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**Cheyenne Dae Brady Miss Indian World 2015-2016**

“Sitoniqay” a member of the Thunder Clan and enrolled member of the Sac & Fox Nation of Oklahoma.

Cheyenne is the daughter of Jon”Poncho” and Rebecca “Tooky”Brady of New Town, North Dakota and the granddaughter of Don & June Hamilton Young Bird and Bryon & Florence Brady. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Charlie Smith (Sac & Fox) and Velma Peters Smith and great-great-granddaughter of Stella Barker. She is also a descent of

the Cheyenne, Kiowa/Apache, Pawnee, Otoe, Tonkawa, Arikara and Hidatsa tribes.

Cheyenne was the 2010 Valedictorian of her Senior Class at the New Town High School. She continued on to College at the University of Oklahoma for two academic years then transferred to North Dakota State University in Fargo where she will be graduating on May 16, 2015 with her Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology. She applied and is accepted into the NDSU Master of Public Health

Program, specializing in American Indian Public Health.

Cheyenne gives God all the praise and glory for all her accomplishments. She is so thankful for all the support from the Sac & Fox Nation, Three Affiliated Tribes, family she represents and friends from Oklahoma and North Dakota. She said she will humbly represent her people and family to the best of her ability as she travels across the world as our cultural ambassador of Native people as Miss Indian World 2015-2016!!



*Cheyenne Dae Brady, Miss Indian World 2015-2016*

**Chief’s Address To The Nation**

Greetings,  
Congratulations to our graduating tribal members on all levels, from kindergarten, elementary, secondary, and post-secondary. Now that you have reached this stage of your educational pursuits, our Nation wishes you success with your future journey at the next level of education or entering the workforce.

*Local News*

*Black Hawk Health Center*

On April 23rd, the Business Committee approved two agreements, one with Flintco, LLC and the other with JHBR, both of Oklahoma City, OK, to move forward in the next stage of preparation for the construction of your new health clinic. We will schedule a “community meeting” for everyone who wishes to give input as to what

they see as needed in the clinic. This will be the opportunity for tribal membership to attend, and, if unable to attend, submit your suggestions in written form, and they will be read and submitted during this meeting.

*Feasibility Study*

On April 24th, the Business Committee met with Matt Robinson of Klas Robinson, a Michigan firm selected to conduct “best use” of five property sites. We met to listen to a verbal report, followed by written recommendations. The five sites selected were in Cushing, Chandler, Stroud, and two in Shawnee.

*Economic Development Director Interviews*

On May 8th, the PACE Group will meet with the Business Committee, Sauk Business Enterprises (SBE), and staff to evaluate and discuss potential applicants for this position. At that time we will select applicants to be interviewed on May 11th.

*Sac and Fox Nation Housing Authority*

The Oklahoma City Housing and Urban Development (HUD) office notified us that this year they will be using a “new” format for the 2016 annual Indian Housing Plan (IHP) and would like our Housing Authority to be one of few Housing Authorities throughout the Region and Nation to assist them in this process. Their reason for this request is that, for the past three years, this administration has produced IHPs that “required little to no corrections or denials”.

It is quite an accomplishment

when your funding agency acknowledges you as a well-functioning administration. Congratulations!

*Investment Policy Statement*

On May 4th, the Business Committee, Exencial Wealth Advisors, staff, and tribal members met to discuss and begin developing a Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP) Investment Policy Statement (IPS) which will be brought before Governing Council for approval later this year.

*MIP Software*

MIP consultants will begin the preparations to start our “set up” of the new software program on May 19-20. I reported on this software in an earlier article.

*Congressional Testimony for Appropriations*

On April 29th I submitted this written testimony to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies for the FY 2016 Budget for Tribal Programs under the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act (NAH-SADA):

“Chairwoman Collins and distinguished Members of the Committee, on behalf of the Great Sac and Fox Nation I am submitting this written testimony on the FY 2016 budget requests for Tribal programs in the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Sac and Fox Nation is the home of Jim Thorpe, one of the most versatile athletes of modern sports who earned Olympic gold medals for

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**Chief Thurman and Sandra Massey Speakers at Sovereignty Symposium**

Principal Chief George Thurman and Historic Preservation Officer Sandra Massey will be speakers on the “Repatriation and Legislating Respect in the Law” panel at the 28th annual Sovereignty Symposium in Oklahoma City on June 3rd.

The panel will be moderated by Suzan Shown Harjo, Indian activist and recent Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient.

At 6:15 p.m. that evening, the Sovereignty Symposium will present a staged reading of the play “My Father’s Bones”, a play based on the ongoing Jim Thorpe lawsuit and written by Harjo and playwright/attorney Mary Kathryn Nagle, at the Oklahoma Judicial Center, formerly the Oklahoma Historical Society, located by the Capitol building.

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The staged reading is open to the public, said coordinator Yvonne Kauger, Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice. “We would be especially proud to have the Sac and Fox attend.”

The Sovereignty Symposium will take place on June 3-4, 2015 at the Skirvin-Hilton Hotel in Oklahoma City. It is presented by the Oklahoma Supreme Court, the Indian Law Section of the Oklahoma Bar Association, the University of Oklahoma College of Law, the Oklahoma City University School of Law, and the Sovereignty Symposium, Inc.

**Upcoming Events**

**May 13**

Sac and Fox Nation Veterans Meeting Cultural Center

**May 14**

Sac and Fox Elders Monthly Meeting Shawnee

**May (TBA)**

Sac and Fox Genealogy Workshop Learning Center 2 pm - 6 pm

**May 9**

Sac and Fox Elders Mothers Day Dance Community Building

**May 21**

Sac and Fox Nation Womens Auxillary

**May 23**

Memorial Day Powwow 2 pm Powwow Grounds



Sac and Fox Police Chief, Bob Roberts, recently received “Law Enforcement Officer of the Year” award from the Lincoln County Coordinated Community Response Team. (Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault) (SFNews photo)

**My Father’s Bones**

Staged Reading Open to the Public (All attendees will have to go through security at entry)

June 3, 6:15 p.m., Oklahoma Judicial Center 2100 N. Lincoln Blvd. Oklahoma City

**SAC AND FOX NATION 2015 ELECTION**

**NOTICE OF POSITIONS FOR ELECTION**

The Sac and Fox Nation Election Board is declaring and officially posting the following positions that will be open for the 2015 election year.

<b>BUSINESS COMMITTEE POSITIONS</b>
PRINCIPAL CHIEF
SECOND CHIEF
COMMITTEE MEMBER
<b>GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE</b>
GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE #3

Georgia Blanchard, Chairman  
Sac and Fox Nation Election Board

Date