

# Chief's Address To The Nation

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ask you to keep going. And when you go back home, making your communities better places to live, I want you all to know that you've got a partner in Washington. You have an administration that understands the challenges that you face and, most importantly, you've got a President who's got your back." We thank all who participated in the 2011 White House Tribal Nations Conference and we look forward to future collaboration as we continue to build on the President's actions and continue to bring real change to Indian Country

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Indian Country News in Oklahoma

I want to take this opportunity to bring your attention to the political arena of Oklahoma. One of our own, Justin Freeland Wood is a candidate for House District 26. Jason Smalley is a candidate for House District 32. I encourage every tribal member to register to vote and support these young men in the upcoming Elections. We need more Native Americans within our state government!

Local News / Short Takes

\*The Cultural Center construction is moving along on schedule even though we have had a lot of inclement weather and I am truly looking forward to the completion so that our tribal members can visit and proudly show visitors who we are as Sauk people!

\*The swimming pool parking lot will be finished soon and the new swimming pool will be ready to be utilized by Memorial Day weekend!

\*New arena lighting will be finished in time for one of this year's rodeo events scheduled for July 13th-14th at 7:00 p.m. each night. Slack for the excess number of contestants will be held Thursday night at 7 p.m. The Northeastern Junior Rodeo Association (NJRA), largest association in northeast Oklahoma, will have contestants 6 & under thru 14-18 age divisions competing for 8 all-around trophy saddles, 8 reserve champion buckles, in the following events: Mutton Bustin; Flags, Barrels, Goat Decorating, Goat Tying, Pole Bending, Calf Riding, Steer Riding, Bull Riding, Breakaway Roping, Ribbon Roping, Tie-down Roping, and Team Roping. Sac and Fox Nation is a "Corporate Sponsor" of the NJRA and will have our logo on their Finals trailers, shirts, jackets, website, in their magazine ads, on their facebook page, will have a Sac & Fox banner displayed at their rodeos and announced at all of their rodeos this year! The NJRA Finals have added money, giving away 36 saddles, over 120 buckles, jackets, and shirts to their Finalist contestants! As one can see, our Sac & Fox Nation logo will be widespread on every award given, meaning plenty of advertisement within the rodeo world!

I am listing the following items to keep tribal membership updated as to the areas that I am involved with. If you have a concern, problem, or wish to share ideas, please contact me to discuss these so we can keep open communication between my office and our tribal membership.

I am currently serving as:

\*Vice Chairman / Secretary of the Self Governance Communication & Education Tribal Consortium Board, Bellingham, WA

\*Central Tribes Shawnee Area Head Start Board Member, Shawnee, OK

\*Secretary of Inter Tribal Monitoring Association Board, Albuquerque, NM

\*National Congress of American Indians Executive Board, Southern Plains Region Vice President Alternate

\*Department of Interior Self Governance Advisory Committee, Southern Plains Region Alternate

\*Department of Justice Indian Law and Order Commission Tribal Advisory Committee, Southern Plains Region

\*Nominated for the Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee, Southern Plains Region Alternate delegate from the Oklahoma Area of the Indian Health Services

\*Gordon Cooper Technical School Advisory Committee, Shawnee, OK

\*Member of National Congress of American Indians

\*Member of the National Indian Education Association

\*Sac & Fox Nation Business Committee liaison(s) to Sac & Fox Tribe, Inc.  
Sauk Business Enterprise Health Clinic  
Grievance Committee  
Human Resources Department  
Native American Grave Protection & Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)  
Newspaper  
Property & Procurement  
Information Technology Department  
Economic Development Department  
Self Governance Department  
Rodeo Committee  
Police Department, Juvenile Detention Center,

I want to thank you for allowing me the many opportunities to represent you as Chief on the national, state, and local levels as Indian Country is definitely aware of our Sac and Fox Nation as we exercise our sovereign rights of self governance and generate new areas of sovereignty for all Native Americans. I continually ask for your individual prayers and support for our Business Committee and our Sac and Fox Nation. Aho!  
Sincerely,  
George Thurman, Principal Chief

## Sac and Fox Nation Donations



(Left to Right) Orvena "Twiggy" Gregory Second Chief, Sac and Fox Nation; Stella Nullake BC; Billy Buchanan Chandler Fire Department and George Thurman Principal Chief Sac and Fox Nation. The donation was for communications and diving gear. (staff photo)



(Left to Right) Stella Nullake BC; George Thurman Principal Chief Sac and Fox Nation; Bethani Byford Davenport Public Schools; Orvena "Twiggy" Gregory Second Chief Sac and Fox Nation; and Dena Jo Bromley Davenport Public Schools. The donation was for a heart defibrillator. (staff photos)



(Left to Right) Orvena "Twiggy" Gregory Second Chief Sac and Fox Nation; Edwina Butler-Wolfe Horse Shoe Bend After School Program; Jacklyn Williams Secretary Sac and Fox Nation; and Stella Nullake BC (staff photo)



**Donation to Iowa Tribe Grey Snow Eagle House:** (Left to Right) Stella Nullake BC; Lisa Switch; George Thurman Principal Chief Sac and Fox Nation; Victor Roubidoux; Orvena "Twiggy" Gregory Second Chief Sac and Fox Nation; and Leslie Tanyan. (staff photo)



**Northeast Junior Rodeo Association:** (From left, back row) Orvena "Twiggy" Gregory Second Chief Sac and Fox Nation; Susan Edmundson Sponsorship; George Thurman Principal Chief Sac and Fox Nation; and Stella Nullake BC. (From left bottom) Bryton Edmundson, Trace Horn, Tieler Cummings Nolan Edmundson and Tayzen Cummings.



**Riverside Indian School, play ground equipment:** (From left top row) George Thurman Principal Chief Sac and Fox Nation; Carla Reed Treasurer Sac and Fox Nation; Sharon Hunter Special Services Director Riverside; Orvena "Twiggy Gregory Second Chief Sac and Fox Nation; and Julia Robedeaux Special Ed Teacher Riverside. (From left bottom) Stella Nullake BC, Timmea Sampson, Alisia Morris, Gracie Sadongei and Emmanuel Manakaja. (staff photo)

**HAPPY BELATED 75TH BIRTHDAY TO THE TWINS!**

**Ruby Stephens Vandever**  
**Rose Stephens Thompson**

*"Double the love, double the hugs, and double the birthday wishes to you both!"*

(The twins Birthday was April 2nd.)  
From your loving family

**Attention Sac & Fox Elders**

Anyone Turning

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**Is Welcome To Attend All Elders Functions And Meetings**

**You Must Attend Meetings To Be Eligible For Trips**

