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ELECTIONS

POSITIONS FOR PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL



- ★ Vice-President - (4) Year Position
- ★ Secretary - (4) Year Position
- ★ Third Council Member - (4) Year Position
- ★ Fourth Council Member - (4) Year Position

Pawnee Business Council Members



W. Bruce Pratt
President



Darrel Wildcat
Vice President



Phammie LittleSun
Secretary



M. Angela Thompson
Treasurer



Sammye Adson
Council Seat #1



Dawna Hare
Council Seat #2



Adrian Spottedhorsechief
Council Seat #3



Liana Chapman Teter
Council Seat #4

The Supreme governing body of the Pawnee Nation is the Pawnee Business Council which consists of eight (8) members. The Pawnee Business Council exercises all the inherent, statutory, and treaty powers of the Pawnee Nation by the enactment of legislation, the transaction of business, and by otherwise speaking or acting on all matters which the Pawnee Nation is empowered to act. All members of the Pawnee Business Council are elected to a four-year term of office and serve until their successors are installed in office.

Visit www.pawneenation.org and/or the Pawnee Nation Facebook page for additional information about the Pawnee Nation and upcoming events.

Message from the President



Nowa,

My hope is that the winter months have been good to you. We have made it through the holiday season with many activities here at the Tribe and around our community. Winters in Pawnee are always very special. This year the Tribe featured night lighting all around the reserve adding ambiance to the Season.

We mourn the loss of our loved ones and continue to hold up the families in prayer. Each member who

journeys on takes a little bit of us but then we have our little babies which make our hearts glad again.

Our country has gone through national elections and we now must make adjustments to the new administration. We, here at the Nation, have been attending and conducting meetings to keep abreast of the changes in policy and direction from the new President. We have faith that through awareness and vigilance we can not only maintain but make new paths in the days ahead.

The Nation is moving ahead in the lawsuit with the BIA and BLM. We must hold them accountable for the mismanagement of our leases with the oil companies and protect our water. We have held multiple meetings with our people and the community

about the legal efforts through various lawsuits against the oil companies that Frack and the disposal of waste water which have caused our earthquakes. The Pawnee Nation is looked upon as leaders in dealing with these enormous issues. I commend our staff, Andrew Knifechief, Don Mason, our EPA and Walter (Bunky) Echo-Hawk in helping us move forward. There are many others who have contributed time and effort in this too. We will do our best to keep all of you informed in these matters.

The Stonewolf Travel Plaza expansion continues and we look forward to its completion this summer. It will be bigger and better and will bring in economic development revenues to the Nation. Our convenience stores continue to be upgraded and are undergoing some required repairs. We will begin to make repairs from the damage the earthquake caused to our Tribal offices and buildings, we will be moving to other parts of our campus, shortly. Please bear with us in these necessary moves.

Please, continue to pray for the Council and all of the employees of our Nation. We are striving to do the best we can for each of you.

Blessings,

Thank you,

W. Bruce Pratt



Message from the Executive Director



Nowa,

It was a busy 2016 for your Nation's employees and 2017 is starting off much the same. I would like to take this opportunity to address our Nation's members on what we are working on and what direction I'd like to see our Nation's government move towards.

First, the Pawnee Nation has been very pro-active in voicing its strong disagreements over how our land resources are being managed by our

federal partners. We had hoped that we could sit down with our trust partners and come to an agreement about how best to address the issues we had raised to them. Unfortunately, the earthquakes have pushed the timescale for action up. We no longer have the luxury of waiting as the problem will not go away unless we make it go away. That is why we filed suit and that is why we are working very diligently toward a positive solution to this grave situation. As always, I want to remind our tribal members that the Pawnee Nation is NOT anti-oil & gas. No, what we are asking for is transparency in the lease approval process, a respect of our Nation's right to quality water and natural resources, and finally, for the BIA/BLM to do something to encourage responsible energy partners to work in our lands while removing the irresponsible actors from our jurisdiction.

Second, we know that many homeowners are affected by the ever increasing seismic activity here in Pawnee. I want you all to know that we haven't forgotten about you and that we are actively pursuing options available that will best help those members whose houses are damaged. This will all take time but I ask only for your patience in this matter.

Lastly, I am stressing the importance of professionalism here in the Pawnee Nation. I have implemented training, developed in-house, that highlights the expectations I have of all the employees within our government. We started this training last November with our managers/supervisors and continued with the training January of this year with our division directors. My goal is to make the Pawnee Nation employees accountable for their actions, responsible for how they conduct themselves with, you, our tribal members, and also to help foster a comradery among our staff. My goal is to make the Pawnee Nation an employer of choice for years to come.

I have many other ideas and pursuits but they are all geared to making the Pawnee Nation an outstanding government that spends its money wisely, spends its time being pro-active, and provides the best services we can for our tribal members. Thank you so much for your time and attention and may God continue to bless the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.

Respectfully,

Andrew Knife Chief

2016 Pawnee Business Council Resolutions

Pawnee Business Council Resolutions and Meeting Minutes can be viewed at www.pawneenation.org under the Government page.

#16-112 - A Resolution to appoint Andrea Bowen to serve on the Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation Board in Seat #2 - Approved November 17, 2016 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (President Pratt) and one not voting (Vice President Wildcat).

#16-113 - A Resolution to appoint Misty Nuttle to serve on the Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation Board in Seat #5 - Approved November 17, 2016 by a vote of five for, one against (D.Hare), zero abstaining, one absent (President Pratt) and one not voting (Vice President Wildcat).

#16-114 - A Resolution to appoint Ramona Horsechief to serve on the Pawnee Tribal Housing Authority Board of Commissioners in Seat #4 - Approved November 17, 2016 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (President Pratt) and one not voting (Vice President Wildcat).

#16-115 - A Resolution to appoint James Rice to the Pawnee Nation Gaming Commission - Approved November 17, 2016 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (President Pratt) and one not voting (Vice President Wildcat).

#16-116 - A Resolution to appoint Lyle Fields to the Pawnee nation Gaming Commission - Approved November 17, 2016 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (President Pratt) and one not voting (Vice President Wildcat).

#16-117 - A Resolution to appoint Zachary Rice to the Pawnee Nation Election Commission as Sergeant-at-Arms - Approved November 17, 2016 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (President Pratt) and one not voting (Vice President Wildcat).

#16-118 - A Resolution to appoint Cynthia Butler to the Pawnee Nation Election Commission as Alternate - Approved November 17, 2016 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (President Pratt) and one not voting (Vice President Wildcat).

#16-119 - A Resolution to approve ten (10) eligible Applicants to be added to the Pawnee Membership Roll - Approved November 17, 2016 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (President Pratt) and one not voting (Vice President Wildcat).

#16-120 - A Resolution to approve to note the date of death of five (5) deceased members on the Pawnee Membership Roll and remove them from the Annuity Roll - Approved November 17, 2016 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (President Pratt) and one not voting (Vice President Wildcat).

#16-121 - A Resolution to accept the Conditional Relinquishment of TJT from the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and he will be removed from the Pawnee Nation Membership Roll on condition upon being accepted for membership with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe - Approved November 17, 2016 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (President Pratt) and one not voting (Vice President Wildcat).

#16-122 - A Resolution to accept the Conditional Relinquishment of DLB from the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and he will be removed from the Pawnee Nation Membership Roll on condition upon being accepted for membership with the Otoe-Missouria Tribe - Approved November 17, 2016 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (President Pratt) and one not voting (Vice President Wildcat).

#16-123 - A Resolution to accept the Conditional Relinquishment of CCF from

the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and he will be removed from the Pawnee Nation Membership Roll on condition upon being accepted for membership with the Seminole Nation - Approved November 17, 2016 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (President Pratt) and one not voting (Vice President Wildcat).

#16-124 - A Resolution to approve the submission of the application for \$25,000 from the Division of Workforce Development to expand Job Placement and Training services - Approved November 17, 2016 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (President Pratt) and one not voting (Vice President Wildcat).

#16-125 - A Resolution to approve the revisions made to the Pawnee Nation Election Commission Act - Approved December 21, 2016 by a vote of five for, zero against, zero abstaining, two absent (D.Hare, L.Teter) and one not voting (President Pratt).

#16-126 - A Resolution to approve the revision of the Pawnee Nation's Office of Human Resources Policies and Procedures Manual's "Chapter 7, Section D. Tardiness/Early Departure" which shall replace the version dated September 24, 2008 and become effective on the date of approve by the Pawnee Business Council - Approved December 15, 2016 by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (S.Adson) and one not voting (President Pratt).

#16-127 - A Resolution to appoint Ben Stewart to the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Liquor Control Commission - Approved December 15, 2016 by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (S.Adson) and one not voting (President Pratt).

#16-128 - A Resolution to appoint Stephen Bird to the Pawnee Nation of

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Oklahoma Liquor Control Commission - **Approved** December 15, 2016 by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (S.Adson) and one not voting (President Pratt).

#16-129 - A Resolution to appoint Muriel Robedeaux to the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Liquor Control Commission - **Approved** December 15, 2016 by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (S.Adson) and one not voting (President Pratt).



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#17-01 - A Resolution to approve the appropriation from the Salazar Settlement Funds as listed, in the total amount of \$15,000 for the Graduate (Scholarship) Program through the Pawnee Nation Education Division - **Approved** January 11, 2017 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (D.Wildcat) and one not voting (President Pratt).

#17-02 - A Resolution to approve the revision of Pawnee Nation's Fiscal Policies & Procedures Manual's "Appendix A - Procurement Policy and Procedure" - **Approved** January 11, 2017 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (D.Wildcat) and one not voting (President Pratt).

#17-03 - A Resolution to approve the revision of Pawnee Nation's Fiscal Policies & Procedures Manual's "Appendix L - Records Management" - **Approved** January 11, 2017 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (D.Wildcat) and one not voting (President Pratt).

#17-04 - A Resolution to approve the request to operate and administer the Health Education Model Contract with the Secretary of the Department

of Health and Human Services, acting through the Indian Health Service (IHS) - **Approved** January 11, 2017 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (D.Wildcat) and one not voting (President Pratt).

#17-05 - A Resolution to approve the request to operate and administer the Community Health Representative and Emergency Medical Services Model Contract with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, acting through the Indian Health Service (IHS) - **Approved** January 11, 2017 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (D.Wildcat) and one not voting (President Pratt).

#17-06 - A Resolution to approve the revision of Pawnee Nation's Fiscal Policies & Procedures Manual's "Section IV - Travel Advances and other Travel Related Policies" - **Approved** January 26, 2017 by a vote of six for, one against (D.Hare), zero abstaining, and one not voting (President Pratt).

#17-07 - A Resolution to approve the revision of Pawnee Nation's Fiscal Policies & Procedures Manual's "Appendix B - The Budget Process" - **Approved** January 26, 2017 by a vote of seven for, zero against,

zero abstaining and one not voting (President Pratt).

#17-08 - A Resolution to approve the revision of Pawnee Nation's Fiscal Policies & Procedures Manual's "Appendix J - Indirect Costs: Proposal Process and Accounting for Indirect Costs" - **Approved** January 26, 2017 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (President Pratt).

#17-09 - A Resolution to approve the re-allocation from the Salazar Settlement Funds as listed, in the total amount of \$25,000 for the Language Program through the Pawnee Nation Cultural Resources Division and are authorized for use until expended - **Approved** January 26, 2017 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (President Pratt).

#17-10 - A Resolution to approve revisions made to the Pawnee Nation Gaming Ordinance and further submit revisions to the National Indian Gaming Commission for final approval - **Approved** January 26, 2017 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (President Pratt).



Ti-Hirasa Domestic Violence Program is a confidential support service to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking. We serve all of Pawnee County regardless of age, economic status or race. We prioritize Native American women and members of the Nation. Our mission is to provide prevention and awareness and increase victim safety and offender accountability.

The program provides many services including education, cultural healing, safety planning, transportation to shelter or relevant appointments, court advocacy, women's and children's group, anonymous phone or text consultation and much more. We also have community events and training, volunteer opportunities, legal assistance and emergency victim assistance provided to women. Our three main areas of focus are criminal justice intervention, victim services and prevention.

**Our crisis hotline number is
918-399-3310 for any questions or help.**



Pawnee Nation Election Commission
 PO Box 600
 Pawnee, Oklahoma 74058

2017 Election: Schedule of Events

February 1, 2017	AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION IN THE PAWNEE CHIEF: DATE OF ELECTION: MAY 6, 2017 TIME: 8:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. WHERE: Multi-Purpose Building
February 22-25, 2017	FILING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Saturday: 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. PAWNEE LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER \$300.00 Filing Fee (must be Cashiers Check or Money Order)
February 27, 2017	POST LIST OF CANDIDATES (9:00 A.M.) (Un-Official List until review by Commission)
February 27-March 3, 2017	ELECTION COMMISSION REVIEW OF ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES
February 27-March 3, 2017	CHALLENGE PERIOD: ANY ELIGIBLE TRIBAL VOTER MAY CHALLENGE THE ELIGIBILITY OF A CANDIDATE IN WRITING. TRIBAL COURT: ACT ON APPEALS AND CHALLENGES
March 6-9, 2017	ELECTION COMMISSION REVIEW OF CHALLENGES
March 10, 2017	POST LIST OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES: PAWNEE AGENCY, PAWNEE NATION OFFICES AND SUBMIT TO THE PAWNEE CHIEF AND THE PAWNEE NATION NEWSPAPER FOR PUBLICATION
March 17, 2017	DEADLINE: CANDIDATES STATEMENTS ARE SUBMITTED TO COMMUNICATIONS BY 5 P.M. FOR PUBLICATION IN NEWSLETTER
April 7, 2017	DEADLINE FOR "REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS"
April 13, 2017	CANDIDATE FORUM AT MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING AT 6 PM
May 6, 2017	ELECTION DAY: POLLS OPEN 8:00 A.M. POLLS CLOSE 7:00 P.M.
May 7, 2017	POST ELECTION RESULTS: 10:00 A.M. TRIBAL RESERVE
May 8-10, 2017	PROTEST PERIOD: ANY VOTER MAY PROTEST IN WRITING (A REQUEST FOR RECOUNT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH \$500.00 RECOUNT FEE)
May 10, 2017	PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 P.M.
May 17, 2017	ELECTION COMMISSION WILL RESPOND TO PROTESTS NO LATER THAN MAY 17, 2017
May 19, 2017	ISSUE CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION
May 20, 2017	INAUGURATION

Pawnee Nation Election Commission		
Chairman	Cecelia Hawkins	Phone: 918-223-7735
Clerk	Margaret Twins	Email: Electioncomm@pawneenation.org
Secretary	Jamie Nelson	
Sargent-at-Arms	Zachary Rice	
Alternate	Cynthia Butler	

Pawnee Nation Election to be Held

THE PAWNEE NATION WILL BE CONDUCTING A TRIBAL ELECTION ON MAY 6, 2017.

Positions to be filled will be: **Vice-President** (4) Year Position; **Secretary** (4) Year Position; **Third Council Member** (4) Year Position; **Fourth Council Member** (4) Year Position.

**THE FILING DATES FOR CANDIDATES WILL BE
FEBRUARY 22 THRU FEBRUARY 25, 2017.**

Candidate filings will be accepted at the
Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement Center each day from **1:00 P.M. thru 5:00 P.M.**

All prospective candidates must file their candidacy during this time and meet all requirements as stated in the Election Act of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. A non-refundable filing fee of \$300.00 (three hundred dollars) (must be cashier's check or money order) will be required to file. For information concerning these requirements you may write the Pawnee Nation Election Commission at **Post Box 600, Pawnee Oklahoma 74058**; email the **Commission at electioncomm@pawneenation.org**; or visit the Pawnee Nation website at **www.pawneenation.org**.

Information concerning requests for absentee ballots is also available through these locations.

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

Please include a valid address and telephone number when requesting an absentee ballot. All requests must be made no less than twenty-one (21) days; before the Election day (May 6, 2017) and must be accompanied with two (2) forms of identification. Upon receipt of a valid request, the Election Commission will forward to the voter all necessary forms to be used in the pending election. Any ballots not postmarked 48 hours prior to the election will not be counted. Candidates and members of the Pawnee Nation are being advised that changes in the Election Act may be viewed on the Pawnee Nation website or by request to the Election Commission.

WWW.PAWNEENATION.ORG

Your 2017 Election Commission

Chairman Cecelia Hawkins

Clerk Margaret Twins

Secretary Jamie Nelson

Sergeant-at-Arms Zach Rice

Alternate Cynthia Butler

Email: electioncomm@pawneenation.org

Phone: 918-223-7735

2017 REGULAR/SPECIAL ELECTION
REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT

Date of Request: _____

Dear Pawnee Nation Election Commission:

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

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

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

Driver's License/ID #: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone# : _____

Signature: _____

Note: Request for absentee ballot must be received by April 7, 2017

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

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

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

Additionally, you may fax a signed request to (918) 762-6446. Please include cover sheet, clear copy of two forms of identification and make attention to Election Commission.



Pawnee Pride
Disease Prevention Program
Presents
Zumba Classes

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MONDAYS AT 6:00PM**

***806 Morris Rd.
Pawnee OK, 74058***

**Everyone is welcomed to come out and
get your fitness on!!**

**WORKING OUT CAN BE LOTS OF THINGS, BUT
NEVER BEEN KNOWN TO BE AN EXHILARATING
EXPERIENCE..... UNTIL NOW!!!**



Pawnee Nation
P.O. Box 470
Pawnee, Oklahoma 74058
Phone: (918) 762-3873 x5
bstewart@pawneenation.org



Obituaries

Neill Bayhulle September 10, 1943 - October 1, 2016



Thomas Neill Bayhulle passed from this life on Saturday, October 1, 2016, at Fort Smith, Arkansas at the age of 73 years old.

Neill was born September 10, 1943, at the Pawnee Indian Hospital. He was the son of Batiste Louis and Anita Lucille (Norman) Bayhulle. As a young child, Neill grew up in Cushing, Oklahoma where he began his education. He later graduated from Cushing High School with the Class of 1961. Following high school, Neill joined the United States Air Force Reserve. Neill furthered his education at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma. During his time at OSU, he was united in marriage to Sandra Guinn and to that union, there are two children Beau and Elliott. Neill graduated from OSU with a Bachelor of Business Degree in 1969. Neill was united in a second marriage to Judith Marie (Cole) on June 10, 1989, in Van Buren, Arkansas.

Neill and Judi started in the area giving

motivational speeches. They soon found themselves traveling throughout Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, and Texas inspiring others. Neill has spoken at over 3000 schools and also served as the Director of Education for the Pawnee Nation. Neill was once chosen to be the keynote speaker at Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Fellowship of Christian Business Leaders Conference. In 2012, Neill was awarded by the AARP American Indian Elders Award presented at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City. He was awarded it for his proven leadership skills based on honesty, integrity and a positive approach to challenges. Neill has been particularly strong in his commitment to working with youth and teaching them values that would successfully carry them through life as productive citizens.

Neill loved to speak about character, integrity, respect, leadership and Jesus. He knew that the most important part of life was the "Golden Rule." Knowing that if you have the understanding of what is right and have the respect of others everything will be taken care of. In November of 2015, Neill was honored with singing the National Anthem during the induction of the Pawnee Code

Talkers into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame.

Survivors are his wife Judi of 27 years, two sons Beau Bayhulle and his wife Stephani of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, Elliott Bayhulle of Tulsa, Oklahoma; step children Kimberly Arnoldi and her husband Andre of Van Buren, Arkansas, Tami Scott and her husband Steve of Rogers, Arkansas; one brother Maurice Bayhulle of Glenpool, Oklahoma; two sisters Waltina Bayhulle of Afton, Oklahoma, Cheryl Bayhulle of Stillwater, Oklahoma; seven grandchildren Sydney, Madison, Pierce, Saxon, Merrick, Aislinn, Evangeline. In addition to his parents, Neill was preceded in death by his three brothers Burt Bayhulle, Joe Bayhulle, Hawk Bayhulle, two sisters Beatrice Butler, Marvena Sexton, and granddaughter Tessa.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM, Thursday at the Pawnee Nation Roam Chief Building with Junior Pratt, Duane Pratt, Jeff Taylor, David Echohawk, Chris Hill, Pierce Scott and Zach Morris, will be speaking. Burial will immediately follow in the South Indian Cemetery. Friends may share a memory with the online at www.poteetfuneralhome.com.

Ormand John Howell December 23, 1936 - November 16, 2016

James Wayne Blaine January 28, 1954 - December 11, 2016



Memorial services for James Wayne Blaine, 62, of Amber, will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 17, 2016 at SonRise Baptist Church with Bob Gordon officiating.

James Wayne Blaine, known as Jim or J.W., was born on January 28, 1954 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the son of Reynold James Blaine and Opal Laverne (Blankenship) Blaine. He passed away surrounded by his family Sunday, December 11, 2016 at his home in Amber, Oklahoma.

Jim grew up in Midwest City and graduated from Midwest City High School in 1972. He was drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers Organization and played for two years, then returned to Oklahoma.

He married Debbie Bonsall and from this union his son, Ryan, was born.

Jim worked as a machinist and field service technician for Cameron Ironworks. He worked in the oil and gas industry for more than 25 years. He went on to work for Flintco as an assistant superintendent, retiring in 2008 due to health problems.

On October 13, 1980, Jim married Regina Carole Morrison and they had 36 years together.

He liked fishing, golf and old movies, especially John Wayne movies. He loved sports of all kinds and had coached various sports for each of his children and some of his grandchildren. He was proud of his American Indian heritage and his Pawnee name was Ku-rux Sa-waaki, which means "Young Spotted Bear".

Jim was preceded in death by his father, Reynold James Blaine.

He was loved and will be missed by his wife of the home, Regina; daughters, Dana James and husband, Ben, of Chickasha and Lydia Blaine of Amber; sons, Ryan Blaine of Mustang and Levi Blaine and wife, Adrienne, of Amber; grandchildren, Ethan James, Stanton James, Abbey James and Ryleigh Blaine; mother, Opal Martin of Oklahoma City; and other extended family and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Oklahoma Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 907 S Detroit Ave Ste 1006, Tulsa, OK 74120.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Ferguson Funeral Home.

Obituaries

Gibson "Gib" Scott Sumpter, Jr.
Feb. 15, 1959 - Dec. 14, 2016

Bremerton, WA - "Gib" Sumpter, Jr. passed peacefully in his sleep from a variety of health issues. He was born to Scotty and Ida on Feb. 15, 1959. His parents and older brother, Bert precede him in death.

Service was held in his memory in February 2017.



Val Thomas Eppler
March 20, 1957 -
December 17, 2016

Val Thomas Eppler, 59, was called into the presence of the Lord on December 17, 2016 in Anchorage, Alaska. He was born to Val Charles Eppler and Zella Marie Hand on March 20, 1957 at the Pawnee Indian Hospital in Pawnee, Oklahoma. Thomas attended Pawnee Public Schools up until the sixth grade when he transferred to Concho Indian School in El Reno. He received his high school diploma from Concho in 1970. In January 1976, Tom enlisted in the United States Army. During his service with the U.S. 87th Infantry, his last duty station found him in Germany. He received his Honorable Discharge after one year, eight months, 15 days, receiving the French Command Badge.

The early 1990's found Tom relocating to Bethel, Alaska with his father-in-law who at the time had a plane ticket and what always appealed to him -- adventure. The perks of the Alaskan wilderness had its appeal with big game hunting and fishing and its breathtaking mountain scenery. "North to the Future" Alaska's state motto took on new meaning as the land of promise to him. This adventure is what captured this Pawnee man's heart and spirit all these years. Family and friends recall Val T. Eppler "Tommy, Thomas, Tom" as a quick witted, loving, caring individual who also had the traits of a "Modern Day Scout" with stories that captured his wild and free spirit, fearlessness of death and danger. Those who crossed paths with him have bits and pieces they carry with them that creates this Pawnee from Pawnee a/k/a Wagon Burner. Thomas was preceded

in death by his parents, Val C. Eppler and Zella M. Hand; two brothers, Dana and Joseph Eppler. He is survived by brother, John Eppler; sister, Lesley Rice, both of Pawnee; son, Alex Eppler, Albuquerque, New Mexico; daughter, Natasha Southern, Glencoe; daughter, Marie MorningStar Eppler, Pawnee; Thomasine Eppler, Jenks; two sons, Dana Eppler and Theodore Eppler; and daughter, Raven Eppler, all of Bethel; plus numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends. Funeral services will be held Thursday, December 29, 10:00 a.m., in the Roam Chief Event Center, officiated by Rev. Jr. Pratt and the Native American Church. Burial will follow in the Highland Cemetery Veterans Section, Poteet Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



Janet C. Conerly
December 31, 1941 -
January 4, 2017

Janet Cummings Conerly, Our Pawnee Princess, 75, resident of Pride, LA, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend was called to her eternal resting place on January 4, 2017. She entered this world on December 31, 1941 in Pawnee, OK, born to Lowell and Gladys Cummings. Janet was caring, beautiful, loving, feisty, spunky, a fighter and a rule-breaker until the end. After a difficult battle with Alzheimer's, she finally decided to go rest.

Janet is survived by her husband Alton B. "A.B." Conerly, Jr.; three daughters, Tracy Mayfield and husband, Barry, Shannon Schillage and husband, Joey and Robin Blair and husband, Wade; two sons, Brett Womack and wife Laura and Alton "Trey" Conerly, III and wife, Trina; ten grandchildren, Casey and Danielle Bice, Samantha and Ryan Levatino, Brett Allen, Wesley Womack, Trey Paul, Jami and Madelyn Conerly, and Noah Blair; and three great-grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited to join the family for the visitation at Baker Funeral Home, 6401 Groom Road, Baker, LA, on Saturday, January 7, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. until the funeral service at 12:00 p.m. officiated by Reverend Thomas Fletcher. Graveside service and burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Baker.

Janet is preceded in death by her parents, Gladys and Lowell Cummings



Lawrence J. Johnson
May 13, 1936 - January 7, 2017

Lawrence J. Johnson went to be with his lord, early Saturday morning with his loving family by his side. Lawrence was born May 13, 1936 in Pawnee, Oklahoma to Marlin and Mildred B. (Howell) Johnson, he was raised in Pawnee and attended elementary school in Pawnee and then graduated from the Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas. Lawrence served his country in Both the Army and the Marines from 1959 to 1968. Lawrence married Janell Albright

November 1985 in Independence, Kansas where they settled and raised their family. Lawrence worked as a long haul trucker for Standard Motors for many years, retiring with three million miles accident free. Lawrence was an avid golf player and loved being on the golf course whenever he could, he was a loving husband, father, and grandfather and will be missed by all who knew him. Lawrence is survived by his loving wife of the home; Janell, one daughter; Tamisha Hastings, two grand children; Joshua Hastings and Mollie Hastings, one brother; Phil

Johnson and one sister; Lare Alexander, and numerous nieces and nephews. Lawrence was preceded in death by his parents, brother; Larry Johnson, and sister; Dawn Marie Johnson. Services were held Tuesday 1:00 P.M. January 10, 2017 in the Pawnee Nation Roam Chief Event Center with Rev. Duane Pratt and Rev. Lynn Eaves officiating. Internment followed in the North Indian Cemetery Pawnee, Oklahoma. Friends can leave a memory for the family at www.poteetfuneralhome.com

John Edmond Williams was born on July 17, 1957 and died on January 13, 2017. Services were held at the Pawnee Nation Roam Chief Event Center.

Pawnee Business Council Meeting Minutes

Pawnee Business Council Resolutions and Meeting Minutes can be viewed at www.pawneenation.org under the Government page.

November 5, 2016 PBC Quarterly Meeting Minutes:

President W. Bruce Pratt called the meeting to order at 9:17 am. Seven Council members present, one excused (D. Wildcat). Motion made by Sammye Adson to approve the PBC Agenda for November 5, 2017, seconded by Dawna Hare, Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Budget Committee Recommendations:

a. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2017 Water Management Planning budget in the amount of \$150,000.00, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion carries.

b. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2017 Pawnee Nation Gen I budget (MSPI) in the amount of \$300,000.00, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion carries.

c. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, Promoting Safe and Stable Families 2016 budget in the amount of \$17,844.35, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion carries.

d. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the Indian Child Welfare 2016 Budget Modification #3, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion carries.

e. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the Aid To Tribal Government 2016 Budget Modification #1, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion carries.

f. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the Aid To Tribal Government 2016 Budget Modification #2, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion carries.

g. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the Communications Department 2016 Budget Modification #3, seconded by

Liana Chapman Teter. Motion carries.

h. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve all of the Information Technologies Departments expenditures associated with the moving of the servers, over the amount of \$5,000.00, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion carries.

2. Property Committee Recommendations:

a. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve request for the expansion of the disc golf course, seconded by Dawna Hare. Motion carries.

3. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the travel requests of the Pawnee Business Council, seconded by Sammye Adson. Motion carries.

4. Motion made by Sammye Adson to allow Adrian Spottedhorsechief to use the tribal vehicle to go to North Dakota, seconded by Dawna Hare. Motion carries.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson, seconded by Sammye Adson to go into executive session. Motion carries. Motion made by Sammye Adson, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to come out of executive session. Motion carries.

1. Discussion and/or Action on Removal of the Pawnee Nation College Board of Trustees: Motion made by Sammye Adson to present a No Confidence vote for the Pawnee Nation College President, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion carries.

2. Update on Earthquake Issue: Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to approve the retainer with Earth Justice, seconded by Sammye Adson. Motion carries. Motion made by Phammie Littlesun, seconded by Dawna Hare to Adjourn. Motion carries to adjourn at 11:41 am.

November 17, 2016 PBC Meeting Minutes:

Vice President Darrell Wildcat called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. Seven members present, one absent (President Pratt). Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the amended PBC Agenda for November 17, 2016, seconded by Sammye Adson. Motion made by Phammie Littlesun to approve the Pawnee Business Council meeting minutes for October 20, 2016, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter, Motion carries. Motion made by Sammye Adson to approve the Pawnee Business Council Quarterly meeting minutes for November 5, 2016 with changes, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter, Motion carries. The following reports were given: PBC Committee and Travel, TDC CEO, PNC President, Executive Director and Attorney General. Motion made by Liana Chapman Teter to approve all Pawnee Business Council travel requests, seconded by Dawna Hare, Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Resolution #16-112 to appoint Linda Jestes to the Tribal Development Corporation Board, Seat #2, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter, Motion FAILS.

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #16-112 to appoint Andrea Bowen to the Tribal Development Corporation Board, Seat #2, seconded by Dawna Hare, Motion carries.

2. Motion made by Phammie Littlesun to approve Resolution #16-113 to appoint Misty Nuttle to the Tribal Development Corporation Board, Seat #5, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion carries.

3. Motion made by Liana Chapman Teter to approve Resolution #16-114 to appoint Jim Thompson to the Pawnee Tribal Housing Board of

Commissioners, Seat #4, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion FAILS.

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Resolution #16-114 to appoint Ramona Horsechief to the Pawnee Tribal Housing Board of Commissioners, Seat #4, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion carries.

4. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #16-115 to appoint James Rice to the Pawnee Nation Gaming Commission, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion carries.

5. Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to approve Resolution #16-116 to appoint Lyle Fields to the Pawnee Nation Gaming Commission, seconded by Dawna Hare. Motion carries.

6. Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to approve Resolution #16-117 to appoint Zach Rice to the Pawnee Nation Election Commission, Sergeant-at-Arms position, seconded by M. Angela Thompson. Motion carries.

7. Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to approve Resolution #16-118 to appoint Cynthia Butler to the Pawnee Nation Election Commission, Alternate position, seconded by Dawna Hare. Motion carries.

8. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the Pawnee Nation 2017 Holiday Schedule, seconded by Sammye Adson. Motion carries.

9. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #16-119 for Enrollment, New Members, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion carries.

10. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #16-120 for Enrollment, Deceased Members, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion carries.

11. Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to approve Resolution #16-121 for Enrollment, Conditional Relinquishment, seconded by M. Angela Thompson. Motion carries.

12. Motion made by Dawna

Hare to approve Resolution #16-122 for Enrollment, Conditional Relinquishment, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion carries.

13. Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to approve Resolution #16-123 for Enrollment, Conditional Relinquishment, seconded by Dawna Hare. Motion carries.

14. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #16-124 to submit for Job Placement and Training Funds for the 477 program, with changes, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion carries.

15. Budget Committee Recommendations:

a. Motion made by Sammye Adson to approve Pawnee Business Council Budget Modification #11, seconded by M. Angela Thompson. Motion carries.

b. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the Tax Commission Budget Modification #2, seconded by Dawna Hare. Motion carries.

c. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the Gift Cards for the Elders Thanksgiving Turkeys, over the age of 65 in the amount of \$6,000.00, seconded by Dawna Hare. Motion carries. Motions made by M. Angela Thompson, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to adjourn at 9:39 pm. Motion carries. December 15, 2016 PBC Meeting Minutes

President W. Bruce Pratt called the meeting to order at 9:08 am. Seven PBC members present, one absent (S.Adson). Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to approve the PBC agenda for December 15, 2016 with added amendments, seconded by Phammie Littlesun, Motion carries. Motion made by Liana Chapman Teter to approve the Pawnee Business Council meeting minutes for November 17, 2016, seconded by Phammie Littlesun, Motion carries. The following reports were given: PBC President, PBC Committee and Travel, TDC CEO, PNC President, Executive Director and Attorney General. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the PBC travel requests, seconded by Adrian

Spottedhorsechief, Motion carries. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to table Resolution #16-125 for the revisions to the Election Ordinance, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion carries.

2. Motion made by Phammie Littlesun to approve Resolution #16-126 for Tardiness/Early Departure Policy revisions, seconded by Dawna Hare. Motion carries.

3. Budget Committee Recommendations:
a. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the Property Management Budget modification #5, seconded by Darrell Wildcat. Motion carries.

b. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the expenses for Standing Rock in the amount of \$400, seconded by Phammie Littlesun. Motion carries.

4. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #16-127 to appoint Ben Stewart to the Pawnee Nation Liquor Control Commission, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion carries.

5. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #16-128 to appoint Stephen Bird to the Pawnee Nation Liquor Control Commission, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion carries.

6. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #16-129 to appoint Muriel Robedeaux to the Pawnee Nation Liquor Control Commission, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion carries.

7. Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to agree to send a letter to the Indian Exposition Director that the Pawnee Nation will not be participating in the Indian Expo this year, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion carries.

8. Motion made by Dawna Hare to Table the letter to President Elect, Donald Trump, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion Carries. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson, seconded by Darrell Wildcat to adjourn. Motion carries to adjourn at 12:56 pm.

December 21, 2016 PBC Meeting Minutes:

President W. Bruce Pratt called the meeting to order at 2:12 pm. Six PBC members were present, two absent (D.Hare, L.Teter).

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #16-125 for revisions made to the Pawnee Nation Election Act, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion carries. Motion made by Phammie Littlesun, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to adjourn. Motion carries to adjourn

Volunteers Needed: BE A PART OF GIVING BACK!



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

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

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

Traditional Foods Movement

It's official! Pawnee Nation Title VI Elder Meals Program is part of the Traditional Foods Movement. There are several ways to look at the movement: Federal and Local.

A few years ago within the ACL/AOA federal Elder Food Programs, Melissa Chlupach started an Alaska Traditional Foods Movement by working with Tribes and USDA members from all over to aid them in navigating the USDA food regulation surrounding subsistence foods. Shelly Zylstra, Title VI nutritionist, also worked with Tribes and began to present and encourage our Title VI Programs to use resources to supplement the meals programs. Title VI allows the costs associated with subsistence hunting of deer (and moose) for such items as bullets used by the hunters, gas for the transport, and fees associated with processing the meat.



Locally, since August 2012, Pawnee Nation Department of Conservation and Safety has issued Special Harvest Permits of Wildlife for a special permit of harvesting deer. Lyle Fields is our hunter! He is careful to note harvest time, temperature, and delivery time to our Pawnee family owned processing business, Bob

McKinney & Sons, of Cushing, OK. The Elder Meals Program has enjoyed venison steaks, roasts, stews, and breakfast sausage. This year Lyle harvested two deer- one for jerky and the other for McKinney's special breakfast sausage. Lyle is pictured here with a 14 point buck.

The Elders always have the choice of venison and other meat when we prepare it for them – no surprises! If you have never tried venison breakfast sausage, then plan on attending the Tribe's Prayer Breakfast on March 8, 2017 when the Pawnee Business Council cooks breakfast for the people.

Our Assistant Cook, Jerry Riley, has harvested deer for many years and prepared venison for his family. Next month, the Elder Meals Program will host a "Jerky Making" workshop on February 24. A favorite recipe for venison jerky will be shared. (Look for the flyer announcement on the Tribe's Facebook site or FB: Pawnee Nation Elders site.) Come on over if you would like to Volunteer to learn how to make Teriyaki stick jerky!

A generous portion will be donated jerky for the Water Protector's northern camp.

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