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*Men of Men*

FEBRUARY 2019

# 2019 ELECTIONS

POSITIONS FOR PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL

2017-2019 PAWNEE NATION BUSINESS COUNCIL



W. Bruce Pratt  
President



Darrel Wildcat  
Vice President



Patsy McCray  
Secretary



M. Angela Thompson  
Treasurer



Sammye Adson  
Council Seat #1



Dawna Hare  
Council Seat #2

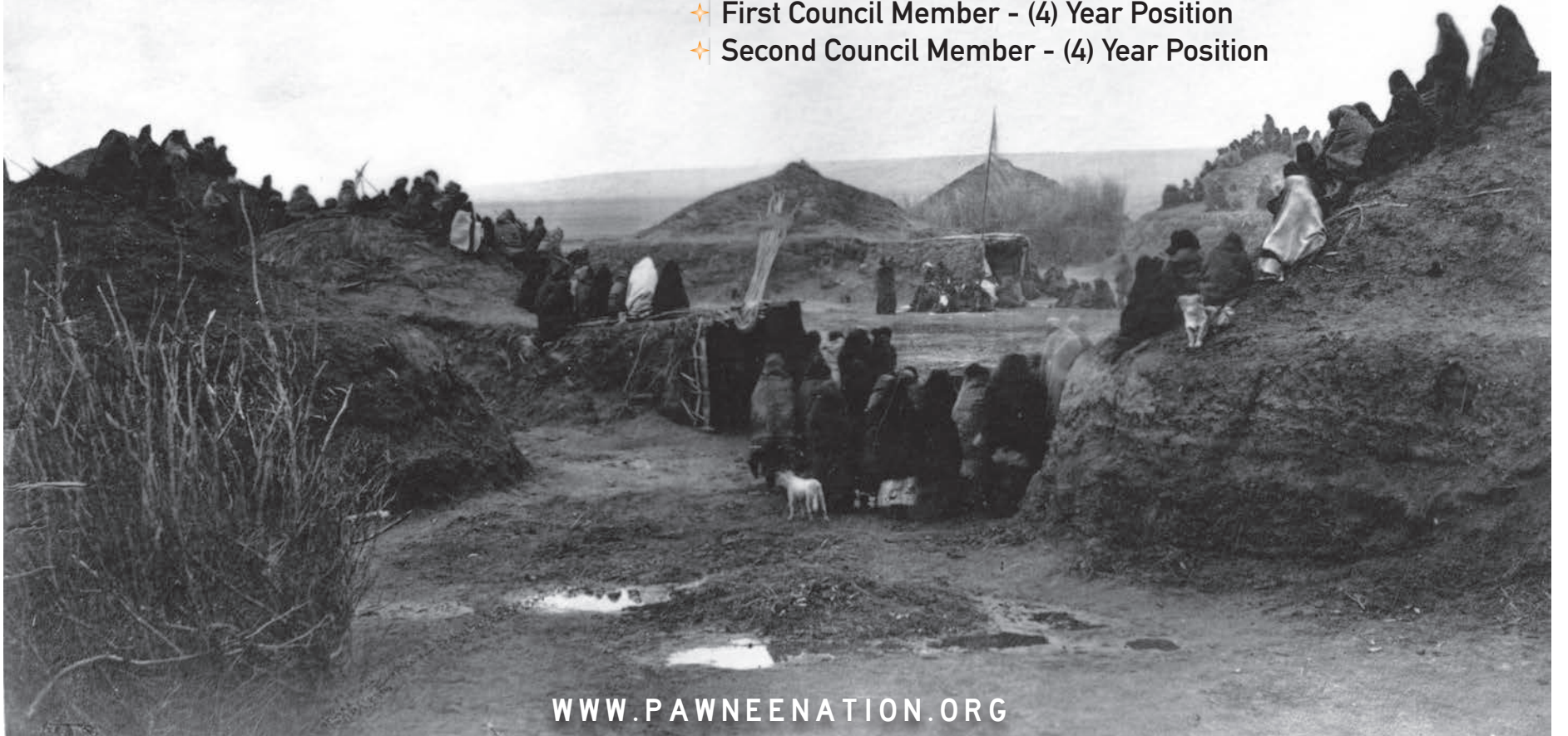


Charles 'Buddy' Lone  
Council Seat #3



Charles Knife  
Council Seat #4

- ✦ President - (4) Year Position
- ✦ Treasurer - (4) Year Position
- ✦ First Council Member - (4) Year Position
- ✦ Second Council Member - (4) Year Position



# **Free Fitness Classes Available 2019 Open to the Community**

**Zumba, Yoga, Kickboxing, Boot Camp**

Zumba & Yoga Instructor -Julie Payne  
Kickboxing & Boot camp Instructor-  
Alley Hoffman  
**Both are certified instructors**

**All skill levels welcome!**

**When: Mondays--Zumba-6pm & Yoga-7pm  
Tuesdays--Kickboxing-6pm and  
Thursdays-- Bootcamp 7pm**



**Where: Pawnee Nation Gym  
806 Morris Road**

Classes are hosted by Pawnee Nation Division of Health and Community Services Wellness Program  
For more information, call 918-762-3873 ext. 4



## MESSAGE FROM THE PAWNEE NATION PRESIDENT



**W. Bruce Pratt**  
President

Nowa,

I am pleased to share with you this issue of the Chaticks si Chaticks. The tribal newsletter is a great way of communicating what the Pawnee Nation has been doing throughout the year. The Pawnee Nation is always striving to do what we can for our people. I am thankful for our staff in their efforts to help serve you, the people. Can we do better? Of course, we can. In this time of budget cuts and doing more with less, I commend our staff for their efforts and thank them for continuing to work through hard times.

We welcome Jim Gray as our new Executive Director. He has worked in many capacities in Indian country and we look forward to the experience he will bring. I believe he will serve our people well.

There has been information circulating about the Nation's Agriculture Program and looking into the Hemp Industry. Congress has passed the Agriculture Bill which allows Tribes to grow this valuable crop. We are looking into the possibility of cultivating this crop and expanding our resources. We have open meetings to discuss this possible endeavor and look forward to the input of the people to help us accomplish what is needed for the growth of the Pawnee Nation.

Once again, if you have any questions, please feel free to call or come by. My door is always open for you.

President, Pawnee Nation

- *W. Bruce Pratt*



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT TO THE PAWNEE NATION



**Jim Gray**  
Executive Director

Let me begin by thanking the Pawnee Business Council for selecting me for this important position within the Nation. By way of introduction, I have been working in Indian country for the last twenty-five years and have been fortunate to work with many representatives of the Nation over the years. In the 90s, I was a publisher of the Oklahoma Indian Times and later the Native American Times where my work brought me to Pawnee many times either as a photographer, writer or as a distributor. As a writer, I was often on

the phone interviewing President Marshall Gover who was always so good to us at the paper. I also had the good fortune to interview Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Kevin Gover who to this day, I consider a friend as he now heads the National Museum of the American Indian. In the next decade as Principal Chief of the Osage Nation, I was fortunate to work alongside your leadership with respect to tobacco, gaming, and environmental issues. I later served a 6-year term as a board member to the Native American Rights Fund which introduced me to the Echo-Hawk family. As of this writing, I'm still amused at how many ways you can spell Echohawk depending upon who you ask.

In the years that followed, my work has led to Washington D.C. to lead the Native American Contractors Association, Government Relations/ Communications Director for the Cherokee Nation, Senior Advisor to the Delaware Tribal Council and more recently as Chief of Staff the Sac and Fox Nation. As a consultant, I worked for the Delaware

Tribe of Indians, Norfolk Southern Railroad as a Tribal Consultant in their outreach to Indian country. I'm also fortunate to continue to speak at National conferences in the area of Tribal sovereignty, energy, environment, government reform and strategic planning and on occasion, speaking to Councilwoman Hare's tribal studies class at Oklahoma State University.

These days, my wife Olivia Gray (former planning director at the Nation) and I reside in Skiatook, Oklahoma with our daughter Annette. Six of our seven children have grown up, moved out and in some cases started families of their own. We now have two grandchildren which makes us feel very proud to see them often.

I've only been here for a month, and so I'm just now getting settled in with my work, but make no mistake, the challenges facing Indian country are not easy but certainly not impossible. As I become more acquainted with the community and marshal the resources of the Nation to deliver the services in the most efficient manner possible is my primary goal for my work here. In addition to that, it's my honor to work with the talented individuals who work here and provide leadership and support when needed to remind them daily that working for the Pawnee Nation is a privilege that we want to express every day.

It is with a humble and grateful heart that I respectfully submit this report to the Pawnee people.

Executive Director, Pawnee Nation

- *JIM GRAY*

# Pawnee Business Council Resolutions 2018

Pawnee Business Council Resolutions and Meeting Minutes can be viewed at [www.pawneenation.org](http://www.pawneenation.org) under the Government page.

**#18-66** – A Resolution to approve twenty-nine (29) eligible applicants to be added to the Pawnee Membership Roll – Approved November 13, 2018, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (Wildcat) and one not voting (Pratt).

**#18-67** – A Resolution to approve to note the date of death of eight (8) deceased members on the Membership Roll and remove them from the Annuity Roll – Approved November 13, 2018, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (Wildcat) and one not voting (Pratt).

**#18-68** – A Resolution to accept the Conditional Relinquishment of LST from the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and be removed from the Pawnee Nation Membership Roll on condition upon being accepted for membership with the Wyandotte Nation – Approve November 18, 2018 by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (Wildcat) and one not voting (Pratt).

**#18-69** – A Resolution to accept the Absolute Relinquishment of IAEH from the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and will be removed permanently from the Pawnee Nation membership roll – Approved December 18, 2018 by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (McCray) and one not voting (Pratt).

**#18-70** – A Resolution to approve the form, terms and provisions of the Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity and submission to the Specified Courts (therein defined) in full accordance with and subject to the terms and

provisions of such Loan Commitment Letter – Approved November 13, 2018 by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (Wildcat) and one not voting (Pratt).

**#18-71** – A Resolution to approve the adoption and submittal of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Tribal Transportation Improvement Program for the fiscal year 2019 – Approved December 18, 2018, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (McCray) and one not voting (Pratt).

**#18-72** – A Resolution to approve the revisions of the **Pawnee Nation Utility Authority Act** – Approved December 18, 2018, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (McCray) and one not voting (Pratt).

**#18-73** – A Resolution to approve the revision of the Pawnee Nation's Office of Human Resources Policies and Procedures Manual's and addition of "Chapter 8, Section R., Workplace Injuries" – Tabled December 18, 2018 by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (McCray) and one not voting (Pratt).

**#18-74** – A Resolution to approve and authorize the consent for a grant of easement to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation on Allotment ID number 812 T 2000 for roadway improvements for a term of 50 years– initial term of 25 years with an automatic renewal of 25 years – Approved December 18, 2018, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (McCray) and one not voting (Pratt).

**#18-75** – A Resolution to approve the revisions made to the Pawnee Nation Election Act – Approved December 18, 2018, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (McCray) and one not voting (Pratt).

**#18-76** – A Resolution to approve the submission of the FY 2018 Indian Community Development Block Grant application for the "Pawnee Nation Green House Project" to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development – Approved December 18, 2018, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (McCray) and one not voting (Pratt).

**#18-77** – A Resolution to approve and authorize the submission of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma's Cost Allocation Plan for the "Pawnee Nation Green House Project" which makes up the projected Operations & Maintenance costs – Approved December 18, 2018 by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (McCray) and one not voting (Pratt).

**#18-78** – A Resolution to approve and authorize the submission of the leveraged amounts stated in the resolution to be applied towards the "Pawnee Nation Green House Project" – Approved December 18, 2018, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (McCray) and one not voting (Pratt).

## WELLNESS PROGRAM UPDATE

The Wellness Program Committee, which consists of the Diabetes, CHR/HE, and SAP/MSPI Programs, is sponsoring the Pawnee Nation Weight Loss Challenge "The Only Way to Finish is to Start." The challenge began January 9 and will end March 6. Teams consist of (2) people per team and weigh-ins are held every Wednesday. The teams who lose the most weight loss percentage will receive 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. There are (25) teams who are participating, and at this point, it is anyone's game.

## THE ICW PROGRAM IS SEEKING FOSTER PARENTS

Benefits of being a foster parent include providing a safe environment for children and ensuring their connection to their culture and community. For more information on becoming a foster parent, please contact the Pawnee Nation ICW Program at (918) 762-3621 ext. 143 or ext. 175.

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**#19-01** – A Resolution to appoint Reva Howell to the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Liquor Control Commission effective January 8, 2019, whose term of office will expire December 31, 2022 – Approved January 8, 2019, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (Knife Chief) and one not voting (Pratt).

**#19-02** – A Resolution to appoint Cynthia Butler to the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Liquor Control Commission effective January 8, 2019, whose term of office will expire December 31, 2022 – Approved January 8, 2019, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (Knife Chief) and one not voting (Pratt).

**#19-03** – A Resolution to approve the assignment of lease of said property lands totaling 823.56 acres for a period of five years for an amount of \$28,000.00 annually. The assignee, Doug Merz, is responsible for completing all terms of Items A - H. Specified Practices and additional lease

requirements on this lease beginning as of this date and ending December 31, 2023 – Approved January 8, 2019, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (Knife Chief) and one not voting (Pratt).

**#19-04** – A Resolution to approve the assignment of lease of said property lands totaling 135 acres for a period of one year for an amount of \$2,700 annually. The assignee, Mike Godberson, is responsible for completing all terms of Items 3-5 on this lease beginning as of this date and ending December 31, 2019 – Approved January 8, 2019, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (Knife Chief) and one not voting (Pratt).

**#19-05** – A Resolution to approve the application to charter submitted by the Pawnee Nation for the 2020 school year – Approved January 24, 2019, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (Knife Chief) and one not voting (Pratt).

**#19-06** – A Resolution to adopt the Pawnee Nation Hemp Farming Act of 2019 – Approved January 24, 2019, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (Knife Chief) and one not voting (Pratt).

**#19-07** – A Resolution to approve the request for Tribal disbursement in the amount not to exceed \$271,137.44 from the Proceeds of Labor Account for program budgets – Approved January 24, 2019, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (Knife Chief) and one not voting (Pratt).

**#19-08** – A Resolution to initiate the necessary action to have a special appropriation funds transferred from the US Treasury Department to the Pawnee Nation's Annuity Holding Account (Pawnee Annuity) – Approved January 24, 2019, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (Knife Chief) and one not voting (Pratt).

## EDUCATION NEWS

The Scholarship Program would like to recognize the following outstanding students who demonstrated a commitment to their education and achieved their goals by studying hard.

### Fall 2018 Recognition

Lindsey Chapman	President's Honor Roll, 4.0 g.p.a.
Kendra Kelley	Dean's List, 4.0 g.p.a.
Cameron Echohawk	3.93 g.p.a.
Osheanna Aguilera	Dean's Honor Roll, 3.78 g.p.a.
Shauna Medina	USAO Honor Roll, 3.75 g.p.a.
Marlon Houston, Jr.	3.7 g.p.a.
Alexis Horsechief	Dean's Honor Roll, 3.60
Davi Ferris	3.0 g.p.a.
Lyla Murie	3.0 g.p.a.

## The Division of Planning & Tribal Development

will be hosting a

### COMMUNITY MEETING

On Saturday, February 23, 2019

at the **Pawnee Nation Resource Complex**

1202 Heritage Circle, Pawnee, OK 74058

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

for the

#### Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

- Explore in-depth demographic and workforce features of the region
- Identify high priority themes to guide the regional efforts

~lunch will be provided~

For More information please contact  
Brian Kirk, PN Planning Director

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## **NOVEMBER 3, 2018 PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL QUARTERLY MEETING**

President W. Bruce Pratt called the meeting to order at 9:04 am and Mr. Charles Lone Chief gave the invocation. Six Council members present and two were absent (Adson, Hare), establishing a quorum.

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting agenda for November 3, 2018, with changes, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the Pawnee Business Council Meeting minutes for October 11, 2018, with correction, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.

The Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation report was given by CEO Robert Dimmick.

Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to approve the Pawnee Nation Third Quarter Quarterly Reports, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve the City of Pawnee Main Trespass Route with the Pawnee Nation, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.
2. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2019 Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation Budget projection, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #18-63 to appoint James Grant Hawkins to serve on the Pawnee Tribal Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

2. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve Resolution 18-64 to appoint Carol Young to serve on the Pawnee Tribal Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.
3. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve Resolution 18-65 to select and appoint Shandi S. Campbell to the Pawnee Nation District Court Prosecutor, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.
4. Pawnee Business Council Budget Committee Recommendations:

- a. Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to table the 2018 Pawnee Business Council budget modification #4 that includes the UINOKT Membership Dues, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion fails.

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to deny the 2018 Pawnee Business Council budget modification #4 that includes the UINOKT Membership Dues, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

- b. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2018 Law Enforcement budget modification #1, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

- c. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2018 Law Enforcement budget modification #2, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

- d. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve of BUI proposed GMP, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

5. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve of revisions made to the Pawnee Nation Liquor Control Commission License and Registration Application

Packet, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion made by Darrell Wildcat to go into Executive Session, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.

1. Discussion of Pawnee Preference and Indian Preference Policies – The decision from the Pawnee Business Council is to re-advertise the Executive Director Position and to reduce the years of management experience from ten years to five years on the job description.
2. Discussion and/or Action on Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation Loan – Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve the language of the Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation Re-Finance Loan Agreement, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson, seconded by Darrell Wildcat to adjourn at 12:30 pm, motion carries.

## **NOVEMBER 13, 2018 PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**

President W. Bruce Pratt called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm and Mr. William Perry gave the invocation. Seven Council members present and one absent (Wildcat), establishing a quorum.

Motion made by Sammye Adson to approve the Pawnee Business Council meeting agenda for November 13, 2018, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

Reports given by PBC Committee and Travel; Pawnee Nation College, and Pawnee Nation Executive Director.

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the Pawnee Business Council travel requests, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

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## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #18-66 for twenty-nine new applicants to be added to the Pawnee Membership Roll, seconded by Sammye Adson, motion carries.
2. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #18-67 for eight deceased members on the Membership Roll to be removed from the Annuity Roll and to note the date of death, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.
3. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #18-68 for a Conditional Relinquishment, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.
4. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #18-69 for an Absolute Relinquishment, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER: Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to reconsider Resolution #18-69 for absolute relinquishment, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to table Resolution #18-69 and have President Pratt reach out to the individual and have discussion to bring back to the next PBC meeting agenda, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

5. Pawnee Business Council Budget Committee Recommendations:
  - a. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the amount of \$200.00 for the PBC Elders Potluck Lunch, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
  - b. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2019 LIHEAP budget, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.
  - c. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2018

Communication Program budget modification #1, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

6. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #18-70 for a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
7. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve the Pawnee Nation Liquor Control Commission rebates of Liquor License Application fees, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

Motion made by Charles Lone Chief, seconded by M. Angela Thompson to adjourn at 7:28 pm, motion carries.

## DECEMBER 18, 2018 PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

President W. Bruce Pratt called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm and Ms. Sammye Adson gave the invocation. Seven Council members present, one absent (McCray), quorum established.

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the Pawnee Business Council meeting agenda for December 18, 2018, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to approve the Pawnee Business Council Quarterly Meeting Minutes for November 3, 2018, with changes, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
2. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the Pawnee Business Council Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2018, with changes, seconded by Sammye Adson, motion carries.

Reports were given by the President, PBC Committee and Travel, PTDC CEO, Interim Executive Director, and Attorney General.

Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to approve the Council travel requests, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Amendment of Agenda: Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to amend the agenda and add Executive Session to speak with Tribal Member on Resolution #18-69, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

Action after Executive Session: Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve Resolution #18-69 for an Absolute Relinquishment, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Presentation by Phil Gover for recommendation of the Charter School to the Business Council.
  - a. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to table Item 1, a for approval of the Charter School application, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
2. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #18-71 for the 2019 Pawnee Nation Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
3. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #18-72 for revisions to the Pawnee Nation Utility Authority Act, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
4. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to table Resolution #18-73 for an addition to the HR Policies and Procedures, Workplace Injury Policy, seconded by Sammye Adson, motion carries.
5. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve December 24th and December 31st for 2018 Employee Holidays, seconded by Sammye Adson, motion carries.
6. Motion made by Sammye Adson to approve the Pawnee Nation 2019 Holiday Schedule with changes to add December 24th, Christmas Eve and December 31st New Year's Eve for a half day, seconded by

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Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

7. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #18-74 for the ODOT Easement, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.
8. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #18-75 for revisions to the Pawnee Nation Election Act, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.
9. Pawnee Business Council Budget Committee Recommendations:
  - a. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to not approve the membership with the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
  - b. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the GMP for the Campground Project Bathrooms Phase 3, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.
  - c. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the GMP for the 1st Street Project Phase 1, seconded by Sammye Adson, motion carries.
  - d. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the GMP for the Morris Road Project Phase 1,

seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.

e. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the IHS Housekeeping budget modification #1, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.

10. Motion made by Darrell Wildcat to approve the selection and offer the Executive Director Position to James Gray, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.
11. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #18-76 for Citizen Participation for the ICDBG grant submission, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
12. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Resolution #18-77 for Operation and Maintenance for the ICDBG grant submission, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.
13. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #18-78 for Leverage for the ICDBG grant submission, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to go into Executive Session, seconded by Sammye Adson, motion carries. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to come out of Executive

Session, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

Motion made by Charles Lone Chief, seconded by Charles Knife Chief to adjourn at 9:31 am.

## **DECEMBER 18, 2018 PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**

President W. Bruce Pratt called the meeting to order at 10:22 am and gave the invocation. Seven Council members present, one absent (Knife Chief), quorum established.

Motion made by Sammye Adson to approve the Pawnee Business Council meeting agenda for January 2, 2019, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the Letter of Intent with Dupree Green, LLC., seconded by Sammye Adson, motion carries.

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson, seconded by Charles Lone Chief to adjourn at 10:33 am, motion carries.





## TRAVELERS CLUB HONORS THE MEDICAL PHYSICIANS OF THE PAWNEE TRIBE

On October 27th, 2018 the Pawnee Traveler's Club held an honorary recognition luncheon to five medical physicians of our Pawnee Tribe.

The Pawnee Travelers Club was deemed to give homage, and utmost appreciation and recognition to five of our Medical Physicians who are representing our Pawnee Tribe honorably and they are proud lifelong citizens of our Pawnee Nation.

The honorees recognized were: Dr. Charles KnifeChief, MD (Specialty: Obstetrician, Gynecologist) obtained his BS from the University of Utah, his medical degree from the University of California San Diego School of Medicine and completed his residency training through the University of Oklahoma in Tulsa and he now has his own practice in Owasso, Oklahoma where he resides; Dr. Sarah KnifeChief, MD, (Specialty: Orthopedic Surgery) daughter of Dr. Charles KnifeChief, MD obtained her medical schooling from the University of Oklahoma and did her residency at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, and she resides in Bentonville, Arkansas, also acknowledged was her active duty service in the Army from 2003 to 2012 ending her active duty service with a rank as a Major; Dr. Gene Evans, MD (Specialty: Family Practice) obtained his medical schooling from the University of Kansas School of Medicine and did his residency at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, St. Francis Hospital and he has his own practice in Pawnee where he resides, also acknowledged was his active duty service in the Army as a Family Practice Physician in 1996-2000, ending his active duty service as a Major with the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Georgia; Dr. Linda Cummings, MD (Specialty: Psychiatry) obtained her pre-med at the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington and continued her medical schooling at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine and completed her fellowship at the University of Colorado and did her residency at Griffin Memorial Hospital

in Norman, Oklahoma and she now resides in Edmond, Oklahoma commuting to her work place at IHS Headquarters in Oklahoma City and Dr. Amanda Speicher, MD (Specialty: Psychiatry), obtained her medical schooling at Dartmouth College and Dartmouth Medical in Hanover, New Hampshire and completed her residency at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island and she now resides in North Stonington, Connecticut.

Let us be aware that becoming a doctor requires obtaining one of the highest academic degrees conferred by a university an M.D. and it takes many years of hard work including applying, studying, testing, writing, researching, practicing, and training. The requirements for becoming a doctor in the U.S. may vary by specialty. In general, doctors complete a 4-year undergraduate degree program, spend four years in medical school and then complete 3-7 years of residency training before they are eligible for medical licensing.

The honorees knew that they were pursuing the practice of medicine that our ancestors could only dream of, and now there is access to amazing treatments and cures for patients on a daily basis. Through their ancestor's teachings they were taught to ask the Creator to use them as a vessel for healing so that whatever comes through them is precisely what the patient needs. They were also taught to pray that their words and hands may be guided so as they touch and go to the heart of what needs to be healed. Think of each of these honorees as you may recall their vigor and happiness as a youth and then, imagine the beauty of that energy now channeled into the care of another human being as that has been an awarding accomplishment of their life. As we acknowledge our honorees we know that a good physician treats the disease, but a great

physician treats the patient who has the disease, and all of our honorees are great physicians.

The event began with Matt Reed, MC acknowledging the honorees and welcoming the family members and guest who were in attendance followed by each of the family members reading the biographies for each of the honorees. A display table for each honoree was also set up which displayed momentums of accomplishments and ancestor's photos. A luncheon followed and was enjoyed by all in attendance with continued visiting and many stories being heard throughout the afternoon. The Travelers Club would like to give a special thank you to Matt Reed for honoring us as being the MC of this event.

The Travelers Club has been in existence since 2011 and is a nonprofit organization that is entirely dependent on donations and fundraisers. The Travelers focus is giving back to the community in many ways and last year not only sponsoring events that have lasting meaning to the Pawnee Tribe such as this event of honoring the Medical Physicians but including the Elizabeth Blackowl monetary award that was presented to a Pawnee college student. Another project of the Travelers is providing hats and gloves to Title VI students through the Pawnee school.

Members of the Travelers are Linda Jestes, Liana Teter, Walthena Lawrence, Chip Chapman, Rick Chapman, Jo Only A Chief, Marti Only A Chief, Jean Grant, Dennis Grant, Flo Goodfox, Wanda Kanuho, Cordelia Clapp, and Ann Collins.

## IGNORED AND INFURIATED, PAWNEE STOP ILLEGAL FRACKING PLANS ON TRIBAL LANDS



**Walter Echo-Hawk, a member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, discovered in 2015 that government agencies had approved oil and gas leases on Pawnee land without telling the tribe. PHOTO BY STUART ISETT**

The government admits it failed to follow its own rules when approving new oil and gas leases on Pawnee land, part of a broader pattern of agency misconduct.

It was a typical summer day in 2015 when Walter Echo-Hawk, a member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, discovered fracking operations near his home on Pawnee lands about 55 miles west of Tulsa.

After stumbling upon a work crew surveying for a proposed pipeline, Echo-Hawk called the oil company responsible to find out more information. The company stonewalled him. He then contacted several government agencies. Eventually, Echo-Hawk learned the truth: Two years prior, regulators had approved 17 oil and gas leases on Pawnee lands. They didn't bother to notify the tribe.

Echo-Hawk immediately began mobilizing fellow tribal members to fight the leases. But regulators at the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Land Management said it was too late. The leases had already been approved. The agencies also claimed the Pawnee couldn't take them to court because the tribe had failed to ask for reconsideration

of those decisions when they were made.

The Pawnee, however, hadn't been aware of the decisions because the agencies — in violation of their own rules — neglected to notify the tribe in any way.

Echo-Hawk was furious that federal agencies were treating Pawnee lands like “an oil and gas fiefdom.” After all, it was hardly the first time the U.S. government had run roughshod over tribal rights. In addition, the Pawnee were already gravely familiar with the threats posed by oil and gas drilling. Over the

years, previous operations had left a legacy of contaminated groundwater and illegal wastewater dumping on tribal land.

“We aren't against oil and gas production, but we are certainly against methods [that] hurt our land base, minerals and water,” wrote W. Bruce Pratt, president of the Pawnee Nation, in a press release.

In addition to water contamination, geologists have linked fracking to a surge in earthquakes, both in Oklahoma and across the country. In 2014, Oklahoma surpassed California as the most seismically active state in the lower 48. Oklahomans historically had felt an average of one or two sizable rumbles per year, but in the last few years, that number jumped to two or three per day.

Despite this threat, government regulators didn't bother to address the earthquake risk when approving the leases. Nor did they address the impacts of drilling near the Cimarron River, a 698-mile cinnamon- and paprika-colored ribbon of water that supports a native fishery protected under Pawnee tribal law. The government authorized the oil and gas company to suck millions of gallons of water from the Cimarron for fracking. Regulators also approved drilling operations on the river's floodplain, where a spill of oil or fracking chemicals could contaminate the Cimarron, which tribal members like Echo-Hawk rely on to recharge their domestic water wells.

In 2015, the tribe requested that the agencies issue a moratorium on all new oil and gas approvals on tribal land while concerns about earthquakes and water contamination were addressed. Despite the Nation's request, and the ongoing earthquakes, regulators continued approving new operations like water withdrawals for drilling on the leases.

“It became apparent that the agencies were not inclined to be accountable to tribal or U.S. law,” says Echo-Hawk. So the Pawnee decided to contact Earthjustice.



**A Confederate flag hangs from a Crown Oil fracking operation upstream from Echo-Hawk's home. COURTESY OF WALTER ECHO-HAWK**



## IGNORED AND INFURIATED, PAWNEE STOP ILLEGAL FRACKING PLANS ON TRIBAL LANDS



**Walter Echo-Hawk**

PHOTO COURTESY OF WALTER ECHO-HAWK

In early September 2016, the tribe's fears about fracking were realized after the most powerful earthquake recorded in Oklahoma history struck the Pawnee area. The jolt was also felt by six neighboring states.

"My house is made of brick and stone, and it shook as though it were made of straw," says Echo-Hawk, whose home was among the many houses and administrative buildings badly damaged in the quake. Since then, several studies, including one from the U.S. Geological Survey, have found evidence linking fracking wastewater injections to earthquakes across the country.

Shortly after, Earthjustice filed a lawsuit against the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Land Management on behalf of the Pawnee Nation, as well as Echo-Hawk and other individual Pawnee members. Earthjustice attorney Mike Freeman says the Pawnee situation illustrates a larger pattern where the federal government violates the law by approving oil and gas projects on tribal lands without telling the affected tribes. The Bureau of Indian Affairs, for example, has used a similar maneuver in recent years in

New Mexico, Maine, and on tribal lands in Oklahoma.

"Our government has run roughshod over the rights of Native Americans when approving oil and gas development," Freeman said. "But the law requires federal agencies to respect tribal laws and sovereignty."

In addition to the federal court lawsuit, Earthjustice asked the Bureau of Indian Affairs to reconsider its leasing decision through a legal mechanism known as an administrative appeal. In May, the agency's internal review agreed with the tribe's argument, determining that the Bureau of Indian Affairs violated the law by approving the oil and gas leases without informing tribal members and without examining fracking's environmental impacts. The agency's review invalidated three of the leases and declared

another 10 expired and therefore no longer in effect.

Only four leases now remain, and the tribe, represented by Earthjustice, is elevating the issue to the national level by bringing the case to the Interior Board of Indian Appeals, a federal review body. At the same time, Earthjustice's challenge against the Bureau of Land Management's drilling permit approvals is moving forward in district court.

While some drilling has been approved on the four remaining leases, Freeman said they have the same legal defect as the leases that were already invalidated. As a result, he is hopeful the federal review board will strike down those four leases as well.

"The bureau has already admitted it violated the law in approving these four leases," says Freeman. "They can't now just turn a blind eye to those mistakes."



**Earthjustice attorney Mike Freeman represents the Pawnee in their lawsuit against the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Land Management.**

MATT NAGER FOR EARTHJUSTICE



# 2019 ELECTIONS



## POSITIONS FOR PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL

- ✦ President - (4) Year Position
- ✦ Treasurer - (4) Year Position
- ✦ First Council Member - (4) Year Position
- ✦ Second Council Member - (4) Year Position

May 4, 2019 - Election Day

Deadline for Request of Absentee Ballots

Postmark Date - April 5, 2019



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### Pawnee Nation Election to be Held

The Pawnee Nation will be conducting a Tribal Election on May 4, 2019. Positions to be filled will be: President (4) Year Position; Treasurer (4) Year Position; First Council Member (4) Year Position; Second Council Member (4) Year Position. The filing dates for candidates will be February 20 thru February 23, 2019. Candidate filings will be accepted at the Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement Center each day from 1:00 P.M. thru 5:00 P.M. All prospective candidates must file their candidacy during this time and meet all requirements as stated in the Election Act of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. A non-refundable filing fee of \$300.00 (three hundred dollars)(must be cashier's check or money order) will be required to file. For information concerning these requirements you may write the Pawnee Nation Election Commission at Post Office Box 600, Pawnee Oklahoma 74058; email the Commission at [electioncomm@pawneenation.org](mailto:electioncomm@pawneenation.org); or visit the Pawnee Nation website at [www.pawneenation.org](http://www.pawneenation.org). Information concerning requests for absentee ballots is also available through these locations.

The members of the Pawnee Nation Election Commission encourage all citizens of the Pawnee Nation to exercise their right to VOTE and become a part of this very important opportunity. Your personal involvement in this process can and will strengthen our Nation, now and in the future. All citizens of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, who are eighteen (18) years of age or over on the date of the election are eligible to vote. Any eligible voter of the Pawnee Nation can request an absentee ballot in writing, addressed to the Pawnee Nation Election Commission at P.O. Box 600, Pawnee Oklahoma 74058. Eligible voters may also FAX a request for an absentee ballot to the Pawnee Nation Election Commission at (918) 762-6446 or email, if they expect to be absent from the polling place on the day of the election.

Please include a valid address and telephone number when requesting an absentee ballot. All requests must be made no less than twenty-one (21) days; before the Election day (May 4, 2019) and must be accompanied with two (2) forms of identification. Upon receipt of a valid request, the Election Commission will forward to the voter all necessary forms to be used in the pending election. Any ballots received after 12:00 noon on the day of election will not be counted.

Candidates and citizens of the Pawnee Nation are being advised that changes in the Election Act may be viewed on the Pawnee Nation website or by request to the Election Commission.



Pawnee Nation Election Commission  
 PO Box 600  
 Pawnee, Oklahoma 74058

### 2019 Election: Schedule of Events

January 30, 2019	AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION IN THE PAWNEE CHIEF: DATE OF ELECTION: MAY 4, 2019 TIME: 8:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. WHERE: Multi-Purpose Building
February 20-23, 2019	FILING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Saturday: 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. PAWNEE LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER \$300.00 Filing Fee (must be Cashiers Check or Money Order)
February 25, 2019	POST LIST OF CANDIDATES (9:00 A.M.) (Un-Official List until review by Commission)
February 25-March 1, 2019	ELECTION COMMISSION REVIEW OF ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES
February 25-27, 2019	CHALLENGE PERIOD: ANY ELIGIBLE TRIBAL VOTER MAY CHALLENGE THE ELIGIBILITY OF A CANDIDATE IN WRITING. TRIBAL COURT: ACT ON APPEALS AND CHALLENGES
March 4-8, 2019	ELECTION COMMISSION REVIEW OF CHALLENGES
March 8, 2019	POST LIST OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES: PAWNEE AGENCY, PAWNEE NATION OFFICES AND SUBMIT TO THE PAWNEE CHIEF AND THE PAWNEE NATION NEWSPAPER FOR PUBLICATION
March 15, 2019	DEADLINE: CANDIDATES STATEMENTS ARE SUBMITTED TO COMMUNICATIONS BY 5 P.M. FOR PUBLICATION IN NEWSLETTER
April 5, 2019	DEADLINE FOR "REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS"
April 11, 2019	CANDIDATE FORUM AT MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING AT 6 PM
May 4, 2019	ELECTION DAY: POLLS OPEN 8:00 A.M. POLLS CLOSE 7:00 P.M.
May 5, 2019	POST ELECTION RESULTS: 10:00 A.M. TRIBAL RESERVE
May 6-8, 2019	PROTEST PERIOD: ANY VOTER MAY PROTEST IN WRITING (A REQUEST FOR RECOUNT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH \$500.00 RECOUNT FEE)
May 8, 2019	PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 P.M.
May 15, 2019	ELECTION COMMISSION WILL RESPOND TO PROTESTS NO LATER THAN MAY 15, 2019
May 16, 2019	ISSUE CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION
May 18, 2019	INAUGURATION

Pawnee Nation Election Commission		
Chairman	Cecelia Hawkins	Phone: 918-399-7738
Clerk	Martha Only A Chief	Email: electioncomm@pawneenation.org
Secretary	Jamie Nelson	
Sargent-at-Arms	Mee-Kai Clark	
Alternate	Gwen Pickering	

**2019 GENERAL ELECTION  
REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT**

Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Pawnee Nation Election Commission:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, an enrolled citizen of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma am/will be 18 years of age on the day of such election; hereby request that an Absentee Ballot be mailed to me at the address below. Copies of two forms of identification (CDIB, Membership card or State Issued ID) will be included with the Request for Absentee Ballot and a telephone number will be provided.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (as appears on CDIB/Pawnee tribal card)

Enrollment #: \_\_\_\_\_ (should appear on CDIB/Pawnee tribal card)

Driver's License/ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone# : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

***Note: Request for absentee ballot must be received by April 5, 2019***

Mail to:  
Pawnee Nation Election Commission  
P.O. Box 600  
Pawnee, Oklahoma 74058

If you choose to submit via delivery service, use this delivery address:

Pawnee Nation Election Commission  
Attn: Cecelia Hawkins  
881 Little Dee Drive  
Pawnee, OK 74058

Additionally, you may email a signed request to [electioncomm@pawneenation.org](mailto:electioncomm@pawneenation.org) or fax to (918) 762-6446. Please include cover sheet, clear copy of two forms of identification and make attention to Election Commission.



# Pawnee Fitness Center

804 MORRIS ROAD, PAWNEE, OK 74058



## Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday: 11am to 7pm

For more information contact:

918-762-3006 or 918-762-2143

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\* CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINERS ON STAFF

## PAWNEE HERITAGE BLUE CORN IS FOR SALE FOR \$15 PER BAG



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**Blue Corn meal is measured  
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Pawnee, OK 74058

Please include your Name, Shipping Address, Contact Phone Number, and Email with your Check.

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1 bag - \$7.25 "Priority Flat Rate"  
padded envelope

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**For more info: (918) 500-1302**



## VOTE JIMMY WHITESHIRT FOR PAWNEE NATION PRESIDENT

**MY GOAL: A SHARED "COMMON VISION" TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR PAWNEE PEOPLE AND TO RESTORE TRANSPARENCY, TRUST, HONESTY, AND INTEGRITY BETWEEN OUR TRIBAL LEADERSHIP AND OUR PEOPLE.**

- Vietnam era veteran/military leader
- Honorable Discharge
- College graduate
- Medal of Valor recipient
- Highly decorated, 32 year Tulsa Police Officer
- Community leader, Honored by the Greater Tulsa Indian Affairs Commission, with the "Will Anquoee Humanitarian Award" for his longtime commitment in serving the Tulsa Community
- Lieutenant Whiteshirt was employed by the Tulsa Community College and served as their First Criminal Investigator
- Lifetime member and former Vice-Chairman of the Tulsa Indian Club
- A former member of the Pawnee Gaming Commission

**AS THE PAWNEE NATION PRESIDENT AND UNDER MY LEADERSHIP, I WILL WORK WITH THE NASHARO COUNCIL, THE PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL, AND OUR TRIBAL MEMBERS TO:**

- Make myself available to listen to the concerns of our Pawnee people and to find solutions.
- Enhance tribal Governance by promoting the framework for professional behavior.

- Ensure tribal government integrity and protection of civil liberties for tribal members.
- Support Constitutional Reform.
- Approve a Forensic audit of our gaming revenue.
- Optimize our lands and resources for economic development.
- Offer a historic opportunity for the Nasharo Council and our Pawnee people to have a very active role in our tribal government by establishing a Governing Council as the supreme governing body of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.
- Authorize the Pawnee Business Council to transact business, enact rules and regulations, draft ordinances and otherwise speak on behalf of the tribe with the approval of the Governing Council.
- Enhance our Tribal Assistance Program by following the guidelines of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) ruling which allows any federally recognized tribe to use their gaming revenue to assist tribal members on a TAX-FREE BASIS.
- Restructure the Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation with Budget constraints.
- Restructure the Human Resources Department.
- Provide a resolution to restore Indian Preference hiring.
- Provide a resolution to establish a Code of ethics for the Pawnee Business Council, the Tribal Development Corporation, the Pawnee Governing Council and all tribal employees.
- Provide a resolution for a Whistle Blower Protect Act for the protection of all tribal employees.

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# Obituaries

## OWEN "JAY" ECHO-HAWK JR.

MARCH 27, 1951 - DECEMBER 30, 2018



With heavy hearts, at the age of 67, we announce the death of Owen Echo-Hawk Jr. (Tulsa, Oklahoma), born in Pawnee, Oklahoma, who passed away on December 30, 2018. Family and friends can send flowers and condolences in memory of the loved one. Leave a sympathy message to the family on the memorial page of Owen Echo-Hawk Jr. to pay them the last tribute.

He was predeceased by his parents, Owen Echo-Hawk Sr. and June Echo-Hawk (Keys); his sister Alice D. Echo-Hawk; his son Lamont Echo-Hawk. He is survived by his wife Carlene; his children, Owen Echo-Hawk (Jennifer Nott), Reed Echo-Hawk and Raylene Echo-Hawk; his step-children, Yonoah, Ecoecl, Ekaese, and Genesis; his siblings, Juanita (Don Neconie, Sherry) and Jerry Echo-Hawk.

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## GEORGE DEAN BUTLER

JUNE 18, 1959 - JANUARY 3, 2019



George Dean Butler, longtime Cushing resident and disabled veteran of the United States Marines, passed away Thursday morning, January 3, 2019, at his residence at the age of 59 years. The son of the late George H. Butler, Sr., and Juana Vanaerman Butler, George was born on June 18, 1959, in Pawnee, OK and was raised and educated in Cushing. Following High School, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. He loved watching football, boxing, and war movies and was a golden glove boxer. He enjoyed spending time with his family

and friends and will be missed by all. Surviving include his children, Brandon Butler, Jonathan Butler, Georgi Lowe, and Shady Lowe; his siblings, George Butler, Jr. and his wife Tammy, Rachel Schexnider and her husband Tim, Carla Schexnider and her husband Herbert, Pearl Marie Williams and her husband Jerome, Carl Butler, II and Robert Butler; two grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by one son, Kenneth Butler; one sister Darlene Butler and two brothers Dewey Butler and Roland Butler. Graveside services were held Monday, January 7, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the Butler Family Cemetery. Full military services were conducted at the cemetery.

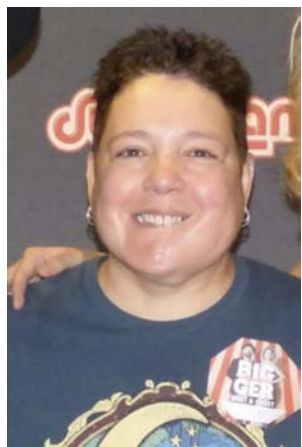
Our most sincere sympathies to the family and friends of George Dean Butler 2019.

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## GINA MARIE BARKER

FEBRUARY 28, 1972 - JANUARY 7, 2019



Gina Marie Barker, 46, of Independence, Missouri passed away January 7, 2019. Gina was born February 28, 1972 in Kansas City, Missouri to Joe and Linda Barker. She graduated from Fort Osage High School in 1990.

Gina enjoyed music and going to concerts. She particularly loved to listen to Sugarland and Stevie Nicks. She also loved spending time with all of her nieces and nephews. Many Sunday afternoons were spent watching her favorite sports team, the Kansas City Chiefs.

A visitation will was held Wednesday, January 16, 2019 from 6:00pm – 7:00pm at Heartland, 6113 Blue Ridge Blvd., Raytown, MO 64133. A memorial service followed at 7:00pm.

Gina is preceded in death by her father Joe Barker and grandparents.

Gina is survived by her mother Linda Barker, two brothers Joey (Amy) Barker and Gary (Laurie) Barker, nieces Mya Barker, Kaylee Brown, and Alexis Grant, and nephews Joey Barker and Lukas Barker.



# Obituaries

## **DONALD JACK "DON" HEDRICK**

**NOVEMBER 9, 1959 - JANUARY 10, 2019**



Donald Jack Hedrick passed away at home in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, on January 10th, 2019, at the age of 59.

Don was predeceased by his mother Nancy Main, of Sapulpa, Oklahoma; father Roger L. Hedrick Jr., of Severy, Kansas; brothers Terry Johnson and Anthony (Tony) Sheets; paternal grandparents Roger L. Hedrick Sr. and Theresa (Brown) Hedrick; and maternal grandparents Buck and Golden Watson.

Don is lovingly remembered by his daughter Holly Sibley, son-in-law Izaak Sibley, and granddaughter Sagan Q Sibley, of Tahoma, California; his brother Clay Hedrick and niece Lindsey Hedrick, of Sapulpa, Oklahoma; and former wife Tamara Bobb, of Wichita, Kansas.

Don was born in Sapulpa on November 9th, 1959. He graduated from West Elk High School in Howard, Kansas, in 1978 and went on to Butler County Community College, where he earned an Associate of Arts degree in 1981. He also studied at the University of Oklahoma in Norman and earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in 2011 from Friends University in Wichita, Kansas.

Don enjoyed playing foosball, pool and online games. He was the 1989 World Foosball Champion. He was interested in the study of human behavior, including sociology, psychology, anthropology, and comparative religion. He was a member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.

At Don's request, cremation will take place, and no services are planned. Please share photos and memories on his Facebook page or below in the comments. In lieu of flowers, condolences can be sent in the form of a donation to the Pawnee Nation: <https://www.pawneenation.org/> Green Hill Funeral Home 918-224-2312 [www.greenhillok.com](http://www.greenhillok.com)

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## **TOMMIE CHERB**

**APRIL 11, 1951 - JANUARY 11, 2019**

Tommie was born on April 11, 1951 and passed away on Friday, January 11, 2019. Tommie was a resident of Oklahoma at the time of passing.

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## **RICKEY FELICANO MOORE**

**JUNE 18, 1956 - JANUARY 20, 2019**



Rickey Felicano Moore, of Moore, Oklahoma, passed away on January 20, 2019, to be with the Lord at the age of 62. He was born June 18, 1956, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Rickey is survived by his 3 children, Joseph, David, and Maria Moore and future son-in-law, John Peard; 7 grandchildren, Cody Moore, Josh Moore, Rickey Moore, Summer Moore, Elaina Hale, William Moore, and Brooklyn Christian and grandson-in-law, Alex Christian; 4 great-grandchildren, Jocelyn, Adyson, Kadance, and Peyton.

Rickey is preceded in death by his son, Rickey L. Moore (October 10, 1976); father, Kenny L. Moore (January 29, 2005); mother, Mary A. Moore (May 6, 2014); and brother, Keith E. Moore (2017).

Rickey Moore was a life-long resident of Moore, Oklahoma. He graduated from Moore High School, Class of 1974. Rickey worked at FAA before he retired. He was a skilled artist, carpenter, and mechanic. Rickey loved his family and was a devoted father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He will be greatly missed by family and all that crossed his path. Rickey will always be in our hearts and thoughts forever. Amen.

Visitation was from 4pm-9pm, Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at the John M. Ireland Funeral Home & Chapel, located at 120 South Broadway, in Moore, Oklahoma. Graveside services for Rickey were held at 11:00 AM, Wednesday, January 23, 2019, at Sunset Memorial Park, 2301 E. Indian Hills Rd., Norman, Oklahoma.

Services are under the direction of the John M. Ireland Funeral Home & Chapel.



## LACK OF FEDERAL AND TRIBAL FUNDING RESULTS IN REORGANIZATION OF THE PAWNEE NATION'S CULTURAL RESOURCES DIVISION

Pawnee, Oklahoma, January 11, 2019 — Due to financial cuts and changes in Federal policy in 2017, the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma announces its decision to reorganize its Cultural Resource Division (CRD), effective immediately.

The Nation's loss of financial resources has caused a temporary reorganization of the Cultural Resource Division. The temporary reorganization shall remain in effect, until the tribe secures future funding. The CRD's programs will continue operating within the Nation on a limited basis, until the financial resources return; depending on the outcome of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) class action court case and other available resources.

The CRD Division received funding through Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA), and 36 CFR Part 800. Cell phone companies were required to identify, assess the effects of its actions, and consult with tribes regarding historic tribal buildings and lands. These companies were subject to a consultation fee but based on the recent Federal Communications Commission (FCC) 2017 ruling, the fee is no longer required. Funds accumulated by consulting fees were pertinent to the funding of the program.

The ruling has removed tribal involvement in ground disturbance or Rights of Way decisions, related to the impacts of wireless infrastructure development on historical and cultural properties.

Ultimately, the lack of financial resources available to the Nation has resulted in the temporary reorganization of the CRD Program.

The CRD's Division Director, Herb Adson resigned from his position effective January 31, 2019. Mr. Adson has served in the capacity of Division Director of Cultural Resources, since recruited in January 2016. The Pawnee Nation is very appreciative of Herb Adson's strong leadership and devotion towards our culture, and the respective division. As the first CRD Division Director, he has strengthened the division's departments and has recruited good people, and as he exits, he is definitely leaving the program stronger. The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma thanks Mr. Adson for his leadership and service to the Nation.

The CRD also employed a full-time Administrative Assistant, Martha Only A Chief, whom has made many great contributions to the program, as well. This is one of the positions that is being impacted by the reduction of funds; however, Martha will maintain her employment in the Cultural Resources Division, as she has been promoted to the NAGPRA Project Coordinator position, effective January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019. While it is unfortunate to lose two vital positions, we are excited to announce that the critical functions, regarding Tribal Historic Preservation and Native American Graves Act (NAGPRA), will continue.

The CRD was established in January 2016 to oversee tribal cultural development and preservation. The CRD houses the language classes, the Museum, the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO), the Native American Graves Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), repatriation responsibilities and other culturally significant activities.

While this reorganization has resulted in staffing changes, to keep CRD vital, the Pawnee Nation will continue to pursue new avenues of obtaining resources to restore the funding of the division.

*Official announcement from the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.*



# DIVISION OF HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

## Love Your Heart

The Pawnee Nation CHR Program is encouraging everyone to "Love Your Heart" with information about heart-healthy choices during National Heart Healthy Month 2019 and throughout the year.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men and women in the United States. Every year, 1 in 4 deaths are caused by heart disease.

The good news? Heart disease can often be prevented when people make healthy choices and manage their health conditions. Communities, health professionals, and families can work together to create opportunities for people to make healthier choices.

Make a difference in your community: Spread the word about strategies for preventing heart disease and encourage people to live heart-healthy lives.

### **How can American Heart Month make a difference?**

We can use this month to raise awareness about heart disease and how people can prevent it — both at home and in the community. Here are just a few ideas:

- Encourage families to make small changes, like using spices to season their food instead of salt.
- Motivate teachers and administrators to make physical activity a part of the school day. This can help students start good habits early.
- Ask doctors and nurses to be leaders in their communities by speaking out about ways to prevent heart disease.

*(Information provided by healthfinder.gov)*

### **CHR and Health Education Update**

We would like to take this time to share a few updates and reminders with our clientele:

- The CHR's no longer provide transportations on Fridays after 12:00 p.m. Program staff will be using this time for planning, staffing, and home visits.
- LIHEAP and CSBG funds for 2019 have been awarded, and the program is accepting applications at this time. Please apply in person at CHR office, or if you are unable to apply in person, please call (918) 762-3873, option 1, and we will be happy to get an application to you.
- If you or someone you know could benefit from routine home visits, please contact the CHR program and will be happy to assist.

Please call the program if you have any questions about eligibility or would like more information on any of the programs we provide. You can call (918) 762-3873, option 1, or send an email to the program coordinator, Benjamin Stewart, at [bstewart@pawneenation.org](mailto:bstewart@pawneenation.org).

# SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM

The Pawnee Nation Substance Abuse Program (SAP) and the Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative (MSPI) program provides out-patient counseling services to our clients at our physical location at 311 Maintenance Road. We also assist in directing those that need additional care, to the necessary resources such as detox and inpatient assistance. Our program also assists in the transportation of individuals to detox and/or inpatient facilities. In addition to this, the program holds a Support Group meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM.

The program additions include the MSPI (Methamphetamine Suicide Prevention Initiative) and most recently the Opioid Prevention Initiative. These are prevention programs that allow for involvement with a younger age group than we have been able to previously. These programs will work in conjunction to educate and raise awareness at the community level of the issues and concerns that we face daily. The intent is to promote changes for the positive and provide information and resources that will assist in making necessary changes to make that long-term transition for a healthy lifestyle.

Our program's mission statement "is to promote a drug/alcohol and bullying free lifestyle among youth and community members with an emphasis on the importance of culture." Some of the ways that this is accomplished is through the program's willingness and abilities to extend into the community through various activities. Some of the activities include a Youth Leadership Group, multiple camps such as Spring Break and Summer, speakers to present to our youth on topics such as drug misuse, suicide, bullying and other needed concerns that are identified within the community. Our programs work in collaboration with other Division of Health and Community Services (DHCS) departments and programs to maximize the positive impact on addressing community needs.

**The SAP/MSPI/OPIOID programs are located at 311 Maintenance Road.**

Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M until 5:00 P.M. and closed on Saturday and Sunday.

The office phone number is (918) 762-2143.

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# LEASE SIGNING



THESE PHOTOS SHOW THE LEASE SIGNING BETWEEN MR. DOUG MERZ OF NEWKIRK, OK, AND THE PAWNEE NATION OF OKLAHOMA, PRESIDENT W. BRUCE PRATT. THE CHILOCCO AGRICULTURE LEASE IS A 5-YEAR TERM WITH A TOTAL OF 823.565 ACRES. THE START DATE IS 01-01-2019 WITH THE END DATE OF 12-31-2023, \$28,000.00 PAID ANNUALLY TO THE PAWNEE NATION.





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# TITLE VI HEART WARMING THOUGHTS

[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PAWNEENATIONELDERS](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PAWNEENATIONELDERS)

## Helping Hands is what we call our Elders-Helping-Elders.

This fall and winter there have been an untold amount of self-help volunteerism just amongst themselves. The Advisory Board started a few activities after Ann Collins raised money by selling baked goods at the Pawnee Business Council Meetings. The plan and goal of the Elder's outings were for socializing ... the men to eat out at the Stone Wolf and the women to go to Tea Parties.

It was the men's group who drove out to the Stone Wolf, they had a meal, and then watched as one of them went over to one of the casino games and won on a lucky machine. This day was devoted to one of the men who had recently lost his spouse. They had moved the date up earlier because they recognized that he needed to be cheered up. The men's group not only succeeded in cheering him up but created a memorable happy event.

The women's group met at the Donut Shop one fine Friday. It was all arranged ... down to carpooling. They all had a wonderful time (giggled about how one of the men always claims it's his birthday, and so it is, we have lots of parties for him). The ladies decided next time they wanted to do lunch and keep

the tea parties at the homes otherwise.

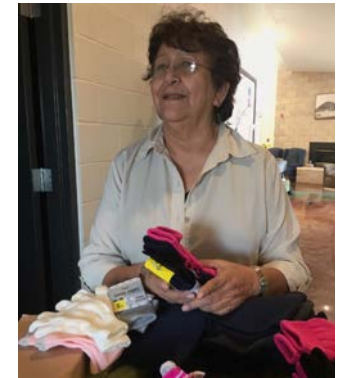
Not too long after that, the ladies recruited volunteer Montse León to drive a group of the woman to Stillwater and look at the Christmas lights. The Title VI Coordinator met the group as they were leaving town to hand off a thermos of homemade hot cocoa and cups for their enjoyment. One of the ladies in the group had been homebound and living alone over two years recovering from health issues. It was a good time for her to get out of the house! Montse drove her around the lake this past weekend to cheer on an elder who walks around the lake around four times a week.

The activities helped achieved the goal for socializing, and all the Elder's had good times.

In the wintery times ahead, the Elders are going to look forward to art classes, walking at the Round House, and playing dominos and cards.

Volunteers are welcome ... Seniors come on by and join us at the Elder Center (901 Agency Road) Monday - Wednesday noon meals and Thursday breakfast at 9 am. Call

Title VI staff at (918) 762-4042 if you have any questions.



## Special Thank you!

Title VI Elders, Travelers, and Nebraska Gardeners donated over two hundred scarfs, gloves, and hats to Pawnee Indian Education students in the fall before the cold weather set in. Direct assistance programs also were the recipient of the gifts. Thanks to Dan Reutzler and his wife Elizabeth for delivering numerous warm hand-made caps. Thanks to Ann Collins for organizing an annual event for the school kids.



# PAWNEE SEED PRESERVATION PROJECT

[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PAWNEESEEDPRESERVATION](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PAWNEESEEDPRESERVATION)

The Squad, growing proficient and continuously prayerful with the blessings of Mother Corn. We had a visitor in October and we had a fun day of educating our community in partnership with our Master Gardener friend Ronnie O'Brien and the hospitality students at Central Community College.

We are all learning together, building a culture of health together. Anyone interested in learning more or any Pawnee tribal members interested in participating/growing/learning/ harvesting/ food systems with the Pawnee Seed Preservation Project - *please let us know!*

Photo Credit: Josh Kohanek, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Special Assignment for Health Policy Research Scholars.



Electa Hare-RedCorn, Deb Echo-Hawk, and Sonny Howell.

# Volunteers Needed: BE A PART OF GIVING BACK!



**Pawnee Nation Elder Center**  
910 Agency Rd - Pawnee, Oklahoma 74058  
**918-762-4042**

*The Elder Center is seeking Volunteers* to assist in the serving of the lunch meals. If you could use your lunch hour to help serve a few times a month to assist in giving back to the Tribal Elders, one needs to fill out complete the Volunteer Agreement Form and return to Human Resources. Any and all assistance would be appreciated, and can be used as often or little as you are available.

Volunteers that assist during their lunch hour can enjoy the meal free of charge following the Elder serving time. Volunteers may work with the Outreach Specialist to conduct home chores, visits, or assist in the Coordinator in the Elder Garden.

## THE PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL (PBC) MEETINGS ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO VIEW ONLINE.

*Videos are uploaded to a Private Group on Vimeo for enrolled Pawnee Nation Members to view and leave comments.*

**Step 1.** Create your **FREE** Vimeo account, [www.VIMEO.Com](http://www.VIMEO.Com).


**Step 2.** Download and submit the Vimeo Verification form to the Enrollment Division. Provide the email address you used to set up your Vimeo profile.

Please fill out the Vimeo Verification Form (PDF) located on our website then submit the form to the Enrollment Division to gain access to the private group.

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# 2019-2020 Pawnee Nation Princess Selection

The Pawnee Nation will be hosting their 3rd Annual Pawnee Nation Princess selection. The Pawnee Nation Princess will serve as a role model to those that she represents including her Nation, family, and Band. She will be responsible for educating others, demonstrating her knowledge, and publicly speaking while representing the Pawnee Nation at various events locally and throughout Indian Country. She will be crowned on March 30, 2019 at the Pawnee Nation Dance at the Ceremonial Roundhouse.

**Deadline to apply is February 28, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.**

## Qualifications:

- ◆ Enrolled Pawnee Nation Citizen
- ◆ 14– 22 years of age
- ◆ Single, never married, no children
- ◆ Resident within the State of Oklahoma
- ◆ No involvement with the law
- ◆ Knowledge of Pawnee Nation Culture and tradition including tribal dress
- ◆ Must submit school transcript with application
- ◆ Must obtain a letter of recommendation from mentor, school administrator, community leader, employer, or any other non– relation that worked with contestant on a regular basis.

## Each contestant will be judged on:

- ◆ Public Introduction (Pawnee Language Preferred)
- ◆ Personal interview
- ◆ Essay (500 words stating why you want to be the Pawnee Nation Princess)
- ◆ Tribal Dress



**For more information contact:**  
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