

# 2017 Pawnee Nation's Events Calendar for Homecoming Weekend

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## Message from the President



Nowa,

I hope this issue of the Chaticks Is Chaticks finds you well and in good spirits.

I have always enjoyed renewal season of spring and summer: A time of growth of new plants, trees and grasses; time to feel the warmth of the sun and see the hours of the day grow

longer knowing that summer is coming fast. This season Attius has blessed our Pawnee with many good things, and has given us many good ways and customs. We have carried on many of those traditions in this year. We have enjoyed handgames, dances, and other tribal activities. I want to acknowledge Attius for the Giver of all good gifts.

This issue comes to you as we prepare for the Homecoming. The Homecoming is always a welcoming time for our people to come together and honor our Veterans and also a time to enjoy one another's company. It's a time to hear our songs and to put on our clothes to dance. It's a time to get a meatpie and snocones! Softball games, fireworks, cooking around the fire, camping, putting out chairs and finding shade are other things enjoyed during the Homecoming. Like I said before, Attius is always good.

The Nation has continued to move ahead. We have held our elections and 3 new folks were elected: Patsy McCray, Dr. Charles Knifechief, and Ellis Horsechief. Darrell Wildcat was reelected as the Vice President. Unfortunately, Ellis passed away during the election. We continue to extend our condolences to his family. We had a dance to recognize the Murals that were painted in the Roundhouse, Jeremy Fields, Pawnee artist, did a wonderful work. Please go by and look at the murals.

Stonewolf Casino and Howler's have undergone an expansion and should be ready for all by the time of this issue. We are in the process of repairing the damage that was caused by the earthquake. It has been a learning process for all and I am thankful for the hard work put in by all our employees in this. I am thankful for all our hardworking employees. We are all here to serve.

See you at the Homecoming.

May the Lord bless you,

*W. Bruce Pratt*



## Message from the Executive Director



Hello all!

As an employee of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma I love taking the time to write to our tribal members to let them know of our continued success here at the Nation. It has been a little over a year since I last had this opportunity so I am

very excited to share with you all the things that we have done, the things that we are currently working on and the things that we would like to accomplish in the coming year(s).

First, since we had last spoke, the Nation and its citizens here had experienced a large earthquake September 3, 2016 that damaged our nation's buildings and our tribal member's homes. This event marked a turning point in the way our government perceived the threat from man-made (or induced) earthquakes due to oil and gas exploration. We, as a government, went from active participants in a growing dialogue about the dangers of unfettered oil and gas operations, to a proactive participant in holding those folks accountable for the damage their activities had caused our members. We filed suit in Federal Court Northern District November 21, 2016 against the agencies having the greatest impact upon these types of activities. It is our argument that the BIA and the BLM have

failed in their trust responsibilities to adhere to the requirements outlined in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), failed in providing land owners with adequate notice, and failed to protect the natural resources that make up our tribal jurisdiction. We followed that suit with another suit filed March 3, 2017 in Tribal Court against the energy companies that did wastewater injection at the highest volumes to hold those folks accountable as well. To be sure, the Pawnee Nation is only looking for accountability here and is not looking to punish (in any way) the good folks who produce energy from our lands.

Second, the Pawnee Nation is currently working on many projects that I believe will lead to a sustainable financial future for our tribe. Too often we are at the mercies of a far off government in Washington D.C. and so are susceptible to changes in administrations. This has never been clearer than the last few months that saw the political winds in Washington shift and the election of Mr. Donald Trump as our President. So far his administration has made clear (and is following through) on its promises to reduce federal spending and this could have a dramatic effect on our Nation's ability to provide the services our citizen's desperately need. The reason is simple; the Pawnee Nation relies on federal grant money too much. We can no longer afford to leave ourselves vulnerable to shifting political climates and so (with the leadership of the PBC) our government is looking for

ways to generate revenue independent of the federal government. To do this we must change the way our Nation views federal money from something that sustains us to something that supplements what we are doing here as a government. To that end, the leadership here has been developing plans to create new business for the nation to include: sustainable agriculture, bison, taxes, licenses, and fees. This work must be done and I believe that it will be done.

Third, and last, I want all tribal members to know that I know that the future is extremely bright for us as a nation. We are looking to grow the government in a sustainable way and we are also looking to expand our governments reach by having a permanent presence in our homeland of Nebraska. For me, I would like to be known as the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and Nebraska sooner rather than later.

In conclusion, I want all of you all to know that the Nation and its employees (for whom there would be no successes for us) are working hard to accomplish all those things that have been asked of us by our leaders on the PBC and its citizens who we have contact with every day. May god bless all of us and, on behalf of all the staff here, I look forward to continuing the hard work we have stated here in Pawnee.

*Andrew Knife Chief*



## STONEWOLF CASINO PROJECT NEARING COMPLETION

The StoneWolf casino expansion project that began with its ceremonial ground breaking in July of last year is nearing completion. The Pawnee Nation Travel Plaza first opened in 2004, and since that time has seen several property improvements. These improvements included the addition of casino gaming in 2007, and a major renovation in 2009 adding what is known as present day StoneWolf Casino. Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation announced last year they are moving forward with a multi-million dollar casino expansion, breaking ground nine months ago on its first major project in years.

With the exception of finishing up some work on the exterior, StoneWolf Casino and Howler's Famous BBQ are now fully functional. StoneWolf Casino will soon be the talk of the town. The gaming floor has been expanded by an additional 4,500 square

feet, and approximately 150 new games, as well as soon to be table games. The newly added and much needed back-of-house consists of an additional 4,200 square feet, including new office space, and a large conference room to be used for trainings and meetings. Howler's Famous BBQ has gone from seating 66 to now seating 90.

The project is currently in its soft opening stage, and is looking forward to its grand opening festivities beginning in August. The new expansion is expected to attract thousands of new visitors annually, create new jobs for those in our community, and will continue to be a provider of significant support and funding to the Pawnee Nation.

-Story by: J. Sexton

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## 2017 NEWLY ELECTED PAWNEE NATION BUSINESS COUNCIL



(Left to right) *Darrell J Wildcat*, Vice-President (Re-elected); *M. Angela Thompson*, Treasurer; *W. Bruce Pratt*, President; *Dawna Hare*, Council Seat #2; *Charles Knife Chief*, Council Seat #4 (Newly Elected); *Patsy McCray*, Secretary (Newly Elected); *Sammye Adson*, Council Seat #1; *\*Ellis Horsechief*, Council Seat #3 (\*Vacant Seat)



“Nowa, I want to thank all those who have supported me and voted in this past Business Council election. I look forward to the next four years of service to the Pawnee Nation and our Pawnee people.”

- Patsy McCray, Secretary, Pawnee Business Council

Pawnee Nation Business Council President W. Bruce Pratt attended the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Annual Tribal Budget Consultation with HHS Secretary Tom Price in Washington, D.C. on March 30, 2017. President Pratt voiced his concern that a disruption in funding to tribes will adversely affect the Pawnee people and expressed the need for full funding to programs that affect the people he represents.



# Pawnee Business Council Special Election

On May 25th, 2017 in accordance with Resolution #17-32 and Resolution #17-33 the Pawnee Business Council called for a Special Election to fill the vacancy of Pawnee Business Council Seat #3.

For more information visit [www.pawneenation.org](http://www.pawneenation.org) or contact the Pawnee Nation Election Commission: P.O. Box 600, Pawnee, OK 74058, [electioncomm@pawneenation.org](mailto:electioncomm@pawneenation.org) or fax us at (918)762-6446.



## Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

RESOLUTION #17-32  
MAY 25, 2017

### RESOLUTION

- Whereas,** The Pawnee Business Council is the supreme governing body of the Pawnee Nation and is authorized to conduct business on behalf of the Pawnee Nation in accordance with Article IV, Sections 1 and 2 of the Pawnee Nation Constitution and By-Laws; and
- Whereas,** The Pawnee Business Council met in special session on May 25, 2017, at the Pawnee Nation Multi-Purpose Building, duly authorized, with a quorum present; and
- Whereas,** on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2017, the Pawnee Nation Election were held according to the Pawnee Nation Constitution, Article IV, Section 4. (i); and
- Whereas,** Darrell J Wildcat was duly elected as Vice President (4 year Term), Patricia McCray was elected as Secretary (4 year term), Ellis Horsechief was elected to Member Seat #3 (4 year term) and Charles Knife Chief was elected to Member Seat #4 (4 year term) of the Pawnee Business Council; and
- Whereas,** on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017, Judge Dianne Barker Harrold administered the Oath of Office to three members who have assumed the duties of their positions, with Member Seat #3 being vacant; and
- Whereas,** for banking purposes, the four officers of the Pawnee Business Council who are authorized to sign accounts and signature cards: W. Bruce Pratt, President, Darrell J Wildcat, Vice President, Patricia McCray, Secretary and M. Angela Thompson, Treasurer; and
- Whereas,** to identify the order of succession in the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of that office in accordance with Article V, Section 2 of the Pawnee Nation Constitution and in the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary shall perform the duties of that office in accordance of Article V, Section 3 (vii); and
- Whereas,** any action taken in this Resolution shall remain in effect until changed or rescinded by a Council Resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Pawnee Business Council does hereby recognize the results of the Pawnee Nation Election held on May 6, 2017 and for banking purposes, the four officers of the Pawnee Business Council authorized to sign signature cards and documents are: 1. W. Bruce Pratt, President, 2. Darrell J Wildcat, Vice President, 3. Patricia McCray, Secretary and 4. M. Angela Thompson, Treasurer.

### CERTIFICATION

I, Patricia McCray, Secretary of the Pawnee Business Council, certify that a Special Meeting of the Pawnee Business Council was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 2017 and that the Pawnee Business Council is composed of eight members of whom 7 were present, 1 absent, compromising a quorum, and the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by a vote of 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 1 not voting.

Signed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 2017  
ATTEST:

Patricia McCray, Secretary  
Pawnee Nation Business Council

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- Whereas,** the Constitution of the Pawnee Nation declares a position *Vacant* in the event of a members passing, Article VI, §10(iii); and
- Whereas,** if a vacancy occurs in a First, Second, Third, or Fourth Business Council member position before the last six months of a term, it shall be filled by a majority of Pawnee member voters in a specially called election, Article VI, §5; and
- Whereas,** Pawnee Business Council Seat #3 is hereby declared *Vacant* due to the passing of Councilor Ellis Horsechief.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Pawnee Business Council does hereby formally declare Pawnee Business Council Seat #3 *Vacant* and formally requests the Pawnee Nation Election Commission to commence holding a Special Election in accordance with the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Constitution.

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Pawnee Nation Business Council

W. Bruce Pratt, President  
Pawnee Nation Business Council

# Pawnee Business Council Resolutions 2017

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

**#17-11** – A Resolution to approve the revision made to the Pawnee Nation Museum By-Laws to read as follows: Section 4 Board of Directors, 4.4 Qualifications. “Any person, with the priority of Pawnee Tribal Members, over the age of twenty-one may serve as a Director of this Corporation subject to the conditions set forth in these by-laws.” – **Approved** February 4, 2017 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zeros abstaining and one not voting (President Pratt).

**#17-12** – A Resolution to approve the Charitable Contributions and Sponsorship Policy – **Approved** February 4, 2017 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zeros abstaining and one not voting (President Pratt).

**#17-13** – A Resolution to approve the re-appropriation of funds back into the Salazar Proceeds Account, in the amount of \$39,307.29, from the 2061-ICDBG-14 PNRC program – **Approved** February 4, 2017 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zeros abstaining and one not voting (President Pratt).

**#17-14** – A Resolution to approve twelve (12) eligible applicants to be added to the Pawnee Membership Roll – **Approved** February 21, 2017 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zeros abstaining and one not voting (President Pratt).

**#17-15** – A Resolution to approve the note of the date of death of ten (10) deceased members on the Membership Roll and remove them from the Annuity Roll – **Approved** February 21, 2017 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zeros abstaining and one not voting (President Pratt).

**#17-16** – Reserved for Pawnee Nation Waste Water Regulation

**#17-17** – Reserved for Pawnee Nation Legislation – Title 12, Chapter 15 Water Resource Use and Permit.

**#17-18** – A Resolution to authorize the submission of an OVW Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program grant proposal to the US Department of Justice's Office of Violence Against Women to enhance effective strategies to curtail violent crimes against women – **Approved** February 21, 2017 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zeros abstaining and one not voting (President Pratt).

**#17-19** – A Resolution to appoint M. Angela Thompson, Pawnee Business Council Member, to serve as Tribal Development Corporation Board, Seat #5, whose inception begins on February 21, 2017

and whose term shall expire on July 30, 2020 – **Approved** February 21, 2017 by a vote of five for (Wildcat, Thompson, Adson, Spottedhorsechief), two against (Hare, Teter), zero abstaining and one not voting (President Pratt).

**#17-20** – A Resolution to approve the change of the domain name to Pawneenation-nsn.gov and the above named as Point of Contacts – **Approved** March 8, 2017 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zeros abstaining and one not voting (President Pratt).

**#17-21** – A Resolution to appoint Taylor Pratt to the Pawnee Nation Sports Commission effective March 23, 2017, whose term of office will expire March 23, 2020 – **Approved** March 23, 2017 by a vote of five for, zero against, zero abstaining, two absent (Pratt, Hare) and one not voting (Vice-President Wildcat).

**#17-22** – A Resolution to appoint Matt Bellendir to the Pawnee Nation Sports Commission effective March 23, 2017, whose term of office will expire March 23, 2020 – **Approved** March 23, 2017 by a vote of five for, zero against, zero abstaining, two absent (Pratt, Hare) and one not voting (Vice-President Wildcat).

**#17-23** – A Resolution to appoint Misty Nuttle to serve on the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners in Seat #4 effective March 23, 2017 and whose term shall expire March 23, 2020 – **Approved** March 23, 2017 by a vote of four for, zero against, one abstaining (Teter), two absent (Pratt, Hare) and one not voting (Vice-President Wildcat).

**#17-24** – A Resolution to re-appoint Kathy Daniels to the Pawnee Nation Tax Commission effective March 22, 2017 whose term of office will expire March 23, 2020 – **Approved** March 23, 2017 by a vote of five for, zero against, zero abstaining, two absent (Pratt, Hare) and one not voting (Vice-President Wildcat).

**#17-25** – A Resolution to approve the request to submit a grant application for participation in Title VI Part A Nutrition Program, Title VI Part C Caregiver Support Program and Older Americans Act Section 311 Nutrition Service Incentive Program (NSIP) – **Approved** March 23, 2017 by a vote of five for, zero against, zero abstaining, two absent (Pratt, Hare) and one not voting (Vice-President Wildcat).

**#17-26** – Withdrawn (Cultural Leave Policy)

**#17-27** – Withdrawn (Grievance Policy)

Revisions)

**#17-28** – A Resolution to approve the revision of the Pawnee Nation's Office of Human Resources Policies and Procedures Manual's "Chapter 8, Section E. Administrative Leave" which shall replace the version dated September 29, 2016 and become effective on the date of approval by the Pawnee Business Council – **Approved** April 12, 2017 by a vote of five for, one against (Thompson), zero abstaining, one absent (Wildcat), and one not voting (President Pratt).

**#17-29** – Withdrawn (Employee Handbook)

**#17-30** – A Resolution to appoint James Grant Hawkins to the Pawnee Nation Tribal Employment Rights Commission effective April 12, 2017, whose term of office will expire December 31, 2019 – **Approved** April 12, 2017 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (Wildcat), and one not voting (President Pratt).

**#17-31** – A Resolution to appoint Kyla Wichita to the Pawnee Nation Election Commission as Clerk effective April 24, 2017 with a term ending May 31, 2019 – **Approved** April 24, 2017 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (Pratt), and one not voting (Vice-President Wildcat).

**#17-32** – A Resolution to recognize the results of the Pawnee Nation Election held on May 6, 2017 and for banking purposed, the four officers of the Pawnee Business Council authorized to sign signature cards and documents are 1. W. Bruce Pratt, President, 2. Darrell J Wildcat, Vice-President, 3. Patricia McCray, Secretary and 4. M. Angela Thompson, Treasurer – **Approved** May 25, 2017 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (President Pratt).

**#17-33** – A Resolution to formally declare Pawnee Business Council Seat #3 Vacant and formally requests the Pawnee Nation Election Commission to commence holding a Special Election in accordance with the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Constitution – **Approved** May 25, 2017 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (President Pratt).

**#17-34** – A Resolution to authorize any of the following Pawnee Business Council Member or staff member under the Aid to Tribal Government (ATTG Program), to execute the Indian Preference Form (BIA-4432) namely W. Bruce Pratt, President of the Pawnee Business Council; Patricia McCray, Secretary of the Pawnee Business Council;

Andrew Knife Chief, Executive Director; or Carrie Peters, Enrollment Director to certify and sign said document – **Approved** May 25, 2017 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (President Pratt).

**#17-35** – Withdrawn (Appointment of Supreme Court Justice)

**#17-36** – A Resolution to approve six (6) eligible applicants to be added to the Pawnee Membership Roll – **Approved** May 25, 2017 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (President Pratt).

**#17-37** – A Resolution to approve to note the date of death of six (6) deceased members on the Membership Roll and remove them from the Annuity Roll – **Approved** May 25, 2017 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (President Pratt).

**#17-38** – A Resolution to accept the Conditional Relinquishment of Nicole Lynn Manzano from the Pawnee Nation Oklahoma and she will be removed from the Pawnee Nation Membership Roll on condition upon being accepted for membership with the Chickasaw Nation – **Approved** May 25, 2017 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (President Pratt).

## **PBC MEETING MINUTES**

### **January 11, 2017 Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting Minutes**

President W. Bruce Pratt called the meeting to order at 9:09 am. Seven Council members present, one excused (D.Wildcat). Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the PBC Agenda, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter, Motion carries. Motion made by Dawna Hare, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to approve the PBC meeting minutes for December 15, 2016. Motion made by Sammy Adson, seconded by Phammie Littlesun to approve the PBC meeting minutes for December 21, 2016. Reports were given by the Pawnee Business Council, TDC CEO, Pawnee Nation College President, Pawnee Nation Executive Director and the Pawnee Nation Attorney General.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to approve the revision to Resolution #16-109 to change the position “Teller” to “Secretary”, seconded by Dawna Hare. Motion Carries.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Presentation from RWI Consulting on healthcare and burial insurance

2. Motion made by Liana Chapman Teter to approve the signing of the 3D Seismic Survey of “Oil and Gas Exploration” by Paragon Geophysical Services, seconded by Dawna Hare. Motion Fails

Motion made by Dawna Hare to table the signing of the 3D Seismic Survey of “Oil and Gas Exploration” by Paragon Geophysical Services, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion Carries.

3. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the support letter for the Pawnee Nation College for a grant submission, seconded by Dawna Hare. Motion Carries.

4. Budget Committee Recommendations:

a. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #17-01 for the Salazar Appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 for Scholarships for Graduate Students with the Education Division including Budget Modification #1, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion carries.

b. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the membership and dues with the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma in the amount of \$300, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion carries.

c. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2016 Budget Modification #3 for Property Management in the amount of \$10,670.00, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion carries.

d. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #17-02 for revisions to the Fiscal Policy and Procedures, Appendix A: Procurement, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion carries.

e. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #17-03 for revisions to the Fiscal Policy and Procedures, Appendix L: Records Management, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion carries.

f. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2016 Budget Modification #1 for the IHS Housekeeping in the amount of \$22,470.00, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion carries.

g. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the purchase a tractor in the amount of \$21,000 for the IHS Housekeeping, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion carries.

h. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the purchase laptops in the amount of \$9,647.34 for Law Enforcement, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion carries.

5. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Resolution #17-04 for a contract between Health Education and IHS, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion Carries.

6. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Resolution #17-05 for a contract between the Community Health Representative Services and IHS, seconded by Phammie Littlesun. Motion Carries.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

1. Executive Director Annual Evaluation  
Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to table the Executive Director Annual Evaluation until the next Pawnee Business Council meeting on January 26th, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion Carries.

Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief, seconded by M. Angela Thompson to Adjourn. Motion carries to adjourn at 12:23 pm.

### **January 26, 2017 Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting Minutes**

President W. Bruce Pratt called the meeting to order at 9:08 am. Seven Council members present, one excused (P.Littlesun – Arrived at 9:20 am). Motion made by Dawna Hare, seconded by Darrell Wildcat to approve the PBC meeting agenda with changes, motion carries. Motion made by Dawna Hare, seconded by Sammie Adson to approve the Pawnee Business Council travel requests, motion carries.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Mr. Tom Evans, Pawnee Nation Museum Board Chair, addressed the Council on some concerns at the Museum.

2. Budget Committee Recommendations:

a. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #17-06, Fiscal Policies and Procedures: Section IV Travel Advances and other Travel related Policy revisions, seconded by Phammie Littlesun. Motion Carries.

b. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #17-07, Fiscal Policies and Procedures: Appendix B, Budget Process revisions, seconded by Phammie Littlesun. Motion Carries.

c. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #17-08, Fiscal Policies and Procedures: Appendix J, Indirect Cost: Proposal Process and Accounting for Indirect Cost revision with changes, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion Carries.

d. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #17-09, Reallocation of Salazar Funds for the Language Program to utilize, seconded by Sammie Adson. Motion Carries.

3. Motion made by Sammie Adson to approve Resolution #17-10, Gaming Commission Ordinance Revisions with changes, seconded by M. Angela Thompson. Motion Carries.

4. Presentation by Scott Poynter on filing a lawsuit in Tribal Court for the earthquake damage to homes and the Pawnee Nation.

5. Motion made by Phammie Littlesun to refer this request to the Budget Committee, seconded by Sammye Adson. Motion Carries.

6. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve a letter to send to the President, Congress and the Senate to voice the concerns of the Nation, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion Carries.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion made by Phammie Littlesun to go into Executive Session, seconded by Dawna Hare. Motion Carries.

Motion made by Phammie Littlesun to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dawna Hare. Motion Carries.

1. Executive Director Annual Evaluation
2. Attorney General Annual Evaluation

No action was taken after Executive Session.

Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief, seconded by M. Angela Thompson to adjourn at 12:40 pm, Motion Carries.

### **February 4, 2017 Pawnee Business Council Quarterly Meeting Minutes**

President W. Bruce Pratt called the meeting to order at 9:09 am. Eight Council members present. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to approve the PBC meeting agenda with changes, Motion Carries. Motion made by Liana Chapman Teter, seconded by Phammie Littlesun to approve the PBC meeting minutes for January 11, 2017 with changes, Motion Carries. Motion made by Liana Chapman Teter, seconded by M. Angela Thompson to approve the PBC meeting minutes for January 26, 2017 with changes, Motion Carries. Reports were given by the Pawnee Business Council, TDC CEO, Pawnee Nation College President, Pawnee Nation Executive Director and the Pawnee Nation Attorney General. Motion made by Dawna Hare, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to approve the PBC travel requests.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Motion made by Liana Chapman Teter to approve the signing of the 3D Seismic Oil and Gas Exploration by Paragon Geophysical Services, seconded by Darrell Wildcat. Motion Carries.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. No Discussion or Questions on Quarterly Reports.

2. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson

to approve Resolution #17-11, revisions to the Pawnee Nation Museum By-Laws, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion Carries.

3. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Poynter Law Group on the earthquake litigation and to counter offer a 5% contingency, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion Carries.

4. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the letter to the Pawnee School Board from the Pawnee Business Council for a policy change, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion Carries.

5. Motion made by Sammye Adson to table the Council appointment to the Tribal Development Board and request a legal opinion from the AG and TDC Attorney, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion Carries.

6. Budget Committee Recommendations:

a. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2017 Executive Office Tribal Budget, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion Carries.

b. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the Pawnee Business Council Budget Modification #1, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion Carries.

c. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #17-12, Charitable Contributions and Sponsorship Policy, seconded by Dawna Hare. Motion Carries.

d. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the Pawnee Pride 2017 Budget Modification #1, seconded by Dawna Hare. Motion Carries.

e. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the Division of Health and Community Services Budget Modification #1, seconded by Sammye Adson. Motion Carries.

f. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve of the ICDBG 2016 Resource Center Budget Modification #3, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion Carries.

g. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #17-13, ICDBG Resource Center Budget Modification #5, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion Carries.

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Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to go into Executive Session, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion Carries.

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion Carries.

#### **Actions from Executive Session:**

1. Discussion on Pawnee Nation College – Looking at possible actions in the future

2. AG Evaluation – Discussion with Mr. Mason, satisfactory evaluation

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter to adjourn at 2:15 pm, Motion Carries.

### **February 21, 2017 Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting Minutes**

President W. Bruce Pratt called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. Eight Council members present. Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief, seconded by Darrell Wildcat to approve the PBC meeting agenda with changes, Motion Carries. Motion made by Liana Chapman Teter, seconded by Phammie Littlesun to approve the PBC travel requests, Motion Carries.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to amend the Agenda to add Resolution #17-19 for a TDC appointment, seconded by Phammie Littlesun. Motion Carries.

Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to approve Resolution #17-19 to appoint Council Member M. Angela Thompson to the TDC Board, seconded by Sammye Adson. Motion Carries.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion made by Liana Chapman Teter to approve Resolution #17-14 for New Applicants to the Pawnee Nation Roll, seconded by Dawna Hare. Motion Carries.

2. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Resolution #17-15 to remove deceased Members from the Pawnee Nation Annuity Roll, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion Carries.

3. Motion made by Liana Chapman Teter to approve Resolution #17-18 for the Violence Against Women grant submission, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion Carries.

4. Budget Committee Recommendations:

a. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to table the 2017 ICDBG Campground Project Budget, seconded by Dawna Hare. Motion Carries.

b. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2017 477 Budget Modification #1, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion Carries.

5. Discussion and/or Action on Conflicts of Interest and Non-Support of Tribal Program and Commissioners – President Pratt suggested to Ms. Adson to write a letter to the PN Attorney General requesting an opinion on her concerns.



6. Property Committee  
Recommendations:

a. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the renewal of the Mike Godberson grazing lease, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion Carries.

b. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the fee waiver for the Election Commission to use the Multi-Purpose Building for the Candidate Forum and the Election Day, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion Carries.

c. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the fee waiver based on one (1) day fee of each building plus a deposit for the use of the Multi-Purpose, Roam Chief and the Gymnasium, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion Carries.

d. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve to remove two (2) flag poles on the Pawnee Nation Reserve, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion Carries.

e. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the disposal of the yellow 1976 Lincoln Continental car, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion Carries.

f. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the removal the old building behind building 64, seconded by Phammie Littlesun. Motion Carries.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to go into Executive Session, seconded by Darrell Wildcat. Motion Carries.

Motion made by Dawna Hare to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion Carries.

1. Discussion and/or Action Concerning the Pawnee Nation College - Request an audience with the Board of Trustees on Friday after lunch during their meeting to discuss with the Board the Concerns of the Council.

Motion made by Liana Chapman Teter, seconded by Darrell Wildcat to adjourn at 7:34 pm, Motion Carries.

**March 8, 2017 Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting Minutes**

President W. Bruce Pratt called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. Eight Council members present. Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief, seconded by Dawna Hare to approve the PBC meeting agenda, Motion Carries. Motion made by Liana Chapman Teter, seconded by Darrell Wildcat to approve the PBC meeting minutes for February 4, 2017, Motion Carries. Motion made by Liana Chapman Teter, seconded by Dawna Hare to approve the PBC meeting minutes for February 21, 2017, Motion Carries. Reports

were given by PBC, Pawnee Nation Executive Director and Pawnee Nation Attorney General. Motion made by Liana Chapman Teter, seconded by Phammie Littlesun to approve PBC travel requests, Motion Carries.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the mileage rate change to \$0.535, seconded by M. Angela Thompson. Motion Carries.

2. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #17-20 and authorization letter for the domain name change to pawneenation-nsn.gov, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion Carries.

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson, seconded by Dawna Hare to adjourn at 12:05 pm, Motion Carries.

March 23, 2017 Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting Minutes

Vice-President Darrell Wildcat called the meeting to order at 5:39 pm. Six Council members present, two excused (WBPratt, DHare). Motion made by Liana Chapman Teter to table all the Resolutions on the agenda for the Commission appointments until there is a full Council at the next meeting in April, Motion Fails due to lack of a second. Motion made by Phammie Littlesun, seconded by M. Angela Thompson to approve the PBC meeting agenda with additions, Motion Carries. Motion made by Sammye Adson, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to approve PBC travel requests, Motion Carries. Reports were given by Pawnee Nation College President.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to approve Resolution #17-21 to appoint Taylor Pratt to Sports Commission, seconded by M. Angela Thompson. Motion Carries.

2. Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to approve Resolution #17-22 for Sports Commission appointment Matthew Bellendir, seconded by M. Angela Thompson. Motion Carries.

3. Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to approve Resolution #17-23 to appoint Misty Nuttle to Housing Authority, seconded by Sammye Adson. Motion Carries.

4. Motion made by Sammye Adson to retain Kathy Daniels for Resolution #17-24 Tax Commission, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion Carries.

5. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve 2017 Election Commission Budget Mod #1, seconded by Liana Teter. Motion Carries.

6. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #17-25 approving the Pawnee Nation request a submission of a grant application to the Administration on Aging for Participation in Title VI Part A-Nutrition; Title VI Part C-Caregiver Support Program and Older Americans Act Section 311-Nutrition Services Incentive Program, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion Carries.

Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief, seconded by M. Angela Thompson to adjourn at 7:02 pm, Motion Carries.

**April 12, 2017 Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting Minutes**

President W. Bruce Pratt called the meeting to order at 9:13 am. Seven Council members present and one excused (DWildcat). Motion made by Sammye Adson, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter to approve the PBC agenda with changes, Motion Carries. Motion made by Liana Chapman Teter, seconded by Sammye Adson to approve the PBC Quarterly meeting minutes for March 8, 2017, Motion Carries. Motion made by Liana Chapman Teter, seconded by Sammye Adson to approve PBC meeting minutes for March 23, 2017 with changes, Motion Carries. Reports were given by PBC, TDC CEO, Pawnee Nation College President, Pawnee Nation Executive Director and Pawnee Nation Attorney General. Motion made by Phammie Littlesun, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to approve PBC travel requests, Motion Carries.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to table the decision on the ICDBG Swimming Pool Project, seconded by Liana Teter. Motion Carries.

2. Motion made by Dawna Hare to table Resolution #17-26 Cultural Leave Policy, seconded by Liana Teter. Motion Carries.

3. Motion made by to Phammie Littlesun to table Resolution #17-27 Grievance Procedure Steps Policy, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion Carries.

4. Motion made by Sammye Adson to approve Resolution #17-28 Administrative Leave Policy, seconded by Liana Teter. Motion Carries.

5. Motion made by Phammie Littlesun to table Resolution #17-29 Employee Handbook, seconded by M. Angela Thompson. Motion Carries.

6. Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to approve Resolution #17-30 to appoint James Grant Hawkins to the TERO Commission, with changes, seconded by Phammie Littlesun. Motion Carries.

7. Property Committee  
Recommendations:

a. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the Kuruks quote for the special blend floor color in the amount of \$23,790.00, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion Carries.

b. Motion made by Liana Chapman Teter to approve the Mural Project at Pawnee Nation Roundhouse by the Cultural Committee, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion Carries.

c. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the Removal of House on Big Dee Drive, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion Carries.

8. Budget Committee Recommendations:

a. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve 2017 First Nations Local Food Assessment Budget, seconded by Liana Teter. Motion Carries.

b. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve 2017 IRR Budget Modification #1, seconded by Sammy Adson. Motion Carries.

c. Motion made by Liana Teter to approve the purchase of the skid steer and attachments, in the amount of \$96,000.00, seconded by M. Angela Thompson. Motion Carries.

d. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Falls Creek Flag Purchase in the amount of \$124.95, seconded by Dawna Hare. Motion Carries.

9. Motion made by Adrian

Spottedhorsechief to approve Pawnee Nation Princess Budget in amount of \$5,100.00 with changes, seconded by Dawna Hare. Motion Carries.

10. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the stoles and fabric supplies up to \$50.00, seconded by Sammy Adson. Motion Carries.

Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief, seconded by M. Angela Thompson to adjourn at 4:25 pm, Motion Carries.

### **April 24, 2017 Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting Minutes**

Vice-President Darrell Wildcat called the meeting to order at 5:47 pm. Seven Council members present one excused (WBPratt). Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief, seconded by Phammie Littlesun to approve the PBC meeting agenda, Motion Carries. Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief, seconded by Sammy Adson to approve the PBC meeting minutes for April 12, 2017 with corrections, Motion Carries. Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief, seconded by M. Angela Thompson to approve all PBC travel requests except for the President's request to attend NCAI, Motion Carries.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Motion made by Dawna Hare to table the ICDBG Swimming Pool Project, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion Carries.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson

to approve Resolution #17-31 to appoint Kyla Wichita to the Election Commission, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion Carries.

2. Presentation by Phillip Gover on Charter Schools.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion made by Phammie Littlesun to go into Executive Session, seconded by Sammy Adson. Motion Carries.

Motion made by Sammy Adson to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Phammie Littlesun. Motion Carries.

1. Discussion and Action on Burial Policy

#### **PBC Action after Executive Session:**

The Decision of the Council is to uphold the Burial Policy. The Executive Director will write a letter to the Tribal Member to inform him of the Burial Policy and the Council's decision to uphold the policy.

Motion made by Dawna Hare, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter to adjourn at 9:10 pm. Motion Carries.



## **PAWNEE NATION COMMISSION POSITION ADVERTISEMENT**

### **The Pawnee Nation has the following open positions:**

#### **1. One (1) position as the Justice of the Pawnee Nation Supreme Court.**

Term is for six (6) years. For more information on the job description please contact [skanuho@pawneenation.org](mailto:skanuho@pawneenation.org) or visit [www.pawneenation.org](http://www.pawneenation.org).

#### **2. Three (3) positions on the Pawnee Nation Utility Commission.**

Terms are staggered for three (3) years and four (4) years. Open until filled..

#### **3. One (1) position on the Pawnee Nation Environmental Regulatory Commission, seat is a 3 year term. Open until filled.**

**The Pawnee Business Council appoints the seats of these positions. If interested, please submit a written request with a resume, to:**

**W. Bruce Pratt, President Pawnee Business Council Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma  
P. O. Box 470  
Pawnee, OK 74058**

Any questions please call (918) 762-3621 or email [cbutler@pawneenation.org](mailto:cbutler@pawneenation.org).

# Cultural Resources Division

657 Harrison Street

Join us at the Museum of the Pawnee Nation for a new exhibition *Hidden Voices, Coded Words* celebrating the code talkers from Oklahoma in World Wars I and II. Exhibition is presented courtesy of the Oklahoma Museum of History.

## Museum's Homecoming Open Hours:

Thursday, June 29: 10 am – 4 pm

Friday, June 30: 11 am – 6 pm

- Friday, 1 pm – NAGPRA and Repatriation presented by Maggie Rice

Saturday, July 1: 10 am – 5 pm

- Saturday, 1 pm – Language presentation by Zach Rice & Taylor Moore



Division Director – Herb Adson

Administration – Marti Only A Chief

NAGPRA Coordinator – Maggie Rice



Design by: Nathan McCray—Pawnee Tribal Member

The Hawk Chief Run is held annually during the Pawnee Indian Veterans Homecoming and honors the memory of Hawk Chief, a noted Pawnee Scout and runner.

5K Run/Walk

When: Saturday, July 1, 2017  
Where: Pawnee Football Stadium  
Time: 8:00 a.m.

Registration is free and open to anyone!

**All Ages Welcome**

Participants who Pre-Register by June 9 is guarantee a free t-shirt with the design.

Race Day Registrations will receive T-shirt as they are available and will not be guaranteed

\*Packet pick up will begin 6:30-7:30 am at pre-registration table at the Pawnee Football Stadium

\*Same day registration: 7:00a.m. to 7:30 a.m. NO EXCEPTIONS, time will not be extended

Registration available on [www.pawneenation.org](http://www.pawneenation.org)

For more information, please call the Pawnee Nation Diabetes Program at (918) 762-3873 x4 or via email [sknifechief@pawneenation.org](mailto:sknifechief@pawneenation.org) or [bstewart@pawneenation.org](mailto:bstewart@pawneenation.org)



## Registration Form: Race Day July 1, 2017

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gender: M or F Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shirt Size: (youth sizes) S M L XL (Adult Size) S M L XL XXL XXXL XXXXL Bib Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Waiver

I know that running a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run unless I am medically able and properly trained. I also know that although police protection will be provided, there will be a possibility of traffic on the course. I assume the risk of but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including high heat and humidity, and the conditions of the roads, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Furthermore, I agree to yield to all emergency vehicles. I also am fully aware that pushing, pulling, dragging, wearing, carrying or leading anything or anyone is strictly prohibited. This includes strollers, joggers, pushed wheelchairs, roller blades, skateboards, wheels of any kind or (except competitive wheelchairs, animals, flags and headphones. I agree not to have them on the course. I am fully aware that it is a fraudulent act to buy, sell, switch, or in any way wear someone else's number or allow anyone to wear my number. Furthermore, I agree not to go back onto the course after finishing the race or relay leg and I agree not to cross the finish in a relay unless I am running the final leg. Furthermore I agree not to hold hands, embrace or touch other participants or connect two or more runners (i.e. centipedes). I am also aware that this waiver applies to sanctioned races. Knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrator or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue and waive and release and discharge any and all race sponsors, race officials, volunteers, local and state police officers, employees, agents or any of the foregoing, including any and all claims or liability for death, personal injury or property damage of any kind or nature whatsoever arising out of, or in the course of, my participating in this event whether same because by negligence or fault. This release and waiver extends to all claims of every kind or nature whatsoever, foreseen or unforeseen, known or unknown. The undersigned further grants full permission to sponsors or agents authorized by them to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of this event for any purpose. Minors accepted only with a parent or guardian's signature. No refunds will be provided in the event is unable to take place.

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature (for minors under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2017 Pawnee Nation's Events Calendar for Homecoming Weekend

**THURSDAY**  
**JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**7 A.M. FLAG RAISING**  
**Alexander Horsechief**

U.S. Airforce  
@ Dance Grounds

9 a.m.

**COMMUNITY  
HEALTH WALK**

@ Wellness Center  
806 Morris Road

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**HEALTH FAIR**

@ Wellness Center  
806 Morris Road

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**PAWNEE NATION  
MUSEUM EXHIBITION**

HIDDEN VOICES,  
CODED WORDS

@ Cultural Learning Center  
657 Harrison Street

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**CANDIDATE FORUM**

@ Multi-purpose Building  
808 Morris Road

7:30 p.m.

**GRAND ENTRY**

@ Dance Grounds

**FRIDAY**  
**JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**7 A.M. FLAG RAISING**  
**Ellis Horsechief**

U.S. Army  
@ Dance Grounds

9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

**ART SHOW**

@ Buffalo Theatre  
in Downtown Pawnee

11:00 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**PAWNEE NATION  
MUSEUM EXHIBITION**

HIDDEN VOICES,  
CODED WORDS

@ Cultural Learning Center  
657 Harrison Street

1 p.m.

**NAGPRA AND  
REPATRIATION  
BY MAGGIE RICE**

@ Cultural Learning Center  
657 Harrison Street

2 p.m.

**HANDGAME  
COMPETITION  
BETWEEN BANDS**

@ Womans Building

7:30 p.m.

**GRAND ENTRY**

@ Dance Grounds

**SATURDAY**  
**JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**7 A.M. FLAG RAISING**  
**Rowena Salmon**

U.S. Marine Corps  
@ Dance Grounds

8 a.m.

**HAWK CHIEF  
RUN/WALK 5K**

@ Pawnee Football Stadium

9 a.m.

**HORSESHOE  
TOURNAMENT**

@ Fitness Center  
804 Morris Road

9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

**ART SHOW**

@ Buffalo Theatre  
in Downtown Pawnee

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**PAWNEE NATION  
MUSEUM EXHIBITION**

HIDDEN VOICES,  
CODED WORDS

@ Cultural Learning Center  
657 Harrison Street

12 Noon

**HOMECOMING PARADE**

@ Downtown Pawnee

1 p.m.

**LANGUAGE  
PRESENTATION**

BY ZACH RICE &  
TAYLOR MOORE

@ Cultural Learning Center  
657 Harrison Street

2 p.m.

**GOURD DANCING**

@ Roundhouse

7:30 p.m.

**GRAND ENTRY**

@ Dance Grounds

After PowWow

**SOBER 49 CONTEST**

@ Dance Grounds

**SUNDAY**  
**JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**7 A.M. FLAG RAISING**  
**Val Eppler**

U.S. Army  
@ Dance Grounds

2 p.m.

**FINAL  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
HANDGAME**

**BETWEEN BANDS**  
@ Womans Building

2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**ART SHOW**

@ Buffalo Theatre  
in Downtown Pawnee

7:30 p.m.

**GRAND ENTRY**

@ Dance Grounds

All Events are Drug & Alcohol Free

June 29, 2017  
10am - 1pm

Pawnee Nation  
Wellness Center  
806 Morris Rd



## Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Community Health Fair

This free Health Fair is for the Pawnee Community and is open to anyone who would like to attend. We encourage all members of the Pawnee community to attend! There will be 30+ vendors providing information on a variety of health care services and products!

- **Health Walk @ 9:00 AM**  
(Participants will receive free T-Shirt)
- **Door Prizes Beginning at 10:00 AM**
- **Free Health Screenings**
- **Free Lunch**
- **Bounce House for Kids**
- **Free Car Seat Check**  
(Performed by SafeKids Oklahoma)



Sponsored by the Division of Health & Community Services

This is an alcohol, tobacco, and drug free event.

For more information, contact the CHR program at 918-762-3873, ext. 1



SAP/MSPI PREVENTION DAYS  
JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>, JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> 2017

*Let It Begin With Us*

*June 29<sup>th</sup>*  
**Prevention Walk**  
9 am at Roam Chief  
810 Morris Road

*July 1<sup>st</sup>*  
**Horseshoe  
Tournament**  
9 am in Front of Fitness Center  
804 Morris Road



*July 1<sup>st</sup>*  
**Sober "49" Contest**  
After Homecoming PowWow Awarding  
1st, 2nd, and 3rd place

AN ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE  
EVENT SPONSORED BY  
PAWNEE NATION SAP/MSPI  
918 762 2143

## PAWNEE NATION EMPLOYEES CLUB FIREWORKS STAND

Open daily from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. (Sunday through Thursday)

6 p.m. to Midnight - Friday Night (*June 30<sup>th</sup>*)

12 Noon to Midnight - Saturday Night (*July 1<sup>st</sup>*)

12 Noon to Midnight - Monday Night (*July 3<sup>rd</sup>*)

12 Noon to Midnight - Tuesday Night (*July 4<sup>th</sup>*)

LOCATED AT THE NW CORNER OF AGENCY ROAD AND MORRIS ROAD

# 2017 PAWNEE NATION SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD



## 2017 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 June 30, 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.

The Pawnee Nation will be conducting a Special Election on **July 22, 2017**. Position to be filled will be **Third Council Member** (4) Year Position. The filing dates for candidates will be June 7 - 10, 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 filing fee of \$300.00 (three hundred) dollars 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. 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 (July 22, 2017) and must be accompanied with a **copy of 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.

# SPECIAL ELECTIONS



POSITION FOR PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL  
 + Fourth Council Member - (4) Year Position

**ELECTION DAY: JULY 22, 2017**  
**POLLS OPEN 8:00 A.M.**  
**POLLS CLOSE 7:00 P.M.**



- + JUNE 29, 2017  
CANDIDATE FORUM AT  
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING AT 6 PM
- + JUNE 30, 2017  
DEADLINE FOR "REQUEST FOR  
ABSENTEE BALLOTS"
- + CERTIFICATION IS AUGUST 4, 2017
- + INAUGURATION IS AUGUST 5, 2017.



## Pawnee Nation Election Commission

Chairman Cecelia Hawkins  
 Clerk Kyla Wichita  
 Secretary Jamie Nelson  
 Sargent-at-Arms Zachary Rice  
 Alternate Cynthia Butler

**PAWNEE NATION  
ELECTION COMMISSION**  
**PO BOX 600**  
**Pawnee, Oklahoma**  
**74058**

**Phone: 918-223-7735**  
 Email: [electioncomm@pawneenation.org](mailto:electioncomm@pawneenation.org)

**Challenge Period will be from  
 June 12 - 16; Posting of all qualified  
 candidates will be June 19th. For any  
 questions please contact the Election  
 Commission at 918-223-7735 or  
[electioncomm@pawneenation.org](mailto:electioncomm@pawneenation.org)**

## 2017 Special Election of the Pawnee Business Council

Sign-up List (Un-Official)

### PBC Seat #3

Liana Teter

Adrian Spottedhorsechief

Charles "Buddy" Lone Chief, Jr.

Jimmy Whiteshirt

### 2017 SPECIAL ELECTION: SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

June 19, 2017	POST LIST OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES: PAWNEE AGENCY, PAWNEE NATION OFFICES AND SUBMIT TO THE PAWNEE CHIEF AND THE PAWNEE NATION NEWSPAPER FOR PUBLICATION
June 23, 2017	DEADLINE: CANDIDATES STATEMENTS ARE SUBMITTED TO COMMUNICATIONS BY 5 P.M. FOR PUBLICATION IN NEWSLETTER
June 30, 2017	DEADLINE FOR "REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS"
June 29, 2017	CANDIDATE FORUM AT MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING AT 6 PM
July 22, 2017	ELECTION DAY: POLLS OPEN 8:00 A.M. POLLS CLOSE 7:00 P.M.
July 23, 2017	POST ELECTION RESULTS: 10:00 A.M. TRIBAL RESERVE
July 24 - 26, 2017	PROTEST PERIOD: ANY VOTER MAY PROTEST IN WRITING (A REQUEST FOR RECOUNT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH \$500.00 RECOUNT FEE)
July 26, 2017	PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 P.M.
August 2, 2017	ELECTION COMMISSION WILL RESPOND TO PROTESTS NO LATER THAN AUGUST 2, 2017
August 4, 2017	ISSUE CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION
August 5, 2017	INAUGURATION

**WWW.PAWNEENATION.ORG**

**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.



*Take Nothing but*  
**RESPECT**

918-399-3310 Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-799-7233 National Hotline

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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  
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## WHO LIKE GOOD FOOD OR FOOD THAT IS GOOD FOR YOU?

### Data Needed!

Pawnee Nation Title VI Elder Meals Program received a short-term grant from First Nations Development Institute to conduct a Local Food Assessment for our community food access purposes. We hope to gain understanding of Pawnee Nation's current food sovereignty with a focus on Native and non-Native fresh food production and accessibility of these foods for tribal members. Once this data is collected, it will be used to educate tribal members on healthy eating lifestyles, Native food teachings, and how

to produce their own fresh foods for long-term local and sustainable food access to feed generations to come.

**Contact us!** We need your thoughts in the survey that will be conducted during our Pawnee Indian Veterans Homecoming and at the Pawnee Nation Community Health Fair to be held June 29th at the Wellness Center. This time will be our best surveying effort in collecting data ... if you are interested in helping out by conducting the surveys let us know as we

are hoping our little stipend budget will allow survey conductors to have a little more fun during the busy homecoming!

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## CULTURAL RESOURCES DIVISION - SUMMER PLANS

Cultural Resources Division (CDR) is going to be announcing an upcoming date for a community meeting in July to discuss the plans for a trip to Dannebrog, NE for their Total Eclipse Celebration during the weekend of Aug 20-21, 2017.

We will also give an update for our Pawnee/Arikara Reunion which will be in September 2017.

Our staff will working on upcoming repatriations, assisting with summer

youth camps ,working with other departments, attending trainings, and trying to hire a new Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO).

### **Veterans Health Care Registration and Benefits Fair**

The Department of Veterans Affairs has partnered with the Pawnee Indian Health Center to provide no-cost Veterans enrollment services and benefits information. This will be an opportunity for Veterans to get their questions answered about what benefits they may be eligible for. All community Veterans will be able to apply for VA Health Care benefits with on-site VA staff members from both the Muskogee VA Regional Office and VA Medical Center.

Representatives from the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) service organization will be available to assist Veterans in completing Disability claims and providing follow-up to submitted claims.

Benefit counseling and written materials will be available for dependents and survivors, including: Health care, education, pension, VA home loan guaranty and military burial and memorial.

To complete the enrollment process, please bring a copy of the following Veteran's documents: Discharge papers (DD-214), Social Security card and household income from previous and current year. If the Veteran does not have their discharge papers the DAV representative can assist in ordering the document.

The Veterans Fair will be on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Located at the Pawnee Indian Health Center, 1201 Heritage Circle, Pawnee, Oklahoma. Veterans, family members, caregivers and anyone interested in Veterans benefits are encouraged to attend. No appointments are necessary. Check-in at the Operator's booth at the main entrance and proceed to the Conference Room.

For more information call Gertrude Lee, Patient Benefits Coordinator, Pawnee Indian Health Center at 918-762-6632.

## **BUFFALO THEATRE ART SHOW**

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## A Note from Tom . . .

Dear Tribal People,

I have noticed a few changes in recent years and I would like to voice my opinions. The first being how there has been a sudden and great interest by our youth to sing around the drum and sing Pawnee songs. I am glad to see that happening. There are those mature individuals like Herb and Frank Adson who have taken considerable efforts in helping our youth. And there have been also like; Levi HorseChief, Wilson Moore and the Knife Chiefs', who have also contributed greatly to this effort.

I would like to remind the ladies to wear their beautiful shawls when they dance with the drum. Everything about our Pawnee- ways are based upon the concept of respect. I've been asked, if a young man or rather, can a man dance around the drum without an Indian outfit/regalia? I said, "Yes." Just remember, respect is the key word. Remove your hat or cap and dance. Pawnee's have Tail dancing. If you dance the "tail" you must give away.

I've also been asked, "I wish to honor so-n'-so but don't know how to go about it?" Well you could go one of three ways:

1. Native American Church;
2. Handgame; 3. Dance.

I'll try and explain briefly each way:

#1. The Native American Church is something I know very little about. I have not been involved, but do know of several tribal members active in the church and its' ways. There also is a Pawnee Chapter Native American Church. However, the folks who go this route know the proper ways and people. Those who don't go this way, best consider alternatives.

#2. Handgame. A Handgame

The registration forms were to be returned to Secretarial Election Board, Pawnee Agency, on or before Monday, June 8, 1998.

The packets included the proposed Constitutional revision and the existing Pawnee Tribal Constitution.

A list of registered voters has been posted at least 20 days prior to the election at the Pawnee Agency, BIA; the Pawnee Tribal Courthouse; Pawnee Tribal Administration Building; Albin LeadingFox Building; Roam Chief Building; Pawnee Tribal Housing Authority; Pawnee Indian Health Clinic; and Pawnee Post Office.

is a more lighter, not so serious type of way to honor someone. However; It doesn't take away from the importance of the situation as it does have its' serious-type songs and sincere speeches. Gifts are presented, games are played, teasing is permitted. More of a joyous occasion. To sponsor a handgame the first thing you need to do is contact a family, individual or organization who has Handgame Sticks. These sticks were given to them by way of honoring them or a carried down tradition and much responsibility comes with them. The Stick holders are responsible for the dinner and conducting of a handgame from the beginning to the end. The sponsors are primarily responsible for the financial support. To begin; you go to the keeper of the Handgame Sticks and tell them of your intent and purpose. It has always been traditional to take along a few gift-type items such as: tobacco, meat, flour and other such food items. Just a small grocery bag full. That's called respect. And even if that particular Stickholder is completely unable to assist you. You still leave the grocery bag. The following is a list of those that I know who have the Sticks and please forgive me if I leave someone out:

1. Wilson Moore
2. Nora Pratt
3. War Mothers'
4. Pawnee Indian Veterans
5. Pocahontas club
6. Tom Morgan family
7. Knife Chiefs'

3. A Dance. A dance is the most exorbitant and involved way to go. Most generally the family puts this on for the honoree. You definitely need to have someone in your family who is experienced and knowledgeable about such things. Now, one avenue to holding a dance is through the Pawnee Indian Veterans. The only time they will co-sponsor a dance is if a veteran is involved. Primarily, one on active duty. And there have been times when the Pawnee

Veterans have co-sponsored with another tribe in this way.

How to give away.

Pawnees have a unique way of giving-away. It's a humble way. You dance the Tail of a song, then go up to the speakers' stand and tell the emcee; who you are honoring, why? And giving what to who? The emcee will speak for you and call upon the proper individuals. Your give-away can consist of money,

a blanket a shawl, or a pledge to donate.

If you have a need to expound on your feelings, you get a man from your family to speak for you. It is the tradition of the Pawnees that women do not speak for themselves. They have a respected male from their family speak for them. I can hear people saying, times have changed. We don't have to stick to such traditions.

I'm not saying you have to. I'm just telling you the way it is.

The danger of change is subtle when it comes to customs, traditions and the like.

Once you start chipping away at the remnant then what remains is a mish-mash of inter-tribal traditions. Yes some do have other Tribal blood in them and that's fine, but when in Rome.. Oh, one more thing; when attending a Mourning Feast, be reverent! The same respect as if going into a church.

Well that's all have to say for now. My object is to be helpful and to give some guidance and that's all

Past Article submitted by:  
Florence Good Fox

**TAX OFFICE  
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Friday  
June 30, 2017  
8 a.m. - Noon**

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Building**

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Friday  
June 30, 2017  
Noon - 4 p.m.**

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74058  
Room 121, & Room 117**

# Obituaries

## Florence Mae (Roberts) Alexander



Florence joined her beloved relatives in heaven Monday, April 24, 2017. Florence lived a long and happy life. She celebrated her 104th birthday on April 12, 2017. She passed away peacefully at the home of her son, Lew. She was a long time resident of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Florence's grandfather was Chief Rush Roberts.

Florence was preceded in death by her parents Henry and Rose Roberts, her sister Edith Beardsley, her aunts Vivian Archambault and Lena Tafoya as well as her brothers and her granddaughter Kelley Medina. She is survived by her son Lewis Alexander and her daughter Nancy Gomez, her husband Johnny all in Albuquerque. Grandsons Jeffrey and Bill Alexander, Marc, Eric, Jesse, and Jason Gomez and several great grand children. She enjoyed playing the piano and giving piano lessons. She also lived to dance. She went dancing with her grandson, Jeffrey Alexander on her 100th birthday. She will be truly missed by all her family and friends. A rosary was recited Friday, April 28, 2017, 8:00 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 8:30 a.m., both at Our Lady of the Annunciation Catholic Church in Albuquerque, N.M. Interment was at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

## Elmer Taylor

March 1, 1925 - June 5, 2017



Elmer Taylor was born March 1, 1925 to George and Viola Taylor in Pawnee, Oklahoma. He departed this life June 5, 2017 at the age of 92 years, 3 months and 4 days.

He attended Chiloco Indian School. He was united in marriage to Alice Blower March 26, 1960. They enjoyed 48 years together before her passing in 2008.

Elmer retired from Kwikset Corporation. He enjoyed Indian painting and watching basketball games.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews and close friends, Frank and Margaret Keeter and George and Diane McMillan, along with numerous other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife and sister.

Funeral services are scheduled for 1:00PM, Thursday, June 8, 2017 at Hutchins Maples Matherly Funeral Chapel with Reverend Billy Fechner officiating.

# TRAVEL REPORT - PAWNEE SEED PRESERVATION PROJECT

**May 11-12, 2017**  
**Lincoln, Nebraska**  
**Thursday, May 11**

Attendees: Deb Echohawk, Sherry, Harrison Perry, Brian Kirk, Laura Melton, Dorna Battese, Dr. Tom Hogemeyer and Marc Dahan.

We arrived at Lincoln, NE about 4:30 p.m. After a short break we had our first private meeting with two (2) consultants: Dr. Tom Hogemeyer and Marc Dahan.

The main topic of discussion was intellectual property and 5 main ways that the Pawnee could consider to protect the heritage seeds. They described the pros and cons of each type of strategy. One example is moving towards pursuing a 'patent' which only last a certain amount of time after which it will become public. Another example would be the 'contract' strategy. An example given was the Oaxaca Indigenous group which sells a tasty white corn to upscale clients in New York and the west coast. Methods discussed were techniques such as DNA identification which identifies the seeds as distinct to the Pawnee people. The other main topic was once identification was accomplished how the seed project could translate into economic development to provide sustainability by providing products made from Pawnee corn. Deb interjected the history of the corn project thus far that involved the trust between the Nebraska gardeners over the span of thirteen (13) years without a "contract". She emphasized the role of the Nazaro Chiefs role over the years as well. This meeting lasted from approximately 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

**Friday, May 12, 2017**

The Chief Standing Bear Breakfast took place downtown Lincoln, NE with an

opening ceremony and accompanying dignitaries such as Executive Director of Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs, Ms. Judi Gaiashkibosflags, State Senator Tom Brewer, Larry Wright Jr., Ponca Tribe of Nebraska and the keynote speaker Ms. Irene Bedard among others. After the invocation, three essay winners read their essays with the overall theme of Standing Bear's story of courage and ensuring his voice as a human being was heard.

Our benefactress, Mrs. Natalie Hahn provided the funds necessary for our participation in the breakfast commemoration. After the breakfast I began to meet the gardeners, Ronnie O'Brien, Lynn Krabiel, Roger Woolsey, Marlan Ideus, Pat Hogeland, and Sherrie



Ideus, and Ms. Irene Bedard provided dramatic storytelling intertwined with her speech outlining her background as a native Alaskan, Inupiat, Yupik, and Cree and her activism in indigenous causes as well as her involvement with the U.N. She was just appointed to the Indigenous Consulate for Cities of Peace to the United Nations.

Our next activity was a chance to share the PSPP story with a tribal group. We were invited to eat lunch back at our hotel, The Country Inn and Suites,

again sponsored by Mrs. Natalie Hahn. The tribes were gathered as part of consultation as NAGPRA representatives. The Pawnee Seed Preservation Project was invited to make a presentation to the tribal group during the lunch. Deb and Ronnie O'Brien outlined the highlights and trials and tribulations dating back to the 1980s.

After lunch we toured two (2) facilities: University of Nebraska's Greenhouse Innovation Center and the Food Innovation Center. The Greenhouse was super huge with many bells and whistles, mechanics and robots. Deb felt ill shortly upon entering the building so we came to the conclusion this place is probably not for our Pawnee seeds.

Across the street at the Food Innovation Center, Dr. Andrew Benson, Director addressed our group made up of all of us from the tribe as well as our Nebraska gardeners. They gave us an overview of what they do at this center and the latest innovations and issues of food product development. Also Dr. Jacques Izard addressed us as well. The University of Nebraska would be interested in working/ assisting/or guiding the tribe through securing intellectual property, genome identification and product development. They also mentioned that OSU should have similar capability. I asked for Dr. Benson's business card and he gave me a website for more information: [foodforhealth.unl.edu](http://foodforhealth.unl.edu).

Our final stop was at Del Ficke's Family farm where we met him and his wife. The farm is impressive and Del is very friendly. We asked and he allowed us to gather cedar. We briefly discussed the plan for the paid internships this year and the training on July 20-21.



Our other main highlight was our stop on the way up after we ate lunch at the Pawnee Sacred Site, “Horse Dung on a Hill”. We had enough time to walk around, explore, and enjoy this special place.

This Pawnee Seed Preservation Project inspired me with a spiritual awareness that our Pawnee heritage seeds have truly been revived by the invaluable nurturing of our friends in Nebraska who

voluntarily grow our seeds as a labor of love. The various stories from both Deb and the gardeners truly paint a picture of something bigger and more important than ourselves. The spiritual aspect of our Pawnee heritage seeds continues to guide this project.

I am hopeful that this project’s story can be shared in a good way with the Pawnee people of all ages, the youth, adults and elders so that all can be more involved. First and foremost is the return of our healthy traditional foods that for hundreds or thousands of years have nurtured us; second is educating ourselves in the unique engineering techniques that our ancestors (most likely our women) employed in addressing pestilence,

critter issues, let alone the fact that they developed a corn that can water itself since the plants were left alone for 3 months during the buffalo hunt.

In my humble opinion this trip has been the best educational trip that I have attended in recent memory. I feel like I made new friends during my short time there. The Nebraska gardeners are everyday down to earth Nebraskans who have changed and impacted our people’s health and welfare and spiritual lives. Our lunch break on the way up to a Pawnee sacred site, “Horse Dung on a Hill” impacted me in a big way: the peacefulness, the wonderful fragrance and the mere sight of this place with the unique rocks will not soon be forgotten.

## PAWNEE NATION POLICE DEPARTMENT



The Pawnee Nation Police Department’s Dispatcher/Administrative Assistant, Courtney Turner, attended a two week

‘Basic Telecommunications Officer Training Program’ beginning March 20, 2017 and ending with a graduation ceremony on March 31, 2017. This intensive training is a requirement of the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Dispatch Officers, and is held at the Indian Police Academy in Artesia, NM. Due to the strict discipline taught during these two weeks; Dispatch Officers are required to be in para-military formation prior to class time every morning and are required to carry themselves in a professional manner during their training period. Courses offered during this training consisted of Active Shooter Response, Hostage Negotiations, Domestic Violence Intervention, 911 Liability, Suicide Intervention, Disasters and the Dispatcher, and Protecting Law Enforcement Responders. Courtney is the first PNPD Dispatch Officer

to attend this training held at the IPA. We are proud of her and we are also appreciative of her for taking this time away from her family to complete this training.



## CAWI BAND NEWS

**THE CAWI BAND MET ON MAY 6, 2017 TO ELECT NEW RESARUS. SELECTED FOR FIRST RESARU WAS MATT REED & FOR SECOND RESARU WAS JIMMY HORN.**

**THERE WILL BE A CAWI BAND MEETING ON JULY 1, 2017 AT THE ROUNDHOUSE AT 1PM. AN AFTERNOON MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED FOR BAND MEMBERS.**



## TRIBAL NEWS

Rory Taylor '18 has been awarded two prestigious national awards simultaneously — the Truman and Udall scholarships — to support his work on Native American issues and his education. Environmental Analysis Professor Char Miller calls Taylor's twofold achievement in one moment "an extraordinary accomplishment and wonderful reflection of his manifold abilities."

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship supports the graduate studies and career development of exceptional college juniors who have demonstrated that they are change agents in public service. The Udall Undergraduate Scholarship will support Taylor during his final year at Pomona, in recognition of his leadership, public service and commitment to issues related to Native American nations.

Taylor, an international relations major who is Pawnee-Choctaw hailing from Minneapolis, says he is interested in working to connect tribal communities to cities. For example, establishing a tribal government presence in cities with a large number of tribal citizens. He hopes to help these communities "share in a larger vision of prosperity." As a soon-to-be senior, he says he is still exploring ways to best accomplish this vision.

"I really just am devoted to politics and policy in my heart so the opportunity to work on campaigns and work for different levels of government is always something that I've found immensely interesting and useful," Taylor says.

Taylor got a head start on the path to fulfilling his vision when he spoke on educational equity for Native American youth at the White House

Tribal Nations Conference his sophomore year. Since then, he helped launch the Indigenous Peer Mentoring Program at The Claremont Colleges and also worked for the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, acting as a liaison to the 567 federally-recognized tribal nations in the U.S. Currently, Taylor is studying abroad in Geneva, Switzerland, researching



the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and how it is utilized by the indigenous in the U.S.

Taylor's advisor, International Relations Professor Pierre Englebert, describes his student as "serious, thoughtful, reflective and self-reflective," as well as careful and rigorous in his thinking on difficult questions of discrimination, identity politics and minority rights.

The Truman Scholarship awards up to \$30,000 for graduate studies in the U.S. or abroad in a very wide range of careers dedicated to public service. But for Taylor, the Truman is about more than the financial reward.

"It's a recognition of my place in America. I come from both immigrant and Indigenous

communities who have practiced methods of resilience and resistance since their inception and to recognize that I am helping to fulfill and continue that legacy is immensely powerful," he says.

According to Miller, who recommended him for the \$7,000 Udall Scholarship, Taylor's engagement and activism have been "catalytic, the unifying force." He points to Taylor's direct impact on the number of indigenous students now enrolled at Pomona, the momentum towards developing a Native Studies curriculum and the connections forged with local tribal elders and the communities they represent.

"More subtle, but no less vital, has been his impact on me. He has profoundly shaped what I think about, read, and teach; an incredible gift to receive after 37 years of teaching at the undergraduate level."

Taylor says that although the awards are slightly different — with the Truman covering public service more broadly and the Udall being focused on Native American issues — they represent a convergence of his interests and values and connect him to networks that can help identify innovative policy solutions for the problems he sees.

"Between the awards and what they represent, I think it will give me the opportunity to reflect on how I want to serve communities that I care about in the future, and what is the best path to do that," says Taylor.

Story By:

Sneha Abraham

<https://www.pomona.edu/news/2017/05/01-rory-taylor-18-wins-truman-and-udall-scholarships-his-work-native-american-issues>

**THE ICW PROGRAM IS SEEKING FOSTER PARENTS.**  
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WOMEN'S MARCH IN D.C.  
JANUARY 2017**

Jennifer George, Kimberly Miller,  
Bobby Robedeaux, Angie Echo-Hawk,  
Olivia Ramirez, and Ashley Crawford.



Exchange student Gabriel Padilha received a Pawnee Nation Pendleton blanket from Jake and Kristen Leading Fox to congratulate him for his high school Graduation in 2017. This photo was taken in Maceió, Brazil. Gabriel really enjoyed learning about the Pawnee tradition and culture while he was living here in Cleveland, Oklahoma.

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