

## Chief Kay Rhoads Address To The Nation

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in March 2016. Look for the dates of these meetings which will be held in Shawnee, Stroud and Cushing.

As Native People we have always looked at how we will preserve our lands for our future generations. I agree with President Obama when he says we have a moral obligation to leave our children a planet that’s not polluted or damaged. It is up to all of

us to be more concerned about how we can reduce pollution and the effects of climate change so we leave a cleaner and safer environment for our children and grandchildren. Let’s not lose our traditions to convenience, let’s look at how our ancestors valued the land, how they preserved it and how we can combine our traditions with modern methods to protect Mother Earth.

## ONAP Chooses HASFN as one of their Best Practices for the Year

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This is the first large scale project the SFHA has taken on since the termination of the 1937 Housing Act funding. The SFHA has continued to develop units; however, a large scale multifamily dwelling is a welcome boost to their ability to serve the Native population.

Brad Campbell, CEO and Principal Owner of Bear Claw Construction stated, “It has been a pleasure working together collaboratively with HUD, The Sac and Fox Nation and Amanda Procter - the lead attorney for the Housing Authority. It is an honor and privilege to work with our Tribal Communities and Housing Directors, like Billy Komacheet, to ensure our team of professionals is providing the best housing possible for our Tribal Members. When all stakeholders come together - like this group has - exciting things can take place and we can all be more effective and efficient in our roles and responsibilities within the team. As a Tribal member of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, I truly appreciate the trust and confidence this team has had in Bear Claw Construction to be a quality service partner to help see this project come to fruition.”

Funding for the project was provided through BancFirst, a local lender that

has a rich history of working with lending to the Tribal community. BancFirst is a Section 184 approved lender and has experience working with the Office of Native American Programs. Casey Bell, Senior Vice President of BancFirst Shawnee was an intricate part of the team. The lender’s participation was key to successfully navigating through traditional lending, Tribal sovereignty, and the Title VI program. BancFirst left the table feeling confident about working with HUD and Tribe and is currently working on additional Title VI Loans.

“The method in which the Sac & Fox Title VI project was completed was highly efficient and cost effective. Through a series of targeted meetings with all involved parties, the details of the transaction were discussed and agreements were reached. This process prevented many non- productive meetings. All involved parties were prepared for each meeting and that proved to be beneficial.” Casey Bell, Senior Vice President BancFirst

For further information, contact:

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Groundbreaking Ceremony for the HASFN Wikiuapi Apartments (Photo provided)

## ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

**A MEMBER OF THE TAX COMMISSION STAFF  
WILL NOW BE AT  
THE SHAWNEE MULTIPURPOSE CENTER  
TWICE A MONTH.**

**THE TAX COMMISSION WILL BE THERE ON  
THE FIRST (1st) AND FOURTH (4th)  
THURSDAYS DECEMBER ONLY.**

**WE WILL BE ABLE TO BETTER SERVE TRIBAL  
MEMBERS LIVING IN THE SHAWNEE AREA WITH  
MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND ANY  
OTHER SERVICE THAT WE CAN ASSIST YOU WITH.**



## Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Domestic Violence Program

### Mission Statement

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma’s Domestic Violence mission is to eliminate violence in Native Country and to strengthen Native families to end the cycle of violence. Absentee Shawnee Tribe Domestic Violence program serves Native American families and Non-Native families by providing advocacy in the areas of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Dating Violence.

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2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801  
Phone: (405) 275-4030 Fax: (405) 273-1192  
National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233  
National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-4673



## PowWow Committee’s Sweet Heart Dance

DATE: February 13, 2016

TIME: 1:00 PM - 10:00 PM

PLACE: SAC AND FOX NATION

COMMUNITY BUILDING

STROUD OK

## Elders Household Assistance Program

**Eligible Participants:** Members of any federally recognized tribe age 55 or older living in Sac and Fox Jurisdiction. Services to Be Provided: Assistance with meal preparation, transportation, light household chores, laundry, errands, etc. for up to 6 hours per week. Program participation is limited to 2 months and may be renewed as program funds permit.

We are also looking for individuals willing to serve as choreworkers in the Cushing, Shawnee, Meeker/Prague, and Stroud areas. Choreworkers must be able to pass a background check/drug screening if requested by the Elder and will be paid a flat rate of \$50 per week for each Elder assisted. Preference will be given to tribal members.

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## Happy February Birthday Elders

Sylvia A.Whittaker Butler  
Charlotte Kay Aswell  
Robert Jose Gutierrez  
Patsy Ann Grant  
Gregg Scott Judy  
Howard Ray Barada  
Gloria Ann Hawkins  
Curtis Dawson Jones  
Sherry Lyn Robbins  
Kathy Eileen Walker  
Carletta Henthorn  
Mary Jacquelyn Christensen  
Linda Kay Rogers  
Freda Lavern West  
Billy D. Ablin  
Dawn Sherri Staton  
Vickie Jo Ebbe  
Kari Lea Fish  
Cynthia Joy Standlee  
Thomas James Myers  
Cheryl Lynn McClellan  
Connie Fay Gregory  
Nancy Ann Whistler  
Arlan Eugene Manatowa  
Debra Jean Sousa  
Kenneth R. O’Brien  
Franklin Keith Riley  
Terence John Alvarado  
Pamela Jeanne Bushyhead  
Steven Edward Payne  
Mary Elizabeth Hammett  
Jackie Dean Keo  
Roderick James Wakolee  
Johnnie Kay Murphy  
Georgia Ann Wakole



Rowena Elaine Wakolee  
Richard Douglas Crain  
Frankie Dale Wakolee  
Mildred G. Marceleno  
Johnelle Mische’  
Terry Ralph Billiman  
Robert W.Davis  
Jo Rene M. Martinez  
Carlena Hagler  
Mary Melissa Jennings  
Sherri L. McAllister  
Nicholas John Hovsepien  
Jeffery Alan Ponkilla  
Gary Don Norman  
Eugene Floyd Wilson  
Samuel Houston Roane  
Barbara Lee Strouss  
Tommie Ann Ford  
Patricia Denise Longhorn  
Alice Gay Steward  
Allace Brennan Buchmelter  
Carl E. Conallis  
Muriel Renee Wheeler  
Cozzett Elizabeth Charboneau  
Sharon Kaye Warren  
David Louis Walker  
Sigrid N. Hennrich  
Cecelia Lois Washington  
Sally Ann Wakole  
Richard Howard Williamson  
Mary Ann Butler  
Curtis Grant  
Kenneth Freeland Wood  
Vera Mae Grant  
Cheryl Kay Clark