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tion Program.”

Previously there had been one commemorative event for the battle, held on its 100th anniversary in 1914, and one plaque placed by the Daughters of the Revolution in 1928, but the event narrative and the plaque contained inaccurate information.

“I thought this was a good event to create some interest in not only the battle,” said Eaton, “but also to get the story straight. Much of what we thought we knew came from old memoirs and newspapers and biographies that restated bad information.

“I do not think we know enough about the Sauk side of the story. I hope we can learn more and add more to the story.”

Excerpts from Remarks by
Mayor Bill Gluba
At the Battle of Credit Island
Bicentennial 1814-2014
August 30, 2014

Good morning all, and welcome to this re-enactment, commemorating the Battle of Credit Island, which took place on this site two hundred years ago, during the War of 1812. ...

As one who minored in history in college, I am delighted to be here today, to participate in this historical re-enactment.

I am especially proud as Mayor of Davenport, to use this occasion to respectfully honor, praise and remember Sauk Warrior, Black Hawk. For in my judgment, he has seldom been recognized as the real hero he was.

In his honor, when I became Mayor, I obtained a photo of Warrior Black Hawk, and it is now prominently display in the mayors' office at City Hall.

On his portrait, I had inscribed the following in his memory, and I quote:

“Warrior Black Hawk, a brave and unsung hero, he and his people, were unjustly and immorally driven off his land

and treated with disdain by our early political leaders. A sad and tragic period in the evolution of the United States, including Rock Island and Davenport.”

On this portrait, I also added a quotation, from a Master's Thesis written by my friend and historian, the late Fred Meeker from Burlington, who noted Black Hawk's observation that, and I quote, “I had not discovered one good trait in the character of the Americans. They made fair promises but never fulfilled them!”

... The forces that led to the removal, massacre and genocidal treatment of Native American Indians was a result of US Governmental policy, industrialization, commerce, railroads and the growth of cities like Davenport.

... And The War of 1812 was really just a prelude to the Black Hawk War [sic] of 1832. Around that time, early settlers to the area, which is now Rock Island and Davenport, came here as interlopers and squatted on land which was occupied by Black Hawk and Sauk Indians.

Politicians at the Federal, State and local levels of Government, with the support of the U.S. Army, drove the Indians off their land, confiscated it, and essentially gave it to white settlers.

Warrior Black Hawk, along with many men, women and children from his village, were chased by our military up to an area along the Mississippi River, about 100 miles north of what is today Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin.

The following is an account of what happened as reported by my historian friend, Fred Meeker in his Master's History Thesis, entitled, The Black Hawk War- Background and Justification.

Fred writes, “On August 2, the Battle of Bad Axe began. Trapped by the river to the west and 300-foot cliffs to the east, the Indians tried for at least the 4th time



Historic perspectives: George Eaton as Zachary Taylor, Darren Low as Duncan Graham, and Preston Duncan as Black Hawk.

to surrender.

What followed was a massacre... The whites saw themselves engaged in a Holy War that somehow exempted them from responsibility, and fired at anything that moved. Many of the women, some of them already naked, were raped before they were shot.

While killing a baby, a soldier by the name of John House shouted, “Kill the nits and you'll have no lice!”

Many Indians took refuge on an island but the regulars swept it with a bayonet charge. As Indian men, women and children tried to swim across the river, soldiers on a military steamboat called the “Warrior” used them for target practice. Most of the few the steamboat missed, or who did not drown, were clubbed to death by rival Sioux Indians upon reaching the Iowa shore. A government Agent, by the name of Street, reported that the Mississippi was “perceptibly tinged” with Sauk blood. “Another tragic example of an Indian massacre led by our military and representatives of our U.S. Government.

Historian Meeker (states) that “the

few remaining prisoners were taken to Fort Armstrong and Black Hawk ... gave himself up to a U.S. agent at Prairie du Chien on August 27, 1831. The last Indian War east of the Mississippi was over.”

Black Hawk was later exiled to an area in Davis County Iowa. On October 3, 1838 Black Hawk died in his sleep at the age of 71. He was buried near the north bank of the Des Moines River.

Yet Black Hawk was not to know peace, even in death. On July 3, 1839 Dr. James Turner from Lexington, a town that then existed in Van Buren County, Iowa, stole the head from Black Hawk's corpse, and took the rest of the body the following winter.

But a Quincy dentist, by the name of Hollowbush, returned the bones to Iowa Governor Lucas at Burlington, where it is generally agreed his bones subsequently disintegrated, in the fire of a museum there.

Today, as Mayor of Davenport, I wish to salute and honor the memory of Warrior Black Hawk. A true hero to his people.

Chief's Address To The Nation From Page 1

try and clarify that federally recognized tribal government programs and services provided to our citizens are not subject to federal income taxation. Passage of this bill will help align federal tax laws with federal Indian law and policy, strengthen Indian self-determination, and respect the local decisions of tribal governments to improve our communities.

Oklahoma is especially connected to this bill; there are currently 39 Tribal Nations recognized in Oklahoma with a significant portion of the Oklahoma population as members. This bill allows those Nations to provide significant benefits to Oklahoma citizens with no cost to Oklahoma as a state and, according to the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT), instituting this H.R. 3043 “would have a negligible effect on federal fiscal revenues.” Under these conditions, both Oklahoma and the Indian Nations of the state benefit greatly from passage of this initiative.

For these reasons, I again urge you to vote “YES” on H.R. 3043 as introduced if and when the bill comes to the House floor for a vote. I appreciate your consideration of this important request.

We took this initiative because the Tribal General Welfare Act is a significant benefit to our Nation. It is a robust amendment to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) code which removes qualifying funds (known as Indian General Welfare Funds) paid on behalf of or for the benefit

of tribal members from the gross income of the Tribal Nations. It also directs the Secretary of the Treasury to set up a Tribal Advisory Committee to provide advice on the taxation of Tribal Nations in the future.

Cobell Settlement Payment

The long awaited second payment to Individual Indian Monies (IIM) account holders began in September, 2014. If you have questions in regard to this payment, please Contact the Garden City Group at:

Call: 1-800-961-6109

Email: Info@IndianTrust.com

Or Mail inquiries to:

Indian Trust Settlement

P.O. Box 9577

Dublin, OH 43017-4877

Regional News

The United Indian Nations of Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas (UINOKT) recently had the annual Convention at the Downstream Casino and Resort, Miami, OK. Many outstanding speakers presented information on taxation, Native American Technologies, the Affordable Care Act and Healthcare, education, economic development, government relations and public services. We were honored to have our own Second Chief, Orvena Gregory, as one of the presenters at the conference. She did an outstanding job with a presentation on our Juvenile Detention Facility helping to raise awareness and publicity for this outstanding service.

Officers were elected for Chairman

and Treasurer while the Vice-Chairman (3 year term) and Secretary (2 year term) staggered positions remained intact. The new Officers are: Comanche Chairman Wallace Coffey – Chairman; Margo Gray – Treasurer. Muscogee Creek Chief George Tiger - Chairman; and Kiowa Chairwoman Amber Toppah – Secretary.

I am pleased to inform you that I will also be heading to Washington D.C. in the Month of October for the DOI Self Governance Advisory Council Meeting. During this National meeting, I will be interacting with both the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Kevin Washburn, as well as with the acting IHS Director Roubideaux. This meeting provides the opportunity to challenge the policies, views and actions of these officials as well as to get answers on questions which will directly affect all of us.

Local News

Short Takes

*Please fill out your 2014 Per Capita W-9 form and return to the Office of Enrollment.

*Our Black Hawk Health Center (BHHC) Health Director Don Whitehead has been directed to proceed with a feasibility study to consider the construction of a new health facility.

*A feasibility study to determine if the 25,000 sq. ft. building site located on 4-5 acres trust land within the Cushing Industrial Development Park is suitable

for Gaming has been discussed with Sauk Business Enterprises (SBE).

*The Rodeo Committee has been negotiating with 9 different rodeo associations to host one of their events at our rodeo facilities during the 2015 rodeo season.

I extend my humble thank you to our membership for allowing me the fulfillment of being able to lead our Nation through prayer, by helping my people in whatever manner that God has allowed through His Grace and Mercy. Amen.



Sincerely,
George Thurman, Principal Chief

Get out and VOTE by Melissa Peros Sac and Fox Nation Policy Analyst From Page 1

John Nathan said it best when he reminded us that “bad officials are elected when good people don't vote.” I know it is hard to see that difference all the time but this year is especially important for you and the Sac and Fox Nation.

For the first time ever, some significant changes that will benefit the tribe (and its bottom line which contributes to per capita payments) are coming up for vote. For all of the citizens who live in Pottawatomie County, I encourage you especially to get out to the poll and vote in favor of the new initiative which allows the sale of liquor by the drink on Sundays. Right now Pottawatomie County has made it illegal to serve liquor by the drink on Sunday and are enforcing that provision with fines. We have a lot of varied interest in Shawnee and Pottawatomie County and this initiative would help to make it le-

gal for everyone to sell liquor on Sunday. This ability will improve the traffic flow, tourism and economy for a variety of businesses. More profit means that the Sac and Fox Nation will be able to keep providing great benefits to all of its tribal members.

Secondly, of possibly even more importance, both Oklahoma Senate seats are up for election this year. While the majority of people do not pay much attention to the US Senate, their role in creating laws that affect our nation is critical – we NEED to have Senators that can advocate for us. I strongly suggest that you all look at the candidates carefully. This year alone there have been 15 legislative bills up for debate and approval that affect Native Americans – one of which is seeking to limit certain Nation's ability to use Tribal lands for any purpose. That

is a dangerous proposition because it allows the US Congress to limit the presence of Casinos without any agreement from us. We cannot tolerate this and need a Senator who will make sure that our Communities are protected.

With November 4, 2014 closely approaching, you MUST get registered to vote. The deadline to register is October 10, 2014 and you can register by filing out the voter registration form found here: http://www.ok.gov/elections/Voter_Info/Register_to_Vote/index.html. For your convenience, we have these forms at the Sac and Fox Administration Building, Casinos and our Multi-Purpose center in Shawnee. You can also get the form at most public locations like post offices and libraries. For those of you that are too busy to get to the polls specifically on November 4, you can request

an absentee ballot. These are ballots that are sent directly to your home with the same initiatives as the regular vote but you fill them out and mail them in ahead of time so you don't have to upend your entire schedule just to vote. You MUST request one of these ballots by October 29, 2014 – you can do that here: http://www.ok.gov/elections/Absentee_Voting/Absentee_Application/. We will also have copies of the form at the administration offices in Stroud and the Multi purpose center. Please, for the benefit of the Sac and Fox Nation and for yourselves, get registered and VOTE. I know voting can be confusing, so if you have questions and concerns I urge you to contact me so I can help you understand the issues. It is a pleasure and honor to work with the Sac and Fox Nation and I am looking forward to meeting you all!