

# Chief's Address to the Nation

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Miller-Tippens Construction of Oklahoma City, OK. The funds for this remodel were generated through relationships fostered with gaming vendors. In total, the casino received \$1.515 million to go solely to construction purposes. Three vendors made huge contributions. The best part of the renovation cost was that no Per-Capita money was used for this project.

\* New bleachers and concession building at the Rodeo Grounds

The tribal rodeo grounds also received a "facelift" with a new 1200 sq. ft. concession/storage building and 300 seat elevated aluminum bleachers. The seating capacity at the arena has now been expanded to 600 plus seats. With the concession facilities expanded, many new rodeo associations, stock contractors, and individuals have shown interest in having more events at our facilities. More events mean more patrons visiting our Stroud Casino, which means more money for per-capita payments! The recent addition of improved lighting plus the recent metal W-W rodeo arena has even attracted movie producers! A movie that had some rodeo scenes was filmed at our arena this past summer.

\* Cultural Center

The Cultural Center had the official opening ceremony on April 23, 2013. It was a 2006 Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) for the maximum amount of \$800,000. The project match in the amount of \$185,000 came from 2006 Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP), line item – Economic Development, Resolution SF-06-154. The square footage of the building is 6,400 sq. ft.

\* Lagoon

Construction of the addition of a new lagoon located north of the pow-wow grounds will benefit the west side of highway 99/377 by increasing capacity for our continuous growth at the Capitol complex. A Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) worth \$310,000 and a match from our Nation of \$144,000 funded this endeavor which has a completion date of April 30, 2014.

\* Tribal Law Enforcement Association

On January 31, 2013 our Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Police Department hosted a Tribal Law Enforcement meeting at the firing range class room. In attendance were one tribal police chief and one tribal police officer from the following nations: Absentee Shawnee, Citizen Potawatomi, Iowa, Kickapoo, Osage, Pawnee, and Seminole. The purpose behind the meeting was to establish a Tribal Law-Enforcement Association for the tribal nations in Oklahoma.

\* United Indian Nations of Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas (UINOKT)

Our Sac and Fox Nation hosted the United Indian Nations of Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas (UINOKT) organizational meeting on January 11, 2013. Tribal leaders, attorneys, and individuals have been meeting in Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and our Capitol grounds in an effort to organize the tribes of the three states into a coalition that once was very powerful and influential in advocating key issues that affect all the tribes and will once again be that organization. Our Nation is certainly advocating for tribal nations/governments in the state of Oklahoma and regionally by helping establish these associations/coalitions, as we continue to exercise our sovereign rights.

\* Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Pilot Project

On March 7, 2013, President Obama signed into law the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, or "VAWA 2013." VAWA 2013 recognizes tribes' inherent power to exercise "special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction" (SDVCJ) over certain defendants, regardless of their Indian or non-Indian status, who commit acts of domestic violence or dating violence or violate certain protection orders in Indian country. This new law generally takes effect on March 7, 2015, but also authorizes a voluntary "Pilot Project" to allow certain tribes to begin exercising SDVCJ sooner.

VAWA 2013 allows the Justice Department to grant a tribe's request to participate in the Pilot Project only after coordinating with the Interior Department and consulting with "affected Indian tribes." On January 6 and 7, 2014, the

Justice Department will consult with affected tribes' elected and duly appointed officials regarding all Pilot Project applications that are received on or before December 29, 2013.

The Sac and Fox Nation has been selected as one of the Pilot Project tribes.

I look forward to a prosperous new year for our Sac and Fox Nation with the new Business Committee comprised of

Second Chief Orvena Gregory, Secretary Mary F. McCormick, Treasurer Jared King, Committeeperson Stella Nullake, and myself. I ask for your continued prayers for our tribal government, membership, and for the unity of our tribe/nation as we continue to move forward together.

Sincerely, George Thurman,  
Principal Chief

## Deadline for February Paper is Monday, January 20

### Sac and Fox Elders Advisory Committee Annual Winter Dance & Big Ticket Raffle

Saturday, January 18, 2014

Sac & Fox Reservation  
5.5 miles south of Stroud  
2:00 p.m. till ????

#### Head Staff

Head Gourd Dancer	Greg Morris
Head Man Dancer	Henery Hunter
Head Lady Dancer	TBA
Head Singer	Scott George
MC	Francis Grant

#### Raffle Items

Work Chair	\$50 Gift Card	\$100 CASH
\$25 Cash	\$25 Cash	Hot Plate
Electric Grill	\$25 Cash	\$50 CASH
\$50 Cash	Ceramic Bowl	Rod & Reel
\$25 Cash	\$25 CASH	Large Pottery
Pendleton	Beverage Disp.	\$50 Cash
\$100 CASH	Camp Set	Canister Set
\$50 Cash	70" Vizio Flat Screen TV	

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Due to the printing schedule of the Sac and Fox News any event or public notice of meetings that is going to take place during the first week of the month needs to be *published in the previous months newspaper*. It is our aim at the Sac and Fox News to keep the Nation informed of every event possible.  
Ken Johnson,  
Editor Sac and Fox News

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