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to order the transfer of Baby Girl Veronica's custody to the Adoptive Couple.

On July 18, 2013 NCAI issued a statement on the ruling.

"We are witnessing the final steps in a forced removal of a Native child from her father, her family, and her Native community.

"NCAI is astounded and alarmed that the South Carolina Supreme Court has issued an order to transfer Veronica, the daughter of Dusten Brown, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, to the adoptive couple and doing so without holding a hearing to determine the best interests of the child. There is no scenario in which the best interests of this three year old

child will be served by removing her from her loving father and family raising her in Oklahoma. Mr. Brown pursued his right to care for his biological daughter since the moment he learned of the adoption. A removal of the child will be extremely traumatic for her and is clearly not in her best interest."

I thank you once again for the privilege and honor to serve you as Chief of our Blessed Nation, ask that you thank Him for the Love and Mercy that He has bestowed on our Sac & Fox Nation, and to continue praying for the leadership of our People.

Sincerely,
George Thurman, Principal Chief

Powwow Great Success From Page 1

Kiowa, Cheyenne, Cherokee, Meskwaki, Hualapi, Potawatomie, Navajo, Pima, Choctaw, Quapaw, Ottawa, Salt River Pima Maricopa, Miami, Yuchi, Yakama, Otoe, Klamath, Chickasaw and Rosebud Sioux.

Campers that traveled the farthest were from Tempe, Scottsdale, and Mesa, Arizona.

Other states that were represented were Illinois, Texas, Colorado, Indiana, Iowa, New Mexico, Missouri and Kansas.

Last but not least we can't forget about the one thing that stays on our minds,

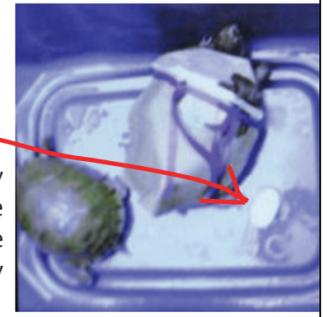
"food" and plenty of it.

There were several camps that served 50 or more people including Manatowa, McClellan, Standing, Nullake, Starr, Harris, Williamson and Hunter. A big round of applause for the ration crew who worked so hard to make so many happy, satisfied and "sleepy". I guess I'd have to end up saying some of the most important people during the action packed four days was all the "Professional Cooks" who labored relentlessly by the fires and through the heat to make sure there was plenty to eat.



Powwow Baby

Lilliana Kateri Murata
9 years old
Horace Mann Shawnee, Oklahoma
Won 1st Best dressed (Ribbon Shirt)
&
2nd place in the turtle race during the
50th Annual Powwow



The award winning turtle layed an egg a day after the Powwow, Lilliana requested the turtle be released back to where it came from. Lilliana is the Granddaughter of Harry and Francis Butler of Shawnee, Oklahoma



IF YOU HAVE SEEN

Erin Walker 16 yrs old

Please Contact:

Absentee Shawnee

Tribal Police Dept.

405-275-3200

Shawnee Police Dept.

405-273-2121

Sac and Fox Police Dept.

800-404-3189

or

405-760-9558

Look for *more* Powwow pictures and contests winners in in the September issue of the **Sac and Fox News**

URGENT

NOTICE TO VETERANS

Men and Women especially WW1, WW2 and Korean

The Sac and Fox National Public Library is asking for your DD 214's for their records and **Memorial Monument Purposes**

See Cathrine Walker

1-918-968-0705

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Domestic Violence Program

Mission Statement

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma's Domestic Violence mission is to eliminate violence in Native Country and to strengthen Native families to end the cycle of violence. Absentee Shawnee Tribe Domestic Violence program serves Native American families and Non-Native families by providing advocacy in the areas of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Dating Violence.



The Domestic Violence Department provides services to:

Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault (on call 24 hours per day), Stalking, and/or Dating Violence. We serve Native and non-Native victims as well as their children, as these problems affect everyone in our community. When a victim flees the situation they often leave behind all of their belongings, that's where we step in, offering a hand up to the victim. We offer advocacy for the victim, through the process of court, counseling, housing and utility assistance, referrals as needed (for services ASTDV does not provide), shelter, and transitional housing. We have four transitional houses fully furnished, where victims will be provided the opportunity to get an education and obtain job skills. Emergency transportation can be provided as well. For questions regarding necessary paperwork in order to receive assistance please contact the AST Domestic Violence Office.

Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801
Phone: (405) 275-4030 Fax: (405) 273-1192
National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233
National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-4673

PUBLIC NOTICE

A REGULAR CALLED MEETING OF THE SAC AND FOX NATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE WILL BE THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2013

9:30 A.M.

SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES BLDG. SAC AND FOX RESERVATION STROUD OKLAHOMA

Muscogee (Creek) Nation WIC Program

Stroud Clinic

USDA Building 920883 S. HWY 99

Open 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each Month

Hours: 9:30am - 3:30pm

Closed for Lunch 12:00pm - 1:00pm

1-800-648-2302 or 918-968-1784 for information

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