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## 2010 IN REVIEW

### CHIEF'S ADDRESS TO THE NATION

Hello Tribal Members:

I pray that this New Year 2011 will be a very prosperous period in each of our tribal member's lives and that you set your goals high.

I was on travel status the week of December 13-17 to Washington DC to attend several meetings and the Tribal Nations Summit with President Obama. I am submitting articles from this business trip for your information.

**President's remarks at the White House Tribal Nations Conference.** Dept. of the Interior, Washington, D.C. - THE PRESIDENT: I see a lot of friends, a lot of familiar faces in the house. I want to thank all the tribal leaders who have traveled here for this conference. And I also want to recognize all the wonderful members of Congress who are here, as well as members of my Cabinet, including Secretary Salazar, who is doing terrific work here at Interior on behalf of the First Americans and on behalf of all Americans. So thank you very much, everybody.

Yesterday, I had the chance to meet with several tribal leaders at the White House, continuing a conversation that began long before I was President. And while I'm glad to have the opportunity to speak with you this morning, I'm also very eager to see the results of today's meeting. I want to hear more from you about how we can strengthen the relationship between our governments, whether in education or health care, or in fighting crime or in creating jobs.

And that's why we're here today. That's a promise I've made to you. I remember, more than two years ago, in Montana, I visited the Crow Nation -- one of the many times I met with tribal leaders on the campaign trail. You may know that on that trip, I became an adopted Crow Indian. My Crow name is "One Who Helps People Throughout the Land." (Applause.) And my wife, when I told her about this, she said, "You should be named 'One Who Isn't Picking Up His Shoes and His Socks'."

Now -- but I like the first name better. And I want you to know that I'm working very hard to live up to that name.

What I said then was that as President I would make sure that you had a voice in the White House. I said that so long as I held this office, never again would Native Americans be forgotten or ignored. And over the past two years, my administration, working hand in hand with many of you, has strived to keep that promise. And you've had strong partners in Kim Teehee, my senior advisor for Native American issues, and Jodi Gillette, in our Intergovernmental Affairs office. You can give them a big round of applause. They do outstanding work.

Last year, we held the largest gathering of tribal leaders in our history. And at that conference -- you remember, most of you were there -- I ordered every Cabinet agency to promote more consultation with the tribal nations. Because I don't believe that the solutions to any of our

problems can be dictated solely from Washington. Real change depends on all of us doing our part.

So over the past year my administration has worked hard to strengthen the relationship between our nations. And together, we have developed a comprehensive strategy to help meet the challenges facing Native American communities.

Our strategy begins with the number one concern for all Americans right now -- and that's improving the economy and creating jobs. We've heard time and again from tribal leaders that one of the keys to unlocking economic growth on reservations is investments in roads and high-speed rail and high-speed Internet and the infrastructure that will better connect your communities to the broader economy. That's essential for drawing capital and creating jobs on tribal lands. So to help spur the economy, we've boosted investment in roads throughout the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Reservation Road Program, and we've offered new loans to reach reservations with broadband.

And as part of our plan to revive the economy, we've also put billions of dollars into pressing



Chief George Thurman

needs like renovating schools. We're devoting resources to job training -- especially for young people in Indian Country who too often have felt like they don't have a chance to succeed. And we're working with you to increase the size of tribal homelands in order to help you develop your economies.

I also want to note that I support legislation to make clear -- in the wake of a recent Supreme Court decision -- that the Secretary of Interior can take land into trust for all federally recognized tribes. That's something that I discussed yesterday with tribal leaders.

We're also breaking down bureaucratic barriers that have prevented tribal nations from developing clean energy like wind and solar power. It's essential not just to your prosperity, but to the prosperity of our whole country. And I've proposed increasing lending to tribal businesses by supporting community financial institutions so they can finance more loans. It is essential in order to help businesses expand and hire in areas where it can be hard to find credit.

Another important part of our strategy is health care. We know that Native Americans die of

illnesses like diabetes, pneumonia, flu -- even tuberculosis -- at far higher rates than the rest of the population. Make no mistake: These disparities represent an ongoing tragedy. They're cutting lives short, causing untold pain and hardship for Native American families. And closing these gaps is not just a question of policy, it's a question of our values -- it's a test of who we are as a nation.

Now, last year, at this conference, tribal leaders talked about the need to improve the health care available to Native Americans, and to make quality insurance affordable to all Americans. And just a few months later, I signed health reform legislation into law, which permanently authorizes the Indian Health Care Improvement Act -- permanently. (Applause.) It's going to make it possible for Indian tribes and tribal organizations to purchase health care for their employees, while making affordable coverage available to everybody, including those who use the Indian Health Service -- that's most American Indians and native -- Alaska Natives. So it's going to make a huge difference.

Of course, there are few steps we can take that will make more of a difference for the future of your communities than improving education on tribal lands. We've got to improve the education we provide to our children. That's the cornerstone on which all of our progress will be built. We know that Native Americans are far more likely to drop out of high school and far less likely to go to college. That not only damages the prospects for tribal economies; it's a heartbreaking waste of human potential. We cannot afford to squander the promise of our young people. Your communities can't afford it, and our country can't afford it. And we are going to start doing something about it.

We're rebuilding schools on tribal lands while helping to ensure that tribes play a bigger role in determining what their children learn. We're working to empower parents with more and better options for schools for their kids -- as well as with support programs that actually work with Indian parents to give them a real voice in improving education in your communities.

We're also working to improve the programs available to students at tribal colleges. Students who study at tribal colleges are much less likely to leave college without a degree and the vast majority end up in careers serving their tribal nation. And these schools are not only helping to educate Native Americans; they're also helping to preserve rich but often endangered languages and traditions. I'd also like to point out last year I signed historic reforms that are increasing student aid and making college loans more affordable. That's especially important to Native Americans struggling to pay for a college degree.

Now, all these efforts -- improving health care, education, the economy -- ultimately these efforts will not succeed unless all of our communities are safe (See **Chief's Letter**, Pg 9)

### 2010 SFN EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR



**2011 Sac and Fox Nation Employees of the Year** are from left J. Paul Wilson, Maintenance Technican Lead and Interim Tribal Administrator Jellene Factor. In order for an employee to become SFN Employee of the Year they must be nominated and voted on by fellow employees.

### LANGUAGE TEAM TRAVELS TO TAMA



**Future Sauk speaker** Kenzi Epperson (c) oversees the Sauk bingo conducted by language Learner Katie Grant (l) and Teacher Orvena Gregory (r) during the December language class. Grant and Gregory participated in the Meskwaki Language Conference in Tama, Iowa. Kenzi is Gregory's granddaughter.

On November 21, 2010 the Sauk Language Department Master/Apprentice Team participated in the first Language Conference hosted by the Meskwaki Language Preservation Program,

a subdivision of the Historical Preservation Department, in Tama, Iowa.

"The major stress of the conference was that our language (See **Language Trip**, Pg 4)

### TREASURER REPORTS ON CASINO OPS

In late August, 2010, the Business Committee was forced to address a crisis affecting our tribal casino operations. This report covers the casino activities for the period between August and December, 2010. Several corrective actions and measures have been taken to improve the Sac and Fox Casino operations.

On the mid-afternoon of Friday, August 27, 2010, Sac and Fox Principal Chief George Thurman was notified and informed that the Sac and Fox Nation Gaming Commission had taken action to suspend the license of the Sac and Fox Business Enterprise Board Chairman for good cause, rendering the Sac and Fox Business Enterprise Board member unable to perform the required duties as a member of the Sac and Fox Business Enterprises Board, which

oversees all tribal gaming operations.

Principal Chief George Thurman called an Emergency Special Business Committee meeting at 4:28 p.m. on Friday, August 27, 2010. The purpose of the meeting was to deal with the emergency situation facing the management and leadership of tribal gaming operations.

The Sac and Fox Na-t i o n Business Enterprises Act of 2007, as amended, at Section 201, provides that three (3) persons shall serve on the Board of Directors. The suspension of the gaming license of the Chairman of the Board of Directors, member position #1, coupled with the immediate resignation of Board of Directors member position #3, and the subsequent resignation of Board (See **Treasurer's Report**, Pg 9)

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**Obituaries**

*Leah Dawn Hanson*

Leah Dawn Hanson, 16, passed from this life Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2010. She was a resident of St. Louis, OK. She died following an automobile accident that also took the life of her cousins, Joshua McBroom and Andrew McBroom near Asher in Pottawatomie County. She was born Jan. 31, 1994, in Ada, OK. to parents Sonja Hanson and Jerry Campbell.

Leah was an enrolled member of the Sac and Fox Nation and a sophomore at Asher High School.

Survivors include her guardian mother, Ellen (Dorrough) McBroom, of Saint Louis; her mother, Sonja Hanson and her step-father, Eugene White, both of Wolf; father, Jerry Campbell, of Shawnee; two sisters, Vashti White, of Washington, and Raven Hanson White, of Saint Louis; three brothers, Joshua Albert, of Wewoka, Isaiah Thorpe IV, of Shawnee, and Matthew Hanson, of Prague; one step-sister, Juanita White, of Shawnee; three step-brothers, Jon White, of Wolf, Jake White, of Duncan, and Clifton White, of Duncan; maternal grandmother, Julia Hanson, of Oklahoma City; grandfather, Jake Dorrough, of Wolf; one beautiful niece, "Gabbie" Hanson, of Prague; several aunts, uncles and a host of other family and dear friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010, at Bowlegs High School Gymnasium. Interment followed at Vista Cemetery located west of Konawa, OK. Rev. Harold Turner officiated the service.

Services under the direction of Swearingen Funeral Home in Seminole. Messages of condolences can be sent to the family online at www.swearingenfuneralhome.com.



Leah Dawn Hanson

*Jimmie David Meek*

Jimmie David Meek, 69, of Shawnee, OK died Wednesday, December 29, 2010, at a local hospital.

Jimmie was born June 16, 1941, in Shawnee, OK the son of David and Cleo Meek. He was a member of the Sac and Fox Nation. He was a 44-year member of the A.W.G.

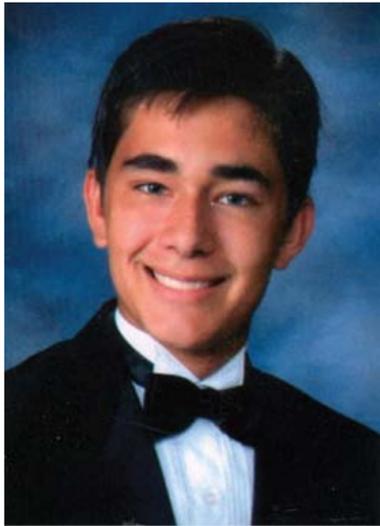
He is survived by his wife Vada Meek, of the home; two children, Jimmie Meek, Jr., and wife, Patricia, of Florida, Phillip Meek and wife, Lillie, of Texas; two step-children, Roger Blood, of Shawnee, and Annetta Harper, of Shawnee; three grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; sisters, Rilla Maxwell, of Shawnee, and Clea, of Oklahoma City; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Robert and Johnny Meek; sister, Linda; and step-brother, Philip Meek.

The family would like to thank those who helped the family, especially those preparing the food and those preparing the grave.

A wake service was held Friday, December 31, 2010 at 5409 N. Bryan. Burial was Saturday January 1, 2011 at Wakolee Cemetery in Shawnee, OK.

**TRIBAL MEMBER PREFERS PRINCETON**



Zachary F. Garcia

Zachary F. Garcia, son of CDR Ruben and Kim Garcia of Virginia Beach, VA, was accepted into Princeton University, class of 2014.

Zack graduated from the Ocean Lakes Math & Science Academy in Virginia Beach, VA on June 19, 2010 with a 4.6 GPA. He is a National Merit Scholar Finalist and captain of both the Scholastic Bowl and Boys Varsity Tennis teams.

He will most likely study fields related to math, computer science, engineering, and/or neuroscience. Zack is the grandson of Jimmie Lee (Griggs) Garcia.



**SAC AND FOX NATION  
2011 ADMINISTRATIVE HOLIDAYS**  
(Dates Offices are Closed)

- President's Day ..... Monday, February 21, 2011
- Sac & Fox Victory Day .....Monday, May 16, 2011
- Memorial Day ..... Monday, May 30, 2011
- Independence Day ..... Monday, July 4, 2011
- Native American Day ..... Monday July 11, 2011
- Labor Day ..... Monday, September 5, 2011
- Veteran's Day ..... Friday, November 11, 2011
- SFN Appreciation Day (1/2) ..... Wednesday, November 23, 2011
- Thanksgiving Day ..... Thursday, November 24, 2011
- Day after Thanksgiving Day ..... Friday, November 25, 2011  
(substituted for MLK's birthday)
- SFN Appreciation Day (1/2) ..... Thursday, December 22, 2011
- Christmas Eve ..... Friday, December 23, 2011
- Christmas Day ..... Monday 26, 2011  
(substituted for Columbus Day)

**CUT-OUT AND KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**



SAC AND FOX TAX COMMISSION REVENUE REPORT November 2010	
Tobacco Tax.....	\$33,628.80
Wholesale Tobacco Tax.....	\$55,380.05
Motor Vehicle.....	\$3,415.00
Sales Tax.....	\$10,769.73
Treasury.....	\$110.00
Oil & Gas.....	\$264.58
Gaming.....	\$170,682.33
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$274,250.49</b>

**2010 FREE TAX  
PREPARATION**  
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If you make under \$50,000 a year and need assistance in preparing and filing your 2010 BASIC Income Tax Return, and you use Electronic Filing you may file at no charge.

Call Sac and Fox Nation Learning Center at 918-968-0509 to make an appointment.

What to bring for Tax Preparation:  
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All W-2 and 1099 forms  
Any other Tax Related Documents you have received

**WELCOME TO OUR  
WORLD  
BABY GRACELYNN**



Gracelynn Alexander Renfrow

Sonni Albert and Zachary Renfrow would like to announce the birth of their daughter

*Gracelynn Alexander Renfrow*

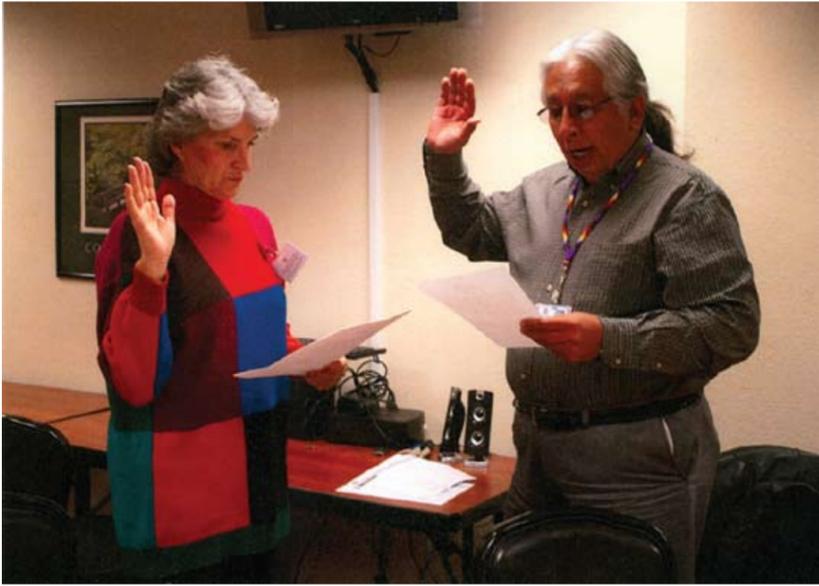
on November 10, 2010. She weighed 8lbs. 2ozs.

Maternal grandparents are Channa Tiger of Drumright, OK and David Albert of Shawnee, OK, great grandmother Wanda S. Tiger and great-great grandmother Lorena Mack-Wood.

Paternal grandparents are Scott and Elisa Renfrow of Stroud, OK.

### TRIBAL MEMBERS TAKE OATH OF OFFICE

#### ENTERPRISE BOARD



**Jacquelyn Southern** (left) is sworn in by Principal Chief George Thurman (right). (Photo courtesy Chris Reed)

#### GAMING COMMISSION



**Henrietta Massey** (left) takes her oath of office with Principal Chief George Thurman (right).



**George Harjo** (left) takes his oath of office from Principal Chief George Thurman (right).



Principal Chief George Thurman (left) administers an oath of office to **Francis Grant Sr.** (right)



Principal Chief George Thurman (right) gives an oath of office to **Jessica Patterson** (left).



**Robert Williamson** (left) is sworn in by Principal Chief George Thurman (right)



#### GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE



**Marilyn Spoon** (left) is sworn in by Principal Chief George Thurman (right).

#### NATION FUNDS COUNTRY ROAD REBUILD & THREE BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS



County Commissioner Rick Taylor (from left), Sac and Fox Chief George Thurman, Second Chief Cheryl McClellan and Sac and Fox Treasurer Randle Carter stand under a sign recently installed on Industrial Road and Route 66 (east of Chandler, OK). The road, running south from Route 66 to Sparks was recently rebuilt and paved and three bridges replaced. According to Taylor, the Sac and Fox Nation provided \$3.6 million in funds toward the project, which also included the Airport Road loop project to the north of Route 66. The paving project was completed earlier this month. "None of this would have been possible without the Sac and Fox Tribe." said Taylor.

(Photo courtesy Lincoln County News)

#### CORRECTION FOR DECEMBER 2010 ISSUE

Rosalita Saunders provided the front page photograph of the Elders Winter Dance for the December 2010 issue of the Sac & Fox News.



## Happy January Birthday, Elders!!

Martha Arian  
 Avis Austin  
 Jesse Baldwin  
 Webster Bearbow  
 Charlene Beaver  
 Amos Black  
 Shirley Blenden  
 Sandra Bruehl  
 Truman Carter  
 Cheryl Carter  
 Gloria Castillo  
 John Croley  
 John Cummins  
 Alma Davis  
 Robert Davis  
 Kathleen Dooley  
 Jean Dowlearn  
 Lanna Duncan  
 Elvis Ellis  
 Taylor Finley  
 Donald Fixico  
 Brenda Floyd  
 Katherine Franklin  
 Keith Franklin  
 Sharon Franklin  
 Frank Gokey  
 Donna Gorton  
 Mary Harjoe  
 Rosa Hawzipta  
 Jacqueline Helfer  
 Charles Holland  
 Anita Hooley  
 Barry Irons  
 Roger James  
 Carla James  
 Dolores Kahrahrach  
 Valerie Lasley  
 Edward Littlehead  
 Toni Littlewalker  
 Glenn Logan



Bobby Longshore  
 Lewis Marez  
 Landis McClellan  
 Mary McCormick  
 Louise McIlvaine  
 Mark Mehegee  
 Samuel Morris  
 Glenn Morton  
 Joan Murdock-Hughes  
 Johanna Myers  
 Emil Nelson  
 Walter Nullake  
 George Nullake  
 Debra Ornelas  
 Sandra Patton  
 James Pawpa  
 Viola Prewitt  
 Sandra Ray  
 Frank Rhodd  
 Sarah Rhodes  
 Christina Roan  
 Thelma Rodgers  
 James Roubidoux  
 Tommy Smith  
 Marilyn Spoon  
 Cathy Tamminga  
 George Thurman  
 David Tibbitts  
 Edward Troy  
 Ester Turner  
 Daniel Tyner  
 Sherri Vandervort  
 Harry Walker  
 Richard Walker  
 Gregory Walker  
 Antwoney Warrior  
 Thomas Warrior  
 Alpheus Wilson  
 Margaret Wood  
 Dora Young



**Four Sac and Fox high school students,** Mitch Loveland (Cushing), Lyndee McClellan (Norman), Wolf Leitka (Norman) and Shawn Brown (Stroud), attended the American Indian Science and Engineering (AISES) National Conference in Albuquerque November 11<sup>th</sup> thru 13<sup>th</sup>. The trip was made possible through several fundraisers including taco sales, candle sales and donations from various businesses and organizations: Harris Oil, OK Tribal Conservation Advisory Council, First Bank and OK Telephone Co. Helping at the Indian Taco Sale were Lyndee McClellan (front) and Shawn Brown, Mary Brown and Stella Wilson (back from left).

### Sauk Language Tama Trip from front page

is one of the largest components of our identity as Indian people," said Pushetonequa in an article published in the *Meskwaki Nation Times*.

Sauk Language Director Jacob Manatowa-Bailey (Thakiwa), Meskwaki Language Preservation Officer Yolanda Pushetonequa (Meskwaki), and University of Minnesota Associate Professor of Linguistics Dr. Brendan Fairbanks (Kickapoo/Ojibwe) were presenters.

Other Sauk Team members in attendance were speakers Maxine Cobb and Christine Williamson, teacher Orvena Gregory, and youth language learners Katie Grant and Mosiah Bluecloud.

The Master/Apprentice program, which began in the fall of 2009, is funded by a grant through the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) and sponsored by Cultural Survival, an organization based in Massachusetts and dedicated to the survival of tribal languages. A grant through these agencies funded the trip to Tama.

Manatowa-Bailey explained in his "Introduction to the Sauk Language Master Apprentice Program": "The rate of language loss among the Sauk people in the past ten years has accelerated rapidly as many older speakers have passed away. A recently completed survey of enrolled tribal members by the Sauk Language Department identified only five remaining conversationally fluent Sauk speakers all over the age of 70. It is clear that the Sauk language is in imminent danger of extinction as a spoken language unless an effective way is found to transmit the language across the wide gap between the eldest and youngest generations. This can only be done through an intensive Master Apprentice grassroots effort within the Sauk community that prepares apprentice speakers as immersion teachers and language mentors for future generations of Sauk speakers."

The team pairs Sauk speakers and apprentices who work together in all phases of immersion projects under the supervision of the department director.

"A couple of other important lessons we learned [at the conference] was that it is not anyone's fault that our younger generation does not speak fluently at this time," said Pushetonequa in her conference report. "We must just accept that now and next we must move forward to create some new speakers."

Manatowa-Bailey's presentation addressed the "language shift": as well: "Language shift means that slowly, over time, less and less people speak the language in fewer and fewer situations....Language shift happens without thinking. ...Blame and finger-pointing do not help reverse language shift!"

Conference topics covered critical language revitalization issues such as religious/cultural considerations, language loss as it relates to loss of tribal cultures, teaching indigenous

languages, stages of language loss, and roundtable discussions on methods and efforts of other tribes in their fight to keep their languages alive.

Manatowa-Bailey's presentation focused on increasing fluency within the community. "In the best situation it is a community-wide response, not just the work of a language department," he said. "That includes all tribal council members, school board members, administrators, educators, community leaders, elders, parents, speakers, non-speakers, and language workers."

Among the activities that can reverse language shift and keep a language alive are to speak the language as much as possible, especially to young children; to encourage all community members, especially the children, to speak the language; to continue to speak tribal languages in bilingual homes; to expand the number of people to whom and the situations in which the language is spoken.

Manatowa-Bailey stated, "Language revitalization requires good thoughts, good words, and good actions."

To help a language survive the community must also support its language department, to trust and have faith in its efforts, its speakers, and its learners. Only immersion can reverse language loss. Immersion involves teaching at home or an alternative home-based learning environment, immersion schools, the Master/Apprentice method, a minimum of 20 hours of a "no English" learning environment, and extensive training and practice for immersion teaching.

"The most important changes needed to prevent language loss have to come at the individual, family, and community levels, not through your language department," Manatowa-Bailey said.

The Sauk Language Department has provided immersion pilot programs for tribal youth, including week-long summer learning opportunities in the classroom with the speakers for the younger children and outdoor activities at camp for older kids. The Meskwaki Language Preservation Program started "language tables" where any fluent and non-fluent 'learners' come together," Pushetonequa said. The format of the language tables allows learners to prepare questions for the speakers about the correct pronunciation of words or phrases in a non-classroom environment.

The Sauk Language Master/Apprentice Team thanks ANA and Cultural Survival for funding the trip to Tama and the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma for its efforts toward ensuring the survival of the Sauk language for future generations.

"Thank you to all who attended the conference," said Pushetonequa in her article, "and please remember, we can do this and we will do this together!"

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Citizen Band Potawatomi Nation  
 Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Location: The Fire Center  
 300 E. Walnut  
 Tecumseh, OK  
 405.598.0797 for directions

### LOCATION:

Absentee Shawnee Tribe  
 Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Location: Main Tribal Complex  
 Bldg E-1 Conference Room  
 Southeast of Shawnee, OK  
 405.275.4040 for directions

### SCHEDULE

TUESDAY  
 January 25, 2011  
 February 1, 2011  
 February 8, 2011  
 February 15, 2011  
 WEDNESDAY  
 January 26, 2011  
 February 2, 2011  
 February 9, 2011  
 February 16, 2011  
 February 23, 2011

### SCHEDULE

FRIDAY  
 January 28, 2011  
 February 4, 2011  
 February 11, 2011  
 February 18, 2011  
 February 25, 2011  
 To schedule an appointment for times and locations other than listed above, please call 1-800-658-1497 and ask for 'tax preparation appointment.'

## !! ATTENTION !!

All Veterans are Welcome to Attend The Monthly Meetings of The Sac and Fox Veterans Held at the Veterans/Elders Building in Stroud.  
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**BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

*Regular Business Committee Meeting  
November 23, 2010*



(1) Motion to approve the July 21 and 22, 2009 RBCM minutes with corrections; the July 24, 2009 EBCM minutes with a correction; the October 8, 2009 SBCM minutes with corrections; the October 20, 2009 RBCM minutes as presented; the November 24, 2009 RBCM minutes as presented; the February 17, 2010 RBCM minutes as presented; the August 10, 2010 SBCM minutes as corrected; and the October 04, 2010 SBCM minutes as presented. (The corrections will be given to Berdina so she can make the changes)  
**VOTE:** George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Randle – Yes, Stella – Yes.

(2) Approved **Resolution SF-11-19**, a resolution authorizing and approving an Agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Black Hawk Health Center and 12 and 12, Inc., per Contract #2010-10-01, the funding source is identified as the Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program Grant #2008-AC-BX-0008.  
**VOTE:** Cheryl – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Randle – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes.

(3) Approved **Resolution SF-11-20**, a resolution authorizing and approving the Agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Black Hawk Health Center and Business Imaging Systems (BIS) per Contract #2010-10-02, the funding source is identified as the Fiscal Year 2011 Indian Health Services Compact Budget.  
**VOTE:** Jackie – Yes, Randle – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes.

(4) Approved **Resolution SF-11-21**, a resolution approving the United States Environmental Protection Agency Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan Budget for the period of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 in the amount of Sixty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$65,380.00), the funding source is identified as the US Environmental Protection Agency Grant #X1-00F24201-0.  
**VOTE:** Randle – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Jackie – Yes.

(5) Approved **Resolution SF-11-22**, a resolution approving the United States Environmental Protection Agency Clean Water Act, Section 106 Water Pollution Control Project Budget for the period October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 in the total amount of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00), the funding source is identified as the United States Environmental Protection Agency Agreement No. I-00F25301-0.  
**VOTE:** Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Randle – Yes.

(6) Approved **Resolution SF-11-23**, a resolution approving the Environmental Protection Agency Clean Water Act Section 106 Water Pollution Control Project In-Kind Match Budget in the total amount of Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$5,789.00), the funding source is identified as the fair market value of the space donated by the Sac and Fox Nation for the OES office and lab.  
**VOTE:** George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Randle – Yes, Stella – Yes.

(7) Approved **Resolution SF-11-24**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2011 Indirect Cost Budget Modification #1 in the total budget amount of Two Million

Two Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars (\$2,232,968.00), with no change in the funding amount, the funding source is identified as all programs paying direct wages through an approved indirect cost allocation plan.  
**VOTE:** Cheryl – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Randle – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes.

(8) Approved **Resolution SF-11-25**, a resolution authorizing and approving the Agreement including Addendum #1 between the Sac and Fox Nation and Utility Service Co., Inc. per Contract #2010-11-01, the funding source is identified as Governing Council Resolution SF/GC-11-03, line 24.  
**VOTE:** Jackie – Yes, Randle – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes.

(9) Approved **Resolution SF-11-26**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2011 Revenue Allocation Plan Sauk Language Budget in the total funding amount of One Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars (\$194,429.00), the funding source is identified as the approved Governing Council Resolution SF/GC-11-03, line 4.  
**VOTE:** Randle – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Jackie – Yes.

(10) Approved **Resolution SF-11-27**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2011 Revenue Allocation Plan Historic Preservation Budget in the total funding amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), the funding source is identified as the approved Governing Council Resolution SF/GC-11-03, line 8.  
**VOTE:** Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Randle – Yes.

(11) Approved **Resolution SF-11-28**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2011 Revenue Allocation Plan Tribal Court Budget in the total funding amount of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$13,575.00), the funding source is identified as the approved Governing Council Resolution SF/GC-11-03, line 15.  
**VOTE:** George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Randle – Abstain, Stella – Yes.

(12) Approved **Resolution SF-11-29**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2011 Revenue Allocation Plan Tax Commission Budget in the total funding amount of Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500.00), the funding source is identified as the approved Governing Council Resolution SF/GC-11-03, Line 21.  
**VOTE:** Cheryl – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Randle – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes.

(13) Approved **Resolution SF-11-30**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2011 Revenue Allocation Plan Tribal Emergency Home Repair (TEHR) Budget in the total funding amount of One Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Forty-Eight Dollars (\$157,048.00), the funding source is identified as the approved Governing Council Resolution SF/GC-11-03, line 22.  
**VOTE:** Jackie – Yes, Randle – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes.

(14) Approved **Resolution SF-11-31**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2011 Revenue Allocation Plan USDA Budget in the total funding amount of One Hundred

Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), the funding source is identified as the approved Governing Council Resolution SF/GC-11/03, line 27.  
**VOTE:** Randle – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Jackie – Yes.

(15) Approved **Resolution SF-11-32**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2011 Revenue Allocation Plan Election Board Budget in the total funding amount of Fifty-One Thousand Dollars (\$51,000.00), the funding source is identified as the approved Governing Council Resolution SF/GC-11-03, line 28.  
**VOTE:** Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Randle – Yes.

(16) Approved **Resolution SF-11-33**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2011 Revenue Allocation Plan Grievance Committee Budget in the total funding amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), the funding source is identified as the approved Governing Council Resolution SF/GC-11-03, line 30.  
**VOTE:** George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Randle – No, Stella – Yes.

(17) Approved **Resolution SF-11-34**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2011 Revenue Allocation Plan Activity Committee Budget in the total funding amount of Twenty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$27,800.00), the funding source is identified as the approved Governing Council Resolution SF/GC-11-03, line 31.  
**VOTE:** Cheryl – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Randle – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes.

(18) Approved **Resolution SF-11-35**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2011 Revenue Allocation Plan Tribal Princess Budget in the total funding amount of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$13,600.00), the funding source is identified as the approved Governing Council Resolution SF/GC-11-03, line 32.  
**VOTE:** Jackie – Yes, Randle – No, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes.

(19) Approved **Resolution SF-11-36**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2011 Revenue Allocation Plan RAP Department Human Services Programs Budget in the total funding amount of Three Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars (\$382,722.00), the funding source is identified as the approved Governing Council Resolution SF/GC-11-03, line 25.  
**VOTE:** Randle – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Jackie – Yes.

(20) Approved **Resolution SF-11-37**, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2011 Revenue Allocation Plan Driveway Assistance Program Budget in the total funding amount of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00), the funding source is identified as the approved Governing Council Resolution SF/GC-11-03, line 40.  
**VOTE:** Stella – Yes, George – Yes, Cheryl – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Randle – Yes.

*Principal Chief Thurman left the meeting, we now have four present in the meeting.*

(21) Item **h. 12. Resolution SF-11-\_\_\_ RAP Department** has been TABLED to the December meeting as the Business Committee will have discussion with the RAP Department to clarify.

(22) Item **i. FY2010 MEEKER AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM CONTRACTS** has been TABLED to the December meeting so the Business Committee can talk to the Language Department and Finance and clarify some Fiscal Year questions.

(23) Approved the motion to approve the extension of Sauk Language FY2010 Instructor Contract per Contract #2010-02-04a as presented.  
**VOTE:** George – Absent, Cheryl – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Randle – Yes, Stella – Yes.

(24) Approved motion to approve the revision to the Education Specialist I job description as presented.  
**VOTE:** Cheryl – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Randle – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Absent.

(25) Approved motion to approve the creation of an Education Specialist II position starting at Grade 7 Step 2 as revised.  
**VOTE:** Jackie – Yes, Randle – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Absent, Cheryl – Yes.

(26) Approved motion to approve the proposal to outsource the Sac and Fox Nations payroll function and employee data retrieval to PayChex as recommended in the amount not to exceed \$21,624.00.  
**VOTE:** Randle – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Absent, Cheryl – Yes, Jackie – Yes.

(27) Approved motion authorizing that any Fiscal Year 2010 RAP Unexpended Encumbrance remain with the program and that budget modifications will be submitted to put encumbrances as revenue in the programs Fiscal Year 2011 RAP Budget.  
**VOTE:** Stella – Yes, George – Absent, Cheryl – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Randle – Yes.

(28) Approved motion to approve the RAP Department Application for Assistance as corrected and the Revisions to the: Tribal Energy, Elders Tribal Energy, Lawn Care, Hardship, Hearing Aid, Dental, Denture, Vision, Emergency Appliance Assistance, and Driveway Repair Program Guidelines, as presented.  
**VOTE:** George – Absent, Cheryl – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Randle – Yes, Stella – Yes.

(29) Approved motion to approve the request for a title change for the Education Site/Instruction Manager to Education Director, the job duties and salary will remain the same.  
**VOTE:** Cheryl – Yes, Jackie – Yes, Randle – Yes, Stella – Yes, George – Absent.

(Note: the second paragraph of this memo will be taken to the Business Committee Work Session)

(30) Recommendation regarding a department or individual carryout the functions of the ICDBG Programs. This item will be taken to the Business Committee Work Session.

(31) It is the consensus of the Business Committee to cancel the USDA EQUIP Grant. We do not have the staff to fulfill the grant, we don't want it to expire and count against us, by cancelling the grant we still have an opportunity to apply for grants in the future.

(32) Approved **Resolution SF-11-38**, appointing a tribal member to Position #3 on the Gaming Commission.  
**VOTE:** Jackie – Yes, Randle- Abstain, Stella – Yes, George – Absent, Cheryl – Yes.



*Emergency Special Business Committee Meeting  
December 9, 2010*

Emergency Special Business Committee Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2010.

1) Approved Resolution SF-11-39, a resolution rescinding Resolution SF-11-38 dated November 23, 2010 in its entirety.  
**VOTE:** George-Yes, Cheryl-Absent, Jackie-Yes, Randle-Abstain, Stella-Yes.

2) Approved Resolution SF-11-40, a resolution confirming and/or reconfirming Henrietta Massey to a term as chairman of the Sac and Fox Nation Gaming Commission, pending

successful and satisfactory background check and licensing.  
**VOTE:** Cheryl-Absent, Jackie-Yes, Randle-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes.

3) Approved Resolution SF-11-41, a resolution confirming Leroy Francis Grant to a term as Vice Chairman of the Sac and Fox Nation Gaming Commission, pending a successful and satisfactory background check and licensing.  
**VOTE:** Jackie-Yes, Randle-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Cheryl-Absent.

**HELP WANTED!**

**SAC & FOX NATION**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

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

**Executive Assistant  
Library Director  
Resident Advisor  
Solid Waste Specialist  
Tribal Administrator**

Applicants must successfully pass an OSBI/National background check and drug screen. Preferences in hiring is given to qualified Native Americans. Applicants claiming Indian Preference must provide a copy of thier CDIB.

For additional 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,  
 920883 S. Hwy 99 (Bldg A), Stroud, OK 74079  
 Or call 918-968-3526 ext. 1041



# 2011 SAC AND FOX NATION ELECTION DATES TO REMEMBER



**Sac and Fox Nation**  
 920883 S. Hwy. 99 Bldg. A • Stroud, OK 74079  
 DATE: 12-27-10

Principal Chief GEORGE THURMAN  
 Second Chief CHERYL L. McCLELLAN  
 Secretary JACKLYN K. WILLIAMS  
 Treasurer RANDLE CARTER  
 Committee Member STELLA NULLAKE NANAETO

SECRETARY  
 SAC & FOX NATION  
*Judith K. Williams*

**FY2011 Sac and Fox Nation Election Dates to Remember**

**Primary Election: July 23, 2011**

**Section 201. Election Days**  
 (c) Any such Primary Election shall be held at least thirty (30) days prior to the regular General Election.

**General Election: August 27, 2011**

**Section 201. Election Days**  
 (a) Regular General Elections of members of the Business Committee and Grievance Committee shall be held on the last Saturday in August of each election year. All other required Tribal elections shall be held upon call of the Business Committee.

**Section 205. Polling Places**  
 (b) The Election Board shall have the authority to have Cushing, be designated as an additional polling place provided, that such designation shall be published in the Tribal Newsletter and posted in the Tribal Offices thirty (30) calendar days prior to said election.  
**Published in Sac and Fox Nation Newsletter; Posted in tribal offices**  
**Primary Election: Post by: Thursday, June 23, 2011**  
**General Election: Post by: Thursday, July 28, 2011**

**Section 208. Poll Watchers**  
 Each candidate may designate in writing one person, not a candidate, to watch the activities at the polls. Such designation shall be presented to Election Board Officials prior to the election. Such persons may not interfere in any way with the conduct of the election, but may observe only. Any poll watcher interfering with the election or attempting to electioneer, in any way, shall be rejected from the poll area by a Sergeant of Arms or law enforcement officer.  
**Primary Election: Notification of Poll Watchers for the Primary Election must be in writing and received by mail eight (8) days prior to the election.**  
**DEADLINE: Friday, July 15, 2011, 4:30 p.m.**  
**General Election: Notification of Poll Watchers for the General Election must be in writing and received by mail eight (8) days prior to the election.**  
**DEADLINE: Friday, August 19, 2011, 4:30 p.m.**  
**All notifications must be sent to the Sac and Fox Nation Election Board, 920883 S. Hwy 99, Bldg. A, Stroud, OK 74079**

**Section 302. Voting List**  
 (a) It shall be the duty of the Tribal Secretary to compile from the Tribal membership rolls a list of all persons who will be eligible voters on the date scheduled for the Primary Election and General Election and to present sufficient certified copies of this list as requested to the Election

**Section 710. Certification of Election**  
 The election shall be certified by the Election Board immediately after the ten (10) day period for filing an election contest expires, provided, that if an election contest petition is filed within the time period allowed, then no Certificate of Election shall be issued until after such election contest is finally decided.  
**Certification of Primary Election: If the tally is completed on Saturday, July 23, 2011, certification is on Tuesday, August 2, 2011**  
**If the tally is completed on Sunday, July 24, 2011, certification is on Wednesday, August 3, 2011**  
**Certification of General Election: If the tally is completed on Saturday, August 27, 2011, certification is on Tuesday, September 6, 2011**  
**If the tally is completed on Sunday, August 28, 2011, certification is on Wednesday, September 7, 2011**

**Section 713. Installment in Office**  
 Successful candidates for office whose election results are uncontested or are not involved in a run-off election shall be sworn in within ten (10) working days of the certified date, or, if there has been a delay due to election contests, run-off elections, special elections, or other cause, then as soon as reasonably practical after the election results are certified.  
**Primary Election: If the tally is completed on Saturday, July 23, 2011, Installment by Tuesday, August 16, 2011.**  
**If the tally is completed on Sunday, July 24, 2011, Installment by Wednesday, August 17, 2011.**  
**General Election: If the tally is completed on Saturday, August 27, 2011, Installment by Tuesday, September 20, 2011.**  
**If the tally is completed on Sunday, August 28, 2011, Installment by Wednesday, September 21, 2011.**

**Section 802. Contest Petition**  
 A candidate or qualified voter contesting a Tribal Election shall, within ten (10) days after completion of the tally of the election and declaration of the results, shall deposit a two hundred dollar (\$200.00) non-refundable cashier's check contest filing fee with the Tribal Treasurer, file with the Election Board a statement in writing setting forth their particular grounds for the contest. The statement shall be verified by affidavit of the contestor (s) that they believe the matters and things therein contained are true. After the statement is filed the Election Board shall set a time for a hearing of the contest, no later than ten (10) days after the date on which the statement of contest was filed. Written notice of such hearing shall be mailed or delivered to each candidate for the office contested. Any party to the election protest and the Election Board shall have the right to view the election ballots and records in the presence of the Court Clerk in the clerk's office. Any party to the protest or a Tribal member shall be entitled to receive a photocopy of said documents certified as true and correct copies by the Court Clerk upon payment to said clerk of the normal and customary charges.  
 Said certified copies shall be received as evidence by the Election Board in like manner as an original. Alternatively the Election Board, upon request of a party or on its own motion, may convene a hearing for any protested election at the Tribal Courthouse for the purpose of review of said election materials. After hearing the proofs and allegations of the contestants, the Election Board shall make their findings and shall have authority to pronounce their judgment either setting aside, or confirming the election.

Board no later than sixty (60) days prior to the Primary Election and no later than sixty (60) days prior to the General Election. The said copies are to be returned to the Tribal Secretary.  
**Deadline for Voting List: Primary Election: Tuesday, May 24, 2011, 4:30 p.m.**  
**General Election: Tuesday, June 28, 2011, 4:30 p.m.**  
 No other revised lists will be accepted after the deadline date. All additions to the voting list must follow the process outlined in Section 303 Challenges to Voting List.

(b) One copy of the voting list shall be maintained in the Tribal Office and be open to public inspection during Regular business hours no later than sixty (60) days prior to the election.  
**Open to the public: Primary Election: Tuesday, May 24, 2011**  
**General Election: Tuesday, June 28, 2011**

**Section 303 Challenges to Voting Lists**  
 (a) At any time more than twenty (20) days before the Primary Election and General Election, any person may challenge the voting eligibility of any person whose name appears on said list, or may apply to have their name added to said list by filing an application with the Election Board. The application shall clearly indicate the substance of the challenge, the specific names challenged, and the relief requested.  
**Deadline for Challenges: Primary Election: Friday, July 1, 2011**  
**General Election: Friday, August 5, 2011**

**Section 402. Filing for Office**  
 To be eligible for election and have one's name placed upon the ballot Notice of Candidacy for an elective office must be filed with: The Tribal Secretary after depositing the candidate's non-refundable filing fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) (cashiers check only) with the Tribal Treasurer during regular business hours at the Tribal Office complex not later than sixty-five (65) calendar days prior to the date of the Primary Election and General Election. The Tribal Secretary shall notify the Chairman of the Election Board of all candidates who have filed for office.  
**Opening Date to File for Office: January 3, 2011**  
**Closing Date for Primary Election: Thursday, May 19, 2011, 4:30 p.m.**  
**If No Primary Election is held, Closing Date for General Election: (Only if no one files for one office) Thursday, June 23, 2011, 4:30 p.m.**

**Section 403. Petition for Office**  
 A petition of ten (10) or more members of Council may submit a written notice with required filing fees of two-hundred (\$200.00) non-refundable (cashiers check only), no later than sixty-five (65) calendar days prior to the date of the Primary Election and/or General Election stating the name of the candidate, age, birth date, and proof of actual residence and domicile.  
**Deadline to Petition for Office: Primary Election: Thursday, May 19, 2011, 4:30 p.m.**  
**If No Primary Election is held, Closing Date for General Election: (Only if no one files for one office) Thursday, June 23, 2011, 4:30 p.m.**

**Section 406. Withdrawals**  
 Any candidate for office may withdraw by filing a written notice of withdrawal with the Election Board at any time within ten (10) days after the closing date of filing for office. Such notice shall contain the candidates name, the office filed for, a statement of withdrawal and shall be notarized or sworn to before a person authorized to administer oaths. (Required filing fee non-refundable)  
**Deadline to withdraw: Primary Election: Friday, May 27, 2011, 4:30 p.m.**  
**General Election: Friday, July 1, 2011, 4:30 p.m.**

**The Contest Petition deadline:**  
**Primary Election: If the tally is completed on Saturday, July 23, 2011**  
**The Contest Petition deadline date: Tuesday, August 2, 2011, 4:30 p.m.**  
**If the tally is completed on Sunday, July 24, 2011**  
**The Contest Petition deadline date: Wednesday, August 3, 2011, 4:30 p.m.**  
**General Election: If the tally is completed on Saturday, August 27, 2011**  
**The Contest Petition deadline date: Tuesday, September 6, 2011, 4:30 p.m.**  
**If the tally is completed on Sunday, August 28, 2011**  
**The Contest Petition deadline date: Wednesday, September 7, 2011, 4:30 p.m.**

**Section 805. Request for Recount**  
 Since the Election Ordinance provides for automatic recount of ballots, any request for recount of ballots must list the reasons therefore in writing and be submitted to the Election Board Chairman, or the Chairman's designated representative within five (5) days after the election. Such request must be accompanied by a non-refundable cashier's check of two-hundred dollars (\$200.00) made payable to the Sac and Fox Nation. Said check shall be forwarded to the Tribal Secretary-Treasurer to be credited against the cost of the recount. The Election Board shall meet and decide within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice whether or not the reasons listed in the request are sufficient to cause a recount of ballots.  
**Primary Election: The deadline date to request a recount: Thursday, July 28, 2011, 4:30 p.m.**  
**General Election: The deadline date to request a recount: Thursday, September 1, 2011, 4:30 p.m.**



## CAMPGROUND PAVILION PROJECT

Campers who would like to be included on the list for this year's Campground Pavilion Project should submit their name, contact information (including mailing address and phone number), roll number and camp location to the RAP Department by the end of February, 2011.

If there are more requests than the FY11 funding allows, we will use the lottery system to pull names/numbers until we have reached the maximum allowable in the funding.

Campers may submit their information via email; [swilson@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov](mailto:swilson@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov) or mail to the RAP Department at 920883 S. Hwy. 99, Building A, Stroud, OK 74079 or via fax at 918-968-ATTN RAP DEPT .  
 For information call Shelly at 918-968-3526

**Section 408. Contest of Candidate Eligibility**  
 Any candidate or eligible voter may challenge a candidate's legal qualifications to run for office by filing a written petition with the Election Board within three (3) business days of the closing of the filing period. Each petition shall state with particularity the reasons the candidate is not eligible to file for office. There is a one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) non-refundable cashier's check contest fee.  
**Deadline to contest Candidate Eligibility: Primary Election: Tuesday, May 24, 2011 by 4:30 p.m.**  
**General Election: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 by 4:30 p.m.**

**Section 602. Application for Absentee Ballot**  
 Qualified voters wishing to cast vote by absentee ballots shall notify the Election Board not sooner than ninety (90) days and not later than thirty (30) days prior to the election. Such notices must be in writing and must include the correct mailing address of the person making the request. Only one ballot per written request.  
**Opening date to request an absentee ballot: Primary Election: Monday, April 25, 2011, 4:30 p.m.**  
**Deadline to request an absentee ballot: Thursday, June 23, 2011, 4:30 p.m.**  
**Opening date to request an absentee ballot: General Election: Tuesday, May 31, 2011, 4:30 p.m.**  
**Deadline to request an absentee ballot: Thursday, July 28, 2011, 4:30 p.m.**

**Section 603. Delivery of Absentee Ballot**  
 As soon as the filing period for candidates has closed sixty-five (65) calendar days before the election, the Election Board will prepare a special ballot and send one to each qualified voter who has requested same. The Election Board shall maintain an accurate record of all absentee ballots so issued, including the name and address of the voter to whom the ballot was issued and the date of issue.  
**Primary Election: Thursday, May 19, 2011, 4:30 p.m.**  
**General Election: Thursday, June 23, 2011, 4:30 p.m.**

**Section 706. The Tally**  
 The Election Board shall unlock the ballot box (es), shall remove the ballots one by one, and as each one is removed, the clerks shall read off the names of the candidates marked thereupon. At least two election officials shall view each ballot, and each counter shall keep a separate tally of the votes cast. Each candidate may select a watcher of their choice, not a candidate, to observe and keep a separate record of the tally of the ballots, and who shall not interfere with the tally process. After the tally is complete, all ballots, absentee ballots, voter registers, and ballot boxes shall be transported to the Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Court House.  
**Primary Election: Notification of Tally Watchers for the Primary Election must be in writing and received by mail eight (8) days prior to the election.**  
**DEADLINE: Friday, July 15, 2011, 4:30 p.m.**  
**General Election: Notification of Poll Watchers for the General Election must be in writing and received by mail eight (8) days prior to the election.**  
**DEADLINE: Friday, August 19, 2011, 4:30 p.m.**  
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**Of every month**  
**10 a.m.**  
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**Any questions? Call Jean at (918) 968-1477**



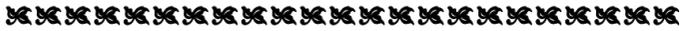


# SAUK LANGUAGE MISSION



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.



## SAUK WORD & PHRASE FOR JANUARY

**Chakimakhôha**  
Little Bear Month

**"Mehpowi!"**  
It's snowing!

### GUIDE FOR USING COLOR:

Notice how the word for color changes according to how it is used. Read and Repeat the phrase out loud then write the Sauk word on the line.

#### Phrases in Black

He is black --- Mahkatêwethiwa \_\_\_\_\_  
That is black - Mahkatêwâwi \_\_\_\_\_  
He has black hair --- Mahkatêwânehkwêwa \_\_\_\_\_  
I have black hair - Nemahkatêwânehkwêwa \_\_\_\_\_

#### Phrases in White

He is white --- Wâpeshkethiwa \_\_\_\_\_  
That is white - Wâpeshkyâki \_\_\_\_\_  
He has white skin --- Wâpeshkethiwa \_\_\_\_\_  
You have white skin --- Kewâpeshkethiwa \_\_\_\_\_

#### Phrases in Grey

He is grey (faded color) - Wâpethiwa \_\_\_\_\_  
That is grey - Wâpeshkyâwi \_\_\_\_\_  
He has a long nose - Makikomêwa \_\_\_\_\_  
The long-nosed one (elephant/singular) --- Kenwikomâta \_\_\_\_\_

#### Phrases in Red

He is red --- Meshkothiwa \_\_\_\_\_  
That is red --- Meshkwâki \_\_\_\_\_  
He has red ears - Meshkothiwahtawakayi \_\_\_\_\_  
Blood --- meshkwi \_\_\_\_\_

#### Phrases in Blue

He is blue --- Wipekothiwa \_\_\_\_\_  
That is blue --- Wipekwâwi \_\_\_\_\_  
He has blue eyes/eyes--Wapinikwêwa \_\_\_\_\_  
We have blue eyes (Inclusive) --- Kechakiwîpekwinikwêpena \_\_\_\_\_

#### Phrases in Green

He is green --- Ashkipakethiwa \_\_\_\_\_  
It is green --- Ashkipakyâwi \_\_\_\_\_  
That is green --- Ashkipakyâwi \_\_\_\_\_  
He has green (nails/claws/hooves)-- Ashkipakashêwa \_\_\_\_\_

#### Phrases in Orange or Yellow

He is yellow or orange --- Athâwethiwa \_\_\_\_\_  
That is yellow or orange --- Athâwâwi \_\_\_\_\_  
They have yellow noses --- Athâwethikikomêwaki \_\_\_\_\_  
He has yellow hair --- Athâwânehkwêwa \_\_\_\_\_

#### COLOR

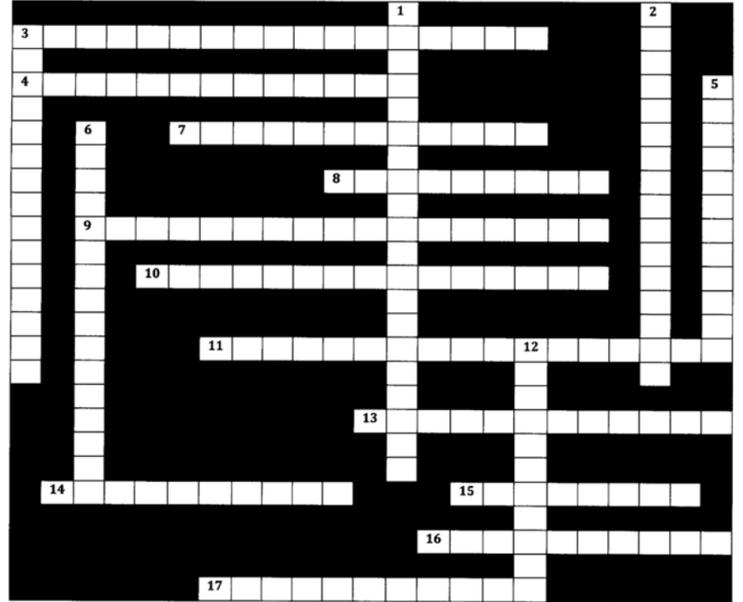
It is that color. Inâthowa \_\_\_\_\_  
What color is it? Tâna châhi ênâtekî? \_\_\_\_\_?

\*\*Excerpted from The Sauk Workbook, author Bambi Vogels. Available by request from the Sauk Language Department, Sac and Fox Nation.

## SAUK LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT



### CHAKIMAHKÔHA-Little Bear Moon January, 2011



#### JANUARY BLUES

#### ACROSS

- Are you okay?
- I've lost my appetite.
- I've got a cold.
- I'm hoarse.
- I don't feel well.
- (S)he's got a fever.
- I've got goosebumps.
- Are you sick?
- I'm worn out.
- Doing better.
- I've got a headache.
- (S)he's sick.

#### DOWN

- We're fine.
- I'm fine.
- Her/His throat is ticklish/irritated.
- I've got a cough.
- I've got a ticklish/irritated throat.
- (S)he's got a cold.



## 2011 SAC AND FOX NATION SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>

The purpose of the Sac and Fox Nation Science & Engineering Fair is to encourage our youth to use experimentation to answer questions and explore observations. If you want to participate, but do not have a project in mind, please submit a Registration Form. It's more important that you pick a question or problem that is not too broad and that can be answered through scientific investigation. "Scientists try to understand how nature works; engineers create things that never were." Some suggestions:

- Define a need or "How can I make this better?"
  - Develop or establish design criteria (could be more than one criteria)
  - Prepare preliminary designs and a materials list.
  - Build and test a prototype of your best design.
  - Retest and redesign as necessary (Product testing)
- See registration form elsewhere on page.

The following is an agenda for planned activities February 19<sup>th</sup>:

- Noon to 1:00 pm: Students set-up projects at Learning Center Gymnasium (light snacks provided)
- Noon to 1:00 pm: Judges meeting at Learning Center Gymnasium
- 1:00 to 2:00 pm: Students' activity away from projects (activity for students at Learning Center)
- 1:00 to 2:00 pm: Judges review all projects (no students or public allowed in project area)
- 2:00 to 4:00 pm: Judges interview students at their projects (this is the official "judging")
- 4:00 to 5:00 pm: Judges confer and reach consensus on winners' selections
- 4:00 to 6:00 pm: Project area open to family and public
- 6:00 to 8:00 pm: Awards Banquet at Community Building for students, judges, family, and public

3 to 6 winners of the Sac and Fox Nation Science and Engineering Fair will be taken to the National American Indian Science & Engineering Fair (NAISEF) in Albuquerque, NM on March 24-26, 2011.

Because there is a possibility some winners of the Sac and Fox Nation Science & Engineering Fair (SFNSEF) may be eligible to proceed to the National American Indian Science & Engineering Fair, and even proceed to the International Science & Engineering Fair (ISEF), SFNSEF follows their rules and guidelines.

Projects appropriate for SFNSEF are research projects that provide quantitative data through experimentation followed by analysis and application of data. Projects should have some form of experimentation. Projects should be about finding or solving something new, or improving existing designs, theories, etc.

Projects that are discouraged are projects that are demonstrations, 'library' research or informational projects, 'explanation' models or kit building, such as "how do nerves work", or "what is arthritis", or "how to make a volcano".

Please send Second Chief Cheryl McClellan an email [secondchief@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov](mailto:secondchief@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov) or call her cell 405-200-7061 if you have questions.

## SAC AND FOX NATION EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



### NOTICE TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Sac and Fox Nation Education Department has placed the guidelines and forms for the following programs on the Nation's website at [www.sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov](http://www.sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov) for your convenience:

- Johnson O'Malley
- Higher Education
- Adult Vocational Training
- School Clothing/Supplies Grants
- Education Incentives

Please contact the Education Department at 918-968-0509 if you have any questions about the programs we offer. We are here to assist you with your education needs.



### National Indian Education Association Call for Artists!



The National Indian Education Association was established in 1969 and is the only national nonprofit exclusive to education issues for American Indian, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiian educators and students. These advocates work to keep our Native cultures in our homes, communities, and classrooms and lobby on Capitol Hill to ensure that the government maintains its trust responsibilities to the Native people of the US.

The Oklahoma Council for Indian Education will be hosting the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual NIEA Convention in Oklahoma City at the Cox Convention Center on October 18-21 in 2012. The Local Planning Committee is looking for a logo that will exemplify Oklahoma's tribal cultures with technology and education. The image chosen will be used nation-wide on all publicity and promotional items and will be seen by several thousand attendees. The artist will be awarded \$1,000 and invited to attend NIEA 2012 Honor Banquet.

#### Submission Deadline:

- Must be received by February 18, 2011

#### Artwork Requirements:

- Logo must connect to the theme: "Native Education: Maintaining Traditions in a Digital Era"
- Design needs to be clean and simple with a contemporary feel.
- Limit design to 4 colors or less.

#### Submission Requirements:

- Must be a member of an Oklahoma Tribe
- Artist may not exceed two submissions.
- A separate entry form must be filled out for both submissions if you choose to do more than one.
- Submitted images must be labeled appropriately.
- Please include short description of work on entry form.
- Artist must submit bio and picture

#### Submission Process:

- Submissions accepted by mail or email
- Images submitted by email must be at 72dpi.
- Email to [niea2012@yahoo.com](mailto:niea2012@yahoo.com) with NIEA LOGO 2012 in the subject line.
- Images sent by mail must be on CD at 300 dpi or printed on an 8.5" X 11" sheet of paper.
- Images sent by mail should be mailed to: 1819 Lakehurst Drive, Norman, OK 73071 marked: ATTN: NIEA Logo 2012.

#### Acceptance Process:

- Only one image will be chosen.
- Works reviewed by NIEA LPC Theme/Logo Committee.
- Artwork will not be returned.
- The artist of the chosen image will be contacted soon after March 2011.
- Selected artwork becomes property of the LPC with the artist receiving \$1,000.
- Selected artist will be "comped" a booth at 2012 NIEA

NAME	Last	First	MI
ADDRESS	Street	City	State Zip
CONTACT	Phone	Email	
TRIBAL AFFILIATION	Tribes	CDIB	
I have read and agree to the terms above:		Signature (if under 18 guardian signature is also required)	Date
Work			
Title	Medium		
Theme			
Short Description of Work/How Logo fits with Theme in less than 50 words (please attach additional page if needed)			



## ASK A QUESTION, SAVE A LIFE!

Fact: Over 32,00 people die of suicide in the United States each year  
 Fact: Over 4,200 people between the ages of 15-24 die from suicide each year  
 Fact: over 440 youth between the ages of 7 and 14 die from suicide each year  
 Fact: Native American suicide rates for teen is on the rise

On December 16, 2010, Black Hawk Health Clinic Behavioral Health Services providers Robe Mourer, MSW, LCSW and Nanette Hazelwood BA, (CADC under supervision) held an in service QPR training for 39 members of the clinic.

QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) is an educational course specifically designed to train everyone to recognize a suicide crisis and to know how and where to find help.

“QPR recognizes that socially isolated individuals usually have some sort of contact within their community. It does not take an expert to prevent suicide-it takes us, everyday people, from young student, grandparent, friends, community members, and service providers,” stated Ms. Hazelwood. She and Ms. Mourer also attended a Gatekeeper training course in August at Davenport School through a grant submitted by Regina Riley, Indian Education Department. QPR is not intended to be a form of counseling or treatment. It is intended to offer hope through a community member’s positive action.

QUESTION-learning how to see the signs of suicidal thoughts and to ask the important question-“Are you thinking about killing yourself?”- and listening to the answer without bias or alarm.

PERSUADE-offering the person hope and an alternative solution. Suicide itself is not the problem-it is a perceived solution by a person in crisis to what they see as an insurmountable problem.

REFER-having the knowledge of how and where to go to help the person get help. “I want you to live, let me help you get help.”

Pam Kushmaul, J.D., LL.M Black Hawk Health Clinic Health Director, announces that the QPR training is available to departments within the Sac & Fox Nation and the surrounding area.

“It is our goal that through Black Hawk Health Clinic, QPR suicide prevention information and this important educational opportunity be available in our community.



This training is a valuable resource and may help save a life.”

For more information on the QPR training please contact Black Hawk Health Clinic-Behavioral Health Services at 1 800- 830 -0683 ext 131.

\*If you or someone you know is in suicidal crisis, call 1-800-273-TALK 8255. National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.



## GET REWARDED FOR EXERCISING JOIN THE COMMIT TO BE FIT CLUB

Do you like to win prizes? Do you need inspiration to get started or to continue a regular exercise program?

If you answered yes, then the Commit To Be Fit Club is ideal for you! The program started Monday, January 3, 2011 and is an ongoing, incentive based plan designed to give participants an extra boost of motivation to accomplish their exercise goals.

Participants can join at any time and will receive a Commit To Be Fit Club gym bag after their first workout. Exercise sessions must be at least 30 minutes of cardiovascular or muscle strength/endurance exercises and must be completed at either the Merle Boyd Center (MBC) or by participating in the Aerobic Classes held in the gymnasium.

Commit To Be Fit Club members will log their progress on a chart inside the Merle Boyd Fitness Center. After members complete 15 workouts they’ll receive a t-shirt, 30 workouts a hat or visor, 45 workouts exercise equipment, 60 workouts a warm up jacket, 75 workouts a hoodie and 90 workouts a \$30 Wal-Mart gift card.

For more information or to sign up contact Sharlyn Kennon, exercise specialist, at 968-9531 ext. 208.

## Black Hawk Health Center Activities

February 2011

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
11:15-Zumba *** 12:15-Combo Cardio***	1 11:15 -Circuitise * 12:15 -Circuitise * 4:45 -Zumba ***	2 11:15 -Yoga *** 12:15 -Yoga ***	3 11:15 -Circuitise * 12:15 -Circuitise * 4:45 -Combo Cardio***	4 11:15 -Dance Party *** 12:15 -Zumba ***
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\* Boyd Center Fitness Room  
\*\* Boyd Center Kitchen  
\*\*\* Gym

## BLACK HAWK HEALTH CENTER ACTIVITIES

### Activity Descriptions:

**Group Exercise Classes** – Call Sharlyn Kennon for questions. 918-968-9531 x208

**ZUMBA** is a fusion of Latin and International music with dance themes that create a dynamic, exciting and effective workout! The routines feature aerobic interval training with a combination of fast and slow rhythms that tone and sculpt the body. Zumba is a “feel-happy” workout that is great for the body, mind and spirit.

**Circuitcise** is a circuit training program that alternates between cardiovascular and muscle endurance exercises. The circuit of activities includes using weight machines, free weights, calisthenics, exercise tubing and cardiovascular equipment to work all major muscle groups in the body. This is a great total body workout done to motivating music!

**Dance Party** is a cardio workout inspired by a variety of dance styles. Enjoy country and western line dancing, hip hop jams, salsa, cha cha slide and many others. Join the dance party for a workout that feels more like fun than exercise.

**Yoga** increases flexibility while building strength and stamina through various movements and poses. The main emphasis of yoga is to blend philosophies of physical and mental conditioning through stretching and relaxation. Yoga helps improve posture, rejuvenate energy, relieve stress, and reduce fatigue and/or chronic pain.

**Combo Cardio** is an upbeat aerobic class that is sure to get your body moving! A great workout for beginner or advanced fitness enthusiasts, this class combines hi/low impact and step aerobics for a great cardiovascular workout.

**Nutrition Workshops in the Kitchen**– Call Erica Dean for questions. 918-968-9531 x203

**Creations from a Can!** - Erica will demonstrate several recipes that will teach you how to use those canned goods for something gourmet. Prevent one more night of heat-and-serve sides and learn how to make that plain ole’ chicken breast more flavorful. Recipe copies will be provided to those who attend.

## (Remember! February is Heart Health Month) Commit To Be Fit Club

## MCCLELLAN NOMINATED FOR AIR FORCE ACADEMY



Lyndee McClellan

Lyndee McClellan, the daughter of Second Chief Cheryl McClellan, recently was nominated to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado by U. S. Representative Tom Cole of the 4th District in Oklahoma.

Lyndee is 17 years old and currently attends North Norman High School in Norman, Oklahoma. She will graduate in May 2011.

## SAC & FOX CHAPTER NATIVE AMERICAN CHURCH ALL GOURD DANCE BENEFIT SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 13, 2011 SAC & FOX NATION COMMUNITY BUILDING 5.5 Miles South of Stroud, OK on Hwy. 99

### EVERYONE IS INVITED

Special invitation to all Oklahoma Chapters of the Native American Church

### HEAD STAFF

Head Singer.....Kiowa Charlie Cozad  
(Kiowa/Osage)  
Head Gourd Dancer.....Roger Pickering  
(Otoe-Missouria)  
Master of Ceremony.....R. G. Harris  
(Sac & Fox, Ponca, Pawnee, and Otoe Missouria)  
Arena Director.....Jon Sam  
(Dine’)

2:00 PM Opening Prayer  
Flag Song  
Memorial Song  
Gourd Dance  
5:30 PM Supper (Prayer/Cedar Ceremony)  
6:30 PM Soldier Dance  
7:00 PM Gourd Dance  
10:00 PM Closing Song  
Closing Prayer

RAFFLES 50/50 POTS CAKE WALK

Sac & Fox Chapter NAC Officers: Everett Denny - Chairman  
Abe Dent, Jr. - Vice-Chairman  
Allen Butler - Secretary/Treasurer

The sponsoring organization is not responsible for accidents or thefts. Alcohol or drugs are prohibited.

## 2011 OTOE MISSOURIA ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE BENEFIT

Saturday, February 19, 2011  
at  
Red Rock, Oklahoma

### HEAD STAFF

Head Singer . . . . . Nick Wahepepah  
Head Gourd Dancer . . . . . Mark Bolin  
Head Lady Dancer . . . . . Tesa Roubedeaux  
Head Man Dancer . . . . . Rev. Tommy Morris  
Emcee . . . . . Wallace Coffey  
A.D. . . . . Encampment Committee Members

### HONORING ALL PIGEON CLAN MEMBERS

Schedule:  
Gourd Dance 2:00 p.m.  
Supper 5:30 p.m.  
Gourd Dance 6:30 p.m.  
War Dance 7:30 p.m.



**Chief's Letter from Front Pg.**

places to grow up and attend school and open businesses and where people are not living under the constant threat of violence and crime. And that threat remains real, as crime rates in Indian Country are anywhere from twice to 20 times the national average. That's a sobering statistics -- represents a cloud over the future of your communities.

So the Justice Department, under the leadership of Eric Holder, is working with you to reform the way justice is done on Indian reservations. And I was proud to sign the Tribal Law and Order Act into law, which is going to help tribes combat drug and alcohol abuse, to have more access to criminal databases, and to gain greater authority to prosecute and punish criminals in Indian Country. That's important.

We've also resolved a number of longstanding disputes about the ways that our government has treated -- or in some cases mistreated -- folks in Indian Country, even in recent years. We've settled cases where there were allegations of discrimination against Native American farmers and ranchers by the Department of Agriculture. And after a 14-year battle over the accounting of tribal resources in the Cobell case, we reached a bipartisan agreement, which was part of a law I signed just a week ago. We're very proud of that and I want to thank all the legislators who helped make that happen.

This will put more land in the hands of tribes to manage or otherwise benefit their members. This law also includes money to settle lawsuits over water rights for seven tribes in Arizona, Montana and New Mexico -- and it creates a scholarship fund so more Native Americans can afford to go to college.

These cases serve as a reminder of the importance of not glossing over the past or ignoring the past, even as we work together to forge a brighter future. That's why, last year, I signed a resolution, passed by both parties in Congress, finally recognizing the sad and painful chapters in our shared history -- a history too often marred by broken promises and grave injustices against the First Americans. It's a resolution I fully supported -- recognizing that no statement can undo the damage that was done; what it can do is help reaffirm the principles that should guide our future. It's only by heeding the lessons of our history that we can move forward.

And as you know, in April, we announced that we were reviewing our position on the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. And today I can announce that the United States is lending its support to this declaration.

The aspirations it affirms -- including the respect for the institutions and rich cultures of Native peoples -- are one we must always seek to fulfill. And we're releasing a more detailed statement about U.S. support for the declaration and our ongoing work in Indian Country. But I want to be clear: What matters far more than words -- what matters far more than any resolution or declaration -- are actions to match those words. And that's what this conference

**Treasurer's Casino Report from Front Pg.**

of Directors member position #2, created a crisis situation in tribal gaming with a lack of quorum to conduct business and manage all tribal gaming operations. The gaming operations had lost their leadership.

The action of the Sac and Fox Gaming Commission suspending the gaming license of Board of Directors member position #1 rendered Board of Directors member position #1 unable and incapable of performing tribal gaming management duties and responsibilities as required under federal and tribal law. Federal law, as well as tribal law, requires that all key personnel, including management, and all of the Business Enterprise Board members, undergo and successfully complete a thorough federal and tribal background investigation and receive a tribal gaming license.

The Business Committee took emergency action to amend the Sac and Fox Nation Business Enterprises Act by tribal resolution SF-10-230, by amending Chapter Two, Subchapter A, Section 204(A) of the Act to read as "A Board Member may be a member or non-member of the Sac and Fox Nation Business Committee **except for temporary appointments not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) days**, member of the Grievance Committee, or a Judicial Officer of the Sac and Fox Nation."

Without a Business Enterprise Board present to oversee and manage tribal casino operations, the Business Committee was charged with the management responsibility of casino operations.

The term of the Board of Director position #1 had previously expired and the Business Committee, under tribal law, has the lawful authority to make an appointment when an appointee's term of office has expired.

The Business Committee took emergency action and appointed George Thurman to fill the vacancy created in Position #3 of the Board of Directors and appointed Randle Carter to fill the vacancy created in the expired term of Position #1 of the Board of Directors, for a limited, four-month period, thereby averting lack of casino management authority and avoiding a closure of all tribal gaming operations.

Chief Thurman and Treasurer Carter had, in prior years, successfully undergone background checks and had received tribal gaming licenses.

Principal Chief Thurman and I began an initial assessment, inventory, and investiga-

tion regarding casino management operations. That's what this conference is about. That's the standard I expect my administration to be held to.

So we're making progress. We're moving forward. And what I hope is that we are seeing a turning point in the relationship between our nations. The truth is, for a long time, Native Americans were implicitly told that they had a choice to make. By virtue of the longstanding failure to tackle wrenching problems in Indian Country, it seemed as though you had to either abandon your heritage or accept a lesser lot in life; that there was no way to be a successful part of America and a proud Native American.

But we know this is a false choice. To accept it is to believe that we can't and won't do better. And I don't accept that. I know there is not a single person in this room who accepts that either. We know that, ultimately, this is not just a matter of legislation, not just a matter of policy. It's a matter of whether we're going to live up to our basic values. It's a matter of upholding an ideal that has always defined who we are as Americans. E pluribus unum. Out of many, one.

That's why we're here. That's what we're called to do. And I'm confident that if we keep up our efforts, that if we continue to work together, that we will live up to the simple motto and we will achieve a brighter future for the First Americans and for all Americans.

So thank you very much. God bless you. Thank you.

Breaking News in Indian Country. President Obama Announces U.S. Support for United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) WASHINGTON, D.C. - December 16, 2010. President Obama announced United States support for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). He was clear that the Declaration's aspirations and emphasized that "what matters far more than words...are actions to match those words."

The Declaration gives international recognition to the collective human rights of Indigenous peoples, including treaty rights, land rights, and the right of self-determination and calls for the maintenance and protection of Native cultures, languages, and identities; the fulfillment of treaty obligations by nation states; the equal treatment of and an end to discrimination against Indigenous peoples; and the rights of Native peoples to meaningfully participate in the decision-making process and to be consulted on all matters that concern them.

During the 2007 64th National Congress of American Indians (NAI) National Convention in Denver, Colorado, our Sac and Fox Nation was represented when I signed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. We were one of the first Indian Nations to sign this document!

NAI News: State of Indian Nations Announced, Budget & Appropriations Updates, State of Indian Nations, on Thursday, January 27, 2011, at 10:30 a.m., NCAI President

ment with a private gaming machine vendor for a total amount of \$4,000,000.00 for 36 monthly loan installments of \$125,345.46 each to construct the new Sac and Fox Nation Casino in Shawnee, Oklahoma. This loan agreement was executed on August 17, 2007 by the Chairman of the Board and the private gaming machine vendor officials. The percentage rate for this loan to construct the casino is a fixed rate of 8% per annum. As of January 1, 2011, a balance of \$734,831.76 is remaining on the loan from the private gaming machine vendor. Unfortunately, the previous Board Chairman had signed a lease agreement with a private gaming machine vendor for their gaming machines for the private gaming machine vendor to furnish and install 300 gaming machines or fifty percent (50 %) of the gaming machines on the facility floor whichever is greater, related center server(s), and other equipment necessary for the operation of the gaming machines to the Shawnee Casino. This is basically to occupy half of the floor space of the Shawnee Casino location.

Also, it was brought to the Board of Directors' attention by the casino's accounting firm that still another loan, which was interest-free, was given by the Sac and Fox Nation Casino - Shawnee to finance the construction of the Sac and Fox Nation Casino - Stroud in a total amount of \$2,494,943.23 with no paper documentation. As of October 31, 2010, a balance of approximately \$804,007.40 remains on scheduled payments. Monthly scheduled payments of \$75,000.00 are being made to repay the loan given to the Stroud Casino from the Shawnee Casino. According to the casino's accounting firm, it is anticipated that both loans will be repaid in full by June 1, 2011.

During the Sac and Fox Nation Casino Board meetings held in October, 2010, the Board of Directors confirmed the FY 2010 final net gaming revenue distribution as reported by the casino operation's accounting firm in the total amount of \$9,835,247.00 and forward the final FY 2010 net gaming revenue distribution to the elected officials of the Sac and Fox Nation immediately, and authorized the change in Trustee in the Sac and Fox Nation Casino's 401(k) plan.

During the Sac and Fox Nation Casino Board meetings held in November, 2010, the Board of Directors approved three (3) operating budgets for each of the Sac and Fox Nation Casinos as presented by the casino's accounting firm. All three operating budgets were based

Jefferson Keel will deliver the annual State of Indian Nations address, hosted by Newseum's Knight Studio in Washington, D.C. and webcast live on NCAI.org.

FY 2011 Appropriations Update. The 111<sup>th</sup> Congress granted a 10-week extension of government funding in an FY 2011 Continuing Resolution (CR) that lasts through March 4, 2011 and funds programs at FY 2010 enacted levels.

When the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress convened on January 5, 2011 the House adopted a revised Congressional operating procedures rules package that gives House lawmakers increased control of the budget process. Budget Committee chairman Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) will publish budget enforcement information in the Congressional Record, including an FY 2011 discretionary spending limit that takes non-security spending to approximately pre-stimulus FY 2008 levels, obtained by major reductions in funding from existing CR levels, preventing a simple extension from the current CR.

These considered reductions put the recently enacted Tribal Law and Order Act and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act in peril. NC AI emphasized to the Appropriations Committee the importance of FY 2011 funding for Indian programs, specifically for the Indian Health Service, public safety, and justice programs.

Short Takes:  
\* I received this memo from Pam Kushmaul, Black Hawk Health Director, on December 30<sup>th</sup>, "Leah Carver was just notified by Renita Selmon from the Area Office that the Boyd Center grant application for CY2011 has been approved and for the full amount of \$468,274. An official letter will be forthcoming. We are all very excited about this. Leah did a fabulous job with her first grant application and I have commended her for her excellent efforts on the Nation's behalf."

\* Sauk Business Enterprises has three new tribal members serving on the Board: Jessica Patterson, Jacquelyn Southern, and George Harjo, Jr.

\* Henrietta Massey, Francis Grant, Sr., and Robert Williamson have been appointed as Gaming Commissioners.

\* Marilyn Spoon has been appointed as a new Grievance Committee member.

We enter a new decade in the history of our Sac and Fox Nation, so I would like to recap some of our accomplishments for the past ten years. One of President Obama's campaign slogans was "Yes we can!" Our Sac and Fox Nation can say, "Yes WE did!!!" Notice the WE, meaning that together and supporting each other as a sovereign nation the way our ancestors did, we accomplished the following:

\*Chapel \*Veteran's Memorial \*Improved roads and bridges in our jurisdiction covering three counties \*Improvements to our Capitol grounds including parking lots, buildings, water tower restoration, pavilions, playground equipment, RV Park, etc. \*New ordinances and updated laws \*New Rodeo Arena \*Federal Charter approved \*Learning Center \*Merle

Boyd Center \*Gymnasium \*Sauk Language Program \*Gaming (3) Casinos resulting in (6) per-capita payments of a total: \$9,145.77 per individual (those who received all 6 payments) /6 years total - \$32,720,242.25 \*New telephone system \*Improvements to tribal cemeteries \*Land acquisition \*Constitutional amendments \*Economic Development entities created, Sauk Business Enterprises and Sac and Fox Tribe, Inc. \*Tobacco and Gaming Compacts entered into with State of Oklahoma \*Tribal membership (enrollment) increase by 1,290 members \*Net Income increase by Investments: \$9,994,315 / Revenue: \$9,945,012 / Assets: \$13,613,153 \*Police Department increase in number of officers and equipment including start of construction of gun range \*Development of Information Technology (IT) Department allowing so much advancement in technology to help us run and develop our tribal government. \*Veteran's Honor Guard and Women's Auxiliary \*Revenue Allocation Plan Department (RAP) to administer services provided from our Gaming money \*Approval and planning of our 477 Program that we will start to administer ourselves on October 1, 2011 \*Distance Learning capabilities with MOU's entered into with Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) in Weatherford and Pawnee Nation College (PNC) in Pawnee \*Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Indian Block Grants (CDIBG) Grants resulting in Merle Boyd Center, Gymnasium, Learning Center, Lagoons, USDA Food Distribution Center, future Cultural Center \*Progeny enrollment software implemented \*USDA Food Distribution Center (store) located in Shawnee \*Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Title IV Planning Grant for 24 months for \$299,000 \*Increased tax revenue: \$2,935,213.11 \*New automobile tag registration system

I am very proud of our Nation in the growth and advancement of our Sac and Fox Nation during this past ten years, having served with four different Business Committees, three separate administrations, and in two different positions, Secretary and Principal Chief. I am equally excited about our future, present and long-range for our children, grandchildren, elders, and ourselves! I want for you to proudly walk among society and proclaim that you are Sauk! Aho!

We now face the challenge of a new decade and I encourage every tribal member to unite together as one Nation whenever we exercise our sovereignty in governing ourselves. As the leaders in Indian Country for which we are noted, I remind you that we must have *faith* in our Creator, acknowledge His *mercy*, pray for forgiveness by *grace* daily, and thank God for the divine guidance provided to our Sac and Fox Nation during this next chapter of our history. Amen.

I state once again that it is an honor and privilege to serve you as your Principal Chief.

Sincerely,  
George Thurman, Chief

on last year's actual expenditures. This action was taken to give the new Sauk Business Enterprise Board members a starting point for proposed expenditures for FY 2011 due to the fact that the casinos were operating without any approved budgets from any Enterprise Board of Directors since 2006. There were no controls of spending and no approved plans of spending for the casinos.

With Business Committee approval, the interim Enterprise Board of Directors hired the Tribal Attorney to assist the Board at least until a new Sauk Business Enterprise Board of Directors came on board by December 25, 2010 ( because the appointments were to expire 120 days from the date of appointment of Chief Thurman and Treasurer Carter by tribal resolutions).

The two interim Enterprise Board of Directors discovered the widespread, flagrant and unauthorized misuse of tribal casino credit cards by former Board members and certain casino employees as reported by the Sac and Fox Gaming Commission. Unauthorized transactions, improper activities, and improper actions of certain persons were reported to federal and tribal authorities for further investigation and action.

The Sauk Business Enterprises Board of Directors approved a new, strict Casino policy on credit card issuance and usage procedures and the Casino credit card issuance form as presented by the Sauk Business Enterprises Secretary. This was necessary because the Casinos did not have an approved credit card issuance and usage procedure policy in place. The Board of Directors also took action to extend the interim general manager's term of office until he is replaced by the new Sauk Business Enterprises Board of Directors appointed on December 21, 2010.

Principal Chief George Thurman and Treasurer Randle Carter did not request or receive additional compensation for taking on additional duties for serving as the Enterprise Board of Directors for the 4-month period.

The new Sauk Business Enterprise Board members are Jacqueline Southern, Jessica Patterson, and George Harjo, jr.

Respectfully submitted,  
Randle Carter, Treasurer

**!! ATTENTION !!**  
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ANNUAL SAC AND FOX ACTIVITY



Secretary, Jackie Williams enjoys Santas' work shop

Activity Committee: Front, (l-r) J. Paul Wilson, Shelly Wilson & Jackie Williams. Back, (l-r) Jeff Wilson, Crystal Nanaeto & Jamie Barse. Thank You!

1st Place Gingerbread House, Rex Hornbeck



# COMMITTEE CHRISTMAS PARTY



2nd place Ginger Bread House, Robin Tiger (no photo available)  
3rd place Ginger Bread House, Bess Franklin (pictured)

Door Prize Winners: Stella Nullake & Mellisa Denny.  
Jeff Wilson in back.

Bike Winner, Lea Rhodd with Shelly Wilson  
(Photos courtesy employee Kay Hurst)



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**COSER RETIRES FROM SFN JUVENILE CENTER**

The Sac and Fox Nation bid farewell and good wishes to George Coser, who retired on December 31, 2010 from his position as Alcohol and Drug Counselor at the Juvenile Detention Center. Coser began working at the Sac and Fox Nation on November 6, 2002 under the Behavioral Health Services at Black Hawk Health Center before the Juvenile Detention Center took over funding his position.

“I really appreciate the time I worked here,” he said. “I felt it was a good program to work for but due to health reasons I felt it was time to retire.”

JDC Director Tracy Haney presented a gift of appreciation to Coser which read, “George Coser...In Grateful Appreciation of Your Years of Service to Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center. Congratulations on Your Retirement!”

Coser, 63, is a certified and licensed alcohol and drug counselor through the Oklahoma Drug and Alcohol Professional Counselor’s Association and has been in the field for 31 years. Prior to his employment with the Sac and Fox Nation he worked with other Indian tribes, state agencies, and at programs in three prisons and state juvenile institutions. He also worked in the Behavioral Health program and the Cultural Resources Department for his own tribe, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

He has been the coordinator for youth programs for several years. At the JDC he conducted Native American Day activities, which included native speakers and pow wow dancing, every November but

throughout the year provided opportunities for the kids to participate in other cultural activities.

Coser is married to Judy Deer, a recognized Sac and Fox/Kickapoo beadwork artist whose work can be seen in such venues as the Gilcrease Museum.

He is a graduate of Bacone College in Muskogee and Northeastern State University in Tahlequah.

His immediate retirement plans are to “enjoy being at home for a while” although he has already received offers to do consultant work as well as cultural presentations. He is a member of the Redland Singers, a northern drum group, and has performed in dance troupes or been a speaker all over the United States and overseas.

“I’ll continue to do what I’ve been trained to do in one form or another,” he acknowledged.

Many well-wishers among the Business Committee and employees attended Coser’s retirement party on December 29<sup>th</sup>, including his long time friends Zack Morris and his mother Elizabeth, Marvin Thurman, Susan Dunson, and Bert Pahtal, who have regularly taken part in JDC activities at George’s request and shared stories from their childhood and college days at his retirement party.

“I really appreciated everybody that came by and wished me good fortune,” Coser said. “While I was here I met a lot of good people and made friends. I felt it was time for me to go on to other things.”



Tracy Haney, SFN Juvenile Detention Facility Director, presents George Coser, Alcohol and Drug Counslor, with a gift of appreciation at Coser’s retirement party in

Sac and Fox Nation employees wish to thank Shanarae Boyd for designing the Christmas card for the Nation from the employees that was published in the December 2011 issue. She also designed the Happy New Year’s Wish that is published above. Thank you Shanarae!

**NATIVE AMERICAN DAY CELEBRATED AT SFN JUVENILE CENTER**



The Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center celebrated Native American Day on November 17, 2010 with dancing, drumming, and discourse.

November is Native American Heritage Month. President Barack Obama issued a Proclamation under date of October 29, 2010 in which he stated, “For millennia before Europeans settled in North America, the indigenous peoples of this continent flourished with vibrant cultures and were the original stewards of the land. From generation to generation, they handed down invaluable cultural knowledge and rich traditions, which continue to thrive in Native American communities across our country today. During National Native American Heritage Month, we honor and celebrate their importance to our great Nation and our world.”

Coordinated by George Coser, JDC Alcohol and Drug Counselor, the day’s activities featured a mini-pow wow with dancers and drummers, a meal, and a guest speaker.

Dancers taking part were tribal members Marilyn Spoon and Zack Morris, Carol Clay Levi, Patricia Tahano, Bert Pahtal, and Darrell Wildcat. The guest speaker was Jana Rhoads, co-founder of the Thunder Road Theater Company. Singers at the drum were tribal member Mason Williamson, Kyle Pacheco, George Coser, Pete Coser, and their brother (unidentified).

