



51st Annual Pow Wow
July 10, 11, 12, 13



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Chief's Address To The Nation

Hello Members,

It's that time of year again, our 51st Annual Sac and Fox Nation Celebration Pow-Wow on July 10-13. Events are listed elsewhere within our Sac & Fox News that begin Thursday thru Sunday: swimming pool, casino, dancing, meals, meetings, arts & crafts, church services, and plenty of visiting for tribal members and their families. Enjoy, be safe, and may God Bless!



Chief George Thurman

Local News

Native Vote! I have stated many times the importance of registering to vote in local, state, and national elections in addition to our tribal elections; this includes school board elections also. The combined vote of Native Americans, coupled with other minorities, can greatly affect and determine representation that will affect you and your families. Your vote does count! One example very close to home is the recent Shawnee, Ok. City Commissioner(s) elections held June 24th. The realization that we now have two positions that will soon be held by Native Americans after being sworn into office(s) in September; Lesa Shaw, Ward 5 and Michael Dykstra, Ward 6. They will join Gary Vogel, Ward 1, incumbent Linda Agee, Ward 2, incumbent James Harrod, Ward 3, and incumbent Keith Hall,

Ward 4

The controversy over recent letters sent to the four tribes surrounding the city of Shawnee involving collections of sales tax (refer to my articles in previous editions of our newspaper for background information) will definitely have a balanced voice from the City Commission soon. The report of more registered voters in addition to the concentrated efforts of the tribes to get their membership and their families to vote had a positive effect in this election.

The regional organization of the United Indian Nations of Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas (UINOKT) have started a concentration of having member tribes to encourage their respective tribal citizens to register to vote because they can make a difference! Our battles are taking on a new look, the democratic vote is now a weapon to be reckoned with, and you can help fight the battles whenever you register to vote.

Oklahoma / National News
The United States Supreme Court Opinion on the Michigan v Bay Mills Indian Community that I reported on in last month's article triggered many other states, including Oklahoma, to join in "amicus" briefs. Below is a condensed version of Oklahoma's brief. I am sharing this to let you know how it may affect our Sac & Fox Nation and as an illustration of the continued fight for our sovereignty.

Oklahoma Brief in Bay Mills Case
STATEMENT OF THE IDENTITY, INTEREST, AND AUTHORITY OF AMICUS TO FILE The State of Oklahoma as amicus has an interest in the decision because the State is home to 38 federally-recognized Indian tribes, the large majority of which have entered into gaming compacts with the State, as authorized by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA). The State of Oklahoma fully supports the arguments made by Michigan in its opening brief, but writes this brief to offer its unique perspective as the state that is home to more Indian casinos than any other state, and where Indian gaming is a \$3.8 billion/year business. The State sometimes must take action against tribes conducting gaming not authorized by their compacts, including taking action in federal court under IGRA. If the decision below is affirmed, the State's ability to prevent harmful illegal gaming will be hampered.

STATEMENT
1. When the State of Oklahoma learns that an Indian tribe is conducting illegal Class III gaming within its border, it has several options to remedy the problem. First, it could charge the culpable individual tribal members with crimes under state law. See e.g., 21O.S. § 94(criminalizing gaming and providing for penalties and a (Continued on Page 3)



New Royalty: (From Left) Miss Sac and Fox, Santana Spang; Junior Miss, Patience Longhorn; Little Miss, Ciara Johnson and Veteran's Honor Guard Princess, Reagan Hill. (SFN Photo)

New Sac and Fox Royalty for 2014-2015

Santana Spang
Miss Sac and Fox

Santana is an enrolled member of the Sac and Fox Nation. Her Indian Name is Ki Tha Kwa and is Eagle Clan. She is the 17 year old daughter of Sam and Carrie Spang. She is the granddaughter of Janice Stevens, Raymond Spang (Northern Cheyenne) and Harriet Hunter. She is the Great-Granddaughter of Marvin Stevens (Kickapoo), June Stevens (Sac and Fox), Harrison Hunter (Sac and Fox), and Doris Hunter (Otoe). Santana will be a Senior at Stroud High School.

Patience Longhorn
Junior Miss Sac and Fox

Hi my name is Patience Longhorn, and I am so proud to represent the Sac and Fox Nation as Junior Miss Sac and Fox. I am Sac and Fox, Absentee Shawnee, Osage and Seneca. This fall I will be entering the 6th. Grade. I want to thank my grandmas, grandpas aunts and uncles for all their support. I hope everyone enjoys the

weather, family and friends and visitors at this years powwow. Thank you

Ciara Johnson
Little Miss Sac and Fox

Hello my name is Ciara Johnson. My Indian name is Ma-Ma-Ka, which means "Butterfly", I am Thunder Clan.

My Grandparents are Tom and Ida Parish. My parents are Anne and Robert Johnson. My sisters are Jalyen and Winter Johnson.

My hobbies are basketball, cheer, softball and band. I play the flute in band. I am going to be in the fifth grade at North Rock Creek.

I wanted to become "Little Miss Sac & Fox Nation Princess", because my sister and cousins were "Little Miss". They inspired me to become Little Miss because they showed love and care to others no matter who they are male or female. They just showed love and care and I would love to do the same.

Thank you, Ciara Rose Johnson

Reagan Hill
Honor Guard Princess

Aho, neteshitho, Mekothequah (Bear Climbing). My name is Reagan Nichole Hill and I am 17 years old. I will be a senior this fall and attend Harrah High School. Softball, Basketball and Soccer are the sports that I like to play. Shawn and Ursula Hill are my parents, Darian is my sister. My great- great grandparents were Ben and Dora Walker. My great-grandparents are Willard (Margrove) and Henryetta Walker. My maternal grandparents are Jubal Murdock and Lela Walker. My paternal grandparents are Dave and Shirley Hill.

I have been the Sac and Fox Nation Honor Guard Princess for two years and I am now on my third year. I am Proud to represent my Sac and Fox Veterans, those that are with us and those that have gone on to the Spirit world. I am very grateful for what they have done for me.

I would like everyone here at the 51st Sac and Fox Nation Powwow to have a fun-filled and enjoyable weekend. Kewawiyame!!!

Sac and Fox Nation Reserve Police Academy

by Instructor Brandi Carnell, Sac and Fox Nation Police

On February 28, 2014 a new group of cadets began their journey to become certified reserve Police Officers for the State of Oklahoma. These cadets have come to the Sac and Fox Nation Police Department from cities in Lincoln, Payne, and Creek counties, as well as other tribal police departments, in the hopes of becoming a police officer. They have had to endure academic, mental, and physical challenges while in the academy, and have learned a great deal about law enforcement while doing so. These cadets have also learned a great deal about their own strengths and weaknesses while completing the trials of a police academy.

The Sac and Fox Nation Police

Department frequently hosts reserve police academies and is always looking for new cadets. To be eligible for acceptance into one of our reserve police academies the cadet must be a

reserve commissioned police officer with a law enforcement agency, must have a high school diploma or GED, must have a clean record with no felony

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Sac and Fox Nation Reserve Police Academy cadets during training at the new "State of the Art" gun range located just south of the SFN Juvenile Detention Center. (Photos by Brandi Carnell)

Upcoming Events

July 8

Sac and Fox Nation Veterans' Meeting
Elders Bldg Stroud

July 9

Elders Advisory Committee Meeting
Shawnee 10 am

July 3 - July 5

SFN National Public Library Summer Reading Program

July 10

Sac and Fox Nation Health Fair
10:00 - 1pm

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