



SAC & FOX NEWS

Phone: (918) 968-3526

The Nation's Website: sacandfoxnation_nsn.gov

Vol. 30, No 2 • February 2009



Principal Chief George Thurman

REBUILDING NATIVE NATIONS

CHIEF ADDRESSES THE NATION

court assessment conducted by an independent Tribal Court Review Team. The Review Team consisted of: Charles D. Robertson, Jr., Esq.; Ralph E. Gonzales, Esq.; Ramona Tsosie, Judge/Ct. Adm.; and Myrna R. Rivers, Court Reporter.

The Court Review was composed of various meetings, interviews, document review, and data review. **Meetings:** The Court Review consisted of two meetings: **Initial and Exit** with Business Committee, key court personnel, and BIA administration.

Interviews: The Court Review contained interviews of court personnel and entities that have a working relationship with the court. These included: Chief Judge, Associate Judges, Court Administrator, Chief Clerk, Civil Clerk, Criminal Clerk, Juvenile Clerk, process Server, Bailiff, Probation Officers, Judicial Committee or liaison, Tribal Attorney, prosecutors, Public Defender, Chief of Police, Detention Officer, Social Services (ICWA, Domestic Violence Program, Child Support, Drug and Alcohol Program).

Document Review: The Review Team reviewed documents regarding the *court function* which includes: (a) Tribal Constitution, By-laws and Amendments (b) *(Chief's letter con't Pg 7)*

Dear Tribal Members:

I recommend a book - *Rebuilding Native Nations: Strategies for Governance and Development*, edited by Miriam Jorgensen and published by the University of Arizona Press in Tucson - for any tribal member to read. Tribes across the United States are realigning today's culture with their native culture in developing their tribal governments. The inherent right of self-governance and the protection of our sovereignty as a Nation can be a challenge when dealing with Federal, State, and local governments. When a tribe has well defined plans with goals that are achievable within a certain period of time, then they can succeed, so I am reporting and updating on several issues that our Nation has been involved with and are planning.

A. Tribal Court Assessment - January 26-30, 2009

We were selected to receive a no-cost service provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Tribal Justice Support, for a *tribal*

7-1/2% EARMARK ON FY09 RAP BUDGETS

Despite Governing Council vetoing 5% for administrative costs from the FY09 RAP budget presented at General Council on December 6, 2008, the Business Committee and Interim Tribal Attorney have earmarked 7.5% for RAP Operating Expense from all FY09 RAP Budgets. Departments, commissions, boards and committees were not notified before hand of this action against their programs

As a result, this 7.5% cut in programs will reduce actual useable funds in several tribal programs supported by RAP funds.

How this funding decrease will be felt in services offered to tribal members is shown in the following examples: Eyeglasses: less \$2,612; TEHR (Emergency Housing Assistance Program): less \$11,914; School Clothing Allowance: less \$9,371; Land Purchases: less \$29,447 and USDA: less \$8,294. 7.5% of the submitted FY09 RAP budgets amount to over \$144,000.00.

Questions remain. For example, will Government Office staff, which administers the TEHR program, receive this \$11,914? Or, will Finance receive the \$11,914 for tracking the funds, writing the checks and mailing them? Who or what determines which department will receive this money? How will the 7.5% be tracked for accountability?

A questionnaire addressing these issues, as well as the questions in the following paragraph, was submitted to every member of the Business Committee and the Interim Tribal Administrator, Angela Thompson. As of press time there has been no response to these questions.

How was it originally determined by the Business Committee and ITAS that 5% was needed to administer the RAP Budgets? Remember, General Council vetoed the 5% amount at the last Council meeting. Now the percentage has jumped by 2.5%. Although the ITA designates it as "other," it is earmarked for the same purpose, administering the budgets. Once again, how was the 5% determined and how was the 7.5% determined? Is either percentage supported by an analysis or financial report? Is there a budget to account for expenditures of this amount? Why is the cost of administering the RAP Budgets being taken from Authorizing or Creation of Court *(7-1/2% Earmark con't Pg 7)*

SFN POLICE EVER VIGILANT



Sac and Fox Nation Police officers, casino management and Oklahoma Highway Patrol officers consult during potential bomb scare. The suspicious object was found safe by the OHP Bomb Squad.

A suspicious box found in the parking lot of the Sac and Fox Casino in Shawnee Thursday afternoon prompted assistance from the Oklahoma Highway Patrol bomb squad. Further investigation determined the box was empty and not a threat.

Dispatch reports show Shawnee firefighters responded to the casino at 42008 Westech Road about 12:40 p.m. and the OHP bomb squad was called in to assist Sac and Fox tribal police at the scene.

OHP Major Gerald Davidson said the patrol's bomb technicians determined the box was empty, so the scene and this matter were turned back over to tribal police. No other information about the incident was available from Sac and Fox police.

The above story is courtesy of Crime Reporter Kim Morava and photograph courtesy of Photographer Ed Blochowiak, both with the Shawnee News Star and Crime Report Kim Morava

After taking with Sac and Fox Assistant Police Chief Mike Windle it was learned that at no time were casino guests or employees in any danger. No evacuation of any casino buildings was required and the entire event

(Bomb Scare _____ cont'd Pg 7)



SAC AND FOX NATION
Route 2, Box 246 • Stroud, Oklahoma 74079 • (918) 968-1141 • FAX (918) 968-1142

FILED
DATE 12-30-08
SECRETARY
SAC & FOX NATION
George Thurman

**Sac and Fox Nation
2009 Election**

The Sac and Fox Nation Election Board is declaring and officially posting the following positions that will be open for the 2009 election year.

Business Committee Positions:

Secretary

Treasurer

Grievance Committee Positions:

Grievance Committee Position #3

Mike Harris
Mike Harris, Election Board Chairman

12-29-08
Date

See page 6 for 2009 Sac and Fox Nation Election Dates to Remember and page 7 for campaign advertisement rates and ad sizes.

PUBLIC NOTICE
(Per Article VIII Meetings, Section 1, of the
Sac and Fox Nation Constitution)

**Sac and Fox Nation
Business Enterprise Board, Inc.
aka Sauk Enterprises, Inc.
Chairperson Georgia Noble
has called a
Shareholders/Tribal Members
Meeting**

**To hear: status of Gaming Operations
And other Economic Development
Ventures**

Saturday, February 7, 2008
At 10:00 a.m.

SFN Community Building
Stroud, OK

~~~~~

For additional information contact  
SFN Business Enterprise Board, Inc.  
(aka Sauk Enterprises, Inc.)  
Chairperson Georgia Noble  
405-487-7832

A continental breakfast will be served before the meeting  
and lunch provided during the noon break.



**Sac & Fox News**

The Sac & Fox News is the monthly publication of the Sac and Fox Nation, located on SH99, six miles south of Stroud, OK. Mailing address: Rt 2, Box 246, Stroud, OK. 74079. Phone: 918-968-3526. Fax: 918-968-4837.

The Sac & Fox News is the official publication of the Sac and Fox Nation. Our mission is to meet all tribal members information needs concerning the Nation.

The Sac & Fox News is mailed free, one per address, to enrolled Sac and Fox tribal members. Paid subscriptions are available for \$12.00 annually. Editorial statements, guest columns, and letters to the editor published in this newspaper contain the opinions of the writers. These opinions do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Sac and Fox News staff or any elected official or department of tribal government or administration. The Sac and Fox News reserves the right to refuse publication of letters to the editor. All editorials and letters to the editor become the property of the Sac and Fox News. Submissions for publication must be signed by the author and include an address and contact phone number. They are limited to 300 words. The staff will not edit editorials or letters to the editor to fit the 300-word limit.

Deadline for February 2009 publication is Wednesday, January 20, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

Reprint permission is granted, with proper credit to the Sac and Fox News, unless other copyrights are shown. Articles and letters may be hand-delivered to the newspaper or mailed to the address provided above, or email: newspaper@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov.

Address corrections & changes are accepted by The Business Committee at the address listed below. For information call (918) 968-3526 x1046.

~~~~~

Managing Editor, Henri Isaacs
 Publisher, Sac and Fox Nation
 Member of Native American Journalists Assn - Since 1988

~~~~~

Tribal Officers:  
 918-968-3526 or 800-259-3970

**Principal Chief:**  
 George Thurman  
 Telephone Ext. 1004  
 chief@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov

**Second Chief:**  
 Cheryl L. McClellan  
 Telephone Ext. 1005  
 secondchief@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov

**Secretary:**  
 Gwen McCormick Wilburn  
 Telephone Ext. 1007  
 secretary@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov

**Treasurer:**  
 Michael Hackbarth  
 Telephone Ext. 1006  
 mhackbarth@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov

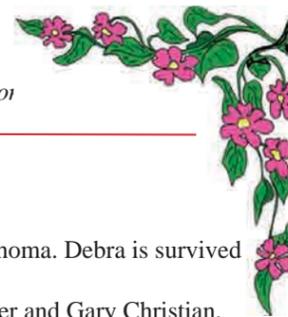
**Committee Member:**  
 Stella Nanaeto  
 Telephone Ext. 1011  
 cmember@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov

Business Committee Mailing Address  
 Route 2 Box 246  
 Stroud OK 74079

**Obituaries**

Beyond the vale of tears, there is a life above,  
 Unmeasured by the flight of years, and all that life is love.

James Montgo



**Debra Lynn Lyford**

Tribal member Debra Lynn Lyford, 48, departed this life on January 2, 2009 while living in Cushing, Oklahoma. Debra is survived by her husband Leo Lyford Jr., of the home.

She was the loving mother of three children: Natosha Boren of Oklahoma City, Jeremy Neiman of Stillwater and Gary Christian, Jr. of Optima. She was a loving grandmother to nine grandchildren: Nicole Matlock, Tyler Matlock, Trey Matlock, HayLee Pershall, Hattie Pershall, Sadie Pershall, Shayla Neiman, Mason Butler and Jermari Butler.

Debra was preceded in death by her mother Zelda Horner, sister Dianna Oxley and brother Monty Ray Horner.

A memorial was held in Stroud, Oklahoma at the Sac and Fox Nation on January 4, 2009. Graveside services were held at the Sac and Fox Nation Cemetery in Stroud, Oklahoma on January 5, 2009. Services were conducted by tribal member Thomas Morris.

I will love you forever always Mom!!!  
 Natosha, Jeremy, C. J. and families



**Leonard Joe Alderson, Jr.**

Sac and Fox tribal member Leonard Joe Alderson, Jr., age 58, passed away on Sunday, January 4, 2009, at his residence in Maud, Oklahoma.

Leonard was born on July 22, 1950 in Blackwell, Oklahoma, to Leonard Joe Alderson and Charlotte A. (Rhodd) Alderson. He married Frankie Jo LeClair on December 1, 1970 in Paris, Texas.

He is survived by his mother, Charlotte Alderson of Maud, Oklahoma; one son, Travis Sean Alderson of Maud, Oklahoma; one daughter, Summer Artensia Alderson of Shawnee, Oklahoma; one sister, Charlotte Ann Shelley of Maud, Oklahoma; two grandchildren, Daniel Joe Alderson and Samuel Elijah; father-in-law, Franklin LeClair and mother-in-law, Virginia Plumley; and special friend, Pam Adams.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Frankie Jo Alderson and his father, Leonard Joe Alderson.

A funeral mass was held Thursday, January 8, 2009, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Konawa, Oklahoma. A Rosary service was held the evening of Wednesday, January 7, at the Swearingen Funeral Home Chapel in Konawa, Oklahoma. Father Adrian Vorderlandwehr, OSB officiated. Soloists were Danny Khoury and Sandra Mitchell. Pallbearers were Frankie Walker, Mark Copeland, Billy Freeman, Wichita Blaine, Larry Bear, Fussy Lowery and Burt Talbear. Honorary pallbearers were Donnie Bailey and Donald Fry. Burial was at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Konawa, Oklahoma.

**A Tribute**

**Amos Earl Black IV, My Brother, My Friend**

**He loved to entertain.** As a small child, he used to perform as Elvis for all of our friends and family. His mom got him a sequined jumpsuit and guitar, and he would put on a show. He had all of the moves down, and he would even take a scarf and give it out to all of the women in the audience (his aunts). Unfortunately, he only had one scarf, so he had to dance his way back to the current holder of the scarf and take it back so the next person in the audience could have their thrill. As he got older, he moved on to break dancing. His prized possession was a sheet of linoleum my dad got him, and he would take it to school and show off his moves. The fact that he loved to entertain was ironic due to the shyness he used to show away from the stage.

After he grew up, the show was over, though his presence always left those around him feeling good. I laughed more with him (and at him) than with anyone else on earth. I can't think of a time when he was there, that he didn't make me laugh or feel better (including when mom passed away). He always made off the wall comments, did hilarious impersonations, or was just himself. He had a way of telling a story or recounting an observation that allowed anyone who listened to actually experience what he was saying. Those lucky enough to talk or spend time with him were made better for it.

**He was always full of surprises.** I've known him my whole life, and he never ceased to amaze me. One day, he showed me a picture of a Rhodesian Ridgeback in a dog breed book and just went on and on about how this was the perfect dog. I didn't think much of it at the time and he didn't mention it again. Then, about 6 months later he told us he had some errands to run and was gone for most of the day, only to return with a Rhodesian Ridgeback puppy. Apparently, he had gone to east Texas and picked up the dog without us even knowing he was thinking about it. He named the dog Kramer, after the Seinfeld character, and that dog has lived up to his name. On another occasion, my dad was sitting in his living room and noticed a the corner like James Bond and said, "You better me that nobody but my brother would say

**He was blessed with many gifts.** He was As I said before, Little Amos could tell a story said that he was one (of) the best writers she had the art of satire. Her compliments meant a lot he had written a short story that was published translated to his professional life. Many of his and briefs, and my dad always said that he had had ever known.

**He loved his native heritage.** I think he read published. Growing up in Anadarko, we were far difficult to experience our culture more than a decided that distance was no longer going to be with our relatives and elders and even began made him a resource for us, but for him it was a of the Sac and Fox Nation.

My brother brought life and energy to everyone Indian name, Wako'me, meant "Bear who leave or impact, on me. The world seems quieter not

**He was good at everything he did.** By the time law. He was nearing the age of 30. In his mind, success and set himself up for retirement, then he had never invested in stock before, he began to read a company's financial reports, research not only which stocks were good investments,

For the last few years, he's obtained returns that many on Wall Street would envy. During the first big 500-point drop of our current economic downturn, he made \$6000. He had done his research and knew that this company was about to release a report that might make its value skyrocket. He bought the stock at the opening and it was only one of two stocks that were positive that day. I don't know how he was able to do it, but he was able to excel at everything he did.

He was my best friend. Like all brothers, we had our quarrels when we were younger, but as we became adults we grew very close. We spoke on the phone most everyday. We had almost identical interests, so there was always something to talk about. We've experienced great joy and tragic loss, but each experience made us closer. After my mom died, my dad, he and I had grown incredibly close. We went on fishing trips together, watched football together, worked together, laughed together, and mourned together. We were like a three-legged stool that's just had one of the legs kicked out from underneath us. God blessed us with his presence and has now taken him home for reasons only He understand. He was saved by our Savior and his chapter in the Book of life has come to an end, and that is the only explanation of this tragedy that makes sense. He was a mama's boy, and now they are together again. I know I'll see him again, but not yet...not yet.



**Brothers Amos (l) and Josh (r) Black**  
 (Photo taken at Josh's wedding  
 October 21, 2006)

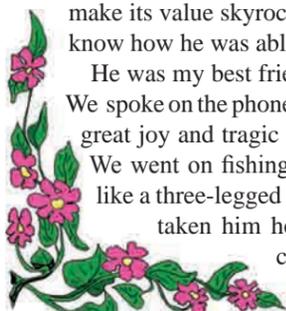
laser dot on the wall. Then my brother rounded not mess with this melon farmer!" My dad told something like that. I agree.

very intelligent, but writing was his greatest gift. like no other. His high school English teacher ever taught. She especially loved his mastery of to us but we already knew his ability because when he was in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. His writing ability colleagues admired his ability to write arguments grown into one of the best legal writers that he

every book about the Sac & Fox that was ever enough away from our tribal home that is was few times a year. However, during law school he a barrier. He drove from Tulsa to Stroud to meet learning some of the language. These efforts passion. He took great pride in being a member

who was fortunate enough to know him. His a footprint..." and I know he left his footprint, that he's gone.

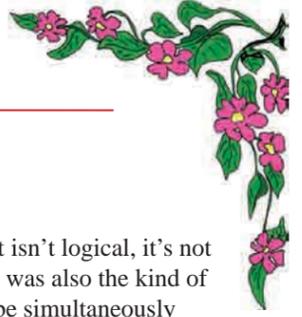
he finished his law degree and started practicing that meant that if he was going to be a financial he had to find a way to catch up. Even though to try to figure it out. He taught himself how sector and market cap, and the art of deciding but also which ones were primed to gain value.



## Obituaries

Beyond the vale of tears, there is a life above,  
Unmeasured by the flight of years, and all that life is love.

James Montgomery



### A Tribute Glannister Charles "Buster" Brown



Glannister Charles Brown was a man for whom actions would speak louder than words. His life motto might well have been "if it isn't logical, it's not important." The qualities of being fair, just and the ability to recognize what was right were clearly driving forces in Buster's life. He was also the kind of person who could respect a "do not disturb" sign, whether it was real or implied. He was analytical and observant, with an ability to be simultaneously spontaneous and keenly perceptive. Buster was modest in his actions and extremely literal in his thoughts and in the manner in which he communicated with others. When Buster said something, he meant it. All those who knew him appreciated this trademark quality.

His parents were Fryor and Margaret (Christjohn) Brown. Buster was raised in Oneida, Wisconsin and Cushing and Stroud, Oklahoma. Even as a small child, Buster wanted to understand what was right and what was wrong in any given situation. As Buster grew older, he realized the importance of being treated fairly, and in return, he treated everyone around him the same way. This belief in fair play served Buster well throughout his life and despite his natural shyness, he enjoyed a solid group of friends.

Since Buster sought to treat those around him with respect, he often found himself in the role of playing peacemaker within his family. He was comfortable in working through the types of sibling rivalry situations that quite often occur, because he loved the challenge of conflict resolution. He would look at the most reasonable and practical ways to settle any disputes. Buster was raised with three brothers and five sisters; Delphine, Ettamarie, Phyllis, Fryor, Samuel, Aaron, Virginia and Katherine. Buster and his siblings had the typical rivalries while growing up, but they shared many life experiences.

During his childhood, family and friends viewed Buster as a quiet and reserved person with what most would consider a calm and tranquil demeanor. In fact, he was a fairly curious child who had the ability to entertain himself and didn't require much in the way of outside stimulation. A great deal of Buster's free time was spent learning how and why the things around him worked. He was an active child who loved being outdoors and absorbing all the sensory input that nature could provide. He took part in Football, Baseball and Boxing, and was a member of the FFA. At a young age, Buster worked at a farm with his father and drove a wagon to market.

The fact that he was curious was an asset to Buster while he was in school. He possessed strong study skills and good concentration. He relished the task of scrutinizing problems, investigating all of the options and then solving them. Buster enjoyed tackling the project that was right in front of him and working it straight through to its conclusion. Sometimes, he would become so involved in the process of problem solving that he would lose awareness of his surroundings. Experience was Buster's best teacher. He graduated from Stroud High School in 1939 and the same year his high school football team won the state championship. He enjoyed some courses more than others, having favorite classes and teachers. His favorite class in high school was Math.



Those who didn't know Buster well might have thought him to be objective and somewhat emotionally detached, but family and friends who were close to him knew that he was capable of unexpected flashes of humor. Buster's good friends tended to be "thinkers" like himself. Even though the circle of friends was somewhat small, it was a strong and loyal group, and Buster liked nothing better than to spend his free time with them. Buster was well known for always being up front and open, never hiding his true feelings, qualities that drew deep loyalty from his friends because they understood and appreciated him for the person he was. Another quality that people admired in Buster was his ability to link cause and effect and apply the appropriate connection in his assessment of any new situation. While growing up, some of his best friends were Charlie Smith and Jack Tiger.

This same loyalty and up front honesty Buster shared with his friends carried over to other aspects of his life, including his relationships with his family. On August 13, 1954, Buster exchanged wedding vows with Marie Nadine Secondine at the Courthouse in Ft. Smith, Arkansas. The marriage became a solid relationship, due in part to Buster's skill at bringing fresh energy and clarity to meeting Nadine's needs. He was a great listener who enjoyed the couple's "together" time, especially when it came to celebrating special occasions.

As the family grew, Buster was easily able to adapt to the changes and challenges of parenthood. Buster was blessed with six children; four boys and two girls, Tommy, Vickie, Charlie, Sam, Glenda, Glannister (Junior). They were also blessed with 11 grandchildren, Adrienne, Karen, Samantha, D. J., Jason, Eric, Sammy (Go), Justin, Charlie, Zack, and Alex; 12 Great-grandchildren, Teryana, Tre'D, Mya, Eian, Gracie, Daesha, Mesiah, Destiny, Gihana, Johnathan, Seth, Knight. Buster was never impulsive in dealing with family problems. Instead, he would carefully think things through before implementing the solution in a logical and objective manner. Buster was a strong, clear communicator who excelled at eliminating confusion by making matters crystal clear to all those involved. At the same time, Buster's inventive nature could turn some of the boring old household chores into a fun activity for the family.

In his work life, Buster was the kind of person who had no difficulty in taking on a project and seeing it through to its completion. He excelled at dealing with those pesky details that can derail some people, and once he understood exactly why he was working on a project, he could plow full steam ahead. For Buster, being able to grasp the logical components of any task was significant to him in appreciating its importance. Even if he worked alone on an assignment, Buster was able to incorporate and welcome new insights from co-workers, and he would readily use them if they improved the process. His primary occupation was a Weapons and Aircraft Mechanic. He was employed for 23 years in USAF; 12 years in Civil Service for a total of 35 years working for the U.S. Government. Buster always made the effort to be a team player, doing what was necessary in order to get the job done.

Buster was an Air force veteran. He understood his duty to serve his country and the importance of getting a job done. He was comfortable with the routines of the military and even liked them to some degree, especially when it came to grasping the clear instructions and guidelines he was expected to follow. He was in the United States Air Force serving in Oklahoma, Illinois, Japan, Florida, and Nevada. Buster saw action for WWII, and the Korean Conflict. Through his hard work and dedication, he achieved the rank of E6 or Tech Sergeant. He received several awards including a Good Conduct Medal, Korean Service Medal, two battle stars, United Nations Service Medal and National Defense Service Medal.



Buster's curious and inquisitive nature influenced his choice of leisure pursuits as well. He applied his strong concentration and analytical skills as to how things worked to his choice of activities. He particularly enjoyed the "alone" time his hobbies provided. His favorite pursuits were Football, Baseball and Boxing. Buster was content to enjoy his hobbies alone but was also willing to share his interests with others.

Buster had the ability to stay calm and the determination to do what was necessary to get the job finished, traits that helped him enjoy sports. Recreational sports included bowling, golfing and fishing. Buster was also something of a sports fan and enjoyed following his favorite events whenever he got the opportunity. Tops on his list were football, golf and baseball. Most of all he enjoyed watching his grandsons play football and baseball.

If Buster believed in a cause or an idea, he was willing to work hard on its behalf. Buster was a member of several community groups, including serving on committees for the PTA for his six children.

Religion and faith were important to Buster. He held dear the faith and values he derived from his beliefs. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church and currently he was a member at Victory Baptist Church.

Buster appreciated the occasions when he was able to travel and get away on a vacation. He enjoyed learning about different locales and was open to exploring new and different places. Favorite vacations included traveling with his family to Germany. He thoroughly enjoyed the task of gathering and analyzing travel information as he prepared for an upcoming trip.

Buster was a lover of animals and cherished his pets. One of Buster's favorites was Tiger, a little brown Chihuahua that used to lie on the back of the couch and look out the window, waiting patiently each day for Buster to get home from work. They were best friends for 5 years.

As his retirement approached, Buster viewed the event as just one more project to research and solve. So, when the day finally arrived that he retired in 1963 from the Air Force and retired from Tinker Air Force Base in 1982, he was well prepared. His new life involved relocating to back to Oklahoma City. In retirement, he found new pleasure in golfing, dominoes, playing with grandkids, and when the casinos came along he found this to be his "new" favorite past time.

Buster passed away on January 9, 2009 at St. Anthony Hospital, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Pops was sick but never really found out what was wrong. We believe that after his sickness in 2001, he just never became 100% of himself again. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Nadine (Secondine) Brown; children, Tommy Masquat and wife Beverly, Vickie Ebbe and husband John, Charles Brown, Samuel Brown and wife Billie, Glenda Fuller and husband Byron, Glannister (Jr.) and wife Deana; 11 grandchildren, Adrienne (Ebbe) Gambe, Samantha (Masquat) McCloud, Karen (Brown) St. Hilaire, D. J. Conley, Jason Brown, Eric Ebbe, Samuel Brown, Justin LittleJohn, Charles Brown, Zachary Brown and Alex Romo; 12 Great-grandchildren, Teryana, Tre'D, Mya, Eian, Gracie, Daesha, Mesiah, Destiny, Giana, Johnathan, Seth, Knight and one on the way; brother, Aaron Brown, Virginia Wright and Katherine Franklin; a host of nieces and nephews and friends. Services were held at 2 P.M., Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at Bill Eisenhour Northeast Chapel in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Buster was laid to rest with Full Military Honors at Arlington Memory Gardens, in Midwest City, Oklahoma.

Buster strongly believed that talk is cheap. He was the type of person who would show others his feelings through his actions. He was practical and realistic but was able to be flexible when the need arose. He had a curiosity about the things around him and tried to experience life directly rather than sit back and talk about it. The experiences he treasured most were those he shared with his loved ones. Glannister Charles Brown will be greatly missed.

### AND THE BEAT PLAYS ON

A warrior's drum never stops beating, simply resting for a peace of mind. Winds carry the echoes into the spirits of present day listeners recounting many moons of precious memories.

Family never questioned why, but simply when. When was the beating drum of the warrior going to come to a rest? After all, nothing lasts forever, at least not in the physical form.

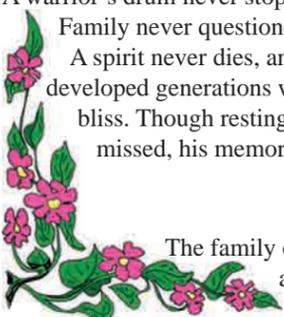
A spirit never dies, and for that reason we still recall the tune of the beating drum like yesterday. Some what like history's sound track playing endlessly throughout newly developed generations while carrying the same harmonious melody. Knowing all things must come to an end, grief is a mere overcast, while saddened tears form rainbows of eternal bliss. Though resting at peace, our warrior's drum will forever beat. Pops being our warrior, the beating drum being his spirit. Although the sight of our warrior will be forever missed, his memory will always live within us. On behalf of the family we will love and miss you forever.

Composed by D.J. Conley, oldest grandson to "Pops" Buster Brown

### Thank You

The family of "Buster" Buck Brown would like to thank the Sac and Fox Nation for all that they did for our family in this time of need. Your help was gratefully appreciated. We would also like to thank all the family members that helped make the dinner after the burial a great success. We never could have pulled it off without you. We will always be grateful to all of you.

Thank you, the Brown Family





## Letters to the Editor



Dear Sac and Fox Council Member:

Did you notice on Page 1 of the January 2009 edition of the Sac & Fox News that a NEW Federal Charter was approved by the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs? This NEW Federal Charter has some very disturbing language in it that IS NOT in our best interests! Too, this NEW Federal Charter was not submitted to us – the Sac and Fox people – to vote on whether to approve it or not since any change to the Federal Charter, like the Sac and Fox Constitution, has to be submitted to a vote of the Sac and Fox people.

Too, has the Business Committee submitted S&F Governing Council Resolution #SF/GC-08-03 passed on August 25, 2007 (almost 1-1/2 years ago) to the BIA to begin the process to ask the U. S. Secretary of Interior to call a Secretarial Election to repeal the 2004 Amendment to the Sac and Fox Constitution? If not, why not?

Also, on Page 7 of the January 2009 edition of (the) Sac & Fox News, Nos. 14 and 15, and without knowledge and approval of the Governing Council, on 9/30/08 the Business Committee approved Donations to Charitable Organizations in the amount of \$28,581.00 to 14 organizations and Donations to Aid to Local Government Operations in the amount of \$76,647.00 to 7 local governments. These Donations need to be published in S&F News – to whom: the amount; and for what purpose.

Council Members, the Governing Council approve certain money amounts for the 5 Parts of the RAP but because the other 4 are lumped in with the Per Capita Part, the RAP is approved in its entirety! Kind of like the U. S. Congress puts their Pork Projects in with the Military Appropriation Bill and gets their pet projects approved!

I've told the Business Committee and Governing Council repeatedly, that per Federal law (NIGC Act of 1988) the Governing Council is the only legal body who can approve the RAP (Revenue Allocation Program), which they did on 4/27/96, and are, therefore, the only body who can approve any Part of RAP Allocations. Then and only then, can the Business Committee allocate any RAP monies to whomever the Governing Council has approved. The RAP is strictly a Governing Council program – its that legal and that simple.

Submitted by: Dora S. Young, Tribal Member



Dear Sac & Fox Council Member:

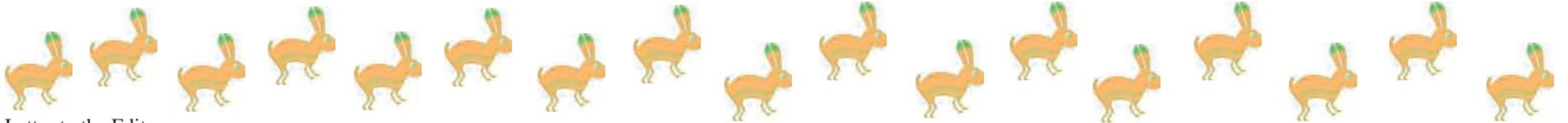
As a Sac and Fox Council Member, I and other of my family are wondering what, if any action, is being taken to investigate and find out what has happened to the \$1-1/2 million dollars of Federal monies (and what other monies?) lost on the Stock Market as reported by Mr. Brad Chumley Investments out of Chandler, OK on September 20, 2008.

Too, on August 25, 2007 the Sac and Fox Governing Council passed SF/GC Resolution #08-07 expressing the need for an attorney for the Governing Council and appropriated \$20,000.00 for this purpose and that if additional funds are needed, they are to be located by the tribal Treasurer, and that guidelines be established for the selection of an attorney and to whom reporting will be made by a committee of 3 (three) to be selected by the Governing Council. What is the status of this Resolution since we need advice on what is the next legal step to take to find out what has happened to the \$1-1/2 millions dollars!

Also, does this \$1-1/2 million include any Gaming monies lost? Health monies that may have deprived tribal members of needed health care? And what else? WHO are the person(s) responsible for such a loss? Can we be reimbursed? We're very concerned which is why we need legal representation to protect us and our assets, and soon!

Business Committee, where are we at on this \$1-1/2 million dollar lost and hiring an attorney for the Governing Council? It's my understanding that the current Tribal Attorney, Mr Steve Ward out of Tulsa, OK, cannot represent us (the Governing Council) IF a conflict arises between the Business Committee and the Governing Council – is this true? If you have not already done so, I suggest you call Gwen Wilburn, Tribal Secretary, at 1-800-259-3970 and ask for a copy of the Chumley Report. It's scary!

*(Brad Chumley, of Chumley Investment Management and tribal investment advisor for the Sac and Fox Nation, welcomes any tribal member with questions to please contact him at his office in Chandler, OK at (405) 258-5205 or his office at 910 E. First St., Chandler, OK. He will address any inquiries regarding the Nation's investments using the information provided at the September 20, 2008 Investments Meeting held at the tribal complex. He will address the following: basic introduction to investments, a brief history of past Sac and Fox Nation Investments and current status of Sac and Fox Nation tribal investments. Please call for an appointment.)*



Letter to the Editor:

In the November issue of Sac & Fox News, principal chief, George Thurman, appealed to tribal members to come to him, to come to the source, if we wanted to learn the truth about any questions or concerns. Empty words, folks.

I wrote him five (5) times asking for his version of the truth about the 2004 Amendment. It has been three months since my first letter, and he has never bothered to respond to any of my letters. This is how our principal chief follows through on his 'open door' policy.

The truth of the question I had been asking about the 2004 Amendment? He played a major role in the creation of that amendment. It was deliberately written to thoroughly diminish Governing Council's role.

Another harsh truth is that the term 'Supreme Governing body' for Governing Council is our constitution is a joke. It carries no weight at all. Just as George. He will be more than happy to give you copies of the law firm reports the Business Committee solicited detailing just how insignificant Governing Council is in the governance of our Nation. Good luck on your requests for copies, however.

That's why he always announces at council meetings that the Business Committee doesn't have to carry out any resolutions passed by Governing Council. You may want to ask him why Governing Council bothers to meet at all.

The Business Committee actually functions as both the Legislative and Executive branches of government now. There are no checks and balances in our current constitution with the 2004 Amendment in place.

It may be prudent for the Nation to seriously consider another amendment or, better yet a more modern, more balanced constitution.

Merlin McClellan, Tribal Member



### REQUIREMENTS FOR SFN VEHICLE TAG

Requirements to purchase a vehicle tag from Sac and Fox Nation you will need to provide the following documentation when you come to the Tax Commission office:

- Proof of Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Membership
- Proof of residency in Sac and Fox Nation Jurisdiction. (Driver's License, Utility Bill or Notarized Documentaion, etc.)
- Proof of Insurance

For additional information please call the Sac and Fox Tax Commission office at 918-968-3526.

| SAC & FOX NATION<br>2009 Campaign AD Rates |           |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Full Page AD                               | \$ 320.00 |
| Half Page AD                               | \$ 160.00 |
| 1 / 4 Page AD                              | \$ 80.00  |
| 1/8 page AD                                | \$ 40.00  |
| 1/16 page AD                               | \$ 20.00  |

### BABY HARJO ARRIVES



*Nehemiah James Harjo*

Sac and Fox Nation tribal member James Harjo and Donita Coon-Harjo, Seminole-Creek, of Shawnee, OK., announce the birth of their son, Nehemiah James Harjo at 6:18 p.m. on December 30, 2008, at the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility in Ada, OK. He weighed 11 pounds, 5.4 ounces and was 21.7 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Stanford Harjo, Seminole, and Patty Harjo, Sac and Fox Nation, of Seminole, OK. Maternal grandparents are John Coon and Cynthia Davis, both Seminole-Creek and residents of Seminole, OK. Siblings are Cierra Harjo, 12; Jaycee Harjo, ten; and Traijen Harjo, five, all Sac and Fox Nation tribal members, of Shawnee, OK.

### SAC AND FOX TAX COMMISSION REVENUE REPORT December 2008

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Tobacco Tax   | \$28,718.40  |
| Motor Vehicle | \$1,902.75   |
| Sales Tax     | \$9,472.87   |
| Treasury      | \$230.00     |
| Oil & Gas     | \$134.06     |
| Gaming        | \$185,070.28 |

### SAC & FOX NATION VETERANS COMING EVENTS



- February Meeting – Pot Luck – Monday m February 16<sup>th</sup> at Noon at the OES Bldg**
- March Meeting – Potluck – Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at noon at the OES Bldg**
- Annual Veterans Dance – May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Community Bldg. (More information later)**

## HELP WANTED!

### SAC & FOX NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF JOB VACANCIES WITH THE SAC & FOX NATION:

- Accounting Technician
- CHR I
- Custodian
- Enrollment Specialist
- Grants Writer/Planner
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker
- Maintenance Technician
- Physical Therapist
- Resident Advisor
- Self Governance Director
- Shipping & Receiving
- Surveillance Observer

Applicants must successfully pass an OSBI/National background check and drug screen. Preference in hiring is given to qualified Native Americans. Applicants claiming Indian Preference must provide a copy of their CDIB. For more information and to learn how to apply please visit our website at: [www.sacandfoxnation.com](http://www.sacandfoxnation.com) or contact Human Resources, Sac and Fox Nation, Rt. 2 Box 246, Stroud, OK 74079 or by phone (918) 968-3526

## THE 2010 CENSUS: CLOSER THAN IT APPEARS

The census is under way! The 2010 Census count will affect tribal lands for the next ten years and beyond.

The decennial census will direct the equitable distribution of federal and tribal monies, and will be the planning benchmark for tribal governments, state and local governments, private industry, community and faith-based organizations and countless other entities for the next decade.

“The 2010 Census is a community census that just happens to take place in every community at the same time,” stated Dennis Johnson, Kansas City Regional Director.

In order to ensure Census 2010 reaches the American Indian communities, the Census Bureau has developed the American Indian and Alaska Native program. The program is aimed at improving the historical undercount of American Indians and Alaska Natives living on and off reservations.

One of the core strategies for the 2010 Census is establishing partnerships with American Indian communities and organizations. All Regional Offices are working to heighten community awareness and inspire everyone to be counted on April 1, 2010.

The benefits to the partnership are:

- Increase the American Indian participation in the census process which will result in a more complete count.
- A better understanding of and familiarity with tribal and cultural issues that may affect census operations at the local level.
- Provide a larger pool of tribal applicants to fill temporary 2010 Census jobs in local census offices

Continuing efforts with American Indian communities will make a successful 2010 Census!

### 2010 Census Timeline of Activities

|                       |                                                                                  |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Fall 2008             | Recruitment began for local census jobs for early census operations              |
| Spring 2009           | Census employees go door-to-door to update address list nationwide               |
| Fall 2009             | Recruitment begins for census takers needed for peak workload in 2010            |
| February – March 2010 | Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households                      |
| April 1, 2010         | CENSUS DAY                                                                       |
| April 1 – July 2010   | Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail       |
| December 2010         | By law, Census Bureau delivers population counts to President for apportionment. |
| March 2011            | By law, Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states         |

### CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION

#### EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING PROGRAMS

REPRESENTATIVE: MARILYN SPOON

Will be at the Sac and Fox Nation Learning Center on the following days:

- Wednesday, February 11, 2009 (10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
- Wednesday, February 25, 2009 (10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
- Wednesday, March 11, 2009 (10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
- Wednesday, March 25, 2009 (10:30 to 2 p.m. p.m.)

For additional information please call Marilyn at 1-800-880-9880 or 405-598-0797 Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## 2010 CENSUS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### 1) Census Taker Enumerator (Pays up to \$14.25/hr.)

Locates households, updates address list, explains purpose of census, conduct interviews with respondents, record response on paper forms or hand-held computers and meet with crew leader every day to turn in completed work and payroll forms. Census Takers usually work in their own communities, work in the field and work varied hours, not exceeding 40 hours a week. Some evening work is required. This assignment usually lasts 5 to 10 weeks.

### 2) Crew Leader (Pays up to \$14.00/hr.)

Train, supervise and review work of Census Takers and Crew Leader Assistants on a daily basis, supervise Census Takers and Crew Leader Assistants, review and approve daily payroll records, ensure procedures are followed. Crew Leaders work in the field, work varied hours, not exceeding 40 hours per week and must be available days, evenings, and weekends. This assignment usually lasts 5 to 10 weeks.

### 3) Crew Leader Assistant (Pays up to \$14.00/hr.)

Assists Crew Leader by performing delegated tasks and perform some of the same work as Census Takers. Crew Leader Assistants work in the field, work varied hours, not exceeding 40 hours per week and must be available days, evenings, and weekends. This assignment usually lasts 5 to 10 weeks.

### 4) Recruiting Assistant (Pays up to \$15.75/hr.)

Promote census jobs, find applicants for census jobs and work in their community with local organizations to help find local residents to work for the census. Also will locate, set-up and run applicant employment test sessions, ask community organizations to donate space for testing and attaining and review and send applicants material to and from the Local Census Office (LCO), work in the field when and where needed at various hours of the day, including weekends, not to exceed 40 hours a week and must have reliable transportation. some Recruiting Assistants will begin in October 2009 and those who complete their assignments may be eligible to work as a Crew Leader, Census Taker, or Census Office Clerk in remaining operations.

### 5) Census Office Clerk (Pays up to \$10.75/hr.)

Clerks are vital to the successful performance of a LCO. Clerks are hired and trained in each LCO to perform different office activities that support field activities including answer applicant calls and schedule tests, support Recruiting Assistants, process employee payroll and personnel actions and provide administrative support for the field staff. Use of computer is required. Clerks work inside a LCO, work in intermittent, receive pay for hours worked and cannot exceed 8 hours a day or 40 hours a week. Most work is performed during daytime hours; some clerks may work in the evenings and weekends.

To apply for a 2010 Census job, call toll free 1-866-861-2010. For information on the 2010 Census, visit <http://census.gov/2010>.

### 2010 CENSUS APPLICATION & TESTING LOCATION:

SFN LEARNING CENTER

CALL 405-254-9140

FOR APPOINTMENT

CALL FOR INFORMATION REGARDING 2009 CENSUS RELATED JOBS AND TESTING. REQUIRED SKILLS ARE: CLERICAL, ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS, EVALUATING ALTERNATIVES AND BASIC MATH SKILLS.

\*\*\*Allow two (2) hours

\*\*\*Two forms of ID for I-9

-Birth Certificate

-Driver's License

-Passport

-Tribal CDIB Card

\*\*\*Arrive Early



## 1099 - PER CAPITA HOTLINE

THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT HAS SET UP A 1099/PER CAPITA HOTLINE WITH THE FOLLOWING NUMBER: 918-968-3526 EXTENSION 1031. THIS IS A VOICE MESSAGING SERVICE THAT WILL RECORD YOUR QUESTION OR CONCERN.

THE SAC AND FOX NATION'S FINANCE DEPARTMENT IS DEDICATED TO RETURNING YOUR CALL WITHIN 24 HOURS.

IF YOU CALL DURING A WEEK-END, THE CALL WILL BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY.

IF YOU CALL ON A HOLIDAY, THE CALL WILL BE ANSWERED THE NEXT WORKING DAY.

BY UTILIZING THIS SERVICE, WE CAN ENSURE YOUR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ARE ADDRESSED. WE WILL PROVIDE AN ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS WHEN WE RETURN YOUR CALL. PLEASE BE SURE TO LEAVE A CALL BACK NUMBER AND A TIME OF DAY BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 4:00 P.M. THAT WOULD BE MOST ACCOMMODATING FOR YOU.

**918-968-3526 x1031**

### ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Sac & Fox Nation Casino Sports Center in Shawnee, OK has opened a gift shop and would like to showcase the arts and craft talents of the Sac & Fox people.

If a craftsperson has items they would like to put in the gift shop to sell on a consignment arrangement, please visit the gift shop located in the Sports Center adjacent to the Sac & Fox Nation Casino. There will be a 10% consignment fee for items sold.

Submitted by: Georgia Noble, Chairperson  
SFN Business Enterprise Board Inc



**Business Committee  
Actions  
November 12, 2008**

The following mini-minutes are official actions approved by the Business Committee in a Special meeting held the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2008 and are to be followed up by the Director and/or Coordinator whose department they pertain to:

1. **Resolution SF-09-65**, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation and Wewoka Public Schools Co-op Head Start per Contract 2008-09-06.
2. The Office of Environmental Services was authorized to move into a trailer and that appropriate funds are used to set the trailer up.
3. Second Chief Cheryl McClellan was appointed as the voting delegate and Committee Member Stella Nanaeto as the first alternate for the 2008/2009 Fiscal Year of the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association (OIGA) and authorized the dues to be paid out of the General Operating Fees, Dues, and Memberships.
4. **Resolution SF-09-66**, a resolution approving renewal of membership into the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) in the total amount of \$1,500.00 to be paid from the General Operating Fees, Dues and Memberships and naming Second Chief Cheryl McClellan as delegate and Committee Member Stella Nanaeto as the alternate delegate.
5. **Resolution SF-09-67**, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Court and Kellpro, Inc. per Contract #2008-10-11.
6. **Resolution SF-09-68**, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation and the 66 Smokeshop per Contract #2008-10-06 for a term of one year.
7. **Resolution SF-09-69**, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation and JB's Smokeshop per Contract #2008-10-07 for a term of one year.
8. **Resolution SF-09-70**, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation and Old South Tobacco per Contract #2008-10-08 for a term of one year.
9. Additional funding in the amount of \$3,500.00 was approved for funding the Sac and Fox Nation Election Board through the end of December with the source of funding identified as the Treasury Account, which will be reimbursed once the 2009 Revenue Allocation Plan is approved.
10. **Resolution SF-09-71**, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation and WTI Systems, Ltd. per Contract #2008-10-12, not to exceed \$12,297.00 with the funding source identified as the FY-009 Indirect Cost Budget.
11. The Tribal Administrator was instructed to have the Realty Department do an appraisal, to be funded from the Treasury Account, on the 200-acres for sale identified as the Etheridge property

- with the intent of submitting a funding request for the FY-2009 Revenue Allocation Plan budget.
12. The amount of \$350.00 was approved to be paid out of General Operating Public Relations as a donation from the Sac and Fox Nation to help purchase t-shirts for the Riverside Indian School varsity boys basketball team for the 2008-2009 basketball season.
13. **Resolution SF-09-72**, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Black Hawk Health Center and Argus Health Systems, Inc. per Contract #2008-10-10.
14. **Resolution SF-09-73**, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Black Hawk Health Center and Preferred Care Services, Inc. per Contract #2008-10-09.
15. **Resolution SF-09-74**, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Black Hawk Health Center and MedImpact Healthcare Systems, Inc. per Contract #2008-06-03.
16. **Resolution SF-09-75**, a resolution authorizing and approving the prescription drug plan amendment to the pharmacy provider agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Black Hawk Health Center and Catalyst RX per Contract #2008-04-017.
17. **DNR #2008-01** was changed to DNR #2009-01, whereas the Realty Liaison will clarify and confirm information in regard to the potential purchase of property.
18. **HRPA #2009-19** was approved.
19. **HRPA #2009-21** was approved.

**The following items were tabled:**

- June 23-24, 2008 Regular Business Committee Meeting Minutes
- Off-Track Wagering Compact
- Voluntary Assignment of Gaming Per Capita Payments (until February 2009)
- Strategic Plan (until the 12/16/08 RBCM)
- SF/GC Resolution #SF/GC-08-03 Passed 8/25/07
- WTI Quote
- Old Courthouse Bids (until the 12/16/08 RBCM)
- Appointments to Committees, Commissions and Boards

**Elders Annual Valentine Dance**  
 February 14, 2008  
 Community Building  
 2 pm to 10:30 pm



**Business Committee  
Actions  
November 16th - 18th, 2008**

Please be advised that the following are official actions taken by the Business Committee in a Regular Business Committee Meeting held the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> days of December, 2008. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.

**The Following actions were taken by the Business Committee on December 16, 2008 in a Regular Business Committee Meeting.**

1. The Business Committee took action to accept the Minutes of the November 12 & 13, 2008 Special Business Committee Meeting. Secretary Wilburn made the motion, Committee Member Nanaeto seconded. Vote: Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes. Motion carries.
2. The Business Committee took action to accept the Minutes of the November 25, 2008, Regular Business Committee Meeting as corrected. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Secretary Wilburn seconded. Vote: Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes. Motion carries.
3. The Business Committee took action to accept the Minutes of the December 6, 2008, Emergency Business Committee Meeting as presented. Secretary Wilburn made the motion, Committee Member Nanaeto seconded. Vote: Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes. Motion carries.
4. The Business Committee took action to accept the Minutes of the December 8, 2008 Emergency Business Committee Meeting as presented. Secretary Wilburn made the motion, Committee Member Nanaeto seconded. Vote: Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent. Motion carries.
5. **Resolution SF-09-101** adding one (1) person to the membership roll of the Sac and Fox Nation in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Sac and Fox Nation. Secretary Wilburn made the motion, Committee Member Nanaeto seconded. Vote: Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Abstain, Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes. Motion carries.
6. The Business Committee took action to rescind the motion made on November 12, 2008 titled trailer set-up which was a motion to move OES into the trailer. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Committee Member Nanaeto seconded. Vote: George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes. Motion carries.
7. **Resolution SF-09-102** approving membership into the National Tribal Gaming Commissioners and Regulators (NTGC/R) in the total amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and naming Muriel Wheeler the official voting representative and Kim Pearse as the alternate voting representative. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Committee Member Nanaeto seconded.

- Vote: Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes. Motion carries.
8. The Business Committee took action to use Miracle Demolition in Cushing, Oklahoma to gut the inside of the old Courthouse using #C of the bid sheet, to be funded from the FY08 RAP Carryover line item 18 in the amount of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) and to authorize the Treasurer and Vickie Benham to carryout the project. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Secretary Wilburn seconded. Vote: Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes. Motion carries.
  9. **Resolution SF-09-102** adopting the 2008 Off-Track Wagering Compact with the State of Oklahoma dated 12/16/08. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Committee Member Nanaeto seconded. Vote: Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent. Motion carries.
  10. The Business Committee took action to set-up the extra trailer from it's current location taking the Nineteen Thousand (\$19,000.00) to be taken from Treasury and once the occupants are identified, the amount is to be taken from their budget and reimbursed to Treasury, not to exceed Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$19,300) and authorizing the Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer to use the appropriate accounting methods to carry out this project. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Committee Member Nanaeto seconded. Vote: Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes. Motion carries.
  11. **Resolution SF-09-104** authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Black Hawk Center and Debra Mee, M.D. with the funding source identified as Fiscal Year 2009 IHS Compact budget, contract #2008-11-06, not to exceed Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) per month. Committee Member Nanaeto made the motion, Second Chief McClellan seconded. Vote: Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes. Motion carries.
  12. **Resolution SF-09-105** naming Raymond Massey and Lisa Stevens, "Sac and Fox Nation Employees of the Year" for Fiscal Year 2009. Committee Member Nanaeto made the motion, Second Chief McClellan seconded. Vote: Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes. Motion carries.
  13. The Business Committee took action to release Employees at 2:00 p.m. on Administration Leave on December 23, 2008 as a thank you. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Committee Member Nanaeto seconded. (BC Actions Nov. 16-18, 2008 con't on Pg 8)

**SUMMIT FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES**

February 26 – 27, 2009

The Reed Conference Center, Midwest City, OK

Providers, families, communities and state agencies have worked very hard over the past several years to improve access and quality of services for children, youth and families. The Summit for Children's Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services is an opportunity to review past efforts, assess current situations and plan for the future.

This Children's Summit is being held as the culmination of a three-step process. The process began with eight focus groups held throughout Fall/Winter 2008. We ask that you help us take the next step by participating in a web-based survey. Your input is vital in creating a model partnership between providers, families, communities and state agencies within the State of Oklahoma. Click the following link and follow the online instructions to complete this online survey. (You may need to copy and then paste this web address into your computer's browser.)

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=zLlfqC5nRFR7M\\_2bwQVnpaNg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=zLlfqC5nRFR7M_2bwQVnpaNg_3d_3d)  
[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=zLlfqC5nRFR7M\\_2bwQVnpaNg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=zLlfqC5nRFR7M_2bwQVnpaNg_3d_3d)

The final step is the Children's Summit. The Summit is not a training event or conference. It is a planning event, building on the input we are collecting from a wide group of stakeholders. This event will help frame the actions of the Partnership for Children's Behavioral Health (PCBH) for the coming year.

This is an event for those interested in helping plan the transformation of mental health and substance abuse services for children, youth and their families. Work groups representing different areas of interest will be tasked with recommending three top priorities to be added to the PCBH Action Plan.

The Summit will begin with a report of all the stakeholder input we received through the survey as well as an update on the progress of our current Action Plan. Most of the event will be spent working in small groups.

For questions or to learn more about how you can be part of this exciting event contact the ODMHSAS Children, Youth and Family Services Division at 405-522-8019 or via email at [tcastles@odmhsas.org](mailto:tcastles@odmhsas.org) <<mailto:tcastles@odmhsas.org>>.

Sponsored by: The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and Oklahoma Systems of Care.

**Summit for Children's  
Mental Health &  
Substance Abuse Services**

February 26 – 27, 2009  
The Reed Conference Center  
Midwest City, OK

**Please return registration by February 1, 2009**




**Mail Registration To:**  
 Seminar Coordinator, Human Resource Development Division  
 Institute for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Education and Training  
 2401 NW 23rd St., Suite 82 Oklahoma City, OK 73107  
**Or fax to: 405-522-8320**  
*FEE: No charge*  
 For more information, contact Traci Castles  
 405-522-8019 or [tcastles@odmhsas.org](mailto:tcastles@odmhsas.org)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I require special accommodations as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the workgroup in which you would most like to participate:**

- Workforce Recruitment and Retention
- Reduction and Streamlining of Paperwork
- Expansion of Services and Supports in Rural Areas, including Use of Technology
- Holistic Approach to Services and the Life Domains Necessary to Live in the Community, Particularly for Transition Age Youth
- Public Health Approach to Children's Wellness: Integration of Physical and Mental Health
- Supporting Community Coalitions, includes Training
- Working with the Birth-6 population, Devising an Intensive, Ongoing and Integrated Training program for Providers
- Reducing Disparities in Mental Health Care and Substance Abuse Services, including Racial, Gender and Socio-Economic
- Co-Occurring Screening, Assessment and Delivery of Services
- Substance Abuse Education for Children/Youth
- Other Recommended Workgroup

**LET'S MEET  
AT THE SUMMIT!**

**JOSEPH EVE - FOLLOWING THE MONEY TRAIL**



**JOSEPH EVE** is a CPA firm specializing in accounting and business solutions for Native American tribal governments, businesses and organizations. Our comprehensive tribal services include specialized auditing and accounting services for tribes and casinos, internal control and compliance reviews, fraud investigations, training programs, strategic planning, and information technology consulting. In more than **20 years of working with nearly 100 tribes** across the country, we have helped tribal entities of all kinds succeed, from gaming operations and retail enterprises to tribal government programs and colleges. Seated from left is Sanwar Harshwal, Yachen Lee, Fei Wu, Pat McCrea and Amirtha MohanRao.

**(Bomb Scare con't from Front Page)**

lasted about an hour and a half. Windle said the SFN Police Department was notified immediately when the suspicious box was first observed on surveillance cameras. An area located in the south parking lot along Westech Road was quickly cordoned off for safety while awaiting the arrival of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol bomb squad.

**(Chief's Letter continued)**

Legislation or Resolutions (c) Tribal Code (d) Tribal Code Provisions involving the Court (e) Organizational Chart for the Tribe (f) Organizational Chart for the Court (g) Court Policies and Procedures Manual (h) Court Financial Policies and Procedures Management Manual (i) Copy of '638 Contract for Court (j) Reports by the court regarding court activities to the BIA (k) Reports by the court to the governing body.

**Data Review:** The court review examined **caseload data** associated with court activity: Civil, Criminal, Juvenile, Traffic, Appellate, and Other. The **court budget** included: Total Court Budget, Court Expenditures, Federal Funds, Federal Fund Expenditures, Fine and Fee Revenue.

**Scope of Work**

Areas that were reviewed in the on-site Tribal Court review by the Review Team:

1. Determine the place of the Court within the Tribal structure. Organizational structure of the Court within the Tribe. Determine the level of judicial independence. Review the availability of the codes and maintenance of the said codes. Determine the status of the Appellate Court within the tribe.
2. Review the Court's internal administrative function (management). Organizational structure of the court. Review the Court's internal policies and procedures Manual. Review the Court's internal financial policies and procedures Financial Management Manual.
3. Review the Court personnel, including experience, qualifications and training.
4. Review the Court's working relationship with other entities: Prosecutor, Law Enforcement, Public Defender, Detention, and ICWA.
5. Determine the Court case-load and the ability of the Court to adequately deal with the case-load. Determine the Appellate court case-load.
6. Review the Court Budget. Is there adequate funding for positions, salary levels, and funding for Court activities such as jury trials, appeals, outside counsel Percentage of federal funds in the total court budget.
7. Financial accountability in the use of Federal funds. How funds are being used? **Conducting Tribal Court Reviews:** Conduct reviews of Tribal court systems including [CFR Courts] as negotiated with the Tribal government, Tribal court and local BIA representatives will be conducted in accordance with the negotiated scope-of-work, and will identify strengths and weaknesses

An OHP boom squad member opened the box and determined that it was empty and not a threat.

Surveillance cameras, security officers and SFN police officers continue to be on hand at SFN locations to ensure the safety of guests, tribal members and other visitors to tribal enterprises.

relative to functions for which Federal funds are allocated. Recommendations will be made to correct deficiencies and a corrective action plan will be developed designed to correct deficiencies. Accurate data will be collected for GPRA/PART.

The reviewer will indicate whether or not there is:

- An acceptable rating associated with the use of Federal funds allocated for the Tribal court, and provide any documentation supporting this conclusion;
- An acceptable rating associated with the use of Federal funds for the Tribal court and indicate the reason for the determination;
- No determination is made relative to a rating and provide the reason for this conclusion."

This provision is required by the Bureau of Indian Affairs from the DC Offices.

On January 30<sup>th</sup> an **Exit Meeting** was held with the Court Review Team, court personnel Charlotte Cartwright and Audrey Mitchell, and Treasurer Michael Hackbarth and myself representing the Business Committee. The Team identified fourteen items that the Nation should address. A final report will be compiled and forwarded to the Nation to help us in further development of our tribal court system and Code of Laws. The Review Team complimented us in having very competent court personnel and on our facilities.

**B. Integrated Resource Management Plan**

We have started another process of identifying the needs of our Nation with an IRMP, identified below. Daniel Wind, Environmental Coordinator, Office of Environmental Services will be the leader of this group that will develop the IRMP.

**IRMP Defined:**

- Tribal policy document, based on the tribe's vision for its resources. A powerful expression of tribal sovereignty.
- Long-range, comprehensive, strategic level plan for the integrated management of natural resources, and other resources of value.
- Description of management activities to be conducted by tribal and BIA resource management personnel.
- Umbrella plan under which all resource planning and management activities occur.

**Functions of an IRMP:**

Serve as a means to transform the tribe's

**(7-1/2% Earmarks continued from Front Page)**

the RAP Budgets? Its been explained that federally paid employees can not administer RAP funds. Some refer to that as co-mingling funds. If this is the case, where is the law or guideline stating or even implying no co-mingling of funds?

Principal Chief George Thurman said the Business Committee bases its authority to take this action on RESOLUTION SF/GC-09-06. On page 8, second text paragraph it does state, "Be it resolved that the Business Committee has the authority to approve the budget line item variance of up to and including 10%." Until this current action was taken, Governing Council and department heads assumed this paragraph provided the authority for the Business Committee to approve no more than a 10% modification within an approved 'individual' RAP budget, thus more easily adjusting program budgets in a timely manner. Now the Chief is saying this paragraph applies to the entire FY09 RAP budget. Is it a matter of interpretation?

The question remains, does the Business Committee have the authority to take any amount from RAP budgets and use that money to administer the same RAP budgets, especially when General Council forcefully stated and voted to prohibit such action when approving Resolution SF/GC-09-06. In an opinion to Cheryl Bachelor, SFN tribal controller, from a spokesperson in the Tulsa office of the National Indian Gaming Commission, it seemed to imply the NIGC thought this action was acceptable. However,

this opinion was provided before Governing Council's veto to remove any funds from the FY09 RAP Budget for administrative costs.

Newspaper staff and tribal members have made several attempts to contact the national office of the NIGC seeking clarification of this issue. Right at press time the following was submitted by Shawn D. Pensoneau, Director of Congressional & Public Affairs, NIGC. He addresses two questions submitted by the Managing Editor.

"There are really two questions here. The first question is whether it would be permissible under IGRA if the Tribe used 5% or 7.5% of its various program budgets (except the per capita program) to pay for the administrative costs of those programs. That is the question that Tom Cunningham was answering and the answer is yes -- the NIGC would view that practice as an allowable exercise under IGRA.

The second question is whether the Business Committee can make such a decision on behalf of the Tribe. That question is not for the NIGC to answer because it is a matter of internal tribal law and governance."

Now it remains to be seen what the Business Committee and the Governing Council will do with this latest information from NIGC.



**from Front**

vision for their lands into reality

- Address regulations and laws. Form the basis for unifying tribal regulations, codes, and laws.
- Tie the natural environment together with the tribe's social, cultural, and economic values.

**Three Levels of Planning:**

- Strategic: long-range, basic, overall vision, guidance, policy, umbrella, foundation for program and project plans, e.g., IRMP
- Program or implementation: specific goals and objectives for programs; standards for management actions; geographically and time specific; developed using policies and procedures set forth in strategic plans (tiering); e.g. Forest Mgmt. Plan, Wildlife Mgmt. Plan, etc.
- Project or activity: Specific detailed actions to take; tiered to program plans; e.g., fence construction, hiking trail, etc.

**Strategic Planning Process:**

- Determine what the needs are and plan to address them
- Create a vision to focus on the future
- Develop strategic goals and objectives
- Gather information. Assess the resources, including past and present resource management.
- Develop alternative ways of reaching the vision
- Analyze alternatives; select preferred alternative
- Adopt and publish the strategic plan
- Implement, monitor, review, evaluate, update, and modify

**Benefits of an IRMP:**

- Indicates the direction the tribe needs to move to reach the vision of its lands
- Directs tribal managers, the BIA, and other agencies regarding the tribe's wishes and intent for management of tribal resources
- Provides a flexible planning and management tool.
- Allows the tribe to adapt its actions to changing conditions
- Leads to program plans and project plans for all resources addressed in the IRMP.

**Successful IRMP:**

- Flexible: Easily adapts as new information becomes available, or as the tribe's conditions, needs, or vision changes. Dynamic: Stays in balance with

other plans

- Functional: Integrates programs, departments, and organizations. Incorporates local and traditional knowledge, public involvement.

**Planning Management Considerations:**

- What are planning needs for tribal lands?
- What types of resource management planning and activities are occurring?
- What local values related to natural, social, economic, cultural, and spiritual resources will impact the IRMP?
- What are the current social and political atmosphere-trends, opinions, conflicts, agreements?
- Are there organizational or other potential barriers to adopting an integrated approach to management?

**C. Strategic Planning**

The Business Committee and staff have been meeting with Robert Workman, RCW Consulting, LLC, Tulsa, Oklahoma and are in the preliminary stages of developing a strategic plan for our Nation. This will be a five or ten year plan similar to the ten-year plan that the Sac and Fox Tribe had in the past. I assure you now that each member of our tribe who chooses to can participate by answering questionnaires and attending community meetings in the beginning. We will keep everyone informed as plans develop. I am encouraging everyone to participate because this will help determine the direction that our Nation is moving for the future generations of our people.

Please remember the leaders of the United States and Sac and Fox Nation in your daily prayers as decisions are made each day that affect the citizens of each government. The unity that was shown this past month by people rallying behind President Obama, as a new administration began the difficult task of leading this nation of ours, should be demonstrated by our tribal members towards your elected officials as well.

It is an honor and privilege to serve you as Principal Chief. May God Bless.

Sincerely,  
George Thurman,  
Principal Chief



# SAC AND FOX NATION

## VETERANS HONOR GUARD

### ACTIVITIES



Michael Scott Botkin

### BROTHERS WALKING THE SAME PATH



Austin Marcus Bizell

### MILITARY SONS MAKE MOTHER PROUD

I am blessed with two wonderful boys. My eldest, Michael Scott Botkin, 25, joined the Army Reserve and graduated from basic training on June 20, 2008. He continued on to AIT training. He continued training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri "Maneuver Support Center."

Michael is with the BRAVO Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> BN – 10<sup>th</sup> Infantry Reg. 3<sup>rd</sup> Chemical Brigade. He is now an Army Recruiter stationed in Shawnee, OK.

While attending Meeker High School in Meeker, OK, Austin was listed in the Daily Oklahoman as an outstanding Defensive Lineman for Meeker High School. His family is understandably proud of his sports achievements. When a high school Senior the coaches voted Michael to be in All State Football and received Honorable Mention.

My youngest son Austin Marcus Bizell, 24, followed on his big brother's path and joined the U. S. Army. He also graduated from Fort Leonard Wood Maneuvers Support Center in Missouri.

Austin is with BRAVO Company 787<sup>th</sup>

Battalion 14<sup>th</sup> MP Brigade, Military Police Corp Reg. He graduated November 14, 2008 and will complete his AIT training February 17, 2009. He plans to attend college in preparation for Commissioned Officer training and specialize in Criminal Justice.

After seeing my sons complete the Army's intense training program, I know the choice they made was right, for them and for the Country. These men and women who complete this training have committed their lives for our freedom and protection. I am blessed because of these two sons.

Submitted by mother:

Paula Winlock of Shawnee, OK  
*Michael and Austin are members of the Sac and Fox Nation and of the Fox Clan. Their mother is Paula Winlock of Shawnee, OK. Their grandmother is Ruby Vandever, also of Shawnee, OK. They are the great grandsons of the late Marie Wakolee Rickets and their uncle is Mike Harris of Stroud, OK.*

### FIXICO ENLISTS IN U.S. MARINE CORP

Devan D. Fixico graduated basic training at the Marine Corp Recruit in San Diego, CA on October 10, 2008 and combat training November 18, 2008 at Camp Pendleton, CA. He is currently awaiting orders for his next stage of training.

His family (especially his mother) is very proud of their Marine. She wants to thank all the SFN Veterans and SFN Elders for their prayers and concerns for her son.

Devan is the son of Channa Tiger and the great grandson of Lorena (Mack) Wood and grandson of Wanda Sue (Wood) Tiger.



Devan D. Fixico

### VET MEMORIAL & CHAPEL PARKING DISCUSSED



**Parking lots** for the proposed Sac and Fox Veterans Memorial and new Sac and Fox Memorial Chapel were discussed in the small conference room at the tribal complex Thursday, February 5, 2009. Contributing to the discussion were (from back) Transportation staffer Randle Carter, SFN Treasurer Mike Hackbarth, soon to be Interim Tribal Administrator Rusty Brown and Design Consultant Don Russell. Not seen are Veterans Austin Grant, Veterans Auxillary member Dee Byford, Self Governance Specialist Director Jellene Factor, SFN Principal Chief George Thurman and SFN Secretary Gwen Wilburn. The SFN Memorial Chapel is located north of the Capitol complex on the westside of SH-99 and the planned SFN Veterans Memorial is located just north of the chapel on the same side of the road. In between is located the "Old Courthouse" that is scheduled for demolition.

*continued from Page 6*



### PHOTOS WANTED



If you have photos of loved ones taken while serving in the United States military and would like to share them with the Nation, please contact the Sac and Fox Nation Public Library and ask for April Marble at 918-968-3526 x1064. The photos will be scanned for the archives and returned. Thank you.

### (Business Committee Actions November 16th-18th, 2008)

Chief McClellan made the motion, Secretary Wilburn seconded. Vote: Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes. Motion carries.

14. The Business Committee took action to approve the request to use the Community Building with all fees waived for a tribal member. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Secretary Wilburn seconded. Vote: Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes. Motion carries.

15. The mobile home park resident was returned to the Director for action, Business Committee approval is not required.

16. The Business Committee took action to donate Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from the Sac and Fox Nation to the Town of Meeker for their Community Development Center from the Fiscal Year 2009 Local Government Donations RAP budget. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Secretary Wilburn seconded. Vote: George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes. Motion carries.

17. **Resolution SF-09-106** authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation and Thomas Melson, Contract #2008-12-06 with the funding source identified as Oil & Gas Enterprise Fiscal Year 2009 budget with the effective date of November 1, 2008. Committee Member Nanaeto made the motion, Second Chief McClellan seconded. Vote: Cheryl – Yes, Mike –

Absent, Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes. Motion carries.

18. The Business Committee took action to donate One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) from the Fiscal Year 2009 Donations to Charitable Organizations RAP budget to the Riverside Indian School Indian Club to support their cultural activities throughout the 2008-2009 school year. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Secretary Wilburn seconded. Vote: Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes, Stella – Abstain, George – No, Cheryl – Yes. Motion carries.

19. The Business Committee took action to approve the standard contract for use of the Community Building, contract # 2009-SC-01 with the addition that the contract is to be administered by the Office of Government staff. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Secretary Wilburn seconded. Vote: Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent. Motion carries.

20. The Business Committee took action to approve the standard contract for use of the Learning Center, Contract # \$1009-SC-02 with the addition that the contract be administered by the Learning Center staff. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Secretary Wilburn seconded. Vote: Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes. Motion carries.

21. The Business Committee took action to deny the request for a five (5) year lease extension.

Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Committee Member Nanaeto seconded. Vote: Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes. Motion carries.

22. The Business Committee took action to approve the Rodeo Committee By-Laws dated December 15, 2008 as amended. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Committee Member Nanaeto seconded. Vote: Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent, Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes. Motion carries.

#### The following actions were taken by the Business Committee on December 17, 2008 in a Reconvened Regular Business Committee Meeting following Executive Session:

23. The Business Committee took action to approve HRP #2009-24. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Committee Member Nanaeto seconded. Vote: Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Absent, Gwen – Absent. Motion carries.

24. The Business Committee took action to deny the request on HRP #2009-26. Second Chief McClellan made the motion, Committee Member Nanaeto seconded. Vote: George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Gwen – Absent, Mike – Absent, Stella – Yes. Motion carries.

#### The following actions were taken by the Business Committee on December 18, 2008 in a Reconvened Regular Business Committee Meeting:

25. **Resolution SF-09-107** authorizes and approves an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation and Flannagan & Associates, LLC for Planning Services per contract # 2008-12-01 not to exceed One Thousand Fifty-Two Dollars (\$1,052.00), the funding source identified as the Fiscal Year 2009 Oil & Gas Enterprise budget for the development of the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan as corrected. Secretary Wilburn made the motion, Committee Member Nanaeto seconded. Vote: Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Absent, Mike – Absent. Motion carries.

26. **Resolution SF-09-108** authorizing conveyance of Tribal owned Fee lands to the United States in Trust for the Sac and Fox Nation pursuant to Sections 5, 16 and 17 of the Act of June 18, 1934, c. 576, 48 STAT 985. Treasurer Hackbarth made the motion, Committee Member Nanaeto seconded. Vote: Gwen – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Absent, Mike – Yes. Motion carries.

27. The Business Committee took action to reimburse two tribal from the TEHR Program. Committee Member Nanaeto made the motion, Secretary Wilburn seconded. Vote: Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Mike – Yes, Gwen – Yes. Motion carries.



(take care of the earth)

## OES INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN (IRMP)

Last month I gave you some information on the Nation's Integrated Resource Management Plan (IRMP). To review, the basis of this plan is a map for future leaders regarding the Tribe's natural resources. Natural resources considered for this plan are: air quality, water uses, land use/development, historical site preservation, mineral rights, plant uses/preservation, wildlife preservation, etc. This is a plan for tribal members to tell future leaders what is important to the Tribe.

A new specialist has been hired to coordinate all activities associated with IRMP, including scheduling, data gathering, and writing the plan. The specialist is Ginger Standing and more about her is included with this article. An IRMP Core Team has been established which meets on a monthly basis to provide input on the plan developments. IRMP Core Team members include: Rusty Brown, Policy Analyst; Julie Streib, Community and Public Relations Director; Karen Spaid, Realty Supervisor; Jean Lynam, Elders Coordinator; Sandra Massey, Historic Preservation Officer; Ginger Standing, IRMP Coordinator and myself, Environmental Coordinator.

The IRMP Core Team held its first meeting in January to discuss the basics of the plan and where we go from here. I would like to thank the team members for their participation with this task. And a special "thank you" also goes out to Principal Chief George Thurman for attending our first meeting and the Business Committee for their support.

Now with that being said, I am pleased to announce our first public tribal meeting will be held March 11, 2009. Two meetings will take place, one in Stroud at the Community Building and one in Shawnee at the Multi-Purpose building. The purpose of this meeting is to provide tribal members more details on what the plan is and where we are in the development of this plan. This is an opportunity for tribal members to voice their ideas and/or concerns on what to include in this plan. What natural resource are you most concerned about? What would you like to see included in this plan? Is there a natural resource that I left out? These are just some ideas to be thinking about. Brochures as well as other information will also be handed out and refreshments will be served.

To continue communication with IRMP developers and tribal members, more meetings will be scheduled. The March meeting won't be your only chance to voice your opinion on this matter. We encourage all tribal members to attend every meeting if possible. Remember, this plan concerns your tribal land and natural resources; your participation is vital to IRMP's success for today and for future generations.

As always if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please contact me at 918-968-0046 or at [Daniel.wind@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov](mailto:Daniel.wind@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov).

Submitted by: Daniel Wind,  
Environmental Coordinator

## OES INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN COORDINATOR

The Sac and Fox Nation Office of Environmental Services has hired a new Integrated Resource Management Plan Coordinator. Ginger Standing will coordinate all activities associated with IRMP, including scheduling, data gathering, and writing the plan

Ginger was raised in Jones, OK and graduated from Jones High School in 1999. In 2003 she moved to Tijeras, N.M. where her interest in environmental studies began. In 2005 she transferred to Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff to finish her Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Communications with honors. She is currently finishing a certificate in Forestry and Wildlife Conservation. Although focused in the environmental industry, other interests are photography, journalism, cultural diversity and history.

While attending college she worked for the University in student services and third party billing. She was also involved with the society of environmental communicators. The society helped create and establish the yellow bike program. This free to the individual's carbon footprint a healthy lifestyle. Ginger changes now to improve the future generations.

When she is not outdoors. She enjoys hiking, craft work and discovering the on many journeys including top and from the south rim Grand Canyon, trekked to the Humphreys peak, Havasupai Yosemite National Park and hiked through the canyon lands of Utah and Arches National Park and experienced multiple cultural ruins from Colorado to Arizona to New Mexico.

Ginger was married in October 2008 to her high school sweetheart Cameron Standing. Currently, Cameron attends Oklahoma State University to complete his forestry degree. Ginger is the Daughter of Darrell and Nancy Lanford of Branson, MO. and is the daughter-in-law of Fred and Linda Standing of Jones, OK.

Ginger is happy to return to Oklahoma and grateful for the opportunity to use her education and training in this opportunity to serve the Sac and Fox Nation. She looks forward to working with tribal members and tribal leaders to create a positive future for the Nation and its land.



Ginger Standing

involved with the society of The society helped create program. This free to the established to minimize a while also promoting believes in creating positive future of the land and for

working, Ginger loves to be camping, photography, past. She has embarked hiking from bottom to to the north rim of the Highest point in Arizona: Falls, took in the beauty of the redwoods in California,

working, Ginger loves to be camping, photography, past. She has embarked hiking from bottom to to the north rim of the Highest point in Arizona: Falls, took in the beauty of the redwoods in California,

### A DATE TO REMEMBER

#### NATURAL RESOURCES PLANNING MEETING (2 LOCATIONS)

MARCH 11, 2008

1 P.M. ~~~ SFN COMMUNITY BUILDING - STROUD

5:30 P.M. ~~~ SHAWNEE MULTI-PURPOSE BLDG - SHAWNEE

!!! REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED !!!

Sponsored by: SFN Office of Environmental Services

for additional information call 918-968-0046

## SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR PLEDGES CLOSE CONSULTATION

WASHINGTON—January 19, 2009—U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar pledged that the "first Americans will have their place at the table in the Obama Administration and the Department of Interior (DOI)" as he addressed tribal leaders at a summit hosted by the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA).

"We have some great opportunities yet some major challenges ahead of us," Salazar told the more than 400 tribal leaders in attendance. "But we will only address those challenges through a spirit of consultation. The Department of Interior will work hand-in-hand with Indian Country to address the challenges of our time. We have to make sure that Native American communities of the United States are never left outside of the tent again," Salazar said to applause.

"What a way to start 2009 and a new relationship with the incoming Obama Administration," said NCAI President Joe A. Garcia. "It is encouraging that Senator Salazar is putting Indian Country's agenda at the top of his priority list before he even takes the oath of office."

Salazar said the first order of business for the DOI is to appoint the Assistant

Secretary for Indian Affairs, adding the incoming Administration will announce the appointment very soon. He also said one of his top priorities would be a resolution to the trust litigation that has been wrapped up in courts and Congress for years.

"Energy issues and economic development initiatives within reservations around the country will also be top priorities for us," Salazar said. "There is no doubt that tribal lands offer great opportunities for renewable resources. Whether it be sun, wind or geothermal, we need to make sure Indian communities are grasping these opportunities."

Salazar also committed to moving forward with passage of the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and Indian Country education initiatives. "NCAI is committed to working closely with the Obama Administration and the new team at DOI under Secretary Salazar," said NCAI Executive Director Jacqueline Johnson Pata. "Meeting with tribal leaders so early in the process shows Indian Country the seriousness of President Obama's pledge to work closely with tribes in the months and years to come."

Courtesy of the National Congress of American Indians



## SAUK COMMUNITY CLASSES

JOIN US FOR FUN, FOOD & GAMES  
ATTENTION:  
CLASSES CONTINUING

POTLUCK DINNER – BRING COVERED DISH!!  
(PAPER PRODUCTS PROVIDED BY THE SAUK LANGUAGE DEPT)

### WEDNESDAYS ~ STROUD AREA

STARTING: FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 18<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup> - 6PM TO 8PM  
(SAUK LANGUAGE BUILDING, 219 S. 8<sup>TH</sup>, STROUD, OK)

### WEDNESDAYS ~ CUSHING AREA

STARTING: FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 18<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup> - 6PM TO 8PM  
(CUSHING REGIONAL HOSPITAL, 1027 E. CHERRY, CUSHING, OK)

### MONDAYS ~ SHAWNEE AREA

STARTING: FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 16<sup>TH</sup> & 23<sup>RD</sup> - 6PM TO 8PM  
(SHAWNEE MULTI-PURPOSE CTR., 215 N. HARRISON, SHAWNEE, OK)

FOLLOWED BY ELMER WALKER'S ADVANCED CLASS FROM 7:30PM TO 9PM

MARCH 2009 SCHEDULE WILL CONTINUE AT SAME TIMES!

FOR INFORMATION CALL SAUK LANGUAGE DEPT.  
918-968-2583 OR 800-256-7552

INSTRUCTORS: ORVENA "TWIGGY" GREGORY & ESTEE CERVATNES

CHECK OUT THE SAUK LANGUAGE WEBSITE: [WWW.TALKSAUK.COM](http://WWW.TALKSAUK.COM)

**SAC AND FOX NATION ELDERS' NEWS AND ACTIVITIES**

**Happy February Birthday, Elders!!**

Terrence John Alvarado  
 Terry Billiman  
 Harry Brown  
 Mary Ann Butler  
 Ronald Butler  
 Sylvia Butler  
 Cozette Elizabeth Charboneau  
 Mary Christensen  
 Carl Conallis  
 Richard Crain  
 Mary Felton  
 Tommie Ford  
 Vera Grant  
 Carlina Hagler  
 Mary Hammett  
 Emma Grace Harjo  
 Gloria Hawkins  
 Sigrid Hennrich  
 Carlotta Henthorn  
 Nicholas Hovsepian  
 Curtis Jones



Delores Wilson

Elmer Manatowa  
 Mildred Marceleno  
 Jorene Martinez  
 Sherri McAllister  
 Cheryl McClellan  
 Darlene McGuffey  
 Glenna McKinney  
 Johnelle Mische  
 Thomas Myers  
 Cheryl Neff  
 Ruth Anne Nullake  
 Kenneth O'Brien  
 Steven Payne  
 Joseph Perez  
 Linda Rogers  
 Alice Steward  
 Barbara Strouss  
 Emma Todd  
 Cecelia Washington  
 Freda West  
 Nancy Ann Whistler

**SAC & FOX NATION FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM FEBRUARY 2009**

| MONDAY                                                         | TUESDAY                                                        | WEDNESDAY                                              | THURSDAY                                                       | FRIDAY                                                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2<br>ELDERS ONLY<br>SHAWNEE 8:30 - 2:00<br>WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00 | 3<br>ELDERS ONLY<br>SHAWNEE 8:30 - 2:00<br>WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00 | 4<br>SHAWNEE 8:30 - 2:00<br>WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00        | 5<br>ELDERS ONLY<br>SHAWNEE 8:30 - 2:00<br>WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00 | 6<br>SHAWNEE 8:30 - 2:00<br>LITTLE AXE 10:00 - 12:00<br>WAREHOUSE CLOSED  |
| 9<br>SHAWNEE 8:30 - 2:00<br>WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00                | 11<br>SHAWNEE 8:30 - 2:00<br>WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00               | 12<br>SHAWNEE & WAREHOUSE CLOSED FOR STOCK & INVENTORY | 13<br>SHAWNEE 8:30 - 2:00<br>WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00               | 14<br>SHAWNEE 8:30 - 2:00<br>LITTLE AXE 10:00 - 12:00<br>WAREHOUSE CLOSED |
| 16<br>CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS DAY                                | 17<br>SHAWNEE 8:30 - 2:00<br>WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00               | 18<br>SHAWNEE 8:30 - 2:00<br>WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00       | 19<br>SHAWNEE 8:30 - 2:00<br>WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00               | 20<br>SHAWNEE 8:30 - 2:00<br>WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00                          |
| 23<br>CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS DAY                                | 24<br>SHAWNEE 8:30 - 2:00<br>WAREHOUSE 8:30-2:00               | 25<br>CLOSED FOR INVENTORY                             | 26<br>CLOSED FOR INVENTORY                                     | 27<br>CLOSED FOR INVENTORY                                                |

**SAC AND FOX NATION FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM**  
 STROUD WAREHOUSE ~ 918-968-3030 OR 800-256-3398  
 CAPITOL COMPLEX ON SH-99  
 SHAWNEE FACILITY ~ 405-395-006 OR 866-622-2310  
 8071 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE

**GREGORY SELECTED FOR ALL-AMERICAN VOLLEYBALL TEAM**



Kayla Gregory - You Go Girl!!!

Sac and Fox tribal member Kayla Gregory has been selected by the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf to the 2008 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Deaf All-American Volleyball Team. Kayla is a senior at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf located in Sulphur, OK and completed her OSD Lady Indian volleyball career with 343 attacks/10 APG, 57 kills/ 1.68 KPG, 407 assists/11.97 APG, 35 blocks/ 1.03 BPG, 56 aces/1.65 APG. This season, Kayla was selected to the all-tournament teams at the 5A Glenpool High School Varsity Tournament and the Great Plains Schools for the Deaf Regional Volleyball Tournament in Faribault, Minnesota. She was also a Deaf All-American Volleyball player in 2007. Kayla lives in Shawnee with her parents, James and Orvena, baby brother Matthew and sister Robyn. She is the granddaughter of Oresa and AC Wilson of Cushing, Ken and Donna Gregory of Pawnee and the great granddaughter of Velma Smith also of Pawnee. Congratulations Kayla! You represent your family and tribe very well!

The SFN Elders had their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> in the dining room of the Social Services Building at the Capitol Complex south of Stroud, OK. Elections were held and Lolly Ashley was re-elected as Chairman and Stella Wilson remains in office as Secretary. Pat Ward stepped down as Treasurer and Georgia Faye Blanchard will take her place.



Elders attending the monthly meeting are from left are Mary Butler, Irene Whitlow, Georgia Noble and Jamie Noble.

An awards banquet was held at the Golden Corral in Shawnee, OK on January 24<sup>th</sup> to reward those who sold the most raffle tickets and did things to promote the SFN Elders group. The annual Elders' Valentine's Dance and supper is Saturday, February 14, 2008 at the Community Building at the Capitol Complex. Each elder is asked to provide two (2) cakes, a side dish and a 12-pack of pop.

The Head Staff for the annual Elders Sweetheart Dance Powwow are: Master of Ceremonies

– Jeff Wilson, Co-Host – Sac & Fox Veterans, Head Singer – Charles (Neka) Logan, Head Gourd Dancer – Jamie Noble, Head Intertribal Dancer – Zackary Butler, Head Lady Dancer – Clarissa Littlehead, Head Cook – Anita Stevens and Arena Director – Terrance (Sonny Bubba) Tiger. Activities start at 2 p.m. with gourd dancing followed by supper from 5 pm to 6 pm. Gourd dancing resumes at 6 pm until 7 pm when Sac & Fox Veterans will post Colors. Intertribal dances begin at 7:30 pm and all festivities end at 10:30 p.m.



More Elders attending the monthly meeting are from left Kathyaleen Hawkins, Lena Clark, Dee Byford, Jim Wilson and Georgia Blanchard.

Special activities at the annual Valentines' Day event are 50/50 raffles, cake walk, fun games and traditional dances.

Be looking forward to the annual two-day 2009 Elders Conference is scheduled for Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Special speakers are scheduled for Thursday. Topics will be announced later. Thursday evening a 50s Sock Hop is planned and supper will be served. On Friday a Senior Olympics will be held. Registration has not yet begun but look in future issues of the Sac & Fox News for more information.



Elders intent on electing new officers for 2009.

The Annual Elders' Road Trip for 2009 is planned for August 5<sup>th</sup> thru the 10<sup>th</sup>. The group voted to make the Tama, Iowa Pow-Wow their destination this year. Registration has not begun, but start making your plans and look for additional information in future issues of the Sac & Fox News.



2008 Elders Advisory Board members from left are Stella Wilson, Secretary; Lolly Ashley, Chairperson; Shirley Alexander, Board Member; Pat Wood, Treasurer and HD Wood, position unknown.



An place is waiting for you at the next Elders monthly meeting!

The next monthly Elders meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at the Shawnee Multipurpose Building at 10 am. Don't forget, it's pot-luck.

The Elders' Tribal Energy Program continues. Jean Lynam, Elders Coordinator is taking applications and will do so until program funds are depleted.

**Sauk Community Classes**

Join us for Fun, Food & Games  
 ATTENTION:  
 Classes Continuing

**A DATE TO REMEMBER**  
 NATURAL RESOURCES PLANNING MEETING (2 LOCATIONS)  
 MARCH 11, 2008  
 1 P.M. ~~~ SFN COMMUNITY BUILDING - STROUD  
 5:30 P.M. ~~~ SHAWNEE MULTI-PURPOSE BLDG - SHAWNEE  
 !!! REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED !!!  
 Sponsored by: SFN Office of Environmental Services  
 for additional information call 918-968-0046

**ELDERS ANNUAL VALENTINES DANCE**  
 Schedule of Events  
 Gourd Dance 2:00 p.m.  
 Supper 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
 Gourd Dance 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
 Posting of Colors Sac & Fox Veterans  
 Intertribal Dance 7:30 – 10:30 p.m.

## 2009 SAC AND FOX NATION ELECTION DATES TO REMEMBER

Primary Elections: Saturday, July 25, 2009      General Election: Saturday, August 29, 2009

### Section 205. Polling Places

(b) The Election Board shall have the authority to have Cushing be designated as an additional polling place provided, that such designation shall be published in the Tribal Newspaper and posted in the Tribal Offices thirty (30) calendar days prior to said election.

Post by: Thursday, June 25, 2009; Published in SFN Newsletter; Posted in Tribal Offices.

### Section 208. Poll Watchers

Each candidate may designate in writing one person, not a candidate, to watch the activities at the polls. Such designation shall be presented to Election Board Officials prior to the election. Such persons may not interfere in any way with the conduct of the election, but may observe only. Any poll watcher interfering with the election or attempting to electioneer, in any way, shall be rejected from the poll area by a Sergeant of Arms or law enforcement officer.

Notification of Poll Watchers for the Primary Election must be in writing and received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 10, 2009.

Notification of Poll Watchers for the General Election must be in writing and received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 14, 2009.

All notifications must be sent to the Sac and Fox Nation Election Board, Route 2, Box 246, Stroud, OK 74079

### Section 302. Voting List

(a) It shall be the duty of the Tribal Secretary to compile from the Tribal membership rolls a list of all persons who will be eligible voters on the date scheduled for the Primary Election and General Election and to resent sufficient certified copies of this list as requested to the Election Board no later than sixty (60) days prior to the primary Election and no later than sixty (60) days prior to the General Election. The said copies are to be returned to the Tribal Secretary.

General Election: Tuesday, June 30, 2009

General Election: Tuesday, June 30, 2009

(b) One copy of the voting list shall be maintained in the Tribal Offices and be open to public inspection during Regular business hours no later than sixty (60) days prior to the election.

Open to the public: Primary Election: Tuesday, May 26, 2009

General Election: Tuesday, June 30, 2009

### Section 303. Challenges to Voting List

(a) At any time more than twenty (20) days before the Primary Election and General Election, any person may challenge the voting eligibility of any person whose name appears on said list, or may apply to have their name added to said list by filing an application with the Election Board. The application shall clearly indicate the substance of the challenge, the specific names challenged, and the relief requested.

Deadline for Challenges: Primary Election: Thursday, July 2, 2009

General Election: Friday, August 7, 2009

### Section 401. Eligibility for Office

*This section has been declared unconstitutional in its totality pursuant to case #APL-0101 filed in Supreme Court on 7-15-05.*

### Eligibility for Office per Sac and Fox Nation Constitution:

Article VI Elections-Section 1. Any person elected to membership on the Business Committee shall not be less than twenty-one (21) years of age and shall be a member of the Sac and Fox Nation. At the time of his election he shall reside within the geographical boundaries of the State of Oklahoma. Any member of the Business Committee removing from the State of Oklahoma shall automatically forfeit his office.

### Section 402. Filing for Office

To be eligible for election and have one's name placed upon the ballot. Notice of Candidacy for an elective office must be filed with: The Tribal Secretary after depositing the candidate's non-refundable filing fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) (cashier's check only) with the Tribal Treasurer during regular business hours at the Tribal Office complex not later than sixty-five (65) calendar days prior to the date of the Primary Election and General Elections. The Tribal Secretary shall notify the Chairman of the Election Board of all candidates who have filed for office.

Opening Date to File for Office: Friday, January 2, 2009

Closing Date for Primary Election: Thursday, May 21, 2009

If No Primary Election is held, Closing Date for General Election: Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

### Section 403. Petition for Office

A petition of ten (10) or more members of Council may submit a written notice with required filing fees of two-hundred (\$200.00) non-refundable (cashier's check only), no later than sixty-five (65) calendar days prior to the date of the Primary Election and/or General Election stating the name of the candidate, age, birth date, and proof of actual residence and domicile.

Deadline Date to Petition for Office: Primary Election – Thursday, May 21, 2009

If No Primary Election is held, Closing Date for General Election: Thursday, June 25, 2009

### Section 406. Withdrawals

Any candidate for office may withdraw by filing a written notice with the Election Board at any time within ten (10) days after the closing date of filing for office.

Such notice shall contain the candidate's name, the office filed for, a statement of withdrawal and shall be notarized or sworn to before a person authorized to administer oaths. (Required filing fee non-refundable)

Deadline to withdraw: Primary Election: Primary Election – May 29, 2009

General Election: Thursday, July 2, 2009

### Section 408. Contest of Candidate Eligibility

Any candidate or eligible voter may challenge a candidate's legal qualification to run for office by filing a written petition with the Election Board within three (3) business days of the closing of the filing period. Each petition shall state with particularity the reasons the candidate is not eligible to file for office. There is a one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) non-refundable cashier's check contest fee.

Deadline to contest Candidate Eligibility: Primary Election – Tuesday, May 26, 2009

General Election: Tuesday, June 30, 2009

### Section 602. Application for Absentee Ballot

Qualified voters wishing to cast vote by absentee ballots shall notify the Election Board not sooner than ninety (90) days and not later than thirty (30) days prior to the election.

Such notices must be in writing and must include the correct mailing address of the person making the request. Only one ballot per written request.

Primary Election: Opening date to request an absentee ballot: Monday, April 27, 2009

General Election: Opening date to request an absentee ballot: Monday, June 1, 2009

Deadline to request: Thursday, June 25, 2009

Deadline to request: Thursday, July 30, 2009

### Section 603. Delivery of Absentee Ballot

As soon as the filing period for candidates has closed sixty-five (65) calendar days before the election, the Election Board will prepare a special ballot and send one to each qualified voter who has requested same. The Election Board shall maintain as accurate record of all absentee ballots so issued, including the name and address of the voter to whom the ballot was issued and the date of issue.

Primary Election: Thursday, May 21, 2009

General Election: Thursday, June 25, 2009

### Section 706. The Tally

The Election Board shall unlock the ballot box (es), shall remove the ballots one by one, and as each one is removed, the clerks shall read off the names of the candidates marked thereupon. At least two election officials shall view each ballot, and each counter shall keep a separate tally of the votes cast. Each Candidate may select a watcher of their choice, not a candidate, to observe and keep a separate record of the tally of the ballots, and who shall not interfere with the tally process. After the tally is complete, all ballots, absentee ballots, voter registers, and ballot boxes shall be transported to the Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Court House.

All notifications for Tally watchers must be sent to the Sac and Fox Nation Election Board, Route 2, Box 246, Stroud, OK 74079

Notification of Tally Watchers for the Primary Election must be received in writing and received by 4:30 p.m. on: Friday, July 10, 2009.

Notification of Tally Watchers for the General Election must be received in writing and received by 4:30 p.m. on: Friday, August 14, 2009

### Section 710. Certification of Election

The election shall be certified by the Election Board immediately after the ten (10) day period for filing an election contest expires, provided, that if an election contest petition is filed within the time period allowed, then no Certificate of Election shall be issued until after such election contest is finally decided.

Certification of Primary Election: If the tally is completed on Saturday, July 25, 2009, Certification is on Tuesday, August 4, 2009.

If the tally is completed on Sunday, July 26, 2009, Certification is on Wednesday, August 5, 2009

If the tally is completed on Saturday, August 29, 2009, Certification is on Tuesday, September 8, 2009

If the tally is completed on Sunday, August -309, 2009, Certification is on Wednesday, September 9, 2009

### Section 713. Installment in Office

Successful candidates for office whose election results are uncontested or are not involved in a run-off election shall be sworn in within ten (10) working days of the certified date, or, if there has been a delay due to election contests, run-off elections, special elections, or other cause, then as soon as reasonably practical after the election results are certified.

Installment by: If the tally is completed on Saturday, August 29, 2009, Installment by Tuesday, September 22, 2009

If the tally is completed on Sunday, August 30, 2009, Installment by Tuesday, September 23, 2009

### Section 802. Contest Petition

A candidate or qualified voter contesting a Tribal Election shall, within ten (10) days after completion of the tally of the election and declaration of the results, shall deposit a two hundred dollar (\$200.00) non-refundable cashier's check contest filing fee with the Tribal Treasurer, file with the Election Board a statement in writing setting forth their particular grounds for contest. The statement shall be verified by affidavit of the contestant (s) that they believe the matters and things therein contained are true. After the statement is filed the Election Board shall set a time for a hearing of the contest, no later than ten (10) days after the date on which the statement of contest was filed. Written notice of such hearing shall be mailed or delivered to each candidate for the office contested. Any party to the election protest and the Election Board shall have the right to view the election ballots and records in the presence of the Court Clerk in the clerk's office. Any party to the protest or a Tribal member shall be entitled to receive a photocopy of said documents certified as true and correct copies by the Court Clerk upon payment to said clerk of the normal and customary charges.

Said certified copies shall be received as evidence by the Election Board in like manner as an original. Alternatively the election Board, upon request of a party of on its own motion, may convene a hearing for any protested election at the Tribal Courthouse for the purpose of review of said election materials. After hearing the proofs and allegations of the contestants, the election Board shall make their findings and shall have authority to pronounce their judgment either setting aside, or confirming the election.

The Contest Petition deadline:

Primary Election: If the tally is completed on Saturday, July 25, 2009 – The Contest Petition date: Tuesday, August 4, 2009 by 4:30 p.m.

If the tally is completed on Sunday, July 26, 2009 – The Contest Petition date: Tuesday, August 5, 2009 by 4:30 p.m.

General Election: If the tally is completed on Saturday, August 29, 2009 – The Contest Petition date: Tuesday, September 8, 2009 by 4:30 p.m.

If the tally is completed on Sunday, August 30, 2009 – The Contest Petition date: Tuesday, September 9, 2009 by 4:30 p.m.

### Section 805. Request for Recount

Since the Election Ordinance provides for automatic recount of ballots, any request for recount of ballots must list the reasons therefore in writing and be submitted to the Election Board Chairman or the Chairman's designated representative within five (5) days after the election. Such request must be accompanied by a non-refundable cashier's check of two-hundred (\$200.00) made payable to the Sac and Fox Nation. Said check shall be forwarded to the Tribal Secretary-Treasurer to be credited against the cost of the recount. The Election Board shall meet and decide within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice whether or not the reasons listed in the request are sufficient to cause a recount of ballots.

Primary Election: The deadline date to request a recount: Thursday, July 30, 2009

General Election: The deadline date to request a recount: Friday, September 4, 2009

ORIGINAL ON FILE IN GOVERNMENT OFFICE

Ethnic Tobacco Education  
Network  
is hosting  
Cultural Competency Training  
April 30, 2009  
Oklahoma City Community  
College  
Oklahoma City, OK






For more information you may contact Ursula Hill, 405-951-6005 x108 or [Ursula.hill@ihs.gov](mailto:Ursula.hill@ihs.gov)

Oklahoma Indian Legal Services Presents:  
**The LOW INCOME TAXPAYER CLINIC Schedule**

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>Absentee Shawnee Tribe</b><br/>Main Complex (South of Shawnee, OK)<br/>Building 3 (Courthouse &amp; Treasurer's Office)<br/>2025 S Gordon Cooper Road, Shawnee, OK<br/>Phone 405-275-4030<br/><b>MONDAYs ( 9am to 4pm )</b><br/>February 2, 2009<br/>February 9, 2009<br/>February 16, 2009<br/>Closed February 23, 2009 - President's Day<br/>March 2, 2009<br/>March 9, 2009<br/>March 16, 2009<br/>March 23, 2009<br/>March 30, 2009<br/>April 6, 2009</p>                     | <p><b>C.B. Potawatomi Nation</b><br/>The Fire Center<br/>300 East Walnut<br/>Tecumseh, OK<br/>Phone: 405-598-0797 (call for directions)<br/><b>TUESDAYs (9am to 3 pm)</b><br/>February 3, 2009<br/>February 10, 2009<br/>February 17, 2009<br/>February 24, 2009<br/><b>WEDNESDAYs (9am to 3 pm)</b><br/>February 4, 2009<br/>February 11, 2009<br/>February 18, 2009<br/>February 25, 2009<br/><b>THURSDAYs (9am to 3pm)</b><br/>February 5, 2009<br/>February 12, 2009<br/>February 19, 2009<br/>February 26, 2009</p> |
| <p><b>FRIDAYS:<br/>NO OFFICE HOURS</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p><b>Casa Santo Toribio Romo Gonzales</b><br/>604 SW 26th St.<br/>Oklahoma City, OK (No Phone #)<br/>Take Walker south from I-40 to SW 26th<br/>Go one block west, house is 2nd on left<br/>(Private home for religious sisters that<br/>serve the parish)<br/><b>SATURDAYs: (9am to Noon)</b><br/>February 7, 2009<br/>February 14, 2009<br/>February 21, 2009<br/>February 28, 2009<br/>March 7, 2009<br/>March 14, 2009<br/>March 21, 2009<br/>March 28, 2009<br/>April 4, 2009</p> | <p><b>Saint Monica Catholic Parish</b><br/>Parish Hall - south of Church Bldg<br/>2001 N Western Ave<br/>Edmond, OK (No phone #)<br/>On Western between Danforth &amp;<br/>Covell Road, Edmond<br/><b>SUNDAYs: (Noon to 2pm)</b><br/>February 8, 2009<br/>February 15, 2009<br/>February 22, 2009<br/>March 1, 2009<br/>March 8, 2009<br/>March 15, 2009<br/>March 22, 2009<br/>March 29, 2009<br/>April 5, 2009 (Palm Sunday)</p>                                                                                       |

**CUT OUR & KEEP FOR REFERENCE**



**Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline**

1
800
QUIT
NOW

**A DATE TO REMEMBER**

NATURAL RESOURCES PLANNING MEETING (2 LOCATIONS)  
MARCH 11, 2008  
1 P.M. ~~~ SFN COMMUNITY BUILDING - STROUD  
5:30 P.M. ~~~ SHAWNEE MULTI-PURPOSE BLDG - SHAWNEE  
!!! REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED !!!

**Elders Annual Valentine**

February  
14<sup>th</sup>

Community Building at the  
Capitol Complex

2 p.m. to 10:30 P.M.



Sweet Heart Dance  
Pow-Wow

Head Staff

|                         |                              |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Master of Ceremonies    | Jeff Wilson                  |
| Co-Host                 | Sac & Fox Veterans           |
| Head Singer             | Charles (Neka) Loga          |
| Head Gourd Dancer       | Jamie Noble                  |
| Head Intertribal Dancer | Zackary Butler               |
| Head Lady               | Clarissa Littlehead          |
| Head Cook               | Anita Stevens                |
| Arena Director          | Terrance (Sonny Bubba) Tiger |

Schedule of Events

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Gourd Dance       | 2:00 p.m.          |
| Supper            | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.   |
| Gourd Dance       | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.   |
| Posting of Colors | Sac & Fox Veterans |
| Intertribal Dance | 7:30 – 10:30 p.m.  |

Special Activities:

- 50/50 raffles
- Cake Walk
- Fun – Games – Dances

Sponsored by the Sac & Fox Nation Elders Advisory Commission  
(Not responsible for accidents or theft)



**SAC & FOX NEWS**  
ROUTE 2 BOX 246  
STROUD, OK 74079-9652  
(918) 968-3526 X 1046  
**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**FIRST CLASS MAIL**

PRE-SORTED  
FIRST CLASS MAIL,  
U. S. POSTAGE PAID:  
STROUD, OK 74079  
PERMIT NO. 2

