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## CHIEF'S ADDRESS TO THE NATION

Hello Tribal Citizens,

This month I will be addressing two lawsuit settlements that may affect tribal membership that are Individual Indian Trust (IIT) account holders and/or Native American ranchers and farmers that were discriminated against in the administration of USDA Farm Loan Programs.

First, I am presenting an article from Indian Country that is a follow up to my article last month on the Cobell Settlement.



Chief George Thurman

### Cobell Settlement

#### Cobell Attorneys Seek \$223 Million

From the plaintiffs' lawyers representing Louise Cobell in a landmark class action in Washington, D.C., there are no apologies over their legal fee demand.

Led by Washington solo practitioner Dennis Gingold and a team of Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton attorneys, the attorneys last week told a federal judge that class counsel deserve \$223 million for steering a 15-year-old suit to a \$3.4 billion settlement.

The amount is more than double the maximum \$99.9 million the plaintiffs' lawyers agreed to seek under the terms of the settlement, which resolves claims the government mismanaged billions of dollars held in trust flowing from the use of Indian land for oil, gas, timber and minerals. More than \$1.5 billion in the settlement is tax-free compensation for potentially 500,000 class members.

In a fee petition, filed in Washington's federal trial court on Jan. 25, Gingold and the Kilpatrick attorneys, who joined the litigation in 1999, asserted the \$99.9 million fee. Now the lawyers argue that fee "is so far below" controlling law that it would discourage plaintiffs' attorneys from getting involved down the road to enforce the government's trust duties. Cobell's attorneys figure at least \$223 million would be appropriate.

The petition strives to put a dollar amount on the cost of success, providing a rare glimpse at legal strategy, the fee structure of a law firm and lost business opportunities over the course of the litigation. The settlement leaves the final decision on attorney fees to the presiding judge in the case.

"The results we achieved are substantial," said Gingold, a banking lawyer by trade who was one of two attorneys who filed the

Cobell suit in 1996. "What we are asking for is on the lowest end of the scale for attorneys who take cases on contingency fee basis. We shouldn't be treated differently than anyone else."

### Insite Into Firms Financials

Among the highlights in the fee petition: Cobell's lawyers said they invested nearly 141,000 hours -- about \$90 million based on hourly rates -- between 1995 and December 2009, when the settlement was announced. Kilpatrick Chairman William Dorris in Atlanta, who bills at \$690 an hour, revealed in court records the hourly rates for nearly 100 current and former partners, associates and counsel in Washington; Winston-Salem, N.C.; and Atlanta, among other cities.

A fee award of \$223 million would represent more than 90 percent of Kilpatrick's gross revenue in 2009 of \$245.5 million, according to financial data provided by NLJ affiliate The American Lawyer. The firm reported profits per partner of \$615,000 in 2009.

Dorris is now the chairman of Kilpatrick, a 415-lawyer Atlanta-based firm that merged with the intellectual property shop Townsend and Townsend and Crew on Jan. 1. Dorris said the combined firm has more than 650 attorneys. He could not be reached for comment on the fee request.

In an affidavit, Dorris said the firm has committed substantial resources to the litigation. "At various times, it has required the full-time attention of a number of attorneys, and largely precluded their engaging in other work," he said. "In committing to work on this case, the firm was undertaking significant risk, and we were aware that there was a substantial chance our firm would never be compensated for the work performed or the expenses advanced."

Cobell's lawyers had been working on a 14.75 percent contingency basis prior to the execution of the settlement. Gingold and the Kilpatrick attorneys, including partner Keith Harper, urged Senior Judge Thomas Hogan of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to account for the contingency arrangement in determining attorney compensation.

The Justice Department, Gingold said, insisted on inserting a fee range -- \$50 million to \$99.9 million -- in the settlement agreement. Cobell's lawyers described the so-called "clear sailing clause" as standard language commonly included in settlement agreements. The \$99.9 million does not represent a cap because the presiding judge has authority to award greater compensation, Gingold said.

A lead attorney for the U.S. Justice Department, Robert Kirschman Jr. of the Civil Division, said the department would respond to the fee petition in February. Kirschman and Associate Attorney General

Thomas Perrelli, who participated in settlement negotiations, declined to comment about the position the department will take.

Last year, Perrelli was the department's face man trumpeting the deal on Capitol Hill, pitching the settlement to members of Congress. Perrelli said during one hearing that the department "will make appropriate arguments in support of the government's position that as much of the settlement funds as possible should go to the class members."

Gingold expects the department to challenge the \$223 million attorney fee request, an amount he called fair given the duration, complexity and risk involved in pursuit of a favorable judgment.

### Giving Up Work

In court papers, Gingold called the Cobell case the "most difficult, time-consuming and risky engagement" he's ever undertaken. He sank in nearly 49,000 hours, passing up other engagements in the financial arena for which he bills clients \$925 an hour. He suspended his banking practice "because of the urgency and compelling nature of the human issues at stake" in the Cobell case.

During the past two years, he said, he declined to represent an unidentified investment firm in a case that involved "several global financial institutions." Gingold also passed up an opportunity to represent a commercial bank in an action against the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., and has deferred

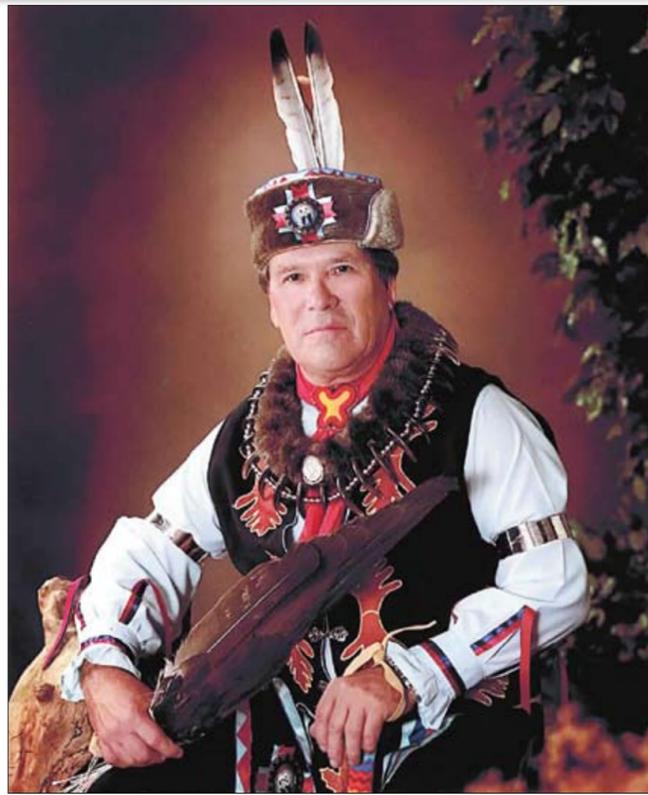
## Cobell Lawyers Reprimanded for Money Request

By Rob Capriccioso

The Cobell lawyers are stoking the ire of political power players and Indians who are alarmed by their growing requests for remuneration. The requests, if granted, would take a major percentage of the settlement funds away from some of the poorest citizens in the nation.

The settlement agreed to by the Obama administration in 2009 and approved by Congress last fall caps the fees for the lawyers who represented the Indian beneficiaries at between \$50 million to \$100 million. Individual Indians are expected to receive, on average, less than \$2,000 from the \$3.4 billion deal <<http://indiancountrytodaymedianews.com/cobell-final-toll/>, which is supposed to redress the Department of Interior's mismanagement of trust funds it has held for some Natives since the 1800s.

The Cobell lawyers had publicly agreed to the cap while approval of the deal was being steered through Congress, from December 2009 through November 2010. However, in December 2010, soon after Congress signed off on the deal and President Barack Obama signed it into law, the lawyers presented an argument in court that the fees they had agreed to were too small. In papers filed with the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia on December 14, they said "fair compensation" would be \$223 million. They further argued that the court would be within its purview to increase their payment.



John (Jack) R. Thorpe

In honor and reverence of the passing of former Principal Chief John (Jack) R. Thorpe, the offices of the Sac and Fox Nation were closed February 25, 2011 as a Day of Mourning.

academic appointments and declined to teach a graduate-level business administration course.

"I'm not embarrassed at all by the fee," Gingold said. "If somebody told a lawyer he would get an hourly rate when he settled, I don't think a single competent lawyer would take a case like this. The risk is enormous."

Cobell's lawyers plan to meet with class members in the coming weeks, answering questions about the settlement and convincing

any skeptics that the \$223 million attorney fee award is not excessive.

Potential class members will receive, at minimum, \$1,800. Taking the contingency arrangement into account, Gingold said, that's about \$17 a year over the course of the litigation. "Fewer than two car washes a year," he said.

Chiefs Address  
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court to respond to the interest and the wishes of Congress on this—it would not be justified for the court to go beyond what Congress agreed would be fair."

Having retired from the Senate at the end of his term in January, Dorgan now works as a policy advisor for the Arent Fox law firm, and he still has major influence on tribal issues. He called it a "cruel irony" that the very lawyers who are supposed to be fighting for Indian interests are now "chipping away at their justice... The case was about trying to get money to Native Americans—not to lawyers," he said, adding that there is already, "plenty of money within the context of the settlement for the lawyers."

Dorgan said that the "nearly one-quarter of a billion dollars" the lawyers are now requesting would have "never gotten through Congress in the first place" had the lawyers been clear with their intentions from the outset.

The Obama administration is also sticking to the parameters of the original agreement. In response to the December Cobell lawyers' filing, Justice Department officials said in a petition that the plaintiffs' filing was "defective and not in compliance with the letter or spirit of the Settlement Agreement that the parties jointly submitted on December 10, 2010, for the Court's consideration and preliminary approval." A spokeswoman for the Justice Department said it is safe to assume  
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**Obituaries**

*Amelia Danielle Masquat*

Amelia Danielle Masquat was born in Pawnee, Oklahoma on November 19, 1968 and departed this life in Tulsa, Oklahoma on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at the age of 42 years. She was a resident of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Amelia was a Baptist and worked as a waitress. Amelia loved to draw and lend a helping hand. Survivors include, one son, Ashton Masquat of Shawnee; Step-Father & Mother, Harry & Frances Butler of Shawnee; one brother, Timothy Butler of Shawnee; one sister, Erica Masquat of Shawnee; one niece & nephew, Liliana & Lino; and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Sac & Fox Nation Chapel, Stroud, Oklahoma on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at 11:00 A.M. with Rev. Tom Morris officiating. Burial was in the Sac & Fox Nation Cemetery, Stroud, Oklahoma under the direction of Parks Brother Funeral Services in Stroud, Oklahoma.



Amelia Danielle Masquat



*Francis R. Deer Sr.*

Francis R. Deer Sr., 80, died on February 13, 2011 in Clinton, Oklahoma. His services were held 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at the Ba Kho Je Chena Building in Perkins, OK with Reverend Tom Morris officiating. Interment followed at the Iowa Tribal Cemetery. Strode Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He was born on March 7, 1930 to Josiah Deer and Florine Littlebear in Shawnee, OK. He married Lena Rose Small at Sallateeska Baptist Church in March 1951. He received the Purple Heart Award during the Korean War, he was a member of the Star Hawk Society, and a lifelong member of the LaQuarsity Baptist Church in Cromwell, OK. He was a member of the Sac and Fox Nation, active in his native traditions and enjoyed Indian Dancing and Pow Wows.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife; son, Bernard K. Deer; daughter, Julia Francine Deer; granddaughter, Nicole Venegas; grandson, Derrick "Bo" Deer; and great-grandson, Ricardo Gabirio.

He is survived by his son, Mike, and wife, Elnora, of Shawnee, OK; daughter, Cynthia Franco, of Oklahoma City, OK; daughter, Victoria Deer, of Oklahoma City, OK; son, Francis Jr., and wife, Irene, of Kingfisher, OK; daughter, Crystal Venegas, and husband Juan, of Oklahoma City, OK; daughter, Patricia Deer, of Oklahoma City, OK; and son, Russell, and wife, Debbie, of Cushing, OK. He also leaves behind his adopted daughter, Terri Mack McClung, of Dallas, TX; adopted daughter, Anita "Penny" L. Mack, of Prague, OK; 25 grandchildren and 49 great-grand children.



Francis R. Deer Sr.



*John (Jack) R. Thorpe*

John "Jack" Thorpe was born June 29, 1937 in Hawthorne, California to James "Jim" and Freda Thorpe. He passed from this life to be with his creator on February 22, 2011 at the age of 73. Jack is survived by his wife, Matilda Thorpe; his three children, Gary, Mary and Jamie Thorpe; five grandchildren, Cyrus and Taj Thorpe; Hiram, Jordan and Jade Kaskaske; and two brothers, Richard and William "Bill" Thorpe. Jack's hobbies included golf, beading, straight dancer, gourd dancing, playing cards, dominoes, going for long rides, and looking at the stars.

Jack's school days were in Indian boarding schools. He attended grade school at Pawnee Indian School in Pawnee, Oklahoma and High School at Chemawa in Salem, Oregon. Jack also attended Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas before entering the U.S. Army. After returning to Oklahoma in 1970, he attended the University of Oklahoma for one year.

Jack started his career in Indian affairs in 1971 as a Councilman for the Sac & Fox Nation in Oklahoma. In 1980, Jack became the Principal Chief for the Sac & Fox, serving 7 years.

Over the years, Jack has served his tribal Housing Authority as a Commissioner, Counselor/Trainer, and Executive Director. He has also been the Director for the Kickapoo Housing Authority in McLoud, Oklahoma and Executive Director for the Kickapoo Tribal Housing in Horton, Kansas. He had currently served at the Sac & Fox Housing Authority in Shawnee, Oklahoma for the past 4 years.

His services were held 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 25th, at Temple Baptist Church located at the corner of Highland and Draper in Shawnee, OK. Burial followed at Garden Grove Cemetery.



John (Jack) R. Thorpe

**A Letter of Farewell to my Sac and Fox Nation and its Citizens**

*Jack Thorpe*

*(This letter was written February 16, 2011. He passed away Tuesday, February 22, 2011)*

Last year I found out that I had Cancer; I now find that my days are numbered. I will be 74 in June and now qualify as an elder of the Nation. Before I go to the other side, I would like to pass onto you how I feel and think about the future of our Nation.

We have the Codes of Law and the ability to do wonders for our people. I have spent alot of my years working for the tribe in different areas. I am going to ask of you, as council members and voters, to look into the future with me and hope to truly make some changes.

First, I am asking that you forego one year of per-capita payments and invest in your tribe. Use the funds to payoff debts and leverage the remaining in opening two more casinos in the Cushing and Chandler areas. With the added income, provide a health care package for all members living in the jurisdiction.

Secondly, set up education for our members who would like to attend college and come to work for the tribe. It is a crying shame that our people pass on from the lack of proper health care and do not have the chance for higher education when we have a chance to do wonders.

Thirdly, we must quit fighting among

ourselves. I request a Constitutional change, to get rid of our Grievance Committee and have the grievance heard in the tribal court. We need to set up codes to protect the Business arm of Government.

Your Housing Program is back on its feet to recovery, make sure you appoint Board Members who will be an advocate for tribal members' fairness, so everyone is treated equal. I have been proud to work with such a great group of people.

I write this letter to you while I am still sound of mind. So I can pass onto you a future. Take the time to invest in our Nation. Look what other tribes have done using the laws we developed and fought for. Make something of yourself so once again the Sac and Fox people can stand with pride and state, "See what we can do by working together, be proud of our Nation."

You have some good minds in our youth coming up the line. Give them the ability to succeed. The tribe also has some good consultants working with us and they can get us back on the right track.

Again, farewell and please take

my suggestions under consideration. Walk proudly into the future. Working together you will have great things for your people.



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Statement by Indian Health Service Director Yvette Roubideaux on

# IHS Implementation of Health Insurance Reform and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act

Indian Country continues to celebrate passage of the historic health insurance reform law, which included the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCA). This law will improve the quality of health care and make it more accessible and affordable for the American people, including American Indians and Alaska Natives. The new health insurance reform law builds on the health insurance system we have, and makes three key changes.

- First, it makes sure that every American who has an insurance policy gets real security by creating common sense rules of the road that require insurance companies to treat you fairly.
- Second, it makes insurance affordable for millions of Americans by creating a new insurance marketplace and providing tax credits for those who need additional help.
- Third, it starts to bring down costs for families, businesses, and governments with the broadest health care cost-cutting package ever – one that includes every serious idea for health savings that was proposed over the last year.

Here's a link to a recent speech by Secretary Sebelius that describes in more detail what is in the new law, what will help Americans immediately, and how the Department of Health and Human Services is quickly working to implement these reforms.

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2010pres/04/20100406b.html>

There are several provisions in the new health insurance reform law that will specifically benefit American Indian and Alaska Native individuals, Tribes, and our Indian health facilities. For example:

- Health insurance reform creates a state-based health exchange through which individuals and small businesses can purchase health insurance coverage. This will create more affordable insurance options and allow comparison of plans.
- American Indians and Alaska Natives who purchase health insurance through the exchange do not have to pay co-pays or other cost-sharing if their income is under 300 percent of the federal poverty level.
- The value of health services/benefits from IHS-funded health programs or Tribes will be

excluded from an individual's gross income so it cannot be taxed.

- Health insurance reform also expands Medicaid coverage to individuals with incomes up to 133% of poverty level.
- For individuals who have Medicare Part D coverage (medication costs), I/T/U spending will count toward the coverage gap (donut hole).

One other note – many have worried that health reform would mean that the Indian Health Service would go away and everyone would have an insurance card. That was a myth and it is wrong. The IHS is still here, and the passage of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act along with the health reform law reaffirms that IHS is here to stay. The new law permanently reauthorizes the IHS and it contains numerous provisions to modernize and update the IHS. As you may know, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act contains a number of changes in law, some of which will require new policies and regulations, and also includes provisions that we may be able to implement now or that may require additional funding to implement. Just like the health insurance reform law, we want to implement it quickly, but it is not possible to do it all at once. The implementation process will need to occur over time.

We are getting many questions on what we plan to do to implement the numerous provisions in the health insurance reform law and the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. As you can imagine, implementation will be a complex undertaking. We are working closely with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Indian Health Service is currently reviewing every provision in the new laws that relates to Indian Country and quickly assessing next steps and timelines for implementation. We will share this information as we move forward. In the weeks and months ahead, we will be reaching out to provide you with more information about the new law and how it will impact Indian Country. We also want to develop ways to consult with Tribes on the implementation process over the coming weeks, months and years. We will communicate directly to Tribes about the consultation process. You can also check the IHS website (<http://www.ihs.gov/>), and in particular, my Director's Blog at <http://www.ihs.gov/PublicAffairs/DirCorner/index.cfm?module=blog>, for regular updates and information. You can also access the most recent information on health reform implementation in general at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/health-care-meeting/reform-means-you> and at <http://healthreform.gov/>.

We know that everyone is anxious for new information, and we will work quickly and carefully to ensure you have clear, accurate information.

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 1 can (14.5 oz) sliced carrots, drained  
 1 medium onion, thinly sliced  
 2 tomatoes, cut into wedges  
 1 cucumber, peeled and thinly sliced

**Marinade:**  
 1/4 cup packed brown sugar  
 1/3 cup white vinegar  
 1/4 cup oil  
 1 teaspoon garlic salt  
 1/4 teaspoon pepper

1 teaspoon chopped fresh dill or 1 teaspoon dried dill  
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**Kethâkîhipena! (We Are All Sauk!) Design Contest**

The Sauk Language Department is conducting a **design contest**, with the winning design(s) to be featured on the 2011 Sauk Language Department T-shirt(s). Use your imaginations to illustrate how we are all Sauk people.

The contest is open to all Sac and Fox Nation tribal members. Entries will be organized into three divisions: Under 12, 13-18 year olds, and adults 18 years and older. All entries will be featured in the May 2011 edition of the Sac and Fox News, with a mail-in ballot to determine the winning entry in each division.

**Contest Rules:**

1. All designs are required to incorporate the Sauk phrase **Kethâkîhipena! (We Are All Sauk)**
2. Designs not using the phrase will be disqualified.
3. All entries **must** be accompanied by **name, age, enrollment number, and contact information** on a separate sheet of paper.
4. Size of submissions is restricted to a **minimum of 8 1/2 x 11"**, and a **maximum of 11 1/2 x 14"**. All standard art mediums will be accepted: crayon, pen and ink, pencil, watercolor, oil medium paint, etc.
5. Deadline for entry is **March 25<sup>th</sup> 2011**.
6. The Sauk Language Department retains all copyrights to submitted materials, with appropriate recognition going to the artist.

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# Sac and Fox Nation Makes Donations



Stroud Fire Department receives a donation to purchase Child Safety Kits. Making the presentation are: (left to right) Stella Nullake, committee member; 2nd Chief, Cheryl McClellan; Roger McElyea (Stroud Fire Dept.) Principal Chief, George Thurman and Sac and Fox Nation Secretary, Jacklyn Williams.



Principal Chief, George Thurman and committee member, Stella Nullake present Larry James and Jason Merrell, on behalf of Shawnee Wrestling, a donation to be used for warm-up suits.



The Sac and Fox Nation donation to the Cushing seniors will go toward the 2011 graduation party and lock-in. (left to right) Stella Nullake, committee member; 2nd Chief Cheryl McClellan; Carrie Foster, Jade Crane, Principal Chief George Thurman and Sac and Fox Nation secretary Jacklyn Williams.



Tryon Police Department recently received a donation from The Sac and Fox Nation to purchase equipment. Making the presentation to Jerad Prickett and Tony Long is committee member, Stella Nullake and Principal Chief, George Thurman.



The donation to Stroud Middle School will be used to purchase dissecting kits for the 6th & 7th grades and twenty five wireless Kindle Readers. (Left to right) Stella Nullake, committee member; Moses Williams; Principal Chief, George Thurman, Jeana Wilson and Betty Wages.



Davenport Schools will use their donation to purchase outside activity furniture. (Left to right) Stella Nullake, committee member; Turia Richardson, (Davenport Schools); Principal Chief George Thurman and Randle Carter, Treasurer/BC.



Bob Woods accepts a check on behalf of the Stroud Athletics Program to purchase bleachers and a sound system. (Left to right) Stella Nullake, committee member; 2nd Chief, Cheryl McClellan; Bob Woods, (Stroud Athletics); Jacklyn Williams, Sac and Fox Nation secretary; and Randle Carter, Treasurer/BC.



Receiving a donation for Family of Faith food pantry, which serves Meeker, Prague and Sparks, is Susan Beck. Principal Chief George Thurman and committee member, Stella Nullake make the presentation.

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# Business Committee Meeting Minutes

Special Business Committee Meeting  
February 8, 2011



(1) Approved the minutes of the October 20, 2010 Emergency Business Committee Meeting with corrections. Approved the minutes of the Meeting October 29, 2010 Reconvened Emergency Business Committee as presented. Approved the minutes of the January 12, 2011 Special Business Committee Meeting with corrections. Approved the minutes of the January 26, 2011 Regular Business Committee Meeting with corrections. Jackie Williams-motion, Cheryl McClellan-2nd • VOTE: George-Yes, Cheryl-Yes, Jackie-Yes, Randle-Yes, Stella-Yes. Motion carries.

(2) Consensus to approve the Stroud Chamber of Commerce to use the Sac and Fox Nation Activity Center on Thursday, March 24, 2011 for their annual banquet and to approve the \$250.00 dollar fee to be taken from the Business Committee General Operating Public Relations line item.

(3) Approved the College Living Allowance Guidelines. Payments to be once per semester as presented in memo dated January 19, 2011. Cheryl McClellan-motion, Jackie Williams-2nd . Vote: Cheryl-Yes, Jackie-Yes, Randle-Yes, George-Yes, Stella-Yes. Motion carries.

(4) Approved Indian Education Committee By Laws as presented. Jackie Williams-motion, Stella Nullake-2nd. VOTE: Jackie-Yes, Randle-Yes, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Cheryl-Yes. Motion carries.

Randle Carter-Treasurer left the meeting at 3:44 pm.

(5) Approved Resolution SF-11-89, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Black Hawk Health Center and OSUMC, Inc., contract #2011-01-03. The funding source identified as the Fiscal Year 2011 Indian Health Services Compact Budget. Cheryl McClellan-motion, Jackie Williams-2nd • VOTE: Randle-Absent, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Cheryl-Yes. Motion carries.

(6) Approved Resolution SF-11-90, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Black Hawk Health Center and Shadow Mountain Behavioral Health, contract #2011-01-04, the funding source identified as the Fiscal Year 2011 Indian Services Compact Budget. Cheryl McClellan-motion, Jackie Williams-2nd . VOTE: Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Cheryl-Yes, Jackie-Yes, Randle-Absent. Motion carries.

(7) Approved Resolution SF-11-91, a resolution authorizing and approving an agreement between the Sac and Fox Nation Black Hawk Health Center and Precision Physical Therapy, contract #2011-01-05, the funding source identified as the Fiscal Year 2011 Indian Services Compact Budget. Cheryl McClellan-motion, Jackie Williams-2nd • VOTE: George-Yes, Cheryl-Yes, Jackie-Yes, Randle-Absent, Stella-Yes. Motion carries.

(8) Approved Resolution Sf-11-92, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2011 Department of Interior Compact Human Services Budget Modification #1 in the total amount of \$126,279.00, the funding source is identified as the Department of Interior Self-Governance Compact Annual Funding Agreement, with the increase from restricted carryover from fiscal year 1993 through 2010. Jackie Williams-motion, Cheryl McClellan-2nd • VOTE: Cheryl-Yes, Jackie-Yes, Randle-Absent, Stella-Yes, George-Yes. Motion carries.

(9) Approved Resolution SF-11-93, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2011 Revenue Allocation Plan Title VI Kitchen Repairs Budget in the total funding amount of \$20,287.00, the funding source is identified as the approved Governing Council Resolution SF/GC-11-03, line 38. Jackie Williams-motion, Stella Nullake-2nd • VOTE: Jackie-Yes, Randle-Absent, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Cheryl-Yes. Motion carries.

(10) Approved Resolution SF-11-

94, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2011 Revenue Allocation Plan Enrollment Budget for the period of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 in the total funding amount of \$23,925.00, the funding source is identified as the approved Governing Council Resolution SF/GC-11-03, lines 33 and 39. Jackie Williams-motion, Stella Nullake-2nd • VOTE: Randle-Absent, Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Cheryl-Yes, Jackie-Yes. Motion carries.

(11) Approved to use Paul Shaw for driveways-1, 2, & 5. Will hold off for more info on 3 & 4. Cheryl McClellan-motion, Stella Nullake-2nd • VOTE: Stella-Yes, George-Yes, Cheryl-Yes, Jackie-Yes, Randle-Absent. Motion carries.

(12) Approved Dental Policy Revision as recommended by the Health Director per memo dated January 25, 2011. Jackie Williams-motion, Cheryl McClellan-2nd • VOTE: George-Yes, Cheryl-Yes, Jackie-Yes, Randle-Absent, Stella-Yes. Motion carries.

The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

## College Internship Announcement

The Sauk Language Department of the Sac and Fox Nation is actively recruiting for 2010/2011 college interns, with the long-term goal of training teachers capable of meeting the varied instructional needs of Sauk community students.

Sauk is a critically endangered language of the Algonquian linguistic family, with only an estimated seven conversationally fluent speakers still living. As one of the few programs in the country providing specific training opportunities in the area of language revitalization, we are recruiting currently enrolled college interns to which the Sauk Language Department will provide the necessary training and support the intern might need to both assist our program and to expand their own skills.

Sac and Fox Language Department Intern Requirements

- Must be currently enrolled and within two years of completing a bachelor's degree, in one of the following areas of study:
  - Native American Studies
  - Language Arts
  - Linguistics
  - Education/Early Childhood
  - A related major must be approved in advance by Sauk Language Department Director
- Have a current GPA of 3.0 or higher (copy of transcript required)
- Must live within commuting distance and have reliable transportation to the Sauk Language Department in Stroud, Oklahoma.
- Must submit a cover letter detailing in 750 words why an internship with the Sauk Language Department is important to the applicant, and a detailed resume of all previous employment and extra curricular activities and/or professional and academic memberships.
- Must make a minimum commitment of at least 12 hours per week, for 6 weeks, on-site at the Sauk Language Department in Stroud. This must include two 3-hour blocks from 1-4 pm, Monday thru Friday afternoons.
- Must have a desire to learn and teach an indigenous language. Attitude and passion are more important than aptitude as an initial requirement, with a genuine interest to be of assistance in keeping the Sauk language alive.
- Interns will be expected to:
  - Demonstrate initiative and a willingness to engage in independent study.
  - Participate in all assigned Sauk language classes
  - Attend and assist with all Sauk Language Department events/activities during their internship period.
  - Assist with language material development and language revitalization planning, and be exposed to the issues, challenges and methods within a tribally run language program.
- Successful completion of the entry-level college internship program could result in an invitation to continue to the next level of the language revitalization internship program.
- Applicants with family and/or community ties to the Sac and Fox Nation and/or related tribes are strongly preferred.
- All interns will be paid a stipend; amount of stipend is dependent upon total work hours negotiated with Sauk Language Department.
- Resumes submitted without the cover letter or the transcript copy will not be considered for interview.

A complete cover letter, resume and a copy of a transcript can be sent to:

Intern Resumes  
Sauk Language Department  
Sac and Fox Nation  
920883 S. Hwy 99  
Stroud, OK 74079

language@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov  
Or faxed to: 918-968-0077 Attn: Terrie.

Any questions, contact Terrie Kinsey  
Sauk Language Program Coordinator at (918) 968-0070

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### SAC & FOX NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

- Education Specialist
- Indian Child Welfare Specialist
- Compliance Officer
- Landscaper
- Library Director
- Laboratory Manager
- Executive Assistant
- Resident Advisor

Applicants must successfully pass an OSBI/National background check and drug screen. Preference in hiring is given to qualified Native Americans.

Applicants claiming Indian Preference must provide a copy of their CDIB.

For more information and to learn how to apply please visit our website at:

[www.sacandfoxnation.com](http://www.sacandfoxnation.com)

or contact Human Resources, Sac and Fox Nation, Rt. 2 Box 246, Stroud, OK 74079 or by phone (918) 968-3526

<p>Non-eagle Feather Repository</p>	<p><b>NON- EAGLE PARTS FOR NATIVE AMERICAN RELIGIOUS PURPOSES REQUEST FORM</b></p>	<p>Contact Information: P.O.Box 14345 Scottsdale, AZ 85267 Phone: 480-998-5550 Fax: 480-998-0230 E-mail:feathers@libertywildlife.org</p>
	<p><b>**IMPORTANT**</b></p> <p>ONLY ONE REQUEST FOR FEATHERS/PARTS MAY BE SUBMITTED AT ONE TIME DO NOT SUBMIT REQUESTS TO BOTH REPOSITORIES AT THE SAME TIME</p>	
<p>Last Name First Name Middle Name</p>		<p>Request #</p>
<p>Physical address (Street address; Apartment #, Suite #)</p>		
<p>City State</p>		<p>Zip code/Postal code</p>
<p>Mailing Address (if different than physical address)</p>		
<p>City State</p>		<p>Zip code/Postal code</p>
<p>Date of Birth</p>	<p>Email address (optional)</p>	<p>Name of Contact Person (if you have no phone)</p>
<p>Home Phone Number</p>	<p>Work Phone Number</p>	<p>Phone Number of Contact</p>
<p>NOTE: Providing proof of enrollment in a federally recognized Native American tribe is a requirement for eligibility to possess non-eagle feathers and parts. Examples of proof of enrollment include: A copy of an official tribal roll vital record, a copy of a Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) card, or a letter from your tribal enrollment office that certifies your enrollment in a federally-recognized tribe.</p>		
<p>NAME OF YOUR TRIBE:</p>		<p>TRIBAL ENROLLMENT NO.</p>
<p><b>** INCLUDE PROOF OF ENROLLMENT WITH THIS REQUEST**</b></p>		
<p>GROUP</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hawk /Falcon <input type="checkbox"/> Owl <input type="checkbox"/> Water bird <input type="checkbox"/> Shorebird <input type="checkbox"/> Upland bird <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p>	<p>SPECIES (Only one species/type per request)</p> <p>(ex. Red-Tailed, Osprey, Prairie, etc.) (ex. Great Horned, Saw-Whet, Elf, etc.) (ex. Anhinga, Gull, Cormorant, etc.) (ex. Plover, Sandpiper, Willet, etc.) (ex. Flicker, Flycatcher, Crane, etc.)</p>	<p>Number of FEATHERS</p> <p>Special Orders</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Whole Carcass <input type="checkbox"/> Pair Whole Wings <input type="checkbox"/> Whole Tail <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Feathers <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Species Describe: _____</p>
<p>I hereby certify that I am requesting migratory bird parts for religious purposes and that the information submitted herein is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.</p>		
<p>Signature: _____ Date: _____</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>The request for feathers for religious purposes has been reviewed and found to be correct and complete.</p>		
<p>Printed Name _____</p>	<p>Signature _____</p>	<p>Date _____</p>
<p>ONCE YOUR REQUEST IS FILLED, YOU MAY SUBMIT ANOTHER REQUEST FORM TO EITHER REPOSITORY</p>		



# 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  
**Judith K. Williams**  
 SAC & FOX NATION

**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

Deadline to submit requests for a camp pavilion was February 28, 2011. The RAP Department accepted the requests during December, January & February. We are now getting the pricing quotes which will include delivery and installation. Once a quote has been chosen we can determine how many pavilions we will have and start the selection process. Everyone who has requested a pavilion will be notified either way after the selection process provided you gave us your contact information.

**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.**  
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**MOTHERS' SUPPORT GROUP**

Support for Breastfeeding,  
 Pregnancy, and  
 Have Fun meeting  
 Other Mothers!

Bring Young Children




**3rd Thursday**  
**Of every month**  
**10 a.m.**  
**United Methodist Church**  
**1103 Klabzuba Ave**  
**(Near the intersection of Klabzuba Ave and E 11th St)**  
**Prague**  
**Any questions? Call Jean at (918) 968-1477**

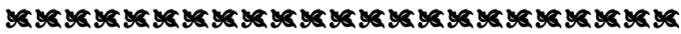


## SAUK LANGUAGE MISSION



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 MARCH**  
**Pâpôhkwîha** (Half-and-half Moon)      **Nekethowa akôna/methihkwa.** (The snow/ice is melting).

### Lesson #4 Numbers

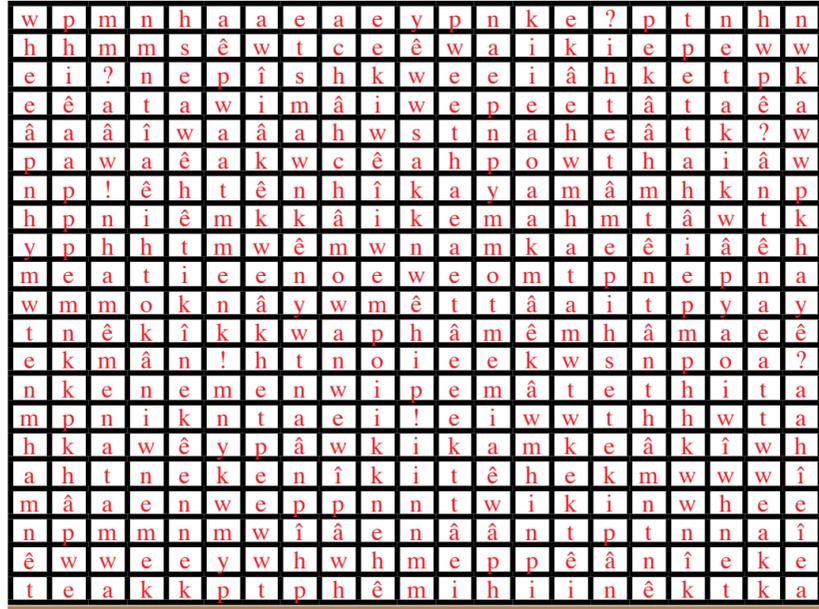
Write and Say the Word In Sauk:

- Kîhakitâthopena! \_\_\_\_\_
- Nekoti \_\_\_\_\_
- Nîshwi \_\_\_\_\_
- Nethwi \_\_\_\_\_
- Nyêwi \_\_\_\_\_
- Nyânanwi \_\_\_\_\_
- Nekotwâshika \_\_\_\_\_
- Nôhika \_\_\_\_\_
- Neshwâshika \_\_\_\_\_
- Shâka \_\_\_\_\_
- Metâthwi \_\_\_\_\_
- Metâthwi Nekoti \_\_\_\_\_
- Metâthwi Nîshwi \_\_\_\_\_

**VOCABULARY LIST**

- |             |                  |
|-------------|------------------|
| Lets count! | Kîhakitâthopena! |
| One         | Nekoti           |
| Two         | Nîshwi           |
| Three       | Nethwi           |
| Four        | Nyêwi            |
| Five        | Nyânanwi         |
| Six         | Nekotwâshika     |
| Seven       | Nôhika           |
| Eight       | Neshwâshika      |
| Nine        | Shâka            |
| Ten         | Metâthwi         |
| Eleven      | Metâthwi Nekoti  |
| Twelve      | Metâthwi Nîshwi  |

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



**FEELING THE LAST OF WINTER BLUES**

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Netêwehkwe              | (I've got a headache)     |
| Panênetamwa             | ((S)he's fainted)         |
| Netakikwâpya            | (I've got a cold)         |
| Akikwâpyêwa             | ((S)he's got a cold)      |
| Nekenîkitêhe            | (I've got a cough)        |
| Kenîkitêhêwa            | ((S)he's coughing)        |
| Châhchâmowa             | ((S)he's sneezing)        |
| Nepîshkwe               | (I'm hoarse)              |
| Pathâhkothowa           | ((S)he's got a fever)     |
| Mêmenatamwa             | ((S)he's vomited)         |
| Nâpi keteshipemâthethi? | (Are you feeling better?) |
| Mâmaya kîhnêthê!        | (Get well soon!)          |
| Nemenwipemâthethi       | (I don't feel well)       |
| Kemenwinâkothi          | (You look well)           |
| Kemenwipemâthethi?      | (Are you doing okay?)     |

### SAUK LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS AND NEWS March 2011

**Join Us Online!**  
 Come join us online at [www.talksauk.com](http://www.talksauk.com) to see what all we have to offer: games, Pictionary, videos, etc. Visit our Facebook page where you can post your comments, and see what the latest classes and activities are ongoing:

**sac and fox language department**  
 Visit our face book page

**Baby Onesies for Sale!**  
 Let your little ones show their Sauk Pride. We have onesies available for sale in sizes 6, 12, 18 and 24mos for \$5 each. Come by the Sauk Language Office to get yours today.

**SPRING 2011 DESIGN CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT!**  
*Time is running out!*  
 The Deadline is March 25th. The theme this year is Kethâkîhipena (We are all Sauk). Use your imagination to create a design illustrating how you see the Sauk people. We just ask that you incorporate the phrase into your design. Categories are

by age: Under 12, 13-18 years old, and over 18 years old. \* See the announcement for more information.  
 \*All submitted designs must be originals, and the Sauk Language Department retains all copyrights to submitted materials, with appropriate recognition going to the artist.

**Community Classes Begin in April Shawnee:** Tuesday Evenings beginning April 12th  
 Multipurpose Center 5:30-6:30  
**Cushing:** Thursday Evenings beginning April 14th  
 Cushing Library 6:00-7:45  
 Call Orvena Gregory 918-968-0070 for more information.

Please watch this space for announcements on upcoming Spring classes and community activities. We always welcome suggestions and/or comments from tribal members on programs you have attended, or would like to see scheduled. Call 918-968-0070 or 800-256-7552, or email [language@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov](mailto:language@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov)

## SAUK LANGUAGE IMMERSION PILOT PROGRAM IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS. CLASSES BEGIN MARCH 28, 2011

Let's All Come Together

**WHERE:**  
 EARLY BIRD HEADSTART BLDG., 111 W. VINE ST. CUSHING OK 74023

**WHEN:**  
 MARCH 28-APRIL 1, 2011

**TIME:**  
 12:30 PM-4:30 PM: SNACKS PROVIDED BY PROGRAM

**WHO:**  
 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS.  
 (SAC AND FOX TRIBAL MEMBERS GIVEN FIRST PREFERENCE)

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

**REGISTRATION IS ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.** PACKETS MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE EARLY BIRD HEADSTART BLDG., OR BY CALLING 1-800-256-7552.  
**DEADLINE FOR RETURNING COMPLETED REGISTRATION PACKETS IS MONDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>, NO LATER THAN 4:30.**

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

### LANGUAGE FACT OF THE MONTH:

**Wednesday, 02 February 1887**  
**On This Day:** In 1887 a law was passed in the United States that prohibited the use of any Native American language in schools. The policy had a devastating effect as it prevented many younger Native people from learning and speaking their language. Despite US efforts to assimilate Native people, the policy was ultimately a failure, and currently many Native tribes are working hard on language revitalization programs.

### Sauk Language Starts Stroud Afterschool Immersion Program

The Sauk Language Program began an afterschool immersion program in Stroud for Parkview Elementary Pre-K children in January. Taught by Department Director Jacob Manatowa-Bailey, and assisted by Mosiah Bluecloud, Katie Grant, and Parkview Librarian Cassandra Pearman, the kids spend an hour each week learning games, songs, and other fun activities, all in the Sauk language. If your child is in the Pre-K at Parkview, and not yet enrolled, contact the Sauk Language Department at 918-968-0070 for more details.



# Let Color Be Your Guide to Nutritious Meals and Eat Right with Color

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800/877-1600, ext. 4802, 4769  
[media@eatright.org](mailto:media@eatright.org)

CHICAGO – While the trees may be bare in March, there are still plenty of colorful and nutritious foods to fill your plate. During the 2011 National Nutrition Month®, the American Dietetic Association encourages everyone to add color and nutrients to your meals through this year's theme: "Eat Right with Color."

"Adding a splash of colorful seasonal foods to your plate makes for more than just a festive meal. A rainbow of foods creates a palette of nutrients, each with a different bundle of potential benefits for a healthful eating plan," says registered dietitian and ADA Spokesperson Karen Ansel.

"Healthy eating includes more than counting calories alone. In fact, most children don't get enough of all the essential nutrients critical to normal growth and development," says Ansel.

"Food variety supplies different nutrients, so to maximize the nutritional value of your meal, include healthful choices in a variety of colors."

Ansel offers ways to brighten up your plate in every season with this quick color guide.

**Green** produce indicates antioxidant potential and may help promote healthy vision and reduce cancer risks.

- **Fruits:** avocado, apples, grapes, honeydew, kiwi and lime
- **Vegetables:** artichoke, asparagus, broccoli, green beans, green peppers and leafy greens such as spinach

**Orange and deep yellow** fruits and vegetables contain nutrients that promote healthy vision and immunity, and reduce the risk of some cancers.

- **Fruits:** apricot, cantaloupe, grapefruit, mango, papaya, peach and pineapple
- **Vegetables:** carrots, yellow

pepper, yellow corn and sweet potatoes

**Purple and blue** options may have antioxidant and anti-aging benefits and may help with memory, urinary tract health and reduced cancer risks.

- **Fruits:** blackberries, blueberries, plums, raisins
- **Vegetables:** eggplant, purple cabbage, purple-fleshed potato

**Red** indicates produce that may help maintain a healthy heart, vision, immunity and may reduce cancer risks.

- **Fruits:** cherries, cranberries, pomegranate, red/pink grape fruit, red grapes and watermelon
- **Vegetables:** beets, red onions, red peppers, red potatoes, rhubarb and tomatoes

**White, tan and brown** foods sometimes contain nutrients that may promote heart health and reduce cancer risks.

- **Fruits:** banana, brown pear, dates and white peaches
- **Vegetables:** cauliflower, mushrooms, onions, parsnips, turnips, white-fleshed potato and white corn

Ansel recommends choosing a variety of colors when shopping for seasonal fruits and vegetables. "And for additional options in the color palette, choose frozen or dried fruits and vegetables available throughout the year," she says.

"Instead of grilled chicken and mashed potatoes, consider painting a more colorful plate, such as grilled chicken topped with salsa, mashed sweet potato, asparagus and spinach salad with orange slices. A colorful meal is not only visually appealing, but it also contains a variety of nutrients and is quite flavorful," Ansel says.

For more information on how to "Eat Right with Color," visit ADA's [National Nutrition Month website](#) for a variety of helpful tips, fun games, promotional tools and nutrition education resources.

## Remember! March is National Nutrition Month!



**Eat Right! With Color**



This year's theme is "Eat Right with Color." Consuming a variety of foods with a variety of colors helps ensure that we are getting all the nutrients we need, especially antioxidants. Why is this important? Antioxidants help us in the prevention of cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and many cancers. If we do not give our bodies adequate antioxidants and nutrients, we leave ourselves unprotected.

### National Nutrition Month Give-A-Ways Here are the weekly give-a-ways:

**Week 1-** A video will be emailed to you along with a 2-question quiz. Reply with answers to the quiz. Everyone with correct answers will be put into a drawing to win a Food Steamer. 3 Winners!

**Week 2-** Colorful Wonderful Foods! will be presented in the Boyd Center Teaching Kitchen. Come and go event in which you can come and sample some healthy, colorful foods for an exciting new experience. A simple quiz will be available at the event. Everyone who turns in a correctly answered quiz will be put into a drawing for a Grill Tool Set and bag of charcoal. 3 Winners!

**Week 3-** A video will be emailed to you along with a simple quiz. Reply with answers to the quiz. Everyone with correct answers will be put into a drawing to win a 5 Qt Slow Cooker. 3 Winners!

**Week 4-** Eat Right-With Color cooking class will occur on Tuesday and Wednesday. Attend class and be entered into a drawing to win a 7-piece smoothie kit. 3 Winners!

## Join **The Commit To Be Fit Club**

### Circuitize Your Way To Total Fitness

Circuitize is a circuit training workout routine that combines cardiovascular fitness and resistance training. It was first proposed in the late 1950s as a method to develop general fitness. The initial routines were arranged in a circle, alternating between different muscle groups (hence the name circuit training).

When developing a circuit training routine, a wide variety of exercises and equipment are utilized. Much of the equipment is relatively inexpensive and includes surgical tubing, jump rope, your own body weight, dumbbells, medicine balls, stability balls, steps, cardiovascular and weight training machines. A circuit can consist of as few as 6 stations to as many as 20 stations based on the goals and pre-training levels of the participants. Circuit training stations are generally sequenced in a way to alternate between muscle groups, which allows for adequate recovery. This benefit of variability challenges the skills of the participant and keeps them interested from session to session.

Nancy Nullake is a regular participant in the 11:15 a.m. classes on Monday through Friday. She says, "I like the Circuitize class because it is a great way to help me maintain my health. It is nice taking a break in the middle of the work day to exercise. I always feel more

energized after working out."

Briana Wakolee participates in the Monday through Friday 12:15 p.m. and Tuesday Thursday 4:45 p.m. classes. She said, "I really like the exercise classes. They give me lots of energy and I feel encouraged to lose weight. My favorite class is the circuit training because it is a total body workout."

Raymond Massey likes the circuit training because it is less tedious than doing a workout on his own. Jerry Brown enjoys how weight machines are incorporated into the circuit training because it makes the workout more challenging. And Russell Saunders likes the variety of the circuit training class, but says "My favorite workout is Zumba because it is fun. Woo Hoo!" All three participants say that the fitness classes have contributed to them shedding pounds.

Circuitize classes are 30 minutes long and are held on Tuesday and Thursday at 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. in the Merle Boyd Center. Participants should always consult with a physician before beginning a fitness program. If you would like more information about the Circuitize or any of the other fitness classes offered for the Sac and Fox Nation, please contact Sharlyn Kennon, exercise specialist, at 918-968-3526 ext. 208.



Briana Wakolee on treadmill, Jerry Brown on the elliptical and Russell Saunders on the treadmill. (Photo by Sharlyn Kennon, Exercise Specialist)

SAC & FOX NATION				
March 2011				
Black Hawk Health Center Activities				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>1</b> 11:15 - Circuitize • 12:15 - Circuitize • 4:45 - Zumba •••	<b>2</b> 11:15 - Yoga ••• 12:15 - Yoga •••	<b>3</b> 11:15 - Circuitize • 12:15 - Circuitize • 4:45 - Combo Cardio •••	<b>4</b> 11:15 - Dance Party ••• 12:15 - Zumba •••
<b>7</b> 11:15 - Zumba ••• 12:15 - Combo Cardio •••	<b>8</b> 11:15 - Circuitize • 12:15 - Circuitize • 4:45 - Zumba ••• <b>12:00 - Colorful, Wonderful Foods! •••</b>	<b>9</b> 11:15 - Yoga ••• 12:15 - Yoga •••	<b>10</b> 11:15 - Circuitize • 12:15 - Circuitize • 4:45 - Combo Cardio •••	<b>11</b> 11:15 - Dance Party ••• 12:15 - Zumba •••
<b>14</b> 11:15 - Zumba ••• 12:15 - Combo Cardio •••	<b>15</b> 11:15 - Circuitize • 12:15 - Circuitize • 4:45 - Zumba •••	<b>16</b> 11:15 - Yoga ••• 12:15 - Yoga •••	<b>17</b> 11:15 - Circuitize • <b>Clinic Closes At Noon</b> 4:45 - Combo Cardio •••	<b>18</b> 11:15 - Dance Party ••• 12:15 - Zumba •••
<b>21</b> 11:15 - Zumba ••• 12:15 - Combo Cardio •••	<b>22</b> 11:15 - Circuitize • 12:15 - Circuitize • 4:45 - Zumba ••• <b>12:00 - Eat Right - - With Color •••</b>	<b>23</b> 11:15 - Yoga ••• 12:15 - Yoga ••• <b>10:00 - Eat Right - - With Color •••</b>	<b>24</b> 11:15 - Circuitize • 12:15 - Circuitize • 4:45 - Combo Cardio •••	<b>25</b> 11:15 - Dance Party ••• 12:15 - Zumba •••
<b>28</b> 11:15 - Zumba ••• 12:15 - Combo Cardio •••	<b>29</b> 11:15 - Circuitize • 12:15 - Circuitize • 4:45 - Zumba •••	<b>30</b> 11:15 - Yoga ••• 12:15 - Yoga •••	<b>31</b> 11:15 - Circuitize • 12:15 - Circuitize • 4:45 - Combo Cardio •••	
• 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.

**Circuitize** 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.



# Cobell Lawyers Reprimanded for Money Request

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that the agency will continue to argue that the funds included in the settlement should go directly to the plaintiffs, and not to the lawyers in additional fees.

Indians who will be hurt by the lawyers' requests are also raising concerns. "The lawyers got congressional approval of the settlement by promising fees would be under \$100 million, and are now pulling a bait and switch at the expense of Indians and taxpayers," said Kimberly Craven, a Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate citizen, and a possible beneficiary under the settlement. "They told us publicly and consistently \$100 million, which cannot in anybody's eyes be seen as a good faith estimate for \$223 million. This is another example of how the settlement is designed to benefit attorneys and the class representatives rather than the clients."

Richard Monette, an associate professor of law at the University of Wisconsin and Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa citizen, said he believes the \$100 million estimate for the lawyers' fee was not made in good faith, so he thinks the Justice Department could withdraw its support. "I do believe that they misled Congress and that Congress should revisit the matter on that basis as well," he added.

Ted Frank, founder of the Center for Class Action Fairness, a watchdog legal group, said his firm has heard from some Indian class members who are interested in being represented at future fairness hearing scheduled in the case. He said the firm will do so, and "will be objecting to the fee request, and a number of aspects of the settlement and authorizing legislation that run afoul of federal law and Supreme

Court precedent on class actions."

Frank added: "I think the fee request would be a great surprise to many of the senators who voted for the bill on the understanding that they weren't authorizing more than \$99.9 million in fees; if the \$223 million fee request had been publicized in November, the bill wouldn't have passed. The DOJ may well argue that the court doesn't even have the authority to award more than \$99.9 million; I look forward to seeing their brief."

The plaintiffs' lawyers, who include solo practitioner Dennis Gingold and Kilpatrick Stockton partner Keith Harper, have not suggested that they are willing to back down. In their December court filing they provided the following rationale for their request: "Class counsel have undertaken 15 years of highly contentious and difficult

litigation against defendants, including an extraordinary 12 month legislative approval process. In framing and prosecuting this case, they undertook substantial risk, litigated novel procedural, jurisdictional and substantive legal issues, and navigated through a series of unique appellate [decisions]."

Gingold expanded his argument in an article published in The National Law Journal on February 2: "What we are asking for is on the lowest end of the scale for attorneys who take cases on contingency-fee basis. We shouldn't be treated differently than anyone else.... I'm not embarrassed at all by the fee."

Harper, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma who did not respond by press time to requests for comment, has been less vocal about his role in negotiating a higher payment.

# Chiefs Address To The Nation

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## Keepseagle V Vilsack

Secondly, our Realty Department staff and I had a conference telephone call with the Office of Tribal Relations (OTR) United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) on February 18<sup>th</sup> to consult about the Keepseagle v. Vilsack settlement. Below is the request letter for the consultation briefing:

Dear Principal Chief George Thurman,

In furtherance of and support of our government to government relationship, we would like to arrange a meeting with your senior elected official(s) to provide a consultation briefing on the Keepseagle v. Vilsack settlement. Filed in 1999, the Keepseagle lawsuit alleged discrimination against Native American farmers and ranchers in the administration of USDA Farm Loan Programs. Settlement was late October 2010 and implementation is underway. The historic settlement involved \$760 million in monetary awards in addition to programmatic relief.

The briefing could occur either on the phone or in person, whichever is more suitable. If you would prefer in person, is there a Tribal Council meeting that Ms. Hipp could attend for conducting this briefing? If you and your senior official(s) prefer a telephonic briefing, we will work with your designated staff to arrange at your convenience.

Please contact OTR at your earliest convenience to schedule this briefing by calling 202.205.2249, or by emailing [otr@osec.usda.gov](mailto:otr@osec.usda.gov). The OTR staff will be reaching out to your offices in the coming days to explore scheduling preferences.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this settlement.

Sincerely,  
Janie Hipp  
Senior Advisor to Secretary, Tribal Affairs  
Office of Tribal Relations (OTR)  
United States Department of Agriculture

who either:

\*Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23, 1997; or

\*Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.

You may be eligible for a payment of up to \$50,000 or more and forgiveness of some or all outstanding USDA loans if you qualify as a class member.

The Court in charge of this case still has to decide whether to approve the Settlement. Payments will be made if the Court approves the Settlement and after any appeals are resolved, and the claims process is completed. Please be patient. Summer of call.

### Short Take

I am taking this opportunity to welcome the following individuals to our tribal government operations. Listed is employee, position, and date of hire:

Melinda Long, Resident  
Advisor#14,11/2/2010

Bobby Barnes  
Capitol Security Officer #2  
11/2/2010

Katrina Hinshaw  
JDC Cook #2 1  
11/23/2010

Sylvestine Franklin  
Assistant Cook (Elders)  
11/23/2010

Destiny Jackson  
Surveillance Observer #3  
12/13/2010

Leslie Stewart  
Resident Advisor #7B  
12/14/2010

Elizabeth Taylor  
Data Entry/Accounts Specialist  
12/14/2010

Eugene Hoyt  
Physician II  
12/20/2010

Lois Lochary  
Surveillance Observer #9  
12/20/2010

Almyra Johnson  
Elders Program Coordinator  
12/21/2010

Kenneth Johnson  
Managing Editor  
12/21/2010

Muriel Wheeler  
Executive Director  
1/11/2011

Alan Gunter  
Surveillance Manager  
1/11/2011

Lea Rhodd  
Transporter  
2/18/2011

Jerry Cain  
Resident Advisor  
2/22/2011

Clint Dietz  
Solid Waste Specialist  
Est. start date 3/8/2011

Joe Hicks  
Custodian III

Deuteronomy 1:15 So I took the leading men of your tribes, wise and respected men, and appointed them to have authority over you ---as commanders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens and as tribal officials. Moses identified some of the inner qualities of good leaders: wisdom, understanding, and respect. The qualities Moses identified should be evident in those who lead, and should be looked for in those elected to positions of leadership. Jack Thorpe possessed these qualities.

I offer to the family of Chief Jack Thorpe, condolences on behalf of his Sac and Fox Nation.

'He will cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you will find refuge.'

(Psalm 91:4)

Time waits for no one. Treasure every moment you have. You will treasure it even more when you can share it with someone Special. To realize the value of a Friend...lose one.

I had a friendship with Jack, as a participant within the Sac and Fox Nation Housing Authority; as a coach to one of his daughters; as we sat and discussed Housing issues; discussing tribal issues; listening to his laugh; and receiving advice from him whenever I was elected Principal Chief. He gave me encouragement as well as advice and I remember one statement that he made to me, "You will not ever be able to please everyone, just keep in mind that your decisions are to be for all of our people as a Nation." I will miss and always remember my true friend.....

Sincerely, George Thurman,  
Principal Chief

# NOTICE ABOUT COBELL

**ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT THE COBELL SETTLEMENT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE GARDEN CITY GROUP BY PHONE AT 1-800-961-6109 OR BY EMAIL TO [info@indiantrust.com](mailto:info@indiantrust.com).**

The Sac and Fox Realty Department cannot communicate with any class member pursuant to a court order that states: "ORDERED that, pursuant to Rule 23(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, during the pendency of the instant litigation, the parties to the litigation, their agents and officials and their counsel shall not communicate, through the United States mail or any other mode of communication, with any class member in this litigation regarding this litigation or the claims involved therein, except as specifically permitted by order of this Court."



Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline

**1 800 QUIT NOW**



Title VI Elders Program  
March 2011 Menu



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3 Breakfast 4
	Ham Sandwiches Lettuce/Cheese Tomato Potato Salad Pineapples	Beef Ribs Corn Salad Pears Rolls	Salisbury Steak Sweet Potatoes Salad Brownies Green Beans Rolls	Scrambled Eggs Sausage Gravy Biscuits Banana Orange/Apple Juice
7	8	9	10	11
Beef Noodle Casserole Green Beans Mixed Fruit	Baked Chicken Potatoes Salad Rolls Peaches	Pork Chops Scalloped Potatoes Carrots Rolls Pineapples	Goulash Green Beans Cole Slaw Apple Crisp	Chicken Sandwich Lettuce/Tomato Chips Fruit
14	15	16	17	18
Turkey Dressing w/Celery Steamed Broccoli Rolls SF Jell-O w/Fruit	Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Carrots Rolls Pears	Chicken Wild rice Casserole Green Beans Rolls Mandarin Oranges	 Roast Beef Sandwich Lettuce/Tomato Chips Peach Cobbler	Breakfast Boiled Egg Toast Banana
21	22	23	24	25
Porcupine Meatballs Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Pineapples Rolls	Indian Taco Lettuce/Tomato/ Onion Apple Crisp	BBQ Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Peas Salad Fruit Cup Rolls	Ham Sweet Potatoes Corn Salad Rolls Peaches	Tuna Salad w/Wheat Croissants Chips Apples Carrot Sticks
28	29	30	31	
Butter Beans Corn Bread Peas Fruit Cup	Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Salad Green Beans Garlic Bread Chocolate Pudding	Chicken & Dressing Salad Rolls Peaches	Frito Chili Supreme Lettuce/Tomato/ Onion Vanilla Pudding w/Banana & Wafers Celery Sticks	

\* Menus are subject to change without notice.  
Meals are free for elders 55 and over. Others under 55 the meals ate \$4.00 for lunch and \$3.00 for breakfast.

## A brief summary of the Keepseagle v Vilsack lawsuit settlement.

A \$760 million Settlement with the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") has been reached in the Keepseagle v. Vilsack class action lawsuit. The lawsuit claimed the USDA discriminated against Native Americans by denying them equal access to credit in the USDA Farm Loan Program.

The lawsuit claims that the USDA denied thousands of Native American farmers and ranchers the same opportunities to get farm loans or loan servicing that were given to white farmers and ranchers. Plaintiffs also claim that the USDA did not do outreach to Native American farmers and ranchers or provide them with the technical assistance they needed to prepare applications for loans and loan servicing.

The Class includes all Native American farmers and ranchers who:

\* Farmed or ranched or attempted to farm or ranch between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999; and

\* Sought, or attempted to seek, a farm loan from the USDA during that period; and

\* Complained about discrimination to the USDA orally or in writing on their own or through a representative, such as a tribal government, during the same time period.

Excluded are claims of Class Members



## LIFE LONG DREAM COMES TRUE

Ms. Laveta "Lolly" Ashley, an enrolled tribal member of the Sac & Fox Nation, has been a hair dresser/stylist for 32 years. Ever since she completed her professional training, she wanted to own her own business. She has spent 32 years working at other salons for other business owners/managers.

Her dream came true in November 2010, when she had her "official" opening of her own salon in Shawnee, OK. She is now one of few Native American Women who are small business owners. It is through prayer and the support of her family, friends, relatives and hard work, plus a "vision/dream" that she now can provide

the type of professional hair care to her customers that she has always dreamed of doing one day.

Ms. Ashley has been an active member within the Sac & Fox Nation where she served on numerous Committees, Boards, and Commissions for years. The Sac & Fox Nation tribal members need to go by and see her shop, say "hello", schedule an appointment and give her words of encouragement, because this is quite an accomplishment today for a Native American woman, and more important an enrolled member of the Sac & Fox Nation, to pursue such a business venture. She is also a wife, mother and grandmother.



New Salon Opens In Shawnee (left to right) Daisi Rayson, Hair Stylist; Lois Washington Wakolee, Customer; and Laveta "Lolly" Ashley, Owner. (Photo Submitted)



Recently attending a military function in Oklahoma City are from left: Major General Myles Deering, Dennis Jennings, Ed Littlehead, Curtis Wakolee, guest; Mary Rolette, Nancie Poodry and Joyce & Paul Wolf.

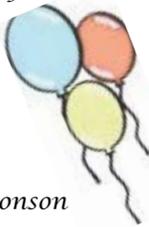


### Stroud Middle School Pavilion

Concrete	\$5,153.00
Poles	\$1,100.00
Trusses	\$1,460.00
Brick	\$4,000.00
Roof	\$3,620.52
Supplies for roof (Cecil)	\$1,057.01
Seating (Picnic Tables)	\$3,407.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,802.57</b>
Sac & Fox Nation Donation (\$10,400.00)	

## Happy March Birthday Elders!!

Opal Rosemary Allen  
William Dale Allen  
Clifford Ray Blanchard  
John Terry Blankenship  
Jay Von Conallis  
Emily S. Conner  
Johannie Crane, Sr.  
Mary Ann Crook  
Robert F. Delaware  
Patricia Donahue  
Isabelle Edgin  
Kenneth Wayne Edmonson  
Gloria Jean Ellis  
Jackson Ellis  
Mary Elizabeth Ellis  
Emerson E. Falls  
David Robert Franklin  
Lou A. Garcia  
Charlene Given  
Louis James Gokey  
Austin Grant, Jr.  
David Harris  
David Daniel Harris  
Barbara Sue Hawkins-Ramos  
Barbara Marie Johnson  
Sandra Sue Johnson  
Terri Elaine Klein



Isaac Benjamin Littleton  
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## Sac and Fox Veterans Organization Care Package List Of Items

### Food List

Crackers, Easy Cheese, Peanut Butter, Triscuits, Rice Krispies Treats, Little Debbie Snack Cakes, Single Serving Bagged Chips, Breakfast Bars, Granola Bars, Chex Mix, Microwave Popcorn, Microwave Meals, Kraft Easy Mac, Tuna, Ragu Express, Instant Soup, Oatmeal, Dry Cereal (Small Ser. Boxes), Slim Jims, Beef Jerky, Fast Food Condiments, Hot Sauce, Ketchup, Mustard, Salt, Pepper, Relish, Mayo, Salad Dressing, Salsa, Creamer Packets, Marshmallows, Candy-anything that does not melt-Hard Candy, Snack Food-Single Sizes, Spices-Onion Powder, Garlic Powder

\*\*All food items are individual servings\*\*

### Practical Items

Baby Wipes, Hand Sanitizer (towel size), Tooth Brushes & Mouth Wash, Dental Floss, Roll On Stick Deodorant, Sun Screen, Eye Wash, Paper Dust Mask, Lotion, Shampoo, Conditioner, Razors, Shaving Cream, After Shave Lotion, Soap, Body Wash, Chapstick, Lip Balm, Nail Files, Baby Powder, Foot Powder, Combs, Brushes, Cotton Balls, Clorox Wipes, Contact Lens Cleaner, Antacids, Ibuprofen, Cough Drops

### Travel Sizes

Any Size Batteries, Sun Block, Paper and Envelopes, Writing Pens, Disposable Cameras, Puzzles, Paperback Books, Film, Journals, Yoyo's, Squirt Guns, Frisbee's, Dart Boards, Small Flashlights, Hackie Sacks, Jump Ropes, Radio Head Sets, Handmade Items, Portable CD Players, Mini Fans, Electronic Hand Held Games, Post Cards From Your Home State, A Stress Ball, Phone Cards (AT & T work best from Kuwait)

### For Females

Feminine Hygiene Products, Tampons, Panty Liners, Q-tips, Hair Bands, Hair Clips, Nail Polish, Nail Clippers, Small Mirrors, Candles, Body Sprays, Hair Spray (pump), Hair Gel, Perfume

### In General

Socks, Hats (baseball), Bandanas, Blankets, Single Sheet Sets

## NOTICE

ANY FAMILY MEMBER WHO WANTS  
THEIR FAMILY FLAG FLOWN AT THE

## ANNUAL POW-WOW

CONTACT

**WILSON HARJO (918-968-2583)**

OR

**CURTIS "DAGWOOD" WAKOLEE (405-395-0330)**



WE NEED MORE ADDRESSES OF SOLDIERS

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## NEW EDUCATION PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

The Sac and Fox Nation Education Department is pleased to announce the availability of six (6) new education programs. A brief summary of each program is provided here.

### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Grant

To provide for the education needs of Sac and Fox Nation school-aged children and youth; specifically, to offset the financial burden placed upon high school senior tribal members to acquire the following accoutrements to graduation: class ring, Senior pictures, graduation cap and gown, and graduation announcements. All Sac and Fox Nation tribal members who are currently enrolled in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade may participate in this program. Payments will be made directly to the vendor.

Each eligible student may receive up to \$500.00 in assistance and the program will fund as many students as funding permits.

### Vo-Tech Tuition Assistance Grant

Funds are provided for the continuing education needs of Sac and Fox tribal members who have taken it upon themselves to improve their job skills as a means to enhance their current position of employment or to learn new skills in order to elevate their status in the work force. The primary objective of this program is to assist Sac and Fox Nation tribal members with career advancement or to gain meaningful employment. All Sac and Fox Nation adult tribal members who are unemployed or under-employed and who are not enrolled in a formal degree or certification program are eligible to apply.

Courses must be at least two (2) weeks in duration and must be job-skills related.

Each eligible student may receive up to \$300.00 per year in assistance and the program will fund as many students as funding permits.

### College Programs

The Sac and Fox Nation College Education programs are available to all Sac and Fox Nation tribal members who are attending an accredited institute of higher learning and working toward an academic degree such as Associate's Degree, Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, PhD, or a professional degree (Juris Doctor, Medical Doctor, or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine). Funding is available to full-time and part-time undergraduate,

graduate and doctoral college students. These funds are supplemental only and are intended to alleviate some of the financial responsibility of the student. All awards are based on the availability of funds. The College Education programs consist of the following: Laptops Scholarship, Living Allowance, Tuition Assistance, and Book Assistance.

### College Laptops Scholarship

This program will provide a laptop to each Sac and Fox college student one time and is limited to students who have completed and passed at least 24 college credit hours and who are enrolled for the current and/or upcoming semester. Students who are on probation or suspension with the Sac and Fox Nation Education Department are not eligible for this program. This program is not available to high school students who are concurrently enrolled in college courses at an accredited institution.

### College Living Allowance

This program will pay up to \$200.00 per month for full-time students per semester school year and will pay up to \$100.00 per month for part-time students per semester school year. This program is not available to high school students who are concurrently enrolled in college courses at an accredited institution. Awards are made on a first-come, first-served basis and are not available for summer semesters or mini-semesters. Funding shall be used to financially assist the student with rent, utilities, food, household and other expenses. Payments will be made directly to the student.

### College Tuition Assistance Grant

This program will pay up to \$2,000.00 tuition assistance per Sac and Fox college student per year. Full-time students will receive \$1,000.00 tuition assistance per semester. Part-time students will receive \$500.00 tuition assistance per semester. Awards are made on a first-come, first-served basis and are not available for summer semesters or mini-semesters. Payments will be made directly to the educational institution. This program is also available to high school students who are concurrently enrolled for no less than three (3) credit hours in college courses at an accredited institution.

### College Book Assistance Grant

This program will pay up to \$250.00 textbook assistance per Sac and Fox college student per fall and spring semesters. Awards are made on a first-come, first-served basis and are not available for summer semesters or mini-semesters. Payment will be made to the student in the form of a pre-paid VISA gift card and may be used to purchase textbooks, class-related reading materials, basic school supplies such as pencils, pens, paper, notebooks, calculators, etc. and software related to the academic field.

Full-time students will receive \$250.00 textbook assistance per semester. Part-time students will receive \$125.00 textbook assistance per semester. This program is also available to high school students who are concurrently enrolled for no less than three (3) credit hours in college courses at

an accredited institution.

Please note that these are only brief summaries of the programs. You should contact the Education Department at 918.968.0509 for full information about any program that you are interested in and to request an application form. Funding is

on a first-come, first-served basis in all of the programs, so do not delay in submitting your application to us if you have need of any of these services. Application forms and guidelines will soon be posted on the Education Department's webpage for your convenience.

## NOTICE

**The Rap Department is Taking Requests For Lawn Care Assistance For Elders And The Handicapped 1-800-259-3970 RAP Department**

### 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.

## 2010 FREE Tax Preparation with Electronic Filing

If you make under \$50,000 a year and need assistance in preparing and filing your BASIC Income tax return. Call Sac and Fox Nation Learning Center (918-968-0509) to set up an appointment.

### What To Bring For Tax Preparation:

- Picture ID
- Social Security Card For Each Family Member
- All Forms W-2 and 1099's
- Any Other Tax Related Documents Received



**E-FILE BEGINS MONDAY, JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>**

### Sac & Fox Nation

Johnson O'Malley/Higher Education/Adult Vocational Training  
920883 S. Highway 99 Stroud, OK 74079



#### NEW PROGRAMS! NEW PROGRAMS!

The Sac and Fox Nation Education Department is pleased to announce the availability of the following new college programs for tribal members:

- College Tuition Assistance Grant
- College Book Assistance Grant
- College Living Allowance
- College Laptop Scholarship

The tuition and book assistance grants are also available to concurrently enrolled high school students.

In addition, we are also now offering two other programs:

- 12th Grade Graduation Grant - assists with expenses related to Class Ring, Senior Pictures, Cap and Gown and Graduation Announcements
- Vo-Tech Tuition Assistance Grant - assists with tuition expenses related to short-term (at least 3 weeks in duration) job-skills related courses

Program guidelines and forms will be posted soon to the Education Department page on the Nation's website or you can call or come by the Education Department office to receive a copy.

The Education Department is very excited to be allowed to offer these new programs to tribal members. If you have any questions, please call us at 918-968-0509.

SAC AND FOX TAX COMMISSION REVENUE	
January 2011	
Tobacco Tax.....	\$29,313.66
Wholesale Tobacco Tax.....	\$59,879.90
Motor Vehicle.....	\$2,217.75
Sales Tax.....	\$13,691.24
Treasury.....	\$150.00
Oil & Gas.....	\$14,017.37
Gaming.....	\$173,166.18
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$292,436.10</b>

## SUICIDE PREVENTION

### QPR

#### QUESTION PERSUADE REFER

Ask a Question, Save a Life  
Group trainings available

Please call:

**(918)968-9531 Ext. 131**

OR

**(800)830-0683 Ext: 131**



# Sac and Fox Nation Science Fair February 2011

look for more photos and fair results next month

