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awarded for each argument – the best argument in favor of language preservation and the best argument against making language preservation a priority.

Submissions will be accepted from January 15 through February 15, 2013, and will be reviewed from February 15 to April 1, 2013. Finalists will be announced the first week in April. In late April, four finalists will be flown to Albuquerque to present their speeches, after which the two winners will be selected. Finally, scholarships will be awarded at the beginning of the 2013-14 academic year.

NCAI BREAKING NEWS. NCAI Statement on Washington, DC Mayor Gray's Position on Washington NFL Football Team Name Change January 11, 2013

In the article "Redskins name change should be discussed, Vincent Gray says" by the Washington Post's Mike DeBonis, the Washington D.C. Mayor outlined criteria that conversations on a name change are central to the return of the NFL's Washington football team to RFK Stadium and the District of Columbia.

Gray pointed out that many teams have done away with offensive or stereotypical names or mascots. He said in the article, "I think it has become a lightning rod, and I would be love to be able to sit down with the team ... and see if a change should be made. There's a precedent for this, and I think there needs to be a dispassionate discussion about this, and do the right thing."

NCAI responded with a statement of support. "The NFL's Washington football team should return to the nation's Capital only when the team's name is changed. It's time for the NFL and the Washington football team to join the 21st century and leave the mockery and racism of the past

where it belongs, in the past.

Mayor Gray joins a chorus of common sense voices in the Washington, DC area and beyond, who view the archaic and outdated mascot and name of the team as a blemish on the otherwise outstanding reputation of the people of the DC region and the players and fans of the team.

Fans of the civil rights movement who called for desegregation saw the Washington football team be the last to integrate African Americans into their sports business.

This is the moment for the team, the NFL, and the community, to address the misappropriation of Native identity and honor the true historic and contemporary place of Native people and tribal nations in American society."

SHORT TAKES.

*The new Cultural Center has received final acceptance and approval by the Business Committee.

* New parking lots/driveways have been prioritized to be built and funded from our Tribal Reservation Roads money beginning this calendar year: (1) Community Building, (2) Court House, (3) Elders/Veterans Building, and (4) RV Park.

* Please keep submitting articles of interest to our Sac & Fox News, I enjoy reading your success stories and I know your fellow tribal members do also.

I appreciate the opportunity of being your Chief and leading our Nation by working with our Business Committee members, our governmental employees, the committees, boards, departments, individual tribal members, and that our Nation has been guided through prayer by our Creator.

Sincerely, George Thurman, Principal Chief



New SBE Board Member: Principal Chief George Thurman recently swore in Chuck Mills to serve on the Sac and Fox Enterprise Board. (photo by Walter Boyd, Shawnee Casino)

Charles D. (Chuck) Mills to Serve on SBE Board

Charles D. (Chuck) Mills is the third generation President of Mills Machine Company (est. 1908), an international custom manufacturer of Earth Drilling Tools, Bits and Related Accessories.

Chuck was born in Shawnee in 1956, graduated from Shawnee High School in 1974 and the University of Central Oklahoma in 1979 with a BBA in Management. He is married to Karen W. Mills and they have two children, Britan and Kurstyn.

Current Activities:

Local:

*East Central Workforce Investment Board - Executive Committee & Youth Council

*Shawnee Chamber of Commerce

*Bison Federal Credit Union – Board Member

*Pottawatomie County Historical Society

*Shawnee Elks Lodge

State and National:

*Governor's Council for Workforce and Economic Development – Executive Committee, Oklahoma Workforce Youth Council – Co-Chair

*Governor's International Team – Chairman

*Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Review Committee aka Small Business Advocacy Committee (appointed by Speaker of House)

*Oklahoma District Export Council – Chairman

*Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce, Executive Board, Manufacturers Council and International Committee - Chair

*Oklahoma Business Roundtable

*National Federation of Independent Business – Leadership Council Member

*Governors Task Force on Comprehensive Tax Reform

Awards:

*Governors Small Business Person of the Year - 2011

*Oklahoma Mayor of the Year – 2008

*Mayor's Art Star Award – 2008

*Certified Municipal Official - 2007

*Oklahoma Mayor of the Year Finalist - 2007

*Shawnee Citizen of the Year - 2006

*Workforce Oklahoma Business Leader of the Year - East Central WIA - 2004

*Shawnee Chamber of Commerce Pierre F. Taron Leadership Award – 2003

Past Activities:

*Mayor of Shawnee, Oklahoma May 2004 – November 2008

*Established Sister City in Jinchang City, Gansu, China 2008

*Local Elected Official (LEO) for the East Central Workforce Investment Area Consortium representing the City of Shawnee

*Governors Task Force on Economic Development and Job Creation 2011

*OK Comprehensive Water Plan – Regional Input Member 2008 - 2010

*Central Oklahoma Economic Development District – Board Member

*Oklahoma Conference of Mayors – President 2007 - 2008

*Oklahoma Municipal League – Board member representing District 5 2006 - 2008

*Oklahoma Municipal League – GRIP member, Annual Meeting Moderator for Public Safety, Global Trade/Tribal and Workforce Issues breakout sessions.

*Oklahoma Sovereignty Symposium – panelist speaker in 2006, 2007 & 2008

*Oklahoma Worker Safety Policy Council – Representing Private Sector Employers (appointed by Labor Commissioners Brenda Reneau & Lloyd Fields) 2003 - 2010

*Tinker Air Base COMMSTAR Program – 2008 graduate

*Oklahoma Southeast – Regional Economic Development

*Shawnee Economic Development Foundation – Board Member

*Oklahoma City International Trade Association - Past President

*Oklahoma Small Business Commission

*National District Export Council – Steering Committee

*Potawatomie Co. Historical Society - President

*Shawnee Jaycees – President & Miss Shawnee Chairman

*Shawnee Kiwanis – Little Olympics and District Sports Chairman

*Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity – 26th National President, Foundation Trustee

*Senior DeMolay/Chevalier

*Eagle Scout

SAC AND FOX TAX COMMISSION REVENUE

December 2012

Tobacco Tax	\$25,147.20
Wholesale Tobacco Tax	\$52,772.44
Motor Vehicle	\$2,373.75
Sales Tax	\$9,958.32
Treasury	\$545.00
Oil & Gas	\$762.15
Gaming	\$135,489.18
TOTAL	\$227,048.04

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

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

THE TAX COMMISSION WILL BE THERE ON THE FIRST (1ST) AND THIRD (3RD) THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

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



MONTH of FEBRUARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 French Toast Sausage Fresh Fruit Milk
4 Spaghetti Carrots Bread Fruit Cup	5 Egg Salad Sand. Chips 3-bean salad Fruit Cup	6 Chix&Dumplings Zucchini Crackers Fruit Cup	7 Fish Potato Wedges Cream Corn Fruit Cup	8 Chili w/beans Corn Bread Onions Fruit Cup
11 Polish Sausage Sauerkraut Green Beans Fruit Cup	12 Beef Tip Gravy Brown Rice Mixed Veggies Jello w/fruit	13 Potato Soup Beets Crackers Fruit Cup	14 Valentine's Day Indian Tacos Lettuce Fresh Veggies Fruit Cup	15 Cereal Toast Boiled Egg Milk
18 OFFICES CLOSED FOR PRESIDENT'S Day	19 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Pots Green Beans Mixed Fruit	20 Hamburger Fries Fresh Veggies Fruit Cup	21 Chicken & Rice Casserole Steamed Broccoli Bread Fruit Cup	22 Chef Salad w/Turk & Ham Boiled Egg Jello Salad
25 BBQ Cole Slaw Corn-on-Cob Fruit Cup	26 Chili Dog Potato Salad Celery Sticks Fruit Cup	27 C&Noodle Soup Tuna Sandwich Baked Chips Fruit Cup	28 Roast Beef Boiled Potatoes Carrots Wheat Bread Fruit Cup	

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Domestic Violence Program

Mission Statement

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



The Domestic Violence Department provides services to:

Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault (on call 24 hours per day), Stalking, and/or Dating Violence. We serve Native and non-Native victims as well as their children, as these problems affect everyone in our community. When a victim flees the situation they often leave behind all of their belongings, that's where we step in, offering a hand up to the victim. We offer advocacy for the victim, through the process of court, counseling, housing and utility assistance, referrals as needed (for services ASTDV does not provide), shelter, and transitional housing. We have four transitional houses fully furnished, where victims will be provided the opportunity to get an education and obtain job skills. Emergency transportation can be provided as well. For questions regarding necessary paperwork in order to receive assistance please contact the AST Domestic Violence Office.

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National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233
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