

Chief Carter Issues Statement Relating to Skull Creek Pipeline Break

STATEMENT OF THE
SAC AND FOX NATION
CONSENT DECREE LODGED
BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
JUSTICE AGAINST HOLLY
ENERGY PARTNERS—OPER-
ATING, L.P., AND OSAGE PIPE
LINE COMPANY, LLC,
RELATING TO 2022
SKULL CREEK PIPELINE
BREAK
February 1, 2024

This week the United States Department of Justice lodged a consent decree in federal court against Holly Energy Partners—Operating, L.P., and its subsidiary, Osage Pipeline Company,

LLC (referred to together as “HEP”), both with headquarters in Dallas, Texas. The two companies are the co owners of a 20-inch diameter oil pipeline—named the Osage Pipeline—that ruptured within the Sac and Fox Nation Reservation on July 8, 2022. The discharge from the Osage Pipeline spill was—and continues to be—a significant event for the Sac and Fox Nation as its citizens.

The rupture resulted in the discharge of almost 300,000 gallons of crude oil on Indian allotments held in trust by the United States and located about five miles north of Cushing, Oklahoma. If the consent decree is approved by a federal court, the companies would pay \$7.4 million to the United States as a civil penalty for violations of the Clean Water Act.

The oil discharged from the pipeline polluted Skull Creek and its shoreline, impacted soil,

vegetation, surface water, and sediment on the creek bottom. Hundreds of trees, along with plants and shrubs, were destroyed or have been removed as part of response activities. The pipeline rupture has also impacted Sac and Fox cultural resources, including numerous oiled or dead fish and wildlife.

The presence of oil in the creek, which flows into the Cimarron River, has been observed for more than two miles downstream. Oil continues to be visible today.

The leadership of the Sac and Fox Nation believes it is important for the tribe to be heard from concerning the developments in this important, ongoing enforcement action.

Although the discharge occurred on individual Indian allotments, the land is within the Nation’s reservation and homeland, and within its Indian country jurisdiction, and plainly is of major interest to our people. The pipeline rupture and its aftermath point to the problem our tribe and others have encountered historically with the entities that hold rights of way on Indian lands. The Nation is hopeful that some of the provisions included in the proposed consent may help avoid a repeat of some of these issues.

As the filings in federal court note, the ruptured portion of the pipeline had been identified by HEP as a “potential area of concern” in inspections in 2014, but that segment of pipe was not excavated and examined until after the rupture.

Pursuant to the consent decree, HEP will be required to treat the entire pipeline, which runs for about 135 miles from Cushing, Oklahoma, to El Dorado, Kansas, as “known to be susceptible to threat of failure due to cracks” for future operational purposes and inspections, at least until the companies can establish that the threat of failure due to cracks is no longer a risk. The Skull Creek spill points to the importance for all owners and operators of pipelines to maintain them properly.

Following the pipeline rupture, there were delays in the notification given to the Nation, as well as other problems with the emergency response procedures. At times in the clean-up process, the Nation has been treated as if it was a bystander, even though it is the government with the greatest interest in the discharge.

The proposed consent decree sets forth emergency notification (Continued on Page 3)



In the top photo from right, Second Chief Audrey Rose Lee and Business Committee Member Robert Williamson look on as an interpreter speaks to librarians from Mongolia who visited the Cultural Center on Jan. 25. In the above photo, Mr. Williamson speaks to the group about Sac and Fox traditional tribal dwellings. (Photos by Mike Brown)

Sac and Fox Hosts Group of Librarians From Mongolia

The Sac and Fox National Public Library hosted a group of International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) librarians from Mongolia on Jan. 25 in the Sac and Fox Nation Cultural Center. The IVLP is part of Tulsa Global Alliance, and the Tulsa Central Library also hosted the international visitors.

The group was welcomed on the Sac and Fox Nation campus and at the Cultural Center

by several Sac and Fox officials and representatives. Those welcoming the visitors at the Cultural Center included Second Chief Audrey Rose Lee, Business Committee Member Robert Williamson, Sauk Language Dept. Director Katie Thompson and many other tribal staff members.

The group of approximately 10 Mongolian librarians included (Continued on Page 3)

Nominations Open for AARP Native American Elder Honors

Nominations are open for the 16th annual AARP Oklahoma Native American Elder Honors, celebrating 50 Native American elders who have positively impacted our country, state, communities and Indian Country.

Nominations are accepted at aarp.org/OKNativeAmericanElderHonors. The nomination period closes on March 31, 2024. This year’s AARP Oklahoma Native American Elder Honors celebration will occur on November 6.

Since 2009, the annual event, previously known as AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors, has recognized more than 700 elders from Oklahoma’s 39 tribal nations. AARP Oklahoma state director Sean Voskuhl said, “AARP Oklahoma seeks

to recognize elders who embody AARP’s mission and vision and inspire others to serve. We honor Native American elders who positively impact their communities.”

Nominees must be enrolled members of one of Oklahoma’s 39 tribal nations aged 50-plus. Nominees should demonstrate leadership and will be selected based on impactful contributions.

Only complete applications will be considered. Nominees do not have to be AARP members. AARP Oklahoma will select honorees.

Visit aarp.org/OKNativeAmericanElderHonors to learn about the history of AARP Oklahoma Native American Elder Honors.

BHHC Can Now Screen Patients For Diabetic Retinopathy



Pictured above is the first Black Hawk Health Center patient to be screened for diabetic retinopathy using the new JVN Optos machine. Diabetic retinopathy is the leading cause of preventable vision loss and blindness. The JVN Optos machine was developed to provide access to diabetic eye examinations for those patients that have been unable to make their yearly visit to the eye doctor. The patient does not have to dilate their eyes or take out contacts and the procedure only takes 10 minutes to complete. “Black Hawk Health Center is excited to offer this service that will help to prevent diabetic retinopathy and vision loss through early detection,” said Dietitian Josh Nooner, MS, RD/LD, CDCES. (Photo Provided)

Apply Now for OMRF Teen Leadership Program

The Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation is seeking applicants for its 2024-25 Teen Leaders class. Applications are due March 15.

Now in its 12th year, the program is open to high school students entering sophomore, junior and senior years. OMRF’s Teen Leaders program provides group activities, panel discussions with OMRF scientists and state civic leaders and time in the foundation’s labs.

Students leave with the leadership skills and tools to be change-makers in their communities. The program also helps expand OMRF’s reach to the next generation.

“Last year, we updated the program to include more time with our scientists,” said OMRF’s Katherine Jackson, who oversees the program. “This

year, we’re excited to offer students more individualized attention and exposure to our labs.”

One student who has appreciated the programming change is third-year Teen Leader Parinita

Varshney, a senior at Oklahoma City’s Classen School of Advanced Studies. “My experience has deepened my insight into the meticulous processes that (Continued on Page 10)

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Obituaries

Shawnee resident, Edward Blaine Taylor, passed away Thursday, February 1, 2024, in Oklahoma City.

Edward, the son of Earl Taylor and Valarie Patterson, was born December 10, 1982, in Ada. He graduated from Shawnee High School with the class of 2001. On March 26, 2007, he married Cyndi Mitchell, in Shawnee.

Edward was a Gaming Management professional and his work ethic empowered him to provide for his family. He was adventurous and enjoyed fishing, a sports enthusiast, and loved playing with his pet dogs. More than anything he enjoyed spending time with his loving wife, Cyndi. One of Edward's greatest achievements was being a father.

He was a lifelong member of the Sac and Fox Nation and is a member of the Thunder clan. He was also a proud descendant of The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma.

He was preceded in death by his

Edward Blaine Taylor

grandparents, Carol Mack Patterson, and Wanda and Robert Lena.

Edward is survived by his wife, Cyndi, of the home; Sons, Jace Logan, of Paden, Anthoni Barela, of Shawnee, Silviano Mitchell, of Kansas; Father, Earl Taylor and wife, Leoma Taylor, of Okeechobee, Florida; Mother, Valarie Patterson, of Shawnee; sisters, Jade Taylor, of Shawnee, Mvnetta Harjo Atay and Brother-in-Law Sergeant Justin Atay, of Tulsa; niece, Mia Harjo Vargas, of Tulsa; nephew, Sergio Leonell Vargas, of Tulsa; Grandfather, Don Patterson, of Tonkawa, Grandmother, Wanda Lasley, of Tama, Grandmother, Raejean Lasley, of Tama, and many, many aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family.

Viewing was February 4, 2024, at Swearingen Funeral Home in Seminole. Services were February 5, 2024, at Swearingen Funeral Home. Burial followed at the Old Dance Ground Cemetery, on Moccasin Trail, west of Center-

view. Services were under the direction of Swearingen Funeral Home in Seminole.



Edward Blaine Taylor

Janice Kay Rollins Vassar

Janice Kay Rollins Vassar, always known as Jan, was born on June 19, 1940, in the Indonesian village of Talang-Aker, and she spent the early years of her life in Pendopo, Sumatra, Indonesia, where her father, Ivan (Ike) Belmont Rollins, worked in the oil industry. She and her parents, Ike and Gene Garnett Griffith Rollins, moved with Ike's job to many locations in the U.S. and worldwide prior to settling in Tulsa, where she was a proud member of the first graduating class of Thomas Edison High School, Class of 1958.

She attended Lindenwood College in St. Charles, Missouri and obtained a bachelor's degree from the University of Tulsa.

Jan was married to Paul Miner Vassar in 1962 in Tulsa, and they lived in Norman before moving to Chandler in 1965. She raised David Sloan and Andrew Paul Vassar in the family home at 500 North Chigger Road and resided there until her passing in her own bed in the early hours of February 5, 2024.

She worked in journalism for many years, including KTUL television in Tulsa, for various publications including the *Stroud American* and the *Lincoln County News*, and freelance work. From 1985 to 2010 she was editor of the tribal newspaper and head librarian of the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma, and greatly treasured her time working there and the lifelong friends she made at powwows and in compiling an oral history of the tribe. Jan never wavered from her exacting standards of journalism, always commenting on dress, language, and style of both print and broadcast journalists she read and saw.

Jan was active in the community and state, serving on the Oklahoma Education Commission, Lincoln County Equalization Board, in various capacities with the Lincoln County Democratic Party, as founding member of the Lincoln County Arts & Humanities Council, PEO, the First United Methodist Church, and as a Board Member of the Chosen House and the Oklahoma Historical Society. She was especially proud of her organizational role in support of the Indian Summer Arts Festival on the Lincoln County courthouse lawn in the early 1980s.

Recently, she was proud to serve on the committee which made recommendations to the Chandler City Manager and Council.

Jan truly traveled the globe in her more than eight decades. In addition to Indonesia, oilfield stops and travels included every settled continent. Jan always subscribed to the axiom attributed to Mark Twain: "If you travel you cannot be prejudiced."

In addition to travel, she enjoyed time with her family and friends, history, music of all kinds, reading, and current events. She was a lifelong, dedicated Methodist who believed and practiced the Wesleyan Quadrilateral of scripture, tradition, reason and experience. She was an ardent Democrat.

She loved animals and nature, and the Vassar Home was always a haven for both domestic and wild creatures. In 1995, she acquired Top Cottage on the Illinois River and as late as Labor Day 2023 treasured the time spent there among the tall pines and clear waters of the Cookson Hills.

Predeceasing Jan were her parents, Ike and Gene Rollins, aunts Cecille Bales and Shirley Blackwell, uncles Verl, Vade and Lee Griffith, and cousins Bonnie Matles, Donna Schmidt and Jim Griffith.

She is survived by Paul, David of Dallas, Andrew and daughter-in-law Mary Ann of Tulsa, cousins Vaden Bales and Sally and Steve Strong of Tulsa, Larry Blackwell of Florida, Terri and Don Grabendike of Kansas, Paula and Peter Morse of South Carolina, Susie Ryan of Kansas, Jane Logue of Illinois, brothers and sisters in law Joe Sam and Linda Vassar of Bristow and William A. III and Rene Vassar of Edmond, nephew and niece William A. IV and Ashlea Vassar of Fort Worth, her beloved dog Yeti and cat Nicky, and hundreds of friends she considered her cousins.



Jan Vassar

Happy March Birthday Elders!

Allen, William Dale

Anderson, Lawana Ann

Arellano, Tammy Dawn

Armstrong, Cynthia

Bass, Joseph

Blackbear, Christy Mae

Blankenship, John Terry

Bouzis, Michelle Louise

Brice, Tony Ray

Cain, Tressia Annette

Carter, Charles Robert Jr.

Chavez, Marcy Ann

Conallis-Hennig, Martha Ann

Conner, Emily S.

Crook, Mary Ann

Cross-Chandler, Debra Lynn

Delaware, Robert F

Deweese, Mary Lynne

Donahue, Patricia

Edmonson, Kenneth Wayne

Elliott, Terri Denise

Ellis, Connie Yvette

Ellis, Vincent John Sr.

Falls, Emerson E

Franklin, Marilyn Renee

Garcia, Lou Ann

Garcia, Ruben Martias

Gibbs, Leslie Dean

Giffin, Kai Joseph

Grant, Austin Jr.

Grant, Saginaw III

Gutierrez, Kimberly Deann

Hagler, Clarence Edward

Harris, David Jr.

Hastings, Robert Lee

Hawkins-Ramos, Barbara Sue

Heite, Gayle Donell

Hunter, Henry Owen

Johnson, Barbara Marie

Johnson, Deborah Collette

Johnson, John Brantley

Jones, Melanie Diane

Judy, Clifton Bruce Jr.

Kanes, Samuel William

Klein, Terri Elaine

Kroll, Carrie Lynn

Lauderdale, Tracy Zay

Lopez, Lela J

Lucero, Corey J

Maker, Marcelle Judy

Manatowa-Mastel, Elizabeth A

Marez, Virginia

Masters, Eugene Henry Jr.

Maurer, Rosemary

McClellan, Darrell Victor

Meadows, Mary Elizabeth

Meadows, Temple Shane

Merchberger, Sharen E

Misner, Stephanie Lynn

Mogren, Eva Louise

Morgan, Larry Francis

Murie, Denise Jane

Musgrove, Robert A

Neilsen, Marie Lynn

Patterson, David Mitchell

Patterson, Jessica Dawn

Perez, Sean Kevin

Petitt, Stephen Anthony

Poitras, Mark Steven

Ramseyer, Brian Scott

Riley #103634, Gary Kevin

Riska, Kelly Denyce

Riska, Terry David

Roberts, Melanie Kay

Rolette, Sandra Kay

Root, Stacy Ann

Roubidoux, Doyle Mark

Rumbaugh, Charles Marvin

Safford, Susan Eileen

Sauls, Charlet Renee

Schexnider, Timothy

Simpson, Patsy Diann

Smith, Beatrice Irene

Steele, Renee Kay

Stephens, James David

Sutor, Dorris Kay

Tahkopper, Deborah Grace

Tiger, Jimmie Carol

Tyner, William Kyle III

Wakole, Billy Thurman Jr.

Wakolee, Robert Eugene

Wallace, John

Wallace, Randy Lynn

Wallace, Veronica Lynn

Whaley, Frankie Theresa

Wood, Paula Elizabeth

Yarholer, Patricia Nell

**Obituaries Continued
On Page 11.**

Sac and Fox Nation Education Department News

by Edwina Butler-Wolfe

Hello Tribal Members!!

The Education Department has been busy for the start of 2024. January started out Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Consultation with the Oklahoma City Metro public schools. The schools consist of Oklahoma City, Edmond, Norman, Moore, Mid Del, Putnam City, and Western Heights Public Schools. We also met with Ada Public School and Latta Public School and Stillwater Public School. List below shows how many each school has

enrolled Sac and Fox tribal members attending:	
Oklahoma City	35
Edmond	1
Norman	10
Moore	20
Mid Del	7
Putnam City	5
Western Heights	4
Ada	1
Latta	0
Stillwater	19

We have more scheduled ESSA Consultation scheduled for the next months to come. Each schools listed above during the consultations go over the district demographics and Native American demographics. Discussions of where federal dollars are spent educating our Native American Indian Students that attend their schools. Federal Programs consist of Title I, Title II, Title III, Title IV, Title V, Title VI, Title IX and Impact Aide.

Some schools have additional grants: Carl Perkins, and ESSER Homeless 796. The Title Federal programs help pay and support remediation specialists, tutors, behavior specialists for extended learning. Summer learning, parent and family engagement events and materials. Instructional materials, instructional technology, Professional development for instructional staff, bilingual dictionaries. Homeless liaison salary and homeless liaison benefits that some schools that have ESSER Homeless 796 program. These are just some of the discussions that go on at an ESSA Consultation.

WINNERS OF THE BLACK-HAWK LEADERSHIP AND JIM THORPE ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR 2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR

WE HAD TWO FEMALE WINNERS THIS YEAR FOR THE BLACKHAWK LEADERSHIP AWARD DUE TO NO ENTRIES FOR A MALE JIM THORPE ATHLETIC AWARD:

- BREYANA SARAE NEKOLE RAMIREZ: Breyana attends Flandreau Public School, Flandreau, South Dakota;
- ERICA EVELYN JOY CLINE: Erica attends Meeker Public School, Meeker, Oklahoma;

FEMALE JIM THORPE ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

- KIMBERLY RAINE WOOD: Kimberly attends Meeker Public School, Meeker, Oklahoma;

MALE BLACKHAWK LEADERSHIP AWARD

- MALACHI ELIAS GRASS: Malachi attends Union Public School, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Each winner will receive \$2,000.00 dollar tuition to a college or university of their choice for a school year. They will have to submit a complete RAP Application for the Fall of 2024 to be funded for their scholarship award for the Fall 2024. RAP application consists of showing that they are accepted at their choice of college or university. Winners will have to maintain a 2.0 GPA to be qualified to continue to receive their scholarship award until they receive their bachelor's degree. SCHOLARSHIP IS ONLY FOR A SCHOOL YEAR NOT PER SEMESTER.

REMINDER!

THE 2023-2024 HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR BANQUET WILL BE TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024, 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm, at the Grand Casino, Shawnee, Oklahoma. PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 9, 2024. CALL THE SAC AND FOX NATION EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT 918 968-3526, EXTENSION: 2043 JUSTIN MORRIS OR EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE EXTENSION: 2046.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Sac and Fox Nation Education Department.

Thank you,
Edwina Butler-Wolfe
Director of Education

Tonia George

EDUCATION SUPPORT STAFF
SAC & FOX NATION
STEP GRANT

Tonia George is a new support staff member for the Sac and Fox Nation Education Department. The Sac and Fox Nation STEP Grant program is a coordinated effort with the Tribal Education Departments National Assembly (TEDNA) to support Title VI Indian Education.

Tonia will work with Prague, Cushing and Stroud Public Schools Title VI Indian Education Programs. This partnership will support the schools' capacity to help tribal students succeed and to assist in providing resources.

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Background

An enrolled member of the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma and a descendant of a Northern California Paiute Tribe. Tonia has 14 years' experience working in Indian Education, the Johnson O'Malley (JOM) program and the UNITY youth program.

She has a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership from the University of Oklahoma and plans to continue her graduate studies in the near future.

Residing in Shawnee, Oklahoma, she enjoys baking and spending time with grandchildren.

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PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

Sac & Fox Nation
High School Senior Banquet

Banquet is for Sac and Fox High School Seniors only that will be graduating school year 2023/2024. Students will be allowed two adult guests (18 years or older). No children ages 0 through 17 will be allowed in at the banquet. Please dress in business attire.

Tribal Stoles will be handed out along with a gift by the Sac and Fox Nation Education Department

TUESDAY APRIL 16TH 2024
6PM TO 9PM
Ball Room
777 GRAND CASINO BLVD,
SHAWNEE, OK 74804

Please RSVP before April 8, 2024, so that we can get a good count.
Please call 918-968-3526 Ext: 2043, Justin Morris or 2046 Edwina Butler-Wolfe

PUBLIC NOTICE

A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF
THE SAC AND FOX NATION
BUSINESS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD
ON MARCH 26 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE
CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE
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NATIVE LANGUAGE IN THE WORKPLACE

A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION



Katie Thompson // Sauk Language Dept. // Moderator

Katie Thompson is a member of the Sac and Fox Nation. Her Sauk name is Chakíhkwe, meaning “Little Woman.” She is from the Peace Clan. She is also a descendant of Pawnee, Iowa, Otoe, and Kiowa. Katie grew up in Cushing, OK and currently lives in Sapulpa, OK. Katie is the acting director for the Sauk Language Department. Katie began working with fluent speakers of the Sauk language when she was 18 years old. She worked for the Sauk Language Department as a language instructor for 6 years and is currently in her 7th year serving as the director.



Faithlyn Seawright // Miss Indian Oklahoma // Panelist

Faithlyn Taloa Seawright is the 2024 Miss Indian Oklahoma and a proud tribal member of the Chickasaw Nation with Oklahoma Choctaw, Cherokee, and Mississippi Choctaw ancestry. Her Chickasaw and Choctaw name, Taloa, means ‘To Sing’. She is the 26-year-old daughter of Gwen Burris and Larry Seawright. She is a participant of the Chikasha Academy Adult Immersion Program, where she has the opportunity to learn her language. Upon graduation, she wants to teach the Chickasaw language. In 2021, she received her bachelor’s degree in Museum Studies from the Institute of American Indian Arts.



Sarah Adams // Activist // Panelist

Sarah Adams is an advocate for Native American culture, education, and rights. She is a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. Sarah co-created an intertribal, empowerment organization called Matriarch that serves Indigenous women, 2 Spirit and non-binary people in central and NE Oklahoma. She worked alongside other Native advocates to see Indigenous Peoples’ Day recognized in OKC. Sarah is a board member of the ACLU of Oklahoma, The Auntie Project, Nappy Roots Books, the Third Space Foundation, Respect Diversity Foundation, is a proud member of Central Oklahoma Two Spirit Society.



Jennifer Barnes-Kerns // U.S. Department of State // Panelist

Jennifer Barnes-Kerns has been a foreign service officer with the U.S. Department of State since 2009. She grew up on her family’s allotment land in Ada, Oklahoma. Though she has spent most of the past 14 years overseas, this year she was awarded a highly competitive sabbatical fellowship in Oklahoma through the Una Chapman Cox Foundation to study historical and modern tribal government relations with federal, state, and local governments as well as inter-tribal government relations; to study the Chickasaw language; and to raise awareness of foreign service career opportunities in Native American communities.



Della Warrior // The MICA Group // Panelist

Della Warrior (Otoe-Missouria) is President and CEO of MICA Group. She co-founded MICA Group in 2006 with Cherokee Chief Wilma Mankiller and has served on MICA’s board of directors since its inception. Warrior was the first (and to-date, only) woman to serve as Chairperson and CEO of the Otoe-Missouria Tribe. She is the former Director of the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture in Santa Fe, N.M. For twelve years before that, she was president of the Institute of American Indian Arts, where she raised over \$100 million and established the first permanent campus for the institution.

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March Scramble

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iakpkîhshwâk

whpîokphâa

omwainteât

kewntêhchehpikiiâch

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March 2024 Word Match

Pâpohkwîha	It blows from
Menôhkamîmi	Uprooted by the wind
Aniwânematwi	The wind blows from
Inâshinwa	Blows in on the wind and lands
Otânematwi	Tree that squeaks in the wind
Otenwi	It blows hard
Pakisâshinwa	Rain water
Kashkîpâhkwi	Spring
Kechichêpihkâsenwi	March
Kemiyânâpowi	Blown by the wind

SAUK LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS & NEWS

March 2024
Pâpôhkwîha
(Half and Half Moon)
Happy St. Patrick's Day
Pîthehkâko Ashkipakyâwi Shehkitâkanani!
(Wear Y'all's Green Clothes.)

From the Sauk Language Department.

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

The Sauk Language Department now has 3 FREE downloadable, stand-alone language apps for both Android and iPhones. Go to Google Play Store or iTunes to get yours today and start learning Sauk.

Join us online or visit our website for Sauk words and to play games at www.talksauk.com!



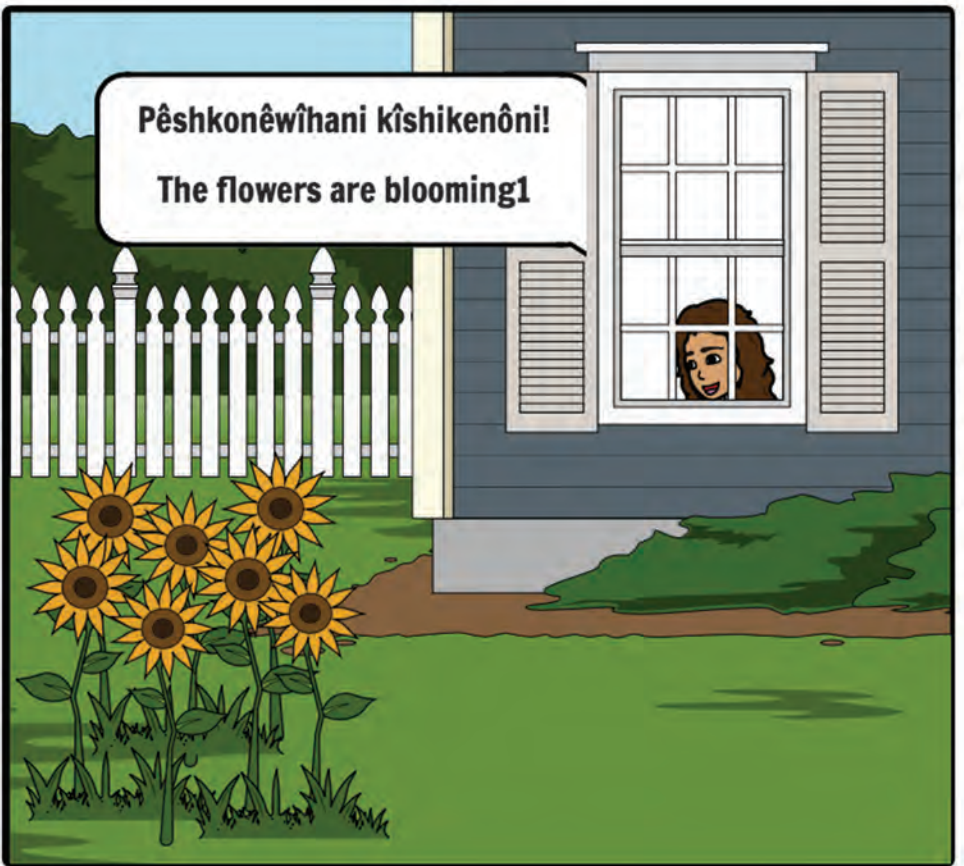
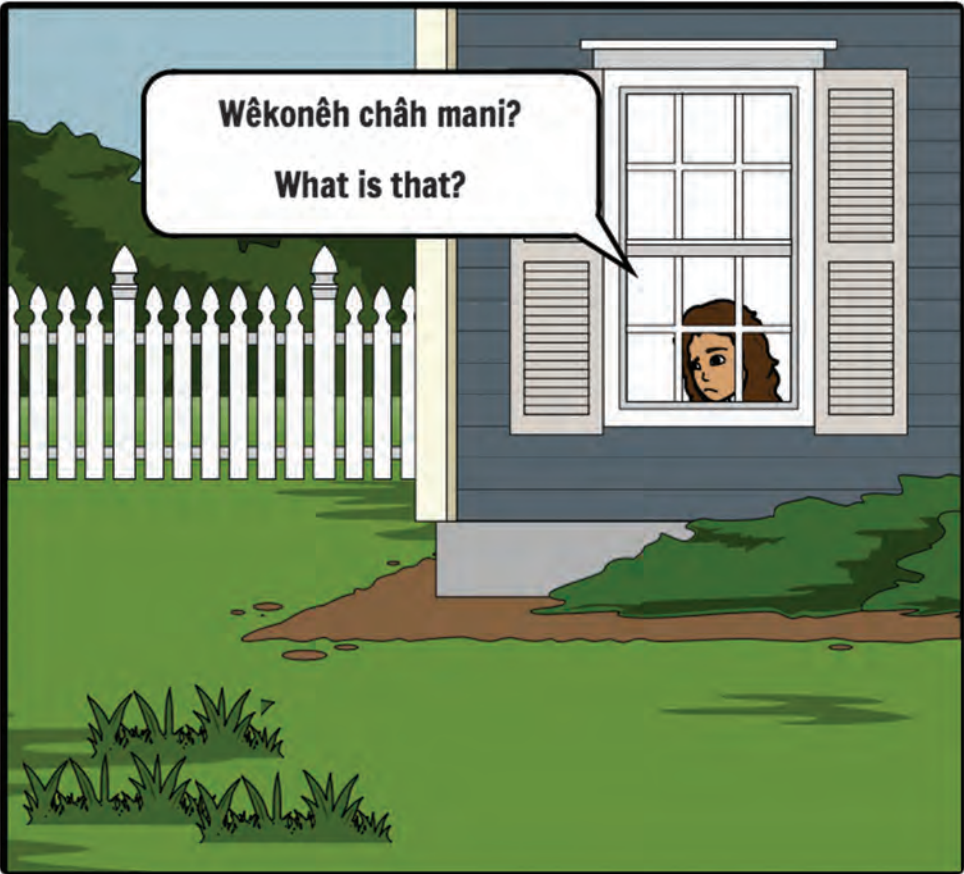
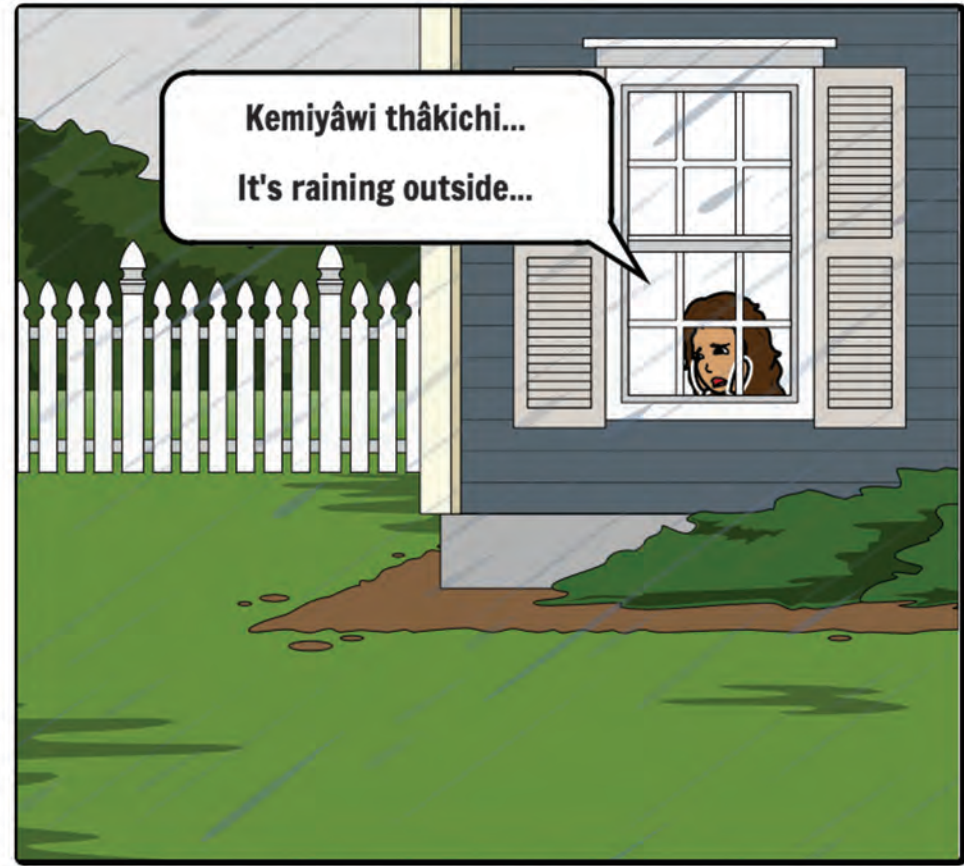
Suggestions and comments from tribal members are always welcome on programs you have attended, or would like to see scheduled.
Call 918-968-3526 or 800-259-3970, or email at: Katie.Thompson@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov



March 2024 Quotes

- When you know who you are; when your mission is clear and you burn with the fire of unbreakable will; no cold can touch your heart; no deluge can dampen your purpose. You know you are alive.
- Chief Seattle, Duwamish (1780-1866)
- One does not sell the land people walk on.
- Crazy Horse, Oglala Lakota (1840-1844)
- It does not require many words to speak the truth.
- Chief Joseph, Nez Perce (1840-1904)

March Comic



Business Committee Meeting Minutes

Please be advised that the following are official actions taken by the Business Committee in a Special Business Committee meeting held on January 30, 2024. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

- 1. Audrey Rose Lee motion to approve the Regular Business Committee Meeting minutes dated January 11, 2024. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- 2. **Resolution SF-24-82**, a resolution approving the Chicago Blackhawks Advisory Committee By-Laws, Grant Approval Process, and Application Criteria with corrections. Audrey Rose Lee-motion. Robert E. Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes. Motion carried.
- 3. Robert E. Williamson motion to approve the ARPA funding request for DPS/Police Department in the amount of Forty-Six Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars and Forty-Five Cents (\$46,165.45). Carla J. Wallace-2nd. VOTE: Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes. Motion carried.
- 4. Carla J. Wallace motion to ratify the following motions and resolution:
 - a. Approval of Tribal Emergency Home Repair (TEHR) assistance for 33898 St. Louis Rd, Asher, OK 74826 / Requesting to amend the amount of Contract #2023-11-03 from \$2,300.00 to \$4,300.00.
 - b. Approval of Tribal Emergency Home Repair (TEHR) assistance for 121 N. High Ave, Shawnee, OK 74801 / Contract #2024-01-02 in the amount of \$5,000.00.
 - c. Approval of Tribal Emergency Home Repair (TEHR) assistance for 12080 Duck Pond, Claremore, OK 74017 / Contract #2024-01-03 in the amount of \$5,000.00.
 - d. Approval of Tribal Emergency Home Repair (TEHR) assistance for 501 S. 3rd Ave, Stroud, OK 74079 / Contract #2024-01-04 in the amount of \$1,053.00.
 - e. Approval of Tribal Emergency Home Repair (TEHR) assistance for 506 E. Wallce St, Shawnee, OK 74801 / Contract #2024-01-05 in the amount of \$10,000.00.
 - f. **Resolution SF-24-81**, a resolution approving a one-year tribal membership from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 to the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association and authorizing payment of the annual tribal membership dues in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and appointing Principal Chief Randle Carter as Voting Delegate and Treasurer Carla J. Wallace as Alternate Voting Delegate. Audrey Rose Lee-2nd. VOTE: Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes. Motion carried.
- 5. Audrey Rose Lee motion to approve the Air Technologies HVAC Service Agreement with corrections. Robert E. Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes. Motion carried.
- 6. **Resolution SF-24-83**, a resolution authorizing and approving the Detention Service Agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center and the Osage Nation. Lana J. Butler-motion. Robert E. Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- 7. **Resolution SF-24-84**, a resolution approving and authorizing the submission of an application to the US Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime, Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Formula Solicitation for Fiscal Year 2024. Audrey Rose Lee-motion. Lana J. Butler-2nd. VOTE: Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes. Motion carried.
- 8. **Resolution SF-24-85**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2024 Revenue Allocation Plan Newspaper Budget in the total funding amount of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00). Robert E. Williamson-motion. Carla J. Wallace-2nd. VOTE: Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes. Motion carried.
- 9. Lana J. Butler motion to approve the Delta Environmental Services Company proposal for asbestos abatement work at the property of 1224 E. Main Street, Shawnee, Oklahoma in the amount of Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars (\$4,926.00). Audrey Rose Lee-2nd. VOTE: Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes. Motion carried.

Business Committee Meeting Minutes

- 10. **Resolution SF-24-86**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2024 Department of the Interior Office of Self-Governance Budget in the total amount of One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$145,000.00). Lana J. Butler-motion. Audrey Rose Lee-2nd. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes. Motion carried.
- 11. **Resolution SF-24-87**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2024 Indian Health Service Compact Office of Self-Governance Budget in the total amount of One Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$134,000.00). Lana J. Butler-motion. Robert E. Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Randle-Yes, Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- 12. Lana J. Butler motion to approve the following Charitable Donation: We The Women \$1,000.00 for a total amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). Robert Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Audrey-Yes, Lana-Yes, Carla-Yes, Robert-Yes, Randle-Yes. Motion carried.

March Word Search

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SAC AND FOX TAX COMMISSION
REVENUE
April 2023

Beer and Liquor.....	\$307.92
Motor Vehicle.....	\$8,983.18
Sales Tax.....	\$16,414.50
Treasury.....	\$1,115.00
Oil and Gas.....	\$0.00
Gaming.....	\$210,177.26
TOTAL.....	\$236,997.86

March 2024 Word List

Pâpohkwîha	March
Menôhkamîmi	Spring
Aniwânematwi	It blows hard
Inâshinwa	blown by the wind
Otânematwi	It blows from
Otenwi	The wind blows from
Pakisâshinwa	Blows in on the wind and lands
Kashkîpâhkwi	Tree that squeaks in the wind
Kechichêpihkâsenwi	Uprooted by the wind
Kemiyânâpowi	Rain water

In Loving Memory



Brandon Kaseca Sr.
Memorial Vigil
Friday March 8th,
2024

- The Memorial Walk for Brandon will begin at 2:00pm at the Fairview Cemetery in Shawnee, Oklahoma.
- The walk will end in front of the Shawnee Police Department.
- A candlelight vigil will take place and the family would like to take a moment of silence in honor and remembrance of Brandon James Kaseca Sr.
- A Memorial Dinner will follow at the Sac & Fox Multipurpose at 215 North Harrison Avenue, Shawnee, Oklahoma.
- The family has asked that you be respectful and courteous during this time.



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Are you eager to improve or learn more about Sauk Language? Begin your certification and share the responsibility of language keepers & teachings! Join our Sauk I Class Language Exchange Meetup and embark on a cultural journey filled with fun, connection, and personal growth. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity!



TUESDAYS
7:00 - 8:00 pm
February 6th-April 9th 2024



Sac & Fox Multi-Purpose Building
214 Harrison Ave.
Shawnee, OK 74801

What to Expect :



For more information :
Katie.thompson@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov
Zane.talton@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov

918-968-3526 Ext. 1075
*children welcomed with accompanied adult

WE ARE HIRING

JOB OPENINGS

Housekeeper – Juvenile Detention Center #2024-18, (Stroud)

Assistant Cook – Human Services #2024-19 (Part-time, Stroud)

Executive Assistant (Gaming) #2023-43 (Shawnee)

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

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) (BHHC, Stroud)

Behavioral Health Case Manager (BHHC, Stroud) # 2023-36

Behavioral Health Licensed Therapist (BHHC, Stroud) #2023-37

Realty Specialist #1 (Stroud) #2023-51

Policy Analyst, #2024-05 (Stroud)

Laboratory X-Ray Assistant #2024-07 (Stroud)

Meal Delivery Driver – Position #2 (Part-time) #2024-10 (Stroud)

Capitol Security Officer #2024-11 (Stroud)

Food Services Coordinator – JDC #2024-13 (Stroud)

Temporary ARPA Realty Clerk, #2024-16 (Stroud)

Cook – Juvenile Detention Center #2024-21 (Stroud)

Language Coordinator – (Stroud)

Shift Manager – Juvenile Detention Center #2024-22 (Stroud)

Custodian I – Maintenance #2024-23 (Stroud)

Maintenance Technician – Maintenance 2024-24 (Stroud)

Landscaper/Laborer – Maintenance 2024-25 (Stroud)

Enrollment Assistant #2024-26 (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
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

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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

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 **Cultural Center** in Stroud, OK. Meetings are open to the public. The Activity Committee encourages membership, ideas, suggestions and/or concerns of the organization and hosting events.

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 - 1008

• Second Chief - 1004

• 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.

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

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

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

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

6 City, state, and ZIP code

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

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

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

Social security number

or

Employer identification number

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

Sign Here

Signature of U.S. person ►

Date ►

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-INT (interest earned or paid)
• 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)



COMMUNITY CONNECT

A Monthly Insight into Community Health at Black Hawk Health Center

Dietician Corner

Josh Nooner

4 strategies for kidney-friendly eating

Eat protein in moderation

Eat protein in moderation. Protein creates waste called urea, which kidney disease makes hard to remove and can make you feel tired or lose your appetite.

Skip salt and sodium

Skip salt and sodium. Consuming salt or sodium makes it difficult for your body to maintain the right water-salt balance. They can also cause fluid retention and high blood pressure (hypertension).

Control potassium

Control potassium. Sometimes referred to as the ‘other salt’, potassium can build up when your kidneys aren’t working as well as they should. Too much potassium can cause irregular heartbeat or a heart attack. Foods high in potassium include potatoes, tomato, bananas, and milk.

Limit phosphorus

Limit phosphorus. Another mineral that’s hard to remove when you have kidney disease, phosphorus can build up and cause weakened bones, or cardiovascular disease. High-phosphorus foods include biscuits, pizza, and processed meats.

Talk to your doctor or dietitian to understand what to eat and drink, as well as your recommended portions.

Your body will process things differently with kidney disease. Committing to kidney-friendly eating can help you feel better and stay healthier.

Dr. Linda Blunt encourages everyone to speak with their Provider for assistance with their kidney wellness



COMMUNITY CONNECT

March 2024

A Monthly Insight into Community Health at Black Hawk Health Center



“TAKE CARE OF YOUR KIDNEYS AND THEY WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU”



WHAT ARE KIDNEYS AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

Kidneys are twin organs shaped like kidney beans. They’re located below the rib cage in the middle of your back. In adults, each kidney is about the size of a closed fist. Kidneys are like a 24-hour cleaning machine for your blood .The kidneys are joined to your bladder by tubes called ureters. These tubes carry urine from the kidney to the bladder. The kidneys filter your blood and make urine.

What can I do to protect the function of my kidneys?

- Keep your blood pressure below 140/90
- Stay in your target cholesterol range
- Eat foods lower in salt
- Eat more fruits and vegetables
- Stay active.
- Take your medications as directed

FNS HANDBOOK 501 EXHIBIT M				
FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPİR)				
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.				
48 Contiguous United States:			Use this Amount	
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standards		SNAP Standard Deduction	FDPİR 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
7	\$3,785	+	\$279	\$4,064
8	\$4,214	+	\$279	\$4,493
Each additional member				\$429
Alaska:				
Use this Amount				
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standards		SNAP Standard Deduction	FDPİR 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	+	\$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 additional member				\$536
FNS HANDBOOK 501 EXHIBIT M				

FY 2024 FDPİR 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Urban = \$374Rural 1 = \$477Rural 2 = \$581 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 2024 FDPİR Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deductions		
Effective October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024		
Baseline by Region*		
Region	States Currently with FDPİR 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.		

OPEN HOUSE AT THE SAC AND FOX CULTURAL CENTER

SATURDAY MARCH 30TH 12PM-4PM

The Sac and Fox Historic Preservation Department will be hosting an Open House event at the Cultural Center. We would like to extend the invitation to anyone interested in learning about Historic Preservation.

- Food and Drinks Provided
- Presentation on Sac and Fox Boarding School with OKPAN
- NAGPRA Q&A
- Stickball Demonstration with Choctaw Nation

Contact the Historic Preservation Office for more information. (918) 968-3526 Ext. 1070

CLEAN UP THE SAC AND FOX BOARDING SCHOOL

Saturday March 16th 2pm-5pm

The Sac and Fox Nation Historic Preservation Department, Oklahoma Public Archaeology Network and Oklahoma University are needing volunteers for a collaborative effort to help clean up the area around the Sac and Fox Boarding School. Our goal is to preserve the school and use the area as an educational resource to teach about the history of the school and those who went there.

Contact the Historic Preservation Office for more information. (918) 968-3526 Ext. 1070

OMRF Teen Leadership Program

(Continued from Page 1)

occur in a laboratory setting,” the aspiring physician-scientist said. “It also has sparked my curiosity to learn more about the cardiovascular system.”

In addition to interacting with OMRF’s researchers, selected students learn the fundamentals of nonprofit fundraising and development, networking, and creating impactful social media content. Teens will also enjoy a graduation dinner to cap off program activities in April.

Group sessions will begin in September and continue through the 2024-25 school year, generally on the second Tuesday afternoon of each month. Applicants must demonstrate good academic standing and attend school in Oklahoma.

There is no cost to participate. For more information and to apply, visit www.omrf.org/teen.



KIDS CORNER PICS & CRAFT

Fun Art Activities

- Water Painting
- Sketching
- Dancing and Singing
- Photography
- Coloring
- Crafting

MARCH 21, 2024
3PM TO 6PM
Housing Authority of The Sac and Fox Nation
Place: 201 N. Harrison
405 275-8200

March 19, 2024 Cushing Area TBA

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



Sac and Fox National Public Library Hosted ‘Kothiké’ Games for Elders

On Tuesdays during the month of February, the Sac and Fox National Public Library hosted ‘Kothiké’, or traditional Indian dice games, in the Social Services Bldg. lunch room. More elders’ games are being planned, and are open to the public. Check the library’s Facebook page for upcoming information.



In the photo at left, Sac and Fox National Public Library staff member Karen Rice and tribal elder Ronald Lauderdale are shown with Indian dice a list of ‘Kothiké’ words and phrases. Pictured above from left in the Social Services Bldg. lunch room are: Kenneth Miller, TaaLee Redbird, Cathy Lauderdale and Ronald Lauderdale. (Photos Provided)

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SAC AND FOX TAX COMMISSION REVENUE May 2023	
Beer and Liquor.....	\$362.45
Motor Vehicle.....	\$7,865.33
Sales Tax.....	\$16,695.07
Treasury.....	\$20,890.00
Oil and Gas.....	\$0.00
Gaming.....	\$189,454.88
TOTAL.....	\$235,267.73

Obituaries

Warren Cleve Hunter

Warren Cleve Hunter, 61-years-old, a cherished brother, loving father, beloved uncle, proud grandpa, and treasured friend, born October 3, 1962, peacefully transitioned from this world on February 16, 2024, in Shawnee, Okla., surrounded by his family and dearest friends.

He was an exceptionally skilled carpenter who was sought out to complete countless projects throughout his entire life. Warren’s life was a testament to hard work, kindness, generosity, and unwavering love for those he held close to his heart. His warm smile and compassionate heart touched the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing him.



Warren Cleve Hunter

He leaves behind the legacy of laughter, love, and countless cherished moments that will forever live on in the hearts of those he held dear. Our families and communities will not be the same in his absence. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten, as his spirit continues to shine brightly in the lives of those who knew him.

Warren was preceded in death by his parents, Harrison and Doris Hunter, as well as Lloyd Watts, Richard Watts, Deborah Hunter, Harriett Hunter, and Candy (Karen) Hunter. He is survived by his siblings: Annette Rice, Henry Hunter, and Rita Hunter; his children: Jeremy Warren Frye, Joshua Dean Okema Hunter, Shannon Nichole Frye, his grandchild, Braylon, his longtime companion, Renetta Frye, and his favored niece whom he helped raise, Carrie Spang, among many other nieces, nephews, and grandchildren.

Traditional Sauk Services were held February 18, and February 19, at the Sac and Fox Nation Traditional Indian House, followed by a graveside burial at Hunter Cemetery in Cushing, Okla.

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ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

March 16, 2024
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

SAC & FOX COMMUNITY BUILDING
355797 THAKIWAKI ROAD
STROUD, OK 74079

Breakfast & Lunch Provided

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

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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.

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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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Housing Authority of The
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PRESENTS
BEADING BASICS CLASS

Please sign up and join
our Beading Basics
Class.

We will have two
sessions and seats will
be limited during this
class.

Saturday, March 2,
2024

12:00pm - 2:00pm
&
4:00pm - 6:00pm

You can either sign up
by calling the office
405 275-8200 or via
email K.WOLF@hasfn.net

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FOR SALE

The Housing Authority of the Sac and Fox Nation has two homes for sale in Payne County. Both homes are three bedroom, 1 bath with a garage. The houses are located at 623 and 625 N. Depot Avenue in Cushing, OK. Both properties have undergone an environmental review. For more information, please contact the Executive Assistant at ktaylor@hasfn.net or by phone at (405)275-8200 Ext. 107.

The Housing Authority will be accepting sealed bids through April 11, 2024. Sealed bids may be mailed to P.O. Box 1252 Shawnee, OK 74801, or hand delivered to 201 N. Harrison, Shawnee, OK. If the reserve is not met, the bid deadline may be extended.

Notice of New/Revised HASFN Programs!

Tribal Elder Home Rehabilitation Program (Revised FY 2024)

The Tribal Elder Home Rehabilitation Program is created to assist eligible (low-income, elderly) participants to bring their home back to a decent, safe, and sanitary condition, and to ensure the structural integrity of their home, provides rehabilitation of privately-owned homes belonging to elderly (age 62 and over) Sac and Fox Nation Tribal members and to other elderly of Federally Recognized Tribes. Sac and Fox Nation tribal members are given first preference.

Down Payment and Bridge Assistance Program (FY 2024 NEW Program)

The purpose of the Housing Authority of the Sac and Fox Nation (HASFN) Down Payment and Bridge Assistance Program is to provide low-income Sac and Fox Nation Tribal members and other federally recognized tribes with affordable homeownership financing opportunities to help improve the quality of life in the tribal communities. Sac and Fox Nation tribal members will receive preference.

Non-Sac and Fox tribal members must provide a letter from their tribe stating they are not eligible for down payment assistance or that their tribe does not offer down payment assistance. HASFN's Down Payment and Bridge Assistance is limited to one time assistance for low-income Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Members and members of other federally recognized tribes in purchasing or constructing a home. The service area for Sac and Fox Tribal Members with the Down Payment Program is all property within the United States. The service area for Non-Sac and Fox Tribal Members with the Down Payment Program is the Sac and Fox Jurisdiction (Pottawatomie, Payne, Lincoln Counties).

Bridge Assistance can be used as bridge or gap financing in building or acquiring a home. The assistance includes but is not limited to new construction, acquisition, purchase of home sites, developer's fees, building materials and contractor services. Bridge applicants shall be in the process of building or acquiring the home. The service area for all applicants with the Bridge Program is the Sac and Fox Jurisdiction (Pottawatomie, Payne, Lincoln Counties)

Letter to Tribal Members

Feb. 20, 2024

Dear Tribal Members,

Remembering our past to ensure our survival in the future is crucial. It is equally significant to remember the unresolved questions raised by the Governing-Body during General-Council meetings.

For example, a Tribal Member stated the Business-Committee requested confidential patient medical records. However, there needs to be follow-up, discoverability, and accountability.

The Sac and Fox Nation and Business-Committee is not exempt from Health-Insurance-Portability-and-Accountability-Act (HIPAA). It is individual accountability.

To confirm confidential medical records tampering is not an isolated occurrence by the Business-Committee is crucial. I am a victim of a medical record breach. The Business-Committee requested access to my medical records. I received a certified letter from the Black Hawk Health Center (BHHC) stating the Business Committee requested and received my confidential medical records.

of my documents were retrieved and destroyed. However, I still have concerns that my personal and confidential medical information was read, shared, copied, scanned, or used in any way without my consent.

Subsequently, it became my duty to file a claim with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), and the Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service. If you feel there is a threat or can verify a breach of your confidential medical records, you too may file a claim with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at www.hhs.gov/hipaa/filing-a-complaint/index.html and file with the Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service online form www.ihs.gov/hipaa/contactus/ or call the direct at 405-951-3820.

It is your right to seek a fair and lawful Nation. The action to request records is not a stand-alone issue and must be addressed appropriately and promptly. Again, where is the safeguard for all Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Members?

Respectfully,
Layonda Youngman

OSU Introduces 'Oklahoma Hydronet' to Improve Management Of Water Resources

by Alisa Boswell-Gore

Oklahoma State University researchers have partnered with other state and federal entities to improve the management of water resources across the state.

"We're trying to create a world-class water monitoring network for our state to complement what we already have, which is a world-class meteorological network with the Oklahoma Mesonet," said Tyson Ochsner, professor of plant and soil sciences in the Ferguson College of Agriculture.

Branded the Oklahoma Hydronet, the monitoring system will measure water stored in soil, aquifers and reservoirs. OSU is partnering with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Oklahoma Water Resources Center, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board and the University of Oklahoma for the

project.

“Drought and flooding are always a problem in Oklahoma,” said Chris Adams, monitoring coordinator with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board. “The Hydronet project is about being prepared for those things, so we can see where those water sources are at and plan accordingly. But it will also help us plan for the future.”

Ochsner said whether it is managing droughts and limited irrigation water or trying to predict floods, the state needs better water system monitoring. He said many reservoirs around the state are not currently monitored for water levels.

"The amount of water stored in shallow aquifers can change quite a bit throughout the season and from year to year. I've talked to farmers who have said their crops failed because they ran out of water before their crops reached maturity," Ochsner said. "They don't know how much water will be available to their crops because we don't have that kind of water monitoring system in place across the state."

Ochsner said the first step will be to expand water level monitoring across the state for reservoirs and aquifers. "When making streamflow forecasts for an extreme weather event, it makes a big difference whether the reservoirs are full, empty or somewhere in the middle, but we don't have that information available right now," Ochsner said. "We have a good program to monitor the aquifers once per year, but that data is not provided in a timely fashion and is not going to help those managing water in season."

The Hydronet project will install new sensors to monitor water levels and serve as a communications system for collecting and storing daily data and sharing it online. The system will also create maps and figures to help water managers and forecasters apply the data.

The Oklahoma Mesonet has had soil moisture sensors in place since 1996, but more accurate sensors will replace the outdated sensors at all Mesonet sites, and measurement depths will be extended to better represent the plant root zone.

“There will also be a research component because no one has had integrated water monitoring at this scale, so we haven’t developed the science for using this type of integrative monitoring. This data will open powerful ways for us to make better forecasts for flooding or drought,” Ochsner said. “Some communities rely on unmonitored groundwater aquifers or surface water reservoirs for their community water supply, so being better able to monitor and forecast those water resources will be directly relevant to many water users across the state.”

Ochsner said the project has initial funding through the National Oceanic Atmospheric Association, and researchers are seeking additional funding to maintain and grow the Hydronet beyond the initial two-year installation phase. He said U.S. Rep. Frank Lucas and former Sen. Jim Inhofe played a large role in making the Hydronet project possible.

“Leaders understanding the priority and value of water and water management is key. Water is going to continue to be an important topic for the growth and future of our state,” Ochsner said. “We’re going to continue to find ways to develop and support this effort, so it can have a long-term impact on Oklahoma.”