

SAC AND FOX NATION

920883 S. HIGHWAY 99 BLDG. "A"

STROUD, OKLAHOMA, 74079

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

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

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

Social security number

X

or

Employer identification number

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and

2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and

3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and

4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

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

Sign Here

Signature of U.S. person ▶

X

Date ▶

X

General Instructions

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

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

Purpose of Form

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

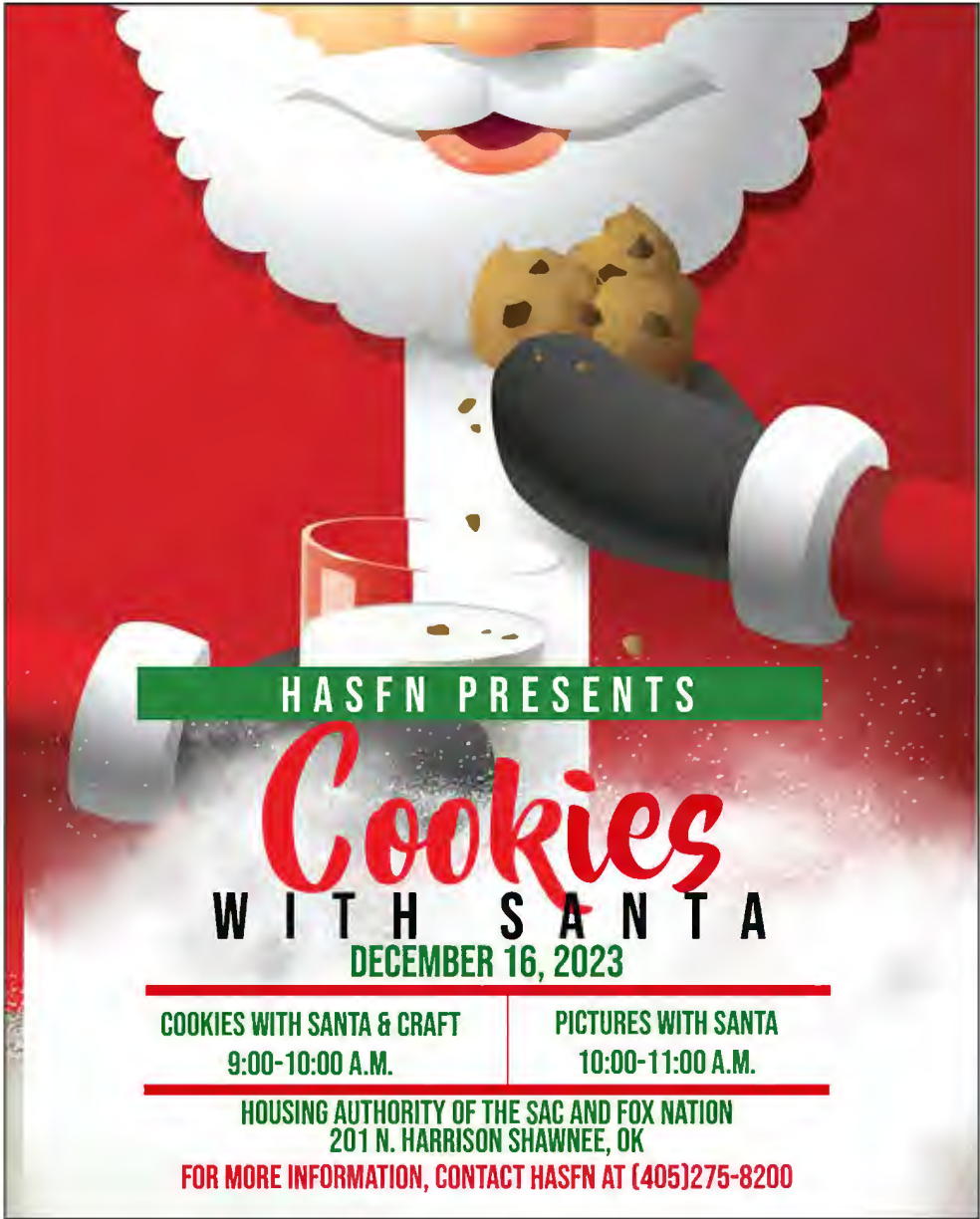
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K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

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

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

Cat. No. 10231X

Form **W-9** (Rev. 10-2018)



HASFN PRESENTS

Cookies

WITH SANTA

DECEMBER 16, 2023

COOKIES WITH SANTA & CRAFT

9:00-10:00 A.M.

PICTURES WITH SANTA

10:00-11:00 A.M.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE SAC AND FOX NATION

201 N. HARRISON SHAWNEE, OK

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT HASFN AT (405)275-8200

ATTENTION

LAND IMPROVEMENT

SAC AND FOX LANDOWNERS:

The Sac and Fox Nation Food Sovereignty program is considering offering Land Improvement services to Sac and Fox Landowners in Jurisdiction ON TRUST LAND for:

Cedar Clearing

Fuels Reduction/reduction of underbrush

Brush hog

Some restrictions apply and an agreement among landowners MAY be required.

All improvements will be made with the assistance of Natural Resources for all trust land.

Please fill out the Interest to Participate form. Implementation of services will be dependent upon responses received,

Thank you!!!

INTEREST TO PARTICIPATE

TELL US ABOUT YOU AND YOUR LAND

NAME:

PHONE NUMBER:

LOCATION OF LAND:

TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES:

NUMBER OF ACRES TO IMPROVE:

ARE YOU A SINGLE LANDOWNER:

Y

N

IS THERE CURRENTLY A LEASE:

Y

N

POSSIBLE SERVICES

- { }

CEDAR REMOVAL
- { }

TIMBER THINNING
- { }

UNDERBRUSH REMOVAL
- { }

BRUSH HOG
- { }

PERMETER FENCING
- This form is to assess a need and develop project objectives. Upon implementation of services, another form will be required.



Sac and Fox Nation Principal Chief Randle Carter is recently pictured administering the oath of office for Charlotte Valero to serve a four-year term on the Sac and Fox Nation Tax Commission. (Photo Provided)



Muriel Wheeler is pictured repeating the oath of office to serve a four-year term on the Sac and Fox Nation Tax Commission. Administering the installation is Chief Randle Carter. (Photo by Mike Brown)



Sac and Fox Nation Principal Chief Randle Carter is recently pictured administering the oath of office for Chris Boyd to serve a four-year term on the Sac and Fox Nation Tax Commission. (Photo Provided)



Brandon James Kaseca

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons

\$5,000 REWARD

* FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO AN ARREST AND CONVICTION


The Sac and Fox Nation is offering a \$5,000 reward for any information leading to an arrest and conviction of individual(s) responsible in the shooting death of Brandon Kaseca on January 30th, 2022 in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE SAC AND FOX NATION POLICE DEPARTMENT AT (918) 968-2031



FNS HANDBOOK 501 EXHIBIT M					
FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDIR)					
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		FDIR 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		FDIR 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 FDIR Income Deductions (see 7 CFR 253.6(e))					
Effective October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023					
Earned Income Deduction	Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.				
Dependent Care Deduction	Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.				
Child Support Deduction	Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.				
Medical Expense Deduction	Households that incur monthly medical expenses by any household member who is elderly or disabled are allowed a deduction in the amount of out-of-pocket medical expenses paid in excess of \$35 per month. Allowable medical expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(3).				
Home Care Meal-Related Deduction	Households who furnish the majority of meals for a home care attendant are allowed an income deduction equal to the maximum SNAP benefit for a one-person household. The home care meal-related deduction amounts are as follows: 48 Contiguous U.S. States = \$281 Alaska by Area Designations <ul style="list-style-type: none">Urban = \$351Rural 1 = \$448Rural 2 = \$545 See 7 CFR 272.7(b) for area designations in Alaska.				
Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deduction	Households that incur at least one monthly shelter or utility expense are allowed a standard income deduction (see chart below). Allowable shelter/utility expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(6)(ii).				

FNS HANDBOOK 501 EXHIBIT M		
FY 2023 FDIR Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deductions		
Effective October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023		
Baseline by Region*		
Region	States Currently with FDIR 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.		



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

We want to feature the scholastic, academic and athletic awards or achievements of your child or grandchild of the Sac and Fox Nation! Send all pertinent information, such as name of student, town, school and grade attending, explanation of award or achievement, and names of parents and/or grandparents, along with a current photo of the student to:

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


December 2023				
SAC AND FOX NATION FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM STROUD WAREHOUSE 918-968-3030 • 1-800-256-3398 SHAWNEE OFFICE 405-395-0063 • 1-886-622-2310				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
				1 Walk-in
4 Late Night Shawnee 8AM-8PM	5 Elder's Day	6 Elder's Day Shipment	7 Elder's Day	8 Stroud HD Shawnee HD
11	12	13	14	15 Stroud HD Shawnee HD
18 Late Night Shawnee & Stroud 8AM-8PM	19	20 Shipment	21	22 Walk-in
25 Closed For Holiday	26 Closed For Holiday	27	28 Inventory Day	29 Inventory Day

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

HOURS (Monday-Friday)
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


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.

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




Black Hawk Health Center

Is Open and We Are Seeing Patients!



Call to Schedule an Appointment 918/968-9531



Come in or call to inquire about our Services at 918-968-9531

Community Care Program

Serving Native Veterans through Direct Care Agreement with the VA

Patient Benefit Services:

- Hardship DME (medical equipment)
- Hardship Drug
- Assist w/Medicaid, SNAP, Commodities, SS applications, etc.

Provider Consults for:

- Physical Therapy
- Podiatry
- Exercise
- Dietician
- Community Health Services

Lab access at 8 a.m. daily

Pharmacy Drive-Thru 8am-5pm

- 1-866-968-0068 Refill Line

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission at the Black Hawk Health Center is to provide excellent healthcare services which impact and improve the health and wellness of the members of the Sac and Fox Nation, other Indigenous Nations, and the surrounding communities.

RAP Department Application Forms



SAC AND FOX NATION
RAP ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

HEARING AIDS

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EXT: 2001
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RAP APP
Form#2011-01
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10/06/2020

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ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
BIRTHDATE ____ / ____ / ____ SOCIAL SECURITY# xxx-xx-(_____) SFN ROLL# _____

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

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The W-9 FORM CAN BE FOUND IN THIS EDITION ON PAGE 10



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Please Provide the Following:
The most current bill you are requesting assistance with & proof of residency if the bill is not in your name.

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Please Provide the Following:

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

****NOTE****

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

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