



# SAC & FOX NEWS

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Second Chief Cheryl McClellan, Ben Walkingstick, and Austin Grant Jr.

## Ben Walkingstick joins Sac & Fox Tribe, inc. Board of Directors

Ben Walkingstick will fill the position number one of the Sac and Fox Tribe, Inc. Board of Directors for a five year term expiring September 30, 2014. Second Chief Cheryl McClellan conducted a swearing in ceremony at the Sac and Fox Nation Business Committee Building. Austin Grant Jr. (a Board member) witnessed the swearing in of the new member of the board of directors.

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## THE SAC & FOX NATION POW-WOW COMMITTEE

The Sac & Fox Nation Pow-Wow Committee met on Sunday, February 7, 2010. The dates for the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Pow-Wow will be July 8, 9, 10 and 11, 2010. The election of new officers was held and the following individuals were elected to serve for one (1) year:

Mike Harris	Chairman
Robert Williamson	Vice-Chairman
Letha Carter	Secretary
Laveta "Lollie" Ashley	Treasurer
Jessica Patterson	Assistant Treasurer

The FY-2010 Pow-Wow Budget was finalized and approved by those in attendance. The budget will be forwarded to the Business Committee for approval.

Mr. Jaime Noble will serve at the Food Vendor/Arts & Craft Coordinator for the pow-wow since he's had the responsibility for several years now and all the vendors and craftsmen know him well. He will be responsible for space assignments. If anyone has any questions on the food vendors/arts & craft fees, please have them contact Jaime Noble at 918-968-3370 or 918-509-0169. All the food vendor and arts/craft applications have been mailed out, and several individuals have already mailed their fee to the tribal accounting office.

The Head Staff for the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Pow-Wow: **Head Singer**, Conrad Brown, Mesquakie, Tama, Iowa; **Head Gourd Dance Singer**, Alex Smith, Sac & Fox/Pawnee; **Head Man Dancer**, Zack Butler, Sac & Fox/Absentee Shawnee; **Head Lady Dancer**, Gwen McCormick-Wilburn, Sac & Fox/Seminole; **Head Gourd Dancer**, Sam Spang, Sac & Fox/Kickapoo; **Masters of Ceremony**, Don Patterson, Tonkawa (Thursday Night), Kelly Anquoe, Kiowa/Cherokee, and Rubin Littlehead; **Arena Directors**, Randy Moore, Sac & Fox/Pawnee/Otoe/Osage, Ricky Ashley, Sac & Fox, Robert Williamson, Sac & Fox/Choctaw; **Water Boys**, Cody Kauley, Sac & Fox/Kiowa, Eric Harris, Sac & Fox/Pawnee/Otoe/Ottawa, and L.J. Thomas, Sac & Fox.

Chief Thurman has requested the Rodeo and Pow-Wow Committee to work with the City of Stroud for a parade to be held on Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. The final planning on this special event will be published in future tribal newsletters.



### March SF News Article

Ho, nihkanetike:

I hope this newspaper finds everyone well, in good health, and thawing out from the wintry blast that we received in the month of February! The 2010 Census has begun so please take the time and effort to be counted

by filling out questionnaires, the number of Native Americans being identified is crucial in many areas. I am reporting on one major event in Indian Country – Cobell v Salazar litigation; invitation by state of Illinois Governor Pat Quinn; and some short takes of events within the nation.

I will begin with the short takes of events:

\*Chapel completion is near from a report by 4-HIM construction/Michael Cox and we should be ready for a grand opening and dedication in the very near future! Amen!

\*Easter activities on Capitol grounds {Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>} will commence at 1 pm with food and games; egg hunt at 3 pm; and Mystery Games at 4 pm.

\*Meetings began in March with the community of tribal membership to regroup and develop plans for new Cushing Community Center. \*Policies/Procedures are being developed or revamped for use of: gymnasium; pow-wow arena grounds; occupancy of trailer park on Capitol grounds; RAP allocations to be overseen by a RAP entity; accepting walk-in patients at our Black Hawk Health Center. \*Referendum voting by tribal membership procedures are being developed by the Election Board and legal counsel.

\*Justices/Judges selection for our tribal court has commenced to present for confirmation at a future Governing Council. \*Annual audit conducted by Dennis & Co. Tulsa, Ok has commenced.

#### Invitation by Illinois Governor Pat Quinn:

Our Office of Government received an invitation to attend a homecoming gathering to be held in our honor at the Black Hawk State Historic Site, Rock Island, Illinois, May 1-2, 2010. This event is to dedicate a new Saukenuk exhibit at the Hauberg Museum and they are hosting this event for the Sac and Fox Nation with the Meskwaki of Tama, Iowa invited.

#### Cobell v Salazar litigation:

This litigation is one of the most controversial subjects in Indian Country today. There are many individuals and groups of Native Americans that only read headlines that the 14 year lawsuit has reached a monetary settlement amount, but the

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## Sac & Fox Nation Elders Advisory Board 2nd Annual Awards Banquet February 27, 2010

Sac and Fox Nation Elders Advisory Board held their 2nd Annual Awards Banquet on February 27, 2010. Chairman Laveta Ashley started the afternoon with welcoming everyone. Vice Chairman HD Wood gave the invocation, and entertainment was an Open Mike (share your comments, jokes, stories). Several tribal members told stories, and jokes. Ricky Ashley, Steve Ward, and Wilson Harjo told stories, jokes and gave thanks to the elder's for allowing them to participate in their activities. Each young man received an award of appreciation from the Elders. Jeff Wilson also gave thanks to the Elders and shared some stories, Pat Wood, HD Wood, Laveta Ashley, Katie Wood Jaime Noble, Georgia Noble, Jean Lynam, Shirley Alexander, Lena Clark, and Anita Stevens shared a few jokes with everyone.



Jim Wilson accepting award from HD Wood were served at their tables.

Many awards were given out to the Elders. Raffle tickets were sold for the 50/50 cash drawing.

Stella Wilson presented fellow officers with a beautiful hand made carry-all bag.

The Elders Advisory Committee Officers are: Chairman: Laveta Ashley Vice-Chairman: HD Wood

Treasurer: Georgia Blanchard Secretary: Stella Wilson Committee Member: Shirley Alexander

Steve Ward also wrote a poem for the Elders.

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The meal was excellent, and the Elders

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### TO ALL SAC AND FOX TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Sac and Fox Nation will have excess items to be given away at the Community Building Parking Lot. All items are "AS IS" no guarantees. For any additional information needed contact: Letha Carter at (918) 968-3526.

March 31, 2010 - **Tribal Members Only** (First Come, First Serve Basis)

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

March 31, 2010 - **Open to the Public** (First Come, First Serve Basis)

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### Sac and Fox Nation Enterprise Board, Inc. has called a

**Shareholder's Meeting**  
Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 10 AM.  
Social Services Building - Dining Room  
(Continental breakfast well be available and a noon meal well be served.)

### BLACK HAWK HEALTH CENTER AND MERLE BOYD CENTER

Will be closed Thursday,  
March 18 after 12 noon.

### CANCELLED JOSIAH'S BIRTHDAY DANCE

MARCH 27, 2010

## OBITUARY



## VERL WILLIAM MORRIS

Sasakwa resident Verl William Morris passed away Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at the age of 84 years at Carl Albert Hospital, Ada, Oklahoma.

Funeral services were held 2:00 PM Saturday, February 20, 2010 at Spring Baptist Church Sasakwa, with Rev. Frank Moppin and Pastor Roger Streatman officiating, and interment followed at Palmer Family Cemetery, Sasakwa.

Born November 14, 1925 in Shawnee, Oklahoma to Grover and Clara (Falls) Morris.

Verl entered the Army November 20, 1942 and was discharged on December 8, 1945. He then entered the United States Air Force on May 23, 1947 and was discharged on April 28, 1950. He then entered once again on May 3, 1950. He served overseas in the South Pacific from June 20, 1943 to November 27, 1945 in Guam from June 15, 1947 to April 10, 1949 and July 24, 1951 to January 13, 1953 in Germany, in Canada from February 16, 1955 to February 15, 1956, and Iceland from May 19, 1958 to May 17, 1959 and the Philippines from August 14, 1961 to August 17, 1963. He retired as a Radar Tech with the US Air Force June 29, 1974.

During his military service, Sgt. Morris has received the following Decorations and Awards: Air Force Good Conduct Medal with four Bronze Loops, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, WWII Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, National Defense Service Medal with one Silver Star, Air Force Longevity Service Award with four Bronze Loops, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon. Throughout his military service Sgt. Morris gave faithfully.

Verl was a member of Spring Baptist Church where he served as a Music Director. He was a horse rancher and loved working with his horses and spending time with his family and friends along with being an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed his early morning coffee and listening to gospel music.

Preceding Verl Morris in death are his parents, brothers Rev. Sam Morris, Rev. Allen Morris, Zach, Edward, and Grover Morris Jr.; sisters Geraldine Franklin, Marcella Ward, Vivian Morris, and Richanda Morris.

Verl Morris married Joanna Palmer on July 7, 1973, and she survived him of the Sasakwa home.

He is also survived by daughters; Joyce Ann Ivy and Harriet Rice; one grandson Devon Rice; two sisters Alice Grant and Viola Prewitt both of Stroud, Oklahoma.

Pallbearers were: Tommy Palmer, Terry Palmer, Micheal Palmer, David Albert, Stephan Albert, and Servando Cruz. Honorary Pallbearers were: Tony Palmer, George Harjo, Lalo Cruz, Sandra Blue, Priscilla Johnson, Robert McKinney, Tracy Albert, and Jellene Factor.

Arrangements: Stout-Phillips Funeral Home

An Online Guestbook is available at [PhillipsFuneralService.com](http://PhillipsFuneralService.com)

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## THANK YOU

A VERY, VERY BELATED THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND SACRIFICE IN YOUR PRAYERS, IN YOUR DONATIONS, AND ESPECIALLY YOUR HARD WORK. TO THOSE WHO WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE SERVICE, YOUR PRAYERS WERE PRESENT. TO THOSE WHO COOKED THE MEALS, THOSE WHO WAITED ON THE VISITORS, AND THOSE WHO PROVIDED THEIR PHYSICAL SERVICE AT THE CEMETARY, YOUR UNSELFISH CONTRIBUTIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO YOU JACOB BAILEY. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILIES WHO ALSO HAVE LOST THEIR LOVED ONES.  
KE WA WI YA ME NE LWA

THE FAMILY OF SARAH FRANKLIN (RILEY'S)



## Meskwaki Red Riders are looking for team members to ride in the RAGBRAI bike ride across Iowa.

### RAGBRAI 2010 INFORMATION

Team: The Meskwaki Red Riders  
Dates: July 25 - July 31  
Cost: Weekly riders - \$140.00  
Daily riders - \$25.00  
Support Staff - \$35.00

The route starts July 24 in Sioux City, Iowa and ends July 31 in Dubuque, Iowa. You can ride every day, one day, or ride as many days as you want. If you start out in the morning and decide you don't want to ride anymore that day or you only want to ride half way you can be picked up and taken to the next town. Lunch is provided to team riders. There are so many people riding in RAGBRAI that you are NEVER alone. This is just a fun ride so you bike at your own pace, it's not a race. There are different vendors all along the route selling anything from water and Gatorade to vitamins to fruit and even giving out post cards for you to send to your friends and family. We camp out every night or if we're lucky we'll get to stay at a host's home! It is truly an incredible experience!

The deadline for entries and fees is March 19 for the Meskwaki Red Riders.

Be sure to check out the RAGBRAI website [www.ragbrai.com](http://www.ragbrai.com)

### Contact:

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641-484-2896



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Second Chief swears in Ben Walkingstick

Ben Walkingstick's residence is in Chandler, Oklahoma. He is the President - Chairman of the Board - Union Bank of Chandler since 1963.

Mr. Walkingstick served as CEO of the Union Bank of Chandler since 1963 and is now retired as the President of Chandler Insurance Company LTD and National American Insurance Company. He has also served on the Board of Directors of Kinark Corporation for 22 years and on the Executive Committee for over 15 years. This is a public held company and is listed on the American Stock Exchange. He currently serves on the Board of Advisors for the College of Business Administration for the University of Oklahoma, Past Director, P.A. M. Transport.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
MARCH 17, 2010**



**ELDER:** Poem written by Steven Ward and several pictures taken at Elder's Banquet by Delilah Morehead.

**The Elder**

The Elder is someone who is not Just old and feeble.  
They are the keepers of our stories of the old people.

They are the guiding forces in our daily walk.  
When we need strength and wisdom, they are the ones with whom we talk.

You may think that Elders are just old, or in your way.  
But without them being there in our lives, we would be in dismay.

When we fall and don't know where to go or what to do  
They are the one who's help we need to get up, and get through.

The Elders believe that if you fall 100x, but you get up 101x, you have  
already won.

They'll always be there holding our hands from the rising to the setting of  
the sun.

You may think that Elders are just a member in the family  
But what you don't know is that they had the biggest part of your destiny.

There is nothing you can say or do that they haven't gone through or heard,  
But they'll always forgive, and be there with open arms without saying a  
word.

You need to stop and look at yourself through their eyes, they see a child of  
gold that shines

When you don't respect or show love to the Elders, you are missing out.  
They are there for you countless times.

One thing they have taught me is to never give up when the prize is in sight.  
Even if you can't see them, they are always near us.....still the guiding light.

Written by: Steve Ward  
2/25/2010



H.D. WOOD & SHIRLEY ALEXANDER



STELLA WILSON



JEAN LYNAM



LENA CLARK



VIOLA PREWITT & LEOTA MORRIS



TAMMY BROWN



STELLA NANAETO



BERDINA GEORGE



SHIRLEY SALWAY



MARY ANN BUTLER



ANITA STEVENS



FRANCIS GRANT



HENRIETTA ELLIS



WILSON HARJO



STEVE WARD



RICKY ASHLEY

**Sac and Fox Veteran's Organization Stomp Dance**

The fund-raising Stomp-dance held Friday night, Feb. 26, 2010 was a very successful event for the Sac and Fox Veteran's organization. Not only did the event accomplish its purpose of raising funds for the Veterans, but the event provided a very enjoyable evening for the visitors and guests who were in attendance.

There were an abundance of "shell shakers" which give beautiful sound to the dance. Many of the shell-shakers were young people. The singers were from the Seminole Tribe, the Creek Tribe, Absentee Shawnee Tribe, and the Euchee Tribe, to name a few tribes. The princess royalty of the Seminole Nation were also present in their Seminole dress. Cakes, food-baskets, as well as money were won by the guests present. The evening meal provided was excellent!

Gratitude must be given to Raymond Pennock, Brandon Butler, and Paul Wolf for this wonderful evening of traditional dancing and songs.

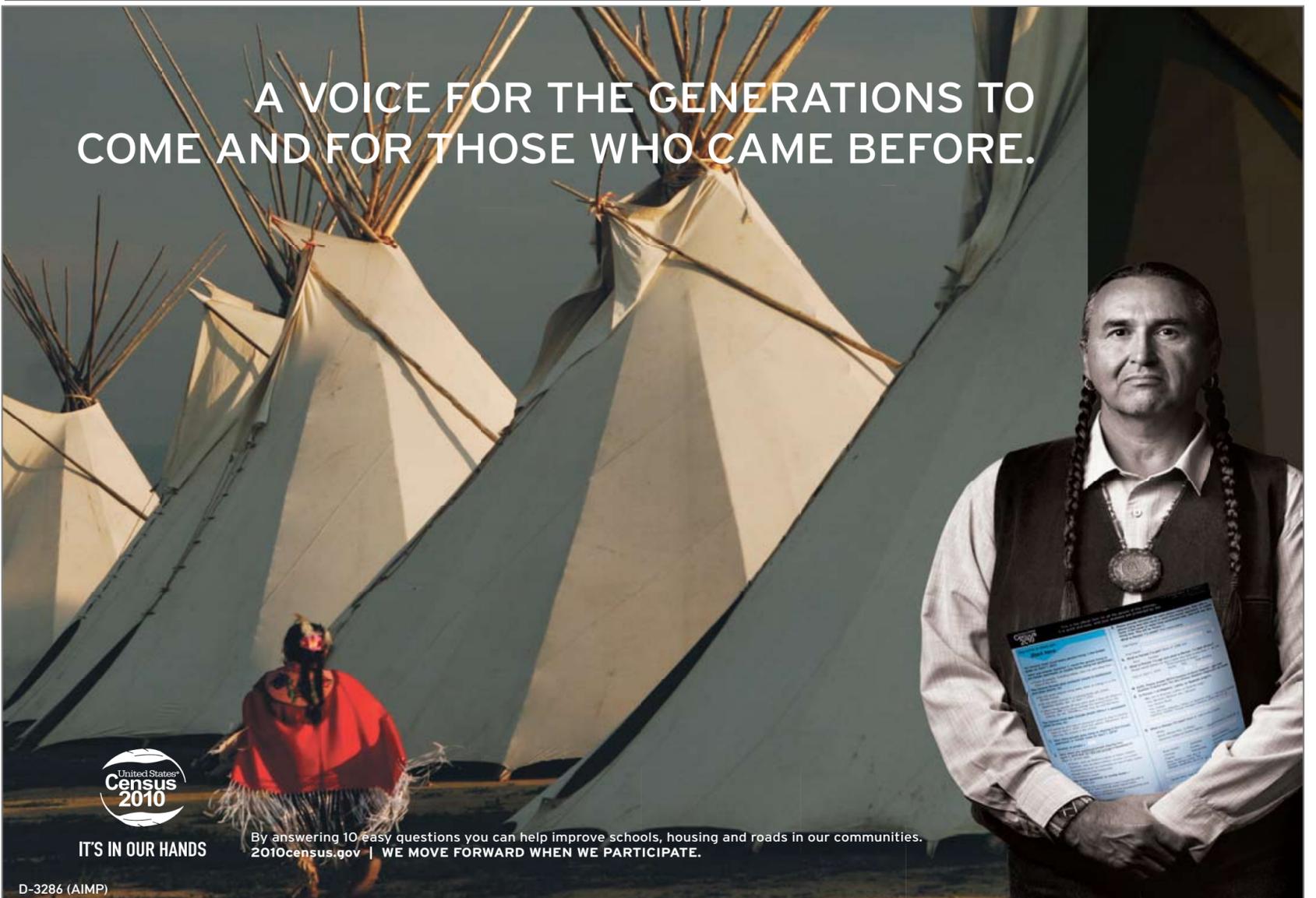
Submitted by Mary F. McCormick

**VETERAN'S STOMP DANCE**



Brandon Butler, Paul Wolf, and Raymond Pennock

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### Cheyenne Dae Brady

Cheyenne Dae Brady is a Sac and Fox enrolled member from NewTown, North Dakota. She was honored at the last home basketball game, which was Senior Night February 12, 2010. Cheyenne is a Senior at NewTown High School and a student at the Ft. Berthold Community College, where she will be graduate in May 2010 with Honors. Cheyenne has accumulated 31 credits from the Community College, and will be classified as a sophomore when she begins college. Cheyenne is the Valedictorian of her class, a member of the National Honor Society, North Dakota and Oklahoma Who's Who, Senior Class Vice President, and Positive Behavior Society President. She was also honored as Homecoming Queen, Basketball Queen, and Winterfest Queen.

Cheyenne is the daughter of Jon Poncho Brady and Rebecca "Tooky" Brady. She is a proud member of the Thunder Clan; her Indian name is Sitonakwemist. She is the granddaughter of Don and June Hamilton-Young Bird of Pawnee, Oklahoma, the great grand daughter of Velma Peters Smith-Pawnee, Otoe, and the late Charlie Smith-Sac and Fox.

Cheyenne plans are to continue her education in pre-med.



Cheryl McClellan Second Chief, Cheyenne, Jacklyn Williams Nation Secretary, and Business Committee Member Stella Nanaeto



Cheyenne Brady



Poncho, Cheyenne, and Rebecca "Tooky" Brady

### Relatives From Tama, Iowa

Wanda and Toni Lasley from Tama, Iowa stopped by to visit relatives (Stella Nanaeto and Berdina George) at the Sac and Fox Nation complex.



Stella Nanaeto, Wanda & Toni Lasley, Berdina George



Stella Nanaeto, Berdina George, Tammy Fields, Wanda & Toni Lasley and others in the Cafeteria.

March 2010						
SAC AND FOX NATION FOOD PROGRAM						
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SHAWNEE OFFICE (405) 395-0063 1-866-622-2310						
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### Happy March Birthday to the following Elders!

- |                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Luis G. Ortega, Jr.       | Opal Rosemary Allen       |
| David Daniel Harris       | Patsy Diann Simpson       |
| Sandra Sue Johnson        | Lucille Virginia Dugger   |
| Marcella Judy Maker       | Billie C. Soby            |
| Daniel O'brien, Jr.       | Robert F. Delaware        |
| Johnnie Crane, Sr.        | Lou A. Garcia             |
| Barbara Marie Johnson     | Emily S. Conner           |
| Clifford Ray Blanchard    | Sandra Kay Rolette        |
| Pauline Louise White      | Mary Ann Crook            |
| Darrell McClellan         | Terri Elaine Klein        |
| Rosemary Mauer            | Patricia Frances Carson   |
| Mark Wayne Person         | William Dale Allen        |
| Issac Benjamin Littleton  | William R. McLLvaine, Jr. |
| Lorena Spoon              | David Robert Franklin     |
| Gloria Jean Ellis         | Patricia Lynn Donahue     |
| Mary Elizabeth Ellis      | Alwanda M. Ross           |
| Marie Lynn Neilsen        | Isabelle Edgin            |
| David Harris, Jr.         | Shalah Louise Rowlen      |
| Barbara Sue Hawkins-Ramos | Lela J. Lopez             |
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| Jackson Ellis             | Geraldine Riska           |
| Georgia Ann Noble         | Charlene Given            |
| Mary Alice Sam            | Virginia Wright           |
| Elizabeth Manatowa-Mastel | Austin Grant, Jr.         |
| Louis James Gokey         | Susan El. Stafford        |
| Joy Von Conallis          | Emerson E. Falls          |
| Patricia Nell Yarholer    | Kenneth Wayne Edmonson    |

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



**SAC AND FOX ELDERS INVITE YOU**

**FOR EASTER LUNCHEON AND BINGO AT 11:30 AT THE COMMUNITY BLDG MARCH 29TH**



(Correction: In the February Paper the Thank You article was from Peggy Acoya instead of The Taylor Wheeler Family.)

### Thank You!

We sincerely want to thank all of those who donated blood in January to my great-granddaughter's husband Taylor Wheeler.

Taylor has been to the Mayo Clinic trying to find a treatment for his rare disease. He continues to require blood transfusions, but still remains partially blind because of swollen optical nerves.

Taylor was born and raised in Stroud, and perhaps some of you went to school with him. Taylor is married to Lauren, his grandmother is Peggy BigEagle and great-grandmother is Peggy Acoya.

Thank you again, and we ask for your prayers,  
Peggy Acoya

### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

There is currently a vacancy on the Sac and Fox Tax Commission. Any person interested in serving is asked to contact the Tribal Secretary, Jacklyn Williams. She can be reached at (919) 968-3526 or 1-800-259-3970.

## HELP WANTED!

THE SAC AND FOX EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

**Custodian**  
**Language Coordinator**  
**Maintenance Technician**  
**Temporary Maintenance Laborer**  
**Licensing Investigator**  
**Human Resources Assistant**  
**Administrative Assistant**  
**Specialty Project Manager**  
**Project Coordinator - Roads and Bridges**

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](http://www.sacandfoxnation.com)  
or contact Human Resources, Sac and Fox Nation,

## Merle Boyd Center Heart Awareness Day



The staff at the Merle Boyd Center was on hand to answer questions concerning Heart Disease Awareness.

### Heart Disease Awareness Day



Friday the 5th of February, the Merle Boyd Center hosted a Heart Disease Awareness Day. The staff greeted visitors as they stopped by to enjoy the heart healthy refreshments and snacks. The visitors were given fliers and pamphlets titled: Heart-Healthy Cooking Tips, How can Physical Activity Become a Way of Life?, and How Can I Reduce High Blood Pressure? The Center also offers members with support groups on weight loss, diabetes, and smoking issues.

The Merle Boyd Center is committed to helping those that are interested in achieving a healthier heart. Heart Disease is one of the leading causes of death in the United States, but through diet and exercise the amount of deaths can be reduced drastically.

Please stop by or phone the Merle Boyd Center if you are interested in their exercise and nutrition steps to a healthier heart.

Phone: 1-800-830-0683 or 918-968-9531 ext. 201

## Customer Service Seminar held at Sac & Fox Nation Learning Center



FRONT ROW: DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES PAM KUSHMAUL;  
DR. TOM DENTON; CONTRACT HEALTH LORI GREGORY  
(MANAGER)

A Customer Service Seminar was conducted at the Sac and Fox Nation Learning Center on Thursday, February 18, 2010. The Black Hawk Health Department and Merle Boyd Center with several other employees attended the seminar. The seminar was very informative and enjoyed by all that attended. The instructor was Steve Walrath who teaches communication courses.

### Pam Kushmaul

## New Director of Health Services

By Pam Kushmaul

Hello. My name is Pam Kushmaul and I am the new Director of Health Services at the Black Hawk Health Center. Although I have only been here for five months, I have already set about making changes that I hope will improve access to healthcare for our patients and increase the services that we provide. I would like to tell you about some of the changes I have made, but first, let me tell you a little bit about myself.

I am originally from Michigan, but have spent the last ten years in New Mexico and Oklahoma. I was a nurse for thirty-one years before going to law school and went to law school for the sole purpose of practicing Indian law. After taking the Bar exam and being admitted to practice law in New Mexico, I completed an additional year of law school to specialize in American Indian and Indigenous law.

Healthcare is a treaty right for Indian people. Indian people have given up an awful lot for that right yet today the federal government pays more per capita for the healthcare of federal prisoners than it does for Indian people. In the current healthcare debate some have claimed that healthcare reform will lead to rationing of healthcare which has outraged those who believe that claim, but Indian healthcare has been rationed for years. My goal is to change that.

#### Contract Health Services

We all know that healthcare is expensive and while it is true that we don't have all the funds we need to do all the things we would like, I have already re-allocated funds in such a way as to double the Contract Health Services budget. That does not mean we will be able to approve every single request for service and each request for additional services must still be reviewed by the Contract Health Review Committee, but it will now be possible for us to approve more requests than has been possible in the past.

#### Eye and Dental Services

I am proposing increases in the amounts allowed for eye and dental referrals per person per year and contact lenses will now be allowed. I am proposing an increase in the eye and dental care for diabetics as well.

#### Additional Provider

I plan to add an additional Provider sometime within the next year and a half so that patients do not have to wait so long for appointments.

#### Communication and Information

Knowing how to obtain Contract Health Services is very confusing for most people. Even the national Director of the Indian Health Service acknowledges that the system is too complex and mysterious for most people to utilize without assistance. Toward that end, I plan to provide information about utilizing Contract Health Services to the community over the next several months and to have that same information available to patients at Black Hawk in the form of brochures explaining the Contract Health process.

#### Customer Service

My goal is for our patients to receive the best possible care in as pleasant an environment as possible. Toward that end we also conducted a training session on providing excellent customer service to all our employees on February 18. The trainer, Steve Walrath, teaches communication courses at the University of Wisconsin and the University of British Columbia. We are working toward an environment that is warm and welcoming to our patients and I hope as time goes on you will see many pleasant changes at Black Hawk.

I welcome the opportunity to meet and talk with our patients and members of the community. Much remains to be done, but we are committed to the challenge of providing excellent care and improving the way in which we do that every day.

# SAUK LANGUAGE MISSION



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.



**Pápôhkwîha**  
(Half and Half Moon)  
March 2010

## *The Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair*

*Weaving Words, Connecting Lives*  
April 5 – 6, 2010

### Interesting word of the month:

**Saukenauk**, the historic town of the Sauks where the Mississippi and Rock Rivers meet near present day Rock Island, Illinois is an English spelling of **Thâkînâki**, literally meaning Sauk Country.

### Phrase of the month:

**Kemenwipemâtethi** –Do you feel good? (to one person)

### 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 "a".

"a" in the phonetic writing system is pronounced similar to "u" in the English word **cut**.

patakahikani	fork
takwahâni	cereal
apapiwa	he/she sits
anikwa	squirrel
athâwâwi	it's yellow/orange
ahtôwa	he/she has
ahkanîhiwa	she's/he's skinny, bony
anâkani	dish or bowl

\*The Sauk Language Department has many written and audio resources, available free of charge to tribal members. Please come by the office at 214 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., Stroud, Ok, or call 1-800-256-7552 to request materials. We are open Monday through Friday, 8:00 to 4:30 pm.

## **Kîchâkinîmipena!** (Let's All Dance!) Design Contest

The Sauk Language Department is conducting a **design contest**, with the winning design(s) to be featured on the 2010 Sauk Language Department T-shirt(s).

The contest is open to all Sac and Fox Nation tribal members. Entries will be organized into four divisions: 5 to 10 year olds, 11 to 13 year olds, 14 to 17 year olds, and adults 18 years and older. All entries will be featured in the April edition of the Sac and Fox News, with a mail-in ballot to determine the winning entry in each division.

#### Contest Rules:

1. All designs are **required** to include the Sauk phrase **Kîchâkinîmipena!** Designs not using the phrase will be disqualified.
2. All entries **must** be accompanied by **name, age, enrollment number, and contact information** on a separate sheet of paper.
3. Size of submissions is restricted to a **minimum of 8 ½ x 11"**, and a **maximum of 11 ½ x 14"**. All standard art mediums will be accepted: crayon, pen and ink, pencil, watercolor, oil medium paint, etc.
4. Deadline for entry is **March 19<sup>th</sup> 2010**.
5. The Sauk Language Department retains all copyrights to submitted materials, with appropriate recognition going to the artist.

Submissions may be mailed to:  
Sauk Language Department  
Route 2, Box 246  
Stroud, OK 74079

Submissions may also be dropped off Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 to 4:30:  
Sauk Language Department  
219 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave,  
Stroud, OK 74079

For more information, please contact Terrie Kinsey, Coordinator, at the Sauk Language Department, 918-968-2583, or 800-256-7552. Email your comments or questions to [language@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov](mailto:language@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov).

We are pleased to announce the upcoming ONAYLF will take place on April 5-6, 2010 at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History, on the University of Oklahoma campus in Norman, OK.

At the ONAYLF, there are eight categories of performance each divided by age:

- Spoken Language (PreK-12<sup>th</sup>)
- Language w/Music or Dance (PreK-12<sup>th</sup>)
- Language w/PowerPoint (6<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Language Masters (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)
- Book (PreK-12<sup>th</sup>)
- Poster (3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)
- Film/Video (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)
- Language Advocacy Essay (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

Guidelines for each category can be downloaded at <http://www.snomnh.ou.edu/languagefair>. Read the guidelines carefully! Submissions that do not meet the guidelines will be disqualified.

- All PreK-5<sup>th</sup> performances and submissions must be registered by **March 10, 2010**.
- **All posters, books, essays, films, videos, and PowerPoints MUST** be received at Sam Noble Museum of Natural History by **Friday March 19, 2010**.
  - **Posters, books, essays, videos, and films are judged BEFORE the days of the ONAYLF, and all PowerPoints must be checked for compatibility with museum technology.**
- **All posters should use the theme for the 2011 ONAYLF. This theme is "Elder Voices, Youth Choices".**

Download registration forms at <http://snomnh.ou.edu/languagefair>. If you need paper forms sent to you, please call 405-325-7588 or email us at [onaylf@snomnh.ou.edu](mailto:onaylf@snomnh.ou.edu). Please send completed forms to the ONAYLF by March 10, 2010 by:

- Fax: 405-325-7699
- Email: [onaylf@snomnh.ou.edu](mailto:onaylf@snomnh.ou.edu)
- Mail: ONAYLF

SNOMNH  
2401 Chautauqua  
Norman, OK 73072  
For questions, please call ONAYLF Coordinator, Candessa Tehee Morgan, or Dr. Mary Linn, Curator of Native American Languages, at 405-325-7588. You may also email questions to [onaylf@snomnh.ou.edu](mailto:onaylf@snomnh.ou.edu).

## **Just a Reminder from the Sauk Language Department.... T-Shirt Design Contest**

The deadline for submitting artwork for the T-shirt design contest is March 19<sup>th</sup>. All artwork must be a minimum of 8.5 x 10", and a maximum of 11.5 x 14". The Sauk phrase "**Kîchâkinîmipena!**" must be included in the design in order to qualify for the contest. Call 800-256-7552 for more information, or email [language@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov](mailto:language@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov)

### **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:

Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>  
Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>  
Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>

For more information, please call Twiggy Gregory at 918-968-2583, or email [language@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov](mailto: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.

# Talk Sauk.



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ramifications of this settlement are far more reaching than just a dollar amount being dangled in front of IIM account holders.

The Intertribal Monitoring Association (ITMA) Board that the Sac and Fox Nation has a seat has prepared testimony to be presented by ITMA Chairman Michael Finley on March 10, 2010 before the Committee on Natural Resources Office of Indian Affairs Oversight Hearing on the "Proposed settlement of the Cobell v Salazar Litigation". The proposed testimony follows. This document is being shared with tribal members to let you know some of the issues that Indian Nations are questioning.

**TESTIMONY OF THE HONORABLE  
MICHAEL O. FINLEY  
ON BEHALF OF THE INTERTRIBAL  
MONITORING ASSOCIATION ON  
INDIAN TRUST FUNDS**

**OVERSIGHT HEARING ON THE  
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF THE  
COBELL V. SALAZAR LITIGATION  
March 10, 2010**

Good morning Chairman Rahall, Ranking Member Hastings, and members of the Committee. My name is Michael Finley and I am the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Inter-Tribal Monitoring Association on Indian Trust Funds (ITMA), and will be testifying today in that capacity. I am also the Chairman of my own tribe, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation. I appreciate the opportunity to be here today regarding the proposed settlement of the Cobell v. Salazar litigation. At the outset, I want to express my appreciation on behalf of ITMA for this Committee's attention to this issue and for holding today's hearing. ITMA is an organization presently comprised of 65 federally recognized tribes from all Regions of the country, including Alaska. For twenty years, we have been actively involved in monitoring the activities of the government in the administration of Indian trust funds and in the larger trust reform efforts that have grown out of the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994. In 1993, ITMA provided the first draft of that Act to Congress, which has provided the statutory basis for Cobell lawsuit. While ITMA has not endorsed every measure taken by the government in the name of trust reform during this period, it is undeniably true that significant progress has been made in the administration of trust funds and trust assets. The daily deposit of receipts through a nation-wide lockbox arrangement with a commercial bank, the immediate access to Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts through a debit card issued by a major bank, and the latest annual audit that reveals no material weaknesses in the accounting systems are all major improvements that virtually no one would have believed possible when the 1994 Act was being considered by Congress. On the other hand, significant issues do remain unresolved, and the organization continues to work with and to monitor the government's progress on other

significant trust reform initiatives. Serious problems continue to remain in the overall administration of the Indian trust. Examples include the process by which the Department provides appraisals for Indian property, issues related to estate planning and will writing assistance to Indian beneficiaries, and the unreliability of land records. ITMA continues to work with the government and Indian beneficiaries to improve upon these and other problem areas.

ITMA has long supported an honorable settlement of the Cobell lawsuit and has provided input and assistance to the Committees of jurisdiction in previous settlement efforts. The Cobell litigation has consumed enormous resources and attention from both our trustee agencies of government and from tribal leaders over the last fourteen years. It is fair to say that this lawsuit has deeply affected the nature and tone of the tribes' relationship with the government. We were particularly pleased when we heard during the last Presidential campaign that then-Senator Obama would make settlement of this case a priority if became our President. In addition, more than 100 tribes have lawsuits pending against the government relating to trust administration, and ITMA is hoping that the Cobell settlement proposal reflects a new attitude within the government toward actively seeking an honorable resolution of those cases.

After the proposed settlement was unveiled and individuals had a chance to begin reviewing it, ITMA began to field questions from both tribal leaders and individual Indians about the settlement and what it means for them. In many cases, after being provided with a general explanation of the settlement, the individuals making the inquiries raised additional questions and, in many cases, concerns about the settlement and its potential effects should it be ratified by Congress and approved by the Court in its current form.

Most of questions that ITMA has received have revolved around the inclusion of Indian trust mismanagement claims in the settlement agreement. Unlike an accounting, these claims involve the actions, or inaction, of the government in managing Indian trust land, such as ensuring fair market value in approving leases or ensuring that timber is not overharvested so as to damage the landscape. The inclusion of this new and broad category of claims has been a source of confusion because they were never included in the Cobell litigation. Generally speaking, Indian landowners will have these claims extinguished in exchange for a base payment of \$500, with the possibility that that amount might increase based on a formula. The settlement agreement allows the individuals within this class to opt out.

Other questions ITMA has heard involve the implementation of the \$2 billion Trust Land Consolidation Fund and the extent, if any, of tribal input in how those dollars will be spent, as well as questions relating to attorney's fees and incentive payments to the class representatives. In the background of all of these questions is the overriding issue of the impact of the settlement on

the United States' trust responsibility to Indian beneficiaries.

The original deadline for Congress to act to approve the settlement's implementing legislation was December 31, 2009, at 11:59 pm, just more than three weeks from the time the settlement was disclosed. That deadline, together with the breadth and complexity of the proposed settlement, by itself generated suspicions. As the Committee is aware, this deadline has since been extended twice.

In response to these and other questions, ITMA organized a national meeting on February 24, 2010 in Las Vegas to provide a forum for tribal leaders and Indian landowners to hear a detailed walkthrough of the settlement agreement and have an opportunity to ask questions. Significantly, this was the first outreach meeting of any kind that we are aware of regarding the settlement. ITMA is very grateful for the participation of all of those who attended, including counsel for the Plaintiffs, and is hopeful that this meeting will be the catalyst for future outreach.

I cannot emphasize enough how emotional of an issue land and the government's trust responsibility are to Indian people and the heightened emotion that comes when those are affected in some way, as they would be in the proposed settlement. Although the Cobell case has been a class action, it goes without saying that to Indian people the case is much different than a standard class action involving a household appliance. There is a strong cultural connection to Indian land and for many, to the trust revenue they may receive as trust landowners, even if only a few pennies per year. For active landowners living in their respective tribal communities, wrongs for which the government is responsible from decades past that resulted in damage to their land or their families' land weigh heavily on their minds. Many know that their rights will be affected by the settlement but very few have fully read and understand the settlement documents. They have been told or understood that any issues arising from their trust lands and resources are not any part of the Cobell case. Now that they learn that these claims will be presumptively extinguished unless they are prepared to make a decision, it creates unease and concern. If they do not make the correct decision, something might be forever lost. For some, it means they will have to hire a lawyer to review the papers that may not be able to afford. These are some of the considerations that we hope this Committee will be cognizant of, and ITMA is willing to assist to the extent we are able to continue to facilitate the dialogue so that Indian beneficiaries can be as fully informed as possible in making the decisions that may be required of them. In that spirit, ITMA would also like to offer some thoughts and suggestions. First, the formula for payments to Indian beneficiaries beyond the \$500 base amount for asset mismanagement claims has little relation to what actual claims they might possess or to damage to their land. They will be paid under a formula that is based on the dollar

amounts that went through their account, not on what losses they might have suffered. In other words, those who lost the most may actually receive the least. And those who received the most may be paid even more. The most highly paid of all would very likely be those who have sold their trust lands altogether.

We can all appreciate the difficulties associated with creating a "rough justice" settlement formula and understand that no settlement is perfect for everyone. In the interest of ensuring that individuals who may be in the above situation receive equitable treatment, ITMA recommends that the parties consider, or reconsider, as the case may be, setting aside a portion of the Settlement Fund to provide an option for these claims to be resolved administratively, perhaps by a special master. The August 4, 2006, staff redraft of S.1439, which was introduced in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, included such a mechanism. Should the parties determine that such an option is feasible, it would not only capture those individuals who would otherwise fall through the cracks, but it would also provide those individuals who wish to resolve their mismanagement claims in this manner acknowledgement and closure for the damages that they and their families may have suffered without the expense and pitfalls of filing a separate lawsuit.

Second, ITMA believes that the Department should commit to consult with Indian tribes on the implementation of the \$2 billion Trust Land Consolidation Fund and involve tribal governments in decisions on how the money will be spent. Under the Settlement Agreement, the \$2 billion would fund the pre-existing Indian Land Consolidation Office (ILCO), which has never had more than \$35 million to spend in any given year. Under the current practice, the ILCO will often purchase the least desirable and unproductive ownership interests, and the government has to administer these purchased interests until the government liens are satisfied. That seems very wasteful and unproductive, especially when a much more sensible approach is readily available. The ILCO should be made contractible to the tribes themselves so they can determine which lands they wish to purchase, and these purchases should be made free of any government liens and taken into trust immediately. In addition, this program is not presently available to Alaska tribes, and ITMA has adopted a resolution urging Congress to extend the benefits of the Land Consolidation Program to Alaska tribes.

To spend such a large amount of money quickly, the Department must streamline the red tape needed to complete land transactions, which will necessarily involve taking a hard look at the current requirement that an appraisal be prepared for all trust land transactions. Although the Trust Land Consolidation Fund is not related to the settlement of claims involved in the Cobell lawsuit, the \$2 billion has the potential to be beneficial to both Indian landowners and the economies of tribal communities. ITMA hopes that the Department is considering these and other questions and looks forward to providing recommendations in this regard. Finally, we urge the parties to engage in direct, in-person outreach with Indian beneficiaries to explain and answer questions about the settlement. Providing a forum for Indian beneficiaries to assemble, compare notes amongst themselves, and tell their stories is invaluable. Again, the emotional aspect of these issues to Indian beneficiaries cannot be overstated and people deserve to be able to talk to a real person given the gravity of the proposed settlement. A website or pre-recorded telephone message is simply no substitute for in-person contact.

ITMA is very grateful for the Administration's commitment to ending this lawsuit and also hopes that this commitment also extends to resolving the scores of pending tribal trust lawsuits and to forward-looking trust reform. Thank you for this opportunity to testify. At this time, I would be happy to answer any questions that the Committee may have.

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I am closing by wishing everyone a good Spring season; students enjoy your Spring Breaks; and members keep submitting your articles of accomplishments to the newspaper, we enjoy reading of your success and rejoice in your accomplishments. Be proud that you are **Sauk! Aho!**

Sincerely,  
**George Thurman, Principal Chief**

**SAUK LANGUAGE  
IMMERSION  
PILOT PROGRAM IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS.  
CLASSES BEGIN MARCH 15, 2010**



**WHERE:** EARLY BIRD HEADSTART BLDG.,  
111 W. VINE ST. CUSHING OK 74023  
**WHEN:** MARCH 15-MARCH 19, 2010  
**TIME:** 9 AM TO 2 PM-SNACKS AND LUNCH PROVIDED BY PROGRAM  
**WHO:** 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS,  
(SAC AND FOX TRIBAL MEMBERS GIVEN FIRST PREFERENCE)

**ALL CHILDREN MUST BE POTTY-TRAINED! NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!**

**REGISTRATION IS ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.** PACKETS MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE EARLY BIRD HEADSTART BLDG., OR BY CALLING 1-800-256-7552.

**\*\*TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED UPON ADVANCE REQUEST AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION, LIMITED TO THE CUSHING AREA ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.**

**\*\*\*Pilot Immersion Programs will be conducted in Shawnee and Stroud at a date to be announced.**





# THE SAC AND FOX NATIONAL PUBLIC LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE FEBRUARY 19, 2010



by Anita Stevens, Library Director

The Sac and Fox National Public Library held its annual Open House on Friday, February 19, 2010. The open house was to be held in December 2009, but was postponed due to circumstances beyond our control. The menu consisted of Hominy & Beans, Meat Gravy, Hot Chili, Mary Brown's Dirty Rice, Frybread, Grape Dumplings, and Cherry Delight.

We had a good crowd, and were able to feed over 100 guests. We stretched the food as far as it would go, and everyone seemed to enjoy all the food that was prepared. I want to thank Twigg for scraping the pots for us, it saved us a lot of cleaning time – poor thing got there a little late and just got corners! Our library may be small, but we managed to put guests in every nook and cranny. The theme of the Open house was

Good Minds and Healthy Hearts – so the door prizes consisted of exercising aids, healthy cook books, journals, notebooks, finger weaving books, and current news/history (Michael Jackson's – This is it!). We also had some chocolates in there that aren't so healthy, but the people were hoping to win some. We had a total of 27 door prizes, and also gave away about 24 copies of the book titled, "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian" by Sherman Alexie. The Nation received a couple of cases of these books, and what better time to hand them out than at our open house. I talked with Marilyn Spoon a few days before the open house and she gave a rave review of the book, so everyone who got a copy be sure and read it!

The invocation was given by Jeff Wilson who gave thanks for our many library supporters, the Nation, and those who had recently lost their loved one(s). The

Morris Family had lost William "Odie" Morris earlier that week, and since they were not having services on the reservation, I wanted to keep the open house scheduled so that the family could come and eat some traditional foods and enjoy some fellowship to brighten their spirits.

I would like to thank all those who were in attendance, and give special thanks to Mary and Tammy Brown for their assistance cooking, Dagwood for overseeing the cooking activities, and Shirley Salway for being my greeter. I truly appreciate all those who came and especially those who helped.

Keep looking in the Sac and Fox News for information on our spring Anniversary Cook-out!



THE SAC AND FOX NATION PUBLIC LIBRARY



Sac & Fox Nation Pubic Library, Director, Anita Stevens



Picture taken inside the Sac & Fox National Public Library



Georgia Blanchard, Stella Wilson, and Shirley Alexander



Jacklyn Williams, Debbie Hicks, Jellene Factor looking at pictures in Library.



Second Chief, Cheryl McClellan and Elvis Ellis



Black Hawk & his son Whirling Thunder, 1833 by John Wesley Jarvis



Jellene Factor and Anita Stevens Director of Library



Landis McClellan, Georgia Blanchard, Shirley Alexander, and others enjoying the food.



Viola Prewitt and Leota Morris



Books, maps, pictures, and Native American art are in the Library for your enjoyment.



## VETERAN'S STOMP DANCE A SUCCESS!!

The Sac and Fox Nation Honor Guard held a stomp dance on Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 7pm – midnight at the Sac and Fox Gymnasium. Supper was served at the community building from 5:30pm – 7:00pm. There was a big turnout as many stomp grounds were in attendance from the Seminole, Creek, Cherokee, Absentee Shawnee, and Euchee tribes. We also had many tribal members who came to participate and watch the stomp dancing.

Many elders talked of long ago days when stomp dances were the weekly or monthly entertainment for the local tribes (Sac and Fox, Kickapoo, and Iowa's). It may surprise many that our very own tribal members would lead these dances for the crowds. The stomp dance was a social dance that acted as a meeting place for the young and old, where folks could forget the hassles of the week and come to laugh, visit, and dance the night away. I remember when my Aunt Mary told me that my mom and dad met at a stomp dance at "Dogpatch." Years later she gave my dad an old painting of that village, as a remembrance of that meeting and eventual marriage that

lasted until my mother's death 47 years later.

This is the first attempt at sponsoring a stomp dance for the SF Honor Guard. It was a lot of hard work, but seeing the smiles and hearing those in attendance talk about how much fun they had, may make it the first of many. The variations of the dances were even exciting – watching them dance two by two, holding hands and weaving among themselves, or changing directions – it was all fun to be in the circle or watching from your chair.

The Sac and Fox Nation Honor Guard would like to thank Brandon Butler for all his hard work in getting out the many flyers and giving us direction and advice. We'd also like to thank the M.C. Kevin (Obv) Mack from Fishpond Grounds for keeping things going smoothly. Others we'd like to thank are those who came and participated: Ronald Butler from Peach Ground (Creek), Aaron Tiger from Redbird Ground (Cherokee), Raymond BearPaw from Polecat Ground (Euchee), Clarence Tiger from Nuyaka Ground (Creek), Joe Blanchard from Little Axe (Absentee Shawnee), and B.J. Jackson from Hillabee Grounds

(Creek). We would also like to thank Mr. B.J. Jackson for his expertise in auctioning off some articles for the Honor Guard. Much appreciation goes also to all those honor guard members of the women's auxiliary, Stella Wilson and Mary Brown for their hard work, donations, and participation with this activity.

We will continue to provide activities to promote the Sac and Fox veterans and other veteran organizations throughout Indian Country.

All tribal veterans and immediate family members are welcome to be members of the Sac and Fox Nation Honor Guard and Women's Auxiliary. Regular meetings are held on each 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, at the SF Community Building at 5:00pm – potluck. Any questions? Call Anita Stevens at 918-968-3526, ext. 1061.

Written by Anita Stevens



## Sac & Fox Nation Senior Man & Senior Woman

2009 - 2010

The Sac & Fox Nation Activity Committee announces nominations for the 2009 - 2010 Sac and Fox Senior Man and Senior Woman.

Please complete the form below and forward to Sac & Fox News, Attn.: Activity Committee, Administration Building 920883 S Hwy 99 Bldg A Stroud, OK 74079 or place your nomination in the Newspaper mailbox in the Nation's main building on or before April 22, 2010.

Once nominations have been received the voting ballot will be published in the May 2010 issue of the Sac & Fox News for voting by tribal members. The nominee receiving the most votes will be announced and honored on Thursday night (Tribal Night) at the 47th Annual SFN Pow-Wow, scheduled for July 8, 9, 10, & 11, 2010.

The Sac and Fox Senior Man and Senior Woman 2009 & 2010 will receive a \$100 honorarium, plaque, monogrammed Pendleton blanket (man) and monogrammed shawl (woman).

- 1982 Louis Cuppawhe & Katie Walker
- 1983 Edgar Ellis & Mamie Scott
- 1984 Harry B. Walker & Lorena Wood
- 1985 George & Ruth Nullake
- 1986 John Crane & Florence Tiger
- 1987 Austin Grant & Irene Harris Jones
- 1988 Bill Grass Benjamin & Bernice Franklin
- 1989 Charlie Grant & Flora Ellis
- 1990 Wilson McKinney & Caroline Morris - Kishketon
- 1991 Allen Morris & Lydia Grant-Brown
- 1992 Harrison Hunter & Viola Spoon
- 1993 Frank McClellan, Sr. & Lola Thurman
- 1994 Jack Tiger & Christine Barker-Williamson
- 1995 No Selection
- 1996 No Selection
- 1997 John J. McClellan & Mary Clark
- 1998 Elvis Ellis & Mary Ellis
- 1999 Ron Harris & Rose Allen
- 2000 Dan Jennings & Cecilia Butler-Littlehead
- 2001 Thomas Morris Jr. & Margaret Stevens
- 2002 Francis Grant & Sarah Franklin
- 2003 Elmer Manatowa Jr. & Mary E. Black-Osborn
- 2004 Austin Grant & Henrietta Scott-Massey
- 2005 No Selection
- 2006 Williard "Poncho" Walker & Mary McCormick
- 2007 Norwood "Sonny" Masquat & Maxine Barker Cobb
- 2008 Lena Clark & Forest Walker
- 2009 Stella Wilson & H. D. Wood

Briefly describe why you think this individual should be the 2009-2010 Sac and Fox Nation Senior Man or Senior Woman. Please feel free to add additional information on a separate sheet of paper if more space is required.

**Clip out form below.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Roll # \_\_\_\_\_ hereby

*nominate the following Man:* \_\_\_\_\_.

*He should be the Sac & Fox Nation Man because:* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Roll # \_\_\_\_\_ hereby

*nominate the following Woman:* \_\_\_\_\_.

*odehe Sac and Fox Nation Woman because:* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### SAC AND FOX TAX COMMISSION REVENUE

January 2010

Tobacco Tax. . . . .	\$28,867.20
Wholesale Tobacco Tax. . . . .	\$63,927.25
Motor Vehicle. . . . .	\$1,985.25
Sales Tax. . . . .	\$5,442.49
Treasury. . . . .	\$155.00
Oil & Gas. . . . .	\$00.00
Gaming. . . . .	\$177,412.26
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>\$277,789.45</b>



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SAC & FOX NATION  
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT

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

**EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 4, 2010**



Sac & Fox Nation

# EASTER

SATURDAY APRIL 3, 2010

1:00 p.m. - ???

5 1/2 MILES SOUTH OF STROUD

EGG HUNT  
THOUSANDS OF EGGS

Easter Bonnet  
Contest

3 LEGGED RACE

SACK RACES

EGG TOSS

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs

Bring your Picnic Blankets & Lawn Chairs



## Residence

*This series is the fourth one of four (Roaming, Resistance, Removal, Residence) articles about the Sac and Fox in Indian Territory.*

*Sandra Massey is the Sac and Fox Historic Preservation Officer.*

The Sauk of the Mississippi took up *Residence* in Indian Territory, now the State of Oklahoma, in November 1869, settling in the areas now in Lincoln, Payne, and Pottawatomie counties. Tribal headquarters are located five miles south of the town of Stroud and are on the site of the former Sac and Fox Agency town, which included, among other entities, a sawmill, school, dairy, bank, hotel, grocery store, cotton gin, and blacksmiths.

In the early days of settlement in Indian territory the Sac and Fox and other tribes continued the practice of visiting each other for extended periods of time, which caused them to quickly use up their rationed supplies to the consternation of the agency officials. Buffalo hunts and war parties also continued.

Hereditary chief Mokohoko hadn't wanted to leave his home in Kansas and despite any treaty agreements he and his band returned to Kansas.

Prior to our arrival in Indian Territory the tribe had been governed by tribal councils of either peace chiefs or war chiefs, depending on whether the tribe was at war or in peace. Today our government consists of a Business Committee elected by the tribal membership. The Business Committee is comprised of a Principal Chief, Second Chief, Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee Member.

This form of government began in 1885 with the organization of the tribe into the Sac and Fox Nation under the leadership of Chief Ukquahoko. His administration created a constitution that provided for the election of tribal leaders and established a court and tribal police.

The land in Indian Territory differed from other reservations by consisting of allotments of 160 acres to tribal members (80 to orphans). By allocating allotments, the United States government created "surplus" acreage in the land belonging to the Sac and Fox which was then opened to white settlers in the land run of 1891.

After the land run the United States government did away with the tribal council but it re-emerged with the tribal constitution of 1937. In the 1980s the Sac and Fox also re-established the court and police department, one of, if not the first, in Indian country.

In 1887, only eighteen years after the Sac and Fox came to Indian Territory, Jim Thorpe was born. Jim Thorpe won the Pentathlon and Decathlon in the 1912 Olympics, where the King of Sweden called him the Greatest Athlete



in the World. Native people did not have citizenship in the United States until 1924, so when Jim Thorpe won his medals in 1912 he was a citizen of the Sac and Fox Nation only.

The tribal flag honors Black Hawk and Jim Thorpe and was approved in 1976 during the administration of Jack Thorpe, Jim Thorpe's youngest child.

The Sac and Fox Nation is a nation within a nation. The United States of America, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States and reaffirmed by recent presidents, has a government-to-government relationship with tribes.

The Sac and Fox Nation political system consists of the Governing Council, the voting membership of each enrolled tribal member; five elected positions: Principal Chief, Second Chief, Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee Member; and administration.

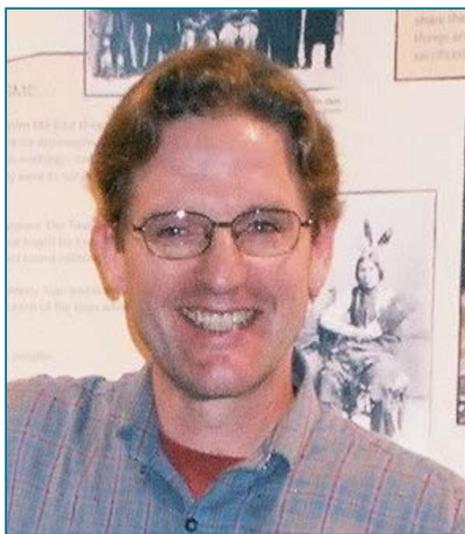
Tribal jurisdiction includes Payne, Lincoln, and Pottawatomie counties in Oklahoma with tribal population located primarily in the cities of Cushing (Payne County), Stroud (Lincoln County), Prague (Lincoln County) and Shawnee (Pottawatomie County).

The Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma retains its traditional beliefs and practices and supports active involvement in its employment policy, which allows leave for ceremonial activities.

Despite the upheavals of the past and the attempts by the government and boarding schools to eradicate language and tradition, the Sac and Fox kept our identity as a people.

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## Greg Olson, a recipient of the 2009 Governor's Humanities Awards for his book *The Ioway in Missouri*



Greg Olson, the Project Designer for the Sac and Fox and Missouri Humanities Council exhibit "Homelands", is a recipient of the 2009 Governor's Humanities Awards for his book *The Ioway in Missouri*.

"I was surprised to learn I will receive one of the awards. I have not really published

much, just a handful of articles and one book. Most of my work has been on exhibits," said Olson, Curator of Exhibits and Special Projects at the Missouri State Archives. "When you start a project, you never know where it will take you. My work with the Ioway and the Sac and Fox has taken me in some unexpected directions. I have met a lot of wonderful people, some of whom have been kind enough to help teach me a little about native cultures and to show me a bit about the ways people are carrying these cultures on today. For me, that has been the best part of my work. To win this award is icing on the cake, so to speak.

"It is very nice."

"The Governor's *Humanities Awards*," according to the awards' website, "celebrate the accomplishments of people who have made exceptional contributions to our understanding of Missouri, its people, and its stories.

"Each year the Governor of Missouri and the Missouri Humanities Council confer awards on the individuals and organizations whose achievements set an example worthy of statewide attention. The awards recognize outstanding teaching in Missouri schools, outstanding community outreach activities in libraries, history organizations, and other humanities organizations. In addition, the Governor's *Humanities Awards* recognize outstanding books that have increased our understanding and appreciation of Missouri's history and culture."

Published in 2008, *The Ioway in Missouri* is a part of the University of Missouri Press Missouri Heritage Readers series and is the first book to tie tribal history to Missouri's colonial period and early statehood.

"American Indian people have never really received their proper place in Missouri history," said Olson about his decision to write his book. "Some historians have done a good job of including the Osage in the story, but most other Indian nations are barely mentioned in Missouri history books. This is especially true in school text books. I wanted to write a book to help fill that void. Becky Schroeder, the editor of the University of Missouri Press's Missouri Heritage Reader Series, encouraged me to write a book for the series. I liked the idea because books from that series are geared toward a general audience and I wanted to write a book that

would appeal to people who were not historians."

Tribal members, speeches by Ioway chiefs, and Indian agent reports provided information used in the book about the Ioway people, their beliefs, practices, customs, and traditions, their relationships with each other, other tribes, and the federal government, the effect of the changing times on their way of life, and how in turn the tribe had an impact on the others who settled in their homelands.

Olson has been interested in tribal history "since the early 1990s, which is when I began to seriously work on history projects. As a native Iowan, I wanted to learn more about the place where I grew up, because I know that it greatly influenced the way I see and understand the world. I have always been interested in learning more about others who shared my geographical homeland. Of course, American Indians lived in northwest Iowa long before I did. In fact, in 1650, there was a large Ioway village about 12 miles from the farm where I grew up."

Olson was inspired to learn more after seeing "a beautiful bronze sculpture of the Ioway leader White Cloud, or Mahaska, in the courthouse square in Oskaloosa, Iowa. I saw it for the first time in 1990 or 1991."

However, he felt that the statue revealed "far more about the artist who made it, Sherry Fry, than it did about the subject, White Cloud. Even though I had grown up in Iowa, I don't think I knew there was an Ioway tribe before that time. I immediately knew I have to find out more about the story."

"Finding out more" led him to seek out a book or article about White Cloud only to discover none and to continue his research into the statue and the person it depicts.

"All of that finally came together in two articles that were published in *Gateway* in 2004 and *The Missouri Historical Review* in 2005," he said.

"It turns out that the Ioway, like the Sac and Fox, played a significant role in the early history of Missouri. Together, those nations controlled all of the state that is north of the Missouri River in 1800. The story of how they lost that land to the United States is one that more people should know."

In 2009 Olson earned his Masters in History through the completion of a thesis about Mary Alicia Owen, a Missouri woman who wrote about the Sac and Fox in the early 1900s. The Mary Alicia Owen collection is housed in the Missouri State Museum in Jefferson City, Missouri.

"This year," Olson said, "I hope to begin work on turning that thesis into my next book."

At press time the Governor's Humanities Awards ceremony had not yet been scheduled.

Submitted by Sandra Massey

## THE STORY OF TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNMENT

Welcome to the Self-Governance Education and Information Accordion. In an effort to share the Self-Governance initiative with others, this Accordion tells the story of Tribal self-governance within the Indian Health Service (IHS). The Accordion is intended to provide you with a user-friendly tool on the history of Self-governance and to assist Tribal governments who wish to pursue this opportunity to advance their self-determination goals. This Accordion also includes some frequently asked questions regarding Tribal Self-Governance.

Our story is unique, and we want to share with others the history, success, and possibilities of Self-Governance. This information will help you to better understand how Self-Governance works and our vision to expand Tribal-Governance to all departments of the United States government. We are proud of our successes, and we remain committed to our goals in confronting the challenges we face on a daily basis.

We hope this Accordion will serve as an educational tool to assist those who would like to learn more about Tribal Self-Governance.

### What is Tribal Self-Governance?

Self-Governance is a Tribally-driven Congressional legislative option, that authorizes Tribal governments to negotiate annual appropriated funding and assume management and control of programs, services, functions, or activities (or portions thereof) previously managed by the federal government. Self-Governance allows Tribes, as sovereign nations, to exercise their right to be self-governing and to take program funds and manage them to best fit the needs of their citizens and Tribal communities.

## TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

### What is the Legislative History?

To understand Tribal governments in the 21st century, it is important to know the basic history. American Indian and Alaska Native peoples prospered in organized societies with their own forms of government for thousands of years before the arrival of the Europeans. Sovereign Tribal nations were recognized as governments in the United States Constitution was written, hundreds of treaties, federal laws and court cases have reaffirmed that Indian nations retain their inherent powers to govern themselves.

In 1975, the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) (Pub. L. 93-688) was signed into law. This landmark legislation recognized the government-to-government relationship between the United States and each Tribal nation. The Act provides Tribes with the option to exercise their right to self-determination by assuming control and management of programs previously administered by the federal government.

In 1988, a group of visionary Tribal leaders wanted to expand these inherent self-governing rights and presented a proposal to Congress. This proposal was intended to build on Pub. L. 93-638 by changing the role of the federal government from mere administration of contracts to a true "government-to-government" partnership. This resulted in the initial Self-Governance Demonstration Project (Pub. L. 100-472) within the Department of the Interior (DOI).

In 1992, Congress extended the Self-Governance Demonstration Project to the Indian Health Service. Tribes began working with the IHS to initiate budget research and planning activities. The first Self-Governance agreements were signed on September 30, 1993.

In 1994, Congress enacted permanent Self-Governance authority within the Department of the Interior under Pub. L. 103-413, (Title IV), Tribal Self-Governance.

In 1996, the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (TSGAC) was created to advise and provide assistance to the IHS Director on issues that pertain to the implementation of Self-Governance in the IHS. In 2000, the functions of the TSGAC were expanded under authority in Pub. L. 106-260.

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In 2002, Tribal Self-Governance regulations were promulgated to implement Title V. 42 C.F.R. Part 137.

## TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY AND GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT

### What is Tribal Sovereignty?

Tribal sovereignty is the inherent authority to govern and protect the health, safety and welfare of Tribal citizens within Tribal lands and territories. American Indians and Alaska Natives are citizens of sovereign Tribal nations that have a unique legal and political relationship with the federal government.

Congress and the federal courts have placed increasingly complex limitations on the exercise of Tribal sovereignty. However, Tribal sovereignty is inherent in the status of Indian Tribes, and the law assumes that Tribes have sovereign authority unless a federal statute has specifically removed that authority or a federal court has determined that the Tribe's exercise of that authority is inconsistent within the federal framework.

### What is the Government-to-Government Relationship?

The government-to-government relationship between Tribal governments and the United States government has existed since the formation of the United States Constitution, treaties, federal statutes, case law, executive orders, and other administrative policies. Just like state and local governments, Tribal governments exercise their inherent governing rights by determining citizenship, establishing civil and criminal laws for their land, developing and implementing regulations, and delivering services. Tribal governments are responsible for providing a wide range of governmental activities and services including education, law enforcement, environmental protection, health care, and basic infrastructure (e.g. roads, bridges, etc.).

Presidential administrations continue to reaffirm the government-to-government relationship between Tribal governments and the United States. All executive agencies interact with Indian Tribes as governments, not as special interest groups or individuals. Self-government and self-determination are essential for Tribal communities to continue to protect their unique cultures and identities. Tribal cultures and traditions provide the foundation upon which Indian communities are governed. This unique government-to-government relationship created a positive partnership that has led to rewarding outcomes.

## GETTING INTO TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE

### How does Tribal Self-Governance Work?

As authorized by Pub. L. 106-260 and the accompanying regulations, Self-Governance Tribes can negotiate to operate a wide range of federal programs, services, functions, or activities (or portions thereof) previously administered by the Indian Health Service. These programs include dental care, mental health services, public health nursing, community health, contract health care, alcohol and substance abuse prevention and treatment programs, and environmental health. Tribes also manage and operate facilities such as hospitals, clinics, and sanitation facilities construction. In addition to receiving funding for these direct services, Tribes may also negotiate for administrative costs. There are several major components of the Self-Governance initiative:

#### Planning

The federal law requires that each Indian Tribe seeking to participate in Self-Governance complete a planning phase. The planning phase shall be conducted to the satisfaction of the Indian Tribe and shall include (1) legal and budgetary research and (2) internal Tribal government planning and organizational preparation relating to the administration of health care programs. Funding may be available from IHS to assist Tribes in the planning phase.

#### Eligibility

To participate in Self-governance, a Tribe must complete the planning phase, pass a Tribal resolution or other official action by the governing body to request participation in Self-Governance, and demonstrate 3 fiscal years of financial stability and financial management capacity.

#### Negotiations

In the Self-Governance negotiation process, Tribal and federal representatives discuss the Tribe's progress, challenges, and problems under Self-Governance. They work through those issues to reach agreement on a **Compact** and a **Funding Agreement**. These negotiations provide opportunities for both sides to forge a strong partnership. The Compact sets forth the general terms of the government-to-government relationship. The Funding Agreement, whether annual or multi-year, identifies the programs, services, functions, or activities (or portions thereof) that the Tribe will carry out. The Funding Agreement also includes the funding level and any other terms as may be agreed to as well as those required by federal law. Either document can be renegotiated at the request of the Tribe.

#### Implementation

Under Self-Governance, Tribes have a great deal of flexibility regarding their ability to redesign programs, consolidate and assign program funds, and adopt revised policies. Self-Governance provides a Tribe with the opportunity to make decisions that are deemed to be in the best interest of the health and welfare of the community.

## THE BENEFITS OF TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE

### How has Tribal Management under Self-Governance Improved Assess & Quality of Health Care?

Tribal management under Self-Governance has achieved great success. First and foremost, Self-Governance Tribes overwhelmingly agree that creating a comprehensive approach to health services is the single greatest benefit of Tribal Self-Governance.

- Other benefits include:
- Improving communication and coordination between Tribal programs by eliminating duplication of services, maximizing funds, enhancing and increasing the efficacy of program service delivery, and expanding health care services to include traditional healing practices.
  - Leveraging Self-Governance funding to secure private and public grant money and partnering with state and local governments to provide more comprehensive community-wide services. Tribes also form consortia and pool their program funding to streamline resources, allowing them to create community centers, develop and expand training programs, and increase the delivery of health services;
  - Developing innovative health programs and services including large urban and small rural health clinics with full time professional health care and specialty clinics; medical insurance contracts that increase third-party billing revenues; access to telemedicine services; specialized health aide services; long term care initiatives in partnership with the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS); and state of the art dental clinics;
  - Establishing the Office of Tribal Self-Governance to serve as liaison within the Indian Health Service and to provide direct access to the IHS Director for Self-Governance Tribes;
  - Establishing the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee, comprised of Tribal Leaders, that meets quarterly in partnership with the IHS with direct access to the IHS Director to address Self-Governance issues nationwide;

- Annual Funding for Self-Governance Tribes is approximately \$1.236 billion, which is 35% of the \$3.581 billion IHS appropriations in 2009; and,

- Representing nearly 60% of the 564 federally-recognized Tribes in the United States, there are 329 Tribes participating in Self-Governance within the IHS.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Does Self-Governance Fit into the Health Care Reform Agenda?

Yes, Self-Governance is a model for health care reform. Tribes participating in Self-Governance perform several roles in the context of health care: they are governments, employers, health care providers, and patients. Tribes providing health care services have become successful in the business of health care. They have assessed the needs of their communities and designed facilities, programs, services, and outreach efforts that are directly responsive to their citizens. Self-Governance Tribes have been on the forefront of culturally appropriate care, integrating holistic and traditional healing methods unique to American Indian and Alaskan Native people into their cadre of services.

### Has the Tribal Governing Authority Changed or Improved under Self-Governance?

Yes. Self-Governance gives each Tribe more control over the planning and budgeting process. Tribal citizens become more involved in the process of government and the identification of local needs, which strengthens the community as a whole.

Accountability improves and lines of authority become institutionalized, as they relate to policy and management. Tribal leaders and councils are empowered in their decision making. They are more likely to assume responsibility because they can immediately implement their decisions. Overall, Tribal capacity expands control over local issues increases, and greater community pride results.

### Does Tribal Self-Governance Terminate the Federal Trust Responsibility?

No. It has never been the intent of the Tribal Self-Governance initiative to terminate or reduce the federal trust responsibility to Indian Tribes and to Indian people. The law clearly states: "The Secretary is prohibited from waiving, modifying, or diminishing in any way the trust responsibility of the United States with respect to Indian Tribes and individual Indians that exists under treaties, Executive Orders, other laws, or court decisions."

### Are there Efforts to Expand Self-Governance to Other Programs within the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)?

Yes, Self-Governance Tribes have been advocating for the expansion of Self-Governance to other operating divisions within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). In 2003, a study was completed by HHS programs for inclusion in Self-Governance agreements. Further, this study reaffirmed that Tribes are capable of overseeing essential IHS programs and services. Such expansion of Self-Governance would build on the well-documented successes of Tribes and Tribal organizations delivering IHS programs and services under Self-Governance and would provide an integrative approach to ensuring healthy communities by coordinating services that enhance individual and community well-being.

### What are the Challenges and Obstacles Facing Self-Governance Tribes Today?

One of the greatest challenges facing Self-Governance Tribes is inadequate funding due to declining federal appropriations and eroding Tribal base funding; specifically, the failure to receive adequate inflationary and pay cost increases. The most obvious and devastating effect of underfunding Indian programs is the reduction of direct health care services to the Tribal community. As a result, the level of difficulty Tribes experience in decision making and setting health care priorities increases because they have limited resources to allocate.

Additionally, changing policies and inconsistencies in the interpretation of existing laws and regulations can create challenges in fully implementing Self-Governance authorities.

### IN CLOSING

As sovereign nations, Tribes have evolved and are stronger today because we choose to control our own destiny and, in doing so, we have returned the right to self-govern to the next seven generations. We take pride in this legacy that continues to address the needs and improve the health care of our people. This Accordion tells only one of the many stories about Tribal sovereign nations and their quest to regain respect and recognition for the gifts they have unselfishly shared with others.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This Accordion was developed by the **Self-Governance Communication and Education office in collaboration with the Indian Health Service Office of Tribal Self-Governance.**

In 1990, the **Self-Governance Communication and Education (SGCE) office was created to develop educational and informational materials about Self-Governance. SGCE now maintains the largest information clearinghouse on Self-Governance in the United States.**

A Self-Governance Tribal Consortium pro-vides oversight and coordination of the activities performed by SGCE. These activities include but are not limited to: coordinating, planning and convening of national conferences and workshops; developing and designing of educational and informational materials about Self-Governance; and providing support for activities related to the Indian Health Service and the Department of the Interior Self-Governance Advisory Committees.

In 1994, the Office of Tribal Self-Governance was established within the IHS and serves as a liaison and advocate for Self-Governance Tribes. This office develops, directs, and implements all Self-Governance policies and procedures as authorized under statute. They also provide information and technical assistance to Self-Governance Tribes and advise the IHS Director on agency compliance with Self-Governance policies, regulations and guidelines.

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# Regular Business Committee Meeting, February 17, 2010

**Please be advised that the following are official actions taken by the Business Committee in a Regular Committee Meeting held the 17th day of February, 2010. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.**

- 1) Approved the minutes of the February 11, 2009 Special Business Committee Meeting as corrected. Vote: Cheryl – Absent, Randle – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes.
- 2) Approved the minutes of the January 26, 2010 Regular Business Committee Meeting as corrected. Vote: Randle – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Stella – Yes, George- Yes, Cheryl – Absent.
- 3) Ratified the land sale offer made by the Business Committee to be paid out of the RAP Economic Development Renovations/New Structures/Property line item in regard to allotment #113-J. Vote: Jackie – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Absent, Randle – Abstain.
- 4) Approved **Resolution SF-10-78**, a resolution authorizing and approving the submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Justice for the Second Chance Act Adult and Juvenile Offender Reentry Demonstration Projects FY2010 competitive grant. Vote: Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Absent, Randle – Yes, Jackie – Yes. (Note, this action also covers the next agenda item for the cash match waiver request without further action, the waiver request will be submitted with the grant application)
- 5) Approved **Resolution SF-10-79**, a resolution approving and authorizing the submission of an application to the Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Services calendar year 2010 Special Diabetes Program for Indians in the amount of Four Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars (\$468,274.00). Vote: George – Yes, Cheryl – Absent, Randle – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Stella – Yes.
- 6) Approved **Resolution SF-10-80**, a resolution appointing Gregory Bigler as the Attorney General for the Sac and Fox Nation effective February 17, 2010 through September 30, 2010. Vote: Cheryl – Absent, Randle – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Stella –Yes, George – Yes.
- 7) Approved **Resolution SF-10-81**, a resolution approving the Tribal Attorney/General contract by and between the Sac and Fox Nation and Stephen R. Ward, Attorney at Law for the period of February 21, 2010 through September 30, 2010, per contract #2010-02-06, the funding source is identified as the Fiscal Year 2010 General Operating and RAP Office of Government budgets. Vote: Randle – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Absent.
- 8) Approved **Resolution SF-10-82**, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Sauk Language Department and Estee Cervantes to serve as an Instructor for language program development, per contract #2010-02-03. Vote: Jackie – Abstain, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Absent, Randle – Yes.
- 9) Approved **Resolution SF-10-83**, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Sauk Language Department and Orvena Gregory to serve as an Instructor for language program development, per contract #2010-02-04. Vote: Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Absent, Randle – Yes, Jackie – Yes.
- 10) Approved the renewal of 66 Smoke Shop lease per contract #2008-10-06a as presented. Vote: George – Yes, Cheryl – Absent, Randle – Abstain, Jackie – Yes, Stella – Yes.
- 11) Approved **Resolution SF-10-84**, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation and4 Him Construction/Michael Cox. Vote: Cheryl – Absent, Randle – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes.
- 12) Approved **Resolution SF-10-85**, a resolution authorizing and approving the Project Agreement for the bridge replacement of Euchee Creek bridge located on EW 770 between NS353-354, Lincoln County, Oklahoma, between the Sac and Fox Nation and Lincoln County, Oklahoma per project agreement contract #2010-02-01 not to exceed Four Hundred Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$400,165.00), funding for this contract shall come from the Nation's share of 2009 Indian Reservation Roads Bridge Program (IRRBP) funding. Vote: Randle – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Absent.
- 13) Approved **Resolution SF-10-86**, a resolution authorizing and approving the Project Agreement for the bridge replacement of Rattlesnake Creek bridge located on EW 770 between NS353-354, Lincoln County, Oklahoma, between the Sac and Fox Nation and Lincoln County, Oklahoma, per project agreement contract #2010-02-02 not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars (\$355,159.00), funding for this contract shall come from the Nation's share of 2009 Indian Reservation Roads Bridge Program (IRRBP) funding. Vote: Jackie – Yes, Stella – Yes, George –Yes,Cheryl – Absent, Randle – Yes.
- 14) Approved **Resolution SF-10-87**, a resolution approving the fiscal year 2010 Revenue Allocation Plan Human Services program budget in the total funding amount of One Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$174,245.00). Vote: Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Absent, Randle – Yes, Jackie – Yes.
- 15) Approved **Resolution SF-10-88**, a resolution approving the fiscal year 2010 Revenue Allocation Plan Maintenance/Facilities and Grounds budget in the total funding amount of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-One Dollars (\$350,671.00). Vote: George – Yes, Cheryl – Absent, Randle – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Stella – Yes.
- 16) Approved **Resolution SF-10-89**, a resolution approving the fiscal year 2010 Revenue Allocation Plan Information Technology budget in the total funding amount of One Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Four Dollars (\$197,944.00), the funding source is identified as the approved Governing Council Resolution SF/GC-10-04, lines 9 and 10. Vote: Cheryl – Absent, Randle – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes.
- 17) Approved **Resolution SF-10-90**, a resolution authorizing and approving a roadway for public use known as the Tribal Cemetery Road located at the Sac and Fox Nation Capitol Grounds, 5 miles south of Stroud, Lincoln County, Oklahoma, (BIA Route 8892) (EW0926-NS3565). Vote: Randle – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Absent.
- 18) Approved **Resolution SF-10-91**, a resolution authorizing and approving a roadway for public use known as the Tribal Chapel Parking Lot located at the Sac and Fox Nation Capitol Grounds, 5 miles south of Stroud, Lincoln County, Oklahoma, (BIA Route 8882). Vote: Jackie – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Absent, Randle-Yes.
- 19) Tribal Administrator will locate a funding source for the Radon Mitigation on the Office of Government building and submit to Property & Procurement for bid process.
- 20) Tribal Administrator will work with HR and Accounting to develop a Donated Leave Policy to present to the Business Committee at the March 23, 2010 regular meeting.
- 21) Approved the new position of Environmental Technician with the salary at grade 7 step 1 which will eliminate the Environmental Specialist position as presented in a memo dated 2/4/2010. Vote: Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Absent, Randle – Yes, Jackie – Yes.
- 22) Approved a donation request in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to the Seminole Nation Domestic Violence-Safe House Project from the RAP Charitable Donations line item. Vote: George – Yes, Cheryl – Absent, Randle – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Stella – Yes.
- 23) Denied the Honor Guard request to waive fees in accordance with policy. Vote: Cheryl – Yes, Randle – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes.
- 24) Approved **Resolution SF-10-92**, a resolution appointing Karen Spaid and Wilson Harjo as members of the Election Board. Vote: Randle – Yes, Jackie – Absent, Stella –Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes.
- 25) By consensus, the Business Committee agreed to assign the Attorney General to work on a Garnishment Statute.
- 26) Tribal Administrator will draft a policy for Arena Grounds and Facilities Use and present to the Business Committee at the March 9, 2010 special meeting.
- 27) Approved the request from Oklahoma Motorsports Enthusiast Association (OMEA) to use the parking lot located at Tanger Outlet Mall near the 300 block of Tanger Drive in Stroud, Oklahoma for the single-day events on March 21<sup>st</sup>, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup> and October 3<sup>rd</sup> provided the Sac and Fox Nation be added to the OMEA's insurance policy during these events. Vote: Jackie – Absent, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Randle – Yes.
- 28) Approved **Resolution SF-10-93**, a resolution approving the fiscal year 2010 Title IV-E Planning Grant budget in the total funding amount of One Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$158,995.00),
- the funding source is identified as the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families Grant #90CS0007/01. Vote: Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Randle – Yes, Jackie – Absent.
- 29) Approved **Resolution SF-10-94**, a resolution approving the Single Year 2010 Juvenile Detention Center Maintenance and Repair budget for the total amount of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00), the funding source is identified as the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs Contract No. CTB08T82401 received under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Vote: George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Randle – Yes, Jackie – Absent, Stella – Yes.
- 30) Approved **Resolution SF-10-95**, a resolution appointing Ben Walkingstick to position number one of the Sac and Fox Tribe, Inc. Board of Directors for a five year term expiring September 30, 2014; the interest to serve has been confirmed with Bill Foreman and Ben Walkingstick will follow up with an email to the Secretary. Vote: Cheryl – Yes, Randle – Yes, Jackie – Absent, Stella – Yes, George – Yes.
- 31) Approved HRP #2010-10 as presented in a memo dated February 4, 2010. Vote: Randle – Yes, Jackie – Absent, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes.
- 32) Approved HRP #2010-11 as presented in a memo dated February 4, 2010. Vote: Jackie – Absent, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Randle – Yes.
- 33) Approved to donate from RAP Charitable Donations; Straight Street Ministries \$1,000.00, Foundation for Youth Development of Lincoln County \$1,000.00, Earlsboro Indian Baptist Mission \$5,000.00, American Cancer Society Relay for Life \$1,000.00, Judith Karman Hospice, Inc. \$2,000.00. Vote: Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Randle – Yes, Jackie – Absent.

## The following items were tabled:

Agreement between SFN BHHC & Sooner Rehab, Inc.  
Table to 3/9/10 SBCM  
(Health Director to see if the no-show rate can be reduced)  
FY10 RAP Sac and Fox Tribe, Inc. Budget Table to 3/9/10 SBCM  
(Treasurer wants documents giving authority to open own accounts & not use Nation finance)  
Donated Leave Policy Table to 3/23/10 RBCM  
(TA, HR & Finance to draft policy)  
FY10Transportation budget modification #1 Table to 3/9/10 SBCM  
(For changes)  
The meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

## THE NEXT SCHEDULED BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE:

Special	March 9, 2010
Berdina George Recording Secretary	
Regular	March 23, 2010
Shelly Wilson, Recording Secretary	

## Business Committee approves Charitable Donations

At the February 17, 2010 regular meeting, the Business Committee approved some charitable donations. The donations are listed below:

*Straight Street Ministries, located at 701 Steele, Chandler, OK. The Business Committee authorized a \$1,000.00 charitable donation to this ministry. Every Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. their doors are open for a Food Pantry and Clothes Closet. The 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month are reserved for feeding Veterans a hot meal and providing V. A. Counselor's or Service Officers to assist with any questions or claims the Veterans may have. Tribal members in need of such assistance are encouraged to visit or call Straight Street Ministries. Their phone numbers are: 405-203-3644 or 405-323-8870.*

*Foundation for Youth Development of Lincoln County - \$1000.00 ( they are building a large youth center in Chandler)*

*Earlsboro Indian Baptist Mission - \$5,000.00 (donation requested by a tribal member on their behalf to assist with repairs and renovations from a previous fire)*

*Judith Karmen Hospice, Inc. - \$2,000.00 (to assist with repairs and renovations from a fire)*

*American Cancer Society Relay for Life - \$1,000.00 as a Platinum Sponsor*

*\*Note\* The Sac and Fox Nation can enter a team of 15 in the race with this donation. Any members that are interested in being on the Sac and Fox Nation Relay for Life Team, please contact the Office of Government.*

*Toys for Tots - \$5,000.00 (In December, the Business Committee authorized a \$5,000.00 donation to Toys for Tots as requested by the Activity Committee on behalf of Toys for Tots. Toys for Tots has provided the Nation with toys for children at Christmas time for several years and did so again this year by providing toys for the Christmas dance. With the Nation now in a position to give back to those that have helped over the years, the Activity Committee requested the Business Committee approve the donation to help them reach even more children.*

