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Final Revised Rule Approved for Implementation of NAGPRA Act

The U. S. Department of the Interior on Dec. 6 announced a final rule to revise regulations that implement the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). These regulations provide sys-

Streamlines Requirements for Museum, Federal Agencies

tematic processes for returning Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural

patrimony to lineal descendants, Indian Tribes, and Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs). The revised regulations stream-



Fishing Dock & Walkway Installed at Veterans Lake

"On behalf of the Sac and Fox Nation we are so pleased to announce the construction of a new fishing dock located at the Veteran's Lake on SH 99 just south of Stroud! The fishing dock was commissioned to be built by the Business Committee of the Sac and Fox Nation in August of this year and was completed on November the 29th 2023. All proceeds for the project were derived from the American Rescue Plan Act. This type funding is very instrumental in community development projects such as this one. We feel this amenity will bring value and access to this

beautiful natural resource. Before the construction of the dock, it was difficult for the elderly and handicapped to take advantage of the activities located at the lake. We now hope that everyone will be able to enjoy its beauty, and the activities that the Veteran 's Lake is known for. The Sac and Fox Nation believes that an investment in the community is an investment in its people. We sincerely hope that this fishing dock will provide lasting enjoyment, and memories for years to come.," stated SFN Economic Development Director Doug Swinney. (Photo Provided) line requirements for museums and federal agencies to inventory and identify Native American human remains and cultural items in their collections.

Native "The American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act is an essential tool for the safe return of sacred objects to the communities from which they were stolen. Among the updates we are implementing are critical steps to strengthen the authority and role of Indigenous communities in the repatriation process," said Secretary Deb Haaland. "Finalizing these changes is an important part of laying the groundwork for the healing of our people."

Enacted in 1990, NAGPRA, which is administered by the National Park Service, requires museums and federal agencies to identify Native American human remains, funerary items, and objects of cultural significance in their collections and collaborate with Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations to repatriate them.

"NAGPRA is an important law that helps us heal from some of the more painful times in our past by empowering Tribes to protect what is sacred to them. These changes to the Department's NAGPRA regulations are long overdue and will strengthen our ability to enforce the law and help Tribes in the return of ancestors and sacred cultural objects," said Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland.

"The new NAGPRA final rule is the result of many months of nation-to-nation consultation, collaboration across the De-

It represents an all-of-government approach to respecting and strengthening our Indigenous connections, enhancing our nation-to-nation relationships, and fully upholding our trust and treaty responsibilities," said Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks Shannon Estenoz.

In October 2022, the Interior Department published a proposed rule for public comment and received 181 individual submissions that yielded over 1,800 specific comments. The final regulations incorporate input from all comments, especially those from Tribes and NHOs to the maximum extent possible.

The final rule makes a number of changes, including:

• Strengthening the authority and role of Tribes and NHOs in the repatriation process by requiring deference to the Indigenous Knowledge of lineal descendants, Tribes and NHOs.

• Requiring museums and federal agencies to obtain free, prior and informed consent from lineal descendants, Tribes or NHOs before allowing any exhibition of, access to, or research on human remains or cultural items.

• Eliminating the category "culturally unidentifiable human remains" and resetting the requirements for cultural affiliation to better align the regulations with congressional intent.

• Increasing transparency and reporting of holdings or collections and shedding light on collections currently unreported under the existing regulation.

• Requiring museums and federal agencies to consult and update inventories of human remains and associated funerary objects within five years of this

Letter to Chief Randle Carter

Nov. 25, 2023 Dear Principal Chief Randle Carter,

I wanted to share my excitement and gratitude with you and the Sac & Fox Nation about what I witnessed at the Chicago Blackhawks game in Chicago Illinois, November '22.

It was your tribal members on ice and present for the honoring of the Chicago Blackhawks Native/Indigenous Peoples recognition night. This made me swell with pride, as not only a proud member of the Caddo Nation, but also how they represented the peoples of the Sac & Fox Nation, and all of Indian country. Your tribal members did a fantastic job, and they did it with absolute class!

The next day following the game, I had the pleasure/coincidence of sitting in the airplane waiting area with the same members I saw on the ice the night before because we shared the same flight back to OKC. I have been told I have never met a stranger, because I talk to everybody, and the airport was no exception.

Because I am horrible with names, I will not attempt to slander anyone's name, but I walked up to who I believed was the organizer/group leader and began to chat with him. I told him I was at the Blackhawks game the night before and as a member of the Caddo Nation, I thought they represented all of Indian Country with utmost class and wanted to shake his hand.

He thanked me and promptly introduced me to a few tribal elders who were veterans of foreign wars and I thanked them for their service as well. I told him I worked for the Air Force and was aware of the cool thing they were doing with the dedication of the helicopter on location at Sac & Fox land. Without a second delay, this gentleman presented me with a coin commemorating this great event.

As someone who has worked for the Air Force for many years. "being coined" as we call it, was an unbelievable experience because vou always remember by who what it was for and where it took place. Now this coin is on full display for everyone to see in my coin display at Tinker. Not only was the coin cool, but this same gentleman was going to literally give me the shirt off his back which the Blackhawks charities produced to celebrate the event also. I told him I appreciated his generosity but would gladly pay for one through the Blackhawks charities website.

When we were parting ways to our assigned seats on the plane, your members cordially invited me to come up and view the monument in Stroud, and as an aviation geek I greatly appreciated this gesture and will be up there soon.

My family trip was packed with great moments, but the one I will always look back on fondly is meeting and speaking with your tribal members and what great and selfless people the Sac & Fox are!

> Thank you, Travis Garen

Special Governing Council January 13, 2024 10 a.m.



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City of Shawnee Announces Native Homeless Alliance

The City of Shawnee, Okla. has announced the local Native Homeless Alliance has made significant progress within the first few months since its creation.

Formed in July of 2023, to tackle Native American homelessness in the community, the Alliance is comprised of 26 members representing important programs and services of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma, and the Sac and Fox Nation.

The Native Homeless Alli-(Continued on Page 2)

Chief Randle Carter's Address to the Nation

Greetings All:

I hope you all had a blessed Christmas and happy beginning to a new year 2024. I am writing to inform you of the activities of your Principal Chief and the Business Committee for the Agenda items decided range from annual budget approvals

Since installation in office in September, 2023, we have had 9 Business Committee meetings and 1 RAP Governing Council. Agenda items decided range from annual budget approvals to a resolution accepting and approving the new relationship with the Chicago Blackhawks as established by Governing Council Resolution SF-GC-22-1, thereby supporting by Business Committee action the governing

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Chief Randle Carter



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Tribal Officers:

DOI Invests \$300,000 in American Indian Education

Tribal Nations Summit, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland announced that the U.S. Department of the Interior is transferring more than \$300,000 to the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education, a federally chartered charitable nonprofit corporation established by Congress to further educational opportunities for American Indian students attending

Native Homeless Alliance

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ance meets monthly to aid Shawnee area tribal members experiencing homelessness. The Alliance's effort evolved from the discovery that 31% of Shawnee's homeless population is Native American, in contrast to the 13% of Shawnee residents who are tribal members.

In collaboration with the City of Shawnee's Homeless Program, the Alliance set a goal of decreasing Native American homelessness by 50% ahead of July 2024. As of November 2023, the Alliance has already cut the Native American homelessness rate in Shawnee to 22%.

Over the coming months, the Alliance will continue to work with the Shawnee Homeless Program to identify and address the needs of tribal members.

As part of the Shawnee Homeless Roundtable, which includes the Native Homeless Alliance as well as other non-profits, service providers, and religious institutions, the City of Shawnee Homeless Program relies primarily on volunteers and donations. Community involvement is key to ending homelessness.

If you, your group, or your organization are interested in getting involved, please contact Erika Genty, Homeless Program Coordinator, at 405-878-1543 or Erika.Genty@ShawneeOK.org.

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council action as it relates to the Chicago Blackhawks.

In 2008 the Assistant Secretary of the Interior - Indian Affairs issued a federal corporate charter that empowers the Sac and Fox Nation to positively economically impact the Nation.

Due to the BIA's Regional Office rejection of the legitimacy and validity of the Charter, we formally met in-person on December 5, 2023 with Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs Bryan Newland seeking clarification on the Department's official position concerning the validity of the Charter and respectfully urged the Department to confirm that the Nation's charter is valid. We are now awaiting a written response from the Assistant Secretary. For future updates, I am encouraging my fellow Business Committee members to write about important information as it arises. Be safe and be well.

Education.

Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland announced the renewal of the Fund, which had been inactive for decades, at the 2022 White House Tribal Nations Summit. This investment will allow the Fund to continue its efforts to undertake projects for the direct benefit of students attending Bureau of Indian Education schools.

"We have worked closely with the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education since Secretary Haaland announced the renewal of the nonprofit last year, and we're pleased to see the progress the board has made so far," said Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland. The Fund's mission is to promote educational opportunities through increasing the available

Ahead of the recent 2023 White House schools funded by the Bureau of Indian resources by bringing together revenue from philanthropic, private and public sectors. This investment will measurably improve the academic and life outcomes for students and will support the Bureau of Indian Education's mission of delivering a culturally relevant, high-quality education, which includes Native language revitalization efforts.

"The Fund aims to be a catalyst to support the transformation of the BIE into a model of Indigenous Education and exemplar of what education can embody for Native American youth," said Kara Bobroff, chair of the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education board of directors. "The Fund's work is grounded in 're-imagination,' meaning our priority is to ensure culture, language and student wellbeing are at the forefront of every student's educational journey."

Happy January Birthday Elders!

Avans, Gregory Scott Baldwin, Jesse W Barker. Chervl Ann Barnes, Lana Ledean Bean, Paula Kave Big Man, Sharyl Ann Blanchard, Eddie Lee Brown, La Donna Renee Brown, Thaddeus Bruehl, Sandra D`ann Butler, David Keith Carter, Cheryl Ann Castillo, Gloria M. Coyle, Cheree Crane, Cynthia Ina Croley, John Bill Cummins, John L Dawson, Ty Austin Deere, Leroy Charles Duncan, Lana Jo Eason, John Stevenson Ellis, Elvis Edgar Eversole, Anna Marie Fixico, Donald Lee Fleming, Janis Gail Floyd, Brenda Sue Franklin, Gaylon Randall Jr. Franklin, Keith Edward Sr. Gorton, Donna Diane Grant, Gloria Jean Grass, Jeffrey Wayne Hamblin, Andrew Maurice Hamilton, Delphine Elaine Hawzipta, Rosa D Helfer, Jacqueline Heuston, Karolyn Kaye Holland, Charles Arthur Hooley, Anita Lynn Irons, Barry Dean James, Carla K Kahrahrah, Dolores Lurlene Kaseca, Harold James Kincade, Linus Neil Littlehead, Carol Rose

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SFN Housing Authority Hosts Ribbon Skirt, Beading Classes During Heritage Month

Month of November, the Housing Authority of the Sac and Fox Nation (HAS-

During the Native American Heritage FN) hosted a ribbon skirt making class and a beading class. The classes were conducted by Sac and Fox tribal mem-

bers, Ashley Francis, Margaret Franklin Sac & Fox tribal members, Ashley Franand Marquisha Torres.

"Thank you to everyone who participated in the HASFN ribbon skirt making class and beading class for Native American Heritage Month. Huge shout-out to

cis, Margaret Franklin and Marguisha Torres, for conducting the classes. More classes/workshops to come in the future," said Housing Authority staff member Kandice Taylor.

SFN Employee Committee Hosts 'Rock-Your-Mocs' During Heritage Month





Several of the Sac and Fox Nation staff members took part in SFN Employee Committee activities during the Native American Heritage Month activities, including 'Rock-Your-Mocs' Day held in the Nation's Cultural Center. (Photos by Mike Brown)





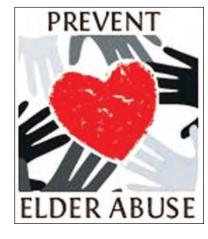
Beading Class Snapshots







More Ribbon Skirt Making Class Snapshots





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Sac and Fox Nation Education Department News by Edwina Butler-Wolfe

Hello Tribal Members,

Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Holidays with Family. We would like to start off with a 'Thank You' to all the volunteers that came out on Sunday, December 17, 2023, to help with the Education Department Christmas Santa's Bash.

The Bash was for Sac and Fox Nation

students only, Pre-K and 12th grade students. Tribal students had to present their tribal membership card and be in person to receive a \$30.00 VISA Card and a blanket with the Sac and Fox Nation Logo. We served 150 students with the mention items.

This event was not intended to be a Christmas Party, just a come by and sign



The SFN Education Dept. hosted a 'Santa's Bash' on Dec. 17 in the Community Bldg. Upon showing their tribal membership card, Sac and Fox students pre-K thru 12th grade received a \$30 VISA card and a blanket with a Sac and Fox Nation logo. (Photos Provided)

up and receive VISA Card and Blanket. We try to keep everyone safe with the holidays by not holding a large crowd of people as the COVID Virus is still spreading out in the public.

THANK YOU TO: Secretary Lana Butler and Treasurer Carla Wallace, Rae Butler, Josh Gibson, Ashley Brokeshoulder, Olivia Stacy, Scott Marlow and Justin Morris for coming out on Sunday the 17th of December. We hope that the students and parents/grandparents/guardians appreciate the gifts.

With the new year here, the Education Department will be attending the yearly 'Every Student Success Act Consultations' with the public schools. First on the list is the Oklahoma City Public Schools, Edmond, Putnam City, Norman, Moore, Western Heights, Mid Del Public and Yukon Public School.

REMINDERS of DEADLINE DATES!!

• JANUARY 19, 2024, RAP AND DOI HIGHER EDUCATION FOR SPRING SEMESTER APPLICATIONS DUE. APPLICATIONS MUST BE ALL COMPLETED: FALL SEMESTER OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT (GRADES), SPRING CLASS SCHEDULE AND COMPLETE THE RAP AND DOI AP-PLICATIONS.

• BLACKHAWK AND JIM THORPE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 1, 2024. PARTIC-IPATES MUST BE A SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT. BLACKHAWK

SCHOLARSHIP MALE AND FEMALE AND JIM THORPE SCHOLARSHIP MALE AND FEMALE.

 SAC AND FOX NATION SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS MUST SEND IN YOUR INVOICES FOR SENIOR ANNOUNCEMENTS, PIC-TURE, CAP AND GOWN, STUDENT MUST HAVE A 12TH GRADE ASSIS-TANCE RAP APPLICATION ON FILE BEFORE RECEIVING SERVICES. 12TH GRADE ASSISTANCE RAP AP-PLICATION IS ON THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SECTION OF THE SAC AND FOX NATION WEBSITE.

We will be sending out the date, time, and location of the Senior High School Second Annual Banquet that we will be planning very soon. We are currently working on the graduation stoles, which we will be ordering this year and will be white instead of black. Gwen Switch and Janet Jeske, Sac and Fox Tribal members who normally makes them are no longer able to sew the stoles. The Education Department would like to thank them for the time they were able to sew for our graduates of the Sac and Fox Nation in the past two years.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at: 918 968-3526, extension 2046 or 2043. My cell phone number, 405 328-0402.

> Thank you, Edwina Butler-Wolfe **Education Director**



Sac and Fox school students, along with parents and guardians, are shown in line registering for a \$30 VISA car and a blanket during the SFN Education Dept. 'Santa's Bash' held Dec. 17 in the Community Bldg.

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numbered cause, praying that the above named Juvenile is Abandoned and In Need of Supervision. We have reason to believe you may have an interest in the matter.

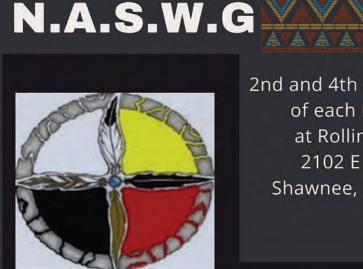
YOU ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the Sac and Fox Nation District Court, 356159 E. 926 Rd., Stroud, Oklahoma 74079 on the 17th day of January, 2024, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock a.m. and to there remain subject to the call of the Court until discharged.

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Activity Committee Announcement

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

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.



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

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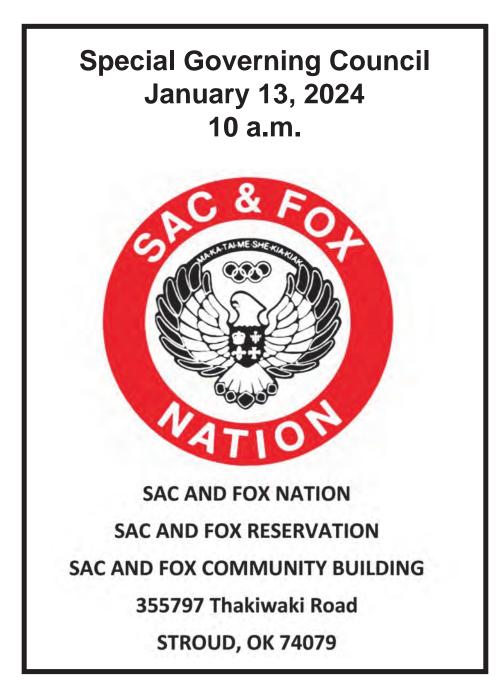
WE WILL EAT AT 6PM. TALKING CIRCLE WILL BEGIN AT 6:30PM TO 7:30PM proceeding may result in the termination of parental rights to the minor child.

You may seek the advice of an attorney on any matter relating to this action at your own expense.

[Seal]

Amy Good

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Activity & Rodeo Committees Host Dec. 2 Gourd Dance



Sac and Fox Nation Historian Juaquin Hamilton-YoungBird served as master of ceremonies for the Dec. 2 Gourd Dance hosted in the SFN Community Bldg. by the Activity and Rodeo Committees. (All Photos by Mike Brown)



Gourd Dance officials listed for the Dec. 2 gathering included: Head Singer -Arlen Goodfox; Head Gourd Dancer - Zachary Butler; Arena Director - Patrick Gasper; and, Santa's Helpers - Shawnee High School Indian Education Club members.



Sac and Fox Nation princesses, along with royalty from other tribal nations and organizations joined families from the surrounding area at the Christmas season Gourd Dance.





RAP Department Application Forms

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SAC AND FOX NATION RAP ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

EMERGENCY APPLIANCE

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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.

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GUARDIAN FOR

PERSON ASSISTING WITH APPLICATION

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT

DATE

RAP SPECIALIST

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.

January 2024	4 Word Scramble
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January 2024 Word Match

Chakimahkôha Nepachiwa Kesîyâwi Pepônatesiwa Ânemachiwa Tahitanachiwa Is cold all the while Plants things Snow is sticking to the trees It is a new year January A new growing season



Talk Sauk.

January 2024 Quotes

We must protect the forests for our children, grandchildren and children yet to be born. We must protect the forests for those who can't speak for themselves such as birds, animals, fish and trees.

Qwatsinas, Nuxalk Nation

When the Earth is sick, the animals will begin to disappear, when that happens the warriors of the rainbow will come to save them. Chief Seattle

The Earth does not belong to us. We belong to the Earth. Chief Seattle

January Comic





Nôhkawahîmakatwi	It is very cold weather
Akwanwiwi	Spirit of Winter
Nokawiwi	Is extremely dangerously cold
Ahkihkêwa	Is cold



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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 November 21, 2023. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

- Audrey Rose Lee motion to accept Construction Consultant/Inspector Cecil Bernard's recommendation that the Sac and Fox Nation fund feasibility/impact study for proposed storm sewer system. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Robert E. Williamson motion to approve the Regular Business Committee Meeting minutes dated October 10, 2023. Audrey Rose Lee-2nd. VOTE: Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes. Motion carried.
- <u>Resolution SF-23-14</u>, a resolution authorizing and approving the revised Patient Registration Department Policies and Procedures for the Black Hawk Health Center. Audrey Rose Lee-motion. Robert E. Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes. Motion carried.
- Robert E. Williamson motion to strike the updated Black Hawk Health Center Organizational Chart. Audrey Rose Lee-2nd. VOTE: Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes. Motion carried.
- Robert E. Williamson motion to approve the revised Personnel Policies and Procedures re: Chapter One – Introduction, Section 6. Management's Rights. Audrey Rose Lee-2nd. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-No, Carla-No. Motion carried.
- 6. Lana J. Butler motion to ratify the following motions and resolutions:
 - Agreement Addendum #1 Contract #2023-10-01a between the Sac and Fox Nation and Christy Doremus for the contractor services
 - Approval of the Bid from Next Level for the commercial dock and walkway for the Sac and Fox Veterans Lake in the amount of Thirty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$34,400.00).
 - Approval of the contract renewal between the Sac and Fox Nation and the Muscogee Creek Nation – Contract #2021-09-05a.
 - d. <u>Resolution SF-24-05</u>, a resolution authorizing and approving the Detention Service Agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center and the Cherokee Nation.
 - Resolution SF-24-06, a resolution authorizing and approving the Detention Service Agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center and the Chickasaw Nation.
 - f. <u>Resolution SF-24-07</u>, a resolution authorizing and approving the Detention Service Agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center and the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana.
 - g. <u>Resolution SF-24-08</u>, a resolution authorizing and approving the Detention Service Agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center and the Otoe-Missouri Tribe of Indians.
 - h. <u>Resolution SF-24-09</u>, a resolution authorizing and approving the Detention Service Agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center and the Citizen Potawatomie Nation.
 - <u>Resolution SF-24-10</u>, a resolution authorizing and approving the Detention Service Agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center and the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma.
 - j. <u>Resolution SF-24-11</u>, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2024 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Tribal Emergency Water Repair Program Budget in the total funding amount of Two Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred One Dollars (\$245,701.00). The funding source is identified as the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Treasury Appropriations.

Audrey Rose Lee-2nd. VOTE: Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.

- <u>Resolution SF-24-15</u>, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2023 Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) Budget Modification #1 in the total funding amount of One Million Six Hundred Six Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$1,606,848.00). The funding source is identified as United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Carla J. Wallace-2nd. VOTE: Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes. Motion carried.
- <u>Resolution SF-24-16</u>, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2024 USDA Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Budget in the total funding amount of Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$475,000.00). The funding source is identified as the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Treasury Appropriations. Audrey Rose Leemotion. Robert E. Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes. Motion carried.

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- Resolution SF-24-25, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2024 Black Hawk Health Center Dental Clinic Construction Budget in the total amount of Three Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$388,478.00). The funding source is identified as U.S. Department of Treasury Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF). Robert E. Williamson-motion. Audrey Rose Lee-2nd. VOTE: Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes. Motion carried.
- Resolution SF-24-26, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2024 Indian Health Services Compact Budget in the total amount of Twelve Million Three Hundred Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$12,316,370.00). The funding source is identified as the Fiscal Year 2024 Indian Health Services Compact Funding Agreement. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Audrey Rose Lee-2nd. VOTE: Carla-No, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Abstain. Motion carried.
- <u>Resolution SF-24-27</u>, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2023 Tribal Police Operations Budget Modification #3 in the total funding amount of Two Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$269,470.00). The funding source is identified as Treasury Appropriations. Lana J. Butler-motion. Audrey Rose Lee-2nd. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes. Motion carried.
- Resolution SF-24-28, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2024 Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Family Violence Prevention and Services Budget in the total amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). The funding source is identified as the Department of Health and Human Services Award #22PLOKFSC6. Lana J. Butlermotion. Audrey Rose Lee-2nd. VOTE: Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- 21. <u>Resolution SF-24-29</u>, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2024 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Emergency Supplemental Funding Budget in the total amount of Six Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars (\$6,724.00). The funding source is identified as the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs Grant #23PLOKLIEE. Lana J. Butler-motion. Robert E. Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes. Motion carried.
- 22. <u>Resolution SF-24-30</u>, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2024 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Budget in the total amount of Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars (\$14,984.00). The funding source is identified as allowable carryover from the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs Grant #23PLOKLIEA. Lana J. Butler-motion. Robert E. Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes. Motion carried.
- Robert E. Williamson motion to approve the job description for Support Staff Assistant STEP Grant for the Education Department. Carla J. Wallace-2nd, VOTE: Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes. Motion carried.
- 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: Robert-Yes, Randle-No, Audrey-Yes, Lana-No, Carla-No. Motion failed.
- 25. Robert E. Williamson motion to ratify the following motions and resolutions:
 - Approval of Tribal Emergency Water Repair (TEWR) assistance for 10520 Tumilty Terrace, Midwest City, OK 73130 in the amount of One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$1,725.00) – Contract #2023-10-06.
 - Approval of Tribal Emergency Home Repair (TEHR) assistance for 33898 St Louis Rd, Asher, OK 74826 in the amount of Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300.00) – Contract #2023-11-03.
 - c. Approval of Tribal Emergency Home Repair (TEHR) assistance for 13251 S McCloud Rd, McCloud, OK 74851 in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) – Contract #2023-11-04.
 - Approval of authorizing a written notice of appeal of the decision on the estate of Janice Lee Riche, PROBATE: T000182456.
 - e. Approval of the agreement addendum #3 between the Sac and Fox Nation and William Cecil Bernard for the construction consultant and inspector services.
 - f. Approval of the agreement addendum #4 to original agreement #2018-03-03a dated July 15, 2020 between the Sac and Fox Nation and William Cecil Bernard /Contract #2018-03-03e.

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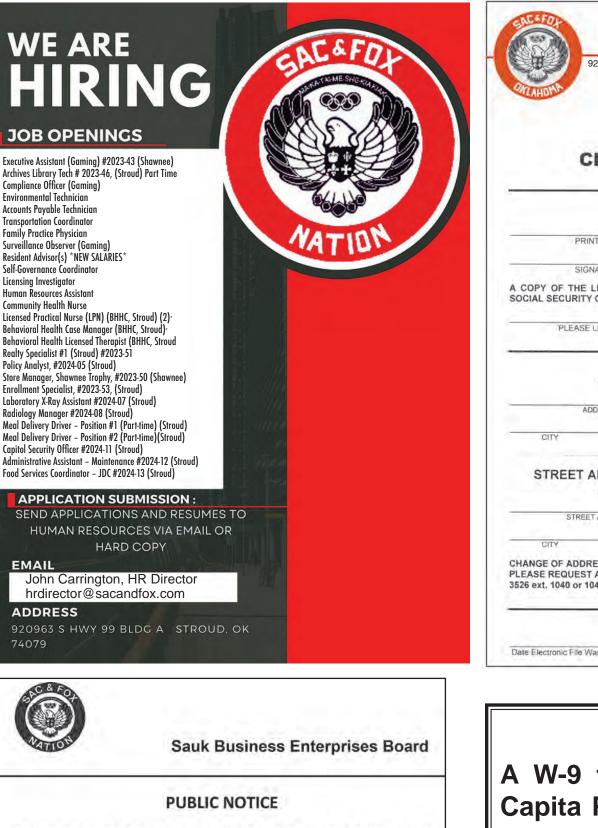
- 9. <u>Resolution SF-24-17</u>, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2024 Black Hawk Health Center (BHHC) COVID-19 Indian Health Service (IHS) Budget in the total amount of Nine Hundred Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$917,878.00). The funding source is identified as the Fiscal Year 2020 Indian Health Services Compact Funding Agreement with onetime COVID-19 Supplemental CARES Act Funds. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Audrey Rose Lee-2nd. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes. Motion carried.
- <u>Resolution SF-24-18</u>, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2023 Black Hawk Health Center (BHHC) COVID-19 Indian Health Service (IHS) Budget in the total amount of Eight Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Nine Dollars (\$845,339.00). The funding source is identified as the Fiscal Year 2020 Indian Health Services Compact Funding Agreement with one-time COVID-19 Supplemental CARES Act Funds. Carla J. Wallace-motion. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- Resolution SF-24-19, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2023 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Indian Health Service (IHS) Testing Budget in the total funding amount of One Million Eight Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars (\$1,878,524.00). The funding source is identified as the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fiscal Year 2021 Indian Health Services Funding Agreement. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Carla J. Wallace-2nd. VOTE: Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes. Motion carried.
- <u>Resolution SF-24-20</u>, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2024 Black Hawk Health Center (BHHC) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Purchased Referred Care Budget in the total funding amount of Five Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Ten Dollars (\$549,210.00). The funding source is identified as the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fiscal Year 2021 Indian Health Services Funding Agreement. Audrey Rose Lee-motion. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes. Motion carried.
- Resolution SF-24-21, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2024 Black Hawk Health Center Insurance Sponsorship Budget in the total amount of Twenty-Six Thousand Ninety-Six Dollars (\$26,096.00). The funding source is identified as BHHC Third Party Billing Revenue carryover. Audrey Rose Lee-motion. Robert E. Williamson-2nd. Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes. Motion carried.
- 14. <u>Resolution SF-24-22</u>, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2024 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Indian Health Service (IHS) Testing Budget in the total funding amount of One Million Seven Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Three Dollars (\$1,789,603.00). The funding source is identified as the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fiscal Year 2021 Indian Health Services Funding Agreement. Lana J. Butler-motion. Audrey Rose Lee-2nd. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes. Motion carried.
- 15. <u>Resolution SF-24-23</u>, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2024 Black Hawk Health Center Third Party Billing Budget in the total amount of Three Million Two Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$3,232,570.00). The funding sources are identified as Private Insurance, Medicaid, and Medicare Revenue. Audrey Rose Lee-motion. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- 16. <u>Resolution SF-24-24</u>, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2024 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Indian Health Services (IHS) Vaccine Budget in the total funding amount of One Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$157,514.00). The funding source is identified as the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fiscal Year 2021 Indian Health Services Funding Agreement. Audrey Rose Lee-motion. Robert E. Williamson-2nd VOTE: Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes. Motion carried.

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Pepônatesiwa	Spirit of winter
Ânemachiwa	is extremely dangerously cold
Tahitanachiwa	Is cold all the while
Nôhkawahîmakatwi	It is a new year
Akwanwiwi	Snow is sticking to the trees
Nokawiwi	A new growing season
Ahkihkêwa	Plants things

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A Regular called meeting of the Sauk Business Enterprise Board to be held on January 9, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. in the conference room of the Social Services Building, Sac and Fox Nation Reservation, Stroud, Oklahoma.

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

W-9

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

Form

SAC AND FOX NA 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 STATE STATE STREET ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN MAILING ADDRESS) OLD NEW STREET ADDRESS STREET ADDRESS 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 Sac and Fox News Was Notified Date Electronic File Was Updated Staff Initials

NOTICE

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

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

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

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Venue Service

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

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"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." Mother Teresa

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A Monthly Insight into Community Health at Black

Hawk Health Center

Creating ripples within the native homeless population is what Black Hawk Health Center (BHHC) is doing. During the month of December BHHC Community Health Department conducted a "Help the Homeless" drive in which boxes were displayed at Sac and Fox Nation offices. The boxes listed all the items the homeless population are in need of during the winter months. The drive resulted in collecting over 100 items ranging from jackets to blankets; these items will be donated to the Native Homeless Alliance. In addition, BHHC Dietician, Josh Nooner conducted a food drive during the month of December to collect 53 nonperishable food items. The nation is currently facing one of the most severe affordable housing crises in history. Not surprisingly, those living in poverty are the most significantly affected. The Shawnee area has a large homeless population. According to the Native Homeless Alliance 65% of the homeless population in Shawnee is Native American. As the gap between increasing housing costs and stagnant incomes widens more people become homeless. Now that we are aware of this need within the Native community, how do we help create ripples of change? In this the newsletter, you the reader will learn about the Community Health Departments collaboration within the Native Homeless Alliance and the ripples we are making toward change.



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NATIVE HOMELESS ALLIANCE

JAN. 2024



newsbreak.com New organization assists Native homeless community in Shawnee - NewsBreak

Since August of 2023, Community Health Staff Ashley Allen LPN and Toby Hill CHR have been active members within the Native Homeless Alliance. The members of the alliance have a strong passion to create a better quality of life for the homeless within the Native community. The Community Health Department has recognized to end homelessness; a community-wide coordinated approach to delivering services, housing, and programs is needed. This has resulted in more individuals from BHHC joining the Alliance. In order to create a greater impact the Alliance was able to recruit additional member from BHHC that possess the abilities to network in the area of patient benefits; these individuals include Sena Yesslith and Daphne Spencer. The impact of the Native Homeless Alliance caught the attention of the local New Station KFOR. On December 7, 2023, KFOR met with the Native Homeless Alliance in Shawnee and conducted an interview regarding the Alliance's current work and future goals. As we begin the new year our goal is to able to quickly identify and connect people who are experiencing or are at risk of experiencing homelessness, to housing assistance and other services in order to make homelessness rare, brief, and nonrecurring.

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EXHIBIT M

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR)

FY 2024 NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS

Effective October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024

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.

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Use this Amount

Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standards		SNAP Standard Deduction	11	FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standards
1	\$1,215	+	\$198	-	\$1,413
2	\$1,644	+	\$198	=	\$1,842
3	\$2,072	+	\$198	=	\$2,270
4	\$2,500	+	\$208	-	\$2,708
5	\$2,929	+	\$244	-	\$3,173
6	\$3,357	+	\$279	-	\$3,636
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Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standards	-	SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standards
1	\$1,518	+	\$338	=	\$1,856
2	\$2,054	+	\$338	=	\$2,392
3	\$2,590	+	\$338		\$2,928
4	\$3,125	1.4	\$338	=	\$3,463
5	\$3,661	+	\$338	=	\$3,999
6	\$4,197	+	\$349	=	\$4,546
7	\$4,733	+	\$349	=	\$5,082
8	\$5,269	+	\$349	=	\$5,618
Each addition	al member				\$536

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FY 2024 FDPIR Income Deductions (see 7 CFR 253.6(e))

Effective October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024

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 = \$291
	Alaska by Area Designations
	• Urban = \$374
	• Rural 1 = \$477
	• Rural 2 = \$581
	See 7 CFR 272.7(b) for area designations in Alaska.

January 2024

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
l Closed For Holiday	2 Walk-In	3 Elder's Day	4 Shipment Elder's Day	5 Stroud HD Elder's Day
8 Late Night Shawnee 8AM-8PM	9	10	u	12 Shawnee HD
15 Closed For Holiday	16 Shipment	17	18	19 Stroud HD/ Shawnee HD
22 Late Night Shawnee & Stroud 8AM-8PM	23	24	25	26 Shawnee HD
29	30	31		
	Inventory Day	Inventory Day		

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

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

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





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).

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FY 2024 FDPIR Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deductions

Effective October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024

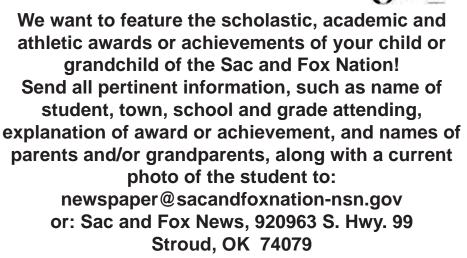
Baseline by Region*

Region	States Currently with FDPIR Programs	Shelter/Utility Deduction
Northeast/Midwest	Maine, 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	\$500

*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!!





Business Committee Meeting Minutes

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- g. <u>Resolution SF-24-12</u>, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation and Kevin Khoury, MD, DBA Goldman Baxter Corporation. The funding source is identified as Indian Health Service Compact Budget.
- h. <u>Resolution SF-24-13</u>, a resolution authorizing and approving the submission of an application to the Native American/Native Hawaiians Museum Services funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services Grant.
- <u>Resolution SF-24-</u>, a resolution authorizing an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation and R. Daniel Carter as Attorney General. The funding source is identified as the Fiscal Year 2024 Attorney General Budget. FAILED

Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.

- 26. <u>Resolution SF-24-31</u>, a resolution approving the Title VI Part-C Caregiver Support Program Budget in the total funding amount of Sixty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$65,620.00). The funding source is identified as the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living, Grant Document No. OKOATC-00, Year 1. Carla J. Wallace-motion. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes. Motion carried.
- 27. <u>Resolution SF-24-32</u>, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2024 Department of the Interior (DOI) Compact Human Services Department Budget in the total funding amount of One Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$186,000.00). The funding source is identified as the Fiscal Year 2024 US Department of the Interior Funding Agreement. Audrey Rose Lee-motion. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes. Motion carried.
- <u>Resolution SF-24-33</u>, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2024 Department of Interior (DOI) Compact Welfare Assistance Budget in the total amount of Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars (\$14,285.00). The funding sources are identified as the Fiscal Year 2024 Department of Interior Compact Funding Agreement with prior year's carryover. Audrey Rose Leemotion. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes. Motion carried.
- 29. <u>Resolution SF-24-34</u>, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2024 Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP) Elders Lawn Care Budget in the total funding amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00). The funding source is identified as the Fiscal Year 2024 RAP Governing Council Resolution SF/GC-24-04 and SF/GC-24-05. Lana J. Butler-motion. Robert E. Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes. Motion carried.
- 30. <u>Resolution SF-24-35</u>, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2023 Revenue Allocation Plan Human Services Program Budget Modification #2 in the total funding amount of Eight Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$878,989.00). The funding source is identified as the Governing Council Resolution SF/GC-23-05. Carla J. Wallace-motion. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- 31. <u>Resolution SF-24-36</u>, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation and Robert Johnson for the Department of the Interior (DOI) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Food Sovereignty Project. The funding source is identified as the DOI ARPA Food Sovereignty Project Budget. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Audrey Rose Lee-2nd. VOTE: Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes. Motion carried.
- 32. <u>Resolution SF-24-37</u>, a resolution authorizing and approving a six-month agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation and Charlotte Valero for the Realty Department. The funding source is identified as the Fiscal Year 2024 DOI ARPA Compact Realty Budget. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes. Motion carried.
- 33. Lana J. Butler motion to approve the dental receptionist job description for the Black Hawk Health Center Dental Department. Robert E. Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes. Motion carried.
- Audrey Rose Lee motion to table the updated Black Hawk Health Center Organizational Chart for corrections. Robert E. Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes. Motion carried.
- 35. <u>Resolution SF-24-38</u>, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation and Pamela Patterson. The funding source is identified as the General Operating Budget. Lana J. Butler-motion. Robert E. Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- 36. <u>Resolution SF-24-39</u>, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2024 Black Hawk Health Center Construction and Equipment Budget in the total amount of Four Million Three Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$4,353,519.00). The funding source is identified as Resolution SF-19-214, Indian Health Services carryover. Audrey Rose Lee-motion. Robert E. Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes. Motion carried.

Three Take Oaths of Office to Serve on SFN Grievance Committee



Nina Schexnider is pictured repeating the oath of office to serve on the Sac and Fox Nation Grievance Committee as administered by Chief Randle Carter. Holding the Holy Bible is Nina's father, Hubert Schexnider.

(Photo by Mike Brown)



Karen Rice takes the oath of office to serve on the Sac and Fox Nation Grievance Committee. Administering the oath is Chief Randle Carter. Holding the Holy Bible is SFN Secretary Lana Butler. (Photo Provided)



- Lana J. Butler motion to approve the job description for an outreach specialist for the Black Hawk Health Center, Behavioral Health Services. Audrey Rose Lee-2nd. VOTE: Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes. Motion carried.
- Robert E. Williamson motion to approve with corrections the changes to the Enrollment Department Organizational Chart. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes. Motion carried.
- Lana J. Butler motion to table for corrections the revision of RAP Driveway Repair Program guidelines and application. Robert E. Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes. Motion carried.
- <u>Resolution SF-24-40</u>, a resolution appointing Charlotte Valero to Position Number One (#1) of the Grievance Committee of the Sac and Fox Nation. Audrey Rose Lee-motion. Robert E. Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes. Motion carried.
- <u>Resolution SF-24-41</u>, a resolution appointing Karen Rice to Position Number Two (#2) of the Grievance Committee of the Sac and Fox Nation. Carla J. Wallace-motion. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes. Motion carried.
- Resolution SF-24-42, a resolution appointing Maria Starr to Position Number Three (#3) of the Grievance Committee of the Sac and Fox Nation. Carla J. Wallace-motion. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes. Motion carried.
- Resolution SF-24-43, a resolution appointing Nina Schexnider to Position Number Four (#4) of the Sac and Fox Nation Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Carla J. Wallace-motion. Audrey-Rose Lee-2nd. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes. Motion carried.
- Resolution SF-24-44, a resolution appointing Angela Gasper to Position Number Two (#2) on the Sauk Business Enterprise Board pending a successful and satisfactory background check and licensing. Carla J. Wallace-motion. Audrey Rose Lee-2nd. VOTE: Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.







Charlotte Valero takes the oath of office to serve on the Sac and Fox Nation Grievance Committee. Administering the oath is Chief Randle Carter. Holding the Holy Bible is Secretary Lana Butler. (Photo Provided)



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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:		
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POSSIBLE SERVICES

- { } CEDAR REMOVAL
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- { } 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A REGULAR CALLED MEETING OF THE SAC AND FOX NATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 11 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE CULTURAL CENTER BUILDING, SAC AND FOX RESERVATION, STROUD, OKLAHOMA.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE SAC AND FOX NATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 30 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE CULTURAL CENTER BUILDING, SAC AND FOX RESERVATION, STROUD, OKLAHOMA.

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Former SFN Chief Kay Rhoads Hosts Tulsa Global Alliance Visitors

Former Sac and Fox Principal Chief Kay Rhoads, standing, hosted a group of 24 representatives of foreign countries on Dec. 8 in the Sac and Fox Nation's Truman A. Carter Center in Stroud. The visitors were in the state as part of the Tulsa Global Alliance (TGA), and former Chief Rhoads presented a brief history of the Sac and Fox Nation and its people. TGA is celebrating 40-plus years of serving the Tulsa community by advocating for and furthering the principles of "citizen diplomacy" through international visitor programs, Sister Cities relationships, global education efforts, and trade and business seminars. (Photo by Mike Brown)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	1 CLOSED New Year's Day	2 Burrito Bowl Flour Tortilla	3 Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup Salad	4 Pork Steak Scalloped Potatoes Salad	5 Waffles with Syrup Sausage Patties
Week 2	8 Grilled Chicken Wraps Potato Salad Chips	9 Beef Rice Stuffed Bell Peppers Corn Dinner Roll	10 Steak Fingers Mashed Potatoes Corn Dinner Roll	11 Duck with Wild Rice Soup Salad	12 Biscuit w/ Sausage Gravy Eggs
Week 3	15 CLOSED MLK Day	16 Hamburger Gravy Fried Potatoes Corn	17 Baked Pork Chops Mashed Potatoes Steamed Broccoli	18 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Green Beans	19 Oatmeal w/ Raisins Sausage Patties Yogurt
Week 4	22 Chef's Choice	23 Chicken Alfredo w/ Bowties Garden Salad Garlic Bread	24 Cheese Steak Style Sloppy Joes Carrot Broccoli	Green Beans 25 Corn Soup with Beef Frybread	26 Bacon Scramble Eggs Texas Toast
Week 5	29 Chili Cheese Hot Dogs Fries Salad	30 Taco Burger Fried Corn Krispy Crowns	31 Chicken Adobo Jasmine Fried Rice	* MENU SUBJEC * ADD FRUIT D/ * ADD DAIRY TO	AILY

Elders Title VI Menu January 2024

COVID-19 TESTING

BLACK HAWK

2024 WALKING PROGRAM



JOIN NOW! HEALTH CENTER PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A WRIST PEDOMETER TO TRACK STEPS AND ACTIVITY

THEN REPORT THESE ACCURATE NUMBERS TO DIETITIAN OR EXERCISE SPECIALIST TO LOG ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

(can use personal Apple Watch, Fitbit, Garmin, etc devices for step

TO PARTICIPATE AND COMPLETE, MUST HAVE ACTIVE CHART AT BHHC, EXERCISE REFERRAL, AND MUST USE INBODY SCALE FOR INITIAL WEIGH IN AND MONTHLY WEIGH IN THEREAFTER AT BHHC. **REGISTER NOW**

AY FIT & HEALTHY

The new year brings new goals, new dreams, new motivation and new incentive. Sign up with Anthony or Josh to get more information and get started!

START DATE FEBRUARY 1ST, 2024

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BHHC SDPI Program 2024 Cooking Demo Schedule

DATE	TITLE	LOCATION	TIME
1.23.24	Diabetes is Not Our Destin	JANUARY NY BHHC Multipurpose Room	11a - 12p
1.24.24	Diabetes is Not Our Destin	An	12 - 1p
		FEBRUARY	15 16
2.13.24	SDPI Lunch & Learn	BHHC Multipurpose Room	11a - 12p
2.14.24	SDPI Lunch & Learn	BHHC Multipurpose Room	12 - 1p
2.27.24	Diabetes is Not Our Destin	a second	11a - 12p
2.28.24	Diabetes is Not Our Destin		12 - 1p
		MARCH	
3.12.24	SDPI Lunch & Learn	BHHC Multipurpose Room	11a - 12p
3.13.24	SDPI Lunch & Learn	BHHC Multipurpose Room	12 - 1p
3.26.24	Diabetes is Not Our Destin	ny BHHC Multipurpose Room	11a - 12p
3.27.24	Diabetes is Not Our Destin	ny BHHC Multipurpose Room	12 - 1p
		APRIL	
4.9.24	SDPI Lunch & Learn	BHHC Multipurpose Room	11a - 12p
4.10.24	SDPI Lunch & Learn	BHHC Multipurpose Room	12 - 1p
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5.14.24	SDPI Lunch & Learn	BHHC Multipurpose Room	11a - 12p
5.15.24	SDPI Lunch & Learn	BHHC Multipurpose Room	12 - 1p
5.28.24	Diabetes is Not Our Destin	and a second	11a - 12p
5.29.24	Diabetes is Not Our Destin		12 - 1p
		JUNE	
6.11.24	SDPI Lunch & Learn	BHHC Multipurpose Room	11a - 12p
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6.25.24	Diabetes is Not Our Destin		11a - 12p
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		AUGUST	
8.13.24	SDPI Lunch & Learn	BHHC Multipurpose Room	11a - 12p
8.14.24	SDPI Lunch & Learn	BHHC Multipurpose Room	12 - 1p
8.27.24	Diabetes is Not Our Desti		11a - 12p
8.28.24	Diabetes is Not Our Desti	the second s	12 - 1p
9.10.24	SDPI Lunch & Learn	SEPTEMBER BHHC Multipurpose Room	11a - 12p
9.11.24	SDPI Lunch & Learn	BHHC Multipurpose Room	12 - 1p
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12.10.24	SDPI Lunch & Learn	BHHC Multipurpose Room	11a - 12p
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BEGINNING DEC. 18, 2023

Location:	WEST SIDE BHHC ENTRANCE
<u>When</u> :	Black Hawk Health Center, Stroud Monday thru Friday 8am-11am and 1pm-4pm Daily

**** PHOTO IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED**

- Park on the West Side of BHHC.
- CALL the Appointment Desk (918) 968-9531 and inform them you have arrived so you can be checked in for the COVID clinic and receive instructions for testing.
- Immediately after testing, return to vehicle. You will be contacted by phone with results on the phone number provided during testing.
- 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.







- Class limit is 30 participants! Must RSVP to attend!
- Must have an active chart at Black Hawk Health Center to attend.
- Priority will be given to BHHC patients before employees.
- To RSVP contact Dietitian, Josh Nooner, at <u>918-968-9531 x3042</u> or email at Josh.Nooner@ihs.gov.

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