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Chief's Address To The Nation

Greetings,

With July comes the beginning of summer and our 50th annual Sac & Fox Nation Celebration! I certainly hope that you can attend at least some of the many activities of the four day festivities, enjoy the reunions of family, and make new friendships. Enjoy and be



Chief George Thurman

safe!

Local News

State Legislators Justin Wood and Jason Smalley met with the Business Committee on June 13th to discuss the concerns of our Sac & Fox Nation, how they can better represent our tribal members

within their respective districts, and possible future legislation that they may introduce on our behalf.

Shawnee Mayor Wes Mainord and Senator Ron Sharp met with me on June 14th to discuss possible partnerships between the City of Shawnee and our Nation and representation of our tribal citizens.

Future meetings with other members of our state Legislature are being planned before they return to session, so please contact the Business Committee with your concerns so we can share them on your behalf. There was discussion to possibly have a "Town Hall" meeting with each representative within their district so you can personally address them. We will pursue these possibilities in the near future.

State News

Tribal Leaders from Oklahoma met with Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin in Tulsa, OK on June 11th to discuss many issues. Only the Chairman, President, Governor, or Chief of each nation or their representative was allowed to sit in the meeting, which included 23 Indian Nations, to discuss their concerns. Tobacco Compacts were at the top of the list, the need to educate the Governor about our respective Nations and how the tribal governments operate, the removal of burn bans from the tobacco compacts, the economic impact of the Nations upon Oklahoma, and the agreement of future one-on-one meetings with the same format of leader-to-leader consultation and not representatives - personal dialogue. This meeting resulted from the United Indian Nations of Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas (UINOKT) joining forces to request this meeting.

National News

VAWA 2013 | NOTICE OF PILOT PROJECT & NCAI PILOT WORKGROUP MEETING AT NCAI MID YEAR - JUNE 24, 2013

The Department of Justice has posted its Notice of Proposed Procedures for the VAWA 2013 Tribal Pilot Project. The deadline to submit a preliminary expression of interest to participate in the VAWA Tribal Pilot Project is July 15, 2013, although participants can join at a later date. The Business Committee has submitted an interest to participate.

The DOJ will launch an Intertribal Technical Assistance Working Group on Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction (ITWG). NCAI is hosting a Pre-Meeting on Monday, June 24th in conjunction with the 2013 Mid Year Conference in Reno, Nevada. The Pre-Meeting is dedicated as the 1st Intertribal Working Group Meeting for

the VAWA 2013 Implementation Pilot Project. I will attend this Pre-Meeting as will our Attorney General Greg Bigler.

This Pre-Meeting will be an excellent opportunity to engage with Deputy Associate Attorney General Sam Hirsh, the DOJ's lead official on the Pilot Project, as well as dialogue with other interested tribes and consider whether or not to join the Pilot Project. The Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn will also be in attendance to discuss the role of DOI in the Pilot Project. The agenda for the Pre-Meeting includes discussion on: DOJ procedures, jury pools, law-trained judges and public defenders, necessary revisions of tribal codes and procedures, detention, habeas corpus, and implementing Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction on a budget.

A quick summary of the Pilot Project follows:

Tribal jurisdiction over non-Indian domestic violence offenders becomes generally available in March of 2015, but tribes can start earlier if approved through the Pilot Project.

The Pilot Project is essentially a collaborative workgroup among tribes and the Department of Justice to develop best practices on combating domestic violence and the required criminal procedures.

The Pilot Project will have two phases. Phase One is a planning and assessment phase, which will take place in the summer and fall of 2013.

Phase Two is the implementation phase, which will start in late 2013 and run through March 7, 2015. In Phase Two, a tribe seeking approval must complete and submit an Application Questionnaire and relevant excerpts of the tribe's laws, rules, and policies.

Short Takes

* The Youth Activity Center (Gymnasium) has a new look with the new all purpose flooring having been installed allowing the opportunity for so many more activities to be held in the building.

* The University of Phoenix and Sac & Fox Nation are partnering to allow our tribal members and employees another opportunity to further their education endeavors. Contact our Education Department for the details.

* Remember to VOTE in the upcoming tribal elections.

* Please register to vote so you can be a part of the Native Vote, Every Vote Counts.

I thank you for the privilege and honor to be your Chief and to lead our Nation.

God Bless.
Sincerely,
George Thurman,
Principal Chief



New Sac and Fox Princesses Crowned: (From Left) Little Miss Sac and Fox Nation, Caitlyn Nanaeto; Miss Sac and Fox Nation, Meagan Lucero; Junior Miss Sac and Fox Nation, Kaylon Wood and Veterans Honor Guard Princess, Reagan Hill (staff photo)

2013-2014 Princesses Crowned

Miss Sac and Fox Nation

To all my relations; it is a pleasure to introduce myself as Miss Sac and Fox Nation for the 2013-2014 year. This is an honor I take with great respect and responsibility. Hello, my name is Meagan Lucero. I am 19 years old; I am of the Sac and Fox, Kickapoo, Wichita, Isleta and Zia nations. I belong to the raccoon clan on my Kickapoo side; I am called Mah Mena Ko Quah meaning "pretty little raccoon sitting by the water". I attend Oklahoma State University (Go Pokes!) and am working towards a degree in Wildlife Ecology and Management. I hope to someday work as a Wildlife Biologist or in camps educating children on nature and wildlife.

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I am the great granddaughter of the late Johnnie and Harriett Nanaeto, the granddaughter of Fred and Linda Standing of Jones, OK and the daughter of Virgil and Corey Lucero of Isleta, NM. Along with my parents and grandparents I have many aunts and uncles as well as cousins who I would like to thank for their unconditional love and support in this journey. I look to you all for strength and guidance as I grow into a woman I hope will make you all proud. I have the fullest intention to represent our family and the nation in a good way and become a role model and positive influence for all

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Greetings From the Netherlands

by Mark and Heidi Van de Pol

Mark's Greeting:

Dear Brown family, veterans, members of the Sac and Fox Nation and everyone else here present.

Five years ago, I found Harry Brown's dogtags in the woods of Nijmegen.

I knew right away that I had found something really special. At home we contacted the USA Army and they told me that the soldier Harry Brown survived the war and had gone home after

the war. They did not want to give me more information, so I kept searching for him hoping that one day I could return his long lost dogtags in person.

Sadly that dream will not come true, but I did find Harry's family, and they feel like part of my family already.

Before I will return the dogtags to the Brown family after such a long time, I would like to say a few more words.

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Return of Harry Edward Brown's Dog Tags: (From Left) Beverly Brown, Heidi Van de Pol, Mark Van de Pol and Sherman Brown (Photo by Ken Johnson)

Upcoming Events 2013

July 9, 5 pm

Sac & Fox Nation
Veterans' Meeting
Elders Bldg Stroud

July 10

Elders Advisory
Committee Meeting
Stroud
Potluck 10:00 am

July 11

Bright Path
5K Run 9 am
Sauk Walk 10 am
Jim Thorpe
Memorial Park

July 13

Shareholders
Meeting
9 am - 12 am

July 11, 12, 13, 14

50th
Annual
Pow-Wow
Sac & Fox Reservation