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Chief's Address To The Nation

Greetings Sac & Fox Nation, Spring is in the air! I believe all of our students are preparing for "Spring Break" from school and I hope everyone enjoys their short vacation. Please be careful in your activities! It will soon be time for our clan feasts, and Mother Earth is rejuvenating with new growth. Let's enjoy the wonders that God blesses us with each Spring! Amen.



Chief George Thurman

I now report on the "Jim Thorpe Rest in Peace" web site, the response to the "Dear Elouise" letter from last month's article, and news on the local scene.

Jim Thorpe Rest In Peace. I thank Rob Wheeler for allowing me to copy his email letter, which best describes their attempt to generate support from the public in returning the body of Jim Thorpe. He wrote, "Certainly! I would

be honored for you to reprint my letter. Thank you for asking and thanks, again, for the story on the front page in the January Sac and Fox News."

"Dear Chief Thurman, "I just spoke with my Dad and he said you wanted an update on our petition drive:

A summary report on the <http://www.jimthorperestinpeace.com/> website would have to include mentioning the effectiveness of the HTML update, enabling the topics to be picked up by Google and other sources, and the creation of a Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/JimThorpeRIP> with a link on the site. As the fan base on the Facebook page grows, the website will hopefully go viral. (Currently, it's reaching roughly 200-300 unique people per day, but this number should grow exponentially in the near future.) Also, we are in the process of contacting the previous Jim Thorpe Award recipients, who could greatly help to increase our site's traffic. In fact, after speaking with one of those recipients, Lawrence Wright, he [sic] put us in touch with the webmaster of a very popular sports blog (2 million unique subscribers) who has also agreed to help promote the website.

"Recent testimonials from the grandchildren and great grandchildren of Cochise, Cornplanter, and Comcomly are not only incredibly moving, but also most persuasive because the interment of each of these eminent chiefs' remains was the subject of extreme controversy! The legal precedent that these chiefs were ultimately buried in their homeland, hopefully, will strengthen our case. Former Governor George Nigh and Wayne Newton have also responded. Mr. Newton is even composing a song entitled 'Rest In Peace.'

"The petition continues to do well, with a current total in excess of 1,500, counting those which have been hand signed and mailed to me. We need many, many more but are very thankful to those who have responded thus far. Thank you for the front page story in the January issue of the Sac & Fox News. That story and the others which will follow, such as the Washington Post Magazine one, will be a tremendous asset to our cause! The age demographic of our supporters ranges from middle school to college students (especially Haskell and the College of the Menominee) to nursing home residents. Occupations run the gamut from the aforementioned recipients of college football's Jim Thorpe Award to Hall of Fame athletes, and from police officers, and armed forces servicemen and women to college deans and librarians. Then there are American Indians recounting their personal stories of 'physical and mental suffering' and non Indians asking for 'forgiveness for the sins of my fathers.'

"Most importantly, in addition to the Sac & Fox, support from members of the following North and Central American nations have been received: Anishnabe, Apache, Arapaho, Arikara, Blackfeet, Caddo, Cayuse,

Cherokee, Cheyenne, Chichimeca, Chickasaw, Chinook, Chipewewa, Choctaw, Coeur d'Alene, Comanche, Cree, Creek, Crow, Cupeno, Delaware, Eel River, First Nations, Hidatsa, Ho Chunk, Hoopa Valley, Hopi, Iroquois, Kenaitze, Kickapoo, Klamath, Lakota, Leni Lenape, Luiseno, Mandan, Maya, Menominee, Me-wuk, Micmac, Modoc, Mohawk, Mohegan, Mohican, Muscogee, Navajo, Ojibwe, Oneida, Osage, Ottawa, Paiute, Pawnee, Pipil, Pomo, Ponca, Potawatomi, Powhatan, Quapaw, Round Valley, Seminole, Seneca, Shawnee, Shoshone, Sioux, Stockbridge-Munsee, United Houma, Walla Walla, Wampanoag, Winnebago, and Wyandotte. This number would easily double if the various bands within the nations were counted.

"Pennsylvania, including residents of the Jim Thorpe, PA area, and every other state in the U.S. is represented, including Native Hawaiians, as are the countries of Australia, Belgium, Canada (every province), Denmark, England, France, Germany, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, the Philippines, Russia, Scotland, South Africa, and Sweden.

"The comments contain powerful tributes to the cause and show a deep appreciation of Jim's American Indian heritage.

"Please do not hesitate to call or email me if there is anything you need or if I can assist you in any way.

"Sincerely, Rob
Webmaster
www.jimthorperestinpeace.com
<http://www.facebook.com/JimThorpeRIP>
robwheeler4jimthorpe@gmail.com"

"Dear Elouise" letter response
The following article appeared in and is used with permission by the IndianCountryTodayMediaNetwork. It is in response to the letter issued by the Cobell attorneys reprinted in my article from last month:

A Public Letter From the Cobell Lawyers Prompts Ethics and Harassment Concerns
By Rob Capriccioso
January 30, 2012
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Lawyers for the many plaintiffs in the class-action suit attached to the Cobell settlement took that case's seemingly endless saga to a new low this month by writing and distributing a letter online and via e-mail that listed the addresses and phone numbers of the people who have chosen to appeal that settlement, adding that class members could directly contact the four appellants to learn their "motives." In a case that's been abundantly contentious almost from the day it started in 1995, some people fear that's a risky move.

Several lawyers and legal experts involved in tribal and Indian law across the nation have called the letter disturbing. Some say it appears to violate the District of Columbia Bar's Rules of Professional Conduct, specifically section 4.2, which states, "During (Continued On Page 3)



Cultural Center: Soil testing began Friday, February 24, 2012 at the location of the new Sac and Fox Nation Cultural Center. A groundbreaking ceremony is planned for Monday, March 5, 2012.

Tulsa City-County Library AIRC Poster Features Massey

Henrietta Scott Massey, Sac and Fox tribal member, appears on the 2012 READ poster produced by the American Indian Resource Center (AIRC) at the Tulsa City-County Library.

"When selecting individuals for the tribal READ posters, we look for enrolled members who are associated with the Tulsa City-County Library," said Teresa Runnels, AIRC Coordinator who is also a member of the Sac and Fox Nation. "They can be a program presenter, donor, library customer, or a library supporter. Henrietta has traveled to Tulsa to attend many of the events hosted by the American Indian Resource Center."

The Sac and Fox READ poster shows Massey in tribal dress under the words "read" and "Nâpâtotathowa", which implies "read" in the Sauk language dictionary compiled by linguist Gordon Whittaker. A more literal interpretation means someone is performing that action.

Maxwell Park Library Manager Sue Anderson conceived of the poster idea during an earlier project featuring the "READ" image

"with translations in many American Indian languages," Runnels said, "as part of the Charles W. and Pauline K. Flint foundation grant to the Maxwell Park Library. The READ image was intended to spark an interest in learning American Indian languages."

The image was so well received that "we decided to expand on the idea with posters similar to those produced by the American Library Association that feature prominent people reading their favorite books," she said. "The READ posters featuring American Indian languages and tribal members were born."

The first three were printed in fiscal year 2007-2008. With the two new 2012 posters there are currently eleven. In addition to the Sac and Fox poster is one featuring Richard Zane Smith, Wyandotte potter, and a picture of a piece he began at the 2011 Festival of Words. The finished piece is now at the Heard Museum in Phoenix, Arizona.

Tribes on earlier posters and their representatives are: Muscogee (Creek) Nation - Zoe Fox, (Continued On Page 3)

Upcoming Events

Elders Activities

Planned

March

Tues & Weds

Plastic Canvas Classes

Elders Bldg

Wednesday

March 14, 2012

Elders Meeting

10am

Stroud

Tuesday

March 13, 2012

Sac & Fox Nation

Veterans' Meeting

5pm

Elders Bldg Stroud

Saturday, March 3

Honor Dance

Monika Honeyestewa

Saturday, March 24

Honor Dance

Shayla Miller

For information contact

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or Stella Wilson Sac and Fox

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918-968-2583 Tues-Thurs.

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Henrietta Massey

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