

Easter Eggstravaganza!!



Little Acetynn Brannon, of Shawnee, Okla., enjoys having her picture taken with Mr. and Mrs. Easter Bunny during the Sac and Fox Nation Activity Committee's 'Easter Eggstravaganza' held March 30 in the Community Bldg. (All Photos by Mike Brown)



Eggstravaganza attendees are pictured voting for the 'Best Decorated Easter Basket' during the popular family event.



Attendees are shown voting for the 'Best Decorated Easter Egg' during the festivities.



Junior Miss Sac and Fox Nation Anessa Hamon and Little Miss Sac and Fox Nation Mahlea Warrior, shown from left, registered attendees for door prizes at the Eggstravaganza.



Brothers Luke and Billy Buoy, members of the Meeker Indian Club, are shown helping distribute Easter eggs for youngsters to hunt.

Death Certificates Now on File for 7 Sac and Fox Tribal Members Who Died Fighting in World War II

by Mike Brown

Memorial Day is an important annual observance for those who have lost family members and friends who died while serving with United States Armed Forces.

Staff members of the Sac and Fox Nation Enrollment Dept. were recently reminded of such sacrifices made in World War II when the death certificates of seven Sac and Fox Nation tribal members were received from the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma's Enrollment Dept.

The death certificates, issued by the United States Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs, were previously held on file at the Absentee Shawnee tribal offices.

Sac and Fox Nation Enrollment

Certificates Received For U.S. Armed Forces Veterans

ment Assistant Johanna Smith noted of the seven tribal members represented in the group of death certificates received, most were in their early 20's when they died, were mainly single and most were full-blood Sac and Fox.

Those veterans who died from fighting in World War II that are in the group of recently received death certificates include:

- Lee Edward Ahcheke, who was born in 1925 and was killed in action in the Pacific Area on March 15, 1945;
- Allen Leonard Crain, who

was born in 1908 and was killed in action on October 7, 1943;

- Thomas Palmer Carter, who was born in 1922 and was killed in action on January 26, 1943;

- Johnnie F. Gokey, who was born in 1925 and was killed in action on April 25, 1945;

- Marion Ruling Harris, who was born in 1922 and was killed in action on August 2, 1944;

- Edison Murdock, who was born in 1911 and died from a gunshot wound in Germany on March 5, 1945; and,

- Zack Thomas Morris, who was born in 1920 and died of wounds received in action on April 17, 1945.

Updated documentation on the seven deceased veterans is now on file with the Sac and Fox Nation.

Chief Randle Carter's Address to the Nation

Greetings all,

At the latest shareholders meeting conducted by the Sauk Business Enterprise Board, several shareholders requested that I write on the topic of Legislative Powers of the Business Committee and Amendments to the Sauk Business Enterprises Charter in the tribal newsletter.

I will also address tribal members' concerns about the Business Committee's salaries, tax commission issues, and investment matters.

Legislative Powers of the Business Committee and Amendments to the Sauk Business Enterprises Charter

The initial version of the Sac and Fox Nation Business Enterprises Act (the "Act") was adopted in 2003 at a meeting of the Governing Council. The amended version of this law today continues to serve as the charter for Sauk Business Enterprises, which manages the Nation's two casinos. In 2007, the Business Committee amended the Act, and there have been other amendments since then to update the law and to address changes in the business.

Over the years, legal opinions

and litigation have confirmed that the Business Committee had and has the power under the Nation's Constitution to amend the Act.

The Constitution of the Nation establishes the powers of the Governing Council, the Courts, the Grievance Committee, and the Business Committee. The powers not expressly reserved to the other branches of government are delegated to the Business Committee. Specifically, under Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution, the Business Committee is granted the power and authority to "transact business" and to "act on behalf of the tribe in all matters" that are not reserved to the Governing Council, the Courts, and the

Grievance Committee. (Em-
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Chief Randle Carter

Notice to All Sac and Fox Tribal Members

A 'Tribal Community Strategic Planning Meeting' is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at the Shawnee Multi-Purpose Center, located at 215 N. Harrison Ave. Shawnee, Okla. from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Sac and Fox Nation Strategic Plan

Community Meeting

May 15th, 2024



- I. Welcome
- II. Introductions
 - a. DWH
 - i. DWH is a tribally-owned firm based in Grand Rapids, Michigan. DWH specializes in helping tribes and businesses explore strategic opportunities, vet business opportunities, and provide expert advice on a host of tribal issues. Building on the market landscape report the Blackhawks presented to Governing Council in February, the Blackhawks have contracted directly with DWH to help our ongoing efforts to support Sac and Fox Nation's economic development and business planning.
- III. Why are we here?
 - a. The Nation is beginning a strategic planning process with an economic development focus. The Business Committee understands that this process will not be successful without significant input from the community. We invite you to join us at in-person community meetings and virtual sessions throughout this planning process. Announcements about these meetings and sessions will be posted in the newsletter, on the tribal website, and on Facebook well in advance and wherever possible include virtual options.
- IV. Needs and priorities
 - a. Thinking about the current tribal economy, what does the tribe do well?
 - b. Thinking about the current tribal economy, what could the tribe do better?
- V. Next Steps
 - a. Join us at the next community session in July (Friday, July 12th at 2pm in the Community Building).

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Obituaries

Kelly Ann (Gregory) Rice

Kelly Ann (Gregory) Rice, knowing her Lord and Savior Jesus, went in love, peace, gladness, and faith to Him at her appointed time, surrounded by her loved ones. She was born February 13, 1966, to Kenneth and Dona (Smith) Gregory, in Pawnee, OK. Kelly was a citizen of the Sac and Fox Nation, and of Chaui Pawnee and Otoe-Missouria descent.

She graduated from Pawnee High School in 1984. Kelly not only enjoyed school but excelled in it. After graduation she briefly attended the University of Oklahoma. Eventually she would make her way back to Pawnee where she was employed at the Pawnee Nation as a receptionist and later the Pawnee Nation Trading Post, as a retail clerk.

From February 3, 1990 - May 4, 1998, she was the Johnson O'Malley Program tutor at Pawnee Public Schools where she loved, nurtured, and advocated for her students, especially her Native American students. From an early age, Kelly wanted to be a teacher and after encouragement from Superintendent Ned Williams, she continued her pursuit of a higher education. She was a full-time wife and mother while working part-time at the Pawnee Nation Finance

Department and commuting to Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa.

In 2001, she earned an Associate of Arts Degree in Education from Northern Oklahoma College; followed by a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education in 2004, from Oklahoma State University. Beginning August 2004, Kelly began employment with Pawnee Public Schools as a 2nd grade teacher and later would move up to 3rd grade. During her twelve years, she was named Elementary Teacher of the Year twice and Oklahoma Council for Indian Education (OCIE) Teacher of the Year.

Though these awards were an honor for her, she valued her students' accomplishments more than her own. Her teaching philosophy was "An understanding heart is everything in a teacher, and cannot be esteemed highly enough. One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feeling. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child." - Carl Jung.

She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends; learning to speak

Pawnee language, reading the Bible, crafting, singing, observing nature, and going to her grandchildren's activities. Kelly helped to care for her mother and father in their final years and reunited with them in the early morning hours on Sunday, March 17, 2024.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Harold and Mary Gregory; maternal grandparents, Charles and Velma Smith; parents, Kenneth and Dona Gregory; uncle, Kenneth Smith; aunts, Berdina George and Anna Lee Burgess; and other family and friends.

Kelly is survived by her high school sweetheart and husband of 36 years, James KnifeChief-Rice; daughter, Gwen Piccolella and husband Brian; son, Zachary Rice and wife Breanna; niece/daughter, Jamie Joshua and husband Randall; four grandsons, Gabriel, Jordan, Mason, and Jeremiah; three granddaughters, Aashari, Jaya, and Jalisa; brothers, James Gregory and children; David Gregory, wife Adrienne, and daughter; sister, Margaret McIntosh and daughters; aunts, Jo Only A Chief and children, June Hamilton and children, Virginia Riley and children, Nena Whiteshirt and children; uncle, Thomas Whiteshirt, Sr., wife Deborah, and children; life-long best friend and sister in Christ, Kathy Morgan and children; numerous nieces and nephews.

Jackie S. Carter-Morrison

Jackie S. Carter-Morrison, 87, passed peacefully surrounded by loved ones March 15, 2024 in Meeker, Okla. but, was a long-term resident of Bethany, Okla. She was born to Carl and Ruby Couteau in Ada, OK on September 10, 1936. She was sister to Orville and Don Couteau, Carletta Henthorn, Carlena Hagler, Shirley Whittington, Barbara Reeves, and Mable Walton.

Jackie grew up in the Shawnee, Okla. area, met and married a handsome airman named Charles R. Carter on April 9, 1954 and after celebrating 50 years of a fruitful loving marriage, she was sadly widowed. She reunited and married a mutual old friend/neighbor/serviceman named Lowell (Tim) Morrison and they spent six happy years together until he passed.

Jackie loved to cook and tend to her flower garden, but her focus was Jesus and her beloved church family at Gospel Tabernacle which she attended for over 60 years faithfully was her priority. She was a loving mom, grandmother and great-grandmother. Jackie retired in 2004 as a Secretary for the Okla. State Department of Rehabilitative Services. Additionally, she was an enrolled elder tribal member of the Sac and Fox Nation.

Jackie was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Charles Carter; second husband, Tim Morrison; brothers, Orville and Don; sister, Carlena; son, Derek; daughter, Carla Gayle Parker; grandson, Jason Scott Parker; and great-grandson, Carter Blaze Alleman.

She is survived by her four sisters, Carletta, Shirley and husband Harold, Barbara, and Mable and husband Larry; son, Charles R. Carter, Jr. and wife Dewieta; grandson, Karl and wife Carrie; great-grandchildren, Conner and Karlie; and great-great-granddaughter, Emery Rose Carter; granddaughter, Amanda and husband Henry Ndezue; great-grandsons, Alex and Elijah; and great-granddaughter, Adriana Carrera; daughter, Dianna Sue McCaulla; granddaughter, Melodee and husband Troy Shepherd; great-granddaughter, Taylor Smith; great-grandson, Nate and wife Elisa; great-great-grandsons, Bentley, Kash, and one on the way Smith; and great-grandson, Lane Williams; grandson, Joshua and wife Angel Alleman; great-granddaughters, Emma and Shelby McCaulla, and Pyper Alleman; granddaughter, Kristen and husband Vince; great-grandsons Zach and Cody; and great-granddaughter, Rhiley Crow; granddaughter, Jillian Paige Parker; great-grandson, Jeremy Spivey, Jr., and great-granddaughters, Bristi and Riley Parker; daughter, Sandra and husband Lee; granddaughter, Hanna; and grandson, Brandon Blalack; and a multitude of extended loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at Gospel Tabernacle in Spencer, Okla. with interment in Bethany Cemetery, Bethany, Okla.



Jackie S. Carter-Morrison



Kelly Ann (Gregory) Rice

Happy May Birthday Elders!

Abke, Candace Margaret
Ashley, Reginald
Baggett, Judy Anita
Barber, Genevieve Marie
Bass, Monty
Bass, Sammy Lee
Bemo, Ronald M Sr.
Berry, Billie F
Blanchard, Alden Gene
Bohannan, Myra Kaye
Brice, Ricky Dean
Brown, Glannister Charles Jr.
Brown, Robin Gaye
Brown-Hill, Bertha Lynn
Butler, Edgar Thomas
Carter, Frankie Charles
Carter, Larry Don
Case, Debra Kay
Chaney, Robert David Jr.
Clinkenbeard, Rosalyn G
Colbert, Ladonna Michelle
Dean, Rebecca Lea
Dean, Timothy H
Dixon, Peggy Ann
Dowd, Larry William
Dowd, Odell M
Dutro, Christi Lorena
Ellis, Teri Denise
Ferguson, Theresa Sue
Freeman, Billy Ray Jr.
French, Rebecca Jeanne
Gibbs, Michael David
Goniwicha, James Lee Jr.
Goodeagle, Rona Kay
Grant, Francis Leroy Jr.
Hale, Barbara Ladon
Hanson, Sonja Renee
Harshberger, Barbara Jane
Haynes, Janna Dee
Henthorn, Duke Anthony
Henthorn, Jimmy C
Hilbrink, Veronica Marie
Holland, Patricia Ann
Jefferson, Elvita Louise

Jones, William Cliff
Ketcher, Carmelia
Kramer, Stephanie Michelle
Lenzini, Monica Lee
Littlehead, Cecil Dewayne
Lizarrago, Tonya Lisa
Longshore, Edward Abraham III
Macias, Elizabeth Ann
Martinez, Rebecca Ann
McCreless Joseph Virgil
McEntire, David Wayne
Mikulski, Cathleen Dolores
Natseway, Elizabeth Denise
O'Brien, Edward L III
Pappan, Clifton Wade
Parish, Ida Louise
Perez-Loza, Tiffany Lee
Pimley, Michael John
Romine, Tracey Dawn
Rumbaugh, Jeffrey Wayne
Safford, Edward Lenfesti IV
Schexnider Brian Anderson
Smith, Traci Alene
Steiner, Debora Camille
Stephens, Judy K
Switch, Gwendolyn J
Tasier, Monty Eli
Thornton, William Francis Jr.
Tiger, Randall Keith
Torres, Carla Delain
Twinem, Neecy
Wakole, Byron Keith
Wakole, Debra Elaine
Wakolee, Shirleen Thelma
Walklin, Joy Ellen
Webb, Pauline Sue
West, David Glenn
Whipple, Jeffrey Alan
Williams, Gloria Gay
Winlock, Paula Iris
Wood, Pamela Sue
Yarbrough, Patricia R
Zein, Anita Marie

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Business Committee Meeting Minutes
are accessible on the Website
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Calling all 2023-2024 Princesses

Oklahoma Native Royalty/Our Native Traditions is back and will publish November 2024

- Deadline is September 2024
- **Qualifications:** Must be a Tribal, Veterans, NASA, Organizational or College Princess in Oklahoma
- Contact: Christina Walker
- Shawnee News-Star
- cmwalker@cherryroad.com
- Facebook: OklahomaNativeRoyaltyHomecomingEdition
- Call (405)617-3088 or (405)214-3955
- Must send me photo, Name, Who your Representing, Tribe
- Video with introduction can be submitted this year.




Sac and Fox Officials Attend Self-Governance Conference in Phoenix

Sac and Fox Nation Treasurer Carla Wallace, Secretary Lana Butler and Self-Governance Director Angela Gasper are shown from left with Bryan Newland, who serves as Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, U.S. Dept. of the Interior. Newland, who is assistant to Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, spoke during the Self-Governance Conference held April 16 in Phoenix, Ariz. (Photo Provided)

ANNOUNCEMENT!

Mother's Day Luncheon

Sat., May 11, 2024
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Sac and Fox Community Building

- Honoring "Mother of the Year"
 - Honoring All Mothers!
- Complimentary Photos Taken!
 - Musical Entertainment!

Sac and Fox Elders Advisory Committee

NOTICE TO VETERANS!

Men & Women, especially WWI, WWII & Korean War

The Sac and Fox National Public Library is asking for your DD 214s for their records and **MEMORIAL MONUMENT PURPOSES!**

The Veterans are also requesting photos of tribal members in uniform or on military or active duty. These will be reviewed and may be selected to be put on one of the monuments (WWI, WWII, Korean or Vietnam). A fifth monument will be designated with the appropriate name for the Peace Keeping Initiative Years (Iraq, Kuwait, Bosnia, Desert Storm and Desert Shield)

Contact: Sac and Fox National Public Library
918-968-3526

RAP Lawn Care Application Form

Sac and Fox Nation
Elders Lawn Care Services Program
920883 S Highway 99 Stroud OK 74079
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Tribal Elder/Disabled Lawn Care Services Program

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Date: _____

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip

Phone: _____ Tribal Roll#: _____ Tribal Elder: _____ Disabled: _____

Directions to Home: _____

PROOF OF RESIDENCE

You must provide one of the following:

1. Utility bill in eligible Sac and Fox Tribal Members name with corresponding address.
2. Property Rental/Lease Agreement in Sac and Fox Tribal Members names with corresponding address.
3. Notarized Letter from spouse/guardian of tribal members affirming residence of the client and a utility bill in their name with corresponding address of the home receiving benefits.

Failure to provide verification will cause application to be incomplete and pending. Services will be approved once completion of application is received.

Disabled Tribal Member:
Must provide a Benefit Award Letter or State/Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Agency Letter

I hereby authorize the Sac & Fox Nation Elders Title VI Lawn Program to make any necessary inquiries relating to my account's which the Department may be considering making payment on my behalf. I understand that I have a right to request a fair hearing of any action which I do not agree with by submitting the request in writing within Ten (10) days to the Business Committee. 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 prosecuting to the fullest extent to the appropriate Tribal Statutes.

Applicant Signature Date

(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

Supporting Documents Received: Yes No If yes, what type: _____

Human Services Representative: _____ Date: _____

Cc: file

Business Committee Approved 12/12/2023

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Elders Lawn Care Services Program Guidelines

This program is designed to provide Lawn Care Services for the safety and healthy daily living needs of all our eligible Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Member Elders and those members who are physically disabled and cannot safely perform Lawn Care themselves, regardless of location/residency.

- Applicant(s) must be an enrolled member of the Sac and Fox Nation age 55 or older, or who is physically disabled and residing within or out of jurisdiction.
- Participants will have their lawns cut Two (2) times per month for 6 (six) months, based on available funding and number of participants served.
- Funding for this program is limited and each application will be processed in the order in which it was received. This program will fund as many Tribal Member requests as funding will permit. However, preference may be given to emergency situations.
- Applicants claiming a physical disability **MUST** provide a physician's statement.

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

Hello Tribal Members

The Education Department did a presentation at the State Johnson O'Malley Conference at the River Spirit Casino in Tulsa, Oklahoma on March 26, 2024. Our presentation was an overview of the history of Every Student Succeeds Act that became law in 2015. Justin Morris, Education Specialist presented that portion of the presentation. I presented the current process of ESSA Consultation of what the Tribes and Nations face during these consultations with public schools. We had a large crowd at the conference on this topic. We plan to present our presentation at the National Indian Education Association Conference in October at Palm Springs, California. Most tribes and nations across the United States look at what Oklahoma is doing on how we manage the ESSA Law.

- March 28 Seminole Public School ESSA Consultation (Virtual)
- April 3 OK-STEP Grant Meeting
- April 4 OK-STEP Grant Meeting

On Saturday, April 6, Justin Morris traveled to Chicago with the Blackhawk and Jim Thorpe students that were winners of scholarship awards. Students were recognized at the Blackhawk Hockey Game on Sunday, April 7, and returned on Monday, April 8, 2024. During their visit, they were able to tour the United Center home to the Chicago Blackhawks Hockey Team and Chicago Bulls NBA Basketball Team. This arena is the largest in the United States and was designed for a truly 21st century experience.

- April 9 Cushing Public School ESSA Consultation (in person)
- April 10 OK-STEP Grant Meeting

On Tuesday, April 16, we had the Senior High School Banquet at the Grand Casino. There were twenty-two high school seniors that attended along with two adults. The guest speaker was Chief Randle Carter also that attended was Second Chief Audrey Rose Lee. Other guests that attended were former Second Chief Orvina Gregory, Superintendent Kevin Engle, and Prague Public School. Chief Carter and Second Chief Lee handed out gifts and Tribal Stoles to our Sac and Fox Nation senior graduates.

List of seniors that attended:

ERICA CLINE	MEEKER HIGH SCHOOL
KYRA DORSEY	SHAWNEE HIGH SCHOOL
DAKOTA ELLIS	PRAGUE HIGH SCHOOL
LASHAUN GRANT	HORTON HIGH SCHOOL, KANSAS
LASHANE GRANT	HORTON HIGH SCHOOL, KANSAS
LILLY GRASS	SHAWNEE HIGH SCHOOL, OKLAHOMA
MALACHI GRASS	UNION HIGH SCHOOL, OKLAHOMA
MATTHEW GREGORY	SHAWNEE HIGH SCHOOL, OKLAHOMA
JACE LOGAN	PADEN HIGH SCHOOL, OKLAHOMA
CHARLES MOGREN	MUSTANG HIGH SCHOOL, OKLAHOMA
DARIUS PAHMAHMIE	LIBERTY NORTH HIGH SCHOOL, MISSOURI
XENIA SMITH	SHAWNEE HIGH SCHOOL, OKLAHOMA
LAUREN STALEY	NORTH ROCK CREEK HIGH SCHOOL, OKLA.
DONAVAN STARR	STROUD HIGH SCHOOL, OKLAHOMA
TYLYN THURMAN	SHAWNEE HIGH SCHOOL, OKLAHOMA
GARETH VANWINKLE	VARNUM HIGH SCHOOL, OKLAHOMA
GAGE WAPSKINEH	JIM THORPE ACADEMY, OKLAHOMA
JOSEPH WHITESHIRT	SHAWNEE HIGH SCHOOL, OKLAHOMA
TYRIQUE WOLFE	JIM THORPE ACADEMY, OKLAHOMA
KIMBERLY WOOD	MEEKER HIGH SCHOOL, OKLAHOMA

The Sac and Fox Nation and the Education Department CONGRATULATES ALL GRADUATES!!!!

• REMINDER!!! Higher Education Applications (college) RAP and DOI applications will be due June 30, 2024 for THE FALL SEMESTER 2024.

• RAP Clothing/School Supply Application will start July 1, 2024, WE WILL ONLY ACCEPT APPLICATION THROUGH REGULAR MAIL. PLEASE DO NOT SEND BY: SCANNING, EMAIL, FAX OR HAND DELIVER. A COPY OF STUDENT SAC AND FOX TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP CARD MUST BE ATTACH TO RAP CLOTHING/SCHOOL SUPPLY APPLICATION WHEN SENDING BY MAIL.

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

Thank you, Edwina Butler-Wolfe, Director of Education



Pictured during the Senior High School Banquet at the Grand Casino are: Erica Cline, Kyra Dorsey, Dakota Ellis, LaShaun Grant, LaShane Grant, Lilly Grass, Malahi Grass, Matthew Gregory, Jace Logan, Charles Mogren, Darius Pahmahmie, Xenia Smith, Lauren Staley, Donovan Starr, Tylyn Thurman, Gareth VanWinkle, Gabe Wapskineh, Joseph Whiteshirt, Tyrique Wolff and Kimberly Wood. (Photo Provided)



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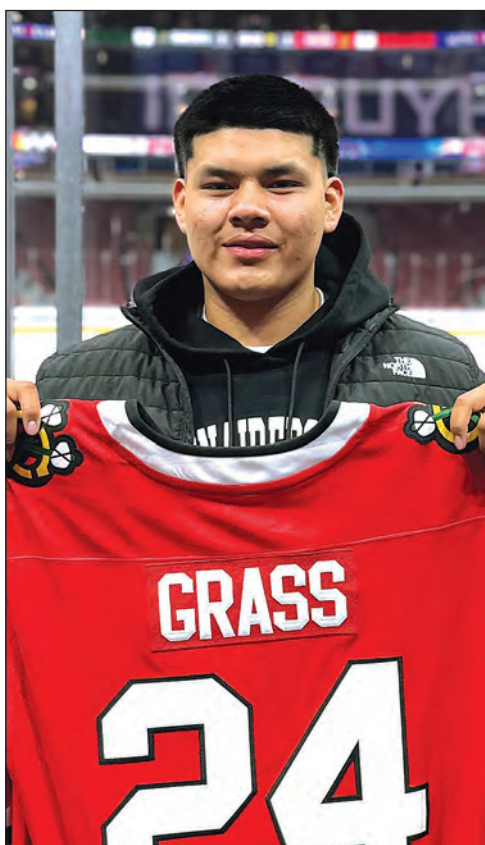
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Pictured from left are: Blackhawk Scholarship winners Kimberly Wood, Malachi Grass, Erica Cline, Breyana Ramirez and Education Specialist Justin Morris. (Photo Provided)

Malachi Elias Grass



Malachi Elias Grass

Malachi Elias Grass, Sac and Fox tribal member, Senior graduating Class of 2024 from Union High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma on May 18, 2024.

Paternal great-grandson of the late Veteran / Rev. John and Helena Grass, Sac and Fox; grandson of the late Gloria Ann Grass, Sac and Fox; son of Esequiel James Grass, Sac and Fox.

Maternal great-grandson of the late Edward Gene Roberts and Mary Roberts, Mvskoke Creek; grandson of the late Jesus Hernandez, and Gena Nieto, Mvskoke Creek; son of Mary Hernandez, Mvskoke Creek and from the Beaver Clan.

Malachi was accepted to The University of Oklahoma and, in the Fall 2024 begins working towards a Doctor of Physical Therapy. He was awarded the 2024 Blackhawk Leadership Scholarship from the Sac and Fox Nation and awarded the O-K-U Scholarship from The University of Oklahoma.

“Malachi you have made your family so proud with all your hard work and we love you and here to support you all the way,” said a family member.



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Chief Carter Addresses Topic From Latest Shareholders Meeting

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phasis added.)
 The legislative powers of the Business Committee have become well-established in law. Multiple legal opinions—including opinions of the Attorney General of the Nation (Nos. 20061208 and 2017-10-27)—have confirmed the basic constitutional division of powers. The Constitution has thus been interpreted to confer on the Business Committee the legislative powers to enact and amend the laws of the Nation.

The legal opinions issued over the years have consistently confirmed that the Business Committee had and has the power to amend the Act. In fact, and Attorney General opinion in 2017 concluded that the initial version of the Act, as adopted by the Governing Council, unlawfully purported to confer on the Board of Directors certain powers in violation of the Business Committee’s constitutional powers. This unconstitutional delegation of power was one of the issues later corrected by the amendments to the Act adopted by the Business Committee. Further, parties have unsuccessfully argued in the tribal courts that the Business Committee lacked the power to amend the Act.

The legal and constitutional deficiencies in the original Act point to just one of the reasons that the elected Business Committee appropriately has been assigned the power to legislate for the tribe. The legal issues involved in legislation often are complicated, and require detailed explanations, and are difficult if not impossible to address in occasional meetings of the general membership. The Business Committee is the body within the tribe that has the time and the ability to develop and apply expertise in the changing needs for tribal laws.

As various legal opinions over the years confirm, the Business Committee has broad legislative powers in addition to its power to adopt laws. The Constitution also empowers the Business Committee to establish and regulate the courts through “legislative action.” The Business Committee’s legislative role is clear not only from the Constitution itself, but it also follows from the overall plan of the Nation’s government. The Constitution does not create a direct democracy, where all governmental matters must be

authorized by the citizens.

Instead, the Nation is a representative democracy, in which the citizens elect representatives to serve as members of the Business Committee, and who are conferred with broad legislative and other powers to conduct the functions of the government. In fact, it would be impossible for a modern tribal government to function and to provide services to the members if a meeting of the entire membership (direct democracy) was required to approve each and every governmental action.

• Business Committee’s Salaries Increases

Since the beginning of my tenure in office, tribal members have repeatedly requested the total salaries of the members of the Business Committee to no avail. For whatever reason(s) such members of the Business Committee have failed to disclose their tribal public salaries. The people of the Sac and Fox Nation have a right to know what their elected officials’ salaries are. Our positions in tribal public office are not much different as compared to members of Congress or the President of the United States.

On August 2, 2022, through signed Memorandum and Consensus of the Business Committee, the Business Committee adjusted the members’ pay retroactive to July 15, 2022. (Business Committee pay is made up of 50% General Operating funds (tribal dollars) and of 50% Indirect Cost funds (federal program dollars). I will report on each position through the general operating portion of each member’s salary. I believe you can figure the other portion of each members salary.

- Principal Chief - \$42,500.00 (50% General Operating)
- Second Chief - \$41,250.00 (50% General Operating)
- Secretary - \$41,250.00 (50% General Operating)
- Treasurer - \$41,250.00 (50% General Operating)
- Committee Member - \$36,250.00 – (General Operating)

I hope this report on this information will satisfy tribal members regarding their tribal officials’ salaries. If not, please contact each member of the Business Committee if you have concerns over their pay as elected officials.


• Sac and Fox Nation Tax Commission

On April 2, 2024, I met with the General Manager of the Black Hawk Casino and the Executive Director of the Sac and Fox Nation Gaming Commission to discuss the proposed increase in the gaming surcharge tax to gather any concerns with the proposed Business Committee action. While in those discussions, it was learned that gaming vendors had not

paid gaming machine permit fees for any machine located at both casino locations for at least these past three and one-half years (since 2020). Under current tribal law, each gaming vendor (one who owns individual gaming machines) is required to pay an annual fee of \$150.00 per machine, which is collected by the Tax Commission either through the gaming operator (casino) or through individual
 (Continued on Page 9)

RAP Department Application Forms

FAX: 918-968-4207
 PH: 918-968-3526
 EXT: 2001
 EMAIL: sfnrap@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov
 ADDRESS: RAP Department
 920963 S. Hwy 99
 Stroud, OK 74079
 BC Approved on
 12/28/2023



**SAC AND FOX NATION
 DRIVEWAY REPAIR PROGRAM
 APPLICATION, AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE**

REFERENCE PROPERTY: _____

Driveway approximately _____ feet in length on a tract of land identified as:

I the undersigned do certify that I am authorized to make application, grant all authorizations, and to authorize all releases from liability and responsibility regarding the above referenced driveway assistance being provided by the Sac and Fox Nation.

I hereby request assistance from the Sac and Fox Nation in the repair or reconstruction of the residential driveway identified above. I further understand and agree that I am eligible to receive the tribal assistance program one-time only due to limited funding. I further understand and agree that I am responsible for maintenance and up keep of the residential driveway after assistance is given.

I hereby authorize the Sac and Fox Nation officials, agents, employees, material men, laborers, and contractors to enter the property with any equipment and vehicles and to perform such work or inspections as is necessary to provide and complete this tribal assistance.

I hereby release the Sac and Fox Nation, its officials, agents, employees, material men, laborers, and contractors from all liability for loss, damage, or injury of any kind whatsoever as a result of participation in this tribal assistance program.

Signature	Date
Printed Name	Roll Number
Address	Birthdate
City	Phone Number
State	Handicap Preference: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Zip	

**SAC AND FOX NATION
 DRIVEWAY REPAIR PROGRAM
 REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN
 GUIDELINES**

PROGRAM FUNCTIONS:

To provide for the health and safety needs of eligible tribal members with driveway repairs. Many tribal members live in rural areas and have driveways which are inaccessible to many emergency vehicles. It is important to the health and safety of tribal members to ensure that driveways are accessible and do not create a danger to them or others rightfully entering their property. The program is open to all tribal members owning a home, which is their primary place of residence, on a first come basis; regardless of place of residency.

GUIDELINES:

1. Preference will be given to elders and handicap persons, based on individual health and safety needs and the condition of the driveway, which may impede emergency vehicles from reaching them in an emergency.
2. Proof of ownership is required. Rental property will not be considered for this program.
3. Proof of residency is required. Rental property or secondary residences will not be considered for this program.
4. Applications for regular maintenance and up-keep will not be approved.
5. Applications received for paving an existing gravel driveway that is functional and safe will not be approved.
6. Applications for non-residential driveways will not be approved.
7. An amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) in repairs will be made to any one driveway, regardless of the number of tribal members listed as owners. This is a lifetime limit.
8. Applicants/Home Owner of a Sac and Fox Nation traditional house (Mack, Ellis, McKosato & Massey) may re-apply once every ten (10) years.
9. Applicants are required to submit: application, proof of ownership & residency plus pictures of the driveway and three (3) bids for the repairs on the contractors’ letterhead.
10. If claiming a physical handicap, applicant may submit a letter from their physician.
11. Applicant/Home Owner is responsible for maintaining driveway after repairs.
12. The Administrator of this program has the sole discretion of approving or denying the application and repairs based on qualifications, emergencies and need.

(Approved by Sac and Fox Nation Business Committee Regular Business Committee Meeting December 28, 2023)

SAUK LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT PHILOSOPHY

Indians are born speaking our languages. For some of us, they lie dormant within our bodies. They are looking for a way out. God gave us these beautiful languages. All of us hold them in a sacred manner within. There is no such thing as an Indian person who cannot speak Indian.

Our language programs find these languages within our bodies. They bring them out through our mouths and deliver them to their rightful resting places within our hearts.



May 2024 Quotations

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

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

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

May Scramble

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

May 2024 Word Match

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

SAUK LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS & NEWS

MAY 2024
Âpâminehkêha
(Moving Camp Moon)

From the Sauk Language Department.

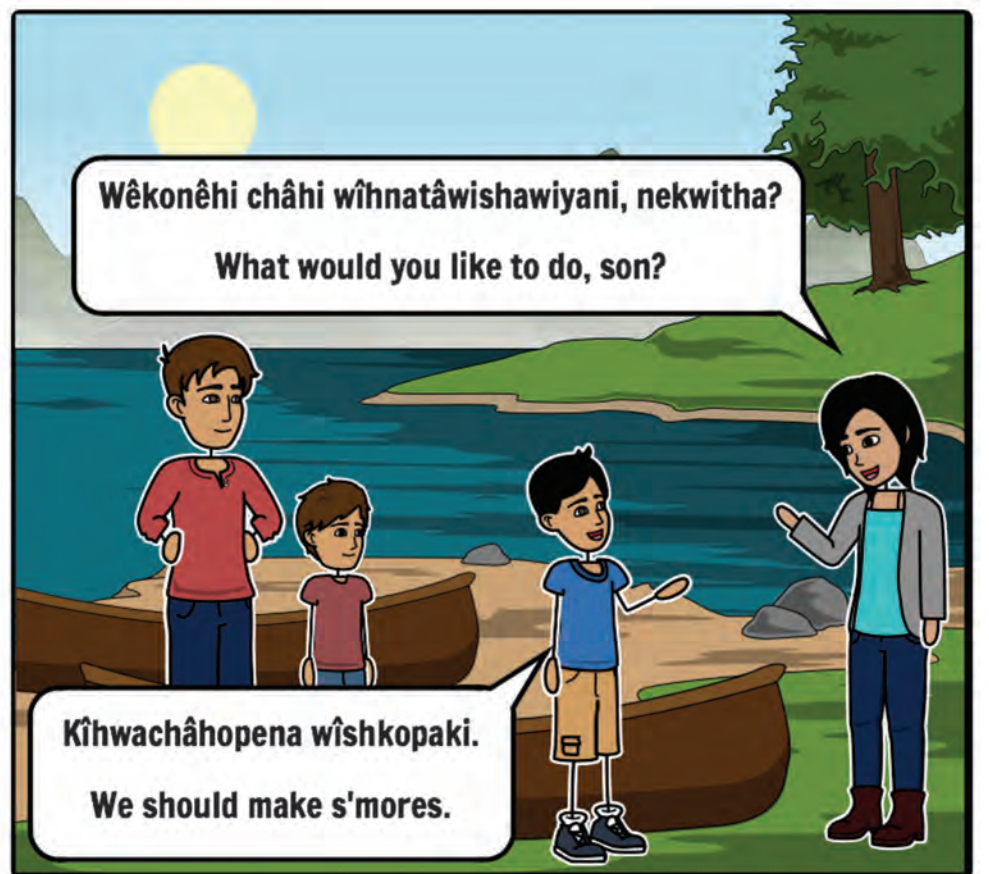
The new Sauk I and Sauk II online courses are now available for high school students who want to learn Sauk. If you are interested in taking these courses, please contact the Sauk Language Department to learn more.

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

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



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



Obituaries

Jaylen Rayanne Johnson

Shawnee resident Jaylen Rayanne Johnson, 27, passed away April 7, 2024 in Oklahoma City. Wake services were held April 10, 2024 at the Sac and Fox Community Building in Stroud, Okla.. Burial followed on April 11, 2024 at Wakolee Cemetery.



Jaylen Rayanne Johnson

Jaylen was born November 19, 1996 in Shawnee to Robert Anthony Johnson Jr and Ann (Parish) Johnson. She attended Shawnee High School and later earned an Associate's Degree. She worked as a sterile tech at McBrides.

She is survived by her parents; a daughter Jianna Reign Johnson; 2 sisters: Sierra Johnson and Winter Johnson, numerous other family members and friends.

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 A Sac and Fox Nation LLC

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Apahkwaya	Cattail



BHHC Now Scheduling Pediatric Primary Care



The Sac and Fox Nation Black Hawk Health Center is excited to begin offering Pediatric Primary Care Services for children 0-18! Contact Patient Registration to schedule an appointment today!

BLACK HAWK HEALTH CENTER

356110 E. 930 Rd.
 Stroud, OK 74079
 Phone: 918-968-9531
 Toll-Free: 800-830-0683



WE ARE HIRING

JOB OPENINGS


- Assistant Cook - Human Services #2024-19 (Part-time, Stroud)
- Executive Assistant (Gaming) #2023-43 (Shawnee)
- Compliance Officer (Gaming)
- Environmental Technician
- Transportation Coordinator
- Surveillance Observer (Gaming)
- Resident Advisor(s) *NEW SALARIES*
- Behavioral Health Licensed Therapist (BHHC, Stroud) #2023-37
- Realty Specialist #1 (Stroud) #2023-51
- Policy Analyst, #2024-05 (Stroud)
- Capitol Security Officer #2024-11 (Stroud)
- Temporary ARPA Realty Clerk, #2024-16 (Stroud)
- Cook - Juvenile Detention Center #2024-21 (Stroud)
- Shift Manager - Juvenile Detention Center #2024-22 (Stroud)
- Landscaper/Laborer - Maintenance 2024-25 (Stroud)
- RAP Specialist I & II # 2024-28 (Stroud)
- Police Officer (Stroud) #2024-29
- Cashier - Finance (Stroud) #2024-30
- Staff Accountant (Stroud) #2024-31
- Outreach Specialist (Stroud) #2024-32
- Realty Specialist II #2024-34 (Stroud)
- Self-Governance Specialist #2024-35 (Stroud)
- Meal Delivery Driver - Human Services Part-Time (#2024-39)
- Housekeeper (JDC) #2024-41
- Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) #2024-042
- Clinical Applications Coordinator #2024-43
- Advocate II #2024-44

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





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

NAME CHANGE AND/OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

NAME

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

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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

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

MAILING ADDRESS

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

STREET ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN MAILING ADDRESS)

OLD	NEW
STREET ADDRESS _____	STREET ADDRESS _____
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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. X

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

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

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

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

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

Other (see instructions) ▶ _____

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

Exempt payee code (if any) _____

Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____

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

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

6 City, state, and ZIP code X

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Requester's name and address (optional)

SAC AND FOX NATION
920883 S. HIGHWAY 99 BLDG. "A"
STROUD, OKLAHOMA, 74079

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

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

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

Social security number _____

or

Employer identification number _____

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

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

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

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

General Instructions

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

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

Purpose of Form

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

- Form 1099-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)

Chief Carter Addresses Topics From Latest Shareholders Meeting

(Continued From Page 5)

collections from vendors by the Tax Commission. Since inception, the gaming machine permit fee was collected directly from the vendor.

It is confirmed that Tax Commission records are questionable at best and gaming operator and Gaming Commission

records only go back five (5) years. We are currently addressing the tax collection deficiency in this area by working with officials with the gaming operation, the Gaming Commission, and the gaming vendors to ensure that the gaming vendors pay machine permit fees before any game is operating on the casino floor,

and that each bears a Sac and Fox Tax Commission gaming machine permit before operation of the machine can occur.

To date, and from what is known at this time, there are approximately 769 gaming machines for both tribal casinos. At \$150.00 multiplied by 769 gaming machines, the Nation is owed for this year \$115,350.00 in gaming machine permit fees. At this time, a sampling of gaming machines at both casinos indicate that there are permits that expired as far back as 2013. This is troubling to me as your Principal Chief and as a tribal member. This should trouble you too.

• **Investments/401k Retirement**
Soon after being installed in office,

there was concern from the Treasurer about signing a new agreement with Exencial Wealth Advisors (formerly called Burns Advisory Group), our investment firm, which oversees the investment strategies of our program dollars invested. She asked for my help in reviewing the proposed renewed agreement.

The initial agreement and tribal resolutions date back to when I was Treasurer in setting up our agreements with Burns Advisory Group in June, 2010 and September, 2010 respectively. The resolutions are SF-10-173, SF-10-174, and SF-10-236

A new agreement has been submitted for Business Committee review, consideration, and Approval on April 26, 2024. Exencial is requesting a new agreement due to a requirement by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission that investment firms update contracts at least every five years. The Nation's agreement has been in effect for 13 years. It is time to update the agreement.

Also, for the past few years, the Nation has not had a third-party administrator (TPA) for employees' 401k Retirement Accounts. The Business Committee took official action to correct this problem when it was brought to their attention. I have been informed by staff that this will soon be before the Business Committee to bring the retirement information up to date, and to hire a TPA in the near future.

Folks, simply put, we tribal officials have failed in the proper oversight and management of government operations for too long. I am making every effort to effectively communicate to all departments, commissions, and committees that we as a government must strive to do our best to administer governmental programs for our Sac and Fox people.

Respectfully,
Randle Carter, Principal Chief
Sac and Fox Nation

 <p>Free help</p>	Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline	
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Sac & Fox Veterans Honor Guard Memorial Day Gourd Dance



MAY 25, 2024

SFN Community Bldg-5.5M South of Stroud on HWY 99

PROGRAM

9:00 AM	READING OF NAMES AT MEMORIAL
10:00 AM	POSTING FLAGS AT CEMETERIES
11:00 AM	LUNCH AT COMMUNITY BLDG
1:00 PM	GROUD DANCE
5:00 PM	SUPPER BREAK
7:00 PM	GOURD DANCE

HEAD STAFF

EMCEE:	WARREN QUETON
HEAD SINGER:	SYDNEY TOPPAH
HEAD GOURD DANCER:	JAIME CERVANTES
ARENA DIRECTOR:	HAROLD MEEKS

****Special Invitation to the Seminole Nation Honor Guard****

Cake Walk • 50/50 • Raffles

**** FOR MORE INFO: CASEY WILSON © (405)303-3424 ****

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SAUK LANGUAGE I CLASSES

Instructor: Zane Talton

TUESDAY'S, APRIL 30 - JULY 2

7:00 - 8:00 PM

Sac and Fox Multi-Purpose Building
201 N Harrison St, Shawnee, OK

A 10-week session of basic Sauk for adult learners
Receive certification for Sauk I after completion of 9-10 classes!

NO PRIOR LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

For more information, please contact the Sauk Language Department at (918)968-3526 ext. 1077

SAUK LANGUAGE II CLASSES

Instructor: Zane Talton

WEDNESDAY'S, MAY 1 - JULY 3

7:00 - 8:00 PM

Sac and Fox Multi-Purpose Building
201 N Harrison St, Shawnee, OK

A 10-week session of intermediate Sauk for adult learners
Receive certification for Sauk II after completion of 9-10 classes!

COMPLETION OF SAUK LANGUAGE I REQUIRED

For more information, please contact the Sauk Language Department at (918)968-3526 ext. 1077

FNS HANDBOOK 501
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.

48 Contiguous United States: Use this Amount

Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standards		SNAP Standard Deduction		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
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		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	+	\$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 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban = \$374 Rural 1 = \$477 Rural 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 FDPIR Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deductions

Effective October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024

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.

May 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
		1	2	3 Shawnee HD
		Elder's Day	Shipment	Elder's Day
6 Late Night Shawnee 8AM-8PM	7 Elder's Day	8	9	10 Stroud HD/ Shawnee HD
13	14	15	16 Shipment	17 Closed For Holiday
20 Late Night Shawnee & Stroud 8AM-8PM	21	22	23	24 Stroud HD/ Shawnee HD
27 Closed For Holiday	28	29	30 Inventory Day	31 Inventory Day

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

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



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

**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 Nation Food Distribution Program

OVER 100 ITEMS!!!

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

CALL TODAY!!! 1-800-256-3398
This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Our Service Area includes: Lincoln, Pottawatomie, Payne, Logan, Oklahoma & Cleveland Counties.





2024-2025 Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Princess Application

Mail to: Activity Committee OR E-mail to: courtcozad89@gmail.com
 920963 S. Hwy. 99
 Stroud, OK 74079

Pageant Competition: May 31st, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. in SFN Community Building

Candidate Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Phone No.: (____) _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

Sac & Fox Roll No.: _____

OR

Check Box If Descendant:

Describe descendency:

Father's Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Mother's Name: _____

E-mail: _____

CANDIDATES MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING:

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

COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS:

LITTLE MISS (6-10 years old)	JR. MISS (11-15 years old)	MISS (16-21 years old)
Tribal greeting & translation	Tribal greeting & translation	Tribal greeting & translation
Describe & model tribal dress	Describe & model tribal dress	Describe & model tribal dress
	Traditional or contemporary talent	Traditional or contemporary talent

***** Candidates must submit (1) 4X6 profile photo *****

List your hobbies, goals, subjects, achievements & titles: _____

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

SELECT YOUR CANDIDACY:

MISS

JR. MISS

LITTLE MISS

 Candidate signature & date

 Parent signature & date

***** Application Deadline: May 17th, 2024 - No Exceptions*****

If you have any questions, feel free to contact (405)788-2559

Late February Wildfires Destroyed Homes, Barns and Killed Hundreds of Animals

by Gail Ellis

Office of Communications & Marketing,
OSU Agriculture

Wildfires that scorched the Oklahoma and Texas panhandles in late February ravaged livestock forage, destroyed homes, barns and other structures, and killed hundreds of animals.

Oklahoma State University Extension specialists and members of the Disaster Assistance Response Team have gathered data over the past month to grasp the impact of 16 fires that burned within three days.

The Smokehouse Creek Fire claimed an estimated 1,059,570 acres in Texas and Oklahoma and was the largest recorded fire in Texas history. It burned an estimated 31,596 acres Roger Mills and Ellis counties. On the same day, the Catesby Fire scorched 90,699 acres in Ellis County, and the Slapout Fire burned an estimated 26,048 acres in Beaver County. Total damages from all western county fires are estimated at \$32.9 million.

"These damages are mainly focused on land that is currently in agricultural use, and Ellis County had the highest number of burned acres," said Amy Hagerman, OSU Extension specialist in agriculture and food policy.

One of the largest cost categories is the cost of fencing, and Hagerman said about \$6.7 million in fencing repair and replacement costs is expected for Ellis County.

"Cattle producer losses are estimated at \$5.8 million in Ellis County for recovery costs, and this doesn't include cattle that died in the fires or had to be sold at a loss on the

market," she said. "A total of 674 head of cattle perished, and 15,000 were estimated to have been displaced and had to be fed."

The following statistics detail losses in Beaver, Ellis and Roger Mills counties and estimates preliminary losses for Texas, Harper, Woods and Custer counties combined. "These estimates may increase as more comprehensive assessments of the damages are completed," said Hagerman. "The losses incurred in the fires will have significant and long-lasting financial impacts on operations and families affected."

Derrell Peel, OSU Extension livestock marketing specialist, said no lasting market impacts on livestock prices at the regional or national levels are expected, but the events may exacerbate the low availability of replacement heifers.

Beaver County

- Acres burned: 26,048
- Cattle deaths: 504
- Cattle displaced: 725
- Hay bales lost: 35,000
- Miles of fence lost: 86
- Miles of repairable fence: 37
- Structures lost: 16
- Estimated total damages: \$8.73 million or \$335 per burned acre

Ellis County

- Acres burned: 112,139
- Cattle deaths: 674
- Cattle displaced: 15,000
- Hay bales lost: 40,000
- Miles of fence lost: 337
- Miles of repairable fence: 224
- Structures lost: 65

- Estimated total damages: \$22.76 million or \$203 per burned acre

Roger Mills County

- Acres burned: 10,000
- Cattle deaths: 19
- Cattle displaced: 324
- Hay bales lost: 24
- Miles of fence lost: 18
- Miles of repairable fence: 17
- Structures lost: 5
- Estimated total damages: \$1.07 million or \$107 per burned acre

Beaver, Custer, Ellis, Harper, Roger Mills, Texas and Woods Counties Combined

- Acres burned: 152,615
- Cattle deaths: 1,180
- Cattle displaced: 16,203
- Hay bales lost: 75,024

- Miles of fence lost: 431
- Miles of repairable fence: 274
- Structures lost: 86
- Estimated total damages: \$32.9 million or \$215 per acre

Those affected by the western Oklahoma fires are encouraged to apply for recovery assistance available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Hagerman said the Emergency Conservation Program can help with fence replacement costs, and the Livestock Indemnity Program can provide financial assistance to replace cattle lost. The Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-raised Fish is also an option when funding is needed to transport hay to wildfire-stricken regions.



Tribal Elders Take Part in Title VI Program Easter Egg Hunt

Tribal elders took part in an Easter Egg Hunt and other activities during an Easter celebration hosted March 29 at the Social Services Bldg. by Title VI Program Coordinator Carrie Ladeaux and other staff members.

Letter to Tribal Members

April 19, 2024

Dear Tribal Members,

To further understand quarterly net revenue transfers, gaming revenue transferred to the Nation is to be invested in a low-risk interest-bearing-account; please reference the figures outlined in the 2024 Shareholder General Manager Report that do not support an increase-of-included-interest.

The financial figures below are calculations based on a minimum 2% Oklahoma CD fixed-rate interest for each fiscal-year. The figures are a conservative-estimation of each tribal-member's out-of-pocket loss. Totals may vary according to the fixed-rate, which has historically-averaged from 1.1% to 15%.

To reiterate, the net revenue is transferred from our gaming facility it becomes the responsibility of the Treasure to ensure the laws of the Revenue Allocation Plan are followed. Again, reference the Revenue Allocation Plan, approved by the Department-of-Interior, reads that gaming dollars transferred to the Sac and Fox Nation are to be investment into a low-risk interest-bearing-account with a federally insured financial institution prior to distribution. And interest earned prior to distribution on net-gaming-rev-

enues deposited in this account shall be distributed as part of the per-capita-payment. Reference: RAP Section VIII. Use of Net-Gaming-Revenues; Individual-Per-Capita-Payments (A)(2).

The Sac-and-Fox-Constitution Article III-Business Committee, Section 1.(d.) reads the Treasurer shall receive all-monies and other-assets-of-the-tribe and keep all tribal monies entrusted to his care in one or more special-accounts and all disbursements therefrom shall-be-made-pursuant to resolution or ordinance of the Business Committee with two approved signatures on each check.

The estimated-interest-loss may increase or decrease from a minimal \$907,463.54. It is our responsibility as tribal members to question the gaming revenue transfers. Were transfers deposited in a low-risk interest-bearing account? If so, where are the interest-dollars? There is no evidence of additional dollars in the RAP per-capita payments. If the transfers were not appropriately deposited into a low-risk interest-bearing account, why? Why is our Treasurer not fulfilling her duties as a financial steward of the Sac and Fox Nation monies?

Respectfully,
Lavonda Youngman

RAP YEAR	GAMING REVENUE	Fixed-Conservative Estimated-Rate 2%
FY2021	\$12,454,762	\$249,095.24
FY2022	\$13,973,254	\$279,465.08
FY2023	\$12,598,756	\$251,975.12
FY2024	\$6,346,405 (1Q & 2Q)	\$126,928.1
TOTAL-PER-CAP ESTIMATED- LOSS		\$907,463.54



Grilling for the 'Easter Eggstravaganza

Brandon and Zach Butler, shown from left, grilled dozens of hotdogs for families to enjoy for lunch during the Sac and Fox Activity Committee's 'Easter Eggstravaganza' held March 30 at the Community Bldg. (Photo by Mike Brown)

Native Youth Preventing Diabetes Camp

NYPD is a one day camp for Native American kids ages 8-12 that will be at OBU in Shawnee. Kids will learn the benefits of a healthy lifestyle while also enjoying different physical activities

- ✓ Fun & educational classes
- ✓ Outdoor activities
- ✓ RecWELL & Intramural Fields
- ✓ Lunch Provided

LOCATION:
500 W UNIVERSITY
SHAWNEE, OK
74804

DATE:
MAY 28TH
TIME:
9 AM- 3 PM

WATER RESISTANCE TRAINING

Tuesday's and Thursday's
Beginning in June

11 AM AT SAC AND FOX NATION POOL

For more information call or email
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