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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Nawa,  
Many questions have come up about the money the Pawnee received from the U.S. Government. We have been given many suggestions from tribal members, from one stating that we should give \$1 million to the Pawnee Nation College, some say increase the burial fund, support the Elder's and education, for helping ones who want to start a business, for programs that are being cut by the federal government and of course for per cap.

The money is in an account drawing interest and the Council is listening to all suggestions and deciding what to do. We realize that we are only caretakers of the money and the Council is meeting weekly to come up with the best formula.

Currently we are working with the Head Chief to have a joint meeting scheduled with the Busi-

ness Council and the Nasharo Council to get their input.

There have been many phone calls with ideas of splitting the money half and half, others wanting it fully distributed one way and others want it fully distributed another way. We are working diligently to try to make everyone happy and your suggestions will not be taken lightly.

This money did not come from a land claim like the last settlement in the 1960s. For that settlement, the Council at that time had many discussions on how the money was to be used and distributed. The Council did not jump into any immediate decisions; they took their time with the process.

Many people have asked me what I would do with the money and I don't want to commit myself, because I could use the money just like anybody else, but yet the College and burial need funds, the Elders Program was cut and we had to fund it, education is getting more expensive all the time, and Indian Health has had a shortfall. All the time there are more needs for prescriptions and eyeglasses that Indian Health Services cannot fill. I have worked so much with Indian Health that I have seen the needs of our Tribal members and others concerning health care issues.

We all have many needs out there and I do realize that Pawnee has one of the highest utility rates in the State of Oklahoma. With this hot weather everyone, including myself, is struggling with utility bills. Everybody would like to have a new automobile but the price of gas is so high that it is digging into everybody's pocket book. The price of food is going up because of the drought. I have been hearing what people are saying about per cap and it is not falling on deaf ears. But there are so many needs out there for the Nation and the little ones. We have to consider, if we do per cap, do we give it to their folks? Do we put it in an account to draw interest until they are 18? How do we handle that for them? There are a lot of decisions to be made about that.

We send a reminder that our relatives, the Wichita's are here for Visitation until August 4th. August 4th being the Giveaway Day, War Dance and the end of the Tobacco Ceremony. This Tobacco Ceremony has been going on probably for centuries, no one really knows. If you don't understand this trading of tobacco between the Wichita's and Pawnee's you ought to come out and observe and enjoy the fellowship between our Tribe and the Kiri Kuruks (little bears), the Wichita's. The first camps came in on July 25th and we have been playing handgame nightly since the 26th. With the heat the Tribe had opened up the Roam Chief Event Center to our relatives to provide them with a place to relax and stay cool. Thanks to all the Tribal members and organizations who have provided meals, supplied ice, water and activities. It was greatly appreciated. Also thanks to everyone who added to the table for the evening meals. It has been a pleasure to see my Wichita girlfriend Madeline and it is always a pleasure to visit with all of our Wichita relatives.

It is good to be back at work. Thank you to everyone for your prayers, visits and phone calls, it is appreciated. Thank you to Anne Collins for the delicious coconut pie.

A couple of holidays have passed. I hope everyone had a good time in honoring their father on Father's Day. I was not able to attend the Memorial Day Dance but I did hear that it was a good dance.

Best wishes to all our graduates. They are now starting a new life and wherever life may lead them our prayers go with them. I was able to attend the Pawnee Indian Veterans 66th Homecoming and it was enjoyable. It was good to see old friends and family that come home and visit during this time.

In closing I will say that no matter what anyone says, we are the greatest Nation, the Pawnee Nation, and I stand firm that we can accomplish anything with continued prayer and love for one another. Thank you to the Pawnee Nation Employees for their tireless dedication to serve the Pawnee Nation and our Pawnee Members.

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The Pawnee Indian Veterans 66th Annual Homecoming Powwow held June 28 - 30 and July 1 honored military from the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard. Additional photos available on pages 13 and 14.

"Message From The President" Photo Caption:  
President Marshall Gover standing in front of the Pawnee Flag. Photo by Toni Hill.

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**Education**

Free General Educational Development (GED) classes will resume in September. For more information, call (918)762-3227.

**Health**

Substance Abuse Program (SAP) Every Wednesday of the month, the SAP support group meets from 7 - 8 p.m. in the SAP building. For more information, call (918) 762-2153.

**Diabetes Program**

On Wednesdays from 11 a.m. - noon and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. the Diabetes Program provides blood sugar checks. For details, call (918) 762-4045.

**Title VI Senior Program**

Bingo held from 12:30 to 1:30 every Wednesday and a 50/50 raffle and bake sale sponsored every other Friday beginning April 6. For more information, contact the Title VI Senior Program at (918) 762-4042.

**August 4**

Quarterly Meeting held at the Roam Chief at 9 a.m. For more information, call (918) 762-3621.

**Pawnee Business Council Meetings**

Aug. 8, 22 and Sept. 12, 26  
Pawnee Business Council Meetings held in the Roam Chief Building. Prayer Breakfast

held Aug. 8 and Sept. 12 beginning at 7:30 a.m. Dates subject to change. For more information, call (918) 762-3621.

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## Conservation Partners Hold Outreach Meeting to Announce NRCS National Water Quality Initiative Conservation in North Central Oklahoma

By Carol Crouch

NRCS National American Indian Alaskan Native Program Manager



Photo by Toni Hill

NRCS and Pawnee Nation Speakers included (Left to Right Top Row) Kenny Hitch, Chad Kacir, Charles Lone Chief, Kelly Kersey, Caleb Stone and Matt Ward. (Left to Right Bottom Row) Russell Peterson, Lanny Miller, Joy Martin, Gary O'Neill and David Hungerford.

The Oklahoma Tribal Conservation Advisory Council (OTCAC), Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) partnered to sponsor a conservation informational meeting to discuss funding opportunities for local Tribes, tribal landowners and farmers and ranchers under the new NRCS National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) in North Central Oklahoma.

The new NWQI is committed to improving impaired watersheds lo-

cated within the Panther Creek and Oak Creek areas of the greater Black Bear – Red Rock Watershed and the Turkey Creek and Sand Creek areas of the greater Lower Cimarron – Skeleton Creek Watersheds in Oklahoma. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's NRCS will manage the initiative by making funds available to tribes, farmers, ranchers and forest landowners in the selected watersheds.

An outreach meeting was held on May 18, 2012, at the Pawnee Nation

Roam Chief Event Center located on the Pawnee Nation reserve, in Pawnee, Okla. The meeting was designed to provide attendees with the information on the application process, approved practices and the ranking process for the new NWQI.

The meeting began with an opening prayer by Pawnee Business Council Vice President Charles "Buddy" Lone Chief. The meeting was facilitated and moderated by Dr. Carol Crouch, NRCS National American Indian Alaskan Native Program Manager, District Conservationist and NRCS OT-CAC and tribal liaison.

Welcomes were provided by Lone Chief and Gary O'Neill, NRCS assistant state conservationist for Operations.

Attendees included Joy Martin, Pawnee County and the Pawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; David Hungerford, Payne County and Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma and Rusty Peterson, Noble County and Otoe-Missouria Tribe. These NRCS individuals will be assisting eligible producers in the Panther Creek-Oak Creek watersheds who are willing to invest in voluntary conservation actions to

help provide cleaner water for their neighbors and communities. Using funds from the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, NRCS will provide financial assistance and technical advice to producers to install conservation practices such as cover crops, filter strips and terraces in watersheds with impairments where the federal investment can make a difference to improve water quality. Kenny Hitch, NRCS program manager, provided attendees with an overview of the NWQI. Kelly Kersey, Pawnee Nation environmental specialist, presented on the water plan of Pawnee Nation, their water quality monitoring initiatives and shared their community education success of the Pawnee Nation.

Also present were Pawnee Nation Executive Director Dawna Hare, Pawnee Nation Communications Manager Toni Hill, NRCS Assistant State Conservationists for Field Operations Lanny Miller, Caleb Stone and Chad Kacir and Program Manager for Northeastern Oklahoma Matt Ward. Lunch was provided by the Oklahoma Tribal Conservation Advisory Council and the Pawnee Nation Stone Wolf deli.

## Archway Interns Are 'Flash Drives' For Tribe

By Lori Potter

World-Herald News Service

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Sonny Howell, left, and Michael Knifechief are the first two of six interns in a new summer program to bring members of the Pawnee Tribe from Oklahoma to the Great Platte River Road Archway Monument. They will tend to Pawnee crops and talk to archway visitors in the earth lodge. Photograph reprinted with permission of World-Herald News Service.

KEARNEY, Neb. — It was more than just to escape the heat and wind that people were drawn to the earth lodge at the Great Platte River Road Archway Monument over Memorial Day weekend.

They were also there to learn about earth lodges from two men whose 19th-century Nebraska ancestors lived in earth lodges.

“They were just magnets to people,” Ronnie O’Brien, the archway’s director of cultural education, said of Sonny Howell, 55, and Michael Knifechief, 24, the first two of six Pawnee interns from Oklahoma who will be paid archway staff this summer. Each team of two will stay five to six weeks.

The interns also will work in the archway gardens to learn about cultivating varieties of corn, beans and sunflowers once grown by the Pawnee before they were relocated by the U.S. government from Nebraska to Oklahoma in 1873 and 1874.

The internship program is another step in a project initiated by O’Brien and Deb Echo-Hawk, Pawnee Nation education and training director, in 2007 to rebuild the severely depleted seed bank for ancient varieties of Pawnee corn

grown in the tribe’s Nebraska homeland.

O’Brien and other Nebraska gardeners have grown corn and beans the past five years and sent most of the seeds to Oklahoma.

The relationship has grown to include a Dancers of the Plains powwow every third weekend in June, involving the Pawnee and several other tribes, and now the internship program. O’Brien said she never dreamed that so many activities would result from her interest in planting a Pawnee garden at the archway.

“It was a very important part of their culture. ... The interns will see these crops growing in their homeland, where they grow best. So this fall, when (the seeds) go to the Pawnee, they will have helped to grow them,” she said.

Nursing Pawnee crops all the way to harvest remains a challenge.

O’Brien said she “watered day and night” in 2011 trying to produce eagle corn, with its white kernels and purple splotches resembling wings. The corn grew, set on ears and silked, “but it was too hot for the corn to accept the pollen.”

Tiny corn plants just inches tall

have started to push through the soil in the archway’s garden this year.

Howell, an artist, and Knifechief, a junior music major at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo., quickly embraced the interns’ roles as earth lodge hosts and gardeners after arriving May 24 in Kearney.

On his first day, Knifechief replanted spotted beans in a garden east of the earth lodge.

“He’s really taken ownership of the bean garden,” O’Brien said, explaining that she couldn’t get enough water to the first crop to prevent it from succumbing to the May heat and high winds.

Howell suggested that, in replanting the beans, the seeds with most of the original characteristics should be planted in a separate area, where they can’t be cross-pollinated.

On their second day as interns, Howell and Knifechief planted the archway’s first crop of Ponca gray corn and began working as cultural interpreters in the earth lodge. O’Brien said there were so many visitors over the holiday weekend, it was difficult for the men to take breaks.

“I lose time in there,” Howell said, adding that most questions he answered were about how many people lived in an earth lodge. His answer: It depends on the size of the lodge.

On his days off he plans to visit the Genoa area and other parts of the Pawnee homeland to collect stories that are important to Pawnee culture, and take photos that will give him ideas for paintings.

Howell said he has loved art since he was a child and ultimately earned a scholarship from Oklahoma State University. His artwork has been selected three times for the annual Pawnee Veterans Powwow and Homecoming program cover.

He recalled a past visit to Genoa

when he looked at the Loup River and knew it was the missing image needed for a painting that included buffalo crossing the river.

He gave the painting to a relative, who had a common Pawnee reaction to the gift.

“Usually people have nothing to say,” Howell said, which is a compliment. “I know they’re overwhelmed by it.”

Knifechief is in Nebraska for the first time.

His first love is music — he taught himself to play guitar as a high school senior — but he’s looking for a well-rounded experience as an archway intern. He said he learned many things about Pawnee history and the importance of corn to the culture during his internship orientation in Oklahoma.

“I feel a part of my tribe doing this,” Knifechief said, adding that one of his responsibilities is to take home what he learns “like a flash drive for the tribe.”

“I’m not a gardener or anything. I’ve never really done that,” he said. “It’s a physical experience and also spiritual, with what the seeds mean to my people.”

Sitting in the earth lodge, which is cousin helped build, Knifechief said: “Nothing should be forgotten.”

He’s proud that his grandfather Dennis Knifechief played an important role in Pawnee history by preserving striped corn seeds.

“I never met him,” Michael Knifechief said, “but it’s still meaningful to me to know that he preserved the seeds — good medicine, if you will.”

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## College Profs Learn About Native Americans

By Julie Blum

The Columbus Telegram

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Pat Leading Fox sings a song in honor of six Pawnee scouts buried at Valley View Cemetery located south of Genoa Tuesday afternoon during a Native American Workshop for community college teachers across the country. Read more: [http://columbustelegram.com/news/local/education/college-profs-learn-about-native-americans/article\\_dfee44be-c11b-11e1-8b67-0019bb2963f4.html#ixzz2119VEghM](http://columbustelegram.com/news/local/education/college-profs-learn-about-native-americans/article_dfee44be-c11b-11e1-8b67-0019bb2963f4.html#ixzz2119VEghM). This photograph was reprinted with permission of The Columbus Telegram.

GENOA — The walls that surrounded Judi gaiashkibos once enclosed the classroom where her mother was educated more than 80 years ago.

Her mom was one of the students at the Genoa Indian School, a federally operated boarding school where Native American children received vocational training. The school was open from 1884-1934 and now is a museum.

It served as a training ground for assimilation into white society. Unlike some children, gaiashkibos' mother went to the school willingly.

"The transition to the Genoa Indian School at that time wasn't as brutal," gaiashkibos said.

When it first opened, children were sometimes stolen from their homes and placed in the school. Their long hair was cut, and they were even doused in gasoline to get rid of lice. They would be without contact from their family for years at a time.

The later years of the school were much more civil. That is what made the decision for gaiashkibos' mom to attend Genoa Indian School in the 1920s easier.

"My mother came here to the

school partly because it was a necessity. She was one of nine siblings, so that meant one less mouth to feed. But it was also because of education," gaiashkibos said.

The effects the school had on her mother were long-lasting, and even rubbed off on gaiashkibos as she grew up. She shared some of those feelings during a Native Americans workshop for community college teachers hosted by Central Community College-Columbus.

Educators across the country are taking part in the two-week workshop visiting Native American sites in Nebraska and Kansas. The main focus of the workshop is on indigenous people of the eastern part of the state, including the Pawnee, Ponca and Omaha tribes. Part of their day Tuesday was spent in Nance County, viewing the Indian School and stopping by the Pawnee Reburial Memorial in Genoa's Valley View Cemetery.

AnnMarie Beasley, a teacher at Cosumnes River College in Sacramento, Calif., was one of the 50 educators to take part in the workshop. She said reading about the sites they visited in textbooks doesn't compare to witnessing the sites first-

hand. That is the reason she took part in the workshop.

"It definitely gives you a better understanding of the Plains culture. The place is part of that," Beasley said. In particular, she said, Nebraska seems to be proud of its Native American culture.

Part of the experience was visiting with scholars, researchers and tribal leaders. Among them was Pat Leading Fox, head chief of the Nasharo Council of the Pawnee Nation. He performed a song at the Valley View Cemetery that was specifically created for the Pawnee Scouts. The bodies of several Pawnee Indians were reburied at the cemetery after being held at museums for years. Among the reburied in the cemetery are six Pawnee Scouts.

The Scouts were recruited to be part of the United States Army in the mid-19th Century. They were a key asset in America's westward expansion and in the building of the Union Pacific railroad.

A scholar in the program, gaiashkibos, is executive director of Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs.

She said the impact of her mother going to the Genoa Indian School was both positive and negative. Her mother learned cooking skills, which she used her entire life, and also a strong work ethic. But also mixed in were messages of shame that Indian people weren't good enough. That stuck with her mother and was also

passed on to gaiashkibos, who said she still struggles with self-esteem at times.

In her position, gaiashkibos works to improve and promote cooperation between state and tribal government. One of the battles she faces is breaking down stereotypes.

"When you say Native American, usually something comes to mind. It is an image, a stereotype. We are very limited in your mind what we can do," she said, adding that it isn't a challenge that European descendants have to face.

But one of the messages that she preaches is overcoming preconceived notions.

"Sometimes we are our own worst enemies, but you can't paint us all with one paintbrush. All Indian people are not all one thing, but we can be everything we think we can be," gaiashkibos said.

Read more: [http://columbustelegram.com/news/local/education/college-profs-learn-about-native-americans/article\\_dfee44be-c11b-11e1-8b67-0019bb2963f4.html#ixzz2115U3spo](http://columbustelegram.com/news/local/education/college-profs-learn-about-native-americans/article_dfee44be-c11b-11e1-8b67-0019bb2963f4.html#ixzz2115U3spo)

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# Pawnee Nation Expansion Enters Final Stages

By Muriel Robedeaux  
ICDBG coordinator



The Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement Center reaches the final stages in construction.

Current construction projects include final stages of construction on the Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement Center, final design stage for the renovation of the Roundhouse and the Pawnee Tribal Elders Center which is just beginning its design phase.

The Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement Center is nearing completion and become operational no later than October of this year, if not sooner. This new facility is located at the corner of Click Field Road, Round House Road and Heritage Circle Drive.

of access entrances and parking areas.

The Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement Center was designed by Anishinabe Design of Norman, Okla. with construction provided by Builder's Unlimited of Tulsa, Okla.

This new building is funded by U.S. Housing and Urban Development under the FY 2010 - Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG). Pawnee Nation's Transportation Department contributed additional funding for the creation

Amenities include seven offices, a reception area and a conference room that doubles as a safe area during inclement weather to accommodate more than 150 people.

The design phase for the Tribal Roundhouse is nearing completion. The Construction Management Firm (Builder's Unlimited, Tulsa) will soon completed the final cost estimate for this project and the bid process will begin in the near future.

The Elders Center will soon begin its' design phase. One Architecture is the design firm that was recently selected by the Pawnee Business Council for this project. This new Elders Center will be located east of the Tribal Roundhouse and will be approximately 3,800 square feet in size.

"These facilities will not only benefit Pawnee Nation, but the city of Pawnee, the County and the federal government as well," said Marshall Gover, president of the Pawnee Business Council. "The Pawnee Tribe will be on the forefront of helping with the economic development of the City of Pawnee. Even though the Pawnee Tribe is a small tribe, we are the greatest Nation on the face of the earth!"

Photo by Muriel Robedeaux



This site will be converted into a parking area for the Elders Center.

Photo by Muriel Robedeaux



The new tile for the Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement Center.

Photo by Muriel Robedeaux

# Entry Project, U.S. 64 To Tribal Headquarters, Underway

By Jim McCormick  
Project Manager



Photo submitted by the Transportation Department

The new bridge will benefit residents and visitors by providing additional access within Pawnee County.

The new entry bridge and grading work included in Phase 1 of the U.S. 64 To Tribal Headquarters project is now completed. The Phase B paving work is being advertised for bids, which must be received by Aug. 2, 2012. If the lowest bid is within the engineering budget, then the Pawnee Nation Transportation Division will initiate a contract with the successful bidder to perform the work, which should be completed by the end of this year.

Recently the Transportation Department hosted a field review

Highway Administration (FHWA) offices in Oklahoma City, Okla. and Dallas, Texas. The purpose of the review was to witness a project with sustainability and livability features being a major consideration.

Since this type of project meets all the FHWA guidelines for their new project modeling for future funding, there was a desire to make an on-site visit to compare actual field data to what they had monitored by correspondence throughout the project lifetime.

Representatives also took the

and visit opportunity to review Phase B construction planning in addition to touring the Pawnee Nation headquarters, the Pawnee Indian Health Services facility, the Bureau of Indian Affairs office, the Pawnee Nation College and the Pawnee Nation administrative offices.

The following includes those who were in attendance and toured the project.

Cecil Riding In, Pawnee Nation transportation manager; Chris McCray, Pawnee Nation transportation technician; Jim R. McCormick, Pawnee Nation project manager, Bailee Applegate, OSU engineering intern; Jim Self, TTAP manager from OSU; Doug Wright CLGT director from OSU; Mike Hinkston LTAP manager, Oklahoma LTAP; Karla Sisco, TTAP specialist from OSU; Janice W. Brown, director of Field Services-South, FHWA; Gary Corino, division administrator, Oklahoma division, FHWA; Ivan Marrero, assistant division administrator Oklahoma division, FHWA; Tom Goldsein, engineering and operations team leader, Oklahoma division, FHWA and John Lairet, area engineer, Oklahoma division, FHWA.

## New Entry Project 6102 (Phase B) Time line (2012)

**April 13** – Pawnee Business Council (PBC) contract approval for Mehlburger Brawley

**May 8** - Preliminary plans

**May 16** - Advertise Public Hearing

**May 22** - Pre-meeting with representatives from Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Pawnee City and Pawnee Nation (PN)

**June 19** – Public Hearing

**June 25** – Plan approval

**June 26** – Bid advertise

**July 19** - (10 a.m.) Fire Station pre-bid

**July 26** - (10 a.m.) PN Fire Station bid opening

**August 8** - PBC approval

**August 30** – Prior to this date notice to proceed

**November 13** - Project projected completion date

# John Echohawk Serves Native Americans Through The NARF

Submitted by the Communications Office



Photo courtesy of NARF

John E. Echohawk, executive director of the Native American Rights Fund (NARF), has been in-

strumental in many actions benefiting Native Americans.

Echohawk, the first graduate from the University of New Mexico's special program to train Indian lawyers, was a founding member of the American Indian Law Students Association. The attorney has been with NARF since its formation in 1970 and assumed the role of executive director in 1977.

“Having organizations like the NARF enables Native people to

have legal representation on their Tribal rights for the first time on a broad scale.” Echohawk said.

“I would advise younger Native people to set their goals high, work hard and get their education – they should following their interests and their passion.”

Echohawk’s duties include the supervision of 10 lawyers that litigate more than 40 cases across the country out of three offices located in Boulder, Colo.; Washington, DC and Anchorage, Alaska.

Echohawk, who has been named one of the 100 most influential lawyers in America by the National

Law, has worked for the NARF ever since his graduation from law school due to his desire to provide legal representation on the most important cases to tribes, Native organizations and individuals across the country.

Echohawk comments regarding one such instance.

“The settlements in the tribal trust funds mismanagement cases across the country by the government is an historic event and resolves one of the longest outstanding issues in Indian country.”

Echohawk honored by Pawnee Nation, resolution on page 9.

## PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

Please understand that the following are only a brief synopsis of topics and actions taken by the Pawnee Business Council (PBC).

### May 24, 2012 PBC Meeting:

Six Council members were present and provided reports on their meetings and committees since the last Council meeting. President Gover and Karla Knife Chief were excused. Executive Director Dawna Hare provided a brief report.

The minutes of the May 9, 2012 PBC meeting were approved.

### Old Business:

1. Resolution 12-25 for the Pari Elder's Project Grant was approved.
2. Request to change banks to Chase Bank – was approved.

### New Business (with added items):

1. A Request to purchase three ATV's for Law Enforcement was approved.
2. A Professional Service Agreement to add John Carter as a part-time public defender for Tribal Court was approved.
3. A request for a tribal contribution for the Office of Environmental Health Project was tabled.
4. A request to purchase a copier for Building 64 from ANA funds was approved.
5. Lillie Cummings presented a petition to Council requesting per capita payments to tribal members

from the \$4.4 million settlement.

6. Governing Documents Committee (added item). Council approved renaming the Committee to the Governing Documents Commission. Members will be appointed by President Gover with approval from Council.

7. Added item – Council was requested to establish a commission to deal with social problems. Approved. Members will be appointed by President Gover with approval from Council.

8. The revised organizational chart was approved.

### After Executive Session:

Council voted to evaluate the Executive Director based on the existing Executive Director job description on July 11, 2012.

### June 2, 2012, PBC Quarterly Meeting:

Seven Council members were present. President Gover was excused. The Executive Director provided introductions to the program reports. All program directors provided reports on the programs under their divisions for the first quarter as well as program future needs.

### Old Business:

1. The Transportation Department requested a change in vendor for a previously approved purchase of a truck bed. The previously approved vendor could not provide the equipment for

4 months. Council approved the change in vendors.

### After Executive Session:

1. Council denied the submission of a gaming license for a TDC Board appointee.

### June 20, 2012, PBC Meeting

Six Council members were present. President Gover and Roy Taylor were excused. Council members and the Executive Director provided reports on their activities since the previous PBC meeting.

The minutes of the May 24, 2012 and June 2, 2012 (Quarterly) PBC meetings were approved.

### Old Business:

1. Lillie Cummings requested Council take action regarding the petition that was presented at the May 24, 2012 meeting. The petition is being reviewed by the Pawnee Nation Attorney General and no action was taken at this time.

### New Business:

1. THPO Officer, Gordon Adams asked for direction regarding the Pitahawirata Cemetery at Twin Mounds. Mr. Adams was instructed to work with the Property Committee on this issue.
2. The extended warranty for the CAT equipment was tabled.
3. The Indian Housing Plan was tabled.
4. Resolution 12-27 to Honor and Recognize Larry Echo-Hawk

was approved.

5. Resolution 12-28 to Honor and Recognize John Echohawk was approved.

6. Resolution 12-19 for an Agriculture Lease was approved.

7. Added items: Approve 5 Budgets for the HCS Division that included the HCS Division Director and an Administrative Assistant salaries and approved funding to cover the shortfall for the Title VI A and C programs.

8. Added item: Request to change in the HCS elderly meals policy regarding the removal of the 24 hour call in policy due to its ineffectiveness.

Approved.

9. Resolution 12-30 – To draw-down Proceeds of Labor in the amount of \$116,258 to cover the Title VI-A and C and Division Director salary shortfall.

### June 28, 2012 PBC Meeting:

All Council members were present for this one-item agenda meeting.

### New Business:

1. A Request from the Pawnee Indian Veteran's Organization for funds for the Homecoming was approved.
2. Resolution 12-31 was approved for the drawdown of \$19,000 for the Pawnee Indian Veteran's Homecoming.

## THIRD QUARTER 2012 RESOLUTIONS

#12-25 – A Resolution to submit the Pari Elders Project Grant proposal – Approved by a vote of five for, two absent and one not voting. May 24, 2012

#12-26 – A resolution for enrollment (has not been presented.)

#12-27 - A Resolution to Honor and Recognize Larry Echo-Hawk – Approved by a vote of five for, two absent and one not voting. June 20, 2012.

#12-28 – A Resolution to Honor and Recognize John Echohawk – Approved by a vote of five for, two absent and one not voting. June 20, 2012.

#12-29 – A Resolution for the BIA to approve an agriculture lease – Approved by a vote of five for, two absent and one not voting. June 20, 2012.

#12-30 – A Resolution to drawdown Proceeds of Labor in the amount of \$116,258 for the Title VI A and C and Division Director salary shortfall – Approved by a vote of five for, two absent and one not voting. June 20, 2012.

#12-31 – A Resolution to drawdown Proceeds of Labor in the amount of \$19,000 for the Pawnee Indian Veteran's Organization – Approved by a vote of seven for, none against and one not voting. June 28, 2012.



# John Echohawk Honored And Recognized For His Contributions



## Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

Resolution #12-28  
June 20, 2012

### 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

**WHEREAS**, the Pawnee Business Council met in a regular session on June 20, 2012, at the Pawnee Nation Administration Building #64 Conference Room, duly authorized, with a quorum present; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pawnee Business Council desires to Honor and Recognize tribal member John Echohawk for his many years of dedication and service to Indian Country individually and for his many accomplishments as Executive Director of the Native American Rights Fund, and

**WHEREAS**, John Echohawk has represented the Pawnee Nation on a National level that has brought pride and honor to our people, and

**WHEREAS**, the Pawnee Business Council wishes to formally thank Mr. Echohawk for the many, many things that he has done.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Pawnee Business Council does hereby bestow Special Honor and Recognition to tribal member John Echohawk for exemplary service to all of Indian Country and further special thanks for bringing additional pride, honor and recognition to the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.

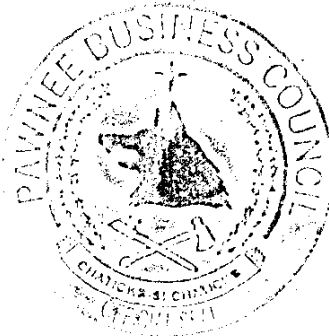
### CERTIFICATION

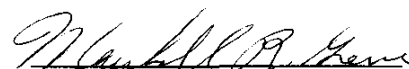
I, Linda Jestes, Secretary of the Pawnee Business Council, certify that a regular meeting of the Pawnee Business Council was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2012, and that the Pawnee Business Council is composed of eight members, of whom 5 were present, 2 absent, comprising a quorum; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by a vote of 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 1 not voting.

Signed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2012

ATTEST:

  
Linda Jestes, Secretary  
Pawnee Business Council



  
Marshall R. Gover, President  
Pawnee Business Council

# Summer Workers Energize Pawnee Nation

## Pawnee Nation Title VI



Photo by Paigelyn Moore

(Left) Anna Pratt and Judiki Moses clean-up at Title VI. Anna attends Pawnee High School and Judiki attends Cushing High School.

(Right) Andrew Whiteshirt is a recent graduate of Pawnee High School.

## Pawnee Nation Property



Photo by Paigelyn Moore

## Communications Office



Photo by Toni Hill

Paigelyn Moore demonstrates her computer skills in the Communications Office. Paigelyn will be a junior at Pawnee High School.

## True Value



Photo by Toni Hill

Paydon Moore will be a junior at Pawnee High School.

## Pawnee Pakoo and Learning Center



Photo by Toni Hill

The Pawnee Nation Summer Youth Work Program, sponsored by the Pawnee Nation Education office, enabled youth aged 14 - 21 to work within several divisions of Pawnee Nation, Pawnee Nation College and the City of Pawnee.

“This is a great program that offers invaluable insight for the youth on their areas of work,” said Bill Bell, True Value employee. “Paydon did awesome, he even drove a fork lift and helped with loads, which made him very valuable to us.”

The Native American youth received diversified and enlightening exposure to many career options in addition to offering esteemed services to employees.

“I really expected to be working around a bunch of screaming kids, but instead they were just a little wild, but a lot of fun,” said Krystal Leading Fox. “This was a great experience for me since I am planning to become a pediatrician.”

Photo caption: (Left to right) Brianna Woommavovah, Joseph Fields, Marsha Hawkins, Krystal Leading Fox holding infant Ad-dilynn and Jacey Lookout enjoyed their interaction with the Pawnee Nation little ones. Destiny Chino not pictured.

# Celebrating Pawnee Youth And Their Accomplishments

## City of Pawnee Library



Photo by Paigelyn Moore

Dorcas Hall-Zotigh will be a sophomore at Pawnee High School.

## Pawnee Nation College



Photo by Paigelyn Moore

Erik Moore shows Doug Long (sitting) a discovery on the computer. Erik attends Pawnee High School and Doug goes to Free State High School.

## Pawnee Nation IT Department

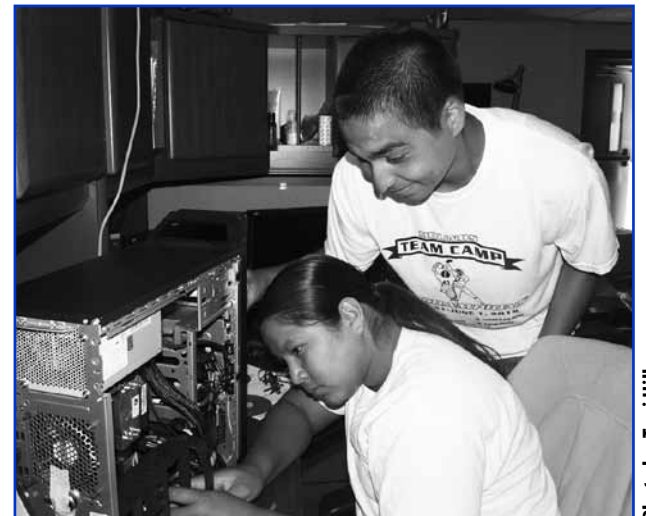


Photo by Toni Hill

Thomas Whiteshirt watches as Tsakuru Shawnee tries his had at computer maintenance. Both are students at Pawnee High School.

## Gaming Commission



Photo by Paigelyn Moore

Jada Kanuho will be a sophomore at Pawnee High School.

*We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.*

*~Franklin Delano Roosevelt*

## Health and Community Services



Photo by Patsy Cooper

Alexis Miller assists with a project. Summer worker Matthew Gooday not pictured.

## Pawnee Nation Tax Commission



Photo by Paigelyn Moore

Terrance Fields will be a junior at Pawnee High School.



Photo by Toni Hill

Pawnee City Hall summer workers (Front Left to Right) Tyler Wilson, Josh Hand and Ryland Moore. (Back Left to Right) Alex Roughface and Johnathan Snell.

## Pawnee City Hall

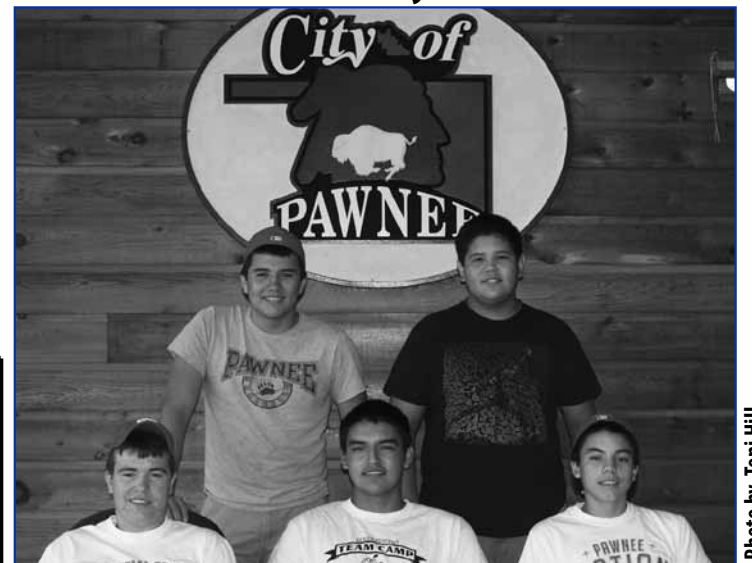


Photo by Toni Hill

2012 PHS graduate and Pawnee Nation tribal member, Brandon Powell, recently signed a letter of intent to play basketball for Hillsdale College in Moore, Okla. Coach Mark Berokoff joined David and Noleen Powell as well as numerous others at the Pawnee Nation Wellness Center for the signing. Brandon is the grandson of Carole Chapman and the late Robert Chapman; the late Sue Lee and the great grandson of the late Ivy Pratt.

## Health Walk Promotes Overall Well-Being

By Barbara Attocknie  
Substance Abuse Coordinator



Photo by Toni Hill

Get ready, get set ... go! Walkers hit the pavement to demonstrate components of healthy lifestyles.

The Pawnee Nation Substance Abuse Program (SAP) along with the help of the Health Promotion Disease Prevention (HPDP) program held the largest planned event of the year focused on prevention which consisted of fun activities for the whole family to participate and get involved.

The SAP and HPDP programs started off the activities with a health walk. Each participant walked a lengthy course which included a tour of the event facilities located on the Pawnee Reservation.

After completing the course, each participant received a commemorative T-shirt and was entered into drawings to compete for a great selection of door prizes.

Counselor Mike Ortiz then gave a presentation over the positive effects of not choosing to abuse drugs and alcohol. After the presentation, our team dedicated some time with the youth to show some activities

showing the negative effects and consequences of abusing drugs and alcohol.

On June 30, the programs' staff held the annual Prevention Day Horseshoe Tournament. There were more than 50 attendees at this event alone.

After the traditional ceremonies ended on Saturday night, the Programs hosted the annual "Sober '49" Contest. There were four teams that entered the contest and attendance was well over 300.

We'd like to give special "Thank You" to Deer Woman Snags for competing and being very good sports.

These events are the largest and probably the most impactful events we hold for Pawnee Nation and the surrounding community as they reach all ages and all walks of life.

We hope that everyone enjoyed all of the offerings and hope every-

one comes back next year and brings more people to participate.

We would like to give a special thanks to Arthur Attocknie and family for donating all of the fruit for the walk as well as a special thanks to the HPDP staff, Suzy Knifechief and Zack Martinez, for assisting us throughout the activities.

T-shirts were designed by Josh Tillman, Fitness Nation attendant.

Thank you to everyone else that helped in any way and for helping prevent alcohol and drug abuse!



Submitted photo

Horseshoe Tournament winners

### Horseshoe Tournament Winners

First: Thomas Shannon & Jerel Flora  
Second: David Webb & Jay Bradley  
Third: Russell Jim & Albert Jim

### Sober '49 Contest Winners

First: "Native Crew" – Frank Carson, Oliver Plumley, Chris Leadingfox, Justin Townsend, William St. Cyr  
Second: "Moon Dogs" – Frank Adson, Jason Lightfoot, Berwyn Moses Sr., Jeffrey Lightfoot, Tsakuru Shawnee  
Third: "Possum Shell" – Wesley Roy, Randall Brown, Dwayne Iron, Thunder Lieb, Amos Littlecook



Submitted photo

Sober '49 Contest winners



Submitted photo

## Intern Learns Skills Of The Trade

My name is Bailee Applegate, and this summer I have been an intern for the Pawnee Nation Department of Transportation & Safety through the Oklahoma State University (OSU) LTAP program in Stillwater, Okla.

I have attended OSU for four years and will be starting my fifth year this fall. I have studied Construction Management Tech-

nology for two years and will be continuing to pursue a bachelor's degree.

I didn't know I always wanted to be in construction, I did know that I wanted to help people and communities and my family comes from a long line of construction background. The reason I chose Construction Management Technology is because I enjoy helping

communities grow and have a better understanding of roads and facilities. This summer internship at the Pawnee Nation has given me a lot of experience and learning as I pursue my career.

I greatly appreciate the opportunity that the Pawnee Nation and OSU LTAP have given me, and hope to be back next summer for another internship.

# Pawnee Pakoo Program Accepting Applications For Child Placement

By Marilyn Feathers  
Learning Center Coordinator



Photo by Ron James

Kyle Thompson and Bronson Rice, attendees of the Pawnee Nation After School Program, enjoy nature and the mud.

Pawnee Nation Learning Center is accepting applications for child care services. The Pawnee Nation Learning Center is open to all community members who need child care. For rates and available slots please contact Christa Pratt at (918) 762-3007.

The Pawnee Nation Child Care Assistance Program provides child care assistance to eligible families residing within the program service area. Child care assistance is provided to income eligible Native American participants who are either working or attending school. The program service area consists of Pawnee County and northern Payne

County which includes Yale, Okla. Child care assistance is provided to children 8 years old and under who are attending the Pawnee Nation Learning Center or Pawnee Nation After School Program. For more information contact Marilyn Feathers at (918) 762-6495.

The Pawnee Nation Learning Center has contracted Warren Pratt, Jr. to provide Pawnee language instruction to our staff throughout the summer. The staff will implement what they are learning in their classrooms.

June 29 is National Mud Day! What a great learning experience! The children in our center participated to learn about the great outdoors. They had great fun playing in water to learn all about mud. The children in the After School Care Building made earth lodges

to learn about constructing our historical style of living.

We are experiencing another HOT summer. Please use care when putting your child into a vehicle. The seats and seat belts can be hot enough to burn tender skin.

NEVER leave a child in a vehicle unattended for any length of time. There have been many tragic incidents involving children being left in a vehicle. Keep children hydrated with lots of drinking water. Watch for signs of heat stroke.

A good cooling down activity is reading to children. Providing books for them to read helps build school readiness skills and keeps school aged children from forgetting importing literacy skills they will need when school resumes.

Reading is Life Long Learning!

## Tips for Co-Parenting

By Kari Little  
Indian Child Welfare Director

When parents separate or divorce, one of the biggest challenges they face is how to co-parent their kids. A divorce or separation often brings up feelings of anger and resentment in parents, making it difficult to work together for the kids.

If you are in a co-parenting situation, here are some things to keep in mind.

### Scheduling

- If you don't have a court-ordered visitation arrangement, establish a clear and consistent visitation schedule. Make a calendar for yourself and the other parent that clearly marks the dates and times of visits, as well as drop off and pick-up locations.
- Make an agreement about how long you are

willing to wait for the other parent before the visit is forfeited. If you cannot agree, make a decision and let the other parent know the time frame.

- Realize that schedules may need to be adjusted around holidays or other special occasions.

### Communicating

- Do not use your child as a messenger between parents.
- Choose a time (once a week, once a month, etc) to discuss any issues related to your kids. This may be in person or over the phone. If both parents are prepared for the discussion, it will run smoother and you will get more accomplished.
- Do not argue or bad-mouth the other parent in

front of your kids.

### Rules and Discipline

- Try to keep rules as similar as possible in both homes, as it is easier for the kids. Show that you respect the rules in the other parent's home.
- Do not expect the other parent to discipline the same way you do. Only intervene if the discipline is physically or emotionally harmful to your kids.

The most important thing to remember is that co-parenting benefits your kids. Having regular visits and involvement with both parents helps kids feel more secure and stable. For more tips, check out [www.helpguide.org](http://www.helpguide.org) or [www.wecanparenttogether.org](http://www.wecanparenttogether.org).

## Human Resources Updates

In an effort to become paperless and more efficient, the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma's office of Human Resources will now require applicants to apply online at [www.pawneenation.org](http://www.pawneenation.org). Applicants will be able to access a link to our online application.

A valid e-mail address is required in order to apply for any vacancies.

For more information, contact Shelby Exum, Human Resource manager at (918) 762-3621 x52 or via e-mail at [hrrspecialist@pawneenation.org](mailto:hrrspecialist@pawneenation.org).

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Photos by Toni Hill unless otherwise noted.

# Indian Veterans Homecoming Powwow Festivities Honor Veterans



Dancers featuring cloth and buckskin dancers followed by straight dancers enter the arena.



Miss Indian Oklahoma Brittany Morgan Hill.

(Top Left) Soaring Eagle Wade (5) (left) dressed in Fancy Dance regalia poses with Kitsy Rice dressed in cloth regalia.

(Right) Grass Dancers, Traditional Dancers and Fancy Dancers participate in a War Dance.



Granddaughter Elizabeth Jefferson and Grandma Karen Haymond. Submitted photo.



# Indian Veterans Homecoming Powwow Celebrates Native American Culture

The Pawnee Indian Veterans' 66th Annual Homecoming Powwow held June 28 - 30 and July 1 honored military from the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard.

The Powwow, held at Memorial Field, offered many activities including dance contests for all ages, the Hawk Chief Run, the M. Yellowhorse Softball Tournament and a Homecoming Parade.



The Riding In family with Danon Hare.



The contestants of the Cloth Dance contest.



(Above) The 2012-2013 Indian Veterans Princess (left) Judiki Moses and the former Princess Cedar Rain Yellowmule.

(Left) The contestants of the Jiggle and Fancy Shawl contest.



Straight Dancers pose.



Photos by Toni Hill

PAWNEE NATION HAPPENINGS

## State Representatives Dennis Casey and Seneca Scott Visit The Pawnee Nation Museum and Reservation

PAWNEE NATION HAPPENINGS



(Left to Right) Pawnee Mayor Brad Sewell, Rep. Dennis Casey, Pawnee Business Council President Marshall Gover, Rep. Seneca Scott and Clay Scott.

On June 29, Dennis Casey (R), Oklahoma House of Representatives, District 35, and Seneca Scott (D), Oklahoma House of Representatives, District 72, joined Pawnee Mayor Brad Sewell for a tour of the Pawnee Nation Museum and Pawnee Reservation.

Prior, Pawnee Business Council President Marshall Gover presented each with a signed copy of the book entitled *Pawnee Pride, A History of Pawnee County*.

The delegates were also joined by Pawnee Nation employees Gordon Adams, Toni Hill and Dan Fields. Other guests included Rep. Scott's mother Rita and children Harper (7) and Clay (5).

For additional details about the Pawnee Nation Museum, visit [www.pawneenation.org](http://www.pawneenation.org). For touring information, call (918) 762-3621.



A piece of an oak tree symbolizing Pawnee Nation's and the Pawnee Tribe's establishment and resilience.

Photo by Paigelyn Moore

A retirement lunch held June 26 honored long-time employee Phyllis Soxie who served as the Grants and Contracts Manager for Pawnee Nation. Phyllis began employment with Pawnee Nation in 1978 and served 33 years.

Family members and employees attended and shared memories and stories demonstrating Soxie's years of dedication to the Pawnee Tribe.



A traditional drum highlighting the face of a Native American history.

Photo by Toni Hill

Photo by Paigelyn Moore



A display of feathers honoring the tradition of the Pawnee Tribe.

Photo by Paigelyn Moore

## Phyllis Soxie Retires After 33 Years of Service



Phyllis Soxie poses with her son, Francis Soxie at her retirement lunch.

Photo by Toni Hill



## TERO Provides Step-By-Step Instruction On Window Installment



Ronnie Cooper removes and reframes old inefficient windows.



Dusty Eaves (front) prepares the new trim boards while Ronnie Cooper continues to reframe.



Dusty Eaves (left), Ronnie Cooper (right) and Sonny (Arthur) Fields (inside) install and seal the new, double-glass windows.

Photos by Dan Fields

PAWNEE NATION HAPPENINGS

## Summer Youth Culture and Language Camp Educates And Mentors

Submitted by the Education Department



Photo by Toni Hill

The above picture reflects a portion of the energy and creativity possessed by the children following a puppet show that entertained parents and guests.

The Pawnee Nation Summer Youth Culture & Language Camp held June 18 - 27 offered many amenities. According to Freda Tippeconnie, Pawnee Nation Education Department director, sessions promoted a positive and proud attitude about Pawnee language and culture for the youth in attendance.

Guest speakers include Larry Goodfox, Herb Adson, Pat Leadingfox, Deb Echohawk, Adrian Spottedhorsechief and Tom Knifechief.

The 2012 Roster includes Devon Chapman, Joe Chapman, Nolan Chapman, Terrien Exum, Gabreal Garcia, Isaiah Grant, Taylor Grant, Elizabeth Jefferson, Tyler Jim, Jaden Leadingfox, Patrick Leadingfox III, Skidi Star Leadingfox, Sky Seeing Leadingfox, Wicanhpi 02 Mountain, Kyle Pratt, Brian Ramirez, Sherry Ramirez, Victoria Ramirez, Emerald Rice, Karen Rice, Sabryna Rice, Antonio Rocha, Brandon Smith Jr, Haeli Stevens, Cole Waller. Staff: Phammie Little sun-Language Instructor, Bunky Echohawk, Jasha Lyons, Rosetta Clark, Jessica Leadingfox and Paigelyn Moore.

## Yearly Exams... Have you Had Yours?

By Jaime Jestes

Diabetes Program Administrative Assistant

It is not unheard of to make multiple visits to your health care provider when living with diabetes. Some may think that it is only important to have lab work done once or twice a year. However, this is not the case. It is recommended that people with diabetes receive exams throughout the year to help better manage and control the disease.

According to Indian Health Services, there are exams and tests that should be conducted on an annual or bi-annual basis.

The annual, once per year, recommended exams and tests consist of cholesterol, GFR (glomerular filtration rate), dental, eye, foot, nutri-

tion, and TB test, whereas an EKG is only recommended bi-annually or twice per year.

A person with diabetes should have their A1c tested every three to four months and blood pressure should be taken at every visit. By completing the recommended exams and tests, the chances for obtaining a controlled status of diabetes increases.

The staff of the Pawnee Nation Diabetes Program along side Indian Health Services strongly urges anyone living with diabetes to receive all of the recommended exams and tests.

As a way to help clients of the

Pawnee Nation Diabetes Program better manage the disease, each client has the opportunity to participate in the Nike N7 incentive shoe program.

The Nike N7's are a walking shoe offered to clientele free of charge as all requirements for the program are met.

The required annual exams/visits for the N7 incentive shoe program are: lab work – at least one time a year, eye exam, foot exam, dental exam and meter download – at least two times per year. Documentation of annual exam/visits must date within fiscal year Oct. 1, 2011 – Sept. 30, 2012.

If you are a client within the Pawnee Nation Diabetes Program, please provide all documentation of the exam requirements in order to qualify for the free Nike N7 shoes.

If you are not a client with in the Pawnee Nation Diabetes Program there is an option to purchase the Nike N7 shoes for \$55.

If you have any questions regarding the program, would like to purchase shoes, or if we may be of any assistance in helping manage your diabetes, please give us a call at (918) 762-4045 or stop by our office as we will be glad to assist you!

## TERO Serves Pawnee Community

By Dan Fields

TERO Compliance Officer

The purpose of the Pawnee Nation, Tribal Employment Rights Act is to ensure fair employment opportunities for Indians, by creating employment and training options for members of the Pawnee Nation and other Native Americans.

The Pawnee Nation Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) also aids in the prevention of discrimination against Indians regarding hiring practices within the territorial jurisdiction of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma as defined by section 03 (t).

In October 2011, the Pawnee Nation TERO Program kicked off its Residential Remodel and Repair Program, (RRRP). The RRRP is designed to improve the living conditions of Tribal members while training young men in construction type techniques that will help them establish successful careers.

The Pawnee Nation Housing Authority provided TERO with the project house. TERO enrolled six young men in this training program with

Sonny (Arthur) Fields as the instructor.

Skills gained include sheet rocking, hanging, mud and taping, texturing, painting and flooring. Several additional projects are in the wings waiting.

“One of the main objectives of TERO involves providing training and assistance to unemployed Tribal members,” said Dan Fields, TERO compliance officer. “The RRRP is one way TERO accomplishes that objective and supports the entire Pawnee Tribe.”

Recent projects include replacing a ceiling damaged by water, treating a wall board with termite damage and replacing windows.

Services include home remodel and the Red Cedar Cutting program.

For more information, contact the TERO office at (918) 762-3227. Please also notify if interested in a custom hay baling.

Please see page 16 for photos.

# CHANGES COMING SOON!

## NEW GAMES!

## HOWLER'S BBQ!

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## Birthday Wishes



Photo by Joe Don

Happy 10th Birthday Donnie Roaming Warrior. We love you! Mom and Robbie Joe



Photo by Pias Spottedhorsechief

Levi Star Spottedhorsechief celebrated his first birthday on July 14, 2011.



Submitted photo

(Left to Right) Brian and Stephanie Bayhille pose prior to Brian's deployment. Brian serves in the U.S. Army, Co A (FSC) 120th ENG.

## Congratulations Leah Bayhille

Congratulations to Leah Bayhille. Leah received a Bachelor of Science from the College of Human Sciences in Design, Housing and Merchandising.

Leah is the daughter of Maurice and Gwen Bayhille, Glenpool, Okla., granddaughter of the late Batiste and Anita Bayhille, Cushing, Okla. and the late Bill and Jo DeBolt of Glenpool, Okla. This is the third graduate from Oklahoma State University (OSU) for this Bayhille family and second graduate for Maurice's family.

Maurice oldest daughter Amanda Bayhille Coburn received her Bachelor of Science Degree in 2005 from the College of Human Environmental Sciences in Hotel and Restaurant Administration. They follow in there Uncle's footsteps, Neil Bayhille, he received a bachelor's degree in Business from OSU.

The Bayhille family is very proud of them and what they have accomplished.



Submitted photo

(Left to Right) Leah Bayhille and Amanda Coburn Bayhille both recived great honors.

## Veterans Demonstrate Excellence, Dedication

(Right) Congratulations to Second Lieutenant Edward Echohawk and his wife Danielle, on graduating from Oklahoma State University May 2012. Edward received a Master of Arts from the College of Arts and Sciences in Political Science and Danielle received a Master of Science from the College of Science in Nutritional Sciences.

*"Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have ever made a difference in the world, but the Marines (soldiers) don't have that problem."*

*— Ronald Reagan*

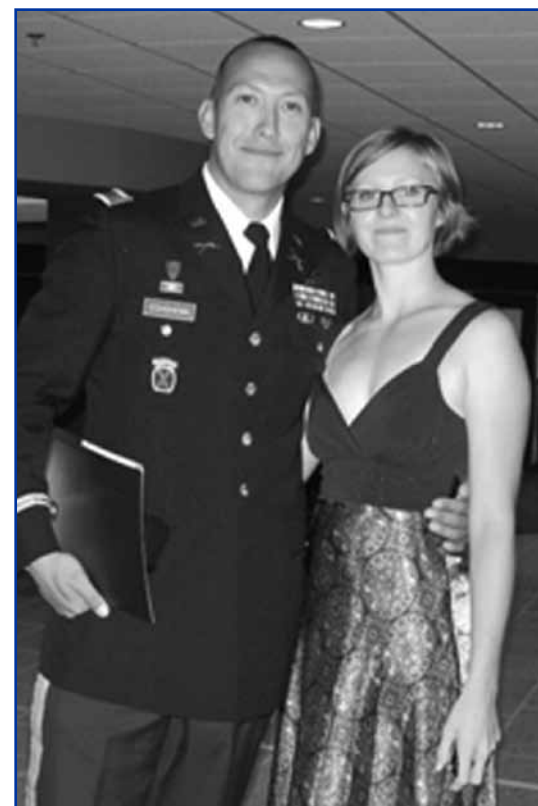


Photo by OSU-ROTC

(Left to Right) Second Lieutenant Edward Echohawk and his wife Danielle pose following joint academic accomplishments. Edward serves in the Army, Infantry Branch.

(Left) We are very proud of Brian (Beau) Bayhille, son of Thomas Neil Bayhille and grandson of Batiste and Anita Bayhille. He has extended his service contract for another six years. At the end of June, he and 3,700 other servicemen will be deploy. This will be Beau's second term to serve overseas.

# Healthier Individuals Equal “The Greatest Nation”

By Chelsie Baldwin

VAW Program Coordinator



Photo by Paigelyn Moore

Healthier lifestyles can lead to more satisfying long-term relationships.

Among the many Native peoples, our traditional teachings were a source of strength and survival. These teachings helped us to understand who we are, how we fit into the world and how we relate to the many things in the world around us.

These teachings came in many forms. Some were teachings from an ancient time when the world was a very different place – before it changed into the world we know today. Some were teachings of the natural world – lessons from the animals, birds, fish, plants and many others who were the original teachers. And some were the lessons of the life experiences of previous generations – what they lived through, what they learned and how they pass this knowledge forward to help us survive and thrive today.

Examining our Native cultures and the many traditional teachings about establishing and maintaining healthy, committed, long-term relationships- what might be called “marriage” today – we find there are many teachings still available to us and many remain just as valuable

and beneficial to our couples, our families and communities of today; just as they were in keeping the lives, families and communities of our ancestors whole and healthy.

If we raise healthier individuals- physically, mentally, spiritually, and emotionally- they are better able to maintain healthier couple relations. A couple with a healthier relationship is better able to raise children in a healthy family. Healthier families would contribute to a healthier community, with people seeking to live in better balance with each other and with the world around them. This results in a community where people are watching out for each other- making sure each other’s needs are being met; nobody goes without; all children are kept safe; everyone shares the same stories, the same lessons and the same consequences; the community draws together to collectively face the challenges and hardships of life; and the community shares in the benefits of a cohesive extended family caring for each other.

The Pawnee people believe that life centers around the family; that families must have unity and must work together and be kind to one another. Families make up the strength of a band and all the bands must be strong to make a strong Nation. As quoted by President Marshall Gov-

er, “Pawnee Nation is the greatest Nation!” Accordingly, the community, families, and individuals of the Pawnee Nation will live in balance, love, and peace and maintained throughout time.

The cultural practices of a tribe provided consistent reinforcement of positive teachings. For example, grandparents were teachers; sharing the wisdom gained through years of life experiences. This passing of wisdom is an elemental part of becoming an Elder. They could share teachings about healthy relationships from their life experiences, from ancient stories or lessons from the animals- for example, the eagle choosing a mate... it is a process of course! An Elder taught and role-modeled the importance of choosing your words carefully as not to bring harm to another and to be careful where you place your feet so the generations to come will know to walk in a good way. They shared teachings of honor, respect and striving for the good of the community.

Aunties and Uncles were often the disciplinarians, but they were also good role models. The young children modeled themselves after the aunties and uncles. The older adult modeled after the grandparents; often accompanying and assisting them through a number of daily or seasonal tasks while learning the role and responsibilities of an adult. Teachings and role modeling of healthy relationships would be passed on through activities.

Parents were nurturers and primary caregivers, but were also the primary role models for their children. A woman was considered sacred for her ability to bring new

life into this world. Parents taught and modeled that to bring harm to a woman or a child was one of the greatest insults to the gift of life. In part this was a recognition that we are not simply making decisions to serve our needs, but to serve the needs of generations to come- for some, seven generations to come.

Different lessons were learned at different stages of life. As young people approached puberty, many cultures conduct ceremonies that provide instruction on the changing expectation for the young person. This likely includes detailed information reserved for the responsibilities of manhood and womanhood; we must teach our children how to be a woman or man by example and word. It is never too late to begin this process with our children. The best thing we can do is start today.

I challenge Piíta and Tsápaat: as grandparents, aunties and uncles, brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers: follow your ancestor’s teachings and values, passed down through untold generations. These beliefs and values help keep our Native families stable, healthy and resilient. May we have an ever-growing commitment to re-awaken these teachings and bring them back as valuable elements of who we are as a cultural community; for we know that these traditional teachings and values will bring us full circle once again. May we always honor our women and children. Amen!

For more information on domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking contact [cbaldwin@pawneenation.org](mailto:cbaldwin@pawneenation.org) or call (918) 399-3310.

## DHCS Says Thank You

On behalf of the Pawnee Nation Division of Health & Community Services (DHCS), the members of the Health Fair planning committee would like to thank everybody who participated in the annual Health Fair, which was held June 29, 2012. We appreciate you taking the time to join us in making this year’s Health Fair a great success. There were over (410) community members, along with vendors, that attended the event. In addition, thank you to all the people, vendors, and programs who donated a door prize. All donations were greatly appreciated.

# Adventurers Climb Walls And Zip Though Space At OSU

By Suzy Knife Chief  
HP/DP Healthy Nation Coordinator



Photo by Suzy Knife Chief

Tsa Kuru Shawnee challenges gravity.

On May 12, fifteen individuals participated in the Oklahoma State University's Outdoor Adventure Challenge Course. It was a great day to experience physical activity as well as team building games. Lunch was provided by the HP/DP Healthy Nation program. Following lunch, the group accomplished wall climbing, the zip line, and climbed the wood pole 30 feet high to jump out towards a trapeze bar. Fears were faced and conquered!

Healthy Nation collaborated and assisted with the Substance Abuse Program (SAP) for Prevention Days which was held

June 29 - 30. The Health Walk kicked off the two-day event and everybody who participated in the walk received a T-shirt designed by Josh Tillman, Pawnee Nation Fitness Center attendant. After the walk, youth activities were held outside the Fitness Center and a Prevention Day Horseshoe Tournament was held the following day. HP/DP Healthy

Nation also coordinated with David Powell for the "Men of Men" 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. Following Saturday night's Pawnee Indian Veterans Homecoming Powwow, a Sober 49 contest topped the night off with great singing and participation. It was a very busy weekend but well worth it!

Other HP/DP Healthy Nation projects included: "Maintaining Homeland Ties" 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament held on July 7. All proceeds went towards the Seeds Preservation Project. HP/DP Healthy Nation also sponsored a Summer Camp in collaboration with the Division of

Health and Community Service. The camp for 2nd - 5th graders was July 16 - 20 and the camp for 6th - 12th graders was July 23 - 27. Both camps were held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Pawnee Nation Wellness Center Gymnasium. Fitness and educational activities, games and team sports all took place and healthy lunches were provided.

For more information regarding Healthy Nation's projects, contact Zack Martinez or Suzy Knife Chief at (918) 762-2153.

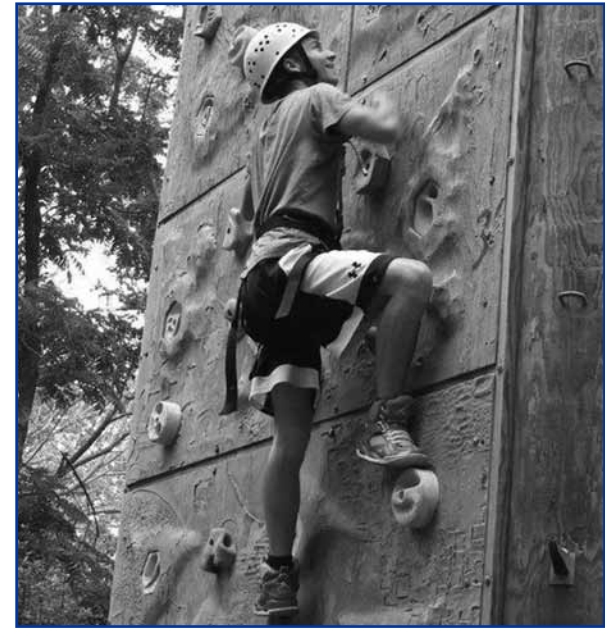


Photo by Suzy Knife Chief

"Piece of Cake!" Words possibly spoken by Jason North as he scales a large climbing wall.



Photo by Suzy Knife Chief

"We're gonna do what?!" Another team building game where all participants must work together to go through the web to the other side, without touching the web!

## Food Distribution Center Announces Changes

Submitted by: Florissa Kanuho  
Food Distribution Coordinator

In May 2012 changes were made to the FDPIR Food Package that consolidated similar food categories into one and changed the take rate of a few products.

The Quick Oats and Farina will now be combined into one category and participants will now receive one package each month.

All pasta and rice products will also be combined into one category with a take rate of five pounds per person each month.

This will now include the egg noodles.

Participants will now receive one 16 oz. package of crackers per person each month.

Fresh, canned and dried fruit are now in one category, with a new take rate of 10 units of fruit per person each month. The fresh and canned vegetable products have a new take rate of 11 units per person each month. This will now include dehydrated potatoes

and spaghetti sauce.

The Chunky Beef Stew has been moved into the soup category. The new take rate for soups will be three units.

The canned and dry beans are combined into one category with a new take rate of four units of beans per person each month. A two-pound bag of dry beans will count as two units.

Frozen turkey breast (new item) will be included in the choic-

es with the meat products. The take rate will remain the same as three units per person each month.

The fruit and nut mix (new item) will be included in the peanut butter and peanuts category. The take rate will remain the same of one (1) unit per person each month.

For a more concise list, please contact the Food Distribution Center at (918) 762-2541.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

## Pawnee Nation Participates In Inter-tribal Competition

Submitted by Mike Ortiz  
Substance Abuse Program Counselor

Pawnee Nation representatives recently participated in an invitation inter-tribal softball game with the Iowa Tribe courtesy of Gary Pratt.

The game was played at the Iowa's fields on a Saturday morning and turned out to be an absolute blast. No score was kept and there were no age limits involved.

Laughter was constant throughout the game making the experience more than enjoyable.

There were a few outstanding plays but there were a bunch more that would have made the blooper reel on Sports Center. Those of us that are of "age" realized that "the older we get the better we were" is more than just a passing statement.

To help us ease our pain, our hosts graciously provided lunch consisting of hot dogs, chips and drinks (water).

We will continue to network with the Iowas and try to continue these types of events. Plans are being made to also sponsor a basketball game, not a tournament, at the Iowas' fields in August for any that

may wish to participate.

As plans finalize, we will pass that information along and hopefully have even more participation.

Long term, it would be of great benefit if this were to expand to other tribes in Oklahoma.

So we will continue to plug along and see if this can become a reality.

## BLACK BEAN SALAD - A Great Summer Option

By Monie Horsechief  
Title VI Head Cook



Photo by Monie Horsechief

### Ingredients

2 (15 oz.) can black beans, rinsed and drained  
2 (15 oz.) cans whole kernel corn, drained  
8 green onions, chopped  
1 red bell pepper, chopped and diced  
1 cucumber – peeled, chopped,

and diced  
1 cup chopped fresh cilantro  
1 lime, juiced or 1 T. lime juice  
½ cup Italian salad dressing  
Salt and pepper to taste

### Preparation

In a large bowl, combine the black beans, corn, green onions,

bell pepper, cucumber, cilantro, lime juice, and Italian dressing. Season with salt and pepper. Toss, and chill until serving.

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Reading in: 20 minutes

Servings: 12

## My Hands

Submitted by Mike Ortiz  
Substance Abuse Program Counselor

My hands have done many wonderful things during my life. As an infant I used them to explore the new world around me.

Many times they told me what was good or what might be bad. They were among the first things I used to develop trust.

As I grew older, they allowed me to play games. I learned to catch and throw with them. I also learned to use my hands in communicating.

I learned to write with them. I used them to help express myself during conversation and when I needed to say something without the use of words.

I continued to grow and so did the ability of what my hands could do. My hands became my tools for work. I learned to work in the land.

I learned to operate machinery and equipment with them.

Then the most important use of all for them happened. My children came into this world. My hands learned to be soft and comforting as I held them or I needed to express kindness, love or support for them. My hands also learned to be firm when the need for discipline was called for.

Over the years my hands were required to do many things. They defended me well in battle.

They expressed signs of warnings to those that may have had desires to cause harm to myself or others.

They helped teach new skills to many that had need of my experience. Above all my hands were able

to express love and provide help to family and those that may need assistance.

Then one day my hands were led down a different path. My hands picked up that first bottle of alcohol or took the joint or pill or pipe and took that first hit.

Before long my hands were defenseless as they just accepted whatever was put into them. They forgot what it was to feel both the good and bad emotions that they had known before they were under the control of alcohol and drugs.

My hands no longer were steady, they began to shake and tremble. They no longer felt love and kindness. All they know now is how to get that next drink or fix.

Then something happened, they

steered the car across the center line and became responsible for ending an innocent being's life. On another day my hands were responsible for giving a substance to another that took them on the wrong path. If my hands were in control would any of this had happened?

I realize that my hands only did what my thoughts told them to do. I understand now that I am the one responsible for all that has happened, both good and bad. I understand that I cannot change my past. I do understand that I can change my future with the help of family and true friends.

Again my hands have learned to be productive and provide a guiding source for others in a good way.



Submitted photo

**DARRELL LAWRENCE RICE**  
**MAY 5, 1950 -- MAY 20, 2012**

15 days.  
 Darrell served in the U.S. Army and was a Vietnam Veteran. A printer by trade, Darrell worked at the Pawnee Chief, before going to work for Indian Health Services.

A member of the Pitahawirata Band of the Pawnee Nation, Darrell was a ceremonial and cultural leader.

He married Cynthia Horsechief Rice on June 27, 1999 in Pawnee, Okla.

Rice enjoyed cooking, gardening, woodworking and most of all being with his family watching

television.

Darrell is survived by his wife, Cynthia Rice, Pawnee, Okla.; four sons, Darrell Rice, Jr. and family, Stillwater, Okla.; Matthew Rice, Sr. and family, Stillwater, Okla.; Ben Stewart and family, Fort Bremerton, Wa.; Bronson Rice, Pawnee, Okla. two daughters, Annie Lynn Rice and family, Stillwater, Okla.; Leilah Ann Rice, Pawnee, Okla.; three brothers, Lynn Rice, Jr. and family, Texas; Mitchell Rice and family, Tulsa, Okla.; Tom Rice and family, Fairfax, Okla.; two sisters, Clarice Rice Tselee and family, Stillwater, Okla.; Rosemary Rice and family, Pawnee, Okla.; 12 grandchildren, Andrew Rice; Adousha Rice; Danielle Hawkins; Halla Hawkins; Bryan Hawkins; Sabian Hawkins, all of Pawnee, Okla.; Alissia Rice, Okemah, Okla.; Matthew Rice, Jr., Okemah, Okla.; Jo Anna Rice, Stillwater, Okla.; Mya Rice, Per-

kins, Okla.; Jaden Rice, Perkins, Okla.; Tristin Feathers, Ponca City, Okla.; three aunts, Wanda Kanuho, Pawnee, Okla.; Florence Goodfox, Pawnee, Okla.; Elvina Wilson, Tulsa, Okla., plus a number of other relatives, and many friends.

Darrell was preceded in death by his parents, Lynn Rice, Sr. and Rena Goodfox Rice; two brothers, Jeffrey R. Rice, and Rodney H. Rice; daughter, Lisa A. Rice; nephew Kyle "Jess" Mann and sister-in-law, Lily Rice.

Services were held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at the Pawnee Nation Roam Chief Event Center, Pawnee, Okla. with the Native American Church officiating. Interment was at the North Indian Cemetery, Pawnee, Okla. under the direction of Potteet Funeral Home, Pawnee, Okla.

Darrell Lawrence Rice was born on May 5, 1950 in Pawnee, Okla. to Lynn Rice, Sr. and Rena Goodfox Rice. He passed from this life on Sunday, May 20, 2012 having reached the age of 62 years, and

Cynthia Horsechief Rice on June 27, 1999 in Pawnee, Okla.

Rice enjoyed cooking, gardening, woodworking and most of all being with his family watching



Submitted photo

*Obituaries*

**GEORGINA ELAINE CAHWEE ROWE**  
**Jan. 9, 1947 -- June 22, 2012**

ma Taylor Cahwee. She passed from this life to be with her Lord on June 22, 2012.

Georgina was the eldest of seven children. She was married to Jack Rowe on April 18, 1969. Together they raised four children.

She worked for Creek Nation Head Start in its early years as a teacher's aide. Georgina was active in her church organi-

zations for Pickett Chapel United Methodist. She was a homemaker and loved looking after her grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all the lives she touched.

She was preceded in death by her parents Mose Cahwee and Thelma Taylor Cahwee and sister Gwen Cahwee Taylor.

She is survived by her husband Jack of the home; sons Kevin Rowe and wife Ellen of Sapulpa, Okla.; Brian Rowe and wife Dawn of Stillwater, Okla.; daughters, Jackie Rowe of Tulsa, Okla.; JoNita Rowe and Anthony Lunsford of Sapulpa, Okla.; brothers, Philip Cahwee and

Danny Cahwee of Sapulpa, Okla.; Dwayne Cahwee and wife Yvonne of Broken Arrow, Okla.; sisters, Debra Cahwee and Carol Cahwee of Sapulpa, Okla. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; uncle, Elmer Taylor, of Bristow; aunt, Betty Jones and husband Harrell Jones of Kellyville, Okla. plus a host of Pawnee Nation relatives.

Wake services were held Monday, June 25, 2012 at 7 p.m. and funeral services were held Tuesday, June 26th, 2012 at 2 p.m. at Pickett Chapel. Burial was at South Heights Cemetery.

Georgina Elaine Cahwee Rowe was born in Pawnee, Okla. on Jan. 9, 1947 to Mose Cahwee and Thel-

ma Taylor Cahwee and sister Gwen Cahwee Taylor.

**BILLYE DEAN NELSON**  
**Feb. 9, 1926 -- July 11, 2012**



Submitted photo

Longtime Ardmoreite, Billye Dean Nelson, 86, died Wednesday, July 11, 2012, in an Ardmore convalescent home following an extended illness.

Daughter of the late John and Goldie Mae Carrion Nelson, Billye was born Feb. 9, 1926 in Pawhuska, Okla. She graduated from Pawhuska High School as part of the class of 1944 and later received her registered nurse degree.

Of Baptist faith and Native American heritage, she was a member of the Pawnee Tribe. Billye devoted her life to being a nurse. For 25 years she served in Pauls Valley, then at Memorial Hospital in Ardmore, Okla. and

later in private care.

Survivors include her son, John Villines, Shawnee, Okla.; her granddaughter, Christie Villines; her sister and nephews of Ardmore, Okla.; Connie Coburn, Buster Johnson and Wayne McWhirt and a niece, Pam Tabor, Moore, Okla.

Graveside rites were held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, July 14, 2012, at the Highland Cemetery, Pawnee, Okla.

Services were entrusted to the care of Harvey-Douglas Funeral Home and Crematory. An online guestbook may be signed at [www.hdouglasfuneralhome.com](http://www.hdouglasfuneralhome.com)

## *Obituaries*

**KAREN MAUDE HORSECHIEF**  
**Nov. 30, 1952 -- July 7, 2012**



Submitted photo

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She attended Pawnee Public Schools and graduated with the class of 1970, then attended Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa, Okla. and obtained her business degree and stenographer certificate. She also attended U.C.O. in Edmond, and obtained her Business Administration degree.

She has worked for the Pawnee Nation of

Oklahoma, Veterans Hospital in Topeka, Kan., and began working for the Pawnee Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in oil and gas. She transferred to Yuma, Ariz. with the BIA; worked in the area office in Muskogee in personnel management; then transferred to the regional area office in Anadarko where she completed 31 years of service before re-

She was a dedicated Jehovah's Witness for 30 years and enjoyed talking about the promises of the Bible. She really enjoyed being with all of her nieces, nephews, "grandchildren," friends and co-workers. She always made new friends and renewed acquaintances wherever she went. She really enjoyed raising her three cats, K. C., Cato and Judah-kee.

She enjoyed watching the University of Oklahoma and liked many sports. She played basketball, softball and bowled during her school days, and also enjoyed dancing at family "get-togethers."

Karen is survived by her sister; Minnie Ruth Rice; aunts, Regina Wilson and Neva Moore, all of Pawnee, Okla.; Susan Moore, Red Rock, Okla.; uncle, Algar HorseChief, Yale, Okla. plus many nieces, nephews, cousins, grandchildren and friends.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, Vance HorseChief, Sr., and Elizabeth HorseChief; grandparents, Will Justice and Dolly Sherman, and Delbert HorseChief, Sr., and Minnie HorseChief; brothers and sisters, Darwina "Vale" YellowMule, Robert Jay GoodChief, Justine Rice, Christine Collins, Betty Sue GoodChief and Vance HorseChief, Jr.; nephews and nieces, Randy GoodChief, Sunny Sue Jessepe and Crystal HorseChief; aunts, Verona YellowHorse, Gene Little Sun and Sadie Gonzales; uncles, Wilson Moore, Levi HorseChief, Delbert HorseChief, Alexander, Lewis, Ellis and aunt, Adeline HorseChief.

Services were held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at the Pawnee Nation Roam Chief Building, Pawnee, Okla., with Bob White officiating. Interment was at the North Indian Cemetery, Pawnee, Okla., under the direction of Poteet Funeral Home, Pawnee, Okla.



**JARVIS SNAKE LeROY**  
**Nov. 28, 1953 -- June 27, 2012**



Submitted photo

Jarvis Snake LeRoy was born on Nov. 28, 1953 to loving parents, Evelyn (Snake) and Henry Logan LeRoy in Pawnee, Okla. On the beautiful morning of June 27, 2012 our father, "Papa" and husband was called home and his spirit walked into heavenly paradise.

He was a strong man of God and never faltered in his faith. He was an enrolled member of the Omaha

Tribe of Nebraska and the Buffalo Clan of the Ponca Nation, his Ponca name was Ne-Ah-Ke-Bah- Nonh (Race to the Water). He was the great-great grandson of Chief Big Snake and Chief Standing Bear of the Ponca Nation.

He attended Ponca City area schools, and then his senior year he transferred to Chilocco Indian School graduating in 1971. After graduating from high school, he attended Haskell Institute where he played football and then transferred to Okmulgee Tech.

Jarvis married his soul mate Linda S. Mathews on Nov. 26, 1976 at the Ponca Indian Baptist Church, officiated by Rev. Eddie Lindsey.

Jarvis was a strong advocate for higher education and served on both Title VII and J.O.M Indian Education for more than 25 years. During this time he held the position as president serving faithfully.

His employment included Titus Manufacturing, Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and Ponca Food Distribution, retiring in 1996. Hobbies in-

cluded woodworking, baby sitting and spending time with his grandchildren.

In the 1994, his health started to decline but he also was led to his true life calling, he became a true follower and gave his life to God.

He was a member of the Pawnee Indian Baptist Church, the Otoe Indian Baptist Church and the Faith Indian Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife and love of his life, Linda S. LeRoy of the home, Pawnee, Okla.; three children, Amon I. LeRoy, Katherine L. Brady and husband, Thad and Kristie R. Choate and husband, Lance, all of Pawnee, Okla.; seven grandchildren, La Rena May Cozad-Tawkoyty, Xander Blay Brady, Ericka Jai Brady, Addyson Evelyn LeRoy, "Baby" Jarvis Snake LeRoy Brady, Tsa La Gi Dae Brady and Sabrina Jaedyn Choate; grandchildren Alexandria, Destiny, Theron Jr, Leland Chino, Jackie, Jonathan, Frankie Lynn, Corbin, Cameron Soxie, Darren, Elias, Jay and Gabriel Clark. All held a special place in their "Papa's" heart and prayers. Brothers include Dana LeRoy, Shan-

non LeRoy, Bronson Roughface Jr., Sam Anderson, Henry Logan LeRoy Jr., Ivan Cries-For-Ribs, Wayne Cries-For-Ribs, Robert Cries-For-Ribs and Andrew Stevens; adopted brother, Vann BigHorse; sisters, Diana Haddock, Claudina Downing, Nalcine Warrior, Roxanne Cornell and Rebecca DeHart; adopted sister Freda Homeratha.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Logan and Evelyn (Snake) LeRoy; grandparents, Logan Henry and Susan (McCauley) LeRoy and Henry and Ida (Wolf) Snake; uncles and aunts, Howard and Lucy (Snake) Cries-For-Ribs, Levi, Katherine (Snake) Stevens and Howard Snake; brothers, Logan Henry LeRoy, Nelson Roughface and Wallace Costello; sisters, Velda McClellan, Gladys Pettit and Gladys Burris and grandson Malachi J. Choate.

Services were held at noon Saturday, June 30, 2012 at the Pawnee Indian Baptist Church, Pawnee, Okla. Interment was at Ponca Tribal Cemetery, White Eagle, Okla. under the direction of Potet Funeral Home, Pawnee, Okla.

## *Obituaries*

*"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort." 2 Corinthians 1:3*

## **Foster Care Provides Love And Hope**

**By Kari Little**

Indian Child Welfare Director

Homes are needed for children of all ages, from birth to 17, and for all lengths of time, from a few days to a few years. Foster parents are asked to do a very difficult job; to make a child a part of their family without knowing how long this child will be with them. Although it is not an easy job, it comes with a

sense of joy and accomplishment. Foster parents are able to help children through a difficult time, teach them life skills and help them develop into strong and capable people.

There is no specific "type" of foster home. Foster parents can be single or married, have other children or no children, be a stay-at-home parent or be employed out-

side the home. All kinds of homes are needed for all kinds of children. Another great way to get involved and help kids is through the Pawnee Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program. CASA volunteers are individuals who receive training to be advocates for kids involved in the child welfare system. CASA volunteers typically have

one or two cases to monitor, which involves meeting with the children and providing reports to the court.

For more information about the Pawnee CASA Program, contact Helen Norris at (918) 762-3776. For more information about becoming a foster parent, contact Kari Little at (918) 762-3873 ext. 3.

# Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation Leadership Change

Submitted by Lindsey Teter

Tribal Developmental Corporation

Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation (PTDC) came under the helm of new leadership, with Roger Smith being appointed as chief executive officer in March, 2012.

Under his leadership, changes were made and projects undertaken immediately that are already reflected in 2nd Quarter financial results. Impacts include increased profits, increased tribal distribution, a re-investment fund for business diversification and reduced

corporate debt.

## Increased Profits

At the close of the 2nd Quarter, PTDC had a consolidated operational net income of \$584,045 year-to-date for 2012. This is a 2285 percent increase over 2011's year-to-date 2nd Quarter consolidated operational net income of \$24,484.

## Tribal Distribution

At the close of the 2nd Quarter, direct payments made to the Tribe for January through June of 2012 totaled \$350,000 in comparison to \$188,724 in 2011 for the same time period.

Minimally, the corporation distributes \$50,000 each month directly to the Tribe. Additionally, indirect payments (rent, licenses, fees) are made to the Tribe through other departments and commissions. The total payments made to the Tribe, including direct and indirect payments through 2nd Quarter 2012 totals \$390,815 in comparison to \$229,024 in 2011 for the same time period.

With a primary focus on a re-launch campaign at StoneWolf Casino, the corporation is expecting to produce better results by the

end of the 4th Quarter of 2012. The re-launch campaign has several exciting elements including the installation of 70 new games from companies VGT, Bally, Konami & Williams.

StoneWolf Grill is also being "re-branded" as a barbecue restaurant with a menu that appeals to the local demographic and differs from other restaurant establishments in the area.

A new sign with a full color 26' x 18' LED will also be installed on Highway 412.

## Tribal Buildings Available For Rental To Accommodate Community

Tribal Buildings offer many amenities favorable for community and personal gatherings. Locations for rent include the Round-

house, Community Building, Camp Grounds, Multi-Purpose building, Wellness Center and the Roam Chief Event Center.

The Tribal Operations office is located at 361 Clinic Road in the metal building next to the old IHS clinic. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday through Friday excluding Tribal holidays.

For arrangements, call (918) 258-0548.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### Commissioners

Pawnee Nation is seeking candidates for the positions of commissioner for both the Gaming Commission, Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation Board of Commissioners, the Environmental regulatory Commission and the Election Commission for Chairman and Teller. One position on the Housing Authority Boards is also

vacant. Qualified persons for the above posting may submit a letter and resume to President Marshall R. Gover, Pawnee Business Council, P. O. Box 470, Pawnee, OK, 74058. For more information, call (918) 762-3621.

### Supreme Court Justices

The Pawnee Nation is also accepting applications for two Supreme Court Justices. Minimum

qualifications: (a) Be either: 1. Enrolled member of the Pawnee Nation, 2. The parent, child, or spouse of an enrolled member, 3. Actually domiciled within the territorial jurisdiction of the Pawnee Nation, 4. An Attorney, or 5. A lay advocate who has regularly practiced before the court as a member of the Bar of the Court for a period of seven (7) years, 6. An Indian graduate of an

American Bar Association approved Law School, or a Paralegal program approved by the Supreme Court.

Visit [www.pawneenation.org](http://www.pawneenation.org) for applications and additional details. Send applications to Linda Jestes, Pawnee Business Council Secretary, P.O. Box 470, Pawnee, OK 74058. Applications accepted until positions are filled.

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A letter to the editor is meant to express your opinion or point of view.

**Length:** Letters on issues of public concern should be 300 words or less.

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**Thanks:** Letters of thanks must be generic and limited to events of public interest. Lists of participants or sponsors will not be published.

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Send letters to [communications@pawneenation.org](mailto:communications@pawneenation.org) or PO Box 470, Pawnee, OK 74058. They must be signed and should include your full address, e-mail address and a phone number for verification of authorship.

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## PAWNEE NATION BUILDING DIRECTORY

<p><u>Building #64:</u> (918) 762-3621</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pawnee Business Council</li> <li>• Executive office</li> <li>• Finance</li> <li>• Human Resource</li> <li>• Grants &amp; Contracts</li> <li>• Information Technology</li> <li>• Tribal Planning</li> <li>• Communication</li> <li>• Indian Community Development Block Grant</li> </ul> <p><u>Building #68:</u> (918) 762-3378</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gaming Commission</li> </ul> <p><u>Pawnee Nation College:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Albin Leadingfox Building: (918) 762-3393 or (918) 762-3383</li> <li>• Staff Quarters Building: (918) 762-3343</li> </ul> <p><u>Pawnee Pakoo Building:</u> (918) 762-2106</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Readiness Program</li> </ul> <p><u>Pawnee Nation Housing:</u> (918) 762-3454</p> <p><u>Tribal Operations:</u> (918) 762-2273</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reserve Maintenance</li> <li>• Building Rentals</li> </ul> <p><u>I.H.S Housekeeping:</u></p>	<p>(918) 762-3605</p> <p><u>Building #1:</u> (918) 762-3624</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tax Office</li> <li>• Enrollment Office</li> </ul> <p><u>Pawnee Tribal Court:</u> (918) 762-3649</p> <p><u>Wellness Center/ Multi-Purpose Building</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Title VI (Elderly Meals): (918) 762-4042</li> <li>• Early Learning Center and care given 0-2 yrs: (918) 762-2489</li> </ul> <p><u>Roam Chief Building:</u> (918) 762-2541</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Distribution</li> </ul> <p><u>Fire Station</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pawnee Police Dept.: (918) 762-3013</li> <li>• Division of Natural Resource &amp; Safety/</li> <li>• Transportation: (918) 762-3655                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Environment</li> <li>○ Transportation: (918) 762-3655</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>Cultural Learning Center (Berry Building):</u> (918) 762-3227</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education &amp; Training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repatriation</li> <li>• THPO</li> </ul> <p><u>Health &amp; Community Services Center:</u> (918) 762-3873</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indian Child Welfare</li> <li>• Violence Against Women</li> <li>• CHR/EMS: (918) 762-4641</li> <li>• Diabetes Program: (918) 762-4045</li> <li>• REACH US</li> </ul> <p><u>Family Development Center</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fitness Center: (918) 762-3006</li> <li>• Learning Center: (918) 762-3007</li> </ul> <p><u>Substance Abuse Building:</u> (918) 762-2153</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substance Abuse Program</li> <li>• Healthy Nations Program</li> </ul>
<p><b>Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation:</b> (918) 762-4832</p>		
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