

Sauk Language Department Remembers Maxine Cobb

Maxine Cobb Sauk Language Advocate

On May 31, 2014, long time Sauk language advocate, and one of the last remaining first language Sauk speakers, Maxine Cobb departed from this life.

Maxine was a strong supporter for revitalizing and preserving the Sauk language, joining a handful of other elders in making their voices heard. Because of the efforts of these outspoken language supporters, today there is a Sauk Language Department, Sauk language public high school courses, Sauk college courses, and summer youth programs.

Maxine was a joyous, irreverent member of the Sauk language Master Apprentice team, whose dream was for all Sac and Fox tribal members to “talk Injun”.

We gratefully acknowledge her passion and wisdom as she passed on the language of her youth. We will cherish the time we had with her, and with heavy hearts we wish her a good journey.

Kikwinomenepena sheni nekeketapena wihnewonake nakachi.

(We will miss you but we know we will see you again)

