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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Pawnee Tribal Members:

Take a look at the building going up at the Pawnee Nation Travel Plaza! Many have told me that as they drive by and see the structure developing, they feel proud. At long last the Pawnee Nation is stepping into the competitive arena of the casino and gaming business. Like it or not, the casino business for many American Indian tribes across the country has provided an economic advantage. We have lost three (3) years, plus \$300,000,000 in the debacle of a few years. We had to work hard to prove our mettle to now skeptical lending agencies that we are an internally and structurally sound tribal organization of note. We are Pawnee and can make this business and its resulting products work to our advantage.

We recognize the efforts of every member of the Tribal Development Cooperation (TDC) on this project. Each person on TDC had a hand in making this project a reality. This effort is a result of dogged TDC teamwork. My only regret at this point is that Les Hand, late Pawnee Business Council Treasurer, is not here to see the fruit of his work while on TDC. He is not here, but he sees it.

The structure being built is 10,000 square feet and will accommodate 200 gaming machines and a 70 seating capacity steak house. This is a welcome start for us. The construction is on schedule and plans are to have a grand opening by the first of 2010.

In another area, we will to be receiving monies to upgrade some of our tribal buildings. The PBC is also looking at geothermal heating and cooling for buildings that will save us heating and cooling energy bills down the road. In fact, the first of our buildings to be outfitted with this system, is the old clinic (old "hospital" for many of us). We are very fortunate to have such qualified, competent, and dedicated employees who manage and operate programs and office procedures to the benefit of the tribe. Thank you and we appreciate your hard work.

Pawnee people, the building of the casino, and all the programs, ongoing and developing, are for our tribal members. You deserve all the fruits of our labor and our commitment to do our best for all of you. Not everyone is going to agree with each action that is taken, that is understood in life, but keep in mind that any decision made is to benefit all, not just one individual interest. I have always said that what we do for one Pawnee, we do for all.

We have been fortunate in many aspects of our tribal life and thank the Lord for his blessings.

Thank you.

President George E. Howell



PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

August 1, 2009 – Quarterly Meeting

Program Reports were presented to Council with oral reports from each Division Director and/or Program Manager in attendance.

Resolutions #09-36 – Approved for Leveraging for the 2009 ICDBG submittal.

The Council also approved a donation request for the American Indian Exposition princess Melanie Cotany.

August 16, 2009 – PBC Meeting

Resolution #09-40 – A resolution to approve an application for the issuance of Tax Exempt Tribal Eco-

nomie Development Bonds (American Reinvestment and Recovery Act) – Approved.

Council also approved an additional \$397.19 to complete the roofing at the Administration building at the Old Clinic project.

Council approved the submission of a Scope of Work for the Keystone Pipeline XL project for \$15,000 for Tribal Historic Preservation activities.

August 27, 2009

Council approved a Lease Termination Amendment for the property in Grand Island, NE.

Because Gaming, Housing, Divi-

sion of Administrative Affairs and the Pawnee Nation College were unable to attend the Quarterly meeting, these Departments provided oral Quarterly reports to the Council.

The Council appointed the Enrollment Committee to review the Pawnee Nation Burial Policy.

Resolution #09-41 was approved to add Secretary, Linda Jestes, as an authorized signature on Form 4432 – Indian Preference.

Council selected a bid to perform work on homes of asthmatic children. This was a small grant from the Indian Health Services.

I.H.S. Housekeeping requested to

purchase a “gator” vehicle for the Grounds Maintenance Department – approved.

Resolutions #09-42, Pawnee Nation Building Code, Resolution #09-43, Pawnee Nation Energy Conservation Code, Resolution #09-44, Pawnee Nation Food Code, Resolution #09-45, Pawnee Nation Fuel/Gas Code, Resolution #09-46, Pawnee Nation Mechanical Code, Resolution #09-47, Pawnee Nation Plumbing Code and Resolution #09-48, Pawnee Nation Fire Code were all approved.

The Council also selected the 2008 ICDBG Construction Management firm – Builder’s Unlimited and the 2009 A & E firm (for stimulus funds project) Anishinabe Designs.

PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL 3RD QUARTER 2009 RESOLUTIONS

#09-34 – Partnership Agreement with U.S. Census 2010 – A resolution to assist with the 2010 Census. APPROVED by a vote of 6 for, 1 abstaining, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell). June 24, 2009.

#09-35 – 2009 ICDBG – Eligible Entity – For Submission of 2009 ICDBG proposal. APPROVED by a vote of 6 for, 1 excused, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell). July 22, 2009.

#09-36 – 2009 ICDBG - Leveraging – For Submission of 2009 ICDBG proposal. APPROVED by a vote of 6 for, 2 excused, and 1 not voting (President Howell.) August 1, 2009.

#09-37 – 2009 ICDBG – Operations and Maintenance Plan – For Submission of 2009 ICDBG proposal. APPROVED by a vote of 6 for, 0 against, 1 excused and 1 not voting (President Howell). July 22, 2009.

#09-38 – Request to Drawdown \$13,200 of Proceeds of Labor for Geo-Thermal project at Old Clinic. APPROVED by a vote of 6 for, 0 against, 1 absent, and 1 not voting (President

Howell). July 22, 2009.

#09-39 – For Submission of the Health Promotion/Disease Prevention grant (ARRA) – Self-explanatory. APPROVED by a vote of 6 for, 1 absent, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell). August 14, 2009.

#09-40 – To approve the submission of an application for issuance of Tax Exempt Tribal Economic Development Bonds (ARRA) – Self-explanatory. APPROVED by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell). August 14, 2009.

#09-41 Authorized Signatures for Form 4432 – Indian Preference – A resolution to add Secretary of the PBC, Linda Jestes as an authorized signature on Form 4432. APPROVED by a vote of 6 for, 2 absent, 0 against,) and 1 not voting (President Howell). August 27, 2009.

#09-42 – Pawnee Nation Building Code – A resolution adopting the National Building Codes to the Pawnee Nation laws. APPROVED by a vote of 3 for, 2 absent, 2 against, and 1 not

voting (President Howell). August 27, 2009.

#09-43 – Pawnee Nation Emergency Conservation Code – A resolution adopting the National Emergency Conservation Code to the Pawnee Nation laws. APPROVED by a vote of 3 for, 2 absent, 2 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell). August 27, 2009.

#09-44 – Pawnee Nation Food Code – A resolution adopting National Food Code to Pawnee Nation law. APPROVED by a vote of 3 for, 2 absent, 2 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell). August 27, 2009.

#09-45 – Pawnee Nation Fuel/Gas Code – A resolution adopting the National Fuel/Gas Codes to the Pawnee Nation laws. APPROVED by a vote of 3 for, 2 absent, 2 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell). August 27, 2009.

#09-46 – Pawnee Nation Mechanical Code – A resolution adopting the National Mechanical Codes to the Pawnee

Nation laws.. APPROVED by a vote of 3 for, 2 absent, 2 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell). August 27, 2009.

#09-47 – Pawnee Nation Plumbing Code – A resolution adopting the National Plumbing Codes to the Pawnee Nation laws.. APPROVED by a vote of 3 for, 2 absent, 2 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell). August 27, 2009.

#09-48 – Pawnee Nation Fire Code – A resolution adopting the National Fire Code to the Pawnee Nation laws.. APPROVED by a vote of 3 for, 2 absent, 2 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell). August 27, 2009.

#09-49 – Add Amendment to Lease Agreement for Land donated in Grand Island, Nebraska – A resolution to approve a Termination Clause for the Lease Agreement for property donated in Grand Island, Nebraska. APPROVED by a vote of 5 for, 2 absent, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell). August 27, 2009.

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EDUCATION

Free Summer GED Classes- Roam Chief Building. Classes are every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Contact Chris Hill, Youth Services Coordinator at 918-762-2541, ext. 34.

Harvest Festival- Oct. 16th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Women's Building at the Pawnee County Fairgrounds. We will have free and fun activities for the whole family to enjoy. For more information please contact Chris Hill or David Echo Hawk at (918)762-2541, ext. 34 or ext. 24.

HEALTH

Red Ribbon Walk- Monday October 26, 2009. Line up will be on the West side of the Elementary School on 7th St. at 2 p.m. For more information, contact the Substance Abuse Program at 918-762-2153.

CHR Breast Cancer Awareness Walk - October TBA

Bedlam Blood Drive- November TBA

EVENTS

FREE WILL SERVICE PROJECT- This service will allow for the drafting of wills in Pawnee on Friday, October 9, at the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma's Administrative office building (Building 64) from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For additional information regarding these free services, contact Stephen Coit,

Fiduciary Trust Officer at 918-762-2471.

Four Person Disc Golf Scramble- October 10 at 10:00 a.m. No entry fee. For more information, contact Herman Sleeper, Juvenile Intervention Coordinator at 918-762-2153.

Pawnee Nation College Pow Wow- October 10 at 2 p.m., Dinner at 5 p.m., Grand Entry at 7:30 p.m.

Tribal Leader Listening Conference- With Asst Sec Larry Echo Hawk. October 23 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Pawnee Nation Wellness Center Gym.

Honor Dance for Larry Echo Hawk- Saturday, October 24 at 12 p.m. at the Pawnee Nation Roundhouse.

Chilocco Revitalization Kick-Off Event Dinner and Auction- Saturday, October 24 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Gilcrease Museum, The Museum of the Americas, 1400 N. Gilcrease Museum Rd., Tulsa, OK. For more information, visit www.chilocco-benefit.org.

Halloween Disc Golf Tournament- October 31. Sign-in at 8:30 p.m. The four person scramble tournament will start at 9:00 p.m. No entry fee. For more information, contact Herman Sleeper, Juvenile Intervention Coordinator at 918-762-2153.

Veterans Day Dance- November 11 at 12 p.m. at the Pawnee Nation Roundhouse.

CENSUS INFORMATION

The United States Census Bureau is working hard and getting ready to count all citizens of the United States next spring, and they have been working with our tribe to make sure the members and descendents of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma are counted accurately this time.

The most important thing we all need to remember is that on race, put PAWNEE NATION OF OKLAHOMA only. The census will only accept ONE race, so make sure you put the whole name. Even if you are not an enrolled member, but you are a descendent, put PAWNEE NATION OF OKLAHOMA as your race.

The Census must be done every 10 years, and more than \$400 billion in federal and state funds are allocated to tribes, states and communities based on the data they gather. Some of the funds our tribe receives that is based on census data provides for Indian education, health care and job training.

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NEXT ISSUE DATE

DECEMBER 7
FEBRUARY 2

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

NOVEMBER 16
JANUARY 15

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT WILLS AND TRUSTS

Did you know that if you do not make a will, the American Indian Probate Reform Act will determine how your trust property will be distributed after your death.

By writing a will, your land can be transferred in trust to any Indian person, the tribe that has jurisdiction, or any Indian co-owners. You can also transfer your land in trust to any of

your descendants (children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren) even if they are not Indian. You can control how your trust property is passed by creating an estate plan, such as a will or deed. You can transfer your interest out of trust to anybody.

That is why the Native American Legal Resource Center at the Okla-

homa City University School of Law is providing a **FREE Will Service Project**. They will be available to draft wills in Pawnee on Friday, October 9, at the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma's Administrative office building (Building 64) from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Services will include assistance to any trust property beneficiary with

drafting and executing a will.

If interested in this free service, contact Stephen Coit, Fiduciary Trust Officer at 918-762-2471.

If you have already written a will, you should review it to make sure the will says what you currently want.

What are your estate planning options?

One of the main purposes of the Act is to preserve the trust status and reduce the number of small, fractionated interests in Indian lands. The following chart is a brief overview of your estate planning options.

Estate Planning Options for Beneficiaries under AIPRA

Without a Will

Trust interest 5% or more - trust property goes to the eligible descendants and surviving spouse in order:

- Surviving spouse in a life estate, then to children equally or to grandchildren, great grandchildren
- If none, then to parents.
- If none, then to siblings
- If none of the above, land goes to Tribe
- If no tribe, to co-owners or Secretary

If Surviving Spouse, spouse receives life estate and

- Gets 1/3 of IIM account at date of death
- Gets all income produced by the trust interest during spouse's lifetime
- Other eligible heirs will get the remaining 2/3 of the IIM account at date of death

With A Will

- With a will the trust land owner can decide who gets the land and IIM monies
- If trust interest is passed to another Indian or eligible non-Indians (see below), the land stays in trust
- If non-IRA trust interest is left to a non-Indian, the land passes from trust to fee status. The tribe will also have the right to purchase before fee transfer is complete in probate.
- IRA lands may not be given in a will in fee to anyone, the transfer will fail. IRA lands must remain in Trust or Restricted status under AIPRA and IRA (25 USC § 2206(b)(2)(B) and 25 USC § 464)

Stopping Purchases at Probate

Heirs must give their consent to sell if one of the following applies:

- Interest to be received by heir is 5% or greater
- There is a valid Will
- Heir to receive interest lives on that parcel at time of death
- Heirs agree to voluntary consolidation agreement during the probate proceeding

Trust interest less than 5% - goes to Descendants and surviving spouse in this order:

Single heir rule- goes to one person as follows:

- Oldest surviving, eligible child
- Oldest surviving, eligible grandchild
- Oldest surviving, eligible great-grandchild or
- If none of the above, land goes to the Tribe

If surviving spouse is living on that parcel at the time of death, the spouse gets life estate in that parcel only (including the home) with remainder to oldest single heir above

Who is eligible to inherit land in trust?

Any one of the following:

- Member of an Indian Tribe
- Eligible to become a member of a Tribe
- Person who owns an interest in trust land on October 27, 2004
- Person who meets the definition of Indian under the Indian Reorganization Act
- In California, any person who owns an interest in trust or restricted land in California
- Decedent's lineal descendants within 2 degrees of relationship to any Indian (without a Will)
- Any children, grandchildren or great grandchildren (lineal descendants of testator) who are given an interest in a Will, even if non-Indian
- A co-owner in same parcel

Ways to avoid Probate:

- Gift deed to family members
- Negotiated sale or land exchange
- Gift deed with life estate
- Gift deed to co-owner or other Indian
- Sell land to the Tribe
- Gift deed land to the Tribe

CONSTRUCTION UNDER WAY ON STONEWOLF CASINO



StoneWolf Casino & Grill is the name chosen for the new 10,000sf casino & restaurant located at the Pawnee Nation Travel Plaza on Hwy 18 at the intersection of Hwy 412. Construction is on schedule. The \$7.4 million project will house 200 additional games and the new StoneWolf Grill, an 80-seat restaurant and bar.

Another feature added with the new casino is a players club. The "Four Star" Players Club will deliver on the StoneWolf promise of exceptional guest services. Customers will be given incentives to encourage customer loyalty.

"StoneWolf" was chosen because the name is both unique and timeless

and creates strong name recognition. "Stone" signifies strength and pays homage to the native-stone buildings on the Pawnee tribal reserve. "Wolf" comes from the Pawnee heritage where the wolf is a symbol of courage.

The asymmetrical angles of the logo offer an impression of a wolf head that's been chiseled from stone. The swirling "S" shape incorporated into the face highlights the wolf's eye and nose features. The mark conveys a sense of power yet still feels approachable, fun and playful. Together, the name and logo for "StoneWolf" provides a sturdy foundation on which to build the brand.



TDC RECEIVES \$22.5 MILLION DOLLAR BOND

By Ashlee Worley

On September 11, the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma received approval to issue \$22.5 million in Tribal Economic Development Bonds to finance the Copper Ridge Resort project, which will be built on tribal land adjacent to the Chilocco Indian School campus in Newkirk, Oklahoma.

"Tribal Development Corporation (TDC) was happy to learn that we were approved for the non-taxable bond for the use in the construction of our hotel at the Copper Ridge Resort (Chilocco) site," said Roger Foster, TDC General Manager. "I would like to thank our staff and the Pawnee Business Council for

all their hard work. This bond will greatly reduce our interest rate and create additional profits."

The Copper Ridge Resort will be a destination location, which guests will seek out for its features and amenities, including on site entertainment, dining, and lodging. The project will include the construction of a Hilton Garden Inn Hotel with 150 rooms, along with a 4,000 square foot events center.

Construction is expected to begin early next year.

For more information, contact Roger Foster, General Manager of the Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation at 918-762-4832.

PAWNEE NATION AWARDED \$300,000 GRANT

By Ashlee Worley

The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma received notice of a \$300,000 federal grant award through Indian Health Services for a Health Promotion and Disease Prevention project.

Over the course of its three year project period, the Health Promotion and Disease Prevention grant will decrease chronic health conditions and disease among Native American people by educating and promoting healthy lifestyle and behavior alternatives. The Pawnee Nation will hire two new full-time staff employees, who will be responsible for leading health education and promotion efforts. Specifically, outreach activities will include physical fitness, nutrition education, substance abuse, tobacco prevention and cessation, and health awareness and information.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2009

The Education Division is hosting the Harvest Festival again this year. "Bringing Families together" was a great success last year with over 200 people in attendance.

The Harvest Festival is set for Oct. 16th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Women's Building at the Pawnee County Fairgrounds. We will have free and fun activities for the whole family to enjoy.

For more information please contact Chris Hill or David Echo Hawk at (918)762-2541, ext. 34 or ext. 24.

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FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDING UPDATE

Ted Moore, Planning Division Director

The Office of the Planning Division, includes the offices of the Grants and Contracts and the Indian Community Development Block Grant program, has received funding from the American Recovery Act of 2009, also known as Stimulus funding.

To date, through the aggressive work of Muriel Robedeaux, the Indian Community Development Block Grant Coordinator, the Pawnee Nation has received funding in the amount of \$600,000 on July 31, 2009, from the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office

located in Oklahoma City. This grant will renovate and enlarge the Food Distribution Center located on the southern end of the Roam Chief Building. As a result, will allow the Food Distribution Program's administrative offices to be located adjacent to the warehouse, so that clients will be able to drive up next to the center and assess services conveniently. Additionally, an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant in the amount of \$89,900 from the U.S. Department of Energy was recently awarded as Stimulus funding. This grant will allow the Pawnee Nation to develop an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy and to upgrade the

conventional heating and ventilation systems that were going to be placed in the former health center and in the food distribution center to a geo-thermal system which will assist in keeping the operational costs of each of these facilities economically manageable for future usage.

Other stimulus funding by the Pawnee Nation are the Indian Reservation Roads Program which will receive \$649,514; funding to support elderly meals in the amount of \$16,610; additional funding for the Child Care Center in the amount of \$90,448; and the Community Services Block Grant in the amount of \$4,245. The Education and Train-

ing Department received additional funding in the amount of \$18,972 from the Department of Labor to support payments for 27 youth workers this past summer. The Indian Reservation Road's funds are dedicated to the construction of a new bridge over Black Bear Creek approximately 2 miles East of Skedee. This project is in its final design stage, with a tentative Pre-Bid conference to be held in early October. Bids should be received in December, with a contract award scheduled for January 2010. The project completion is expected by Sept. 2010. As all of these programs develop we will keep you updated.

NEWS FROM PAWNEE NATION POLICE DEPARTMENT

By David Kanuho, Chief of Police

The Pawnee Nation and its members have long enjoyed a relatively crime free existence. While we have had our share of minor criminal activity, we have not been unduly plagued by the outside world's crime problems. We feel that it is in part due to the respect that the tribal members have shown to each other and their property.

However, recently several tribal members have been the victims of major crime to their houses and property. Burglaries have taken place as well as items being stolen from tribal member's yards. Not all these crimes have taken place on Pawnee Nation Trust Land but they have been against tribal members. The Pawnee Nation Police Department is concerned with any crime against its tribal members and has not only been working diligently to solve these crimes but has also worked with the other departments in the area to assist in investigations of crimes against tribal members on non-Indian lands.

The Pawnee Nation Police Department would like to announce that we do have an electrical engraver that can be used to engrave names, addresses, or any other identifying marks on tribal member's personal property. We also have capabilities to photograph jewelry and other valuables as a record of personal belongings that are owned. These photos can be possessed by the owners of the property for their personal and insurance records. We can record serial numbers that are on electronics, guns, and other valuables also. These are very important in the event of an item being stolen or lost.

For further information or to make an appointment please contact the Pawnee Nation Police Department at (918)-762-3013. If no one is in the office at the time, leave a short message with the date, time of call, and a call-back number. Any information about the thefts or any crimes can also be reported to the police department and are confidential.

NSU JUNIOR AWARDED \$10,000 AISES GOOGLE SCHOLARSHIP

Russell Harjo, Tecumseh junior, is the recipient of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society Google Scholarship.

The award of \$10,000 is given by AISES and Google to an AISES member majoring in computer engineering, computer sciences or management information systems who demonstrates leadership and academic excellence.

Harjo is the president of NSU's AISES chapter and credits the organization for helping him find a calling.

"I didn't realize computer science was the career I wanted to pursue until I came to college and became more involved with AISES," he said. "I have always been good in math and interested in computer technology, but it wasn't until the AISES national conference that I realized I wanted to pursue a career in the field."

Harjo, who is Pawnee and Seminole, recently returned from Washington D.C., where he interned for eight weeks with Washington Interns for Native Students. He said the internship reinforced his sense of civic

pride and responsibility.

"One of the most important things I learned while I was there was how important it is to help others, how important it is to stand for what you believe in and how American Indians can have a voice," Harjo said.

During the summer, Harjo worked for the United States Department of Agriculture in its Computer Support Division – primarily with the applications and Web sites of the Food Safety Inspection Service.

"I had a chance to design, implement, manage and create applications and make them more user-friendly for the employees," he said. "I also learned a lot about what the division does and how it operates."

Harjo said there were many people he wanted to thank, and that he wasn't looking too far down the road...yet.

"I received a lot of encouragement and help from my family and friends," he said. "I couldn't have done it without their support."

Article from NSU News

PAWNEE ARTIST NOMINATED FOR NATIVE AMERICAN MUSIC AWARD AND ABORIGINAL PEOPLES CHOICE AWARDS



Nawa Akitaru, Ee'wawat usu'ku'.
(Hello people, I have a story)

Marcus "Quese Imc" Frejo, son of Alfred Frejo and Patricia Harjo and is a Proud Pawnee and Skidi member, is honored and excited to express his recent accomplishments. Marcus/Quese Imc is a direct descendant of Skidi Resaru (chief) Pawnee Scout and Deer Doctor White Eagle Retah'kats taka. He is also a descendant of Anna Murie and Alfred Murie. He is also a descendant of Pawnee Scout Little Eagle and upit Paul Little Eagle, Mattie Little Eagle and Leota Little Eagle. He is also a proud member of the Seminole people. He is a descendant of BlackTiger, Crazy Snake, Martha Lena Chupco and Betty Lena Fixico. He comes from the Noko'se (Bear) Clan of the Seminole People. Quese Imc is very active in his culture, traditional ways and language. Quese Imc, combines his Native HipHop Music into his culture, native beliefs and struggle, survival and beauty of Native People. He performs and works with many Native communities across Indian country with his siblings Brian Frejo and Happy Frejo.

Quese Imc has been writing, producing and performing music with his sibling and dj, brother Brian

Frejo aka DJ Shock B, since 1993. Quese has produced 5 albums and have been apart of numerous compilations. Quese Imc' 4th album titled "the betty lena project" was awarded the First American in the Arts / Outstanding Musical Achievement Award in Beverly Hills, CA. He recently won the N.A.I.A (north american indigenous image awards) Best HipHop/Rap album of the year at this years Gathering of Nations, in Albuquerque N.M. He is currently working on his latest album titled "handdrums for whiskey bottles". Quese Imc' music is Indie Underground Conscious HipHop with messages and stories about life, social injustice, struggle of our indigenous people, the beauty and survival of our people and 500 years of Movement and Resistance. Quese Imc' last album "Bluelight" has recently been nominated in 7 categories for the NATIVE AMERICAN MUSIC AWARDS to be held on the Seneca Reservation in Niagara Falls, NY on OCTOBER, 3rd. 2009



Categories for the Native American Music Awards (nammys) are:
Best Male Artist of the year
Best Producer of the year
Best Rap/HipHop album of the year
Best Record of the year
Best Song Single of the year
Best Song Writer of the year
Best Powwow Record of the year (for recording youngbird)

Quese Imc was also nominated for 4 awards at this years Aboriginal Peoples Choice Awards in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. November, 6th. 2009.

Categories for the Aboriginal Peoples Choice awards are:
Best Rap/HipHop CD of the year
Best Single of the year
Best Album Cover design of the year
Best New Artist of the year

TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THESE AWARDS AND VOTE GO TO:

nativeamericanmusicawards.com
aboriginalpeopleschoice.com
"I'm really honored that my music



has went this far within and out of Indian country. I really love making music and telling these stories. To empower and move people in a good way is a good thing. This music that is made is made from our people, our ancestors, the stars, the animal lodge, our struggle and our beauty. I'm just an instrument that translates it. This movement through the arts is an empowering tool for our people and through this gift it can make its own way. I'm honored to represent my tribes, my people and I'm so proud to be from Oklahoma, to be an Oklahoma Native. Oklahoma, A place where everything is juuuust keeeen! So I invite you to share this experience with me as a Pawnee or Seminole. My music is a representation of where I grew up in Oklahoma and how I have traveled the land. Tataciks'tahu Akitaro and Mvto."

Marcus "Quese Imc" Frejo

Vote for your local tribal member and relative.

FREE GED CLASSES

The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Education Division has partnered with the State of Oklahoma to offer GED classes that are free to the public. Our class meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Everyone is welcomed regardless of race or age. We have classes averaging from 10 to 15 people a night. If you are interested or know someone that would like to attend, please come by the Roam Chief Building and ask for Chris Hill.

ACT AND SAT PREP COURSE

The Pawnee Nation Education Division is developing an ACT and SAT prep course for the Native Youth. We need volunteers to help with this program. If you are interested in receiving these services please contact our offices at (918)762-2541, ext. 34 or 24; or if you would like to assist please give us a call.

**Tax & Enrollment
are located in
Building #1,
for your
convenience.**

**490 Agency Rd
918-762-3624**

PLANS PROGRESS FOR RESORT DEVELOPMENT AT NORTHERN OKLAHOMA CHILOCCO LAND



By Lindsey Teter, TDC Marketing Director

Copper Ridge will be the premier Resort and Casino in Northern Oklahoma. The resort will be located on tribal land adjacent to the Chillico Indian School campus near Newkirk, Oklahoma and 6 miles south of the Oklahoma-Kansas border on state highway 177. The Copper Ridge destination will offer entertainment options that have been previously unavailable in this part of the state.

Amenities will include a 250 seat buffet, 75 seat steakhouse, 50 seat coffee shop, 200 seat bar, a 1500 seat indoor event center and a 150

room Hilton Garden Inn hotel. The most valuable asset is the ability to leverage all of these amenities as incentives. These ancillary options will reinforce Copper Ridge Resort and Casino as a contained entertainment environment.

The 'Copper Ridge Resort and Casino' encompasses the brand of the facility in its entirety. A brand is a core belief surrounding an organization's cumulative perceptions, value and assets. It is the persona of the organization and what makes it unique in the marketplace. Its concept is one of understated elegance and down-home hospitality. This philosophy will be carried throughout the resort. Each food and beverage venue within the facility will carry its own brand name and logo to reflect its own concept within the larger context. Every employee will be inclusive to the warm hospitality of the Copper Ridge brand. To deliver this promise is absolute dedication to the best customer service.

The significance of the Copper Ridge brand is how it reflects the color and landscape of the topography of the area. Copper Ridge is representative of the shades of the sun- the sunset, the sunrise as it appears over the ridge- the colors of the prairie. The strength is in its simplicity: a lodge on the prairie.

An investment firm was engaged to raise \$94 million in taxable and non-taxable bonds to finance the development and construction of the project. On September 11th, the Pawnee Nation received notification of IRS approval to issue the \$22.5 million in tax-exempt 'Tribal Economic Development Bonds'. Taxable bonds will go out on the market within the next few weeks.

Concurrently, construction drawings are being created to allow construction to commence immediately upon acceptance of the term sheet. Construction is expected to begin early next year.

DISC GOLF NEWS

We will be having a Four Person Disc Golf Scramble on the 10th of October at 10:00 a.m. No entry fee.

Halloween Night, we will have a Four Person Disc Golf Tournament on the 31st of October. Sign-in at 8:30 p.m. The tournament will start at 9:00 p.m.

Glow in the dark discs will be provided. No Entry fee. Prizes will be given for 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place. For the Halloween Disc Golf Tournament, everyone is asked to be dressed in costume.

For more information, contact Herman Sleeper, Juvenile Intervention Coordinator at 918-762-2153.

THEY RAN FOR THE INDIANS



Eva Maria and Lewis Ballantine before the exercise-group walk.

Background: Every summer, tromstad, Sweden, hosts an internation running competition. Attached to this is a number of amateur activities, from children's races to exercise-groups. The latter walks a distance of 3 miles. Photo Courtesy of Ake Nilsson, Stromstads Tidning, Stromstad Sweden

Eva Maria and Lewis Ballantine from Stromstad competed under the name of Pawnee Hunters.

-“In 1875 a Pawnee Indian named Keh-wuk-oo-tah-kah or White Fox died of TB at the Sahlgrenska Hospital in Gothenburg”, says Eva Maria.

His two friends were not allowed to bury him, and he ended up as a curio-object with Professor von Dueben in Stockholm. He became property of the Swedish government.

His hands and feet were chopped off for plaster casts, his body was skinned, and his skin from his head down to his waist, was put over plaster cast and put on display at a museum until the “display” became

too old and grotesque. His Regalia is stubbornly kept incarcerated in the Museum of World Culture in Gothenburg.

Now since the tribe was able to repatriate his skin, and rebury him in Pawnee, this couple became aware of this horrible travesty and are now on a mission, with the tribe's approval, and at their own expense, to get the skeletal remains located and claim the rest of White Fox and bring him home for reburial.

They have been working on this for about seven years.

Information provided by Francis Morris, Repatriation Officer and the Stromstads Tidning Newspaper

GREAT PAWNEE HISTORICAL FIGURE

Ska-diks Crooked Hand



We Pawnee people may not have a lot of money, fancy cars, yachts, expensive jewelry, or other material things. But we do possess things others wish they had, and which no amount of money can buy. Those things are respect, pride in who we are, honor, integrity, and trust in one another.

Although we all know we possess these character traits, have you ever stopped to consider from where they came? Part of the answer is: From our parents, and from one another. Our parents taught us about respect, pride, honor, integrity, and trust, and we experience their value in our interactions with one another. However, another part of that answer goes back farther than our parents. To their parents, and to their parent's parents. There is not one of us who does not know at least one story about an ancestor who performed some great, selfless exploit, some incredible act of heroism, respect, integrity, or honor which is still remembered and spoken of today.

Telling those stories is the purpose of this new section in Chaticks-si-Chaticks, and I am proud to be the first asked to tell you from where my character flows.

My Great-Great-Grandfather was

known to all as Ska-diks, or Crooked Hand, a Skidi Warrior and Tuhitpiyet (Village-on-a-point or Peninsula Village) clan member. He was a small man with a large problem. He was born with a shriveled and useless, claw-like left hand, which by all accounts, did not daunt his pugnacity in the least. He also wore a great coat made entirely of human scalps which drug on the ground behind him as he walked.

Crooked Hand was born, probably in Nebraska, around 1828 into a time of social turmoil unknown in the memory of the Pawnee people. His parents had somehow survived a smallpox epidemic brought by French traders in 1794 which killed three-quarters of the Pawnee people, and he survived the smallpox epidemics of 1832 and 1837 which killed half of the remaining Pawnees. Against the odds, Crooked Hand also survived the epidemics brought by gold-frenzied Oregon Trail travelers whose wagons cut directly through Pawnee towns on the Platte River beginning in 1849.

However, disease was just part of the Pawnee's problems. They also had to contend with other marauding killers: Mormons, Quakers, Sioux, Cheyenne, Arapaho, Comanche, Kiowa, US Army, whiskey peddlers, homesteaders, politicians, locust, and the like. In their leisure time, Pawnees also had to find food and shelter. It was during these times when Crooked Hand, and other Pawnees like him, would show their character. Already well known for his bravery in battle to his people and enemies alike, on August 27, 1862, Crooked Hand again carved his name in the violent history of the Great Plains at the Skidi town near Genoa, Nebraska.

I submit to you an account of Pawnees at their finest written by George Bird Grinnell (1904) and Ken Bouc (1978) describing an example of courage, pride in who they are, honor, integrity, respect for, and trust in one another. It also describes what can be accomplished when a bunch of single-minded, dedicated Pawnees

set their minds to something. On a hot August day, on a broken leg and with one useless hand, Ska-diks led 200 women, children, and feeble and sick men into a battle against 600 mounted Sioux warriors armed with guns and intent upon destroying them and their town once and for all.

Grinnell described the battle in his book, Pawnee Hero Stories and Folk Tales. He wrote:

"The tribe had gone off south on the buffalo hunt, and there were left in the village only some of the sick, the old men, and a few boys, women and children. Among the sick who remained was Ska-diks (Crooked Hand), a Skidi brave, recognized as a leader in battle, and one of the bravest warriors in the tribe. The Sioux had learned of the departure of the Pawnees with all the fighting men, and had planned to come down, kill all the people left at home, and destroy the village.

One morning, to the dismay of those who had been left behind, six hundred of the very best of the Sioux warriors rode slowly into view over the hills, and down on to the plain above the village. They made no charge, for it was unnecessary to hurry about killing the few women, the old men and the sick who were to be their unresisting victims. They wished to prolong the agony of these wretched Pawnees, whose scalps were already theirs, and whose village would soon be only a few heaps of smoking ruins. As they rode slowly down the hill there was no clink of steel nor rattle of harness, only the soft rustling of the prairie grass under the unshod hoofs of their spirited war ponies, but this sound was drowned by the ominous music of their triumphant war song, which, now loud, now low, was faintly borne on the breeze to the fated village. Very deliberately they came on, singing as they marched, proudly, like conquerors, while the sun glittered on polished lance-head and gleaming hair plate, and the wind blew out the fringes of their white war shirts, or gaily tossed the streaming plumes of their superb war bonnets.

The news of their appearance was

brought to Crooked Hand, where he lay sick in his lodge. At once he threw aside the robe in which he was wrapped, and as he rose to his feet, he cast away from him by the same motion his sickness. His orders were quickly issued, and as promptly obeyed. The village must fight. Tottering old men, whose sinews were now too feeble to bend the bow, seized their long disused arms and clambered on their horses. Boys, too young to hunt, whose bodies had never been toughened by the long journeys of the warpath, whose hearts had not been made strong by their first fast, grasped the weapons that they had as yet used only on rabbits and ground squirrels, flung themselves on their ponies, and rode with the old men. Even squaws, taking what weapons they could – axes, hoes, mauls, pestles – mounted horses, and marshaled themselves for battle.

The force for the defense numbered two hundred; superannuated old men, boys and women. Among them all were not, perhaps, ten active warriors, and these had just risen from sick beds to take their place in the line of battle. But then this little force had a leader. Crooked Hand, mounted on a superb war pony, was as cool and unconcerned as if he were about to ride out to a band of buffalo, instead of leading a force of old men and children against six hundred of the best warriors that the Sioux could muster.

At that time the Pawnee village was encompassed by a high sod wall, and some of Crooked Hand's people wished to await the charge of the Sioux behind this shelter, but their leader would not permit this. He said to them, "We can conquer the Sioux anywhere." So Ska-diks led his forces out to meet the attack in fair open combat on the plain, on the same ground where so many times the Pawnees had routed their enemies. As the Pawnees passed out of the village onto the plain, the Sioux saw for the first time the force they had to meet. They laughed in derision, calling out bitter jibes, and telling what they would do when they had made the charge; and, as Crooked Hand heard their laughter, he smiled, too, but not mirthfully. He knew what perhaps the Sioux had forgotten, that his people were single-minded, and that they would fight

GREAT PAWNEE HISTORICAL FIGURE CONT.

until they died. Their strokes would be for their homes and lives.

The battle began. It seemed like an unequal fight. Surely one charge would be enough to overthrow this motley Pawnee throng, who had ventured out to try to oppose the triumphal march of the Sioux. But it was not ended so quickly. The fight began about the middle of the morning, and, to the amazement of the Sioux, these old men with shrunken shanks and piping voices, these children with their small white teeth and soft round limbs, these women clad in skirts, and armed with hoes, held the invaders where they were; they could make no advance. A little later it became evident that the Pawnees were driving the Sioux back. Presently this backward movement became a retreat, the retreat a rout, the rout a wild panic. Then, indeed, the Pawnees made a great killing of their enemies. Many an old man, whose feeble legs had long refused to bear him on the warpath, again quavered his war cry, again counted coup upon his enemy. Many a boy, who had never shed the blood of any creature larger than a prairie chicken, that day struck his enemy, and with small childish voice shouted his whoop of triumph, as he tore away the reeking scalp. More than one woman, used only to pounding corn and dressing robes, that day counted her coup, and then changed her name like a warrior."

Ken Bouc wrote:

"In a state of panic, the Sioux took flight with their intended victims now riding them down from behind and exacting a bloody vengeance. No white men witnessed that part of the battle, but the Pawnees claimed to have killed many Sioux and taken many scalps. Crooked Hand, preëminent among the heroes of that fight, with his own hand killed six of the Sioux, and had three horses shot under him. His wounds were many, but he laughed at them. He was content; he had saved the village.

As he rode into the village, he was covered with blood from head to foot and a Sioux arrow was in his throat, with the iron arrowhead sticking out the back of his neck. Crooked Hand survived his nasty arrow wound, though it troubled

him for the rest of his days, and he continued as a feisty and courageous defender of his people to the end. The Pawnees had won a great victory, killing many Sioux enemies that day. Despite the long ordeal, their losses were small, only 16 killed. "

I read somewhere once that a Pawnee combatant was interviewed about the battle years later and asked to what he thought the Pawnee victory was attributable to. His response was,

We had no choice. The Sioux had a choice. They could leave. We had no choice, we had to win!

Is there any wonder why members of other Nations have called us Chaticks-si-Chaticks? Men of Men.

Who witnessed this remarkable feat? Many white men saw it, but offered no help. Ken Bouc commented:

[A]t first sight of the imposing force of Sioux, the handful of white soldiers and Indian Agency personnel that were supposed to protect the [unarmed] Pawnees, boarded themselves up in their buildings or fled down the Loup to Columbus in panic...Even the brass cannon at the agency garrison was silent and unmanned.

Crooked Hand's son was Dog Chief (1856-1939), or Simond Adams. Dog Chief was one of those who walked from Nebraska to Pawnee, was a Pawnee Scout, friend to Pawnee Bill, and who some still remember today. His picture hangs in the Pawnee Business Council Chambers.

I have many more stories of my ancestors, and if you are interested in hearing any I will proudly tell them. Should you see me on the streets of Pawnee, just stop me and ask. I'm the guy with the white beard walking around with my head held high because I am proud to be Pawnee, and to possess the same character traits as Ska-diks: respect, pride in who I am, honor, integrity, and trust in my Pawnee Brothers and Sisters.

Gordon F. Adams
September 18, 2009

WALTER R. ECHO-HAWK II HONORED WITH SARAH T. HUGHES CIVIL RIGHTS AWARD



Walter R. Echo-Hawk II, an attorney at Crowe & Dunlevy, was recently selected by the Federal Bar Association (FBA) to receive the Sarah T. Hughes Civil Rights Award.

The Hughes Award is given annually to honor a person who has promoted civil and human rights and who exemplifies the spirit and legacy of devoted service and leadership in the cause of equality of Judge Hughes,

who was a pioneer in the fight for civil rights.

"The award recognizes Walter's lifetime of service, including his service as a lawyer for the Native American Rights Fund for more than 35 years and his numerous civic, legislative and professional contributions," said Roger A. Stong, president of Crowe & Dunlevy.

Echo-Hawk currently serves as of-counsel to the firm's Indian Law and Gaming Practice Group. He is the current chairman of the board for the Native Arts & Cultures Foundation, a foundation dedicated to tribal philanthropy to preserve Indian art and culture.

With offices in Oklahoma City, Tulsa and Norman, Crowe & Dunlevy represents clients in all aspects of commercial law practice, including complex business transactions, litigation and regulatory practice in both state and federal courts and agencies, energy law, and all types of alternative dispute resolution.

LISTENING CONFERENCE WITH ASST SEC LARRY ECHO HAWK SET FOR OCTOBER

Tuesday, September 29, a committee meeting was held at the Pawnee Nation College to plan for the upcoming Listening Conference between Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Larry EchoHawk and the Native American tribes of Oklahoma and Kansas.

The committee is expecting between 300 and 400 people to attend. Chairman Walter EchoHawk is pleased with the work already being done with the conference. The conference is sponsored by the Pawnee Nation College and the Crowe &

Dunlevy Law Firm of Tulsa.

The agenda for the conference will be posted by October 10.

The conference will be held at the Pawnee Nation Wellness Center Gymnasium on October 23 at 8 a.m.

The keynote speaker at noon will be Ernie Stevens, Chairman of the Nation Indian Gaming Association.

For more information regarding this event, contact Andrew Gray at 918-762-3343.

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Health & Wellness

PAWNEE NATION SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM RECEIVES GRANT

By Jimmy Jestes

The Pawnee Nation Substance Abuse Program has recently been notified they are the recipients of a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services/Indian Health Service in the amount of \$60,000.00 over the next three years. The grant will be used to implement the Pawnee Nation Methamphetamine & Suicide Prevention Initiative.

The goal of the Methamphetamine & Suicide Prevention Initiative incorporates community action organization, collaboration, and partnerships within the Pawnee community. The Pawnee Nation MSPI Project will utilize existing partnerships and collaboration agreements with local law enforcement agencies and tribal programs such as Community Health Representatives, Indian Child Welfare, Title VI, and Education and Training. Some of the goals for the Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative include:

- Drug Activity Hotline
- Community Wide Prevention Campaign
- Presentations to school aged children on Meth and Suicide Prevention
- Meth Training for professionals who work with Indian children
- Suicide training for professionals who work with Indian children
- Billboard campaign for hotlines meth and suicide
- Collaborate with local drug task force team
- Needs assessment for the community on suicide problem
- Prevention materials
- Group meetings for meth and suicide

DIABETES HEALTH 101

In lieu of American Diabetes Month, which is in November, the Pawnee Nation Diabetes Program is dedicated to teaching about the seriousness of diabetes and the importance of diabetes prevention and control. More importantly, it is vital for everybody to know and understand the following: (1) people with diabetes can manage it, (2) people with diabetes can live full lives, and (3) people with diabetes can be well enough to watch their grandchildren grow up.

Diabetes is a disease caused by the body's inability to produce enough insulin or use it properly. Insulin is a hormone produced by the pancreas. It helps glucose, which comes from the food we eat, enter cells where it is used as energy. Glucose is also known as blood sugar. When people have diabetes, their blood sugar reaches high levels and must be controlled. There are two main kinds of diabetes: Type 1 and 2.

Type 1 diabetes generally results from a disorder in which the pancreas stops making insulin or makes only a small amount. Type 1 is often found in children and young adults, although it can occur at any age. In addition, daily injections of insulin must be taken to survive. The main risk factors for Type 1 diabetes are a family history of the disease or a sickness that injures the pancreas. The following are symptoms of Type 1 diabetes: sudden onset of frequent urination, excessive thirst or hunger, weight loss, fatigue, abdominal pain, and nausea and/or vomiting.

Type 2 diabetes is a disease in which the body still makes some insulin, but the cells cannot use it properly. People with Type 2 are often overweight and over 40 years of age. Many people with this type of

diabetes control their condition with weight loss, nutrition, and exercise; however, some may also need oral medication or insulin injections. The main risk factors for Type 2 diabetes includes a family history of type 2 diabetes, being overweight, having diabetes during pregnancy, giving birth to a baby weighing over 9 lbs., having high blood pressure, and/or high triglycerides. The following are symptoms of Type 2 diabetes: sudden onset of frequent urination, excessive thirst or hunger, weight loss, fatigue, abdominal pain, nausea and/or vomiting, blurry vision, slow-healing sores, cramps or numbness in legs, feet, or fingers, dry mouth, nervousness, and dry, itchy skin.

According to the American Diabetes Association, there are nearly 24 million children and adults in the United States living with diabetes, and an additional 57 million Americans at risk. Diabetes is not merely a condition; it is an epidemic disease. We encourage everybody, whether you have diabetes or not, to please join the fight to prevent diabetes!

Researched From:
American Diabetes Association

CONTACT INFORMATION:
Pawnee Nation Diabetes Program
Roamchief Bldg, 810 Morris Rd.
Phone: 918-762-2541 ext. 22 & 23
Hours of Operation: 8am-5pm

FOOD DISTRIBUTION NEWS

By Florissa Kanuho

The Food Distribution Program received the light buttery spread in September. The spread is Blue Bonnet Light and comes in 15 oz. tubs. A household of one now has a choice to receive either a buttery spread or a vegetable oil every month. This product is our most popular food item at this time and our participants really seem to like it.

Also, the holiday hams will be coming in either November or December. The frozen ham is a fully cooked, cured, and boneless ham. They are 97% fat free and 4 to 4 ½ inches in diameter. The frozen ham is packed in 3 pound packages, which are about 10 servings (3 ounces each).

As soon as they become available to be ordered and delivered, we will begin giving them out.



Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline

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Health & Wellness

CHR TEAM ENCOURAGES MEMBERS TO “THINK PINK”

By Tiffany Frieze, CHR Coordinator

In honor of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, October is the perfect time to discuss breast cancer...what it is, signs and symptoms, risk factors, prevention methods, and myths. Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women, aside from skin cancer. It is second only to lung cancer as a cause of cancer death in women. Cancer among Native Americans/Alaska Natives is becoming a growing concern. Within the last few generations, cancer has become the leading cause of death for Alaska Native women and is the second leading cause of death among American Indian women.

Cancer is a disease that occurs when cells become abnormal and divide without control or order. If cells divide when new cells are not needed, they form too much tissue. This extra tissue, called a tumor, can be benign or malignant. Breast cancer is cancer that forms in tissues of the breast, usually the ducts (tubes that carry milk to the nipple) and lobules (glands that make milk). It occurs in

both men and women, although male breast cancer is rare. It is considered a heterogeneous disease—differing by individual, age group, and even the kinds of cells within the tumors themselves. Age, weight, diet & lifestyle, menstrual & reproductive history, or family/personal history are considered to be risk factors of breast cancer.

The following are common signs and symptoms of breast cancer include:

- A change in how the breast or nipple feels. An individual may experience nipple tenderness or notice a lump or thickening in or near the breast or in the underarm area,
- A change in how the breast or nipple looks. This could mean a change in the size or shape of the breast or a nipple that is turned slightly inward, or
- Nipple discharge.

The following are a few myths and truths about breast cancer:

Myth: Men do not get breast cancer.

Truth: Each year it is estimated that

approximately 1,700 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 450 will die. While this percentage is still small, men should also give themselves regular breast self-exams and note any changes to their physicians.

Myth: Having a family history of breast cancer means you will get it.

Truth: While women who have a family history of breast cancer are in a higher risk group, most women who have breast cancer have no family history. If you have a mother, daughter, sister, or grandmother who had breast cancer, you should have a mammogram five years before the age of their diagnosis, or starting at age 35.

Individuals can take control of their health by performing self breast exams and having a clinical breast exams (for those under 40 years of age) and mammograms (for those over 40 years of age. Remember—early detection saves lives!

Researched From: National Breast Cancer Foundation @ <http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org>

TITLE VI PROGRAM UPDATE

Sidra Atsye, Title VI Senior Program Director

The Nutrition site has been very busy over the past couple of months with elder activities and providing nutritional services, nutritional education and health awareness to all of our program participants. Our goal is to keep our elders active and to provide a nutritional well-balanced meal to meet their daily needs.

The Title VI office is always open for suggestions and ideas that would compliment the services we provide. If you have a favorite meal or favorite traditional meal please let us know, and you might see it on our monthly menu.

Our lunches are served Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Title VI dining

room, located in the Blue Multi-Purpose Building. We strongly suggest that non-elders, 54 years of age or Younger, please call 24 hours in advance if you would like to request a meal on a certain day so that we can prepare enough food. Our elders come first, when it comes to receiving a meal.

Title VI Senior Program is NOT a disability program for the non-elders, 54 years of age and younger. The Title VI Senior Program is a program for our elders only, disabled and non-disabled, beginning at the age of 55 years and older and you must be a Native American with a degree of Indian blood card.

For those of you who have not updated your program intake form, we will be contacting you to get this

completed. In order for the Title VI Program to keep providing you the services you need we must have all documents and information on file. We thank you for your cooperation!

NEW TEAM MEMBER

At this time, I would like to introduce our new Assistant Cook, Ann Sleeper. She is a great asset to the Title VI program and has experience in cooking for large groups as well as preparing delicious traditional meals.

When you come to visit the Nutrition site please say, “Hello” to Ann and welcome her to the program!

ELDERS ADVISORY BOARD

Our board members for 2009 year are:

Mollie Davidson – President
Geraldine Howell – Vice-President
Jean Rice – Secretary
Richard Roubedeaux – Treasurer

Activities Committee: Bob Cleghorn, Ophelia Pratt, Fern Eaglechief, Ruth Pickup, Harry and Helen Pickering, Tony Tahkeal, Lillie Cummings and Mary Black.

If you see an elder selling raffle tickets lately that's because they have been working hard to raise funds to pay for their monthly trips and activities to go to places where they have not been before or places they would like to visit again by scheduling bingo games, selling raffle tickets, garage sales, bake sales and silent auctions. Many of the items used for their fund raisers are donated by local vendors, suppliers, shops and people of the community and we are very thankful to receive this support in keeping our elders active by providing these monthly trips for them.

Places they have visited; the Oklahoma Aquarium in Jenks, Oklahoma, Standing Bear Museum in Ponca City, Oklahoma, Creek Nation River Spirit Casino, Tulsa, Oklahoma, First Council Casino, Newkirk, Oklahoma, South winds Casino, Newkirk, Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

For those of you interested in attending a meeting, donating items or helping out the elders. Their meetings are scheduled the last Thursday of every month from 12:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Title VI dining room.



PAWNEE NATION PRINCESS EARNS 1ST RUNNER UP TITLE AT AMERICAN INDIAN EXPOSITION.

Melanie Cotanny, 2009 Pawnee Nation Princess, recently competed at the American Indian Exposition in Anadarko from August 3rd to August 9th. Melanie was one of 14 girls competing for the title of Miss American Indian Expo. Affectionately known as "baby girl" among the other young ladies, Melanie was the youngest contestant at the age of 14. The princesses completed in a series of events including: fashion show, tribal knowledge and heritage, talent show, and public speaking. When winners were announced on Saturday, Melanie placed 1st Runner up, behind Ms. Ponca Nation, Raven Springwater, who was crowned Miss American Indian Exposition.

Melanie is of Pawnee, Otoe and Seminole descent and is active in Native American club, volleyball, and regularly competes at pow wows.

Melanie resides in Shawnee with her parents are Grant and Rhonda Cotanny and younger sister Jordan. Melanie has an older brother Dakota and older sister Valentina Cotanny. She is the granddaughter of Sue and the late Jay Cotanny, Patricia and the late David Crummett, Tom and Margaret Morgan, and great granddaughter of the late Bill and Mamie Morgan.

Melanie wishes to thank the Pawnee Business Council, with a special thanks to Executive Director Dawna Hare, Secretary Linda Jestes, Treasurer Roy Taylor, Vi Wills and the Pawnee Nation Employees Club. We would also like to recognize Gary Gover, her aunt and Uncle Chris and Maggie Plumley, and other family members, especially her father for their wonderful support throughout the week.

JESSICA MOORE SELECTED FOR "40 UNDER 40" LIST

Jessica Moore has been named to the Native American 40 Under 40 list by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development.

The award winners are young American Indian professionals from across the nation who have demonstrated leadership, initiative, and dedication to achieve impressive and significant contributions in their businesses, communities, and to Indian Country.

Moore is the daughter of Ted and Terry Moore of Fairfax, Okla. She is a granddaughter of the late Ted and Isa BraveScout of Pawnee, the late Thomasine Moore of Fairfax, the late Bennie Joe Mason of Fairfax and Bonnie Mason of Fairfax. Moore is of Osage, Otoe-Missouria, Pawnee and Sac and Fox heritage.

The 24-year-old Oklahoma State University student, majoring in landscape architecture, is the only Pawnee and Osage selected for this honor recognizing Native people under age 40 who are emerging leaders with ex-

ceptional achievements in such areas as business, community, cultural and personal.

Moore has been active in several activities while at OSU with stints including president of the school's Native American Student Association for two years, coordinator of the first Miss American Indian OSU Scholarship Pageant in 2006 and is currently president of Native-based Alpha Pi Omega Sorority.

In 1998, Moore was selected as Osage Tribal Princess. She won other princess titles over the years including Miss Indian Oklahoma 2007-08 with the platform "Leadership amongst Native American youth." During her Miss Indian Oklahoma reign, Moore spoke to students about the importance of setting goals and becoming role models, which she continues to do as a volunteer.

In celebration of their 40th anniversary year, the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) honored the 40 existing and



emerging American Indian professionals under the age of 40 at the black-tie Native American 40 Under 40 Recognition Reception held at the 2009 Indian Progress in Business Event (INPRO) in Tulsa, OK, on September 18.

JONATHAN SOXIE LEARNS ENTREPRENEURSHIP THROUGH FFA

Jonathan, a sophomore at Pawnee High School, is the son of Francis and Rebecca Soxie and is. He is the grandson of Phyllis Soxie of Pawnee and Reda Pawnee of El Reno, OK. He has been involved in FFA for the past three years. Jonathan has shown boer goats at Pawnee and neighboring shows. By doing so, he owns and operates his own goat ranch, Redman Boers, with the help of his dad. His participation in these activities has enabled him to travel to various shows across Oklahoma and into Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisiana. He has met big-time goat breeders across the country and has been able to purchase their stock to improve his stock.

Jonathan's accomplishments include:

(2007) Oklahoma Youth Expo (OYE), Oklahoma City—placed 8th out of 56 goats in his class. OYE is the largest in youth shows in the nation. This show could have up to 16 classes averaging 50 goats a class.

(2008) Tulsa State Fair- 4th place in his class of 48 goats; Nevada, MO Grand Champion prospect, whether; Bucks 9-12 months

old, placed 10th out of 40. Tulsa JR. American Boer Goats Association (ABGA) National, was top 10 with his percentage doe.

(2009) Harrison, AR- Reserve overall Grand Champion whether out of 125 goats; Monroe, LA JR ABGA Nationals, Part of National Champion Herd.

At the Pawnee local fair, Reserve Grand Champion Showman, Spring 2008 2009

Reserve Overall Grand Doe, Fall 2009

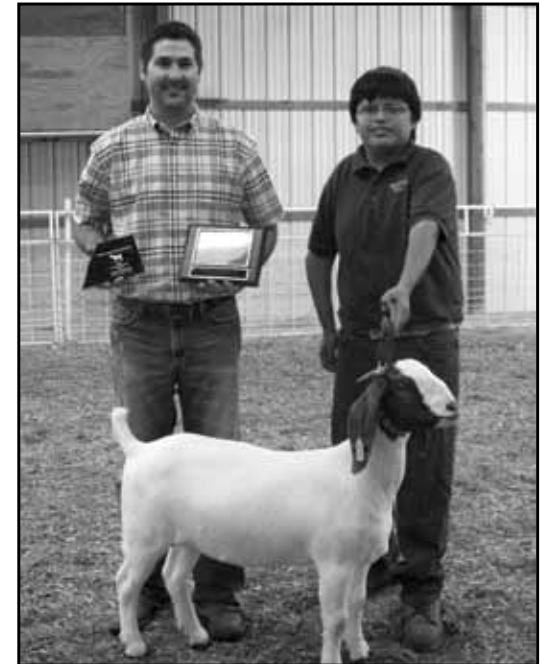
Grand Champion Showman, Fall 2009

Pawnee County Fair- Overall Reserve Grand Champion Doe, Fall 2009

Jonathan is the member of the Cheyenne/ Arapaho Tribe and resides in Glencoe with his parents and brothers. His great-grandparents are the late Philip (Pawnee) and Louise Kent Matthews (Iowa). His maternal grandfather is the late Amick Sleeper, Sr. Family members are proud of his accomplishments.

"Jonathan's interest and success in this ac-

tivity could be the great example to other young tribal members. This experience has broadened his knowledge in the area of entrepreneurship. We wish Jonathan continued success in this project" said Elizabeth Blackowl.



WELCOME AVA AND EMMA

Justin and Tambi DeHaas-Hood would like to announce the birth of twin daughters, Emma Dee and Ava Jaymes Hood born July 17, in Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Ava Jaymes weighed 5lbs and 6oz. Emma Dee weighed 4lbs and 8oz.

Tambi DeHaas-Hood is the daughter of Carmen Topetchy-Verser and the late James T. DeHaas. Maternal great grandparents are the late Gary and Lou Young-Topetchy, formerly of Pawnee. The great-great grandparents are the late Samuel and Nettie Hartico-Young. Paternal grandparents are John Dee and Judy Hood of Leesburg, Texas.



Kelli Elizabeth Cunningham, Pawnee tribal member, has earned the rank of Sergeant several months ago when she recently received the promotion of Deputy in the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Department. Following the promotion, Deputy Sergeant Cunningham was sent to The Council of Law Enforcement Education and Training (C.L.E.E.T.) Academy, Ada, OK where she undertook a rigorous 15-week course. Officer Cunningham was graduated September 3, 2009, receiving C.L.E.E.T. certification.

Deputy Sgt. Cunningham has been with the Oklahoma Co. Sheriff's office for nine years. In those years, she has worked as women's holding officer, morpho clerk, jail processing officer and Day Shift Medical Security Su-

KELLI CUNNINGHAM PROMOTED TO DEPUTY SERGEANT

pervisor. In that role, Deputy Sgt. Cunningham said, "Our main goal was to protect the nurses, the Physician, Physician's assistant and other medical staff when they performed their duties around the inmates. We were their protection. I also had to administer the daily schedules for a 20-man unit."

Cunningham is a voluntary member of the H.O.P.E. Team which serves to "help others past experiences". Currently Kelli is the Jail Processing Unit Supervisor. The unit is responsible for the Book-In Information of each inmate coming into the facility; fingerprints, photos, etc. In past detention officer academy training, Kelli was given recognition with a "character first certificate" for "Thoroughness" pertaining to her duty assignments where mistakes cannot be made.

Kelli is the descendent of Curly Chief, Kitkahauki and Good Fox, Chawi. She is great-great-granddaughter of Buffalo Chief, (William Mathews) and Nannie. Her maternal grandparents are Theda GoodFox Kresge of Casa Grande, AZ and the late James Wedgeworth. Paternal grandparents are the late Bill Cunningham and Doris Cunningham of Mustang Manor, Mustang, OK. Kelli is the only daughter of the late Susan Elizabeth (Wedgeworth) Cunningham.

CONGRATULATIONS

PAWNEE INDIAN HEALTH CENTER WELCOMES NEW PROVIDERS

We would like to welcome and introduce three new additions to the Pawnee Service Unit ;



Dr. Kenneth Hamby, D.O., Dr. Christopher Jones, M.D., and Dr. Rodger Mattson, D.O. Dr. Hamby and Dr. Jones will be providing patient care at the Pawnee Indian Health Center and Dr. Mattson will be providing patient care at the Pawhuska Indian Health Center. We are privileged to have these providers working at our service unit.

Dr. Kenneth Hamby, D.O., a member of the Cherokee Nation, born in Midwest City, Oklahoma, married for 20 years to an amazing wife, Darla, and is proud father of a son, Christian, is a graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma earning a Bachelor in Biology and his Doctor of Osteopathy

in 2006 from A.T. Still University, Kirksville, MO; area of practice is Family Medicine. Dr. Hamby has 18 years of service with the U.S. Army, a veteran of Operation Desert Storm also served as a Medical Specialist with the Oklahoma Air National Guard. Dr. Hamby's primary emphasis is the treatment of Diabetes; prevention, chronic care management, and form a partnership with patients.



Dr. Christopher Jones, M.D., a member of the Cherokee Nation and originally from Tulsa, Oklahoma is married and has 3 sons, is a graduate of Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor in Speech- Language Pathology and Masters in Speech- Language Pathology. He earned his Doctor of Medicine from the University of South Dakota in 2005; his area of practice is Family Medicine. Dr. Jones' career will focus on education,

prevention, diagnosis, and provide treatment of the Native American population primary health care issues which is the mission in IHS services.



Dr. Rodger Mattson, M.D., is originally from San Francisco, California, is married with 2 children, and is a graduate of San Francisco State with a B.A., Masters in Divinity from San Francisco Theological Seminary, Doctor of Ministry, McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL and Doctor of Osteopathy in 2000 from Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathy. Dr. Mattson's professional goal is to provide quality care.

With these three new providers at the Pawnee Service Unit we anticipate a decrease in waiting time for chronic care appointments and an increase of same day appointments at both Pawnee and Pawhuska Indian Health Centers.

PAWNEE IHS NEW PATIENT PROCEDURES

If you are a new patient it is easy to establish a chart, the following items are required:

Adults and children:

- Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (self, parent or spouse)
- Children using a parents CDIB must have a State issued birth certificate
- and/or Proof of Tribal enrollment
- Picture ID
- Social Security card
- Insurance cards (both front and back copies)

Pregnant non- Indian women:

- Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (Child's Father)
- and/or Proof of Tribal enrollment
- Marriage License or notarized Paternity Affidavit
- Proof of Pregnancy (letter from Doctor, Health Department, or Ultrasound picture)
- Picture ID
- Social Security card
- Insurance cards (both front and back copies)

All children and expecting mothers who are new will need to visit with Pa-

tient Benefits coordinator to enroll for Oklahoma Soonercare/ Medicaid. Starting October 7, 2009 operating hours are Monday- Friday 8:00am-4:30pm, to be seen in the Medical Clinic you must check in before 3:30pm.

We have also begun immunizing our patients over age 18 against seasonal Flu (Influenza), all children over 6 months old are urged to receive flu shots. Children's vaccine will be available within 30-45 days. You can receive a flu shot any day of the week by checking in at registration.

COME WALK WITH US !!



RED RIBBON WALK

THE PAWNEE NATION SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM ALONG WITH THE DIVISION OF HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES IS SPONSORING A WALK DURING RED RIBBON WEEK WITH THE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS IN GRADES PREK THRU 5

THE WALK WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY OCTOBER 26, 2009

ALL PAWNEE NATION EMPLOYEES, PARENTS AND GRAND PARENTS ARE INVITED TO WALK WITH THE STUDENTS.

RED RIBBON WALK WILL BEGIN AT 2:15 P.M.

LINE UP FOR THE WALK WILL BE ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON 7TH STREET AT 2:00 P.M.

EVERYBODY COME AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE STUDENTS DURING RED RIBBON WEEK!!!!!!!!!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM AT 762-2153

NIGA AND PAWNEE NATION COLLEGE FORM AGREEMENT TO PROMOTE TRIBAL GAMING EDUCATION

The National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) and Pawnee Nation College in Pawnee, Oklahoma, have partnered together to establish a program that will provide tribal gaming instruction and education to tribal members and employees at the college. Through the partnership, Pawnee Nation College will be the first tribal college in the nation to offer such a program.

Pawnee Nation College will offer student instruction in the areas of tribal gaming, business, hospitality and other gaming-related derivatives as stipulated in the College's Mission and the College's Tribal Gaming Regulatory Initiative (TGRI). The primary purpose of the partnership is to promote the professional advancement of Indian people in the Indian gaming industry through educational opportunities for current and future tribal gaming employees.

The partnership was made official through a Memorandum of Understanding signed by NIGA Chairman, Ernie Stevens, Jr. and Pawnee Nation College President, Dr. Todd Fuller at a meeting held at the college campus in Pawnee, Oklahoma. The Memorandum also recognized the invaluable contribution of tribal colleges on promoting, community, social, cultural, and economic development in tribal communities.

Upon the signing, Chairman Stevens stressed the impact that tribal colleges have had on his families' education and on Indian education as a whole.

"I am an educator by heart and by trade." Chairman Stevens reflected. "Tribal colleges, for me, are the best place in the whole



L to R; Top Row: Marshal Gover, Council member seat #4, George Howell, Pawnee Business Council President, Buddy LoneChief, Pawnee Business Council Vice- President, Gwen Shunatona, Trustee Board member of Pawnee Nation College, Elizabeth Blackowl, Council Member seat #2 and Christi Modlian, Board member of NIGA. Bottom Row: Ernie Stevens Jr., NIGA Chairman, and Dr. Todd Fuller, President of Pawnee Nation College.

world. I have five kids and all of those kids are completely educated through the tribal college system. If we can do more through tribal colleges, then our people are better and our communities are stronger."

Chairman Stevens also expressed his gratitude at being apart of the Indian education movement.

"This is an honor. To be here today, to move this agreement forward, to promote and advance education, that is my life's goal," Chairman Stevens told the College. "Today, being here with you folks, this is one of the best moments. If I can help you educate the young, that is my goal."

Pawnee Nation President George Howell welcomed Chairman Stevens to the College and thanked NIGA for their assistance with the program.

"We hold education as a high priority. I really appreciate you coming and helping us with this agreement. We're looking to make good things happen in Indian Country with this agreement," said President Howell.

Pawnee Nation College President Todd Fuller also spoke at the meeting and expressed his excitement about the partnership and having the NIGA aboard to support the program.

"What we believe with this partnership and this agreement, is that it becomes a very attractive opportunity for people once they know that the National Indian Gaming Association is affiliated with the College and that we have a partnership like that," said Fuller. "The credibility that it creates for us as an institution is just tremendous."

Both Chairman Stevens and President Fuller also fielded questions from tribal council members and college employees about the partnership.

For more information, visit www.indiangaming.org.

David Lee Gardipe

August 15, 1958-August 29, 2009

David Lee Gardipe was born on August 15, 1958, in Talihina, Oklahoma to George and Patricia Gardipe.

He was a carpenter, 51, and passed away at a Veterans hospital in Oklahoma City on August 29, 2009 and memorial services were held in Oklahoma City and Pawnee.

David lived in Dallas, Texas and then moved to Oklahoma City and Pawnee where he attended school. After school he joined the U.S. Army where he served from 1976 to 1978 at Fort Polk and Fort Leonardwood.

He was living in Oklahoma City at the time of his death.

Surviving is his mother, Pat Clark of the home in Oklahoma City and 2 sisters: Eva Maria Gardipe-Chapman and Georgeanna R. Gardipe-Ross, Oklahoma City, and a brother George Russell Gardipe, Jr. of Geronimo Oklahoma.

Also surviving is a great uncle, Henry F. Cummings of Tulsa; a great aunt Lillie Cummings of Pawnee; Two uncles- Jim Murphy of Oklahoma City and Sam E. Gardipe of Tulsa and aunt, Blanche Matlock Smith, Pawnee plus a number of cousins, nephews, and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his great grandparents, Harry and Eva Cummings and Annie Bell Murphy; grandparents Chauncey and Adeline Matlock; his father George R. Gardipe and uncles Douglas R. Gardipe and Cecil J. Gardipe.

A memorial service was held on September 3, 2009, at the chapel at the OK Cremation and Mortuary in Oklahoma City with Pastor Jimmy Murphy officiating. A second memorial service was held on September 4 at 10:30 a.m. at the Pawnee Tribal Multipurpose Facility in Pawnee and burial at the Pawnee Tribal South Cemetery followed by the traditional feast.

James Moses

April 24, 1968 – September 5, 2009

James Charles Moses, 41, of Oklahoma City, in a galaxy far, far away, passed away at home September 5, 2009. We celebrate as he has transformed into the force. He was born April 24, 1968, in Oklahoma City, the son of David Moses and Gwen Soghat. He was the next to the oldest with 2 siblings, Tammy and John.

Living and loving his life as a Security Guard and Jedi Master for more than 20-plus years, fighting the Dark Side, making the universe and Oklahoma City safe and protected. He is survived by every person in his life he has touched. He was fun, strong, had common sense, faith in people and in God, and he loved us all. We will miss you, James, every second of every day.... may the force be with you always.

Amiyah Rae Vetter

September 22, 2003-August 21, 2009

Amiyah Rae Vetter died in Lawton on Friday as the result of an accident and her service was held in Pawnee.

She was born on September 22, 2003 in Stillwater to Todd E. Vetter and Lisa M. Tiger. At the time of her passing she was living in Lawton with her mother and step-father, George Gardipe, Jr. and was in Kindergarten. She liked to color, dance, and play dress-up and enjoyed playing with her babies and enjoyed cartoons and making club houses.

Surviving is her mother, Lisa M. Tiger and step-father George Gardipe, Jr., both of Lawton and her father Todd Vetter of Durango, Colorado.

Also surviving are 3 sisters and 3 brothers: Illiahna Vetter, Ponca City; Jaden and Daysia Gardipe, both of Lawton; George Russel Gardipe III and Alan Tiger, both of Lawton and Trenton Vetter, Cushing.

Plus grandparents surviving are Dorsey Tiger, Sr. Holdenville; Sheryal Reamy, Pawnee; Andrea and Julius Bowen, Pawnee and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

Amiyah was preceded in death by her grandmother, Johnnie Mae Beard Tiger and her grandfather, Timothy Vetter, Sr.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at the Pawnee Nation Multi-Purpose Complex, Pawnee, with the Rev. Warren Pratt, Jr. officiating. Interment was in the North Indian Cemetery, under direction of the Poteet Funeral Home of Pawnee.

Obituaries



PAWNEE NATION STAFF DIRECTORY

BUILDING 64: 762-3621

- Executive Office
- Pawnee Business Council
- Finance
- Human Resources
- Grants & Contracts
- IT Department
- Tribal Planner/ANA SEDS
- Communications
- ICDBG/Health Center Project: 762- 3621

PAWNEE NATION COLLEGE

- Albin Leadingfox Building: 762-3343

TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION: 762-4832

I.H.S. HOUSEKEEPING: 762-3605

FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER

- Fitness Center: 762-3000
- Hukasa Child Center: 762-3007

PAWNEE NATION HOUSING: 762-3454

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM: 762-2153

BUILDING #1: 762-3624

- Tax Office/Enrollment Office
- Repatriation

PAWNEE TRIBAL COURT: 762-3649

WELLNESS CENTER

- REACH US 2010: 762-6495
- Title VI: 762-4042
- 0-2- Day Care: 762-2489
- Indian Child Welfare: 762-3358

ROAM CHIEF BUILDING: 762-2541

- Diabetes
- Education & Training
- CHR's
- Food Distribution

FIRE STATION

- Pawnee Nation P.D.: 762-3013
- DECS/ Transportation: 762-3655

PROPERTY/ROADS: 762-2273

JOB OPENINGS

POSITION: **Division Director, Tribal Operations**

SUMMARY: Under direct supervision of the Executive Director, oversees the safe, secure, and environmentally sound operations and maintenance of the Tribal Reserve, including its equipment and facilities, in a cost effective and efficient manner

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelors Degree in facility management, architecture, engineering, construction management or business administration; May substitute professional contractor's license (general construction, electrical, mechanical, or plumbing); Five (5) years of work experience as a professional contractor and/or facilities manager; Two (2) years supervisory experience; Ability to pass a background screening.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: Masters Degree in facility management, architecture, engineering, construction management or business administration; Five (5) years of project management work experience, including monitoring the status of project deliverables and the accurate, timely reporting of narrative and financial information; Enrolled member of the Pawnee Nation.

For a complete job description, please visit www.pawneenation.org.

POSITION: **Administrative Assistant, Enrollment Office**

SUMMARY: Under direct supervision of the Enrollment Manager, provides administrative and clerical support to the Enrollment Office.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS: 18+ years of age; High School Diploma or GED; Six (6) months clerical work experience; Ability to pass a background screening.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: Associates Degree in Business Administration or related field of study; Two (2) years of clerical work experience; Enrolled member of the Pawnee Nation

For a complete job description, please visit www.pawneenation.org.

To apply, submit a Pawnee Nation employment application form, resume, and supporting documentation, including a copy of your CDIB or BIA Form 4432 (Indian Preference), diploma or transcript (educational achievement), and DD Form 214 (Veterans Preference) by 5:00 p.m. on Monday October 19, 2009.

**Mail To: Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma
Attn: Human Resources
P. O. Box 470
Pawnee, OK 74058**

PBC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS & COMMISSIONS

Note* The President and Executive Director are ex-officio members of all Committees & Commissions

Budget/Finance Committee

Roy Taylor Chairperson
George E. Howell President
Phyllis Soxie Grants & Contracts
Charles LoneChief PBC Vice-President
Linda Jestes PBC Secretary
Clark Batson Finance
Vacant Community Member
Dawna Hare Executive Director

Culture/Language Committee

Marshall Gover
William Howell
Pat Leading Fox, Chairperson
Henry Stoneroad
Marlene Mameah, Secretary/Treasurer
Morgan LittleSun
Regina Wilson

Education Committee

Elizabeth Blackowl Chairperson
Rebecca Eppler
Ned Williams
Charles Lone Chief

Election Commission

Stephen Jake Chairperson 4 yr. term
Dana Whiteshirt Clerk 2 yr. term
Marlene Mameah Teller 4 yr. term
Walter Peters Sergeant-At-Arms 2 yr. term
Vacant Alternate

Enrollment Committee

Linda Jestes Chairperson
Rebecca Eppler
Marlene Mameah
JoAnn Roberts
Wanda Kanuho

Environmental Regulatory

Raymond Howell
Elizabeth Blackowl
Lester SunEagle

Gaming Commission

Cecil Riding In Chairperson (President)
VACANT Vice-President
Vi Wills Secretary Treasurer
Lisa Otipoby Member
Vacant Member

Grievance Committee

Tiffany Frieze Supervisory Position
Lance Howell Non-Supervisory Position
Jim Thompson Community Representative
Muriel Robedeaux Alternate

Health Committee

Elizabeth Blackowl Chairperson
Vacant
Marshall Gover
John Only A Chief

Liquor Control Committee

Phyllis Soxie

Floyd Williams
Pete Moore, Jr.

Library Committee

Vacant
Kay Tefertiller
Frankie Carson
Liana Teter

Pawnee Housing Authority Commissioners

Muriel Robedeaux Vice-Chair Seat #1
Dana Whiteshirt Chairperson Seat #2
Linda LeForce Chairperson Seat #3
Robin Pickering Seat #4
Lyle Fields Seat #5
John Only A Chief Housing Monitor

Pawnee Nation Utility Commission

John Only A Chief Chairman
Cecil Riding In Commissioner/Vice-Chairman
Robbie Pratt Commissioner/Secretary
Andrea Bowen Liaison

Personnel Committee

John Only A Chief Chairperson
Charles Lone Chief
Laura Mae Melton
Stephen Jake

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Roy Taylor Chairman
Marshall Gover
Jimmy Jestes
Floyd Williams
Monty Matlock
James Rice, Staff

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James Fields

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Helen Norris, Treasurer
Ken Gregory
Ronald Rice -
Roger Foster, General Manager

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Cecil Riding In, Fire Chief
President George E. Howell
Tiffany Frieze, CHR Director
Ashlee Worley, Communications Manager
Sidra Atyse, Title VI
Dawna Hare, Executive Director
James Rice, Tribal Reserve Management
Clark Batson, Finance Director
Florissa Kanuho, Food Distribution
David Kanuho, Law Enforcement

Council of the Chilocco Tribes

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James Fields Pawnee Alternate
Don Patterson Tonkawa Representative
John Shotton Otoe-Missouria Representative
Douglass Rhodd Ponca Representative
Guy Monroe Kaw Nation Representative
Lisa Otipoby Executive Director

Energy Task Force

President (George E. Howell)
Council person (Elizabeth Blackowl)
Executive Director (Dawna Hare)
Staff: Monty Matlock
Amy Watters, Planner
James Rice, Property Manager
Muriel Robedeaux, ICDBG Coordinator
Cecil Riding In, Fire Chief
Todd Fuller, College
TDC (Roger Foster)
Raymond Howell, Community Member

Standing Bear Memorial Representative-

Dana Whiteshirt

Nebraska Land Use Committee

Charles Lone Chief
Elizabeth Blackowl
James Fields
Marshall Gover
James Rice
Cecil Riding In

ENROLLMENT NEWS

Nawa from the Pawnee Nation Enrollment Department. My name is Carrie Peters, and I was hired as the Enrollment Manager on April 4, 2009. My parents are Jo and the late Lewis Only A Chief and my grandparents are the late Jim and Minnie Peters. There are many aspects of the enrollment department and I have been striving to get information and request of enrollment services to tribal members and the general public as quick as possible. Currently I am in the process of hiring an assistant that will be beneficial to our program.

Here are some of the services enrollment does for Pawnee Tribal Members, issue Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) cards and picture CDIB cards. The regular laminated CDIB cards are free. You may request one in person or you may mail in a request and one can be mailed to you. The picture CDIB cards are \$5.00 and we accept checks, cashier checks or money orders only. If you have already had a picture CDIB and you have lost it you may request another one by mail with your \$5.00 or you may also stop by the enrollment office. We also issue BIA 4432 Forms for verification of Indian preference for employment in the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service or any other office that may request this form. The enrollment office also has the forms for the eagle permit application. We fill out the part of the application that shows certification of enrollment in a U.S. Federally recognized tribe.

The enrollment department updates your address or name changes in the enrollment data system. To update your address is the responsibility of the enrolled member and this address is used to issue the Chaticks si Chaticks newsletter and to issue the annuity. The address can only be changed by your signature and you can mail in a letter to request the

change or we can mail you a change of address request form. Also there will be a form located in this newsletter that you may use to update your address. Name changes will need to be verified by a legal document such as court documentation and a marriage license.

The Enrollment Department processes the new applications for enrollment. You may pick up an enrollment application or they can be mailed. A family tree and an original state issued birth certificate must be turned in with your enrollment application. The legal burden of proof is on the person who applies for membership. The process for a new application is when the application is complete it is researched by the enrollment department and then it goes before the Enrollment Committee for review. Those approved applications then go before the Nasharo Council. The Nasharo Council, by Constitution of the Pawnee Nation, has the responsibility to review new membership applications and once it is approved by the Nasharo Council the application will go before the Pawnee Business Council for resolution vote and that will finalize the process for enrollment.

There are several ways to contact the Enrollment Department if you need assistance or have any questions:

Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma
Attn: Enrollment Department
P.O. Box 470
Pawnee, OK 74058
Phone: 918/762-3624
Fax: 918/762-4029
enrollment@pawneenation.org

I have only been here a short period of time and it has so far been an interesting department to work in and a great experience serving the Pawnee people.

Carrie Peters
Enrollment Manager

PAWNEE NATION OF OKLAHOMA ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT CHANGE OF ADDRESS AUTHORIZATION

Date: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name: _____

Current Address:

Signature of enrolled member or guardian

MAIL TO: P.O. BOX 470, PAWNEE, OK 74058

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Four Person Disc Golf Tournament October 31.
Sign-in at 8:30 p.m. starts at 9:00 p.m.

Glow in the dark discs will be provided. No Entry fee.
Everyone is asked to be dressed in costume.

For more information, contact Herman Sleeper, Juvenile
Intervention Coordinator at 918-762-2153.



Pawnee Nation Fall Festival "Bringing Families Together"

Friday, October 16, 2009

6:00pm to 9:00pm

Women's Building

Pawnee County Fairgrounds

Games, Snacks, Cake Walk, Prizes

Costume Contest—1st 2nd & 3rd

Tiny tots/ pre-teens/ teens/ adults/ golden age

For more information, contact Chris Hill
at 918-762-2451 ext 34