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Mark Megehee Portrays Jim Thorpe in Chautauqua

by Sandra Massey (NAGPRA)

Mark Megehee portrayed “The Greatest Athlete of the 20th Century”, Jim Thorpe, from July 5 - 17 in the Maryland Humanities Council’s 21st Chautauqua. Its theme was Sporting Lives and also featured portrayals of “The Fastest Woman on Earth” Wilma Rudolph and “The Sultan of Swat” Babe Ruth.

He also gave two presentations on June 26th and June 29th in Lawton.



Mark Megehee

While Megehee has experience in living history enactments, his portrayal of Jim Thorpe came at the request of Judy Dobbs, the Maryland Humanities Council program officer. She said he came highly recommended by Renee Gokey, Student Services Coordinator at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. who has family ties to the Sac and Fox Nation.

In his research to learn about Jim Thorpe, his story, Megehee read biographies, visited Jim Thorpe’s birthplace near Prague and the only house he ever owned in Yale. During the time he spent with the Chautauqua, he also visited Carlisle and other Jim Thorpe related areas. He learned about Jim Thorpe, the man. Megehee said he thinks Thorpe would tell people to be proud of their heritage and to exhibit sportsmanship, to be fair and to be a good sport.

“He had a big heart,” said Megehee. “He loved kids and all people. He could get mad, laugh, then put you out, but he never held a grudge. There was

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Re-collecting Black Hawk

By Nicholas Brown and Sarah Kanouse

Re-collecting Black Hawk by Nicholas Brown and Sarah Kanouse has now been published by the University of Pittsburgh Press. Contributing to the book from the Sac and Fox Nation in Oklahoma were Principal Chief George Thurman and Historic Preservation Officer Sandra Massey; contributors from the Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa were Johnathan

Buffalo, Historical Preservation Officer and Yolanda Pushtonequa, former Language Preservation Officer.

The name Black Hawk permeates the built environment in the upper midwestern United States. It has been appropriated for everything from fitness clubs to used car dealerships. Makataimeshekiakiak, the Sauk

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Chief’s Address To The Nation

Greetings!

I hope this edition of our Sac & Fox News finds you and family in good spirits and doing well. Our Sac & Fox Nation has experienced a very busy July with the 52nd annual Sac & Fox Nation Celebration pow-wow,

Primary elections, and so many other activities. I want to take this opportunity to wish all of our students a very successful 2015-16 school year and may you reach and achieve all of your goals and visions this coming new school year! Remember to ask God for guidance and to give the praise and glory to Him for your achievements.

National News. WASHINGTON, July 20, 2015 –National Indian Gaming Commission Chairman Jonodev O. Chaudhuri held a press conference on July 23 at 11 a.m. EDT to announce the Indian gaming industry’s 2014 gross gaming revenues. The annual announcement is based on independent audit reports from 459 Indian gaming establishments operated by 237 gaming tribes in 28 states and is conducted in accordance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

Source: Indian Country Today Bureau of Indian Affairs modifies original 1978 provisions by Gale Courey Toensing. Bottom Line: Tribes welcome the new “final rule” governing federal recognition of tribes, but its staying power is far from

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2015-2016 Sac and Fox Royalty: (From Left) Sac and Fox Honor Guard Princess, Ashley Tyce Ann Murdock; Little Miss Sac and Fox Princess, Gabi Morris; Junior Miss Sac and Fox, Marissa Marquez and Miss Sac and Fox, Kaylen Woods. (SFNews Photo)

Sac and Fox Nation Primary Election Results



Office of Chief
George Thurman
Kay Rhoads

Second Chief
Don Abney
Beverly Jackson

Committee Member
Robert Williamson
Tina Morris



Senior Man and Woman 2015-2016: Edward Littlehead and Beverly Jackson. (SFNews Photo)

Officer Hinker and K-9 Vader Assist U.S Marshall in Drug Bust

On July 09, 2015 while on K-9 training in Ada, Oklahoma Sac and Fox Officer Hinker and K-9 partner Vader were approached by US Marshall Service Drug Task Force and requested the use of K-9 Vader.

The US Marshall Service advised that a suspect wanted on \$100,000 dollar felony warrant was in room 14 of the All American Inn. The suspect was also under investigation for narcotic trafficking. Sac and Fox Officer Hinker and K-9 partner Vader were asked to cover the back door as the suspect was considered a runner.

The suspect was taken into custody and K-9 Vader was asked to conduct an open air sniff around the suspect’s vehicle. K-9 Vader alerted on the vehicle and a one gallon plastic freezer bag containing one pound of crystal substance that field tested positive to the presence of methamphetamine.

The Sac and Fox Nation’s tribal police force often is called upon to be a good neighbor and assist other law-enforcement

agencies. We are very proud of our K-9 partner Vader and the

representation he has established within the State of Oklahoma.



Wolfgang Hinker and K-9 Vader (Photo by Assistant Sac and Fox Police Chief Andy Selfridge)

Upcoming Events

August 13

Sac and Fox Nation Veterans Meeting Cultural Center

August 12

Sac and Fox Elders Meeting Stroud

August 20

Sac and Fox Nation Womens Auxillary

August 29

Sac & Fox Nation General Election

August 29

Sac & Fox Nation Governing Council