I begin this article by congratulating the Pawnee Veterans’ Association for their excellent work in sponsoring this year’s Veterans’ Annual Powwow. I enjoyed myself and heard many great comments from others. Good work, Pawnee Vets!

Recently I was talking with someone about public service. I said, if one is looking for recognition, glory, or accolades, it will not be found being a true public servant. If one does good for others, it is the sake of others, not for self recognition. Years ago, when I was just starting out in public service, I read the leadership “techniques” by a student at Harvard, Kent Keith. I thought to myself that these principals are not new; as a child in Pawnee, I heard many of these concepts in church and also learned them from my grandparents. To me, these are commandments on how to treat people in this life. Seeing the old basic concepts formally organized and written, I knew that it was a reminder to me on how to treat others in any role I may serve; parent, relative, friend, or as tribal representative. It is also a reminder on how to react in life’s difficult situations. It does not require a saint to do these things, just an ordinary human being who wants to do what is right and be true to oneself and to God. I know that many of us try to live up to most of these precepts and with God’s help, we do the best we can.

Ten Paradoxical Leadership Commandments:

1. People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered.  
   **Love and trust them anyway**

2. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.  
   **Do good anyway.**

3. If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies.  
   **Succeed anyway.**

4. The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.  
   **Do good anyway.**

5. Being honest and frank makes you vulnerable.  
   **Be honest and frank anyway.**

6. The biggest people with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest people with the smallest minds.  
   **Think big anyway.**

7. People favor underdogs but follow top dogs.  
   **Fight for a few underdogs anyway.**

8. What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.  
   **Build anyway.**

9. People really need help but may attack you if you help them.  
   **Help people anyway.**

10. Give the world the best you have and you may get kicked in the teeth.  
    **Give the world your best anyway.**

President George E. Howell
PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

June 6, 2009 – Quarterly Meeting

Program Reports

Resolutions #09-26, 09-27, 09-28 were all for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds tied to the 2008 ICDBG. All were approved for the Expansion of the Food Distribution Program.

Resolution #09-29 – Was approved for the four officers of the Pawnee Business Council to be the authorized signatures on Pawnee Nation Banking Accounts.

Resolution #09-30 was a Resolution to Accept Land in Grand Island, Nebraska. This Resolution was tabled and will be brought back in the form of two resolutions instead of one.

Resolution #09-31 – Was approved and was for the Department of Energy Block Grant that is also Stimulus funds to enhance the Food Distribution Program expansion.

June 16, 2009 – PBC Meeting

Resolution #09-30 – A resolution to accept the Warranty Deed for $10 for the land donated in Grand Island, Nebraska – Approved.

Resolution #09-32 – A resolution to Accept the Lease Agreement for the Land in Grand Island, NE. – Approved.

June 24, 2009 - PBC Meeting

The Employee’s Club requested permission to have a Fireworks Stand and as a Non-Profit Organization, fees and taxes waived. This was approved.

Granthurm Stevens, Gaming Director, reported on his Department.

Resolution #09-34 – Partnership Agreement – U.S. Census 2010. This agreement is for tribal support and cooperation with the 2010 Census process. Approved.

Resolution #09-39 – A resolution to approve the submittal of a Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Grant – Approved.

Executive Session was held to interview the Division Director for Education and Training. After interviews, Robin Harms was selected to fill the vacant position.

July 22, 2009 - PBC Meeting

Resolution #09-33 – to approve Amerind Insurance Coverage for privately owned homes as a benefit to enrolled tribal members was approved.

The Renewal for the Modoc Child Support Agreement was approved.

Council approved a bid of $7,800 for Asphalt Shingles and Manufactured Roof at the Old Clinic.

Resolution #09-38 was approved to drawdown Proceeds of Labor, not to exceed $13,200 for geothermal (ground-source heat pump) installation in connection with the Old Clinic rehab project.

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The Renewal for the Modoc Child Support Agreement was approved.

The Indirect Cost Pool Budget and the Tribal Operating Budgets for 2008 were approved.

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PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL
2ND QUARTER 2009 RESOLUTIONS

#09-16 – Request Extension of IRR Contract # CTB 07T81265 for Pawnee Nation Access Road, Route 6102 – A resolution to request an extension until December 31, 2009 in order to purchase necessary equipment to maintain roads and roadbeds within Pawnee Nation jurisdiction. APPROVED by a vote of 7 for (Moore, Wilde, Taylor, Only A Chief, Blackowl, Lone Chief, Bowen), 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell). 04-08-09

#09-17 – Enrollment – 34 applicants and document 14 deceased – Self-explanatory. APPROVED by a vote of 7 for (Moore, Wilde, Taylor, Only A Chief, Blackowl, Lone Chief, Bowen), 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell). 04-08-09

#09-18 – Enrollment – Conditional Relinquishment - TSW – Self-explanatory. APPROVED by a vote of 7 for (Moore, Wilde, Taylor, Only A Chief, Blackowl, Lone Chief, Bowen), 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell). 04-08-09

#09-19 – Enrollment – Conditional Relinquishment - TLS – Self-explanatory. APPROVED by a vote of 7 for (Moore, Wilde, Taylor, Only A Chief, Blackowl, Lone Chief, Bowen), 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell). 04-08-09

#09-20 – Enrollment – Conditional Relinquishment – JDS Self-explanatory. APPROVED by a vote of 7 for (Moore, Wilde, Taylor, Only A Chief, Blackowl, Lone Chief, Bowen), 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell). 04-08-09

#09-21 – Enrollment – Conditional Relinquishment - SRI – Self-explanatory. APPROVED by a vote of 7 for (Moore, Wilde, Taylor, Only A Chief, Blackowl, Lone Chief, Bowen), 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell). 04-08-09

#09-22 – Enrollment – Conditional Relinquishment - EBR – Self-explanatory. APPROVED by a vote of 7 for (Moore, Wilde, Taylor, Only A Chief, Blackowl, Lone Chief, Bowen), 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell). 04-08-09

#09-23 – Table Creek Treaty – Drawdown of 2009 Annuity – Funds for the 2009 Annuity have been released to the BIA and must be deposited in the tribal Annuity Account by resolution. APPROVED by a vote of 7 for (Moore, Wilde, Taylor, Only A Chief, Blackowl, Lone Chief, Bowen), 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell). 04-27-09

#09-24 – BIA -4432 – Indian Preference Form – A resolution to update the authorized signatures on form BIA-4432 to verify Indian Preference. Authorized Signatures are George E. Howell, President, Donna Wilde, PBC Secretary, Dawna Hare, Executive Director, and Carrie Peters, Enrollment Director APPROVED by a vote of 7 for (Moore, Wilde, Taylor, Only A Chief, Blackowl, Lone Chief, Bowen), 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell). 04-27-09

#09-25 – Appointment to Housing Authority Board – Dana Whiteshirt applied to fill a spot vacated due to a resignation. Term is from May 13, 2009 and will expire October 22, 2009. APPROVED by a vote of 4 for (Moore, Wilde, Taylor, Only A Chief), 1 against (Bowen), 1 excused (Blackowl), and 2 not voting (Only A Chief and President Howell). 05-13-09

#09-26 – 2008 ICDBG – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act – A resolution to approve submitting for the ARRA funds and request a waiver. If approved, funds will be under the “Public Facilities and Improvement Projects” category and used to renovate and expand the Food Distribution Center. APPROVED by a vote of 7 for (Lone Chief, Jestes, Taylor, Only A Chief, Blackowl, Fields, Gover), 0 against and 1 not voting (President Howell). 06-06-09

#09-27 – 2008 ICDBG – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act – A resolution to approve the leveraging for the Food Distribution Expansion and Renovation in Resolution #09-26 in the amount of $43,271.86. ($21,971.86 will be provided for a drive-thru road by the Pawnee Nation Transportation Department and $21,300 will be provided by the Department of Energy Grant for a ground-source heat pump.) APPROVED by a vote of 7 for (Lone Chief, Jestes, Taylor, Only A Chief, Blackowl, Fields, Gover), 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell). 06-06-09

#09-28 – 2008 ICDBG – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act – A resolution to approve the Operations/ Maintenance Plan for the Food Distribution Renovation and Expansion Project listed in resolutions #09-26 and #09-27. APPROVED by a vote of 7 for (Lone Chief, Jestes, Taylor, Only A Chief, Blackowl, Fields, Gover), 0 against and 1 not voting (President Howell). 06-06-09

#09-29 – Declaring Election results and authorized signatures for banking accounts – A resolution stating Charles Lone Chief was duly elected as Vice-President, Linda Jestes as Secretary, James Fields to Seat #3 and Marshall Gover to Seat #4 and authorizing the four officers (Howell, Lone Chief, Jestes, and Taylor) to have signature authority on the Pawnee Nation Bank Accounts. APPROVED by a vote of 7 for (Lone Chief, Jestes, Taylor, Only A Chief, Blackowl, Fields, Gover), 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell). 06-06-09

#09-30 – Accept Donation of Land in Grand Island, Nebraska – A resolution to accept the donation of approximately 21.980 acres (more or less) in Grand Island, Nebraska. APPROVED by a vote of 6 for (Lone Chief, Jestes, Taylor, Only A Chief, Blackowl, Fields, Gover), 0 against, 1 excused (Lone Chief) and 1 not voting (President Howell). 06-16-09

#09-31 – Department of Energy Grant EE CBG – A resolution to apply for a direct formula grant of $89,900 as part of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Black Grant. APPROVED by a vote of 7 for (Lone Chief, Jestes, Taylor, Only A Chief, Blackowl, Fields, Gover), 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell). 06-16-09

#09-32 – Approve Amerind Insurance for Privately Owned/Rehab Homes – A resolution to approve the Pawnee Nation Housing Authority to enter into an insurance agreement with Amerind Insurance to provide insurance to Privately Owned/Rehab Homes at a group rate. TABLED by a vote of 7 for (Lone Chief, Jestes, Taylor, Only A Chief, Blackowl, Fields, Gover), 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell). (Council requested that Amerind Insurance Company come back to the July 22, 2009 meeting to make a presentation and answer questions.) 06-22-09
PAWNEE NATION EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

By Amy Watters, Human Resources Director

The Office of Human Resources assists Pawnee Nation employees, tribal members, and other customers by providing courteous, timely, and helpful employment-related services. Specifically, the Office of Human Resources is responsible for advertising vacant positions, recruiting highly qualified and skilled applicants, managing employee relations, administering benefit plans, developing and deploying policies and procedures, maintaining personnel records, monitoring compliance with applicable federal, state, and tribal laws, and providing employment-related training.

On November 3, 2008, the Pawnee Nation implemented a new, comprehensive Human Resources Policies & Procedures Manual. The manual, which was approved by the Human Resources Committee and the Pawnee Business Council, establishes an unbiased, uniform system for personnel administration.

All employees, regardless of position or funding source, are responsible for complying with the Human Resources policies and procedures.

Amendments, supplements, and rescissions to the Human Resources Policies & Procedures manual are subject to approval by the Human Resources Committee and the Pawnee Business Council.

In response to the on-going nationwide economic recession, the Pawnee Nation has seen an increase in the number and quality of employment applicants. In accordance with approved policies and procedures, the Human Resources Office adheres to the following Recruitment & Selection protocol:

- Applicants for employment must submit a completed Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Employment Application form.
- To claim Indian Preference, applicants must attach a copy of a CDIB card or BIA Form 4432 documenting membership in a federally recognized tribe.
- To receive preferential treatment, Pawnee tribal members must provide documentation of Pawnee Nation tribal membership.
- To claim Veterans Preference, applicants must attach a copy of the DD Form 214 documenting an honorable or general discharge.
- To document education, training, certification, or professional license, a copy of the transcript, diploma, license, etc. must be attached.
- Background checks are conducted in accordance with federal law and position requirements. Applicants who will work in law enforcement, child care, or other relevant positions, or who will be assigned to work at IHS or BIA facilities, are subject to background investigations through the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation. All other applicants are subject to background screenings through Oklahoma District Court Records, Oklahoma State Courts Network, Oklahoma Sex and Violent Crime Offender Registry, and the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.

Vacant positions are advertised on the pawneenation.org website, where applicants may also download and complete the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Employment Application form. Vacancy notices are also placed on the bulletin board outside the Human Resources Office, published in the Pawnee Chief newspaper, posted at the Oklahoma State Employment Service, and made available through career service programs at the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, University of Central Oklahoma, Northern Oklahoma College, Northeastern State University, and Rogers State College. Other recruiting efforts include sending e-mail notifications to the Pawnee Nation’s Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO), all Pawnee Nation and Pawnee Nation College employees, and Human Resource personnel from area tribes, such as the Osage Nation, Otoe-Missouria Tribe, Iowa Nation, Kaw Nation, Ponca Tribe, Sac & Fox Nation, Tonkawa Tribe, etc.

At the July 22, 2009 meeting of the Pawnee Business Council, HR Committee Chair John Only A Chief shared information about the racial demographics of tribal employees. As of July 17, 2009, the Pawnee Nation’s workforce consisted of:

- 53% Enrolled Pawnee tribal members
- 20% Pawnee descendants enrolled in other federally recognized tribes
- 14% Enrolled members of other federally recognized tribes
- 13% Non-Indians

PAWNEE NATION STIMULUS FUNDING

By Monty Matlock

The American Recovery Act of 2009, also known as Stimulus Funding, may prove to be a once in a lifetime opportunity for the Pawnee Nation and other entities throughout the United States.

We have already received $779,789 in additional funding to date. Here is a listing of funds received:

Indian Reservation Roads from Federal Highways - $649,514
Child Care Development Block Grant - $90,448

Community Services Block Grant - $4,245
Elderly Meals - Title VI - $16,610
Education & Training PL 102-477 - $18,972

Our Planner, Ted Moore, and our Division Directors and Program Manager and Coordinators are vigilant in identifying Stimulus Funding to provide better service to our tribal members and to develop our infrastructure.

Muriel Robedeaux, Indian Community Block Grant Coordinator, submitted two proposals (1) a HUD grant for $600,000, which was funded as of July 30, 2009 and (2) an energy stimulus grant of $89,000 for energy efficiency heating and cooling of the Roam Chief Building and the old hospital.

Cecil Riding In, Transportation Planner, and Monty Matlock, Division of Natural Resources and Safety Director, have brought JIm McCormick, a retired engineer to design at least two major roads in Pawnee. Getting these overlay designs completed by early November will allow the Pawnee Nation to receive additional funds from the Federal Highways Administration.

Stephen Jake, IT Manager, and James Rice, Tribal Operations Director, attended a meeting concerning broadband stimulus funding. They will be pursuing funding to continue develop our IT capabilities.

As funding continues to be announced, we will continue to pursue projects that will be beneficial to the Pawnee Nation and our community.
THE PAWNEE ARE WELCOMED HOME TO KEARNEY

By Mike Konz, Kearney Hub Managing Editor

Kearney — A crowd estimated at more than 2,500 got a glimpse of Pawnee culture Saturday before rain forced an early ending for the powwow and homecoming.

“All I can say is thank you, thank you, thank you,” Head Chief Pat LeadingFox said about the size of Saturday’s audience and the warm reception in Nebraska.

Crowd estimates ranged from 2,500 to as high as 5,000.

Amidst the raindrops that threatened to ruin some of the ceremonial dress that tribal dancers wore, LeadingFox said it was well worth the effort to travel to Nebraska to set foot upon the Pawnee’s ancestral lands.

In addition to dispersing Pawnee dancers, the rain sent most of the people attending the powwow at the Great Platte River Road Archway back to their cars. Vehicles lined Archway Parkway for almost three miles west of the archway.

Long lines formed for trolley rides at the Viaero Event Center parking lot. The shuttle service was arranged to prevent congestion at the archway, but the trolleys were unable to accommodate the large numbers who attended the powwow.

“We were literally overwhelmed, to put it mildly,” said archway Executive Director Gary Roubicek. “Everybody was shocked by the turnout, but everyone seemed to have a great time.”

Long lines led to food vendors and native crafts tables.

Jan Ellston of Grand Island used up her supplies at Indian Jan’s Tacos.

“I underestimated. A lot of people liked the tacos,” Ellston said as she piled the last of her meat, cheese, spicy sauce and sour cream on top of a 10-inch circle of fry bread and handed it to one of her helpers. Indian Jan’s sold 300 tacos Saturday.

Ronnie O’Brien, director of operations at the archway, was among the powwow’s principal organizers.

“I’m stunned by the size of the crowd,” O’Brien said. “It’s raining, but some people are still sticking around.”

Kearney organizers worked for nearly 17 months with Pawnee leaders in Oklahoma arranging for the powwow exhibition and homecoming.

The Pawnee tribe had occupied lands along the shores of the Platte, Loup, Blue and Republican rivers in central and south-central Nebraska until being forced to a new home in Oklahoma in 1875. Disease, destitution and starvation reduced the tribe to only 500 members, but the Pawnee people have rebounded to about 3,500 today.

Tribal historian Gordon Adams recounted a story of the trek from Nebraska to Oklahoma. He said when food was gone and the tribe was exhausted, a young hunting party set out in search of game. The hunters tracked a buffalo herd 100 miles before bagging enough meat to sustain the Pawnees during the rest of their journey.

Adams said the homecoming to Nebraska helps heal some wounds of the past. “It’s a very proud moment for me to feel the compassion you have for us. You have not seen the last of us.”

The Pawnees also got a taste of Kearney culture. Some shopped at Wal-Mart. Others sang during karaoke Friday night at The Backlot.

Rebekah HorseChief was among Pawnees who stayed at the Kearney Holiday Inn. Saturday morning she encountered a problem with her skirt as she donned traditional dancing apparel. She said she poked her head out the door and asked a nearby woman for help.

“It was Linda Welsch. I couldn’t believe it. I met Linda Welsch,” HorseChief said.

Linda and her husband, Nebraska author and celebrity Roger Welsch, have deeded the 60 acres where they live near Dannebrog to the Pawnee Nation.

“A lot of people ask how we decided to give our land to the Pawnee, but there was really no decision,” Welsch said. “The land has never been our land. It was the Pawnees’.”
LARRY ECHOHAWK IS SWORN INTO OFFICE

By Ashlee Worley

Larry Echohawk was sworn into office on June 26, 2009, as the Interior Department’s 11th Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. EchoHawk is an enrolled member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, whose nomination was confirmed by the United States Senate on May 19, 2009.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar swore him into office and said, “I will rely on his steady leadership as we move forward to protect tribal communities, advance Indian education, carry out our trust responsibilities, support sustainable tribal economies and address Indian country’s infrastructure needs.”

In a heartfelt address, EchoHawk, acknowledged the Pawnee Nation for all their support and also addressed the Shoshone-Bannocks for taking a chance and hiring him as a young attorney fresh out of law school in 1976, saying it paved the way for him to take the helm as head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

“For the next nine years after I was selected as tribal attorney, I served with my heart and soul and they (the tribes) became a part of me. I want to say thank you,” said EchoHawk, as he looked toward the contingent of Shoshone-Bannock tribal members in attendance.

“I would not be here if that decision had not been made.”

EchoHawk asked the Pawnee Business Council to be alongside him at the ceremony and Pawnee Nation President George Howell sat beside EchoHawk and Salazar on stage.

Council members in attendance were President George Howell, Vice-President Charles Lone Chief, Treasurer Roy Taylor, and seat members John Only A Chief and Elizabeth Blackowl.

Photo Courtesy of Pawnee Business Council Vice-President, Charles “Buddy” Lone Chief.

RENOVATION OF THE FORMER PAWNEE INDIAN HEALTH CLINIC

By Ted Moore, Tribal Planner and Muriel Robedeauz, ICDBG Coordinator

This construction project is to renovate the former Pawnee Indian Health Clinic, which was closed in March of 2004 when the new Health Center opened. The former facility was turned over to the Pawnee Nation this past Spring. Barrett L. Williamson of Norman, Oklahoma is the architect of Record and Builder’s Unlimited of Tulsa, Oklahoma is the contractor that has been selected to take care of the renovation of the facility.

Work officially began the last week of May with selected demolition of the interior of the first and second floors of the building. When bad weather came through in March of this year, the facility sustained roof damage and the roof had temporary patches, that have since been removed through the installation of a new roof.

All of the tile and carpeting that had been placed over the terrazzo flooring has been removed and the terrazzo flooring will be cleaned up and polished, so that it will again have a nice shiny appearance that it had before it had been covered up.

A Geothermal heating and cooling system is being designed for this building so that some of the heating and cooling costs can be controlled to a certain degree.

This building is being turned into office space for the tribal Health and Community Services Offices. Current timelines have been projected to allow the Health & Community Services programs to move into the building in December of 2009.

Stay tuned after the first of 2010 to see a date for an Open House.
RIVER ROCK ENTERTAINMENT, LLC ACQUIRES RIGHTS TO MOSE YELLOWHORSE NOVEL BY PNC PRESIDENT

River Rock Entertainment, LLC has acquired the motion picture rights to the novel 60 Feet Six Inches and Other Distances from Home: the (Baseball) Life of Mose YellowHorse by Todd Fuller. The announcement was made today by Mark Marshall, co-founder of River Rock Entertainment, LLC.

Published by Holy Cow! Press in 2002, 60 Feet Six Inches tells the story of Mose YellowHorse, the first full-blooded Indian to play major league baseball. The book chronicles Mose’s bittersweet childhood, his transient career in baseball, his 15-year bout with alcoholism, and his eventual restoration to a place as a beloved elder in the Pawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

Mr. Fuller is currently writing the screenplay adaptation with his wife and writing partner, Randi LeClair. Mark Marshall will produce with brother and River Rock co-founder, Mike Marshall.

“Todd’s book captured the life of Mose YellowHorse in a unique and powerful way,” Mark said. “There are strong themes of overcoming personal tragedies and redemption, themes which Mike and I believe will resonate deeply with audiences worldwide.” Added Mike Marshall, “One of the joys of this business is the interaction with truly creative people like Randi and Todd. We look forward to working with them to bring Mose’s inspirational story to the big screen.”

Mark Marshall began his career in 1978 as a production assistant for Lucasfilm Ltd. on such films as “More American Graffiti”, “Star Wars Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back” and “Raiders of the Lost Ark”. In 1984, he joined Amblin Entertainment as personal assistant to Steven Spielberg, earning credits on “The Goonies” and “The Color Purple.” Throughout the 1990’s, Marshall served as a producer on all three movies in the “Free Willy” series. He has also supervised post-production on films ranging from “Assassins” and “Message in a Bottle” to Billy Crystal’s “61*” for HBO and “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone,” the first in the phenomenally successful Harry Potter franchise for Warner Bros.

Mike Marshall has been involved in Oklahoma television for over twenty years as a production manager and field producer. He has produced over 200 hours of educational programming for broadcast and has co-produced a number of documentary projects. He is currently supervising production on the River Rock productions, “Soldiers of Misfortune: The Sultana Disaster” and “Driving Force: Cyrus Avery and the Creation of Route 66.” In Spring, 2009, River Rock Entertainment partnered with veteran Hollywood television producer, Jim Michaels (“Everybody Hates Chris”), in the development of two theatrical films.

In addition to being a published author, Todd Fuller is the president of Pawnee Nations College in Pawnee, Oklahoma. Randi LeClair is a writer and an actress, appearing in the independent film, “American Indian Graffiti.” She is currently a graduate student in the University of Oklahoma’s Master of Professional Writing Program.

CULTURAL LEARNING CENTER PROJECT

By Ted Moore, Tribal Planner and Muriel Robedouvez, ICDBG Coordinator

This project is to renovate two floors of the located at 7th & Main, which we have taken to calling the “Berry Building”.

The second floor will be renovated for use as offices, classrooms and a multi-media room for the Educational and Language programs. Construction on this project will begin in late October with a completion date in late February or early March of 2010.

The Mezzanine area of the building will be used by the Repatriation Office. It will include 2 offices along with a secured large storage area.

“Life comes down to a few moments – this was one of them.” ~ anon

The Gravy Reunion held July 4 in the old dining hall building was a poignant one. Alumni attending the gathering shared memories of their years in the former government institution. Several were in attendance when the school closed its doors in 1958. Others had been students in the mid-1940s.

This may have been the last reunion of boarding school alumni.

A hearty Thank-you to those who attended and to my relations who helped in preparations and clean-up.

Theda GoodFox Kresge
PAWNEE WOMAN AWARDED FIRST PLACE IN FAMILY STORY CONTEST

Theda GoodFox Kresge, Casa Grande, Arizona has been awarded First Place for her family story “Unceasing Passage” in the Oklahoma Genealogical Society 2009 Family Story Writing contest.

Kresge’s story is a tribute to her grandmother who was born in Indian Territory; following the Pawnee tribe’s removal in the mid-1870’s from Nebraska into what later became Oklahoma.

“The story is a tribute to my grandmother Nannie Curly Chief who figured prominently in my early years and was so instrumental in igniting my desire to obtain a higher education. I was able to weave tribal history as well as her story with other referenced historical events in Oklahoma, which the Genealogical Society likes a writer to do.”

The story will be published in the Oklahoma Genealogical Society’s quarterly publication; the journal is donated to the Oklahoma Historical Society Library. The Oklahoma Genealogical Society’s family story writing contest provides an opportunity for writer researchers to share special family stories with family genealogists.

“I write of a world that no longer exists – my grandfathers’ and my grandmothers’ world and what happened to it. I think it is most important – not just for me, but my children, grandchildren and those who follow”, said Kresge.

In 2007, Kresge received second place for her story “Not On The Mayflower”, about her great-grandfather Curly Chief. She and husband Grant have resided in Casa Grande, 12 ½ years. Kresge retired in 2001 as CEO of a federal regional treatment facility located on the Gila River Reservation, Sacaton, AZ. In 2006, she was honored by the College of Education, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK as one of “75 Who Made A Difference”. Kresge received a Master’s degree from OU in 1956. She also has a Master’s degree in clinical psychology from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK.

PAWNEE WOMAN A WARDED FIRST PLACE IN FAMILY STORY CONTEST

ONE FAMILY’S GREAT ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

Athletic championship rings are a symbol of great achievement, which we have celebrated with many high school students in recent and past years. Parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles are proud of these youngsters. Each one is wished continued success in their athletic endeavors.

The rings pictured right, belong to the great grandchildren of the late Albin and Mary Leading Fox.

There are nine great grandchildren who have played on different high school teams, who have won these rings with their teammates. Michael Wade played on the football team at Union High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma for two years. Robert and Christopher Pratt were on the Pawnee High School basketball team.

Rings not pictured are those belonging to Bradley Moore Jr. and Julia Moore who played basketball for Frontier High School in Red Rock, Oklahoma. Also not pictured are Jimmy and Johnny Tiger with the 2008-2009 Pawnee High School basketball team.

Albin and Mary would be very proud of these grandchildren. Albin held education as a high priority for everyone, especially tribal youngsters. Incidentally these youngsters are all related to Mose Yellow Horse, the great baseball player.
FALL 2009 HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT RECIPIENTS

By Robin Harms

The Pawnee Nation’s Division of Education’s Higher Education Program recently processed forty-one higher education applicants for the Fall 2009 semester. These students were successful in receiving grants to supplement their college financial needs. The amount of funding the student received depended in part on the number of dependents the student has in the household. The Higher Education Committee met on July 30, 2009 to select the successful applicants. The Pawnee Nation Business Council approved an additional $12,500 from the Motor Fuel taxes to be divided equally between the applicants.

Students are attending schools across the nation at the following institutions: the Universities of Oklahoma, New York, Phoenix, St. Gregory’s, Utah Valley, New Mexico, Northeastern State, Oklahoma State, OSU-Okmulgee, Central Oklahoma, Central Missouri, Tulsa, Missouri State, Minnesota, Montana, Evangel, Langston, Rogers State, Xavier of Louisiana, Houston Baptist, and Southwest Oklahoma State; the Colleges of Tulsa Community, Seminole State, Rose State, Oklahoma City Community, Northern Oklahoma at Stillwater, Central Community College in Grand Island, NE., Copper Mountain in California, Butler County in El Dorado, KS, , Trinity Christian in Palos Heights, IL, and Utah Valley State; the Institute of American Indian Art in Santa Fe; and our own Pawnee Nation College.

Several additional students missed the deadline to submit their applications. The Spring 2010 application deadline is December 6, 2009. All individuals interested in attending classes next semester should be aware of this date and make every effort to have all necessary documents in the Higher Education office before the deadline.

As dirt moves; anticipation grows. Dirt work started on the expansion project at the Pawnee Nation Travel Plaza, located on Hwy 18 at the intersection of Hwy 412 in June. This fast-paced project is moving on schedule. The $6.8 million Casino, Restaurant and Bar is expected to open by January 2010.

The 10,000sf facility will house 200 additional games and a new 80-seat restaurant. The new facility promises an exciting, upscale atmosphere with exciting new games, a Players Club and exceptional customer service.

The restaurant will offer with an unrivaled commitment to atmosphere, customer service and food quality. Roger Smith, former owner of Click’s Steakhouse is on board as the new Food & Beverage Manager and has direct oversight as it relates to design and development of the restaurant. The menu will boast several signature items.

PTDC is pleased with the initial job opportunities that have been created with the start of construction. In conjunction with PN TERO and the general contractor, Ambur Construction, a job fair was held on June 14th for subcontractors and construction labor. Advertised in the local newspaper and through the TERO office, the job fair was well attended.

FREE SUMMER GED CLASSES

DESIGNED FOR

Anyone seeking a GED
Must Not Be Attending School

WHERE:  Roam Chief Building
          810 Morris Road, Pawnee, OK
          Corner of Beck Dr. & Morris Rd.

WHEN:  Tuesdays and Thursdays
          5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

WHO:  Anyone in Pawnee County
       or Surrounding Counties
       Over 18 (16 & 17 year olds must have Parental Permission)

Class Instructor: David Gruenwald

For Information, contact
David or Chris at
918-762-2541 Ext. 24 or 34
On June 29, 2009 Casey Affleck, Hollywood actor, invited the Pawnee Nation Division of Education & Training and Pawnee youth to visit him on his film set in Tulsa, OK. Affleck was shooting his most recent movie, “The Killer Inside Me,” which includes fellow actors and actresses, Jessica Alba, Kate Hudson, and Warren Beatty. The movie is set in Texas in the 1950’s and is about a small-town Texas Sheriff that goes psychotic. It is scheduled to be released in spring of 2010.

Crystal EchoHawk with NVision was instrumental in bringing Affleck here to Pawnee, where he worked with the Pawnee Nation for the documentary 4REAL Pawnee. 4REAL takes celebrity guests on adventures around the world to connect with young leaders who, under extreme circumstances, are affecting real change on some of the most pressing issues of our time.

While working with the NVision crew at Pawnee, Affleck was very impressed with the culture, community, and potential talent that is in the Pawnee area, but he was most impressed with the hospitality of the Pawnee people.

“I made a promise to the Pawnee people that I would come back and visit,” said Affleck. So this is why he wanted to share this opportunity with the Pawnee while he was in Tulsa.

Mr. Affleck not only fulfilled his promise to the Pawnee Nation, but he really gave back to the Nation by rolling out the red carpet as soon as they arrived in Tulsa. He and his staff gave tours of the set and educated them about film making.

“They showed us everything from lighting to wardrobe and even how the actors, director, and all the other departments got ready for their part in the movie,” said Chris Hill, Youth Services Coordinator of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. “They not only told us what they did, but they also told us what got them into the movie making business. This was a chance of a lifetime for anyone that was lucky enough to go. The trip was very educational, and we were all overwhelmed by the kindness of Mr. Affleck’s staff.”
HOMEcoming EVENTS

FUN RUN/WALK

1st Place Micheal Bible and Bill Bible

2nd Place Russel Jim and Albert Jim

3rd Place Jesse Badley Jr. and Wesley VanDusen

HORSE SHOES

1st Place Dwyne, Rick, Bear, Jack

2nd Place Charley, Dawna, Electa, Danon Hare

3rd Place Connor, Braden, Herman Sleeper & Carrie Peters

DISC GOLF

1st Place Moondogs, Jason Lightfoot, Arlan Goodfox, K. C. Bills, Ryan Goodfox, and Jeffrey Lightfoot.

2nd Place The Crossing, John McIntosh, Loyd Guen, John Robedeaux, Chris Thayer, Berwin Moses Jr.

3rd Place Yellow Horse, Gerald McIntosh, Boscoe Wade, Andrew Whiteshirt, Justin Thompson, Julius Sheridan.
BATTLING THE SUMMER HEAT, SAFELY!

By Tiffany Frietze, Health Department Manager

People suffer heat-related illness when their bodies are unable to compensate and properly cool themselves. The body normally cools itself by sweating. But under some conditions, sweating just isn’t enough. In such cases, a person’s body temperature rises rapidly. Very high body temperatures may damage the brain or other vital organs.

Several factors affect the body’s ability to cool itself during extremely hot weather. When the humidity is high, sweat will not evaporate as quickly, preventing the body from releasing heat quickly. Other conditions related to risk include age, obesity, fever, dehydration, heart disease, mental illness, poor circulation, sunburn, and prescription drug and alcohol use.

Because heat-related deaths are preventable, people need to be aware of who is at greatest risk and what actions can be taken to prevent a heat-related illness or death. The following are tips to follow to protect your health when temperatures are extremely high:

1) Drink plenty of fluids
2) Replace salt and minerals
3) Wear appropriate clothing and sunscreen
4) Schedule outdoor activities carefully
5) Stay cool in an air-conditioned facility/home
6) Monitor those at risk: elderly, infants & children, and people mental illness/chronic diseases
7) Know the symptoms of heat disorders & overexposure to the sun and be ready to give first aid treatment.

Heat Stroke-occurs when the body is unable to regulate its temperature. The body’s temperature rises rapidly, the sweating mechanism fails, and the body is unable to cool down. Body temperature may rise to 106°F or higher within 10 to 15 minutes. Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not provided.

Warning signs of heat stroke vary but may include the following: extremely high body temperature (above 103°F, orally); red, hot, and dry skin (no sweating); rapid, strong pulse; throbbing headache; dizziness; nausea; confusion; and unconsciousness. If you see any of these signs, you may be dealing with a life-threatening emergency. Have someone call for immediate medical assistance while you begin cooling the victim. Do the following:

• Get the victim to a shady area.
• Cool the victim rapidly using whatever methods you can. For example, immerse the victim in a tub of cool water; place the person in a cool shower; spray the victim with cool water from a garden hose; sponge the person with cool water; or if the humidity is low, wrap the victim in a cool, wet sheet and fan him or her vigorously.
• Monitor body temperature, and continue cooling efforts until the body temperature drops to 101-102°F.
• If emergency medical personnel are delayed, call the hospital emergency room for further instructions.
• Do not give the victim fluids to drink.

Heat Exhaustion-is a milder form of heat-related illness that can develop after several days of exposure to high temperatures and inadequate or unbalanced replacement of fluids. It is the body’s response to an excessive loss of the water and salt contained in sweat. Those most prone to heat exhaustion are elderly people, people with high blood pressure, and people working or exercising in a hot environment.

Warning signs of heat exhaustion include the following: heavy sweating; paleness; muscle cramps; tiredness; weakness; dizziness; headache; nausea or vomiting; and fainting. The skin may be cool and moist. The victim’s pulse rate will be fast and weak, and breathing will be fast and shallow. If heat exhaustion is untreated, it may progress to heat cramps.

Heat Cramps- are muscle pains or spasms usually in the abdomen, arms, or legs that may occur in association with strenuous activity. Heat cramps usually affect people who sweat a lot during strenuous activity; this sweating depletes the body’s salt and moisture. The low salt level in the muscles may be the cause of heat cramps. If medical attention is not necessary, take these steps: stop all activity & sit quietly in a cool place; drink clear juice or a sports beverage; and don’t return to strenuous activity for a few hours after the cramps subside.

Sunburn-should be avoided because it damages the skin. Although the discomfort is usually minor and healing often occurs in about a week; more severe sunburn may require medical attention.

Symptoms of sunburn are well known: the skin becomes red, painful, and abnormally warm after sun exposure. Remember these tips when treating sunburn: avoid repeated sun exposure; apply cold compresses or immerse the sunburned area in cool water; apply moisturizing lotion to affected areas; and do not break blisters.

Heat Rash-is a skin irritation caused by excessive sweating during hot, humid weather. Heat rash looks like a red cluster of pimples or small blisters. It is more likely to occur on the neck and upper chest, in the groin, under the breasts, and in elbow creases. It can occur at any age but is most common in young children.

The best treatment for heat rash is to provide a cooler, less humid environment; keep the affected area dry; and use dusting powder to provide comfort.

WHAT HAVE THE ELDERS BEEN UP TO?

By Sidra Atyse, Title VI Supervisor

The activity calendar for the month of August has not been scheduled yet but it will be provided as soon as possible. We are looking forward to providing more activities and monthly trips for our elderly participants in the next months. At this time, the only suggestions we are receiving are from the elders that attend the Elders Advisory Board meetings each month. So far, we have taken the elders to the Creek Nations River Spirit Casino in Tulsa, OK on June 26th and July 27th, the elders wanted to go visit the Standing Bear Museum in Ponca City, OK and to visit the South Wind Casino in Newkirk, Oklahoma. Please keep in mind that all suggestions for the elder’s monthly trips and activities are strongly recommended by our elder participants. We would love to hear from you!

Back in June, the Title VI Senior Program planned on hosting an Elders Summer Picnic 2009 at the Pawnee Bill Ranch Park but with the weather being so hot these days we are planning to reschedule it in August in hopes that the weather would be a little better. Also, the program is in the planning stage to schedule an all day workshop for the elders who have many questions about their Medicare and Medicaid services and will post further information and details as soon as this gets underway. Along with the activities, we are working with the other health programs to schedule another cooking class session with discussions and demonstrations on how to eat and cook a healthy meal at home for yourself and for your family. The Food Distribution Program will be providing some input, as well, on how to cook healthy meals using the commodities that many people receive.
HEALTH FAIR 2009

By Tiffany Frietze, Health Department Manager

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 July 2, 2009. We appreciate you taking the time to join us in making this year’s Health Fair a great success. There were over (350) 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.

If you have any comments/suggestions for next year’s health fair, please feel free to call Tiffany Frietze at (918) 762-4641 or email her at tfrietze@pawneenation.org.

NEWS FROM FOOD DISTRIBUTION

By Florissa Kanuho, Coordinator

Good News! In the next few months, the program will be getting a light butter spread back into the program. We are pleased to get this new item added to the food package. At this time, we do not know how it will come, in a twin-pack, 7.5 ounce tubs or 15 oz. tub. Both package sizes contain about 32 servings (1 tsp each). We have tried for years to get some kind of replacement for the butter that was taken out of the food package a few years back, and we hope our participants will like this as much as they did the butter.

THANK YOU FROM TITLE VI

The Title VI Senior Program and the elders would like to give a big thanks to the Youth Summer Work Program for providing all the help we received from our four little youth workers this summer; Jaime Sunegle-George, Shane Eppler, Paigelyn Moore and Coleman Pratt. They all did an excellent job!

HEALTH & Wellness

THE “411” ON PROGRAM SERVICES

By Sidra Atyse, Title VI Supervisor

Having a “good healthy life” is what we envision for ourselves and our elderly participants at the Title VI Senior Program. We believe that our elders and future generations of our elders should experience its true meaning of a “good healthy life” by providing a program that meets their nutritional, social and cultural needs to ensure productive and healthy lives, as well as meaningful involvement within the community for as long as possible. A few of the services that we provide for our elders are as follows:

- We provide both congregate and homebound meals to our participants.
- Serve hot or cold nutritious meals every day Monday through Friday beginning at 11:30 a.m. and ending at 12:30 p.m.
- We provide at least 1/3 of the Recommended Daily Allowances for senior citizens aged 55 years and older.
- Monthly meal calendar provided to participants each month.
- An opportunity to meet others in a group dining atmosphere.
- Social contact for those who are homebound.
- Daily fellowship for active and healthy lifestyles.
- Opportunities to help others by assisting with the program.
- Recreational and cultural trips provided monthly for our participants.
- Health screenings and Nutritional Health and Awareness educational information is scheduled monthly with the cooperation of the Pawnee Nation health programs, Indian Health Service and other surrounding health venues.

We have an Elders Advisory Board that is on duty every day of the week to assist the program with the monthly trips, activities, fundraisers and bingo games. Their meetings are held the last Thursday of each month. Usually a monthly calendar is provided to let everyone know what day our activities are scheduled.

Another service we provide is the Caregiver Outreach Program that reaches out to the caregivers and the elders that they are caring for, as well as, grandparents who are raising grandchildren. This program is a referral service for other agencies to assist our participants with any services they may need or at their request. The activities include, assistance with Medicare, Dr. Appointments, prescription pick-ups, errands, transportation, grocery shopping and respite care, if needed. Also, we offer limited help with emergency services that are needed to keep an elderly person in their own home for as long as possible.

SENIOR SERVICES REMINDER

In order to receive the Title VI Senior Program services you have to be 55 years of age or older and have a CDIB (Certificate Degree of Indian Blood) card. The spouse of an elder is also eligible to receive services no matter what their age is. Please keep in mind, that we are not a disability program for non-elders. This program is provided for senior citizens disabled and non-disabled, but if you would like information regarding disability programs for non-elders we will be happy to assist you. So if you should have any questions about the program or our services you can feel free to contact myself, Sidra Atyse, Title VI Director or Nannie Sewell, Caregiver Outreach Provider, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Till next time, we thank you for your support, contributions and cooperation towards the Title VI Senior Program!

FOOD DISTRIBUTION ATTENDS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

By Florissa Kanuho, Coordinator

The Food Distribution Program attended the National Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations (NAFDPIR) Annual Conference in Rapid City, SD, June 28 – 30, 2009. At the conference, one major topic was changing the USDA Food Image: That USDA foods cause obesity, USDA “surplus” foods are the culprit, and USDA foods are low quality. Which in fact, the realities of the food is: They are American grown, canned foods have less sodium, sugar, and fat, and that the food is keeping pace with latest nutrition and health advancements. At the present time, the canned tomato products and canned dry beans are low sodium foods, and in the last couple of years, we have added, UHT 1% milk, 2 lb. turkey ham, 2 lb. roast beef, whole grain rotini, and fresh tomatoes to the food package. The program is also providing a FDPIR Family Focus Newsletter to our participants, which contains information about the program, safety facts, and some recipes. I feel the staff received a lot of important information regarding the food package, and the program.

Also, at the NAFDPIR Conference, two staff members of the Food Distribution Program received certificates for Years of Service Recognition. Keith Lyons, warehouseman, received a 25 years certificate and Florissa Kanuho, program coordinator, received a 17 years certificate for dedicated service to the Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations from NAFDPIR. There were 127 individuals who received certificates for 15 years to 41 years of service to the Food Distribution Program.
CONGRATULATIONS SEAN!

Sean is a 2009 Tahlequah Sequoyah High School graduate. While in high school, he was active in golf, baseball, cross country, football, wrestling, stickball and the chess club. He also played baseball for the High School OK Kids/ for the Stilwell Indians, summer/fall baseball for the Jenks Trojans and with the NEO Redmen.

Currently, Sean is a U.S. Army Soldier and he began bootcamp on June 9, 2009 in South Carolina. After bootcamp, he will go to AIT in Georgia for his MOS in Telecommunication/IT. He is enlisted for 4 years and plans to go to college after that time or re-enlist.

During his spare time, he loves to fish, camp, play lacrosse, crawdad hunt, teach youth baseball fundamentals and spend time with family and friends. He is Pawnee/Otoe/Keetoowah Cherokee and is a fancy dancer and grassdancer.

He is the 18 year old son of Eddie Williams and Tonya Moore-Williams. He is newly married to Rebecca Steed and they have a baby daughter, Brooklynne. Sean’s grandparents are Robert and Evelyn Conley of Sylva, NC, Sidney Moore Jr. and Minnie Goodbear-Moore of Albuquerque, NM, Jim and Beatrice Monk of Locust Grove, OK and Jimmy and Coleta Williams of Kansas, OK. He is also the great-grandson of the late Sidney Sr. & Pearl Moore.

Pictured left to right

Bunnie Sue Moore, the granddaughter of the late Robert and Edna Moore of the paternal side. The maternal side are the late Charles Jake and Ella Mae Leading Fox. The great-grandparents of Summer are the late Albin and Mary Leading Fox.

Family and friends celebrated and supported Summer Dawn Moore as she reigned Princess at the recent Otoe-Missouria Encampment pow-wow. Summer is the daughter of Brad and

Summer is enrolled Otoe-Missouria and is of Pawnee descent. She attends the Frontier High School where she plays on the girls basketball team.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAVID!!!

LOVE, ALL OF US!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY BABIES!

We celebrate monthly birthdays the last Wednesday of each month unless otherwise posted. So if you know of a loved one who has a birthday that month, everybody is more than welcome to come out and have some cake and sing “happy birthday” but please notify us in advance so that we will have enough cake for everyone. Also, donations are accepted to help us with birthday parties.

JULY BIRTHDAYS:
Frankie Carson - July 2nd
Gwen Shunatona - July 8th
Starry Clark - July 14th
Frances Warrior - July 18th
Fern EagleChief - July 19th
Roger Pickering - July 22nd
Donald Neconie - July 23rd
St. Elmo Wilde - July 24th
Ezra Fields - July 31st
Jim Toahty - July 31st

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:
Marvin Diamond - August 2nd
Reba Howell - August 2nd
Andrea Bowen - August 5th
Lillie Cummings - August 8th
Treva Diamond - August 8th
Lavina Wichita - August 11th
John Tanner - August 12th
Georgette Miller - August 21st
Beatrice Realrider - August 23rd
Bobby Moxley - August 26th
Amelia Eppler - August 27th
Larry Goodfox - August 31st
Sadie Gonzales - August 31st

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU, FROM ALL OF US AT THE TITLE VI SENIOR PROGRAM!!!

Happy 3rd Birthday Aaron!

Love, Momma, Nana, and Bubba Ty!

Barbara Attocknie is the proud grandmother of Teiowisontii John Paul Attocknie.

He was born Feb. 20, 2009. weight 9 lbs. 2 ½ oz. He is the son of Arthur Lee Attocknie and his companion Kawisiiosta Sesi Sharrow. They make their home in Hogansburg, N.Y. Akwesasne, Reservation. Teiowisontii is Pawnee, Comanche and Mohawk.

Congratulations to Justin Blackowl Townsend for receiving 2nd Place Fancy Dancer at the Pawnee Indian Veterans Pow Wow, 2nd Place at the Otoe-Missouria Encampment Pow Wow and 1st Place at the Oklahoma City Indian Hills Pow Wow.
PAWNEE-WICHITA VISITATION 09

By William H. Howell

The Pawnee-Wichita Visitation ended Sunday morning with goodbyes at the WCD campsite and by mid-afternoon, everyone who attended arrived safely at their homes.

It was one of the biggest encampments of Pawnees in years as nearly 20 camps were set up during the week and a half event.

At one time, during the encampment, there were 45 Pawnees present (this number includes non-Pawnees who are married or friends of tribal members).

Close to 70 Pawnees were present for the Give-Away dance which was held on Saturday, July 25 including Pawnee Business Council President George Elton Howell and wife Pat. Council member Marshall Gover and wife Jaci also attended.

Elders included Neva Moore, Estelle Stevens and husband Thomas, Lillie Cummings, Raymond Howell, and sister Doris.

The Wichitas claimed the handgame competition with a 6-4 record.

In the annual Horseshoe tournament, it was a clean sweep for Pawnee as Stevie Moore and Lawrence Mann won the championship. Gordie Howell and Bill took runnerup honors while Charley and Dawna Hare placed 3rd. Steve Moore and his teammate were out of the trophy hunt in 4th place. There were 16 teams in the double elimination tournament.

The campers enjoyed cool weather while in Anadarko. The only hot days were on Wednesday, July 15 and on Saturday, July 25 when the temperatures topped the 100 degree mark each day.

On Saturday, following a big feast at noon, the Wichitas gave the visiting Pawnees and their families many presents.

All of the campers stayed until Sunday before convoying home.

Leaders for the Pawnees were Bill Howell and Steve Moore. Leaders for the Wichitas were Stuart Owings and Gary McAdams.

PAWNEE NATION VEHICLE TAG REQUIREMENTS

You must be and enrolled Tribal members who resides within the confines of the areas of the state that constitutes former Indian Reservation lands in Oklahoma.

What is needed to apply:
There is four (4) things needed to get a Pawnee Nation Tag.

1) Original Title
2) Pawnee Nation C.D.I.B
3) Drivers License
4) Current Insurance verification

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

Pawnee Nation Merchandise Available:

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

Miscellaneous Merchandise:
- Pawnee Nation Seal Decal: Price: $2.16
- License Tag Ash Trays made from License plates that were returned by tribal members: Price: $5.40
- Colorado Timberline Fleece Blanket (blanket with PNO seal) 50” x 60” with Nylon Stadium carrying strap: Price: $31.75
- Pawnee Nation Seal sew on Patch 3 1/2” Price: $5.40
- Pawnee Nation Flag sew on Patch 2” x 3” Price: $3.24
- White Ceramic Mugs with PNO Seal. Price: $5.40
- Flags (desktop@ base (pictured here) Price: $10.80
- Pawnee Flag 2 x 3’ Price: $27.00
- Pawnee Flag 3 x 5’ Price: $54.00

Apparel:
- White Caps with PNO Seal Price: $16.20
- Jerzeez Brand POLO shirt with PNO seal (S, M, L, and XXL available in Navy, Blue, White & Red): Price: $24.75
- T-Shirts with PNO Seal available in Navy Blue,White & Red- in small, medium, large, XL, XXL and XXXL available Price: $16.20

These items may be purchased by check or money order. There is a returned check fee of $25.00. All prices listed below include tax.
By Ashlee Worley

In 2008, the Pawnee Nation received two Emergency Response vehicles from TransAm Ambulance program.

This program provides assistance to Tribal Emergency Response with the purchase and distribution of pre-owned and inspected Ambulances. Since 2002 this program has assisted Emergency Response programs with 29 of these Ambulances.

The locations to which these are sent is determined partly by the following process: “Generally, first priority is given to those programs which have only one ambulance (with no vehicle backup) and to those programs who make more than 500 runs per year, per ambulance. These criteria were established in the 2001 study for IHS titled, “Quantifying the Unmet Need in IHS/Tribal EMS.

“We chose not to go the ambulatory route, we made them into First Responder vehicles,” said Cecil Riding In, Pawnee Nation Transportation Director.

A mutual aid contract is set up with the City of Pawnee and the Pawnee Nation. These vehicles are used any emergency response and when needed, they are dispatched out. Equipped for auto extrication equipment-Jaws of life, swift water rescue, hazardous spills, etc., these vehicles are valuable assets to the Pawnee Nation to ensure the safety of the Pawnee Community.

PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL HEAR STUDENT PROJECT PROPOSALS

By Elise Peters

The American Indian Studies class at Pawnee Nation College was given an assignment to prepare mock proposals to present to the Pawnee Business Council.

The two groups were given a week to research and present their findings to the Business Council. They competed to receive an extra 100 points added to their grade, using statistics from a mock reservation in which they had been studying.

The council was to pick which one was more professional and realistic. Each group was given ten minutes to present their proposal. After the groups presented their proposals, the council asked questions similar to a real life scenario proposal.

Group one did their proposal on “Why our members need a Tribal Cultural Center and Language Program”, and group two did their proposal on building a “Family Life Center”. Group one discussed how the reservation needed a museum and a language program. They showed how they would allot the money for the program and also the building of the museum.

Group two discussed how great a need the reservation was for a Family Life Center. They also showed how they would allot the money for the building of an auto shop, machine shop, and to add things onto the science and medical lab.

In the end, the Business Council chose group one as giving the best proposal and they were awarded the 100 points.

Council members in attendance were President George Howell, Vice-President Charles Lone Chief, Treasurer Roy Taylor, and seat members John Only A Chief, Elizabeth Blackowl and James Fields.

ROAM CHIEF RENOVATION

By Ted Moore, Tribal Planner and Muriel Robedeauz, ICDBG Coordinator

The renovation of the RoamChief Center will allow the space that is currently occupied by the Tribal Health Programs and the Education Division to be changed into two multi-purpose areas for use by the tribal community.

It will also allow the small kitchen to be renovated and enlarged. This renovation is an end-product of other construction contracts that will be done before this one can begin.

The 2006 ICDBG Project will allow the Health Programs to move into the former Indian Clinic and the 2008 ICDBG – Cultural Learning Center Project will allow the Education offices to move to the Berry Building. Once all of these moves are accomplished, then the renovation of this facility can begin.

The construction on this building will not begin until the Education Offices are moved to the Cultural Learning Center in the Berry Building. This building should be available for use by the summer of 2010.
THOMAS EUGENE DILBECK
August 4, 1939 - July 17, 2009

Thomas Eugene Dilbeck, resident of Hominy, Oklahoma, passed away on Friday, July 17, 2009 at St. John Medical Center in Tulsa. He was 69.

Thomas was born on August 4, 1939 in Pawnee, Oklahoma the son of Eugene Rosco Dilbeck and Audrey Ellen (Trent) Dilbeck. Thomas grew up in both Fairfax and Grayhorse and graduated from Fairfax Public Schools. He played football in high school and was a huge football fan throughout his life. Thomas married Elizabeth Lavonne Butler on October 16, 1964 in Fairfax. He was employed as an oilfield worker and he later worked for Osage County driving trucks until his retirement. Thomas enjoyed fishing and being involved with his children’s and grandchildren’s sporting events. But most of all he loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by those that knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife, Elizabeth of the home; children, Stacey Kim Piearcy of Hominy, Oklahoma and Christina Lynn Waller and husband, George J. of Middle Enterprise, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Terence Piearcy, Trevor Piearcy, Tanner Piearcy, George Waller, Cole Waller, Christena Nichole Waller, Leah Waller and Ashley Brown; great great grandchildren, Trinity Brown, Haylee Brown, Kendra Brown, Terence Piearcy Jr., Sophie Piearcy, Treva Ellis and Dawson Ellis; and brothers, Fred Dilbeck of Shidler, Oklahoma and Alex Hand of California.

He is preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Debbie Ellen Stoneman and Patricia Hand; and grandchildren, Ariel Piearcy and Matthew Waller.

Casket bearers for the service were Terence Piearcy, Trevor Piearcy, Tanner Piearcy, George Waller, Cole Waller, Christena Nichole Waller, Leah Waller and Ashley Brown; great great grandchildren, Trinity Brown, Haylee Brown, Kendra Brown, Terence Piearcy Jr., Sophie Piearcy, Treva Ellis and Dawson Ellis; and brothers, Fred Dilbeck of Shidler, Oklahoma and Alex Hand of California.

Honorary bearers were John Tallchief, Sean Quimby and Tip Asher.

The funeral service was held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 22, 2009 at the Hunsaker-Wooten Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend George Weston officiating. Burial will follow at Fairfax Cemetery under the direction of Hunsaker-Wooten Funeral Home.

WANDA JUNE KEYS ECHO-HAWK
June 21, 1920 - July 2, 2009

Funeral services were held on Monday for advocate for American Indian issues, Wanda June (Keys) Echo-Hawk, 89, who died in Tulsa on Thursday.

She was born on June 21, 1920 in Pawnee, to Walter James Keys and Juanita Nora (Shunatona) Keys. She was a member if the 1938 graduating class of Pawnee High School and was married to Owen Bruce Echo-Hawk. He preceded her in death.

June was affiliated with the Baptist Church, was a member of the Pocahontas Club, the League of Women Voters, Tulsa Indian Center, and the Mexican-American Indian Alliance. She was also a board member of the Tulsa Urban Indian Center, American Indian Movement, and Indigenous Environmental Network. She trained in cosmetology and was a professional seamstress. She was the editor of “Tulsa Indian News” and participated and cooked for the 1972 Trail of Broken Treaties in Washington D.C.

Surviving are two daughters and two sons: Juanita (Nito) Neconie, Chickasha; Sherry Tulac, St. Louis, MO; Owen Echo-Hawk II, Tulsa; and Jerry L. Echo-Hawk, Pawnee.

Also nine grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren, plus numerous nephews and nieces of the Echo-Hawk, Chapman, and Downs families.

Besides her husband, Owen, she was preceded in death by her parents, her daughter Alice D. Echo-Hawk; her son Elmer Thomas Echo-Hawk, and two sisters- Jenny Lou Downs and Alma Rae Chapman.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2009, at the Pawnee Nation Multi-Purpose Complex, Pawnee, with Rev. Warren Pratt, Jr. and Lillie Cummings officiating under the directions of the Poteet Funeral Home of Pawnee. Interment was in the South Indian Cemetery, Pawnee.

DIRK MCLENDON
April 28, 1965 – March 7, 2009

Memorial Services were held Thursday, March 12 in Dacula, Georgia, for McLendon, who died at age 44. McLendon was laid to rest in the North Indian Cemetery in Pawnee OK, on July 2.

NOAH HORSECHIEF
January 30, 1923 - June 5, 2009

Noah Horsechief, 86, of Anadarko, OK, passed from this life and went to be with his heavenly Father on Friday, June 5, 2009 at the Silvercrest Nursing Home in Anadarko. Noah was born January 30, 1923 in Gracemont, OK to John and Alice (Pickard) Horsechief.

Noah was 16 when he entered the service, but they added two years so he could get in. He served in WWII from 3/9/1939 to 4/22/1946 as Squad Sergeant of Company K, his highest rank in the 158th Infantry Combat Team, out of Arizona. He was injured in the left thigh in 1945 in the Luzon Gulf of the Philippine Islands. The various medals he received were WWII service medal, American Defense Medal, Asiatic Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, Silver Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman with Carbine, Machine Gun, Pistol, and Rifle.

He married Delores Ybarra on September 11, 1996 in Pawnee, Oklahoma. He was a full time evangelist and preached at many churches including: Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and South Dakota. Noah's greatest love was for his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and his loving family. He loved telling everyone the wonderful story, Jesus Christ is Lord to everyone. He was thankful for all God had blessed him with. He has left behind a wonderful legacy and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.


Noah I preceded in death by his parents John and Alice Horsechief, son, Cliffton Horsechief; sister’s Jean Weathers and Joann Horsechief, Mary Carson and Ann Villicana Tainpeah, brother’s, James, John, Wiley, and George Tainpeah and Edward Horsechief.

Wake service 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at Grace Christian Fellowship Church, Anadarko, OK.
Funeral Service: 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at Grace Christian Fellowship Church, Anadarko, OK.
Burial to Follow at Ft. Sill National Cemetery, at 2:00 p.m. Elgin, OK. Services under the direction of Smith Funeral Home, Anadarko, OK.

HAROLD “DEE” MOSES

Graveside services for Harold Duane “Dee” Moses, 58, of Gracemont were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, September 6, 2008 at the Rock Spring Tribal Cemetery, north of Anadarko, with Bro. Marvin Delaware officiating.

Mr. Moses was born on Oct. 23, 1949 in Lawton to Harry and Virginia (Ross) Moses and left out world to go to His world on this known date, Aug. 28, 2008 in Anadarko.

Mr. Moses was a lifetime resident of Caddo County and graduated from Gracemont High School with the class of 1966.

He received a degree in history from Blinn College, Blinn, Texas, and also attended the University of Oklahoma, where he continued to study history.

He was a roofer and did construction work.

He was a member of the Pawnee and Wichita tribes, and a member of the Rock Spring Indian Baptist Church.

Mr. Moses was a self-taught artist and created traditional paintings. He also decorated cattle skulls.

He liked to read poetry, and had some of his poems published.

He was an avid OU fan.

He made many friends throughout his years and will be missed by them and all his family members, and was very proud of them.

Survivors include three brothers, Harvey Collins and his wife, Vermona, of Gracemont, William “Billy” Moses Sr., and Floyd Moses and his wife, Marie, all of Anadarko; his nieces and nephews who all called him “Uncle Dee,” Virginia Collins of Oklahoma City, Darlene Moses of Binger, Catherine Kionute and Roberta Kionute, both of Anadarko, Linda Hastings of Siloam Springs; nephews, William “B.J.” Moses Jr., of El Reno, Alfred Bert and Nolan Bert of Anadarko, and others, his grandsons, Daniel Jake Williams and Reylon Sheymayme of Gracemont, and other relatives and friends.
PAWNEE NATION HELD SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM

On June 8 – 19, the Pawnee Nation held a free, fun-filled educational summer camp, “Pirates & the Deep Blue Sea.” Over 30 Native American students, grades one through five had a blast while learning how to take care of their mind, body and spirit, in a fun, educational way.

Learning Circle Adventure camp was designed to promote creative learning with hands-on, interactive activities that encouraged creative solutions. Campers were introduced to Pawnee culture and dance, played games, learned about healthy food choices and much, much more.

Throughout the two week camp, various departments of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, Indian Health Services and the Pawnee County health department, introduced many new and innovative activities to enrich the camp experience. These activities dealt with the same core areas of study as school, which included: Health Education, Nutrition Education, Reading, Math, Science, Art and History.

“We in the Education Division would like to thank everyone that helped. The Camp would not have been such a success without their assistance,” said Chris Hill, Pawnee Nation Youth Services Coordinator.

Overall, this year’s Learning Camp could not have been better. The students were excited, the activities were educational, and the volunteers were extremely helpful. The Pawnee Nation can hardly wait until next summer when more fantastic weeks of Camp will begin!

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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

April 30, 2009

FINANCIAL RESULTS
During April, 2009 the combined operations of all PTDC entities had operational net income of $92,969 bringing year-to-date combined operational income to $454,515. Including this month’s income sharing distribution of $46,484, $227,257 of this total operational income for 2009 is directly distributed to the Tribe. This represents 50% of PTDC’s operational income for the year.

IMPACT ANALYSIS
The normal operating expenses were $229,233 of which $118,704 or 52% were for payroll expenses. The year-to-date operating expenses were $993,773 of which $468,700 or 47% were for payroll expenses.

In addition, during the month PTDC made payments and accruals to the Gaming Commission for assessments and licenses of $13,270. This brought direct payments and assessments for the Gaming Commission for the year to $55,683.

The Trading Post retail operations, the Travel Plaza and Subway combined to collect and remit $4,595 of sales tax to the Tribe for the month. This brought the total amount of sales taxes collected and remitted to the Tribe to $26,010 for the year.

In addition direct rent payments of $3,700 were paid for tribal facilities bringing the total to $14,800 for the year.

The total amount of payments to be made directly to the tribe for April 1, 2009 through April 30, 2009 for assessments, licenses, distribution of profits, rents and sales taxes was $68,049.

The total year-to-date amount of payments from January 1, 2009 through April 30, 2009 for assessments, licenses, distribution of profits, rents and sales taxes totaled $323,750.

May 31, 2009

FINANCIAL RESULTS
During May, 2009 the combined operations of all PTDC entities had operational net income of $49,460 bringing year-to-date combined operational income to $503,975. Including this month’s income sharing distribution of $24,731, $251,988 of this total operational income for 2009 is directly distributed to the Tribe. This represents 50% of PTDC’s operational income for the year.

IMPACT ANALYSIS
The normal operating expenses were $307,521 of which $124,636 or 41% were for payroll expenses. The year-to-date operating expenses were $1,301,294 of which $593,336 or 46% were for payroll expenses.

In addition, during the month PTDC made payments and accruals to the Gaming Commission for assessments and licenses of $13,020. This brought direct payments and assessments for the Gaming Commission for the year to $68,703.

The Trading Post retail operations, the Travel Plaza and Subway combined to collect and remit $4,788 of sales tax to the Tribe for the month. This brought the total amount of sales taxes collected and remitted to the Tribe to $30,798 for the year.

In addition direct rent payments of $3,700 were paid for tribal facilities bringing the total to $18,500 for the year.

The total amount of payments to be made directly to the tribe for May 1, 2009 through May 31, 2009 for assessments, licenses, distribution of profits, rents and sales taxes was $68,049.

The total year-to-date amount of payments from January 1, 2009 through May 31, 2009 for assessments, licenses, distribution of profits, rents and sales taxes totaled $369,989.

June 30, 2009

FINANCIAL RESULTS
During June, 2009 the combined operations of all PTDC entities had operational net income of $83,163 bringing year-to-date combined operational income to $587,138. Including this month’s income sharing distribution of $41,582, $293,570 of this total operational income for 2009 is directly distributed to the Tribe. This represents 50% of PTDC’s operational income for the year.

IMPACT ANALYSIS
The normal operating expenses were $255,955 of which $127,774 or 50% were for payroll expenses. The year-to-date operating expenses were $1,557,249 of which $721,110 or 46% were for payroll expenses.

In addition, during the month PTDC made payments and accruals to the Gaming Commission for assessments and licenses of $14,830. This brought direct payments and assessments for the Gaming Commission for the year to $83,533.

The Trading Post retail operations, the Travel Plaza and Subway combined to collect and remit $4,664 of sales tax to the Tribe for the month. This brought the total amount of sales taxes collected and remitted to the Tribe to $35,462 for the year.

In addition direct rent payments of $3,700 were paid for tribal facilities bringing the total to $22,200 for the year.

The total amount of payments to be made directly to the tribe for June 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009 for assessments, licenses, distribution of profits, rents and sales taxes was $64,776.

The total year-to-date amount of payments from January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009 for assessments, licenses, distribution of profits, rents and sales taxes totaled $434,765.

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