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Sac and Fox Tribal Member Mary Ellis Celebrates 98th Birthday



Mary Ellis is the oldest Sac and Fox Tribal Member, at 98 yrs. Mary enjoys spending time with family and friends. She is still active attending Stomp dances, Pow-wows, Council meetings, and other functions, and still takes time to visit the Casino. Mary was recognized by the AARP Oklahoma's first Indian Elder Honors. Mary has been an active member of the Sac and Fox Veterans Honor Guard Women's Auxiliary since its' begining in the 1950's. In her earlier days, she was one of the tribe's traditional cooks, and is one of the longest active/serving elders (42 years).

Sunday, March the 14th the Women's Auxiliary, Sac and Fox Nation Veterans Honor Guard,

and family hosted a Birthday Celebration for Mary.

Mary's daughters; Judy Ellis and Leva Marlene Ellis; and granddaughters; Anna Franklin and Sherry Robbins; and niece Loretta BigBow and husband Steve BigBow from Yukon plus family and friends gathered for the celebration. Mary received many gifts and money from different ones. She said, she was going home by way of the Casino. The Ladies Auxilary presented Mary with a beautiful shawl honoring her father.

On March 5, 2010 Karen Spaid and Wilson Harjo were sworn in by Jacklyn Williams Tribal Secretary



Karen Spaid is the new specialist of Enrollment and Wilson Harjo is now a Tribal Member. Jacklyn Williams Tribal Secretary conducted ceremony.

Census Scam Alert

Scam artists posing as Census Bureau workers distributed bogus census forms to several Oklahoma residents, and at least one victim returned a filled-out form to the mailing address provided. The bogus forms asked for Social Security numbers, a Census Bureau spokeswoman said, and could subject the victims to identity theft, local census office warned Wednesday, March 24, 2010.

According to The Oklahoman and Channel4 News in Okla. City, Oklahoma, Census office manager Sidna Madden said six Oklahoma County residents reported to her office that forms were left on their doorsteps with instructions to fill them out and return the documents to an Oklahoma City address. Any forms asking for Social Security numbers are

bogus and should be reported to her office at 254-9122, Madden.

Residents who returned the forms are now concerned they were targeted for identity theft.

Rick Henson of Tuttle in Grady County said three weeks ago a woman wearing a T-shirt with "U.S. Census Bureau" written on it and driving a car with a census sticker distributed what appeared to be 2010 census forms in his neighborhood.

Madden said no U.S. Census forms ask for a Social Security number, and census workers do not wear identifying T-shirts. Madden said everyone should have received a form by now.

People who have not received a form should call 254-9122 to find out where to pick one up.

April 2010 SF News Article Ho, Nihkanetike:

Some very exciting events are starting to develop nationally and within our Sac and Fox Nation, and I will be reporting on some of these this month.

Census 2010 I want to remind you that the United States' Census 2010 has begun, so please



take the time and effort to complete your official form. It's quick and easy and your answers are protected by law and also required by law! Your response will help Indian Country in so many crucial areas especially in the numbers of American Indians and Alaska Natives counted that could affect funding from the U.S. Government which in turn affects you and our tribal members. Our Tribal Administrator, Rusty Brown, received a telephone call from a Ms. Lisa Garfield with the Census Bureau to get permission to set up a table once a week (Mondays) for 6-8 hours at our Capitol Headquarters to assist individuals with filling out the forms, passing out new forms if individuals have lost theirs or never received one.

Special Diabetes Grant

The Black Hawk Health Center Director, Pam Kushmaul, has reported that our Nation has been awarded a Special Diabetes Grant, very good news indeed. Melissa Heuer did the lion's share of the work on the grant and I know many others were instrumental in preparing and submitting for this grant, so I take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of the Sac and Fox Nation membership. Aho!

Indian Health Care Improvement Act

History was made on March 23, 2010, as President Obama signed Health Insurance Reform legislation, H.R. 3590, which includes the long-sought permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCA) which was first approved by Congress in 1976. The passage of the health insurance reform legislation, H.R. 3590, provides some additional benefits to American Indians and Alaska Natives. All of this will do so much to elevate the health status of American Indian and Alaska Native people. While the Senate moves to vote on the House reconciliation bill that fixes parts of the Senate bill signed on March 23rd, this date marks the official day that permanent reauthorization of the IHCA was signed into law. The IHCA helps modernize and reform the Indian Health Service (IHS) and gives Congress more authority to fund Indian health programs. Yvette Roubideaux, M.D., M.P.H. will be providing more information about what is in these bills for American Indian Alaska Natives Tribes and the Indian Health system and how it impacts us in the very near future. We will be passing that information on to the tribal membership as we receive it in an attempt to keep you informed.

The national health care reform included a provision to stop IRS taxation of tribally provided health benefits! The exclusion reads as follows: SEC .9021 EXCLUSION OF HEALTH BENEFITS PROVIDED BY INDIAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS. (a) In General-Part III of subchapter B of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after section 139C the following new section: 139D INDIAN HEALTH CARE BENEFITS. General Rule-Except as otherwise provided in this section, gross income does not include the value of any qualified Indian health care benefit. Qualified Indian Health Care Benefit-For purposes of this section, the term Indian health care benefit' means—any health service or benefit provided or purchased directly or indirectly, by the Indian Health Service through a grant to or a contract or compact with an Indian tribe or tribal organization or through a third-party program funded by the Indian Health Service, medical care provided or purchased by, or

amounts to reimburse for such medical care provided by, an Indian tribe or tribal organization for, or to, a member of an Indian tribe, including a spouse or dependent of such a member, coverage under accident or health insurance (or an arrangement having the effect of accident or health insurance), or an accident or health plan, provided by an Indian tribe or tribal organization for medical care to a member of an Indian tribe, include a spouse or dependent of such a member, and any other medical care provided by an Indian tribe or tribal organization that supplements, replaces, or substitutes for a program or service relating to medical care provided by the Federal government to Indian tribes or members of such a tribe. DEFINITIONS-For purposes of this section— INDIAN TRIBE-The terms tribe' has the meaning given such term by section 45A(c)(6). TRIBAL ORGANIZATION – The term organization' has the meaning given such term by section 4(l) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. MEDICAL CARE- the term care' has the same meaning as when used in section 213. ACCIDENT OR HEALTH INSURANCE; ACCIDENT OR HEALTH PLAN- The terms or health insurance' and or health plan' have the same meaning as when used in section 105.

DEPENDENT- The term has the meaning given such term by section 152, determined without regard to subsections (b)(1), (b)(2), and (d)(1)(B) thereof. Denial of Double Benefit- Subsection (a) shall not apply to the amount of any qualified Indian health care benefit, which is not includible in gross income of the beneficiary of such benefit under any other provision of this chapter, or to the amount of any such benefit for which a deduction is allowed to such beneficiary under any other provision of this chapter'

(b) Clerical Amendment- The table of sections for part III of subchapter B of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 139C the following new item: 139D Indian health care benefits'

(c) Effective Date- The amendments made by this section shall apply to benefits and coverage provided after the date of

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the enactment of this Act.
 (d) No Inference- Nothing in the amendments made by this section shall be construed to create an inference with respect to the exclusion from gross revenue of—
 (1) benefits provided by an Indian tribe or tribal organization that are not within the scope of this section, and
 (2) benefits provided prior to the date of the enactment of this Act.
 A number of members of the House of Representatives have stood with tribes to secure a provision to stop IRS taxation of tribally provided health benefits and the permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. Congressmen Becerra, Baca, Grijalva, Heinrich, Inslee, Kildee, Kennedy, Kirkpatrick, Larsen, Lujan, Mitchell, Oberstar, Pastor, Pomeroy, and Rahall are to be commended for their leadership. And special thanks to Congressman Nunes for his hard work. Likewise, this health benefits provision would not have been possible without the leadership of Senator Conrad and Chairman Baucus. President Obama should also be credited with marshalling the votes needed to pass

the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
 Stroud Chamber of Commerce Banquet, March 16, 2010 – The Business Committee, Casino employees, and tribal members attended this event which our Sac and Fox Nation hosted was held at our gymnasium on the Capitol grounds. Tommy Smith, BancFirst and Chamber President, reported that this event was the most successful Chamber of Commerce Banquet to date. He commented that the facilities were great and the Chamber is pleased with their partnership with our Sac and Fox Nation and that he will continue to foster this relationship throughout the city of Stroud.
 Shawnee Kiwanis Meeting, March 25, 2010 – Treasurer Randle Carter was instrumental in arranging for me to speak at this monthly meeting and in doing so our **Nation received recognition by offering an opportunity to share what we as a Nation are doing within the communities in our jurisdictional boundaries.** I was able to share information about our Nation and positive feedback from this meeting proved that we need to showcase our government and

the opportunities a community receives by partnering with us.
 Oklahoma Native American Economic Development Conference, March 29-30, 2010 – I was invited to sit on a panel, with the Attorney General of the Cherokee Nation, to discuss Legislative Updates in Indian Country. This event was held at the Renaissance in Oklahoma City and presented another opportunity to have our Nation before tribal leaders and leading professionals from across the country.
 I will close this report by asking tribal families to start submitting, to our editor Delilah Morehead of the Sac and Fox News, articles with pictures of past family members and the history of your individual families. Our history has been handed down orally and by doing these articles, our history starts to be recorded and shared with other tribal members. I believe our tribal membership would enjoy reading and learning of our history and offering your families the opportunity to be proud that you are Sauk. Aho!
 Sincerely,
 George Thurman, Principal Chief

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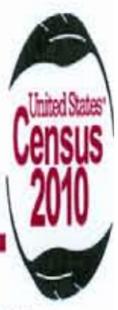
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CENSUS HISTORY
 The first census took place in 1790 to determine the number of seats each state would have in the U.S. House of Representatives. The census also was created to gain a better understanding of where people lived and to establish patterns of settlement.

ABOUT THE CENSUS BUREAU
 The Census Bureau was established in 1902. Today, in addition to administering the census of population and housing, the Census Bureau conducts more than 200 annual surveys, including the American Community Survey, the Current Population Survey, and economic censuses every five years.



We move forward when you send it back.

A Journey of Many Voices... 

...TO DEFINE WHO WE ARE AS AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PEOPLE

The Census: A Snapshot

- What:** The census is a count of everyone living in the United States.
- Who:** All U.S. residents must be counted—people of all races and ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens.
- When:** Census Day is April 1, 2010. Questionnaire responses should represent the household as it exists on this day. More detailed socioeconomic information is being collected annually from a small percentage of the population through the American Community Survey.
- Why:** The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years. The census provides state population counts used to determine representation in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- How:** Census questionnaires will be delivered or mailed to households in March 2010. Depending on the type of enumeration area, there will be census takers who will visit households and conduct an interview to complete the questionnaire starting in March 2010. Census takers will also visit households that do not return their delivered or mailed questionnaires starting in May.

A Complete Count: The Importance of Census Data

- Every year, the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data.
- Businesses use census data to gain insight into tribal members living in urban and rural areas and determine the need for new housing, roads and educational programs.
- Census data guide local American Indian and Alaska Native decision makers in their grant proposals and business plans for the construction of new roads, housing, hospitals, child-care and senior-citizen centers, schools and more.

2010 Census Questionnaire: It's Easy, It's Important, and It's Safe

- With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire is one of the shortest questionnaires in history and takes just 10 minutes to complete for the average household.
- By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an respondents' answers with anyone, including tribal housing authorities, other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q. Who should fill out the census questionnaire?**
A. The individual in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented should complete the questionnaire on behalf of every person living in the residence, including relatives and non-relatives.
- Q. How do I fill out the race question correctly?**
A. If a person self-identifies as American Indian or Alaska Native he or she should check the American Indian or Alaska Native race box. They are then instructed to print the name of the enrolled or principal tribe in the write-in area.
- Q. Can I write in more than one tribe?**
A. Yes, respondents may report more than one tribe. A maximum of 30 characters will be captured and up to two tribal names will be tabulated and used in census results.
- Q. How are census data used?**
A. Census data determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. Census data also can help determine the allocation of federal funds for community services, such as school lunch programs and senior citizen centers, housing, and new construction, such as highways and hospitals.
- Q. What kind of assistance is available to help people complete the questionnaire?**
A. Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QAC) will assist those unable to read or understand the questionnaire. Large-print questionnaires are available to the visually impaired upon request, and a Teletext Device for the Deaf (TDD) program will help the hearing impaired. Contact your Regional Census Center for more details about the types of assistance available and for QAC locations.
- Q. How does the Census Bureau count people without a permanent residence?**
A. Census Bureau workers undertake extensive operations to take in person counts of people living in group quarters, such as college dormitories, military barracks, nursing homes and shelters, as well as those experiencing homelessness or who have been displaced by natural disasters.

For more information about the 2010 Census, go to 2010census.gov

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2010 CENSUS KEY DATES


January - April 2010
 Remote Alaska operation (enumeration of sparsely settled areas of Alaska)


March 2010:
 Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.


March - May 2010
 Update/Enumerate operation which includes selected American Indian reservations. (A Census taker will visit each household to update address lists and collect information on the questionnaire.)


April 1, 2010
 Census Day


May - July 2010
 Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.


December 31, 2010
 By law, Census Bureau delivers population counts to the President for apportionment.


March 2011
 By law, Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.



Greetings to all!

Rock Island Sauk Homecoming, May 1-2: I have been serving as a point of contact for this event. Dean Whitebreast, Harlan Brown, both of Tama, and Regina Tsosie, of Rock Island, are the powwow committee. KOA, tent camping, and a Host Hotel with reduced rates are available. The local residents of Rock Island have raised some funds to assist Oklahoma dancers, veterans and singers who travel to the event. There will be **on-site registration, with Sac and Fox Nation tribal ID required** in order to be eligible for the funds, first-come, first-served basis. If you would like to put your name on a "list", please contact the Black Hawk Site Historian at Hauberg Museum, Beth Carvey at (309)788-9536 or haubergmuseum@aol.com. See flyer in this newspaper for more information.

Water Rights: Over the past few years, I have been involved in 'water rights' discussions. I was asked to be on the featured panel on the first day of the Water Law Conference in Tulsa on March 25-26. The majority of the audience was practicing lawyers and the panel consisted of three individuals to present views of the Federal, the State, and the Tribal points of view. My speech is printed in this issue of the newspaper. I will update you on activities in upcoming issues of the newspaper.

Economic Development: I truly believe that increasing revenue into our tribal Treasury will increase services provided to our tribal citizens. True, we are fortunate to be one of the few Oklahoma tribes who provide a per capita payment to our tribal citizens. But there are many other services that remain unfulfilled. Grants and federal programs provide monies for specified use. But there are many other services that remain unfulfilled.

One of the opportunities for bringing revenue into our Treasury is the Land Use agreement being discussed with the Casino. The Nation owns the land, the Casino is one of our entities, so why do we want to charge ourselves rent? Many of you have heard my rationale for asking for "rent". As a parent, many of us ask our grown children who live at home to assist with buying groceries, or helping to pay for utilities. It's a similar situation with the land-use agreement between the Nation and the Casino. 'Rent' would be not be the 'appraised' price of the property, but a set amount that the Casino can afford in its budget, and the Nation can rely on to provide services for citizens of the Nation. What would this money be used for? Additional staff for one thing. When the Nation pays the salary, the focus of work performed is defined by the Nation. When grant or federal funds are used to pay salary, the work to be performed is defined by the funding source. One of the immediate needs for the Nation is additional staff in the Environmental Office to author and implement and enforce Water Code, Water Quality Standards, etc.

Cobell: You have probably heard about the Cobell v. Salazar case that has reached settlement agreement. The lawsuit claims that the federal government mismanaged individual Indians' trust accounts. The settlement was signed December 8, 2009 by Ken Salazar, Secretary of Interior. Because of the various federal agencies that are involved in implementing the settlement, it may take months, or years(?), before the individuals' receive their share of the monetary settlement. Watch the newspaper next month – we may organize a letter-writing campaign to the Secretary of Interior's office urging quick and immediate closure to this agreement (meaning, we want quick payment to IIM account holders).

Oklahoma Water Law Conference Featured Panel: The Sovereign Conundrum March 25, 2010 Speech by Cheryl L McClellan, Second Chief, Sac and Fox Nation

I am very honored to be a part of the 2nd Annual Oklahoma Water Law Conference and a participant on this panel. I must provide my 'Disclaimer': I am Cheryl McClellan, speaking to you as an individual, a citizen of Oklahoma, and an enrolled member of the Sac and Fox Nation. I am currently serving my third-year of a four-year term as the Second Chief of the Sac and Fox Nation. I am not speaking to you on behalf of the Sac and Fox Nation, or on behalf of any Indian tribe or any group. I am speaking to you as a dual citizen of United States: a citizen of the state of Oklahoma and a citizen of the Sac and Fox Nation.

The photos are glass plate photos taken when we visited Prairie du Chien in August 2009. The top photo, in the upper left hand corner of the group of Sac and Fox Nation members, is the Sac and Fox Nation's Principal Chief, George Thurman. These photos were taken by David Rambow, using the antique glass plate method. Yes, we had to remain still and hold our smiles for 8-10 seconds.

The Sac and Fox Nation is located on the Turner Turnpike, halfway between Tulsa and Oklahoma City,

covering 3 counties. Our former homelands included New York, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri. Through a series of **treaties**, we moved, sometimes forcibly, to our current location in Oklahoma in the late 1860s.

Among the many "firsts" accomplished by the Sac and Fox Nation, there are three "firsts" worth mentioning: cross-deputization agreements, tribal license tag for vehicles, and we are the 1st Self-Governance tribe. We have 185 people employed by the Nation, 40% of those are non-Indians. The Sac and Fox Nation has 2 casino sites, Stroud and Shawnee, and employs 250 people, 60% of whom are non-Indians. We currently have 3699 enrolled members, with 68% of our Sac and Fox citizens living in Oklahoma. We have 26 full-blood Sac and Fox.

[This data has been prepared by the Oklahoma Center for Rural Development, Northeastern State University in Tahlequah.]

Within the jurisdiction of the Sac and Fox reservation,

- our population is about 58,500, with an expected increase of 3% in 5 years
- 35% of our population is between the ages of 18 – 44, and 25% between the ages of 45 – 54.
- almost 40% of our population has an annual household income between \$20,000 – \$49,999.
- We are a rural community, and our average household income is \$50,664.

I show you the map of the Sac and Fox Nation within the State of Oklahoma to emphasize that we are only one of 39 Federally Recognized Tribes in Oklahoma, and one of over 500 Federally Recognized Tribes in the United States, all of whom have made significant contributions to their own communities and their states.

As with most of the Federally Recognized Tribes, it is our **treaties between the Sac and Fox Nation and the United States that identify us as a 'sovereign' nation.**

- The US Constitution makes a **treaty** a part of the 'Supreme Law of the Land'.
- The US Supreme Court has never found a treaty provision to be unconstitutional.
- **Only sovereigns, sovereign nations, can enter into a treaty. (The State of Oklahoma cannot enter into a treaty with the Indian tribes.)**
- Indian tribes are sovereign nations, with rights stipulated in our treaties.
- Tribal sovereignty includes the land provided to us in our treaties.
- Sovereignty and Land cannot be separated; Land and Water cannot be separated
- And by the way, surface and ground water cannot be separated either. Surface water and ground water ARE connected.

We all agree – **Water is key to life, for ALL peoples. To us, water is central to our cultural, spiritual, and economic life. It's not just the quantity of water that's important, but also the quality of water.**

Indians traditionally possess patience, but there are concerns that I'd like to share:

- 1) As sovereign nations, tribes have an inherent right to govern ourselves. Per Executive Order 13175 by President Bill Clinton dated Nov 6, 2000, and Memorandum by President George Bush dated April 30, 2004, and reinforced by Memorandum by President Barack Obama dated Nov 5, 2009, consultations are required, sovereign-to-sovereign, between the designated heads of those sovereign nations – for example, the Principal Chief of the Sac and Fox Nation and the President of the United States, or their designees. My Disclaimer statement at the beginning of my time on this panel reinforced that I am speaking to you as an individual, as a citizen of Oklahoma who happens to be an enrolled member of a Federally Recognized Indian **Tribe in Oklahoma. The consultation process is required in order to incorporate tribal input into policy-making process. I must also remind you that the 'water' that is being discussed during this Conference, and in the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan, a large majority of that water lies within the boundaries of sovereign Indian tribes.**

Why are Indians, excuse me, speaking for myself, why am I concerned, 'on-edge', leery, distrustful of the current 'public input' process to update the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan?? Because of actions, as recent as Inhofe's "midnight rider" into the national transportation bill, which limits American Indian tribes in Oklahoma from regulating environmental quality on tribal land. It's not just that an environmental regulation got attached to a transportation bill, AND only pertains to Oklahoma tribes, but it's the secrecy in the "midnight rider" process. The consultation process did not occur when that law was enacted. And it has been mandated by more than one President of the United States that consultations will be conducted and tribal input be incorporated into policy before it becomes law!

- 2) One key point we should all remember is that the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan is a **water planning document, not a water rights document.** Yet, the "public input" activity of the current update to the Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Plan is identified in the overall process of Policy Recommendations to the Oklahoma State Legislature. Tribes have been excluded in the 'public input' process to-date. We have **a right to know the issues and planned resolutions.** We, the State and the Indian Tribes, have to be PROACTIVE in finding resolutions to the issues that confront Oklahoma. Indian Tribes can offer resolutions and opportunities that other citizen groups of Oklahoma cannot offer. How can the State take the position to exclude Indian Tribes in the planning process of the update to the Water Plan, and expect a mutual agreement to the policies implemented as a result of that planning? This approach is a definite path to judicial intervening – only the lawyers will benefit monetarily...

- 3) As sovereign nations, we have an inherent right to govern ourselves. As stewards of the earth, as possessors of the land, tribes have the right, the responsibility, and the authority to protect our natural resources within our jurisdictions. In the past, in other parts of the world, civil unrest, tensions and wars have resulted from the LACK of water. Collectively, we must monitor the reserves of drinking water and establish agreements for the use of water.

I see "regulation" and "permits" as the areas where tribes will step forward to **conserve, protect, and maintain** our most valued natural resource. To name a few examples, within our jurisdiction, regulate and permit:

- Existing uses of water
- Surface water use
- Ground water use
- Planning and development of water and land resources to protect ground water degradation
- Drainage
- Allocation decisions, like state issued permits.

- 4) On this item, permits, I'd like to state that we, the Indian tribes and the state of Oklahoma, need to work together to **change the IDEA of what it means to "grow and be successful"**. Currently "growth" means more developments, bigger homes, more power plants, more water usage!! Pick up any newspaper, listen to any news broadcast – the message is 'growth', planning more housing and business developments using water that we don't have!! It's not just about **conservation** – let's scrutinize the permits before they are issued.

Change the idea of "grow and be successful" to: We need to **grow** our families and be **successful** in allowing adequate, good quality water for our children, and children not yet born.

To summarize:

- Federally Recognized Indian tribes are Sovereign Nations.
- Treaties provided our lands.
- Sovereignty and Land cannot be separated.
- Land and Water cannot be separated.
- And by the way, surface and ground water cannot be separated. Surface water and ground water ARE connected.

BE PROACTIVE and better utilize the planning process. Resolution of water rights in the Court system can take years and an enormous amount of money. (As an example, the Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Act filed in the 1960s – is just now coming to a decision.) **The Oklahoma Comprehensive Water Planning process is an opportunity for the citizens, the legislature, and the Indian tribes of Oklahoma to COLLABORATE on water planning and become THE MODEL for water planning process in the United States and international communities.** Let's be PROACTIVE in finding resolutions to the issues that confront Oklahoma. Indian Tribes can offer resolutions and opportunities that other citizens of Oklahoma cannot offer. And I am not advocating "compacts". "One-compact-fits-all" is NOT the answer.

The title of this panel, "A sovereign conundrum"? When I was preparing to address this audience, I did not think there was a 'conundrum':

What's the mystery?

What's the puzzle?

What's the riddle??

After listening to the two speakers before me, I now know there is a conundrum. "I'm right and you're wrong" is not a proper planning approach. We, the federal representatives, the state representatives, and the tribal nations, have to collaborate and be proactive in planning for our future.

Conserve, Protect, and Maintain

We need to change the IDEA of what it means to "grow and be successful". We need to **grow** our families and be **successful** in Conserving, Protecting, and Maintaining a drinkable quality water supply for our children, and children not yet born.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Oklahoma Water Law Conference. I appreciate your attention.

L-R: Arlan Manatowa, Stella Nanaeto, Dennis Jennings, Elizabeth (Stella's granddaughter), Lyndee McClellan, Cheryl McClellan, Sandra Massey, and Chief George Thurman.

Courtesy Photo by:
DC Rambow



Second Chief
Cheryl McClellan
and daughter
Lyndee McClellan

Courtesy Photo by:
DC Rambow



Family Reunion

Leo & Lizzie Gokey
and all decedents of Moses Keokuk
May 30, 2010
Sac and Fox Community Building
Noon Meal, Covered Dish



Kyra D. Wolf
Happy 4th Birthday
April 22, 2010



We love and miss you dearly.
Our prayers are with you, Ky - Ky.

With Love Always,
Mom and Dad

Mary Ellis: Birthday Celebration Pictures



Paul Wolf, Dean Tartsah,
Bud McClellan, Sonny Masquat,
Raymond Pennock, Mary Ellis, and
Dennis Jennings



Mary Ellis
Joyce Wolf, Berdina George,
Dee Byford, Nancie Poodry, Judy Ellis,
Lena Clark, Shirley Salaway,
Gwen Wilburn,
Leva Marlene Ellis, Stella Nanaeto



Ivan Kade and Evan Wade Dorsey

Amy Wolf and Dylan Dorsey
would like to announce the birth
of their twin boys, Ivan Kade and
Evan Wade Dorsey.
They were born at Shawnee

Unity North Hospital, Shawnee, OK. on March 5, 2010.
Ivan Kade weighed 4lbs and 13oz. and 18in. long. He was born at 12:21
p.m.

Evan Wade weighed 5lbs and 1oz. and was 18in. long. He was born at
12:23 p.m.

Sisters are Kyra and Kaleah Dorsey.

Brothers are Gaven Reed, Deven, and Desmond Dorsey.

Maternal grandparents are Nana-Cara Mack, Great Grandmother-Linda
Slick, and PaPa-Robert Wolf all of Shawnee, OK.

Paternal grandparents are Geraldine LeRoy and Donald Dorsey of
Tecumseh and great grandmother Mary Wood of Shawnee, OK.

SAC AND FOX MEMBER MICHAEL A. MAREZ ACCEPTED INTO GRADUATE SCHOOL AT TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY



Gail Marez and Michael A. Marez

Michael A. Marez has been accepted into Graduate School at
Texas Christian University (TCU) in Ft. Worth, Texas. Michael's
course of study will be Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia. The
program is 28 months long, and the end goal will be to be a Certified
Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA). Michael will begin this
program in August of this year. He is currently a registered nurse at
Tampa General Hospital in Tampa, Florida, and works in a Surgical
Intensive Care Unit.

Michael's other good news is that he was recently accepted into
the MENSA; a person has to have scored in the top 2% on an
IQ or other approved test, which he recently did on his Graduate
Admissions test.

Michael's grandmother is Gail Marez, he is a member of the Ellis
family and the Fish clan.

A Big Thank You!

The Women's Auxiliary would like to thank all that helped at
the Sac and Fox Veteran's Stomp Dance. The concession stand
was a huge success as everything was sold out. De Byford,
Stella Nanaeto, Joyce Wolf, Shirley Salaway, and Jaime Barse all
helped by working in the concession stand. The evening meal
was wonderful and enjoyed by all. A special thank you to all the
Sac and Fox Veterans, cooks and workers that made the Stomp
Dance a success.

Thank you again,
De Byford, Chairman of the Women's Auxiliary

The Shawnee Sooners



The Shawnee Sooners coach is Lily Travis. The Shawnee Sooners were
in the Pottawatomie County 9 & 10 year old Boy's League, they played in
a tournament at the beginning of the league and won their division; played
in the Snow Ball Classic tournament and won first place; and played in a
tournament at the end of league play and won Championship. Teams were
always wanting a piece of them.

Number 22 is Cathrine (Bummie) Walker's 9 year old granddaughter Kilee
Jones (E seek e tha no quah); she comes from the Water clan. She is in
the 4th grade at McLoud Elementary. She is a enrolled Sac and Fox Tribal
member and her other tribes are Kikapowaki, Shawanowaki, Matotataki,
Iowa, Chikashahaki, and Mohkomanaki. Kilee's great-grandmother and
great-grandfather is the Willard & Henryetta Walker, and the late George
and Cordelia Gibson.

Kilee enjoys playing Softball and Basketball. She also likes to dance the
Shawnee Dance and sing the Shawnee Dance songs. April 26th she will
turn 10 years old and wants a NAC meeting. On April 17th, we will put the
teepee up for her; she wants to share it with her sister Baby Worm Caton,
Uncle Joshua Gibson, Brother Conner Haney, and everyone else that has
a birthday this month of April. Kilee will be bringing in Morning Water for the
very first time.

Picture and article submitted by: Cathrine (Bummie) Walker

Happy 3rd Birthday
Granddaughter,
Dezirae Brown
(Pee Chee Nau caht)
April 20, 2010



American Indian Chamber of Commerce Oklahoma City Chapter

Native American Scholarship 2010

Eligibility:

Enrolled member of federally recognized tribe
graduating high school senior (2009-2010 school year)

Requirements:

To receive consideration for the scholarship, please
submit all of the following:

- 1) Resume
- 2) One Letter of Recommendation from one of the following:
 - High School Counselor
 - Sponsor
 - High School Teacher
 - Tribal Official
- 3) 500 word essay on how this will help you and your goals in
the future.
- 4) Copy of CDIB

DEADLINE: 5:00 pm, April 2, 2010

Please submit applications to: Oklahoma City University, Attn: Chris Roman Nose,
Re: AIICCO OMC Scholarship, 2501 N. Blackwelder, Oklahoma City, OK 73106. Email: cromannose@okcu.edu

"Let us put our minds together
and see what life we can make for
our children."

-Sitting Bull,
Lakota



News Release



U.S. Department of Labor
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Tribal colleges and universities eligible to apply for Community-Based Job Training Grants made available by US Labor Department \$125 million in funding to support workforce training efforts

WASHINGTON – Tribal colleges and universities are among those institutions eligible to apply for \$125 million in Community-Based Job Training Grants to be awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor.

“The Department of Labor is committed to working with tribal organizations as they develop and implement programs that lead participants to good jobs in growing industries,” said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. “I encourage tribal colleges and universities to apply for the Community-Based Job Training Grants.”

Community-Based Job Training Grants will be awarded through a competitive process to support workforce training for high-growth/high-demand industries through the national system of community, technical and tribal colleges. In order to be eligible for consideration under this solicitation, an applicant must be: (1) an individual community or technical college, such as a public community college, a nonprofit community college, a tribally controlled college or a tribally controlled university, (2) a community college district, (3) a state community college system, (4) a One-Stop Career Center in partnership with its local workforce investment board that specifies one or more community or technical colleges where education/training activities will occur or (5) another entity proposing to serve an educationally underserved community without access to community or technical colleges that meets requirements outlined in the solicitation for grant applications.

It is anticipated that awards will range from \$1 million to \$3 million each. The exception is that applications including three or more community, technical or tribal colleges will be considered consortium applications and may request awards ranging from \$1 million to \$5 million. Additionally, ETA expects to allot up to \$50 million of the total designated funds to organizations that have never received a Community-Based Job Training Grant.

The solicitation for grant applications is published in today’s *Federal Register*. It provides background information and the closing date, describes submission requirements, outlines the process that eligible entities must use to apply for funds and details how grantees will be selected. To view the full solicitation online, visit http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm.

For additional assistance in applying for these grants, interested parties should review ETA’s online suite of resources for grant applicants. These tools introduce potential grantees to ETA grants and provide examples to guide applicants through the process. The site also includes “Grant Applications 101,” an interactive, self-paced tutorial. The toolkit is available at http://www.workforce3one.org/page/grants_toolkit.

You are cordially invited to attend this Sac and Fox Elders sponsored event

Mother's Day Dance

Saturday

May 8, 2010

Sac and Fox Community Building - 5.5 miles south of Stroud

Head Staff:	
MC	Francis Grant
Head Singer	John Quetone
Head Man Dancer	Thomas Morris, Jr.
Head Lady Dancer	Stella Nullake-Nanaeto
A.D.s	W.C. Harjo & Ricky Ashley

2:00pm-5:00pm	Gourd Dance
5:00pm-6:00pm	Supper
6:00pm-7:00pm	Gourd Dance
7:00pm-10:00pm	Inter-tribal

CONTESTS: Men's 55 & Over / Women's 55 & Over
(all categories - winner takes all)

✂ RAFFLES ✂ CAKE WALKS ✂ 50/50's ✂

SPECIAL - SPECIAL - SPECIAL - SPECIAL - SPECIAL - SPECIAL
The Elders will be selling chances on a 25 item raffle!

For more information or requests, please contact: Laveta Ashley at 405-246-5748, or Anita Stevens at 918-968-3526 or 800-259-3970, ext. 1061. NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS/THEFT

To Chief Elmer Manatowa, Tribal Members, and Family,

At the long request of a relative, here is a message from my desk.

I'll start with the beginning of 2010 due to 2009 being one of the toughest of times, having had to say "happy trails" to many of my favorite folks. I hope this will be a better year.

My liaisons duties include the Elders, Veterans, Library, Language, and NAGPRA. I enjoy being with all the groups. If you enjoy people and socializing, then you would have a good time at the monthly meetings. Each group has an agenda that includes business, food, fun and contagious laughter.

After a year process the Language Department has relocated to the tribal grounds. They are located west of the Learning Center Building. The address is 356195 E 930 Rd Bldg B. I don't have a phone number. The new site will be more suited for summer language programs. At the last council meeting, the department gave each guest a DVD called Sauk Traditional Night, Sac & Fox PowWow 2009. I've enjoyed watching the DVD many times. It shows everyone having a fun time dancing to those special songs we hear only once a year. We have Arlan Manatowa to thank for a good job to record new history. It's a good teaching video for the little ones. Encourage them to dance around the house and you dance too, good exercise, plus it is your heritage.

The Elders will settle in the Stroud building next week. Plans are underway for activities such

as craft projects, cooking classes, etc. The elders not only provide support to our tribal members, but join neighboring tribes with combined efforts for sharing holiday parties and luncheons. (Older "networking") Jean Lynam is the Title VI coordinator that works with the elders committee. She stays in contact with other Title VI coordinators and together they do a good job planning events. While venturing out, I was impressed with other elder facilities. I thought, why can't we have one?

Speaking of Manatowa's, have you seen the new sign on Highway 51 going west to Stillwater from the Yale junction? It is a memorial to Jerry Beall. As I traveled that road, I was impressed and saddened at the same time to see the remembrance. I am pleased to see the tribute. We, Happy Valley folk knew and cared for the young father that was lost suddenly in police duty.

Did you hear about the Stomp Dance that our Veterans sponsored? I tell you they, they rocked the house! From where I could see (behind the concession stand) everyone was having the best time ever! It was so good; the area had tremors the next day. Everyone was trying to keep up with Lena.

The Veterans are making good progress with the Memorial. They are planning an unveiling of the Memorial at the end of May. Watch for more news on the project next month. The guys are continually busy helping other committees and groups doing Color Guard duties or just plain old helping out. If you are a veteran and we don't know about you, send us some information or just a post card to say hello. Our guys are proud of you. Okay everyone; it's your chance to join Tommy and Lena at the Veterans' dance on May

29, 2010. Last year, the dance was a big success and we expect this one to follow.

The Library and I welcome new team player, Ms. Catherine Bummie Walker. Ms. Walker's latest assignment will be doing a project on last summer's visit to the Meskawki Traditional Powwow. The exhibit could be ready by next month. The Library has future plans to present art work by Austin Grant Senior. Also, they will host an open house in the warmer months. Watch for more information in next month's issue.

I have wanted to do this for some time, so here goes: I would like to share some nice photos of our current Tribal Princess. I am the very proud great-aunt to Whitney Standing. Whitney is our National representative. She has traveled many miles and places since her reign. She and the Little Miss Sac and Fox joined the Elders for an exceptional grand entry at the Meskawki Traditional Powwow. I hope the Library captured some photographs of that spectacular moment.

While this is not on the business side of my desk, I choose for you to see the happy times enjoyed here at the Nation. I extend an invitation to you to be a guest at the Elder's Mother's Day Dance. It is my honor to serve in the head lady position. The committee has scheduled a lot of fun, raffle items, contest, supper and good entertainment.

See ya there! Stella Null-a-ke Nanaeto



Sac & Fox Tribal Princess Whitney Standing at Ute Fair Parade



Avaleena Nanaeto and Whitney Standing at Ute Fair



Stellas' granddaughter Elizabeth won saddlebag.



Stella Nanaeto's son Travis wins saddle in competition.



The Meskwaki in the Iowa River Valley

On March 31, 2010 the Meskwaki Nation hosted "The Meskwaki in the Iowa River Valley", a symposium that featured lectures by four humanist scholars who, in a variety of contexts, have studied the Meskwaki Nation and its strong and enduring relationship to the Iowa River Valley. The presentations highlighted Meskwaki interactions with the Euro-American settlers who were their neighbors, including their unique relationships with the German communal settlers of the Amana Colonies, their relationship to the federal government and private traders, and the narrative of the compelling story of loss and return that lays at the heart of the founding of the Meskwaki Settlement in 1857.

The symposium ran from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and included "Watershed Days on the Treaty Line, 1836-1839" by Dr. Laura Rigal, Associate Professor of English and American Studies at University of Iowa; "How Not to Find a Store, a House or even an Entire Village: 1830s-1840s Meskwaki Archaeological Sites along the Iowa River" by Cindy Peterson, Office of the State Archaeologist-The University of Iowa; "Meskwaki Migrations: The Emigration of 1845-1847" by historian Kathy Gourley of State Historical Society of Iowa; and "Kolonisten und Indianer: The Relationship Between the Meskwaki Tribe and the Amana Society, 1855-2010" by Dr. Peter Hoehnle, Project Manager, Iowa Valley Scenic Byway for the Iowa Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council.

Johnathan L. Buffalo, Historical Preservation Officer, and Stephanie Snow of the Meskwaki Nation hosted the event. A group of young Meskwaki students studying tribal culture performed at the beginning of the program.

The Iowa Valley Scenic Byway follows the Iowa River from Montour to the Amana Colonies and encompasses the Meskwaki Settlement. The Office of the State Archaeologist-The University of Iowa, the State Historical Society of Iowa, the Amana Heritage Society, and the Meskwaki Historic Preservation Office are working with the Iowa Valley Resource Conservation and Development Area (RC&D) to update the existing corridor management plan for the 77-mile long byway corridor. The project will highlight the nationally significant cultural heritage of the communities along the route. The public is invited to participate in community meetings and programs so they can provide input into the byway's management plan.

Humanities Iowa and the National Endowment for the Humanities provided support for the symposium. The views and opinions expressed by this program do not necessarily reflect those of Humanities Iowa or the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Article submitted by: Sandra Massey



Cindy Peterson
Courtesy Photo by: Sandra Massey



Kathy Gourley
Courtesy Photo by: Sandra Massey

April 22, 2010 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Earth Day 2010 OES Open House



- Program Highlights: Surface Water, Drinking Water, Air Quality, Recycling, Energy Efficiency, Integrated Resources
- Food
- OES Promotional Items

**Sac & Fox Nation
Office of Environmental Services**

920883 S. Hwy 99 Bldg. A
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SAC AND FOX NATION OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
IS LOOKING FOR 15 MORE CANDIDATES FOR

Private Well Water Testing

Please mail or return form to the address below.

You may also contact us via email, phone, or fax.



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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

FINDING DIRECTIONS (IF RURAL): _____

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*Testing is limited to Sac & Fox members only. Funding is available for 15 more households, so contact OES today to schedule sampling!

Merle Boyd Staff Visit Davenport School

The Merle Boyd Staff (Melissa Heuer, Jenny McDaniel, and LaDona Johnson) gave a nutrition and exercise presentation to a group of students at Davenport School.

The Davenport School Indian Education program received a grant from Sac and Fox Nation to implement a new exercise program for its 7th - 12th grade students. The program is called the 'Work-Out Warrior' program. The Merle Boyd staff helped get the program started with their presentations. Jenny is below demonstrating walking on a treadmill, and Melissa Heuer, Jenny McDaniel, and LaDona Johnson are giving presentations on the five food groups.

Jenny McDaniel is a Exercise Specialist, Melissa Heuer a Licensed Physical Therapist, and LaDona Johnson is the LPN-CHR Coordinator at Merle Boyd Center.

The pictures below were taken by Regina Riley, the Indian Program Coordinator at Davenport School.



Jenny McDaniel on treadmill



Jenny McDaniel & Melissa Heuer



Students at Davenport School



Jenny McDaniel & LaDona Johnson

Merle Boyd Center Exercise

Beginner Circuit Training Gym- M, W, F

11:00-11:45

Moderate Circuit Training- Gym M, W, F

12:00-12:40

Please call to schedule an appointment for these classes.

Merle Boyd Center gym hours:

8:00-4:30

Closed 1:00-2:00pm Lunch

**Cardio Craze Contest to Start May 3rd.
Call for details**

For Questions please call Jenny McDaniel, Exercise Specialist at
918-968-9531 ext 208

Young Native American Writers Contest



The 2009 winners at their Honor Ceremony, held July 30, 2009, at the National Museum of the American Indian, Washington, D.C.

REACHING OUT TO NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH TO INSPIRE READING, STUDYING, AND HIGHER EDUCATION

The *Young Native Writers Essay Contest* is a writing contest for Native American high school students and is designed to encourage young Native Americans to think about the critical issues impacting their tribal communities today.

The voices that emerge from this program honor the legacy of every Native American who has ever lived. Add your words to the thousands submitted through this project - all writers receive a Certificate of Honor for their submissions.

The Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation's goal of promoting education and creating new opportunities for youth has inspired this essay contest. Partnering with Holland & Knight in this endeavor is the National Museum of the American Indian.

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OF THE
AMERICAN
INDIAN

For information: <http://www.nativewriters.hklaw.com/index.asp>

The deadline is May 10, 2010 if interested in applying contact Renee Gokey (Eastern Shawnee/Sac-n-Fox) Student Services Coordinator, National Museum of the American Indian 202-633-6639

Dorothy J. (Dottie) Tiger, Tribal Liaison/Community Outreach Associate who works for the Arts & Crafts Association, Albuquerque, NM submitted this article.



INDIAN ARTS & CRAFTS ASSOCIATION

AMERICAN INDIAN ART MARKET IN ALBUQUERQUE NM
"KEEPING IT REAL" WHEN IT COMES TO INDIAN ART
APRIL 21 - 25, 2010 IN ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Since 1974, IACA has sought to preserve, protect and promote handmade Native American arts and crafts and has held wholesale trade shows to give retailers a place to buy with confidence and assurance. Today, the IACA extends that invitation to the public to feast their eyes on the very art that continuously captures the eyes and interests of various collectors, galleries and museums from around the world.

The 2010 IACA American Indian Art Market opens on Saturday, April 24th and continues through Sunday, April 25th at the Albuquerque Convention Center. Prior to the public market, IACA will host its Spring Wholesale Market on Thursday, April 22nd through Friday April 23rd. This annual trade show is only opened to qualified retail buyers (retail licenses and business cards are required for this event).

Visitors can expect a wide variety of contemporary and traditional jewelry, sculpture, basketry, pottery, katsinas, fetishes, beadwork, weavings, paintings, and more - all handmade by American Indian artists from the United States and Canada. More than 100 vendors participate in IACA shows which feature many of the top Native artists, and reputable retailers including many who have sold American Indian art for generations.

The Markets will be held in the East Complex at the Albuquerque Convention Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. All products are handmade by American Indian artists from the United States and Canada and must meet established Market guidelines. In addition to the art demonstrations, cultural performances and book talks and signings will be scheduled.

Once again, IACA joins with the Indian Arts Education Association (IAEA), the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) and Southwest Association for Indian Arts (SWAIA) to host the third annual pre-market Business of Art Seminar on Wednesday, April 21, 2010. Pre-registration is required. The seminar is free to members of the sponsoring organizations and \$5 for the general public. An optional lunch is available for \$15.

The annual Artist of the Year awards program includes several arts categories, with the winner of each category competing for the prestigious IACA Artist of the Year award. Previous Artist of the Year winners include Navajo jeweler Alfred Joe (2009), Crow artist Mary Lou Big Day (2008) and Navajo jeweler Shane R. Hendren (2007). The winners are announced at the annual Artist of the Year Banquet and Live Auction held at the DoubleTree Hotel, adjacent to the Convention Center at 201 Marquette Street NW in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

BUSINESS OF ART SEMINAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2010

8:30 AM TO 5:00 PM

Albuquerque Convention Center, East Complex - 401 2nd Street NW - Open to the Public

AMERICAN INDIAN ART MARKET

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, APRIL 24 - 25, 2010

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Albuquerque Convention Center, East Complex - 401 2nd Street NW - Open to the Public

ARTIST OF THE YEAR BANQUET

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2010

RECEPTION 5:00 PM; BANQUET 6:00 PM

Downtown DoubleTree Hotel - 201 Marquette Street NW

Tickets \$45 in advance; \$50 at the door

IACA SPRING WHOLESALE MARKET

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, APRIL 22-23, 2010

9:00AM (PREVIEW) - 11:00AM (QUALIFIED BUYERS)

Albuquerque Convention center, East Complex - 401 2nd Street NW

For more information, check the IACA website (www.iaca.com), call the IACA office at 505.265.9149 or email info@iaca.com

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SAUK LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT PHILOSOPHY



Indians are born speaking our languages. For some of us, they lie dormant within our bodies. They are looking for a way out. God gave us these beautiful languages. All of us hold them in a sacred manner within. There is no such thing as an Indian person who cannot speak Indian.

Our language programs find these languages within our bodies. They bring them out through our mouths and deliver them to their rightful resting place within our hearts.



Kîchâkinîmpena! (Let's All Dance!) Design Contest

**And the winners are:
Corrine L. Tsoodle
Moses Williams**

The Sauk Language Department would like to thank the talented artists who submitted designs for our contest. Look for their designs on Limited Edition T-shirts coming soon for sale at the Language Department.

(In the case of a single submission in a category, that entry will be the default winner)

Winner - Moses Williams



Winner - Corrine L. Tsoodle



Let's Talk Sauk! Letter of the Month

The phonetic writing system for Sauk has nine basic vowel sounds. This month we are looking at the sound represented by the letter "e".

"e" in the phonetic writing system is pronounced similar to "e" in the English word bet.

ketiwa	eagle
kehchikemiyâwi	it's pouring/it's raining hard
nemêtha	fish
kehchipenowa	he's running
nenothwa	cow
nekenôthi	I am tall
nekya	my mother (use when talking about her)
meshwêha	rabbit

*The Sauk Language Department has many written and audio resources, available free of charge to tribal members. Please come by the office, or call 918-968-0070 to request materials. We are open Monday through Friday, 8:00 to 4:30 pm.

FOODS

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(ENGLISH AND SAUK WORDS ARE IN PUZZLE)

Pumpkin – wâpikoni	Peas - anechîminani
Tomatoes – mênethethani	Potatoes - ahpenyêki
Onions – shekâkôhaki	Eggs - wâwanani
Cheese - chîthi	Frybread - pemitêwetêhi
Hominy - panakîhaki	

Pâpahkwâha (Bark-Peeling Moon) April 2010

Interesting phrase of the month:

Mêmehtekôshîhaki (Frenchmen) has its origins in the word **mehteki** (wood) from the crosses that Jesuits carried when they first encountered the Sauk people.

Just a Reminder from the Sauk Language Department....

The Sauk Language Department Has Moved!

We have moved into the south trailer up the hill and across from the Black Hawk Clinic. Our new local phone number is **918-968-0070**, our toll-free phone has remained the same, **1-800-256-7552**. Come by to see our new offices, buy a t-shirt, or pick up one of a variety of language resources free of charge to tribal members.

A Big Thank-you

The Sauk Language Department would like to give a big thank you to the Sac and Fox Nation Maintenance Department. The crew did a great job on the new office's renovations, and worked very hard toting and lifting during the move itself. You guys are awesome! Thank you.

Community Classes are still ongoing...

Learn Sauk and join in the food, fun and fellowship in the Education Room, Cushing Regional Hospital, 1027 Cherry St., Cushing, Ok. Bring a potluck dish and join your neighbors and family in learning to speak Sauk. Class dates are:

Apr. 1st, 8th, 15th

For more information, please call Twiggy Gregory at 918-968-0070, or email language@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov.

T-Shirts Still Available

T-shirts are still available for \$10.00 each. Most are in the range of 2x-4x. Please come by the Sauk Language Department, Monday-Friday, 8:30am to 4:30 pm to see our current selection.

Shawnee Public Library Story Times

Come join in the fun on Tuesdays in April with the Sauk Language Department and the Shawnee Public Library, 101 N. Philadelphia. Preschoolers can hear stories, sing songs, and watch puppets, all in the Sauk language. Dates and times are:

Tuesday, April 6 10 am
Tuesday, April 13 10 am
Tuesday, April 27 10 am



Sac and Fox Library Hosts Habitat For Humanity Volunteers

by Anita Stevens

The Sac and Fox National Public Library hosted two groups of Habitat for Humanity volunteers on March 3rd and March 10th. These volunteers are university students who gave up their spring breaks and self-indulgences to give back to the community and make the world a better place for an American family. This is Stroud's 7th house built under Habitat for Humanity and is definitely a community effort to provide these volunteers with not only a learning experience on building homes, but also gaining knowledge of a rural Oklahoma town, and a tribal reservation.

Library staff provided a lunch consisting of potatoes and green beans, meat gravy, frybread, cake, and assorted fruits. Catherine Walker, new Historical Researcher, and Anita Stevens, Library Director provided information and discussed the history and culture of the Sac and Fox tribe and were also given hand-outs and promotional items. During lunch they viewed the Thursday Night of Sac and Fox Powwow 2009 DVD provided by Arlen Manatowa, Sauk Language Department and asked questions regarding Sac

and Fox culture, language and customs.

The March 3rd group of college students were from The College of St. Benedict's and St. John's University in Minnesota. The second group hosted on March 10th were from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. This is the second year that the Sac and Fox Library has hosted the Habitat for Humanity groups for lunch and presentations, and enjoy sharing this experience with the students. They are young people coming from various states and countries – this go around we had visitors from China, Japan, Thailand, Hawaii, and throughout the United States – who are just starting their young lives and majoring in various areas of higher learning, and are also conscientious about the social needs of complete strangers. They are unpaid, paying their own way to get to and from Stroud. Various church and civic groups from Stroud help by providing a place for them to stay and meals while they are here. I enjoy discussing the Sac and Fox history – past and present – with these young people and feel the Sac and Fox Nation is doing their small part in the big picture for the City of Stroud. We look forward to hosting more groups.



College students from St. Benedict and St. Johns assisting Stroud Habitat for Humanity on the 3rd of March. Names of the students are not in order: Julie Vievering, Laura Tiffany, Justin Eklund, Susan Chen, Emily Carlson, Samantha Kieser, Abby Campbell, Elizabeth Jaqua, Rachael Popp, Ben Gilles, and Brian Ellingboe.



Students from Creighton University - Omaha, Nebraska were here on the 10th of March. Names are not in order: Jain Lei Cai, Sarah Manzione, Arthur Thompson, Tony Cabalar, Alvin Roe Sr., Tai Hoang, Alexa Lewandowski, Betsy Aderhold, Marissa Begay.

THE WHITE HOUSE Office of the Press Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 23, 2010

Statement by the President on the Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act

Earlier today, I signed into law the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the health insurance reform bill passed by Congress. In addition to reducing our deficit, making health care affordable for tens of millions of Americans, and enacting some of the toughest insurance reforms in history, this bill also permanently reauthorizes the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, which was first approved by Congress in 1976. As a Senator, I co-sponsored this Act back in 2007 because I believe it is unacceptable that Native American communities still face gaping health care disparities. Our responsibility to provide health services to American Indians and Alaska Natives derives from the nation-to-nation relationship between the federal and tribal governments. And today, with this bill, we have taken a critical step in fulfilling that responsibility by modernizing the Indian health care system and improving access to health care for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

2010 Sac & Fox Housing Authority Days Off

New Year's Day 2010	Friday January 01, 2010
*Day after Martin Luther King Day	Tuesday, January 19, 2010
President's Day	Monday February 15, 2010
Sac & Fox Appreciation Day	Friday March 26, 2010
Sac & Fox Victory Day	Monday May 17, 2010
Memorial Day	Monday May 31, 2010
Independence Day	Sunday July 04, 2010
Labor Day	Monday September 06, 2010
Columbus Day	Monday October 11, 2010
Veteran's Day	Friday November 11, 2010
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday November 25, 2010
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday November 26, 2010
Christmas Day	Saturday, December 25, 2010
New Year's Day 2011	Saturday, January 01, 2011

OCU LAW

OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
Jodi Marquette
American Indian Wills Clinic

Free Estate Planning Services

for American Indians

Who Are Oklahoma Residents

Preference will be given to those who own Indian property.

What Is Offered? - Estate planning provided by Oklahoma City University School of Law students under the supervision of a licensed attorney and clinical law professor.

Who Do I Contact? - To schedule an appointment or for more information contact the Native American Legal Resource Center at (405) 208-5017.

Native American Legal Resource Center
2501 N. Blackwelder - Sarkey's Suite 209
Oklahoma City, OK 73106
Phone: 405-208-5017
Fax: 405-208-5185

Veterans Information Requested

The Sac and Fox Nation Veterans Organization is requesting information for all Sac and Fox Veterans. We have compiled a list of veterans who have volunteered their information. We are in the construction phase of the Sac and Fox Nation Veterans Memorial project which will be located on the reservation (just north of the new Chapel). We want to get as many names as possible to include in the memorial project to recognize our tribal veterans.

Please complete the attached form for yourself or any Sac and Fox veteran that you know of and return to: Anita Stevens, Sac and Fox Nation, Route 2, Box 246, Stroud, OK, 74079.

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Full Name: _____

Branch of Service: _____ Dates of Service: _____

Rank at time of discharge: _____

War or Conflict? Yes No If yes, name: _____

Retired Military? Yes No

Medals/Honors/Awards: _____

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City & State of Burial Site: _____



HELP WANTED!

THE SAC AND FOX EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF JOB VACANCIES WITH THE SAC AND FOX NATION:

- Shipping and Receiving/Accounts Specialist
- Specialty Project Manager
- Capitol Security Officer
- Controller
- Landscaper
- Environmental Techician
- Language Coordinator
- Temporary Maintenance Laborer
- Licensing Investigator
- Human Resources Assistant

Applicants must successfully pass an OSBI/National background check and drug screen. Preference in hiring is given to qualified Native Americans. Applicants claiming Indian Preference must provide a copy of their CDIB. For more information and to learn how to apply please visit our website at:

www.sacandfoxnation.com
or contact Human Resources, Sac and Fox Nation,
Administration Building,
920883 S Hwy 99 Bldg A, Stroud, OK 74079 or
by phone (918) 968-3526

February 2010

Tobacco Tax.....	\$26,337.60
Wholesale Tobacco Tax.....	\$54,745.32
Motor Vehicle.....	\$3,195.25
Sales Tax.....	\$15,421.69
Treasury.....	\$60.00
Oil & Gas.....	\$305.42
Gaming.....	\$172,914.90
TOTAL	\$272,980.18

Attention:

CUT GRASS FOR ELDERS

WANTED: GRASSCUTTERS FOR THE CUSHING – STROUD - PRAGUE – SHAWNEE AREAS

WHERE TO APPLY: ELDER PROGRAMS OFFICE
SOCIAL SERVICES BUILDING
SAC AND FOX NATION COMPLEX
5 ½ MILES S. OF STROUD ON HWY 99

HOW TO APPLY: APPLY IN PERSON
BRING PICTURE ID OR DRIVERS LICENSE
SOCIAL SECURITY CARD
TRIBAL ID CARD

ALL APPLICANTS MUST HAVE POSSESSION OF LAWN MOWING EQUIPMENT AND OPERABLE VEHICLE TO HAUL EQUIPMENT.

MUST BE WILLING TO HAVE HIS/HER INTERVIEW WHEN APPLYING.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE TAKEN DURING APRIL, 2010, MOWING WILL BEGIN THE MIDDLE OF MAY AND END AFTER APPROXIMATELY 3 MONTHS.

April 2010

SAC AND FOX NATION FOOD PROGRAM
STROUD WAREHOUSE (918) 968-3030 1-800-256-3398
SHAWNEE OFFICE (405) 395-0063 1-866-622-2310

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Happy April Birthday to the following Elders!

Wallace McClellan, Jr.
Eva Jordan
Charles A. Poitras, Jr.
Rose Marie Thompson
Ruby Mae Vandever
Alice April Eason
Tina Blackburn
Ruby Harris
Carol Ann Holmes
Marvin Thurman
Harriett Oresa Rice
Leva Marlene Ellis
Ralph Hamblin
Sharon L. Ebbinga
Wanda Brown
Annette Miles
Carol B. Patterson
Richard W. Rice
Clifford Monday
Elizabeth Ahkeahbo
Donald Monday
David Whistler
Merlin McClellan
Gerald Dean Bushyhead
Edith L. Harjo



Lawanna Sugar
Ernest L. Hocker
Wallace Allen, Jr.
Kenneth E. Hocker
Annabelle Wiseman
Donn Whistler, Jr.
Kenneth Clark
Raymond Lee Harris
Leo Elmer Gokey
Michael Deer
Annetta Sue Monsen
Barbara McIlvaine Smith
John Grass, Jr.
William Scott McCoy
Thelma Mae Coker
Charles Dewayne Lasley
Leroy Francis Grant, Sr.
Jessie Lee Walker
Dorene Keo
Robert V. Hocker, Sr.
Naomi D. McCoy-Shognosh
Romona Nadine Rico
Beverly Sue Gibson
Deborah Kay Givens

We apologize if we left anyone off the list.
Please let us know so we can add you to the next issue.
Please call the Sac & Fox News. Thank You!



Homecoming Gathering for the Sauk and Meskwaki May 1st and 2nd, 2010

Saturday:
Grand Entry 1pm
Program Dancing 1-4pm
Grand Entry 6:30pm
Program Dancing 6:30-9pm

Sunday:
Saukenuk Exhibit Dedication 10am
Grand Entry 12 noon
Program Dancing 12-4pm

Black Hawk State Historic Site
1510 46th Avenue, Rock Island, IL

Host Hotel: Comfort Inn
2600 52nd Ave, Moline IL
(309) 762-7000
Reduced Room rate for
"Black Hawk Pow Wow"

On-site dancer registration

Camping: Rock Island KOA at Camelot
2311 78th Ave. West (IL Rt. 92)
(309) 787-0665 www.rockislandkoa.com

Food and craft vendor contact:
Regina Tsoie (309) 797-8779

Tent camping also available on site at Black Hawk Park
(no shower facilities)

Pow Wow contact:
Beth Carvey (309) 788-9536

www.blackhawkpark.org

"HOMECOMING ON MAY 1 - 2"

Below is a brief history on the reason why the museum and residents of Rock Island, Illinois are hosting a 'homecoming' on May 1 - 2 in Rock Island, and why they want Sac and Fox people to attend.

The Citizens to Preserve Black Hawk Park Foundation
Black Hawk State Historic Site
1510 46th Avenue
Rock Island, IL 61201

February 2010

Black Hawk State Historic Site, in Rock Island, Illinois, lies adjacent to the historic site of the great city of Saukenuk, home of the Sauk and Meskwaki nations, and birthplace of the famous Sauk warrior Black Hawk. For nearly 100 years beginning around 1740, the Sauk and Meskwaki Indians called this area home. Comprised of nearly 5,000 people, it was the largest single settlement in Illinois, and one of the largest Indian settlements in the U.S.

In 1804, 50 million acres of land was improperly ceded to the United States and by 1827 the residents of Saukenuk were no longer welcome. Most agreed to go. But in the spring of 1829, a large faction of Sauk, led by warrior Black Hawk, returned to Saukenuk, determined not to leave their lands. They steadfastly maintained they had never ceded the land above the mouth of Rock River. By 1832 Black Hawk and his followers, mostly women and children and the elderly, were permanently removed in the last war that Native Americans fought for homelands east of the Mississippi.

In 1927, the State of Illinois purchased the land that comprises the Historic Site as a memorial to the Sauk and Meskwaki and specifically to Black Hawk, a man who fought for his people and the land he loved. In 1939 a museum was opened, with a large portion of the artifacts being donated by Mr. John Hauberg, who in the 1940's and 50's organized Labor Day Pow Wows, where the Sauk and Meskwaki returned to dance and reconnect with the land.

In November of 2009, three new permanent Museum exhibit pieces were added that chronicle the story of the Sauk and Meskwaki people. To celebrate and dedicate the new exhibit, Citizens to Preserve Black Hawk Park Foundation, which has provided education support to the Site since 1972, is planning a major, two-day *Welcome Home* event on Saturday and Sunday, May 1, 2, 2010, at the Site. Invited guests will be members from the Sauk from Oklahoma and Meskwaki from Iowa, and the general public. Special events will include a grand procession, pow-wows, drum circles, dancing, color guard, and a tour of the museum and its new display. A number of Native American food, arts, and craft vendors will also participate.

We invite you to help us with this important celebration and recognition as we honor our forefathers and their important contribution to our area and America's history. Specific times, events and directions can be found at www.blackhawkpark.org.

Mother's Day
Sunday, May 9, 2010

Sac and Fox Victory Day
Monday, May 17, 2010



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
IRTC, 100 W. RANDOLPH, SUITE 16-100
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60601

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OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT

PAT QUINN
GOVERNOR

February 24, 2010

George Thurman
Principal Chief
Sac and Fox Nation
920883 S. Hwy 99, Building A
Stroud, Oklahoma 74079

Dear Chief Thurman:

On behalf of the people of the State of Illinois, and in particular, the Quad City community, I want to extend an invitation to the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma to attend a special Homecoming Gathering to be held in your people's honor at Black Hawk State Historic Site on May 1 and 2.

I am aware that your spiritual ties to this land stretch back over the generations and that this Site remains in the heart of the Sac and Fox to this day. I invite you and your people to attend the dedication of the new Saukenuk exhibit, located in the Hauberg Museum, and to renew your connections with this land and with your relations and friends of the Meskwaki Nation of Tama, Iowa.

We would be honored to host you as our esteemed guests for this event.

Sincerely,
Pat Quinn
Pat Quinn
Governor

Foundation for Youth Development of Lincoln County

890200 S. 3395 Rd. #G
Chandler, OK 74834

March 12, 2010

Sac & Fox Nation Business Committee
Chief Thurman
Rt 2 Box 246
Stroud, OK 74079

Dear Chief Thurman,

Thank you so much for the gift of \$1,000 for FYDLC youth. We wish you could see the progress that all these youth have made since we last wrote to you. The youth volunteered 375 hours last year and they are trying to beat it this year. The youth are planning our Spring Event, they've named it the Walk 'n Roll. You should see pride these youth have in what they are doing.

The FYDLC Walk 'n Roll is like that of a walk-a-thon / bike-a-thon. You can participate by walking, roller skating, skateboarding, riding a scooter or bike. Each youth is busy trying to get sponsors to reach their own personal goal for funds towards opening the Lincoln County Youth Center. Lincoln County Youth are amazing, they WANT a youth center and are showing it through this event.

Because of you, our youth will be able to utilize some of your gift for the Walk 'n Roll and the rest will remain in the bank for future events for the youth. We would love to have you come to the Walk 'n Roll and see your gift "at work". Thank you for making a difference in our youths lives.

Sincerely,
Angela Hinkle
Angela Hinkle
Founder/ Director



Today, it's my opportunity
that my ancestors may not have had.

What is Person 1's race? Mark one or more boxes.

American Indian or Alaska Native - Print name of enrolled or principal

CHIPPEWA-CREE



No matter which tribe you are from, now is the time to participate in the 2010 Census. By doing so we have the opportunity to speak for all those who have been here, and those still to come. The 2010 Census is our voice to let others know what we need and who we are.

2010census.gov | WE MOVE FORWARD WHEN WE PARTICIPATE



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

