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Chief's Address To The Nation

Greetings,
We have now entered the fall season, approaching daylight savings time and preparing for what seems like shorter days and longer nights. The school year has started and is full session; I want to encourage our tribal youth participating in sports and extracurricular activities; excelling in the classrooms; for having a vision of your lives and striving to reach your goals. Remember to keep God before you and give Him the praise and glory for your achievements; ask Him to pick you up whenever you stumble; and to ask for His mercy and grace each day of your lives.



Chief George Thurman

Local News

I wish to extend a public welcome to our new Sac and Fox Nation Business Committee members, Secretary Mary F. McCormick, Seminole, OK and Treasurer Jared A. King, Stroud, OK. I look forward to working with you as we help each other move our Nation forward.

I welcome new Grievance Committee members Peggy Acoya, Edmond, OK and Lavetta Ashley, Shawnee, OK.

Regional News

The United Indian Nations of Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas (UINOKT) held their first annual convention on September 16th at the Muscogee Creek Na-

tion River Spirit Event Center, Tulsa, OK. New officers were elected:

- Sac & Fox Nation**
Principal Chief
George Thurman
Chairman 1 year term
- Osage Nation**
Principal Chief
John Red Eagle
Vice Chairman 3 year term
- Kiowa Business Committee Chairman**
Amber Toppah
Secretary 2 year term
Margo Gray
Treasurer 1 year term

The membership is growing and if you wish to join with an individual membership or know of a company that would benefit with a corporate membership, please contact UINOKT, P.O. Box 839, Stroud, OK 74079.

National News

REGULATORY ALERT!

To: NIGA Member Tribes

From: Chairman

Ernest L. Stevens, Jr.

Executive Director

Jason C. Giles,

Re: Tribal General Welfare

Exclusion Act of 2013

Introduced in the Senate

Date: September 19, 2013

On September 19th, 2013, Senator Jerry Moran (R-KS) and Senator Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND) introduced S. 1507, The Tribal General Welfare Act of 2013. The bill mirrors H.R. 3043, introduced by Congressman Nunes in August. As reported yesterday, the Joint Committee on Taxation reviewed Congressman Nunes' bill, H.R. 3043 "Tribal General Welfare

Exclusion Act of 2013" to provide Congress with a revenue estimate of the bill's impact on the federal budget. We are proud to report that the H.R. 3043 received a revenue score of zero dollars (\$0). This means that according to the Joint Committee on Taxation, the bill will have a negligible impact on the federal budget. The bill now stands a much higher likelihood of passage since it will not affect Federal fiscal revenue outlays.

This is good news for Indian Country. We are very thankful for Congressman Nunes and Senators Moran and Heitkamp's leadership and support of fair treatment for tribal government programs and services. We are once again urging Tribes to contact their congressional delegations and ask them to co-sponsor Congressman Nunes' bill, H.R. 3043, and S. 1507 in the Senate.

As Indian Country is well aware, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has sought to impose federal income taxes on a wide range of tribal government programs and services that individual Indians receive, such as education scholarships, funds to attend and participate in cultural events, housing assistance, bereavement stipends, and many others. Tribes and tribal organizations nationwide have called upon Congress to codify and broaden the General Welfare Exclusion (GWE) as it applies to Indian tribes through an amendment to the Internal Revenue Code.

S. 1507 and H.R. 3043 would
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Five Take Oath Of Office

Five individuals took oath to fulfill positions at the Sac and Fox Nation Reservation.

Jared King was sworn in as the new Treasurer, along with Stella Nullake as Business Committee Member. The ceremony was held on Thursday, September 12, 2013 in the Sac and Fox Nation Cultural Center by Principal Chief, George Thurman.

There was a great turnout for the installation ceremony with family, friends, fellow employees and a host of tribal members. A reception was held immediately following.

Mary F. McCormick was sworn in as Secretary along with Grievance Committee Members Laveta (Lolly) Ashley and Peggy Acoya during an installation ceremony held on Thursday, September 19, 2013 in the Sac and Fox Nation Community Building.

O. Joseph Williams Chief Justice of the Sac and Fox Nation Supreme Court, conducted the oaths of office.

There was a reception following the ceremony with a large number of guests, public officials and tribal members present.

New Magazine Published By Tribal Member Christina Walker

by Sandra Massey

Tribal member Christina Walker established Native Publications, Inc., a non-profit designed to increase awareness of Native persons and issues statewide.

The business is incorporated through the Sac and Fox Nation. Assisting Walker in her endeavor are board members Jonas Walker, Joyce Wolf, and tribal members Shawna and Verlane Spoon.

Walker had been an employee at the *Shawnee News Star* when she first began the tribal history project that produced *Our Native*

Traditions 2013. Through that experience she saw and now seeks to fill a void in the media about Native people, providing a forum where Native voices can be heard.

Walker added enthusiastically, "Since this will be my magazine, I can have guest writers anytime."

The first magazine will debut in two months. Content will include columns by the tribal leaders of the 39 tribes and articles about elders, veterans, education, health, and
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Secretary: Mary F. McCormick is sworn in by O. Joseph Williams Chief Justice of the Sac and Fox Nation Supreme Court, granddaughter Anna Frances Smist holds the Bible. (SFN Photo)



Treasurer: Jared King is sworn in by George Thurman, Principal Chief Sac and Fox Nation, as wife Michelle holds the Bible. (Photo SFN)



Business Committee Member: Stella Nullake is sworn in by George Thurman, Principal Chief Sac and Fox Nation, with former Chief, Don Abney holding the Bible. (Photo by SFN)



Grievance Committee Member: Laveta (Lolly) Ashley is sworn in by O. Joseph Williams, Chief Justice of the Sac and Fox Nation Supreme Court, as son Enrique Rhoad Ashley holds the Bible.



Grievance Committee Member: Peggy Acoya is sworn in by O. Joseph Williams, Chief Justice of the Sac and Fox Nation Supreme Court, as daughter Jacquelyn Southern holds the Bible.

Upcoming Events 2013

October 8, 5 pm
Sac & Fox Nation
Veterans' Meeting
Elders Bldg Stroud

October 9
Elders Advisory
Committee Meeting
Shawnee
10:00 Potluck

November 16
Rap Council

December 7
Sac and Fox Elders
Annual Winter Dance