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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT GEORGE HOWELL



Dear Pawnee Tribal Members,

The Pawnee Nation is moving ahead in a number of areas. May 14, 2009, was groundbreaking day for the 10,000 sq. ft. casino addition at the Travel Plaza. The construction began on May 29, and is expected to last up to six months. The plans for this new addition call for a quality steakhouse and 200 slot machines. Full operation of the facility will be handled by the Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation (TDC).

The Pawnee Nation has two properties in Nebraska; in Oklahoma, it has the Berry Building, purchased in the town of Pawnee, and the Day property, which was purchased a few years back. The Pawnee Business Council wants to take these properties off the states' tax rolls and place them in trust with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This process can take quite a few years, but when eventually done it will save the tribe money.

Architectural plans are currently being completed for renovations of other Pawnee Nation properties. Renovations will be starting soon on the old USPHS (Pawnee Indian Hospital); the Roam Chief Building; and, the Berry Building, under the supervision of Ms. Muriel Robedeaux, ICDBG Program Coordinator. Indian Community Development Block Grants are funding the refurbishing of these structures.

Family and friends of the seven graduating students from the Pawnee Nation College proudly supported the graduates on Saturday, May 16. It is with admiration and a great deal of emotion that we see these young adults forge ahead to get an education. The College is in its third year of operation and many dedicated and committed people continue developing a quality educational program. Thank you Dr. Fuller, Board of Regents, instructors, staff and most of all, the students.

Our Roads Department is receiving funds directly from the US Department of Transportation. The Pawnee Nation is one of only two tribes in the US that contracts directly with the Federal Highways Administration. That is, all other tribes receive their funding through the BIA; but the Pawnee Nation deals directly with the Federal Highways Administration. We are planning on building two bridges; one is the Skedee Bridge replacement and the other is a new access to the Pawnee Reserve, in the vicinity of the former National Guard Armory, across the Black Bear Creek.

The Pawnee Nation is planning on blacktopping streets in Pawnee that tribal members frequently utilize. There are also plans to increase the professional staff of the Tribal Roads Department. President Obama's stimulus funds will make these projects possible. All these things are happening now. In addition, we have three new PBC members as a result of the recent election in May. Each member enriches the PBC with his/her varied experiences and knowledge. The past PBC's legacy is one of honesty and integrity. The new PBC will carry this legacy forward. Though much has been accomplished, we go forward together to do all that yet needs to be done. I am looking forward to the PBC "taking it to the next level."

May God bless us and guide us.

—President George Elton Howell

JUNE/JULY COMMUNITY CALENDAR



EDUCATION

Learning Circle Adventure Camp
“Pirates & The Deep Blue Sea”- June 8-19 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Grades 1-5 will learn how to take care of their Mind, Body & Spirit in a fun, educational way. Contact Chris Hill, Youth Services Coordinator at 918-762-2541, ext. 34.

Free Summer GED Classes- Roam Chief Building. Starting in July, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Contact Chris Hill, Youth Services Coordinator at 918-762-2541, ext. 34.

Pawnee Nation College Summer School- Sessions start on June 29. For Enrollment information, contact Stacy Glyckerr, Director of Admissions at 918-762-3343 ext. 12.

HEALTH

Health Fair- Thursday, July 2nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wellness Center (Gymnasium). Contact Tiffany Freitze, CHR Director at 918-762-4641

EVENTS

Dancers of the Plains Pow Wow Exhibition- “The Return of the Pawnee to Nebraska”
June 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Kearney, NE. For more information, Contact Debra D. Echo-Hawk at 918-820-2008

American Indian Chamber of Commerce Meeting- July 1st from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pawnee Nation College in Albin Leading Fox Hall.

63rd Annual Homecoming & Pow Wow- July 2, 3, 4 & 5 at Memorial Field in Pawnee, OK. Contact the Pawnee Indian Veterans at 918-762-4565.

Fun Run/Walk- Substance Abuse Program Prevention Days. 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 2 at the Pawnee Nation Wellness Center. For more information, contact Jimmy Jestes, Prevention Department Manager at 918-762-2153.

Horse Shoe Tournament- Substance Abuse Program Prevention Days. 9 a.m. on Friday, July 3 at the Pawnee Nation Tribal Reserve. For more information, contact Jimmy Jestes, Prevention Department Manager at 918-762-2153.

First Annual Disc Golf Tournament- Friday, July 3 at the Pawnee Nation Disc Golf Course, beginning at 2:00 p.m. For more information, Contact Herman Sleeper, Juvenile Intervention Coordinator at 918-762-2153

Sober 49- Friday, July 3, after the Pow Wow, the Substance Abuse Program will sponsor the Sober 49 Contest. Each group must have two youth, age 17 and under to enter. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place groups. For more information, contact Jimmy Jestes, Prevention Department Manager at 918-762-2153

Homecoming Parade- Saturday, July 4th in downtown Pawnee. For more information, contact the Pawnee Indian Veterans at 918-762-4565.

Youth Movie Night- Every Monday night in June and July, the Pawnee Pride Program will host a movie night for area youth at the Pawnee Nation Wellness Center, 806 Morris Rd. For more information, contact Herman Sleeper, Juvenile Intervention Coordinator at 918-762-2143.

TO SUBMIT COMMUNITY CALENDAR EVENTS AND INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT COMMUNICATIONS AT 918-762-3621 EXT. 25 OR COMMUNICATIONS@PAWNEENATION.ORG.

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NEXT ISSUE DATE

AUGUST 4
OCTOBER 5
DECEMBER 7

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

JULY 17
SEPTEMBER 18
NOVEMBER 16

*** TO MEET ISSUE DATES, SUBMISSION DEADLINES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED ***

PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL FIRST QUARTER 2009 RESOLUTIONS

#09-01 – Non-Interference Agreement – Sunway Hotel for Travel Plaza – A resolution to assure Sunway Hotel there will be no changes in terms as the project moves ahead. APPROVED by a vote of 5 for (Moore, Taylor, Only A Chief, Lone Chief, Bowen), 0 against, 2 excused (Wilde, Blackowl), and 1 not voting (President Howell). 01-14-09

#09-02 – Appointment to the Housing Authority – Lyle Fields was appointed in 2008, the County Court Clerk requested a resolution. APPROVED by a vote of 5 for (Moore, Only A Chief, Lone Chief, Bowen), 0 against, 2 excused (Wilde, Blackowl) and 1 not voting (President Howell). 01-28-09

#09-03 – Non-Interference Agreement – Sunway Hotel for Chilocco – A resolution to assure Sunway Hotel there will be no changes in terms as the project moves ahead. APPROVED by a vote of 3 (Only A Chief, Lone Chief, Bowen) for, 3 against (Moore, Wilde, Taylor), 1 absent for vote (Blackowl) and President Howell voting yes to break the tie. 02-11-09

#09-04 – Model Tribal Secured Transactions Act – Failed by a vote of 2 for (Lone Chief, Bowen), 4 against (Moore, Wilde, Taylor, Only A Chief), 1 absent for vote (Elizabeth Blackowl) and 1 not voting (President Howell). After the vote and further discussion, it was agreed to bring this back to Council at the next meeting for further review. 02-11-09

#09-05 – Oil and Gas Lease (Chau Cemetery area) – APPROVED by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell). 03-11-09

#09-06 – Authorized Signatures for Proceeds of Labor Account – A resolution to add Treasurer Roy Taylor as an authorized signature on the PL account at the BIA. APPROVED by a vote of 6 for (Moore, Wilde, Only A Chief, Blackowl, Lone Chief, Bowen), 0 against, 1 excused (Taylor) and 1 not voting (President Howell). 02-25-09

#09-07 – Long Range Transportation Plan – The Long Range Transportation Plan has been in place for several years. This resolution is required yearly to affirm we have a plan and are implementing it. APPROVED by a vote of 5 for (Moore, Wilde, Only A Chief, Lone Chief, Bowen), 1 against (Blackowl), 1 excused (Taylor) and 1 not voting (President Howell). 02-25-09

#09-08 – Cooperative Intergovernmental Agreement – BIA – Branch of Wildland Fire Management (renewal) – This resolution allows the tribal fire department to receive reimbursement for fires on Indian land. APPROVED by a vote of 6 for (Moore, Wilde, Only A Chief, Blackowl, Lone Chief, Bowen), 0 against, 1 excused (Taylor) and 1 not voting (President Howell). 02-25-09

#09-09 – Pawnee Nation Tribal Secured Transactions Act – An Act so companies will have to abide by tribal law on Indian land. This law is tribal law that replaces the State's Uniform Commercial Code. APPROVED by a vote of 6 for (Moore, Wilde, Only A Chief, Blackowl, Lone Chief, Bowen), 0 against, 1 excused (Taylor) and 1 not voting (President Howell). 02-25-09

#09-10 – Approve the submission of the ANA Language Grant – APPROVED by a vote of 6 for (Moore, Wilde, Only A Chief, Blackowl, Lone Chief, Bowen), 1 absent at vote (Taylor), and 1 not voting (President Howell). 03-11-09

#09-11 – Trademark the Pawnee Nation Seal – APPROVED by a vote of 7 for (Moore, Wilde, Taylor, Only A Chief, Blackowl, Lone Chief, Bowen), 0 against and 1 not voting (President Howell). 03-11-09

#09-12 – Officially Change the name to Pawnee Nation College – a resolution to officially change the name of the Pawnee Nation Academy to Pawnee Nation College. APPROVED by a vote of 7 for (Moore, Wilde, Taylor, Only A Chief, Blackowl, Lone Chief, Bowen), 0 against and 1 not voting (President Howell). 03-11-09

#09-13 – Approval to submit the ANA-SEDs grant proposal – APPROVED by a vote of 7 for (Moore, Wilde, Taylor, Only A Chief, Blackowl, Lone Chief, Bowen), 0 against and 1 not voting (President Howell). 03-23-09

#09-14 – Absolute Relinquishment - RH – APPROVED by a vote of 7 for (Moore, Wilde, Taylor, Blackowl, Lone Chief, Bowen), 0 against and 2 not voting (Only A Chief and President Howell). 03-23-09

#09-15 – Absolute Relinquishment - RT – APPROVED by a vote of 6 for (Moore, Wilde, Taylor, Blackowl, Only A Chief, Bowen), 0 against, 1 excused (Moore) and 2 not voting (Lone Chief and President Howell). 03-23-09

THE ELECTION RESULTS ARE IN...

Election Commission Releases Official PBC Results

By Ashlee Worley

The Pawnee Nation Election Commission announced results of the Pawnee Business Council Regular Election by issuing a Certification of Election.

Election results are as follows:

Vice President

Charles Lone Chief – 196 votes

Tom Knife Chief – 97 votes

Pete Moore, Jr. – 140 votes

Secretary

Linda Jestes – 249 votes

Andrea Bowen – 182 votes

Council Seat #3

James Fields – 299 votes

Lillie Cummings – 130 votes

Council Seat #4

Marshall Gover – 232 votes

David Echo Hawk – 201 votes

An official statement released by the Pawnee Nation Election Commission stated, “The election was carried out in accordance with the Election Ordinance of the Pawnee Nation and furthermore there were no protest or requests for recount filed within the protest period. Therefore, we are declaring the results of the votes submitted on Saturday, May 2, 2009, as official results.”

Pawnee Business Council Members Sworn into Office



Charles “Buddy” Lone Chief, Vice-President; Linda Jestes, Secretary; James Fields, Council Seat 3; and Marshall Gover, Council Seat 4, waiting to be sworn into office.

Photo Courtesy of Muriel Robedeaux

By Ashlee Worley

On Saturday, May 16, Pawnee Nation Chief Justice, Charles H. Tripp, performed the official Swearing In Ceremony of the

newly elected members of the Pawnee Business Council.

Each newly elected member swore to support, defend and uphold the constitution of the

Pawnee Nation. The members sworn into office are as follows: Charles “Buddy” Lone Chief, Vice-president; Linda Jestes, Secretary; James Fields, Council Seat 3; and Marshall Gover, Council Seat 4.

“As President of the Pawnee Business Council, I want to welcome these new members to the Pawnee Business Council”, said President George Howell. “I look forward to a lot of good things happening to our Nation, and to the experience and the knowledge that these members bring to the Council. We look forward to moving forward, hopefully at a greater pace than we have been at the last two years.”

Biographies of the four newly elected Pawnee Business Council members can be viewed at www.pawneenation.org.

Nasharo Council Band Chief Election Results

The four Pawnee Bands, Chaui, Kitkehahki, Pitahawirata and Skidi, held meetings to elect new Band Chiefs on Saturday, May 2, 2009.

Results are as follows:

Chaui Chiefs
Stephen Jake
Jimmy Horn

Kitkehahki Chiefs
Morgan Littlesun
Lewis J. Horsechief

Pitahawirata Chiefs
Francis Morris
Lester Sun Eagle

Skidi Chiefs
Duane Pratt, Jr.
Pat Leading Fox

Saturday, May 9, 2009, Pat Leading Fox was re-selected as Head Nasharo Chief, Francis Morris as Second Chief, Lester Sun Eagle as Secretary and Jimmy Horn as Treasurer.

For additional information regarding these meetings, tribal members are instructed to contact their new Band Chiefs.

Pawnee Nation College Awards Ceremony

By Ashlee Worley

This year, the Pawnee Nation College (PNC) presented awards and honors to outstanding students. The 2009 Awards Ceremony was held in Albin Leading Fox Hall on Thursday, May 7 at 7 p.m.

“It was very gratifying to see the number of people who turned out to celebrate the various individual accomplishments and the school accomplishments in a way that was highly charged,” said Pawnee Nation College President, Dr. Todd Fuller. “All the hard work that everybody put in, and especially the hard work that the students put in, really paid off. This gives us a reason to celebrate every day. The things people are doing at the College, and those of us involved, are grateful to be involved on a daily basis. I’m humbled every day.”

It was an emotional night for students, faculty, staff and attendees, as explained by Faculty Member Roger Smith, who stated “We are getting so emotional because we are



(L-R) President, Dr. Todd Fuller with Chalis Cox, Co-Recipient, Student of the Year Award for Leadership.

so invested in these students.”

A central thread in each of the evening’s speeches was a resounding passion for Pawnee Nation College.

“Every organization has a culture. Every company has a corporate culture. For us, that corporate culture is our own [Pawnee] culture, which is the foundation of PNC,” said Gwen Shunatona, Board of

Trustees Secretary.

Alicia Chaino, PNC Princess for 2008-2009 thanked everyone supported her this year and spoke deeply about her experiences as the PNC princess.

“First, when they asked me to be the Pawnee Nation College princess, I didn’t even know I was going to go to school here. Next thing I knew, I was enrolled and I was the princess. The person who really encouraged me, and wanted me to take on this title, was my grandpa Ronnie [Goodeagle]. It wasn’t that I didn’t want it, I just didn’t think I deserved it. He told me, ‘It’s never too late to continue with what you want to do with your life, even if you are the oldest princess, but you’re my princess and I’m proud of you. It’s an honor.’ With my grandpa’s words and encouragement, I’m here today, and I’ve finished. I’m happy that I fulfilled my obligation. I’m happy that all the things I said I was going to do for myself, I’ve finished. All my goals and what I envisioned, I’ve done.”

The PNC Princess for 2009-2010 is Crystal Perry, who said she is very happy and surprised that she is the new PNC princess. She spoke about how PNC is a great school and is supportive like a big family. “I’m really lucky,” said Perry.

Awards presented at the ceremony included:

Honor Cords for 2009 Graduates-

Taylor Moore
Whitney Nuttle
Marcella Stephenson

Administrator of the year- 3 way tie

Staci Glyckherr
Andrew Gray
Randa Shemwell

Faculty member of the year-

Andrew Gray

Student of the year-

Leadership- Chalis Cox and
Zach Rice
Academic- Whitney Nuttle



(L-R) Faculty Member, Andrew Gray; Students, Taylor Moore; Alicia Chaino-Ahkeahbo; Marcella Stephenson; Whitney Nuttle; PNC President, Dr. Todd Fuller.

Photo Courtesy of Muriel Robedeaux

PNC Honors 2009 Graduates

The Pawnee Nation College graduation ceremony was held Saturday, May 16 at 2 p.m. Approximately 80 attendees watched the graduates receive their diplomas.

This year’s graduates, Alicia Chaino-Ahkeahbo, Taylor Moore (with Honors), Whitney Nuttle (with Honors), Marcella Stephenson (with Honors) and Pam Walker, received their Associates of Arts in American Indian Studies.

In addition, Marissa Campbell completed her Associates of Arts degree in Child Development and Gwen Gregory completed her Associates of Science degree in Business Administration and in Arts & Sciences. These students are commended for completing their coursework at Pawnee Nation College. Degrees were formally conferred by Northern Oklahoma College.

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The Pawnee War Mothers are looking for new members.

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We are also looking for Angels. These are people who have relatives in the United States Military Service, or have also been awarded honorable or general discharge from the United States Military Service.

Right now, we only have four active members, so help us support our Veterans and Join the War Mothers.

**For More Information, Contact
Barbara Attocknie - President
918-762-3117
or
918-762-2153**

Pawnee 2nd Graders Enjoy Special Visit from Soldier



Mrs. Kelly Rice's 2nd Grade Class and Army Sergeant 1st Class Charlie George

By Ashlee Worley

Hometown hero, Army Sergeant 1st Class Charlie George, went on a special mission to Pawnee Elementary School, where he spoke to Mrs. Kelly Rice's second grade class about the importance of reading.

Students raised their hands high to ask questions such as, what kind of gun George used in combat and what time he had to wake up in the morning. Then, they listened to George speak about the importance of reading.

"You will go far in life if you just learn to love to read. Reading is very important. Because if you can't read something that is dangerous, how do you know it is dangerous?" said George. "Even ten small books will still get you to where you need to get to in life."

To show how strong he feels about reading, George gave his 101st Airborne Division patch that he wore in combat in Iraq to Kinsey Brien, who is the outstanding reader in Mrs. Rice's second grade class. He also promised to send more patches and stickers for Mrs. Rice to give out for reading rewards.

George, a 1990 Pawnee High School graduate, has been on three tours of duty in Iraq. The soldier, who was traveling through Pawnee enroute to his new military station in Kansas, stopped to visit his cousin Kelly Rice, her second grade class, Ned Williams, Superintendent of Pawnee Public Schools, and Mrs. McCurry, High School English teacher.

"When I get the opportunity to come through and visit during school days, I try to make an appointment to visit the school, especially Mr. Wil-

lams and Mrs. McCurry at the High School" said George. "They have made a positive influence in my life, which has geared me toward becoming a teacher when I retire from the military."

Rice noted that visits with her cousin occur only a few times a year, but expressed appreciation for the time she spends with George and his wife. "We are just so proud of him and want to thank him and all the other military men and women who help protect our freedom," said Rice.

During the visit, George took time to eat lunch and play kick ball with the students during recess. Then, as recess ended, he helped the children line up in a military formation. Under George's guidance, the children excitedly marched from the playground back into their classroom.

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Pawnee Nation Disc Golf Course a Success

By Ashlee Worley

The Pawnee Nation Juvenile Intervention Center held the grand opening of the Disc Golf Course on Friday, April 3. The 9-hole Disc Golf Course is a newly established free activity, which features tee areas and holes around the Pawnee Nation Tribal Reserve.

Pawnee Nation President George Howell cut the ribbon to open the new Disc Golf Course to the public. Howell expressed his appreciation to the Division of Health and Community Services and the Native Youth Culture Fund, a grant through the First Nations Development Institute, for bringing this free physical fitness activity to the Tribal Reserve.

Also during the grand opening, Herman Sleeper, Juvenile Intervention Center Coordinator, thanked the many individuals, groups, and businesses that helped to make the Disc Golf Course a reality. The Native Youth Culture Fund, Sonic Drive-In, and the Pawnee Business Council were identified



Charles "Buddy" Lone Chief, (Councilman), Dawna Hare, (Executive Director), Elizabeth Blackowl, (Councilwoman) and Pawnee Nation President George Howell cutting the ribbon to open the new disc golf course to the public.

as key contributors to the project. Special appreciation was expressed to the Pawnee High School Peacemakers, who played an instrumental role in building the Disc Golf Course.

Designed for people of all ages,

disc golf is played like traditional golf, with players using a flying disc, or Frisbee, instead of clubs and balls. Formalized in the 1970s, the sport involves throwing a golf disc from a tee area to a target, which is the "hole." The

object is to complete each hole in the fewest number of throws. The hole can be one of a number of disc golf targets, the most common one being an elevated metal basket.

NOTICE From the Enrollment Office

All address changes must be made by signing a change of address form available from the Enrollment Office, OR by submitting a handwritten request.

Maintaining a current address with the Enrollment Office is the only way to ensure that you receive your annuity payment and your newsletter.

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Pawnee Nation Substance Abuse Program PREVENTION DAYS Begin July 2, 2009

On Thursday July 2, the Prevention Day begins with a Fun Run/Walk for all ages. The Fun Run/Walk will begin in front of the Pawnee Nation Wellness Center at 9:00 a.m. At the conclusion of the event, a drawing will be held for door prizes.

At 10:00 a.m. the Pawnee Nation Health Fair will begin inside the Pawnee Nation Gym. During the Health Fair, the Substance Abuse Program will provide activities for the youth attending the Health Fair.

On Friday July 3, the Substance Abuse Program will host a Horse Shoe tournament on the tribal reserve. The tournament is a two man tournament with prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, Places. Tournament will begin at 9:00 a.m.

The Substance Abuse Program will assist the Juvenile Intervention Center with the First Annual Disc Golf Tournament held at the Pawnee Nation Disc Golf Course beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Friday night after the Pow Wow the Substance Abuse Program will sponsor the Sober 49 contest. Each group must have two youth age 17 and under to enter the 49 Contest. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place groups.

On Saturday, July 4, the SAP Program will participate in the Homecoming Parade handing out prevention material to those in attendance.

For More Information, Contact Jimmy Jestes, Prevention Department Manager at 918-762-2153

News from the Tax Office

The Tax Office is now a component of the Finance Division. The Division Director is Clark Batson; Tax Manager is Lyle Fields; Administrative Assistant is Cecelia Hawkins.

Located at 490 Agency Road (Building One), the Tax Office's hours of operation are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m. Administrative Assistant, Cecelia Hawkins is available by appointment for tag issuances after hours, and on the weekend. To schedule an after hours or weekend appointment, contact the Tax Office at 918-762-3624.

Pawnee Nation Merchandise Available:

- *Decorative Tags available with the following captions at the bottom of the plate: Oklahoma, Veteran, Chaui, Kitkehahki, Skidi, Pita-haurata. Price: \$16.20*
- *Personalized License Plates: you design it, Auto up to 7 letters/numbers. Motorcycle up to 4 letters/numbers. Price: \$35.00*

Miscellaneous Merchandise:

- *Pawnee Nation Seal Decal: Price: \$2.16*
- *License Tag Ash Trays made from License plates that were returned by tribal members: Price: \$5.40*
- *Colorado Timberline Fleece Blanket (blanket with PNO seal) 50" x 60" with Nylon Stadium carrying strap: Price: \$16.20*
- *Pawnee Nation Seal sew on Patch 3 1.2" Price: \$5.40*
- *Pawnee Nation Flag sew on Patch 2" x 3" Price: \$3.24*
- *White Ceramic Mugs with PNO Seal. Price: \$5.40*
- *Flags (desktop@ base (pictured here) Price: \$10.80*
- *Pawnee Flag 2 x 3' Price: \$27.00*
- *Pawnee Flag 3 x 5' Price: \$54.00*

Apparel:

- *White Caps with PNO Seal Price: \$13.50*
- *Jerzees Brand POLO shirt with PNO seal (S, M, L, and XXL available in Navy, Blue, White & Red): Price: \$ 13.50*
- *T-Shirts with PNO Seal available in Navy Blue, White & Red- in small, medium, large, XL, XXL and XXXL available*

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PBC Recognizes Pawnee Basketball Championships with Donation and Proclamation



High School Principal, Bobby Miller, thanking the Pawnee Business Council for their donation.

Left to Right. Andrea Bowen, Charles "Buddy" Lone Chief, Elizabeth BlackOwl, John Only A Chief, Roy Taylor, Donna Wilde, Pete Moore, Jr., Dawna Hare, President George E. Howell and High School Principal, Bobby Miller.

By Ashlee Worley

Monday, April 27, 2009, the Pawnee Business Council presented the Pawnee High School's Boys

and Girls Basketball teams with a check for \$5,000 for the purchase of the State Championship rings for both teams and coaches. This year, both the Boys and Girls

Basketball teams won the State Basketball tournament. This is only the seventh time in the history of Oklahoma that twin wins have occurred in the same season.

"We are very proud of each of you and the accomplishments you have made for your school, your families, your community and most importantly, yourself," said Pawnee Business Council President, George Howell.

The Pawnee Business Council made this special donation in recognition of the athletic excellence demonstrated by the Pawnee High School's Boys and Girls Basketball teams. "In appreciation of your twin championship, in the same school year, the Pawnee Nation declares today, April 27, 2009 Pawnee Black Bear and Lady Bear Day," said Howell.

Before the players and coaches

were presented with proclamations commemorating Pawnee Black Bear and Lady Black Bear Day, the Boys Basketball coach, David Page, thanked the Pawnee Business Council for its \$5,000 donation and the community for its support of both the school and the players.

"First of all, I would like to say, it's an honor and privilege to be in a school system and a community who really cares. I'd just like to say thank you to the Pawnee Nation for their donation. That's unbelievable, awesome, there are all kinds of words to describe that, but these young men and women will wear those rings forever and have the pride knowing that the Pawnee Nation made a great donation for those rings," said Page.

Both the Boys and Girls Basketball teams have ordered their State Championship rings, with delivery anticipated for late May 2009.

Construction Begins on Pawnee Nation Casino/Restaurant Expansion

By Lindsey Teter

May 14, 2009, the Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation (PTDC) held the official groundbreaking ceremony for the expansion project at the Pawnee Nation Travel Plaza, located on Hwy 18 at the intersection of Hwy 412. Upwards of 150 guests attended the ceremony.

Pawnee Nation Business Council President George Howell expressed appreciation to PTDC Board of Directors for their persistence in working toward this goal. The Business Council realizes it took both the PTDC Board along with the Council to make this happen.

PTDC Board Chairman, Tom Briggs added, "This Corporation is vested

with the task of creating revenue and job opportunities. In 2008, PTDC generated an annual payroll over \$1.3 million and generated total revenue paid to the Pawnee Nation that was over \$900,000. With perseverance comes accomplishment and this is where we are today. We look forward to seeing this project come to fruition."

Construction will commence immediately on the new \$6.8 million Casino, Restaurant and Bar. The 10,000sf facility will house 200 additional games and include an upscale 80-seat steakhouse. Grand Opening is expected by January of 2010. The new facility promises an exciting, upscale atmosphere with exciting new games, Players Club and exceptional customer service.



Pawnee Business Council Members from Left to Right. President George Howell, Andrea Bowen, Elizabeth BlackOwl and John Only A Chief



Pawnee Nation Employees Club Hosts Annual Easter Egg Hunt

By Ashlee Worley

The Pawnee Nation's Employees Club hosted its annual Easter Egg Hunt, where over a hundred people flooded to the former Indian Health Service (I.H.S.) facility on the Pawnee Nation Tribal Reserve to participate in the annual event on Friday, April 10.

Attendees, from infants to elders, were invited to bring their Easter baskets to collect fun-filled eggs and meet the Easter Bunny. Children squealed with delight as they spotted the colorful eggs all along the grounds, while the adults studied the eggs and planned their retrieval.

The egg hunts were divided into categories based on age, with prizes in each category ranging from candy to cash. The Easter Bunny was there to greet participants and pose for free pictures.

The Employees Club welcomes donations and volunteers, which

are key to the continued success of this free annual event. To find out how you can help make next year's event a success, please contact Vi Wills, Employee Club Vice-President, at 918-762-3621 ext. 27.

Pawnee Nation Beautiful



To submit your photos, please contact Communications at communications@pawneenation.org or call 918-762-3621 ext. 25

Health & Wellness

Are You Needing Assistance?

By Tiffany Frieze, Health Department Manager

We have had several inquiries regarding direct assistance; as a result, we wanted to describe what types of assistances the CHR/EMS/HE office has to offer:

Community Service Block Grant (CSBG)-provides assistance to low-income Native American individuals/families with housing and/or utility deposits (no bills) and medical expenses (eyewear, dentures, and medications). The maximum amount of assistance is \$100.00 in a calendar year. Clients must reside in Pawnee County, but do not have to be a member of the Pawnee Nation.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)-provides assistance to low-income

Native American households in meeting their immediate home energy needs. LIHEAP monies can be used to pay for electricity, gas, or propane bills. The maximum amount of assistance is \$100.00 in a calendar year. Clients must reside in Pawnee County, but do not have to be a member of the Pawnee Nation.

Elders & Handicap Assistance Program- provides financial assistance to be used for the health and welfare of the Pawnee Tribal Elderly & Handicap members who are not covered by other assistance programs. Applicant must be at least 55 years old at the time of the application for assistance and/or handicapped of any age. If handicapped, applicant must provide proof of such condition. Doctor's notes will not be accepted. Applicant must be a member

of the Pawnee Nation as verified by a CDIB/Pawnee Nation Enrollment Department. The following are the assistance thresholds:

Age 55 thru 69--assistance request not to exceed \$400.00

Age 70 thru 79-- assistance request not to exceed \$500.00

Age 80 plus--assistance request not to exceed \$600.00

Handicap (at any age)—assistance request not to exceed \$400.00

Applications for the above assistance programs can be mailed, faxed, or picked up at the CHR/EMS/HE office during regular office hours, 8:00am to 5:00pm., Monday through Friday.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Pawnee Nation CHR Program at (918) 762-4641.

Tobacco Prevention and Education

By Suzy Snell, Reach Coordinator

The REACH US program has changed focus this year to Tobacco Prevention/Education, along with promoting the Second Wind Cessation Program.

The REACH program goal is to increase community, organization, and individual involvement in Tobacco Prevention, Education, and Cessation classes in order to reduce or stop the process of lung disease, asthma, and the effects of second hand smoking.

The program will accomplish this through collaborations with community, Tribal organizations, and outside tobacco coalitions by concentrating on policy development, environmental changes, and behavior modifications.

If anyone would like more information about the effects of Commercial Tobacco or would like to quit, please call Suzy at the REACH US office, at 918-762-6495.

Title VI Elders Advisory Board Elects New President

By Sidra Atyse, Title VI Supervisor

Due to the resignation of the previous Elders Advisory Board President on April 13th, 2009, the Elders fundraisers were put to a halt until they could elect someone to fill the President's position.

They started nominations on Monday, May 11, 2009 through Wednesday, May 13th, 2009 until 12:30 p.m. At 1:00 p.m. an Advisory Board official counted up the nominations for President and the outcome lead to two people

to vote on. The two names were voted on Thursday, May 14th, 2009 and all elders were eligible to vote. The votes were counted and at 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, May 14th, 2009. Mollie Davidson became the newly elected Elders Advisory Board President for the 2009 – 2010. Congratulations Mollie!

The new Elders Advisory Board consists of:

Mollie Davidson – President
Geraldine Howell – Vice-President

Jean Rice – Secretary

Richard Roubedeux – Treasurer

If you should have any further questions about activities or fundraisers please contact the Title VI Senior Program office at (918) 762-4042



Health & Wellness

Health News

By Tiffany Frieze, Health Department Manager

The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) observes the month of May as the national Asthma and Allergy Awareness month. May is a peak time for summer and spring allergies that arise due to the abundance of different allergens during this time of the year. These allergens trigger attacks of asthma or seasonal allergies that plague sufferers with the problems of itching, sneezing, watery eyes, and breathing difficulties.

Asthma attacks are usually triggered by tobacco smoke, allergens, stress, or strenuous exercise. If left untreated, a serious asthma attack can prove to be life-threatening; however, with adequate medical attention, a healthcare provider will be able to devise a suitable treatment plan that would allow an asthma patient to remain active and healthy.

Allergies affect millions of Americans each day. A person suffering from allergies are acutely sensitive to substances that are usually harmless to a normal person. These substances include pollen, mold spores, weeds, dust mites, animal dander, and grasses. Although allergies cannot be completely cured, the symptoms can be controlled by reducing exposure to the allergy-causing substances.

With today's advancements in medicine and technology, people are able to enjoy healthy, active lifestyles-this is true for asthma and allergy sufferers too. With the right diagnosis, proper treatment, and effective medications, there are no limitations to what asthma and allergy sufferers can do.

Tips for Exercise Success (Survival!)

By Francis Grant, Diabetes Coordinator

Swimming or playing in the water, riding a bike, walking or jogging (or trying to walk fast), dancing around the house, or any one of dozens of other activities can help your heart and other muscles. The activities will cause you to feel warm (or hot!), perspire (or sweat!), and breathe heavily, without being out of breath (or gasping for air like there is no tomorrow) and hopefully without feeling any burning sensation in your muscles.

Whether the activity is a structured exercise program or just part of your daily routine, all exercise really adds up to a healthier heart with more flexibility and body coordination.

Here are some tips for exercise success:

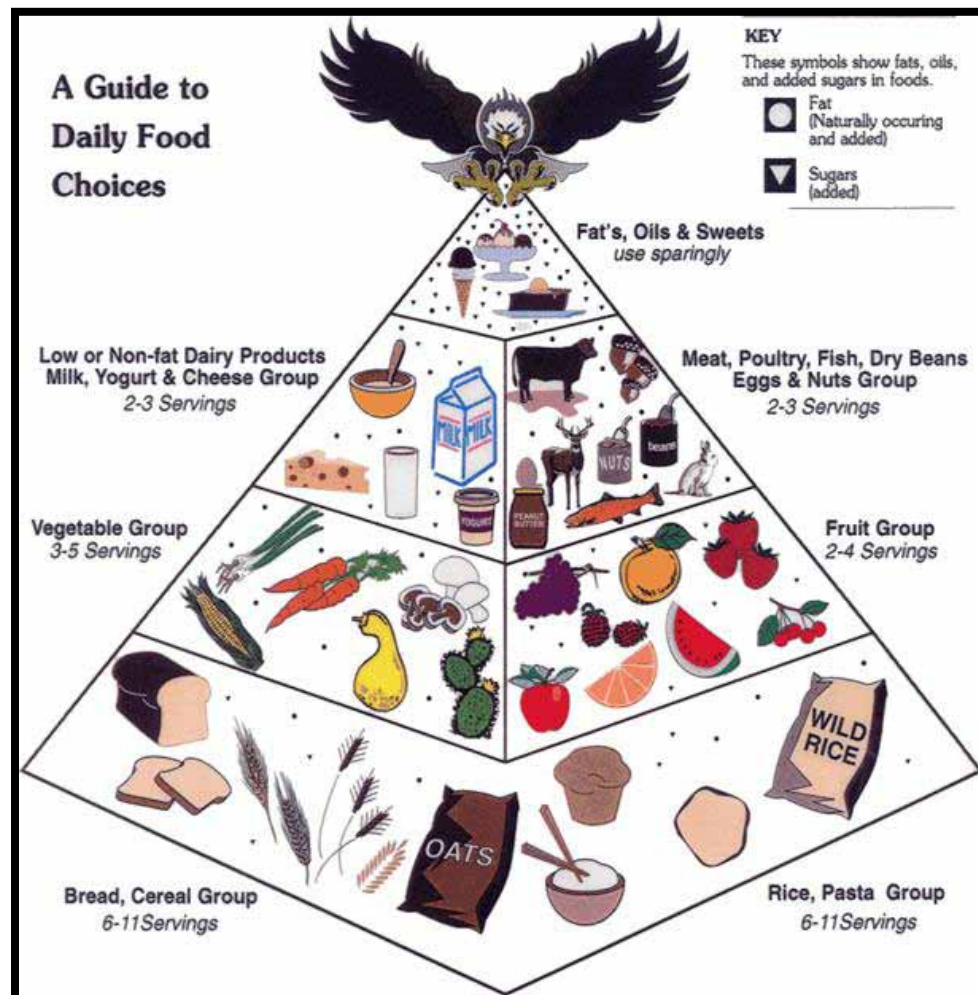
- If you have not exercised for a long time, feel you are overweight, have been told you have a high risk of coronary heart disease or some other chronic health problem, such as diabetes or high cholesterol, see the doctor for a medical check-up before beginning a physical activity program.
- Choose activities that are fun and don't wear you out for the day. Add variety! Develop, or even go back to, several activities that you enjoyed in the past. That way, exercise will never seem boring or routine.
- Wear comfortable, properly fitted footwear and comfortable, loose-fitting clothing appropriate for the weather and the activity.
- Find a time and place to do activities and keep exercise equipment nearby. Try to make exercise a

habit, but always remember to be flexible. If you miss an exercise opportunity, find another way to make the activity happen.

- Use music while you exercise to keep you entertained.
- Surround yourself with people who are supportive of you and your efforts.
- Don't overdo it. Do low-level to moderate-level activities at first. You can slowly increase the duration and intensity of your activities as you become more fit and able. Over time, work up to exercising on most days of the week for 30-60 minutes.
- Keep a record of your activities. Reward yourself at special goals you reach. Nothing motivates like success!

Save the Date!
**Pawnee
Nation
Health Fair**

Thursday,
July 2
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
at the
**Wellness
Center**



Two Pawnee Sisters Sweep the Osage's National Indian Taco Championships

By Benny Polacca
Osage News

Ramona Horsechief and her sister Lisa Pahsetopah say having strong faith and "a love for cooking" creates great dishes and keeps people coming back for more, especially when it comes to Indian tacos.

"Cooking is my spiritual gift," said Horsechief. "That's why my husband is so heavy."

Horsechief, along with Pahsetopah, took home top honors Saturday at the National Indian Taco Championships in Pawhuska, where more than 800 people descended downtown to taste the culinary treats.

Horsechief, who won first in the Traditional Indian Taco category, won after she covered her frybread in buffalo meat chili and added the garnishment of lettuce, cheese and homemade pico de gallo. Pahsetopah, who won in the Dessert Indian Taco category, actually filled her frybread dough with cream and then cooked it in the hot grease, topping it after with caramelized pecans, fresh strawberries and homemade whipped cream. She said she chose the recipe while saying to herself "I know Indians love sugar, sugar, sugar."



NITC Winners in both Traditional and Dessert, Romona Horsechief and Lisa Pahsetopah

Photo by Chalene Toehay/Osage News

The duo was among 20-plus entrants in the competition, now in its fifth year.

The sisters, both of Pawnee and Cherokee decent, are devout Christians who travel for ministry work. They recently started their own catering business, Two Sisters Catering, to help bring in more money after their other work started slowing down.

"I love cooking it all," Horsechief said while taking down the food stand she ran with Pahsetopah and her husband Ellis Horsechief.

"It feels unbelievable," Pahsetopah, of Sapulpa, Okla., said after the winners and runner-ups were announced. Both accepted their checks from the event officials with flour and dough sticking to their hands.

The sisters' first place award came with a \$1,500 check and a year's worth of bragging rights.

Osage Nation Principal Chief Jim Gray congratulated the sisters on their win and shook their doughy hands. "It's going to be a long year," he said jokingly, referring to the Osage and Pawnee rivalry that stems back to pre-1900 Indian wars.

In the traditional taco competition, Ben Jacobs won second place and Debra Lookout took third. Lookout took second place for her dessert taco and Georgette Fixico won third. Second place finishers won \$1,000 and third place took home \$500.

Horsechief, 41, said she credits working well with Pahsetopah, 46, which is another reason they joined forces in business. "She makes the best frybread and I make the best chili," she said.

The Horsechiefs, of Midwest City, Okla., travel with One Spirit Praise, a Native American Christian music ministry, and visit with people



Lisa Pahsetopah jumps up in the air with excitement and receives a hug from sister Ramona Horsechief as she claims victory winning the Dessert Indian Taco category.
Photo by Chalene Toehay/Osage News

from all backgrounds. Ramona provides food for the events. Horsechief, who has more than 20 years of cooking and culinary school experience, said her group visits with all groups of people, including those attending rehabilitation and juvenile centers.

Pahsetopah and her husband Michael have a family dance troupe which performs Native American dancing at various events including faith-based functions. One of their recent travels was to Houston where the couple and their six-year-old daughter Heaven auditioned for NBC's "America's Got Talent."

Pahsetopah said the trio would try again next year to win a chance to compete

on national TV. In the meantime, Pahsetopah said she planned on using her prize money toward the purchase of a concession stand.

Both sisters, who learned to cook from watching their grandmother, plan to continue developing their catering venture, knowing others love their foods.

Pahsetopah, who has sold and cooked food at other special or Native American-related events, said she has followers, whom she calls "frybread groupies."

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Larry EchoHawk to Lead Bureau of Indian Affairs

By Matt Canham
The Salt Lake Tribune

President Barack Obama picked Brigham Young University law professor Larry EchoHawk to lead the Bureau of Indian Affairs, making him the 11th assistant secretary for Indian Affairs, the first high-profile Mormon and first Utahn to join the administration's senior ranks.

EchoHawk, a member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, has lived and worked throughout the West. He made history in 1990 as the first American Indian elected

to statewide office when he won Idaho's attorney general race. After a failed bid for Gem State governor, EchoHawk, a Democrat, relocated to Utah, where he started teaching courses on criminal law and federal Indian law at BYU.

"Larry EchoHawk has the right leadership abilities, legislative experience and legal expertise," Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said, "to bring about the transformative improvements we all seek for Indian country."

The official title is assistant secretary for Indian affairs within

Interior. He will lead the bureau responsible for providing services to 1.7 million American Indians and Alaskan natives and for managing 66 million acres held in trust by the United States for tribes.

EchoHawk had a message for his new employees. "I want to express my appreciation for their dedication to serving the American Indian and Alaska Native people," he said. "We will continue to honor the federal trust responsibility, to support tribal self-determination and to make a positive difference in the tribal

communities we serve."

Larry EchoHawk was officially sworn in Friday, May 22, 2009, as the new assistant Interior secretary for Indian Affairs, allowing him to get a quick start on his work, after the Senate confirmed him earlier in the week.

Pawnee Baby Stars in Film

By Amy Watters

Aven King Moore, son of Pawnee citizens Jordan Moore and Amber Whiteshirt, stars as Pearl Carter Scott's infant in the feature length film, "Pearl," airing at the Oklahoma City Museum of Arts at 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 11.

Credit for landing young Aven his role in the movie has been credited to the picture featured at right, which was taken by Amanda Crawford (Pawnee). "My daughter said they (casting) took one look at this picture and they were like, this is the one," said beaming grandfather Tom Whiteshirt.

Filmed at various locations in Oklahoma, the film tells the



story of Eula "Pearl" Carter Scott, a Chickasaw girl from Oklahoma who is best known as the youngest licensed pilot in America. Befriended by famous aviator Wiley Post in the late 1920s, Scott made her first solo flight at age 13 and began performing as a barnstormer and commercial pilot at age 14.

Produced by the Chickasaw Nation, "Pearl" premiered on March 28 at the American Film Institute of Dallas' International Film Festival. Ironically, the film's premiere occurred four years to the day after Eula "Pearl" Carter Scott's death.

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PAWNEE TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (PTDC) FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

January 31, 2009

FINANCIAL RESULTS

During January, 2009 the combined operations of all PTDC entities had operational net income of \$102,406 bringing year-to-date combined operational income to \$102,406. Including this month's income sharing distribution of \$51,203, \$51,203 of this total operational income for 2009 is directly distributed to the Tribe. This represents 50% of PTDC's operational income for the year.

IMPACT ANALYSIS

The normal operating expenses were \$254,948 of which \$122,342 or 48% were for payroll expenses. The year-to-date operating expenses were \$254,948 of which \$122,342 or 48% were for payroll expenses.

In addition, during the month PTDC made payments and accruals to the Gaming Commission for assessments and licenses of \$13,100. This brought direct payments and assessments for the Gaming Commission for the year to \$13,100.

The Trading Post retail operations, the Travel Plaza and Subway combined to collect and remit \$7,894 of sales tax to the Tribe for the month. This brought the total amount of sales taxes collected and remitted to the Tribe to \$7,894 for the year.

In addition direct rent payments of \$3,700 were paid for tribal facilities bringing the total to \$3,700 for the year.

The total amount of payments to be made directly to the tribe for January 1, 2009 through January 31, 2009 for assessments, licenses, distribution of profits, rents and sales taxes was \$75,897.

The total year-to-date amount of payments from January 1, 2009 through January 31, 2009 for assessments, licenses, distribution of profits, rents and sales taxes totaled \$75,897.

February 28, 2009

FINANCIAL RESULTS

During February, 2009 the combined operations of all PTDC entities had operational net income of \$134,058 bringing year-to-date combined operational income to \$236,464. Including this month's income sharing distribution of \$67,629, \$118,832 of this total operational income for 2009 is directly distributed to the Tribe. This represents 50% of PTDC's operational income for the year.

IMPACT ANALYSIS

The normal operating expenses were \$246,997 of which \$118,723 or 48% were for payroll expenses. The year-to-date operating expenses were \$254,948 of which \$122,342 or 48% were for payroll expenses.

In addition, during the month PTDC made payments and accruals to the Gaming Commission for assessments and licenses of \$13,020. This brought direct payments and assessments for the Gaming Commission for the year to \$26,120.

The Trading Post retail operations, the Travel Plaza and Subway combined to collect and remit \$7,438 of sales tax to the Tribe for the month. This brought the total amount of sales taxes collected and remitted to the Tribe to \$15,332 for the year.

In addition direct rent payments of \$3,700 were paid for tribal facilities bringing the total to \$7,400 for the year.

The total amount of payments to be made directly to the tribe for February 1, 2009 through February 28, 2009 for assessments, licenses, distribution of profits, rents and sales taxes was \$91,787.

The total year-to-date amount of payments from February 1, 2009 through February 28, 2009 for assessments, licenses, distribution of profits, rents and sales taxes totaled \$167,684.

March 31, 2009

FINANCIAL RESULTS

During March, 2009 the combined operations of all PTDC entities had operational net income of \$123,882 bringing year-to-date combined operational income to \$361,546. Including this month's income sharing distribution of \$61,941, \$180,773 of this total operational income for 2009 is directly distributed to the Tribe. This represents 50% of PTDC's operational income for the year.

IMPACT ANALYSIS

The normal operating expenses were \$263,795 of which \$108,931 or 41% were for payroll expenses. The year-to-date operating expenses were \$764,540 of which \$349,996 or 46% were for payroll expenses.

In addition, during the month PTDC made payments and accruals to the Gaming Commission for assessments and licenses of \$16,293. This brought direct payments and assessments for the Gaming Commission for the year to \$42,413.

The Trading Post retail operations, the Travel Plaza and Subway combined to collect and remit \$6,083 of sales tax to the Tribe for the month. This brought the total amount of sales taxes collected and remitted to the Tribe to \$21,415 for the year.

In addition direct rent payments of \$3,700 were paid for tribal facilities bringing the total to \$11,100 for the year.

The total amount of payments to be made directly to the tribe for March 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009 for assessments, licenses, distribution of profits, rents and sales taxes was \$88,017.

The total year-to-date amount of payments from January 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009 for assessments, licenses, distribution of profits, rents and sales taxes totaled \$255,701.

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Class of 2009

Congratulations **Elise!** We are so very proud of the young lady you have grown into. We love you! Mom, Dad, Connor & Braden



Elise Lynn Peters graduated from Pawnee High School on May 22, 2009 and is the daughter of Carrie Peters and Herman Sleeper.

She is the granddaughter of Jo Only A Chief and the late Lewis Only A Chief and her great grandparents were Jim and Minnie Peters.

She will be attending OSU/NOC in the fall and later will be transferring to OSU or OU.

Lindsay Marie Brantley, graduated with a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Texas in Arlington. She is related to Alex Mathews, who was a Battan Death March prisoner survivor from WWII.

Lacey Renae Gaylord, graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education from the University of Memphis. She is the Granddaughter of Lou Norris, Great Granddaughter of Pricilla Jim Cannaday, who was the daughter of Suzi and St.Elmo Jim

Brian Lee Piccolella, a member of the Pawnee Nation, graduated from Oklahoma State University on May 9, 2009 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management Information Systems.

Gwen Renee Gregory, a member of the Pawnee Nation, graduated from Northern Oklahoma College on May 2, 2009 with an Associate of Science Degree in Business Administration and Arts & Sciences.

Marissa Campbell, graduated from Northern Oklahoma College with an Associates of Arts in Child Development.

Alicia Chaino-Ahkeahbo, Taylor Moore (with Honors), Whitney Nuttle (with Honors), Marcela Stephenson (with Honors) and Pam Walker, graduated from Pawnee Nation College and received their Associates of Arts in American Indian Studies

Electa Leigh Hare received her Master of Social Work from the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis May 15, 2009, with a concentration in Individualized-Children/ Youth and Native Social Work. Electa will finish her practicum at the Indian Health Care Resource Center of Tulsa, Inc. She will be working in human services doing assessments with Native children, youth and families.



Ms. Leeann Norman is Seminole and Pawnee. Leeann has been selected to receive a Gates Scholarship, the nation's largest and most successful minority scholarship program. Only 1,000 students from 48 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam, were selected as Gates Millennium Scholars.



Leeann has been very active in school activities while maintaining 3.85-4.0 GPA during her high school career. Her activities have included Native American Student Council, Jr. class parliamentarian, Sr. class secretary, Native American Student Council, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Oklahoma Honor Society, Oklahoma Indian Honor Society, Student Council, Fast and Slowpitch softball, Track. She also won a Patty Ironcloud Scholarship to go to Washington D.C. last summer.

Leeann's grandparent's are the late Lee and Viola Norman, she is the great granddaughter of the late Irene Bailey and the daughter of Charlene Norman.

*Congratulations to all the Graduates!
LISTEN to your heart. FOLLOW your
dreams. REACH for the stars and know you
can do ANYTHING.*



Dana Whiteshirt getting sworn in for Housing Commission Seat #2



On March 25, 2009 Raven Mamie Morgan was inducted into the Jr. National Honor Society for Junior High students.

Raven has successfully maintained greater than a 3.5 grade point average this school year in Advanced Placement (AP) classes. She was nominated by her school and attended a special induction ceremony where she pledged to uphold the NHS Constitution and promote good Character, Leadership, Service and Citizenship.

Raven Mamie Morgan is Pawnee, Cheyenne, Arapaho, and Otoe. She is the 13 year old daughter of Victor and LaRenda (Rickman) Morgan. She is currently an enrolled member of the Pawnee Nation. She is named after her Pawnee great grandmother Mamie Morgan.

She attends school in the Oklahoma City area. In 7th grade, she was active in school clubs, choir and basketball. Raven loves basketball, music, art, reading, dancing, and writing poetry. Raven's future plans are to attend college and major in Performing Arts and play ball.

She has served previously as the 2007 Oklahoma Indian Biker Princess, which is an all native motorcycle club, who provide community service and support for veterans in Oklahoma. In March 2008, she competed in the Changing Winds Cultural Society yearly competition and won Best Tribal Dress, Best Tribal Greeting, Best Tribal Talent and the title of 2008 Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma City. She has also performed exhibition dancing for local area schools and many other functions.

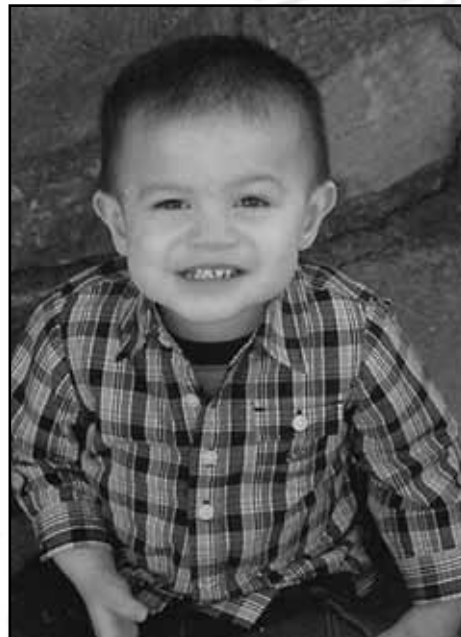
Ravens' father, Victor is enrolled Pawnee. Her Pawnee family are the Morgans, Echohawks and Knifechiefs. She is the granddaughter of Sue Morgan-Cotanny, as well as Elmo Morgan, Theodore Teeter Morgan, Ann Morgan-Collins, the late Gloria Morgan-Weinstein, the late Cristabel Spade-Echohawk, the late Harold (Beaver) Morgan, and late William Morgan Jr. and she is the great granddaughter of the late William (Bill) and Mamie Morgan of Pawnee.

Ravens' mother LaRenda is Cheyenne Arapaho and Otoe. Her Cheyenne family are the Bushyheads, her Arapaho family is the Lumpmouths (Blacks) and Gearys. Ravens grandmother is Micki Black of El Reno and great grandparents are the United Methodist Clergy Reverend Joann (Bushyhead) Black of El Reno and the late Edward Lumpmouth Black Sr. Raven's Otoe family are the Deroin and Roubideaux. Her grandfather was the late Forrest Rickman of Ponca City. Her great grandparents are Charles and Clarice Deroin-Rickman of Ponca City.

The family hopes everyone has a great summer and look for Raven and say hello at the 2009 Pawnee Nation Homecoming!

**Happy
2nd
Birthday**

Gabriel Ethan



**Aho! Max Bear McIntosh,
Love, Chalis & Gerald, Lura, Bobby, and G. Ellen!**

Chalis Cox would like to thank Ms. Randa Shemwell, Gwen Gregory, Amber Whiteshirt, and Janet Mulder for holding a wonderful baby shower for Max Bear McIntosh! The shower was held at Kacie's Diner on May 23, 2009. "We would also like to personally thank: G. Junie & G. Donnie, Renee A., PN College, Patty M., A. Debbie W., Thomas & Andrew; Dana Anne & Samantha; A. Lura & A. Della; G. Norma, Herman & Carrie Jo; A. Berdina, A. Yvonne F., G. Jo Peters; Grandpa John for naming him - WhiteHorse!"



My Fellow Pawnee Nation Tribal Members,

Nawa! Let me introduce myself, I'm Shannon Louise Sletto, daughter of Pawnee Nation Veteran Lozana Eppler and Timothy Sletto, also the granddaughter of the late Teddy Eppler and Rebecca (Pratt) Eppler. My maternal great-grandparents were the late Adam and Hazel Pratt and the late Joseph and Myra (Lone Chief) Eppler was my paternal great-grandparents. In addition, I hail from the Skidi Band of the Pawnee Nation as well as belong to the Pumpkin Vine Clan. I graduated from Pawnee High School in 2006 and currently work as an assistant pre-school teacher for the Quapaw tribe. As a person deeply-rooted in Pawnee

heritage, I find it important to share my thoughts of this past year as a representative of the Pawnee Nation.

This past year I served as the 2008-2009 Pawnee Indian Veterans Homecoming Princess and am grateful for having been given that opportunity. Serving as the Homecoming Princess is what I had dreamed of since I was a little girl. As I grew up, every summer during the Homecoming I would admire the beautiful princesses who were all so friendly, intelligent and very courageous and most notably effortlessly kept gorgeous smiles upon their faces. Last year my dream became a reality. I have been blessed with the good fortune to travel in our state and to other states representing the Pawnee Nation and the Pawnee Indian Veterans Organization. The experience has genuinely humbled me as I did my best to personify what I saw in the princesses of the past.

I wish to thank my family for their support during my reign and express to the future 2009-2010 Homecoming Princess my desire for her to have an enlightening and prosperous year. Finally, I want to thank the Pawnee Indian Veterans for allowing me the chance to achieve a dream. Thank you!



Devyn EchoHawk, Pawnee tribal member, and a Junior at Pawnee High School placed fourth in Class 3A Heavyweight at the OSSAA State Wrestling on February 27 & 28 in Oklahoma City, OK. He wrestled in Inola, OK at the Eastern Regional tournament and placed 1st to earn a spot in the State Tournament.

Devyn has been wrestling for a few years and took a couple years off before returning to compete at the high school level this year. He is very grateful for all those who came out and supported him and said he was glad he took the chance and returned to a sport that challenges yourself to be the best you can be.



Happy 1st Birthday Lawren Michele Goodfox!

Lawren is the daughter of Jeff and Alyssa Goodfox, baby sister of Kalei Goodfox and grandchild of Larry and Gaye Goodfox, Russell Cannon and Sidonie Cannon and great grandchild of Mary Goodfox. Lawren is Chaui and is also Osage of the Grayhorse District. Lawren is the name sake of her Big Ahput, Lawrence Goodfox, Jr. and her auntie, Jodi Michele.

Lawren missed the Homecoming Pow Wow last year because she was having her own homecoming but will definitely be there this year!

To Submit a Highlight, contact Ashlee Worley at aworley@pawneenation.org or call 918-762-3621 ext. 25

Community Highlight



RONALD C. GOODEAGLE, SR. "Ronnie," died at his home April 14. He was 74-years-old.

Goodeagle was born on February 20, 1935 at the Pawnee Indian Hospital in Pawnee, Oklahoma to Merton Kenneth Goodeagle and Lenora Jake Goodeagle. He attended Pawnee Indian Boarding School and graduated from Pawnee High School with the Class of 1955. He was a line-backer for the Pawnee High School football team that won State in 1955. He worked in the oilfield, and served in the 45th Infantry Division of the National Guard. He enjoyed rodeos and participated as a bull rider and calf roper. In 2002 he was the Pawnee Bill Memorial Rodeo Honoree. He has served as a board member for the Pawnee Bill's Ranch Association. He was a Champion Straight Dancer and was Chief of the Chaui Band

of the Pawnee Nation Tribe of Indians. He was past President of the Pawnee Chapter of the Native American Church and served as a Roadman. He was spiritual advisor for the Unified Solution Tribal Community Development Group of the Department of Justice.

He married Vanessa Knight Goodeagle on October 23, 1993 in Ponca City, Okla. and has been a lifetime resident of Pawnee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Lenora Goodeagle, his brother Merton K. Goodeagle, Jr., his son, Mark Lee Goodeagle, and his daughter, Mary Angela Goodeagle

Services were held April 17 at the Pawnee Nation Multi-Purpose Complex - Gym, Pawnee, Oklahoma, with Roadman Pat Moore officiating.

ROBERTA LUCY PRATT GARDIPE

January 26, 1941 – May 1, 2009

Roberta Lucy Pratt Gardipe was born on January 26, 1941 in Pawnee Oklahoma to Adam Edward Pratt and Lula Nora Tilden Pratt. She passed from this life on Friday, May 1, 2009 in Tulsa, Oklahoma having reached the age of 68 years, 3 months, and 4 days. She was a lifetime resident of Pawnee, and was affiliated with the Masham Baptist Church. She served in the United States Navy from May 16, 1962 until her Honorable Discharge on September 6, 1963. She was currently serving as the President of the Pawnee Indian Veterans Organization. She was a retired Registered Nurse.

Surviving is a son, Kenneth James McCosar and wife, Recia, Pawnee, plus grandchildren Des

mond Tyler, Andrea Ann, Shana Renee, Kale Xavier, Kenna Jade and Brittany Nicole Pratt and a nephew, Stephen Ashley Pratt, Pawnee.

Also surviving are 4 brothers and 3 sisters: Willard Pratt, Douglas Tilden and Duane Pratt, all of Pawnee and Alan Dale Pratt of Idaho, plus Rebecca Eppler, Pawnee; Eileen Sands, Oklahoma City and Thomasene Neff, Fairfax, plus numerous nephews, nieces, grandchildren, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

Roberta was preceded in death by her parents, Adam and Lula Nora Pratt; her grandparents: Ezra Tilden and Lizzie Washington Tilden, Thomas Pratt and Nancy Thomas Pratt; a brother Eddie Pratt and 3 sisters: Myrtle LeadingFox, Vivena Williams and Patricia Williams plus several aunts and uncles.

LOUELLA 'LOU' TOPETCHY
May 6, 1938 – March 17, 2009

Funeral services for Louella "Lou" Topetchy, 70, were held on Saturday March 21, 2009, in Lawton, OK, at the Comanche Nation Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Lewis Bernard, Pastor, full Gospel Church of Fairfax, officiating. Burial was in Deyo Mission Cemetery.

Mrs. Topetchy died Tuesday, March 17, 2009, in Oklahoma City. She was born on May 6, 1938, in Pawnee, to Sam Young and Nettie Hartico. She grew up in the Pawnee area, and attended Pawnee Schools. She married Gary Mihesuah Topetchy on

December 30, 1958, in Los Angeles, California, and they lived in Pawnee. She was a member of the Pawnee Nation and Full Gospel Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Carmen Topetchy-Verwser, Oklahoma City; a son, Gregory Topetchy, Lawton; three grandchildren: Tambi DeHaas-Hood, James Topetchy DeHaas and Codie Topetchy; and other relatives and prayer partners across Indian Country.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Gary Topetchy, Jr.; and her parents and grandparents.

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KYLE RAY DISHMAN

June 16, 1984 – April 26, 2009

Memorial services were held Saturday in Pratt, Kansas, for Kyle R. Dishman, 24, who died as the result of an accident in Cape Coral, Florida, on Sunday, April 26th. He was an enrolled member of the Pawnee Nation.

Born in Kingman, Kansas, on June 16, 1984, to Ronnie Dishman and Dena (Gonzales) Dishman, he grew up in Coats, Kansas and graduated from Skyline School at Pratt, Kansas in 2003

Kyle was a lifeguard and worked in construction in Cape Coral where he resided for the past 3 years. His passion was music, playing guitar and writing lyrics which was his way of connecting to everyone and everything.

Surviving are his parents, grandmothers Violet Dishman, Pratt, Kansas and Sadie Gonzales, Pawnee; a brother Ryan Dishman, Luka, Kansas; sisters-Amy Shinkle and husband, Kevin;

Cami Toalston and husband, Andy, all of Pratt.

In addition, he is survived by his other grandmothers Regina Wilson, Joanne Rankins; grandfather Bill Rankins, Pawnee and Jean McClendon of Georgia; his aunts, Janet Gonzales, Phyllis Gonzales, Dollie Gonzales and uncle Sherman Gonzales plus aunts Lily Harms and Catherine Keeling, all of Pawnee; Oleta White, Karen Horsechief, Anadarko; Minnie Rice, Edmond; Uncle Mike Moore, Hominy; a niece Sophia Toalston and nephew Michael Joseph Dishman of Pratt as well as many other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Ray Dishman and Howard Gonzales; aunt Susan Gonzales and uncle Howard P. Gonzales.

He was cremated and a memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, May 9, 2009, at the Pratt Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Pratt, Kansas.

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Alexander H. Mathews

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“The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and he delighteth in his way.” Psalms 37:23

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