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## Chief's Address To The Nation

Hello Tribal Members,  
August brings forth the start of school for our young tribal members. I wish you the best this next school year in the academic field and with your extracurricular activities. I also remind students and their parents to enroll in the Johnson O'Malley Program, and to fill out the RAP school supplies grant and school clothing grant applications. The Higher Education forms for assistance are on line along with the JOM and RAP grant applications at [www.sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov](http://www.sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov).

### Local News

We concluded our 49th Annual



Chief George Thurman

Sac and Fox Nation Celebration on July 12-15. The pow-wow, rodeo, health fair, and other activities throughout the week end were all well attended. I wish to thank all of the workers and volunteers of the committees/departments and everyone that was responsible for a great event that was a positive reflection upon our people to other tribes and the public. Next year will be our 50th year for this Celebration, and plans have already begun in preparation for what I know will be the biggest and best event ever!

The Jim Thorpe Games were held recently in Oklahoma City. The Sac and Fox Nation was well represented with many of our tribal athletes bringing home medals for their efforts. I congratulate the winners and all of the athletes who competed and represented our Nation.

The Opening Ceremonies were something that they will remember for years to come. Our Nation was honored as the first tribe to be presented in the procession at Remington Park with each athlete carrying a miniature tribal flag and waving it just like the World Olympics, led by our Little Miss Sac and Fox Nation, Winter Johnson. It was quite a sight to behold and made me extremely proud to tell the public that I was the Chief of such a proud and gifted people. Bill Thorpe, son of Jim Thorpe, being present and participating, was definitely an inspiration to me and the other athletes. I know Bill enjoyed the Games as he tried to attend as many of the events as possible in addition to speaking engagements all week long. Tribes were in attendance from Washington to Florida to the Dakotas to the Southwest. I certainly hope that the Games will continue to be held in the future.

\*Some new facilities are being utilized and new facilities/projects are being constructed to provide improved services for our tribal membership when they visit their tribal complex: The new swimming pool was used extensively this summer especially during the Celebration. The new parking lot by the pool allows ample parking for tribal members and the public. The trailer homes are now being utilized by the Language Department and Indian Child Welfare. The Chapel was used for the Walker Family Reunion during the Celebration; services are being held weekly; some wedding ceremonies have been performed in the chapel as well as funeral services.

The Firearms Training Center is being utilized by tribal law enforcement and other entities. The new Maintenance Building for the Juvenile Detention Center is now being utilized. The new Culture Center will be completed and opened this Fall. A new lagoon will be constructed and be utilized early next year.

### State News

Governor Fallin has announced the appointment of Jacque Secondine Hensley of Tulsa as Native American liaison within the governor's office. In 2011, legislation eliminated the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission and established the executive branch position of Native American liaison.

The Native American liaison serves as an advisor to the governor on Native American affairs with areas of responsibility as designated by the governor including monitoring compacts between Oklahoma and tribal governments, monitoring consultations and interactions between state agencies and tribal governments, as well as continuing the outreach between the governor's office and tribal governments.

"Oklahoma's tribes have a valuable and unique impact on Oklahoma's economy and our culture," Fallin said. "My administration has always worked

closely with Oklahoma's tribes and will continue to do so in the future. The appointment of Jacque Secondine Hensley as Native American liaison will further enhance the partnership and communication between the governor's office and Oklahoma's tribes. Jacque is hardworking, knowledgeable and I'm happy to have her join our team. Her experience working with tribal governments as a special agent for the BIA will serve her well in her new role as Native American liaison."

Hensley, a member of the Kaw Nation, is currently a special agent for the Department of Defense where she investigates suspected cases of fraud of military contracts and health care. She previously worked as a special agent for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), where she focused primarily on investigating cases of child abuse. She also served as an adjunct professor at the Indian Police Academy in Artesia, NM, where she instructed law enforcement officers on investigating cases of child abuse. She served as the president of the State Child Protection Team in Oklahoma and is an active member of the National Native American Law Enforcement Association.

"I am grateful to Governor Fallin for the opportunity to serve in her administration as Native American liaison," Hensley said. "I look forward to building (Continued on Page 3)



**Man and Woman of the year:** James (Bones) Walker and Stella Nullake were named man and woman of the year for 2012-2013 Thursday, July 12, 2012 at the Annual Powwow during Traditional Night.

## Walker and Nullake Honored as Man and Woman of the Year

I am the third child born to Walter & Irma Scott Nullake, deceased.

My heritage is from All the Sac & Fox's - Saukie, Mesquakie, and Nemaha. I grew up when our tribe spoke our language, practiced our traditions and the ladies wore dresses.

I have a Thunder name that carries me through my days as I practice and live my heritage. I'm proud to carry my grandfather's name of Nullake as it is the Thunder name - Nunagee.

My siblings are Walter A. and Nancy Nullake. Our oldest brother Richard Nullake, deceased now, was the anchor of our little foursome when our mother passed.

I've done the usual life expects of us. I went to Business School soon after high school

and went straight to work. My work history includes the Oklahoma Tax Commission, Kerr-McGee Oil Corporation, Citgo Petroleum Corporation and the Sac and Fox Nation. My father, my hero, taught me to work and my Aunt Katherine Wahpepah told me never to quit my job. I'm still listening.

During my work career I had my family that consist of my children: April, Travis and Crystal. I have seven grandchildren, Nicole, Lindsey, Elizabeth, Jonas, Caitlyn, Avaleena, Laila and two great grandchildren. Nieces are Danita and Jamie. One nephew, Alo. I have two honorable Dads; Richard Walker of Prague, OK and Johnathan Buffalo of Tama, IA.

My other siblings are (Continued on Page 3)

## The Olympic Legacy of Jim Thorpe

by Sandra Kaye Massey Historic Preservation Officer

Olympic legend Jim Thorpe's extraordinary success 100 years ago in the games held at Stockholm, Sweden will be showcased in two storefront exhibits in Shawnee, Oklahoma. The projected start date is Friday, July 27, 2012, when the current summer Olympic games start. The exhibit will be on display at the old J.C. Penney's building on East Main at the corner of Union and 9th streets downtown and will remain for approximately 30 days.

Jim Thorpe was an enrolled tribal member with the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma. He was born on May 28, 1888, not quite 20 years after the Sac and Fox made Indian Territory their home (the tribe came to Indian Territory in 1869). His parents were Hiram (Sac and Fox) and Charlotte Vieux Thorpe (Potawatomi). Thorpe grew up learning how to live off the land but also attended the boarding school on the tribal grounds.

Sac and Fox people are usually born into their father's or grandfather's clan. Jim Thorpe belonged to the Thunder clan and was given the name "Wah-Tha-Huk", generally translated as "Bright Path" when it actually means "the bright path the lightning makes as it goes across the sky".

Jim won the gold medal when in the 1912 Olympics he won

the pentathlon, which consisted of five events: the long jump, javelin throw, discus throw, and two foot races, the 200-meter race and the 1500-meter race. He also won the decathlon, made up of ten track and field events held over two days: 100-meter and

400-meter races, shot put, long jump and high jump on the first day, with the second consisting of the discus throw, pole vault, javelin throw, a 1500-meter race and a 110-race featuring jumping hurdles.

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## Upcoming Events

**August 14, 5 pm**

Sac & Fox Nation Veterans' Meeting  
Elders Bldg Stroud

**August 15, 2012**

Elders Advisory Committee Meeting  
Stroud

Potluck & White Elephant Bingo  
10am - ?

**August 25, 2012**

**10:00 am**  
Annual Governing Council  
Sac and Fox Nation Community Building  
Stroud

