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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



NAWA!

Greetings to one and all. It has been an unusual spring and I hope that everyone is enjoying it.

As most of you are aware by now, the Pawnee Nation has received a tremendous blessing. The Pawnee Nation, along with a number of other tribes, was awarded a settlement for the mismanagement of tribal trust assets. The Pawnee Nation portion has been determined to be \$4,442,000. Although we have not received the payment at this time, the Pawnee Business Council is formulating the best plan for the use of this money. I want to thank NARF and Executive Director Dawna Hare for their diligence in this matter over the past six years.

We have had some good dances this past month sponsored by the Kitkehahki, Title VI Elderly Meals Program and Title VII Program from the Pawnee

Schools. I hope everyone will continue to make an effort to attend these dances because they are very enjoyable. The Elders had a good time and raised a lot of money for the trip they will take at the end of summer to the NICOA conference.

A group of Pawnee Nation tribal members participated in a Relay for Life team. This is an event to honor cancer survivors, remember those we have lost to cancer and to raise money for a cure. We all know how important this is because everyone's life has been touched by cancer in some way.

Congratulations and thanks to the planning department for the grant that was awarded to the ICDBG program. This grant will design and build a new Elder's Center. Oftentimes we overlook those who do all of the leg work in making things like this happen and we appreciate all of the work that went into it.

Last month was Administrative Assistant's week. I hope if you have an administrative assistant in your office you thanked them with a dinner, flowers or even just a card to show your appreciation. Having the administrative assistants in our office makes life much easier. They keep me in line, schedule my appointments, keep us informed on what is going on and much more. I want to send my appreciation to all administrative assistants that work for the Pawnee Nation for all that they do.

As I write this, Mother's Day is approaching. The closeness we have with our mother's throughout our lives is something to be appreciated. Remember your mother on Mother's Day. Also, remember Mother Earth, just as our Mother's gave us life, so did Mother Earth. Let us show our appreciation for the gift of life they have both given.

We have a few special activities coming up; the Memorial Day Dance and the Veterans Homecoming. We are looking forward to many blessings in the days to come as well.

I wish everyone an enjoyable summer and may Atius bless the Pawnee Nation and the Pawnee people.

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PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL

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Cover Photo:

(Left to Right) John Echo Hawk, executive director of the Native American Rights Fund (NARF); Marshall Gover, president of the Pawnee Business Council; Melody McCoy, NARF attorney and Don Wharton, NARF attorney pose at the White House. The picture was taken shortly after the Department of Interior announced the settlement of the Tribal Trust Accounting and Management lawsuits.

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Photo by Dawna Hare.

Editor's note: Although the photo quality was compromised in transition, the image was placed due to the political significance to the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.

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Education

Free General Educational Development (GED) classes will resume in the fall. 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 more information, 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. Donated baked items are accepted and chances are three (3) for \$1. For more information, contact the Title VI Senior Program at (918) 762-4042.

June 20, July 11 & 25

Pawnee Business Council Meetings held in the Roam Chief Building. Dates subject to change. For more information, call (918) 762-3621.

June 16 - Historic Preservation Planning Meeting at the Pawnee Nation Cultural Learning Center Museum, 657 Harrison St., Pawnee, Okla. For more information, call (918) 762.3227 x 30.

June 28 - 30, July 1 - Pawnee Indian Veterans 66th Annual Homecoming and Powwow. Held in the Memorial Field in Pawnee, Okla. For more information, visit www.pawneenation.org.

June 29 - Pawnee Nation Health Fair held at the Pawnee Nation Wellness Center. For more information, call (918) 762-4641.

June 29, 30 - Prevention Days, sponsored by SAP. For more information, call (918) 762-2153.

July 6

Deadline to enroll in the fall 2012 term of the Higher Education Program. Visit the Pawnee Nation Web site or call (918) 762-3227 for details.

The Pawnee Trading Post, Tribal Development Corporation and Stone Wolf Casino faithfully serve Pawnee and the surrounding communities. Please contact them directly for specific services.

Public Notice

Please remove any flowers and other items for keepsake purposes from graves at Highland cemetery before July 9th, 2012 to allow for maintenance. Thank you, Pawnee Nation Department of Operations.

Visit www.pawneenation.org for information about the Pawnee Tribe and upcoming events.

Tribal Buildings offer many amenities favorable for community and personal gatherings. Locations for rent include the Roundhouse, Community Building, Camp Grounds, Multi-Purpose building, Wellness Center and the Roam Chief building. For more information, call (918) 762-2273.

Child Development Expansion Project Celebrates Completion

By **Christa Pratt**
Learning Center Director



Photo by Toni Hill

Pawnee Business Council (PBC) Vice-President Charles "Buddy" Lone Chief (l) and PBC President Marshall Gover (r) cut the ribbon dedicating the new facility while Learning Center Director Christa Pratt observes.

Council members, architects, planners, administrators, teachers, students and parents gathered on April 3 to celebrate the opening of the new Child Development expansion project.

From initial planning to completion, the project spanned approximately three years.

Pawnee Business Council President Marshall Gover offered the keynote address highlighting the importance of teaching our young ones, and the special calling of the staff who have taken on that role. He reminded us that one day these young ones would hold positions of leadership for the Pawnees, "The greatest Nation on the face of the earth."

A dedication prayer was also offered by Rev. Warren Pratt Jr. who asked Atias ti<awahut to bless both the purpose and use of the building and the children who are in care there.

The night concluded with a reception offering delicious and healthy foods and tours of the new facility.

The building was approved by the Department of Human Services for 23 children, eight (8) infants (0-12 months) and 15 wobblers (12-24 months) which will bring the projected capacity for the center to 111.



Photo by Toni Hill

(Left to Right) Levi, Tomoyake, Ron, Charlie, Keiton, Kinley, Tea and Emerald enjoy the new amenities.

PBC Vice-President Charles Lone Chief Speaks At Native American Caucus

By **Toni Hill**
Communications Manager



Photo by Toni Hill

(Left to Right) Colline Wahkinney Keely, Charles Lone Chief, Sheila Morago, Seneca Scott, Sac n Fox Tribe attorney/treasurer Truman Carter, Dr. Joseph Bohanon and Dana Miller pose on the steps of the Capitol following the Native American Caucus.

Pawnee Business Council Vice-President Charles Lone Chief spoke on behalf of Pawnee Nation College (PNC) during the recent Native American Caucus held May 8, 2012 at the State Capitol in Oklahoma City, Okla.

During his presentation, Lone Chief, who also serves as a PNC Board of Trustee member, shared personal experiences as a youth who faced financial challenges limiting his involvement in higher education. Lone Chief's athletic talents enabled this young scholar to fund his education and propelled him into the future role of an educator and coach.

Lone Chief further shared that the role of a tribal college is serving as a venue for both Native and non-Native students to achieve academic success. Without access to PNC, attendance for many youth within the surrounding communities could be limited Lone Chief concluded. Dr. Joseph Bohanon, president of PNC, interjected at Lone Chief's request and provided additional details and needs regarding funding.

Sheila Morago, executive director of the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association (OIGA), recapped OIGA's mission of promoting "the general welfare of the Oklahoma In-

dian Tribes through the development of sound policies and practices with respect to the conduct of gaming enterprises in Indian County."

Morago shared that OIGA's membership encompasses 26 tribes in addition to many associate members of the gaming enterprise.

"Compensating for ever shrinking federal appropriations, tribal net gaming revenues are used to educate our children, protect our elders and improve our infrastructure in communities across Oklahoma," Morago concluded.

Colline Wahkinney Keely, executive director of Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS) provided a recap of the services provided though this organization. Her overview included statistics revealing that Oklahoma has the largest number of tribes within the United States and the highest per capita population.

"OILS serves both Indian and non-Indian people by offering free legal services for Oklahoma citizens and families whose legal problem requires applications of tribal, state or federal Indian law," Keely shared. "Founded in 1982, OILS continues service today as one of only six independent legal aid organizations which

serves the low-income individuals of the Native American community in status related legal issues."

Dana Miller, director of Tribal Relations for the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA), highlighted state-tribal relations venues from the OHCA.

In addition to other representatives, Rep. Seneca Scott, Okla., District 72, facilitated the event. Scott has demonstrated his support for Pawnee Nation by attending the recent Oklahoma Native Leadership Initiative Conference hosted by PNC. (Article on Page 22).

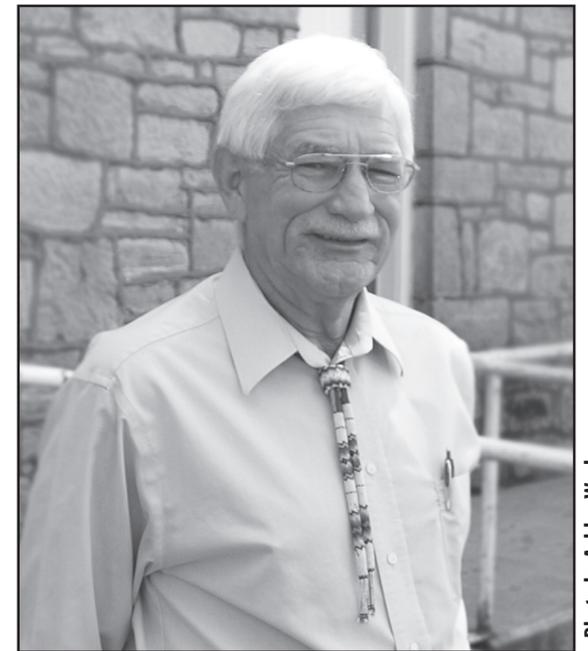


Photo by Ashley Worley

Charles Lone Chief serves the Pawnee Nation through many venues.

NEWS FROM HUMAN RESOURCES

**PAWNEE
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welcomes

Please welcome the following new employees to the Pawnee Nation:

Jason Campos - Housekeeper

Debra Echo-Hawk - Title VI Program Coordinator/Department Manager

Darrell Flowers - Transportation Tech/Heavy Equipment Operator I

U.S. Government Settles Tribal Trust Accounting And Management Lawsuits For \$1 Billion

By Toni Hill
Communications Manager



The State Capitol signifies the commitment between governmental agencies and the Native American people.

Although April 11, 2012 marked the finality of lawsuits spanning more than 100 years between federally-recognized tribes and the United States, final details of the settlement were still in deliberations until a hearing was held on May 16, 2012.

The case was heard in the U.S. District Court, District of Columbia, with Judge Thomas F. Hogan

trust by the United States. Although indications of settlement are present in this historical action, the records revealing the exact amounts of compensation to be awarded are currently sealed.

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presiding.

Hogan was quoted as saying, "Even though it's not a class action suit, it's a historical significant settlement."

The tribes alleged that the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) and the Department of the Treasury

had mismanaged financial and natural resources held in

trust by the United States.

Although indications of settlement are present in this historical action, the records revealing the exact amounts of compensation to be awarded are currently sealed.

The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma (Pawnee Nation) is one of the 41 tribes set to receive a portion of the

\$1.023 billion compensation. The lawsuit was originally filed by eleven tribes, including Pawnee Nation, on Dec. 28, 2006. Eventually 32 additional tribes joined as plaintiffs. The recent settlement involves historical claims and does not limit future litigation.

On April 11, 2012, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar and Attorney General Eric Holder announced the closing of the 22-month-long litigation initiated by the Native American Rights Fund (NARF). According to the NARF Web site, www.narf.org, the NARF, founded in 1970, is the oldest and largest nonprofit law firm committed to upholding the rights of Indian tribes, organizations and individuals nationwide.

"One of the largest challenges in this lawsuit was the lengthy process of the litigation resulting from the need to gather and review claims against the government that go back a long way and figuring and assessing the legal theories and possible government defenses in determining what the possible outcome may be," said Melody McCoy, staff attorney for NARF.

"I think this instance has put the government on notice and hopefully steps will be taken to set a better

course for the future."

NARF served as lead counsel for 41 of the plaintiff tribes in this case. Two tribes chose to also retain separate lead counsels. The financial disbursement between the tribes is determined by each tribe's history and individual account of mismanaged resources.

"We are very grateful to the (NARF) for the work they did for the Pawnee Nation and the other 40 tribes involved in this historical case," said Marshall Gover, president of the Pawnee Nation Business Council. "While the total amount of the settlement was large, the Tribes with large land bases and more natural resources most likely received the majority of the funds. Our portion was small based on the land that we have lost."

A news release issued on April 11, 2012 by the DOI reveals that this governmental agency oversees "almost 56 million acres of trust lands for federally-recognized tribes ... (and) about 2,500 tribal trust accounts for more than 250 tribes."

The document further states that this action will be a "significant milestone in the improvement of the United States' relationship with Indian tribes.

Dear Vice-President Lone Chief:

I am responding to your questions about the Pawnee Nation's recent settlement award in the Nez Perce Tribe v. Salazar case. The settlement represents an amount that is due to the Pawnee Nation as a result of the federal government's mismanagement of the Pawnee Nation's funds that are held in trust by the federal government and mismanagement of the Pawnee Nation's natural resources which are also held in trust by the federal government.

The settlement was the result of litigation in the Federal District Court in Washington, D.C., which approved the settlement agreement awarding the Pawnee Nation the settlement amount of \$4,442,000. It was not an award by the Indian Claims Commission which finished its work and went out of existence years ago.

Please let me know if you have any further questions about the settlement.

John E. Echohawk
Executive Director
Native American Rights Fund
June 5, 2012

Pawnee Nation Promotes Economic Development And Growth

By Muriel Robedeaux, ICDBG Coordinator
By Toni Hill, Communications Manager



Photo by Muriel Robedeaux

Construction on the Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement Center is underway.

The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma (Pawnee Nation) encourages economic growth through numerous building projects designed to increase services to both the Pawnee Tribe and citizens of the surrounding communities.

The expansion of the Family Development Center was recently completed for use by the Early Childhood Development program. After approximately three years including the initial planning stages up to competition, the newly created area was dedicated on April 3, 2012.

Other enterprises include the creation of a Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement Center, Roundhouse renovations and the Pawnee Tribal Elders Center (Elders Center) which are all in various stages of design and construction.

A Ground-Breaking Ceremony for the Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement Center commenced on

Friday, Dec. 16, 2011 at the new site located on the corner of Click Field Road, Round House Road and Heritage Circle Drive.

This new facility 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 development of access entrances and parking areas. Construction is currently in progress with a targeted completion date of fall 2012.

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

"We are looking forward to

having our own building and the space to develop critical areas of need, such as an evidence room and a training area for not only Pawnee Nation police officers but also for the surrounding Tribal Police Departments," said David Kanuho, chief of the Pawnee Nation Tribal Police Department. "Including myself, we have six officers that will appreciate the extra space to also house separate offices and a dispatch area."

The renovation design on the Tribal Roundhouse is nearing completion with construction to begin this summer. The layout includes an extra 1,000 square feet in the southern unit of the structure allowing for the creation of enlarged rest room facilities dressing rooms and a small kitchenette.

The east entrance will boast a drive-through canopy and covered parking spaces. The roof, siding, electrical connections and the heating and cooling units will also be addressed.

The Pawnee Nation Planning Division was also recently awarded \$800,000 toward the design and development of the Elders Center. The Housing Urban Development allocated grants to 76 Tribes within the United States including 14 Oklahoma Tribes.

The Elders Center will be located east of the Tribal Roundhouse and will be approximately 3,800 square feet in size. This facility will

also include a geothermal mechanical system along with access roads and a parking area. The current Elderly Nutrition Center is located in the north end of the Multi-purpose Center on Morris Road. This project is in the beginning stages of design and is projected to be completed in mid-2013.

Muriel Robedeaux, ICDBG coordinator, served on a panel during the Construction in Indian Country Conference by invitation during the first week of May. Many tribes and businesses state-wide participated in this annual gathering.

Robedeaux highlighted Pawnee Nation's ICDBG construction projects including the \$19.4 million Pawnee Health Center completed through a PL93-638 contract for the Indian Health Services.

During her presentation, Robedeaux attributed Pawnee Nation's success as a tribal leader in economic development to a team concept dependent on input from many divisions and programs.

Additional accolades were given to Pawnee Tribe members for contributing time, ideas and resources toward the advancement of services that will benefit not only the Pawnee Tribe, but also surrounding communities.

"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



Photo by Muriel Robedeaux

(Left) The proposed site of the new Pawnee Tribal Elders Center. (Right) The Roundhouse is set to receive a makeover to accommodate larger gatherings and Tribal ceremonies.

Pawnee Nation Department Of Environmental Conservation And Safety Participates In Outdoor Classroom

By Kelly Kersey
Ranger/Environmental Specialist

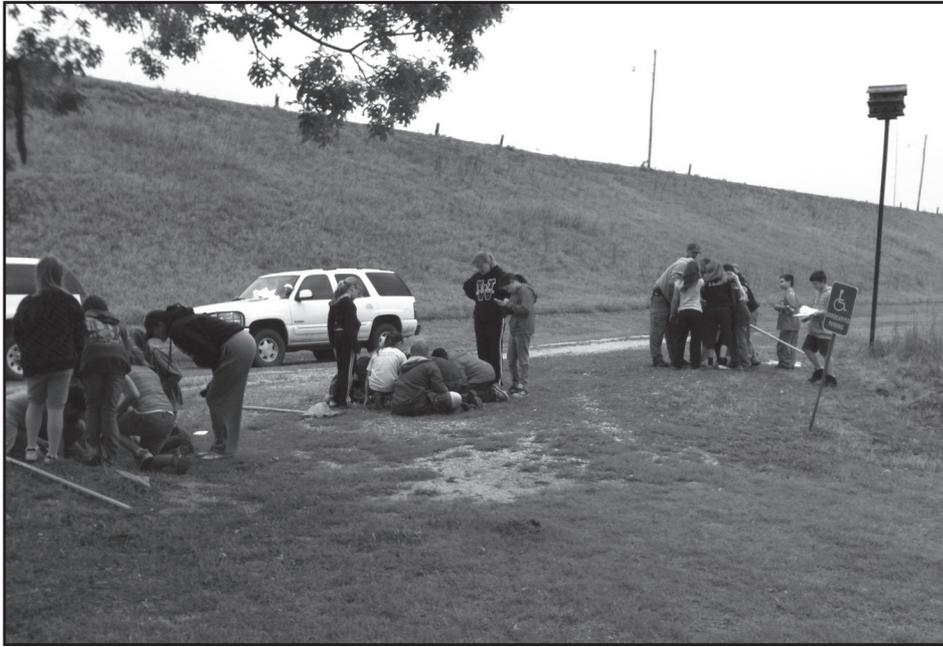


Photo by Kelly Kersey

Students and facilitators alike enjoy participating in the Outdoor Classroom.

Josh Daniel, Pawnee Nation (PN) environmentalist scientist, and Kelly Kersey, PN ranger and environmental specialist, with the Pawnee Nation Department of Environmental Conservation and Safety (DECS) participated in the Outdoor Classroom for Pawnee County Elementary students April 5 at the Pawnee Bathhouse. The event was sponsored by the Pawnee County Conservation District with several natural resource and environmental agencies participating.

The DECS staff presented to the students water quality and pollution education. The staff simulated an experiment for the students and made them scientists for the day. The tasks the students were assigned was to determine if the pond was polluted by using the bugs or macroinvertebrates that live in the water. The tools the students were provided with consisted of dip nets, tweezers, sorting trays and picture indexes of the bugs.

The youth were able to work in teams to follow the process of collecting the samples of bugs with the dip nets, sorting through the "pond scum" with the tweezers, identifying the types of bugs they found and determining the sensitivity of their collection to water pollution. Based on their findings and hard work, the students determined that the pond was not polluted.

The staff enjoyed the day with the young scientists and feel that the students enjoyed their day in the field as well.

Pawnee Nation Department of Environmental Conservation and Safety Participates in USEPA Nonpoint Source Pollution Workshop

By Kelly Kersey
Ranger/Environmental Specialist

Monty Matlock, division director for the Pawnee Nation (PN) Division of Natural Resources and Safety (DNRS); Kelly Kersey, PN ranger and environmental specialist and Josh Daniel, PN environmentalist scientist, attended an USEPA workshop in Tulsa for Tribes developing Nonpoint Pollution Programs.

Matlock, Kersey and Daniel serve within the department of Environmental Conservation and Safety, a department within the

DNRS.

The workshop provided instruction on the process Tribes need to take to develop their Nonpoint Source Pollution programs. Topics covered included developing a Nonpoint Source Assessment Report and Management Plan for their waters and How to develop a Watershed Management Plan and the tools needed to implement Nonpoint Source programs that are available.

The staff, represented by Kersey,

was selected by USEPA to participate on a Panel Discussion regarding collaboration with non-tribal agencies and organizations.

Other panelist consisted of a representative from the USGS, USDA/NRCS and Oklahoma Conservation Commission. The panelists provided introductions and gave a brief background of the services they provide and how their agency can work with and collaborate with Tribes on environmental projects.

The Panel responded to questions from the workshop attendees and worked to identify needs and opportunities for collaboration in the watershed planning process. Kersey outlined the Pawnee Nation's Nonpoint Source Program and discussed the Tribe's collaboration with other agencies in developing the Watershed Management Plan for Black Bear Creek and other projects as well.

Assistance Available Through Indian Health Service Program

Joseph L. Jones
Sr. Field Engineer Pawnee Field Station

The Indian Health Service (IHS) can provide assistance to your family to ensure you have a safe water and sewer system.

The IHS Sanitation Facilities Construction (SFC) program provides water and wastewater facilities for individual Indian homes.

The program is able to provide water and wastewater services to new and like-new Indian homes (including mobile homes) and to existing Indian homes in need of water and sewer repairs.

The SFC program is looking for all possible Indian homes in the area

so that their needs may be evaluated.

For more information, call (918) 762-6580 or e-mail at pwnoeh@ihs.gov.

Applications may also be picked up in basement of the Pawnee Indian Health Center.

Editor's note: Due to space constraints, this article was condensed from its original form which appeared in the April/May issue of the Chaticks si Chaticks, which can be reviewed at www.pawneenation.org.

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.

March 14, 2012 PBC Meeting:

Six Council members were present and provided reports on their meetings and Committees since the last Council meeting. Linda Jestes and Carol Nuttle were excused. Executive Director Dawna Hare provided a brief report. The minutes of the February 228, 2011 and February 28, 2012 PBC meetings were tabled.

Old Business:

1. Appointments to TDC Board of Directors: Gordon Adams, Elmo Thomas Morgan and Andrea Bowen were appointed.

New Business (Added items):

1. A Request to purchase Thermal Imaging devices and Radars for Police Cruisers was tabled until the next PBC meeting.
2. Resolution 12-12 was approved for the submission of the NAGPRA grant.
3. Resolution 12-13 was approved for the Submission of the NPS THOP Project grant.
4. Resolution 12 -14 for the BIA Agriculture Leases was tabled.
5. Karla Knife Chief was appointed as the Representative to the Standing Bear Pow-Wow Committee.
6. Kari Little was appointed to the Grievance Committee for the rest of 2012.

March 28, 2012, PBC Meeting:

All Council members were present. Richard Tilden and Jim Fields were excused. The Executive Director provided a brief report but the General Manager of the Tribal Development Corporation was not available for this meeting.

New Business:

1. Request from Law Enforcement to purchase Thermal Imaging and Radars for the Police Cruisers was approved.
2. Request from Law Enforcement to purchase an Emergency Generator for the new Law Enforcement Center was approved.
3. Resolution 12-15 for the IMLS Museum grant was approved
4. Resolution 12-16 for the Pari Elders Project was approved.

Executive Session:

1. Approve Budgets: After coming out of Executive Session, the Council
 - a. IRR Budget was tabled.
 - b. EEOC Budget was approved.
 - c. TERO Budget was approved.
 - d. Tribal Operations and Indirect Cost Budgets were approved without the Nasharo budget and motion to restore the positions that were cut by the Budget Committee. Positions will be reduced by not filling vacant positions.
 - e. Council approved an extension of the Continuing Resolution for IRR and TERO until April 30. Also, the Tax Budget will be reviewed on July 31.

April 13, 2012, PBC Meeting

All Council members were present. Council members, the Executive Director, and the TDC Chairman and General Manager provided reports on their activities since the previous PBC meeting.

The minutes of the March 14, 2012 and March 28, 2012 PBC meetings were approved.

Old Business:

1. The IRR Budget was approved.

2. The TERO Budget was tabled.

3. The Continuing Resolution was extended for TERO Budget until May 31, 2012.

4. Resolution 12-14 for the Agriculture Lease Sale was approved.

New Business:

1. A Presentation was made by JS International, Inc. regarding a possible 8a Contracting proposal. No action was taken at this time.
2. Resolution 12-17 – was approved for the submission of the CTAS Grant.
3. A request to revise the Organizational Chart was tabled.
4. A contract was approved with Brawley Engineering for the Transportation Department.
5. The Law Enforcement Department reported on an alleged Forged Document on the Annuity Account and requested the officers of the PBC sign documents for the bank.
6. Resolution 12-18 was approved for the BIA Oil and Gas Lease sale to be held in May.

Executive Session:

1. Gaming Commissioner license renewals were approved to be submitted for Cecil Riding In and Lisa Otipoby-Herbert.

May 9, 2012 PBC Meeting:

Five Council members were present. President Gover, Carol Nuttle and Jim Fields were excused. Executive Director Dawna Hare, TDC representatives Cecil Sterne and Roger Smith and all Council members provided reports on their activities since the last Council meeting.

The minutes of the April 13, 2012 PBC meeting was approved.

Old Business:

1. The TERO Budget was approved.
2. A Request to forgive the

College loan was tabled.

New Business:

1. Law Enforcement asked that the purchase of ATV's be removed from the agenda.
2. Resolution 12-19 was approved to submit a Transit Grant.
3. Resolution 12-20 was approved to submit the NAFSI grant
4. Resolution 12-21 was approved to reject the Silo Removal project proposed by the BIA.
5. Resolution 12-22 was approved to request the BIA address the encroachment issue on tribal land.
6. Resolution 12-23 was approved to submit the Long Range Transportation Plan.
7. Resolution 12-24 was approved to submit the Transportation Improvement Plan.
8. Request to approve the purchase of road signs – exceeds \$5,000 – approved.
9. Request to approve the low-boy trailer was removed from the agenda.
10. Approval to change from Bank of America to Chase bank was tabled.
11. BUI was approved as the Construction management Company for the Roundhouse Renovation Project.

Executive Session: (After coming out of Executive Session)

1. Gaming Commissioner License Renewal for Vi Wills was approved.
2. TDC Board – Gaming Commission licenses for Elmo Thomas Morgan and Andrea Bowen were approved for submission to the NIGC.
3. The Executive Director's job description was discussed and it was approved to put the supervision of the E.D. under the Council.

Pawnee Nation Princess Shares Experiences

By Autumn Only A Chief
Contributing Writer



Submitted Photo

Autumn Only A Chief reflects on memories and personal growth during her reign as the Pawnee Nation Princess. Editor's note: Although the photo quality was compromised in transition, the image was placed to honor Autumn Only A Chief.

Autumn Only A Chief is the 2012 Pawnee Nation Princess and is very honored to represent her tribe.

Only A Chief has been recognized over the years for her many accomplishments as a student, community and tribal member.

Only A Chief has maintained a 4.0 G.P.A. throughout her entire school years. This has earned a ranking of number one in her class. The princess was also recently elected by her peers as the senior class president at Pawnee High School Class of 2013.

Previously held officer positions include Secretary-Treasurer (freshman year), President (sophomore year), and Vice-President (junior year).

Only A Chief is also a member of the Oklahoma Honor Society and received multiple awards for female student of the year from the Title 7 Indian Education program, and has been inducted into the Oklahoma Indian Honor Society, as well as numerous teacher awards and civic recognitions for academic achievements.

Extra involvement includes include the Beta Club (an academic group) where she received the outstanding Beta award in her junior

year, former princess of the Northern Plains Indian Club, and Peacemakers.

School activities include varsity basketball and a three-time state qualifier for track. Only A Chief is an active member of the Pawnee Indian Baptist Church.

Her parents are John and Vivian Only A Chief. Paternal grandparents are the late Darwin "Don" and Rosie (Norman) Peters. Maternal grandparents are Armando and Helen (Melendrez) Evora of Los Angeles, Calif.

Only A Chief understands the importance of education to enhance her future as well as being knowledgeable in both her Native American and Mexican cultures.

SECOND QUARTER 2012 RESOLUTIONS

#12-12 – A Resolution to submit the NAGPRA Grant – Approved March 14, 2012 by a vote of six for, two excused (Jestes, Nuttle) and one not voting (President Gover).

#12-13 – A Resolution to submit the National Park Service – Tribal Historic Preservation Office Project Grant – Approved March 14, 2012 by a vote of six for, two excused (Jestes, Nuttle) and one not voting (President Gover).

#12-14 – A Resolution Authorizing the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pawnee Agency, to Approve Certain Agricultural Leases – Approved April 13, 2012 by a vote of seven for, none against, and one not voting (President Gover).

#12-15 – A Resolution to submit the IMLS Native Museum Services grant – Approved March 28, 2012 by a vote of seven for, none against and one not voting (President Gover).

#12-16 – A Resolution to request \$38,000 from the BIA for a special project – Pari Elders Project – Approved March 28, 2012 by a vote of seven for, none against, and one not voting (President Gover).

#12-17 – A Resolution to submit a grant to CTAS for the Violence Against Women and Tribal Youth Program – Approved April 13, 2012 by a vote of seven for, none against, and one not voting (President Gover).

#12-18 – A Resolution Authorizing the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pawnee Agency, to approve Certain Mineral Leases – Approved April 13, 2012 by a vote of seven for, none against, and one not voting (President Gover).

#12-19 – A Resolution to submit the Transit grant – Approved May 9, 2012 by a vote of four for, three excused (Gover, Fields, Nuttle), none against, and one not voting (Vice-President Lone Chief).

#12-20 – A Resolution to submit the NAFSI Grant – Approved May 9, 2012 by a vote of four for, three excused (Gover, Fields, Nuttle) none against, and one not voting (Vice-President Lone Chief).

#12-21 – A Resolution to Reject a Project for the removal of Grain Silos – Approved May 9, 2012 by a vote of four for, three excused (Gover, Fields, Nuttle) none against, and one not voting (Vice-President Lone Chief).

#12-22 – A Resolution to Request the BIA exercise their trust responsibilities and Remove a Barn that encroaches on tribal trust land – Approved May 9, 2012 by a vote of four for, three excused (Gover, Fields, Nuttle) none against, and one not voting (Vice-President Lone Chief).

#12-23 – A Resolution to submit the Long Range Transportation Plan – Approved May 9, 2012 by a vote of four for, three excused (Gover, Fields, Nuttle) none against, and one not voting (Vice-President Lone Chief).

#12-24 – A Resolution to submit the Transportation Improvement Plan – Approved May 9, 2012 by a vote of four for, three excused (Gover, Fields, Nuttle) none against, and one not voting (Vice-President Lone Chief).

Pawnee Nation Of Oklahoma Receives \$2376 Grant

By **Tiffany Frieze**
CHR/EMS/HE Coordinator

The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma received a \$2,376.50 grant from the Office of Women's Health (OWH) to develop and implement project(s) that empower females in our community to take action to improve their health.

Since Pawnee County does not have a Women's Health initiative, the funding will provide men and women an opportunity to participate in prevention efforts including comprehensive education and outreach activities. The overall goal of the Women's Health Committee, which consists of representatives from the Pawnee Nation Division of Health & Community Services and Pawnee Indian Health Service-Community Health Department, is to empower our community members, especially women, to obtain the information and develop the skills that they need to make healthy and responsible, decisions regarding their health.

In lieu of Women's Health Month, the month of May kicked off with a Health Walk/Balloon Launch/Mini-Health Fair on May 4; all the events took place on Pawnee Courthouse Square. Sixty-two (62) people participated in the festivities.

Other activities included health workshops targeting different age groups of women; teens which covered making healthy decisions, adults discussed women's exams, older adults covered mammograms, menopause and chronic diseases while the elders gained awareness through a game of Health BINGO.

Diabetes Plays A Major Role In Planning For The Summer

Crystal Underwood, Diabetes Program Coordinator
Jaime Jestes, Administrative Assistant



(L to R) Jaime Jestes, Diabetes Program administrative assistant and Crystal Underwood, Diabetes Program coordinator.

Diabetes plays a major role in planning for the summer. A person with diabetes must take extra precautions to beat the summer heat and travel safely. Here are a few tips to follow:

Sun protection

- When shopping for sunscreen, look for the brands that protect against UV (ultraviolet) rays, the higher number of SPF (sun protection factor) the better. Make sure to apply on tops of the ears, under armpits, and on the scalp where hair is thin or parted. After sweating heavily or swimming, reapply sunscreen for extra protection.
- Once outdoor activities have concluded and the sunscreen has been completely rinsed off, check skin for level of dryness. To avoid cracking, apply lotion and if sun burning and/or peeling occurs, treat the area with aloe for soothing.
- Keep in mind; sunglasses are just as important as sunscreen. Protective eye wear is beneficial to those exposed to dangerous UV rays which can damage the eyesight and/or increase the chances of complications such as retinopathy and cataracts.
- Check the bottoms of the feet for any sores, blisters, or burns. When temperatures are hot, glucose levels tend to get high and the feelings (nerve sensation) in the feet become minimal and circulation is poor.

Travel

- Stock up on medications and supplies prior to leaving for vacation or traveling long distances. Make sure prescriptions have all been filled before travel departure. It is recommended that diabetics

pack double the amount of medications and supplies generally used at home.

- Make sure contact information (including names and phone numbers) for health care providers is correct. Also make note of all current medications as well as make copies of health insurance cards. This way someone can easily identify who to call in case of an emergency or if you run out of medications.
 - If airports are included in your travel plans, consider carrying a letter from your doctor explaining your diabetes diagnosis and how you take your medications – via insulin pump, pen, syringe, or orally. The note should also include information regarding your glucometer if you use one. If security problems occur regarding medications or supplies, the letter would explain everything and should eliminate any future situations.
 - Prepare for low blood sugars. Always make sure to pack more than enough glucose tablets, gel, or hard candy while traveling. It also would not hurt to pack snack foods, just in case your normal schedule of meals is interrupted.
 - Always wear some type of identification, either a bracelet or necklace that states your name and health conditions in case of an emergency.
- If you or a person you know has any further questions regarding diabetes and summer safety, please contact the Pawnee Nation Diabetes Program. Information can also be found at www.diabetes.org.

Notice Of New Mailing Fee And Advertising Opportunities

The Pawnee Tribal Newsletter, *Chaticks si Chaticks*, is published every other month. The newsletter is mailed to enrolled members of the Pawnee Nation, one per household or address, free of charge. In the interest of "Going Green," beginning with the August/September issue, a fee of \$2 per copy will be charged for newsletters mailed to non-tribal members. Copies may be printed off the Web site, www.pawneenation.org complimentary.

For more information, contact the Communications Office at (918) 762-3621 ext. 25 or via e-mail at www.communications@pawneenation.org. Correspondence may also be mailed to P.O. Box 470, Pawnee, OK 74058. For advertising rates, please visit www.pawneenation.org under the News & Communications link.

Pawnee Nation Pa[<]ee Pakoo[<]oo Program Accepting Applications For Child Placement

By Marilyn Feathers
Learning Center Coordinator



Photo by Toni Hill

Dawna Hare takes a moment from her busy schedule to read to the children at the Learning Center.

The Pawnee Nation Pa[<]ee Pakoo[<]oo Program is a fully staffed Pre-school program for Native American three and four year old children. The Pa[<]ee Pakoo[<]oo

staff develops the skills necessary for school readiness by providing a curriculum that is enhanced through the use of updated technology that includes Smart Boards, iPods, and iPads. In collaboration with Tribal programs, Oklahoma State University, Pawnee Language consultants and others the Pa[<]ee Pakoo[<]oo Program provides the means for Native American children to enter kindergarten ready to succeed in school.

The Pa[<]ee Pakoo[<]oo Program provides culturally relevant educa-

tional, social, and academic readiness utilizing the Frog Street Curriculum, a National Board Certified Curriculum. Materials developed in the Pawnee Language are taught simultaneously with the Frog Street Curriculum. The Pa[<]ee Pakoo[<]oo Program will begin the fifth year of operation.

Applications can be picked up at the Pa[<]ee Pakoo[<]oo Building, the Pawnee Nation Learning

Center or on the Web site at pawneenation.org. If you would like more information, contact Marilyn Feathers at (918) 762-6495.

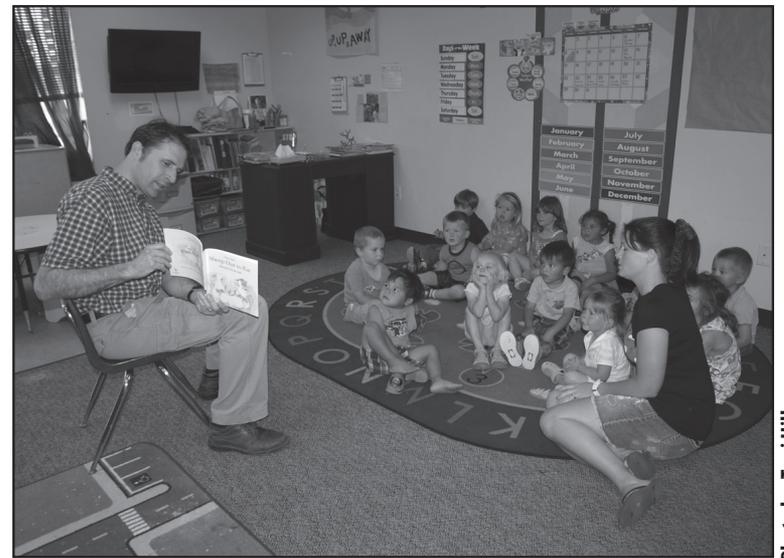


Photo by Toni Hill

City of Pawnee Mayor Brad Sewell demonstrates his support by reading to the children.

Pawnee Learning Center In Collaboration With The Pawnee Head Start Honors Memory Of Marissa Chapman-Campbell

By Christa Pratt
Learning Center Director



Mee-Kai Clark addresses participants and shares the purpose of the walk.

The Pawnee Nation Learning Center, in collaboration with the Pawnee Head Start, walked to honor the memories of early childhood educator Marissa Chapman-Campbell and her son Lucas Wayne Campbell. The walk began at the Pawnee Head Start and continued down Mose Yellowhorse Drive. It ended at the Paw-

nee Nation Learning Center where it was followed by a balloon release and a Prayer Song. All participants and visitors were treated to a hot dog dinner following the walk.

Before the walk began, an address was given by Mee-Kai Clark. She spoke and discussed the purpose of the “Week of the Young Child” activities. She reminded all of how important the early learning years are for children. In speaking of the awesome responsibility that rests on early childhood educators, she spoke of Marissa’s passion for working with young children and how dedicated she was to her profession.

The walk on Monday, April 23rd marked the kick-off of “The week of the Young Child” activities at the

Learning Center. The week of the young child is an annual celebration put on by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The purpose is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families. It is also to recognize the importance of early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

The activities for the rest of the week included “Teaching and Teachers Matter” which is teacher appreciation day and “Share a Book” day in which the children and teachers dressed as their favorite book character. Family and friends in the community were also e

encouraged to come and read a book to the children. “Family Appreciation Day” also allowed parents and children to share a picnic brown bag lunch together. A “Go Blue” day during which all wore blue in support of child abuse prevention completed the activities.



Christa Pratt and her team serve walk participants.

Photos by Trent Hill

Mother's Day Dance Honors Family

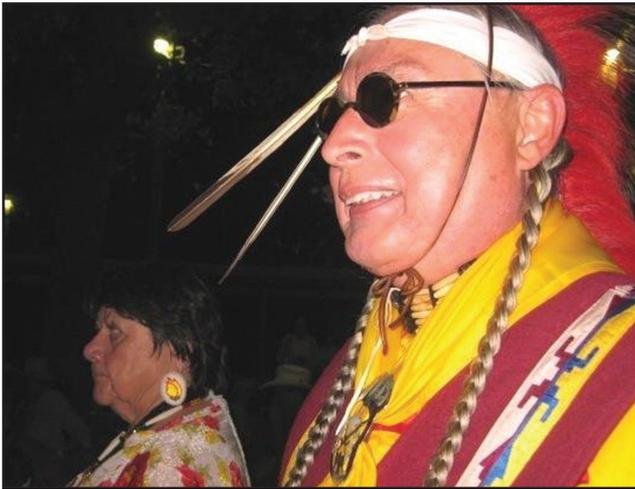


Mother's Day Benefit Dance honored elders "Warrior" Herb Rice and "Princess" Minnie Fields.

The Mother's Day Benefit Dance, sponsored by the Pawnee Nation Title VI Elders Program, was held May 6 at the Pawnee Campgrounds. Participants enjoyed cake walks, raffles and games. Festivities included Gourd dancing, Soldier Dance songs and War Dances. Proceeds will help provided traveling funds for the elders so they may attend the National Indian Council of Aging Conference in September. Invited guests included the Pawnee Veterans, the Pawnee War Mothers, the Otoe War Mothers and the Ponca Gourd Dance Society.



Displaying the American Flag demonstrates honor and love for this Country. Procession led by Pius Spottedhorsechief as he proudly holds the American Flag.



Head Lady Dancer-Georgia Mae Adson and Head Man Dancer-Walter Echo-Hawk, Sr. enjoy the festivities.



Left: The Easter bunny makes a little boy's day brighter with a little candy. Special thanks to Tamera Hawkins for donning the bunny outfit and making the day fun for adults and children alike.

Easter Celebrations Create Happy Smiles



Children of all ages enjoy the hunt and the bounty of goodies gathered during the Easter Egg Hunt held April 6. The event was sponsored by the Pawnee Nation Employees Club.

Lyle Fields and his daughter (left) Chloe Sage and friend Unique leave after filling their baskets.



Pawnee Nation Takes To The Streets To Promote Well-Being



Participants take part in the Memorial Walk. Article on page 11.



To promote Child Abuse Prevention Month, Tiffany Frieze (left to right), Crystal Underwood, Kari Little and Suzy Snell place blue pinwheels as a reminder. The activity was coordinated by Kari Little.



The Pawnee Nation Learning Center sponsored a mini-march on April 13 to support the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.



Supporters take to the streets for the Women's Health Walk. Article on page 17.



Walkers prepare to release balloons in memory of Marissa Chapman-Campbell. Article on page 11.



Members of the Pawnee Fire Scouts. (Left to Right) Dustin Begs-His-Own Terrell Ogilvie, Justin Rolland, Jackie Reed, Zachary Underwood, Jerry Fletcher and Mathew Underwood. Photo was taken shortly after qualifying exercise .

PAWNEE NATION HAPPENINGS

Photos by Toni Hill

Handling Aggressive And Angry Children, A Balance Of Boundaries And Love

By Chelsie Baldwin
VAW Advocate

Statistics show an increase in violence in every area of society today. Therefore, it is not surprising that our children are showing more aggressive behavior even at younger ages. Given that the family is a child's primary role model, it is important that parents set a positive example for their children teaching them how to handle their emotions.

Anger is a normal feeling that we all experience. We each have a choice to handle our anger in healthy, positive, constructive ways or by becoming overwhelmed by feelings and act in inappropriate, destructive and even violent ways. Parents can help their child or youth learn acceptable ways to behave when feeling angry.

So why do people have

trouble handling anger?

- They are afraid of their intense feelings and believe they are wrong to feel them.
- They have been taught that anger is bad and should be kept inside.
- The people they look up to have provided the example of destructive or violent ways to express anger.

Anger that has been hidden for a long time can explode into violence outbursts or destructive behavior.

Action Plan for Working with Aggressive Children:

- Set a good example.
- Encourage the safe, open expression of feelings to prevent build-up and explosion of emotions; such as drawing a picture of angry feelings, writing down angry feelings, talking about feelings with a friend or adult, telling the person you are angry with

how you feel or letting off steam with physical activity or sports.

- After expressing the angry feelings, begin to try and let go, moving on by doing things that will make the situation better.
- Recognize positive and acceptable behavior.
- Show positive ways to handle problems and deal with stress.
- Limit your children's exposure to media violence.
- Teach children to accept themselves and others as being important by showing them respect and giving praise.
- Use consistent and fair disciplinary measure.
- Seek professional help if any family member exhibits ongoing violence or aggressive behavior.
- Discover what situations make them angry.

What influences a child to-

ward violence:

- Domestic violence or abuse
- Media violence
- Immaturity and lack of self-control
- Alcoholism within the family
- Excessive stress
- Inability to handle frustration
- Not held responsible for their actions.

Who can you turn to for help?

- IHS Behavioral Health Services: (918) 762-2517 or CREOKS: (918) 949-1947
- Pawnee Nation Parenting through Indian Child Welfare: (918) 762-3873 ext.3 or Northern Oklahoma Youth Services in Pawnee: (580) 762-8341.
- Parent Helpline: 1-800-332-6378 and Pawnee Domestic Violence Services: 1-855-810-4144.

Disclaimer: The above article is for informational purposes only and not meant to suggest any actions.

Pawnee Nation Museum Implementation In Planning Stages

By Toni Hill
Communications Manager



The Museum Advisory Committee discuss components of development during a recent meeting.

Photo by Toni Hill

the Berry Building. Displays filled with items representing the history of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma will be prominently placed.

The Committee consists of individuals dedicated to profiling the rich and proud history of the Pawnee Tribe that spans more than 700 years. Exhibits may also include artifacts, artwork and artist profiles.

Some of the history that may be highlighted encompasses the early years during the 18th century when more than 10,000 members of the Pawnee Tribe inhabited the area along the North Platt River in Nebraska. Additional components of

the Tribe include the identification of the four distinct bands; the Chaui "Grand," the Kitkehahki "Republican," the Pitahawirata "Tappage" and the Skidi "Wolf."

Historical facts also reveal how the Pawnees, classified as a "friendly tribe" by the U.S. Government, were men and women of great courage and endurance. Insights regarding some of the Pawnee warrior battles fought to preserve lives, lands and possessions may also be included as well as the military involvement by members of the Tribe.

Members of the Committee include Pawnee residents Regina Wilson, Joann Roberts, Morgan Little-sun, Catherine Keeling and Marlene Mameah. PN Executive Director Dawna Hare serves as ex officio and PN employees Gordon Adams, Ted Moore and Freda Tippeconnie are program support staff. Dedicated

volunteers include Debra Echo-Hawk, Title VI coordinator, and James Riding In, Board of Trustee chairman for Pawnee Nation College. University of Central Oklahoma graduate Alyce Vigil is also volunteering her expertise.

Military displays mocking arrangements previously profiled at the Tulsa City-County Library and the Peggy V. Helmerich Library will be created for viewing in time for the Pawnee Indian Veterans 66th Annual Homecoming and Powwow held in the Memorial Field in Pawnee June 28 - 30, July 1. The opening of the official museum is projected within the next year.

For more information, please contact the Communications Office at (918) 762-3621 or visit the Pawnee Nation Web site at www.pawneenation.org.

Relay For Life Supports Cancer Awareness And Cure

By **Tiffany Frieze**
Native Health Team Co-Captain



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The Pawnee Nation NATIVE HEALTH Team (left to right) Beverly Jestes, Jaime Jestes, Jimmy Jestes, Tiffany Frieze, Darrel Banning, Mike Ortiz, Barbara Attocknie and Linda Jestes walk to support a cure.

The 12th Annual Relay for Life event Pawnee Memorial Field on April 28, for Pawnee County was held at the 2012.

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's signature fund raising activity. The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

This unique event offered the Pawnee community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer and also allowed the opportunity to celebrate the lives of those who are fortunate to be with us today, and to remember and give honor to those we have lost to cancer.

The Relay was scheduled to begin April 28 at 6 p.m. and end April 29 at 6 a.m.; however, the Relay was called off at midnight due to inclem-

ent weather.

During that time, teams of eight (8) to 15 people camped out and took turns walking around the track. Each team had to have a team representative on the track at all times during the event.

The Pawnee Nation Fitness Center sponsored the team "NATIVE HEALTH."

Co-captions were Tiffany Frieze and Jaime Jestes. Team members included Barbara Attocknie, Mike Ortiz, Suzy Knife Chief, Jonathan Snell, Montana Snell, Josh Hand, Bobby Johnson, Darrel Banning, Tiffany Frieze, Jimmy Jestes, Beverly Jestes, Linda Jestes, Jaime Jestes, Crystal Underwood, Aaron McNeill and Louise Stevens.

The NATIVE HEALTH team raised \$659.75 for the American Cancer Society.

Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Successful in Increasing Awareness

By **Suzy Snell**
HP/DP Healthy Nation Coordinator

Health Promotion/Disease Prevention (HPDP) Healthy Nations Program has had a productive few months. Spring Break Camp was held March 19 - 23 with collaborations from the Division of Health and Community Services for the educational component of the camp.

On Monday, there was STD Jeopardy by the Health Educator; Substance Abuse Program (SAP) Counselor gave an Alcohol/Drug presentation on Tuesday; Wednesday was the Kick Butts Day walk and balloon release sponsored by REACH US; The Violence Against Women advocate spoke about sexual assault awareness on Thursday and Friday was Diabetic Neuropa-

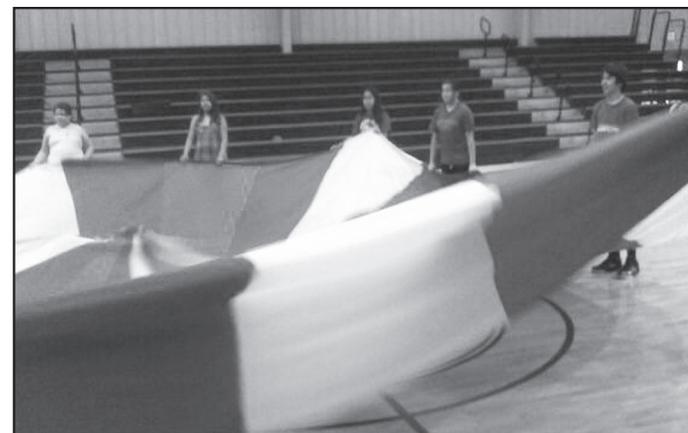
thy which was introduced by the Diabetes Program. The diabetes staff also assisted HPDP with calculating Body Mass Indexes (BMI) for the summer camp participants.

Lunch was provided throughout the week. For the remainder of the time, team sports activities were played such as basketball, kickball, dodge ball, stickball and space invaders game.

The After Prom Party was held on Saturday, April 21, at Incredible Pizza in Tulsa. This was a collaborative effort between HPDP, SAP, and Pawnee High School to prevent alcohol and/or substance abuse among high school students. Alcohol is the drug most frequently used

by adolescents during these types of events. This provides an alternative option for students to have a safe but fun night. A total of 98 students participated.

The HPDP staff participated in the Pawnee High School/Middle School Health Fair on April 27 by setting up a booth and handing out gym bags, water bottles, and sweat towels plus distributing information for our



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(Left to Right) Osheanna Aguilera, Ambresa Hall-Zotigh, Nicole Thompson, Montana Snell and Cody Leading Fox participate in parachute games.

OSU Outdoor Adventure Challenge Course Program held May 12.

Approximately 400 students, teachers and other health professionals participated in the health fair.

Congratulations to Alexandria

Alexandria Chino is a 2011 graduate from Sapulpa High School. She received a cheerleading scholarship from Bacone College at Muskogee which she had been attending since the spring 2012 semester. Alexandria plans to major in criminal justice.

Alexandria is the daughter of Theron Sr. and Stacy (Harjo) Chino, the granddaughter of Sandra Mathews Harjo and Henry Harjo Jr. Grandparents also include the late Sandy and Diana Chino. She is also the great granddaughter of the late Philip and Louise Mathews.

Love, Mom, Dad, Dee, Jr. Leland and GMA

Congratulations to Jonathan Soxie!

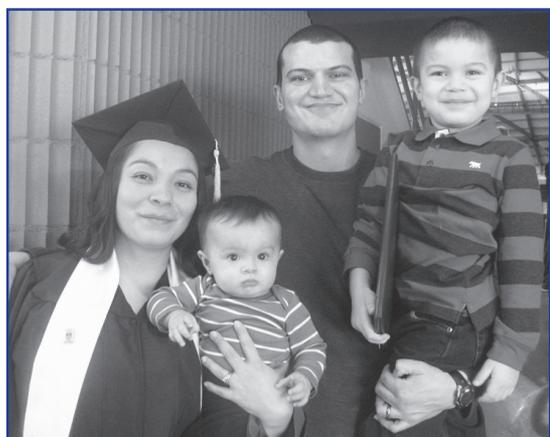


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Jonathan graduated from Pawnee High School on May 18. Soxie attended Pawnee schools all twelve years and has made the school's honor roll. Among his many academic accomplishments, Soxie was involved in the Future Farmers of America (FFA). He received his State FFA degree in Oklahoma City at the Convention Center on May 2 making him one of 726 seniors state-wide who met all FFA requirements for this honor.

During his five years in FFA, he received many awards showing his Boer goats, having placed at the Oklahoma City and Tulsa State Fairs. His travels included attendance at a youth convention in Las Vegas, Nev. and competitions in Kentucky, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and Missouri. An outgoing person, Soxie made many friends along his journey.

Soxie also studied accounting for three years at Stillwater Meridian Tech and plans to attend Northern Oklahoma College with an agricultural focus. Jonathan is a member of the Pawnee Indian Baptist Church and a member of the Cheyenne/Arapaho, Pawnee and Iowa Tribes. His grandparents are Reda Pawnee and the late Amick Sleeper, Sr., El Reno, and Phyllis Mathews Soxie. Jonathan lives with his parents, Francis and Rebecca Soxie in Glencoe, Okla.



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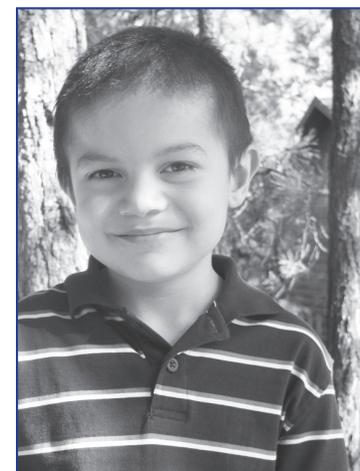
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Happy
1st Birthday
Mason!

Love,
Mom, Dad
and Gabe

Happy
5th Birthday
Gabe!

Love,
Mom, Dad and
Mason



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Congratulations

Gwen Renee Piccolella earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Management from Northern Arizona University.

Piccolella is a Pawnee tribal member. She resides in Pinetop, Arizona with her husband Brian and two sons, Gabe and Mason. Gwen is the daughter of James and Kelly Rice and the granddaughter of Kenneth and Dona Gregory, all of Pawnee, Okla.

Great-grandparents are Velma Peters Smith of Pawnee, Okla., the late Charlie Smith, the late Dennis KnifeChief and the late Sharon Rice. Dona, Kelly, James, and her brother Zach traveled to Flagstaff, Ariz. to attend her Commencement Ceremony held Dec. 16, 2011.

Nawa!!



Submitted photo

I am the daughter of Anna Yellowmule Lee, granddaughter of Darwina Good Chief, great granddaughter of Elizabeth Justice and great great granddaughter of Dollie Sherman Moore.

It has been an honor to represent the Pawnee Nation as the Pawnee Indian Veteran's Homecoming Princess. After I was crowned during the Homecoming Powwow on July 4, 2011, I have attended various Powwow activities including the Taos Pueblo Powwow, Taos, New Mexico, First place, Women's Southern Cloth; Little Beaver Powwow, Dulce, New Mexico, Third place, Women's Southern Cloth; Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) Powwow, Albuquer-

que, New Mexico; Veteran's Dance, Albuquerque Plaza, Albuquerque, New Mexico and the Blue Star Mother's Event, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

As a senior attending Bernalillo High School, Bernalillo, New Mexico, I have been able to maintain a 4.0 G.P.A. I have been on the varsity team for all three sports and have kept myself busy by participating in volleyball, basketball and softball. The Bernalillo Spartans participated in the State Volleyball Tournament for the first time in 27 years and received an Award of Recognition from the City Mayor of Bernalillo, New Mexico.

In my senior year for volleyball I was honored to receive the First Team All District; All Academic All District; All Academic Team All

Metro; Third Team All Metro and Senior Student Athlete of the Year All Metro.

The basketball season we were able to attend the State Tournament in March, 2012, for the first time in 20 years. In softball, Spartans are preparing for their fourth year in a row to attend the State Tournament.

I have gained a lot of experience at these events and this has allowed me to grow and become a better person. I have had many great travels and met many wonderful people. Memories that I have enjoyed will stay with me forever. I will be looking forward to seeing and visiting with all my Pawnee relatives and families real soon.

Cedar Rain Yellowmule

Employee Appreciation Picnic A Splashing Success

Submitted by Pawnee Nation Employee Club Officers



Photo by Toni Hill

Brian Seigle recovers from a dunking at the picnic.

The Pawnee Nation Employee Club and Pawnee Nation Housing Authority hosted an Employee Appreciation Day Picnic at the tribal campgrounds on May 16, 2012. The event was held to thank all employees who work for the Pawnee Nation in all capacities and to show appreciation for their continuous hard work and efforts in support of the Nation.

The event began with encouraging words from the Pawnee

Nation Executive Director Dawna Hare and Pawnee Business Council (PBC) Vice-President Charles 'Buddy' Lone Chief, who also gave the invocation. Jaci Gover represented her husband, PBC President Marshall Gover, who was unable to attend.

Thanks to President Gover, upon taking office in May 2011, a recurring theme of employee appreciation was initiated as he continues to appreciate and promote those who work for the Nation.

Employees from all departments within the Pawnee Nation, Pawnee Housing Authority, Pawnee Nation Tribal Development Corporation, Pawnee Nation College, Transportation Department, TERO and Child Care enjoyed the delicious, wonderful and scrumptious food that was catered by Skedee Assembly of God Rev. Lance Howell along with his wife, Sheree

and children Gus, Faith and Grace.

The music was provided by Gib Stone and Employee Club President Brian Seigle enjoyed being plunged into the dunk tank on such a warm day by precision toss masters. Door prizes consisted of digital cameras, M3P players with cameras, camcorders, a grill and \$10 cash prizes. The lucky winners of the day included, Christal Windholz, Linda Jestes, Brian Seigle, Clark Pepper, José Todd, Mike Fields, Misti Conover, Cecelia Hawkins, Whitney Nuttle, Michael Willard, Shelby Exum and Amber Whiteshirt.

The Pawnee Nation Employee Club, a non-profit, community oriented organization, would like to thank the Prop-



Photo by Toni Hill

(Left to Right), Donna Howell, and Nancy Moore are joined by Moore's daughter Sam Peters-Sands and son-in-law Brett Sands.

erty Department of the Pawnee Nation, Hare, Lone Chief, Mrs. Gover, Linda Jestes, Karla Knife Chief, Jackie White and all the volunteers who helped make the picnic a success. Employee Club upcoming events include an Indian Taco fundraiser on June 6, 2012 in front of the old Armstrong Bank, the 1st Annual Employee Club Pow-Wow Fun Day for children on the afternoon of June 30, 2012 and a Recruitment Picnic in August.

More information on these upcoming events will be posted in flyers and online.

CHR NEWS - Taking Awareness And Support To The Streets

By Tiffany Frieze
CHR/EMS/HE Coordinator



Photo by Toni Hill

Employees' dedication and commitment make the Women's Health activities successful. (Left to Right) Mike Ortiz, Crystal Underwood, Renee Cravens, Barbara Attocknie, Tiffany Frieze, Jaime Jestes, Suzy KnifeChief and Zach Martinez. related article on Page 10.

The Health Educator presented "STD Jeopardy" to the Spring Break Camp students on March 19. Thirteen (13) students

were in attendance. The camp was sponsored by Health Promotion & Disease Prevention (HP/DP).

On April 27, the Community

Health Representative (CHR) staff participated in the Pawnee High School/Middle School Health Fair by setting up a booth and handing out information about abstinence, contraceptives and sexually transmitted infections. Approximately 400 students, teachers, and other health professionals participated in the health fair. During the fair, we collaborated with the Pawnee Indian Health Service-Public Health Nurses to conduct HIV tests for students, teachers, and staff who were 13 years old and older. Fifty-seven (57) individuals were tested and received a \$10 Wal-Mart gift card as an incentive.

The CHR Program kicked off

the month of May by participating in the Women's Health Walk, Balloon Launch and Mini-Health Fair on May 4. All the events took place on Pawnee Courthouse Square. The CHR staff set up a booth and handed out information about contraceptives at the health fair. Sixty (60) people took part in the event.

The CHR Program also participated in the Women's Health Workshops scheduled throughout the month of May.

Planning for the annual Health Fair is underway! Save the date as it is scheduled for Friday, June 29. There will be a fun run/walk, health screenings, health information, prizes and food.

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

The Medallion - A Personal Tribute

By Debra Echo-Hawk
Title VI Coordinator



Submitted photo

Iris Pohocsucut is wearing the medallion (picture right) that holds special meaning.

Iris Pohocsucut came in to the Elderly Meals Dining Room and seated herself at the table where she frequently sits. I couldn't help but notice her beautiful necklace she was wearing.

At first I thought it must be a Peace Medal, but it shown bright like Coronado's gold. I asked her about the medallion. Iris explained that a few months ago she went through some of her mother's belongings.

Her mom, Mary Good Fox, was a caring and wonderful Skidilady. Going through her things is a difficult job for Iris, as her daughter, it was a sorting task that she had put off for a while.

Going through one of her chest of drawers she found a pouch that was beneath the items in the draw-

er and towards the back.

Iris opened it and found the medallion adorned with a chain to make a necklace. It must have been a treasure to Mary having placed it so deep in the drawer.

Iris knew that her mom did not lavish herself with jewelry ... as she only wore a watch and her wedding ring for as long as she could remember.

The medallion held in her hands must have been considered a precious treasure of her mother's. Now Iris, a Chaui woman, wears it proudly.

Seeing the medallion reminded me of one I found at the Otoe-Missouria offices. It was framed into a book about the tribe, and I wondered if that medallion was similar.

I had to ask more about it ... so I



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called a Pawnee historian, my brother who has studied the Pawnee extensively and described the two-sided medallion.

One side has the Pawnee seal on it and the other side has the iconic face of Ruling His Sun.

What can my brother say about it?

Ruling His Sun Versus Ruling His Son

By Roger Echo-Hawk
Contributing Writer

In the ancient realm of the Pawnees, a boy was born about 1829 to Kitkahahki parents. After the youth became a man, the Kitkahahkis took up residence on the new Pawnee Reservation, and there he married two sisters and they started a family.

Long after removal to Oklahoma, this man became known under the two names by which he is remembered today: Ruling His Sun and Ruling His Son.

In the course of writing a book on the Pawnee Scouts, War Party in Blue, historian Mark van de Logt came across an interesting document in the US federal archives. In 1918 Ruling His Sun (as his name most commonly appears in Pawnee Agency records) gave testimony which was translated and witnessed by Nannie

Mathews and Harry Coons.

Mark transcribed the testimony and sent a copy to me. In this record, Ruling His Sun discussed his various names.

His mentioned his earliest name: "Le-sah-roo-karoo, which being translated means 'is he the chief.' The word is kind of a question in sound." And later in life he became known as "Ke-wah-koo-lah-le-sah-roo" which means Fox Chief. Under this second name he served in the Pawnee Scouts in 1867-1868.

It was after removal to Oklahoma that Fox Chief got the name by which he is known today. Pawnee Agency officials bestowed this new name upon him, as he said in the 1918 interview: "Question: When did you first take the name of Ruling His Sun? Answer: I do not know. It is hard to tell but it was after I came here

from Nebraska and they put me down for my allotment as Ruling His Sun."

He believed that Pawnee Agency officials had come up with this name for him. In agency records the name is typically rendered as "Ruling Hissun." But by the time of the allotment in 1892, he had another traditional Pawnee name: Pasasi, meaning Osage.

In 1910 a Pawnee Agency official named George Trotter met Osage. Trotter wrote in his memoir the story he heard from the Agency Farmer assigned to the South Bands: "Mr. Thorpe afterwards told me that the name of this Indian showed that he was the son of an Indian by the name of Ruling which explained Ruling, his son."

In 1925 Osage accompanied a delegation of Pawnees to Nebraska to attend a commemoration of the 1873

slaughter of Pawnee hunters by the Sioux at Massacre Canyon. Osage had lost a wife and child there. One report published in a Hastings, Nebraska newspaper called him "Chief Ruling Hisson."

Osage died in 1928, and several years later an American named Robert Bruce wrote about the Pawnee Scouts in The Fighting Norths. Bruce included a photograph of Osage with a speculative explanation for his American name: "Of the Sun, I am the Ruler... [t]he name is probably a survival of the belief among some ancient peoples that they were children of the sun."

Historian Carl Tyson published a book in 1976 that gave Osage's name as "Ruling His Sun." But the next year Garland Blaine and Martha Blaine published an excellent article on Massacre Canyon with pho-

tos of Osage, and there they captioned him as "Ruling His Son."

As his 1918 testimony indicates, Osage had many names in the course of his life. Much confusion attends the American name for him. But one thing is clear.

He took pride in upholding Pawnee lifeways, and he no doubt obtained the name "Osage" in the course of a traditional name-giving. This was the name under which the Pawnees knew him in his life, and it deserves to be remembered among the Pawnees today.

I want to thank Iris for wearing the medallion ... for sharing her story. I also appreciate the way our historians come through with insights from the past to make our present times more interesting and meaningful.

They are the treasures of our time.

PNC Celebrates Student And Faculty Success And Transition

By Toni Hill

Communications Manager



Photo by Toni Hill

(Left to Right) Rev. Warren Pratt, Jr., Brooklyn Dailey, Priscilla Begay, Dr. Joseph Bohanon, Staci Rowton, Elizabeth Blackowl and Charles Lone Chief.

On May 3, 2012 Pawnee Nation College (PNC) administration honored community members, staff and students during a ceremony held at the Albin Leading Fox building.

Those who received community

awards in appreciation for outstanding service to PNC include the City of Pawnee Mayor Brad Sewell and Native American Counselor for Northern Oklahoma College Gina Conneywerdy. Additional honorees included Rod Bates, video coordinator and Rodney Cotton, a representative from the Division of Diversity for the U.S. Coast Guard.

Staff commended by both students and faculty were Andrew Gray voted faculty member of the year and Staci Rowton designated as employee of the year. Institutions recognized were the College of the Muscogee Nation and the University of Oklahoma Native Studies department.

Students Priscilla Begay and

Cheyenne Whitehorn were also exalted for outstanding accomplishments.

"I am a full-blood Diné from Black Mesa of the Diné Nation, Ariz. And have a 5-year-old daughter named, Caya and serve as the secretary for the PNC Student Government Association," Begay said. "I decided to go back to school in 2009. I plan to continue my education so that I can return to my family and people and be of a positive service among them."

Begay was joined on stage by Brooklyn Dailey on May 12, 2012 for commencement exercises. Both graduates received associate degrees in American Indian Studies (AIS): Leadership and Management that will transfer toward a four-year program at Bacone College located in Muskogee, Okla.

The Pawnee Indian Veterans presented the colors and Jordan Moore and Jason Campos performed the processional for the graduation. Others in service included Jordan Kanuho; Rev. Warren Pratt, Jr. and Elizabeth Blackowl.

"As (PNC) honors our graduating students, we want to share the vision of hope for the future by following the themes of 'encouragement and instilling pride' so our families and community can see the benefits of having higher education plus the perspective of keeping our culture at the college equal," Bohanon said. "The journey for our students can be a challenge but we are survivors and we continue to exist, reframing our own future in many ways, which include tribal colleges' education."

Meth Destroys Lives

Submitted by Substance Abuse Program

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I destroy homes. I tear families apart.

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I'm more valued than diamonds, more precious than gold.

The sorrow I bring is a sight too bold.

If you need me, remember, I'm easily found.

I live all around you, in school and in town.

I live with the rich, I live with the poor.

I live just down the street, and maybe next door.

I'm made in a lab, but not one like you think.

I can be made under the kitchen sink, or in your

Child's closet, even out in the woods.

If this scares you to death, it certainly should.

I have many names, but there's one you'll know best.

I'm sure you've heard of me. My name's Crystal Meth.

My power is awesome. Try me. You'll see.

But if you do, you may never break free.

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Will be worth the pleasure you'll feel in my arms.

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When you see their tears, you must not feel sad.

Just forget your morals, and how you were raised.

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I take kids from parents. I take parents from kids.

I turn people from God. I separate friends.

I'll take everything from you, even your good looks and

Pride. I'll be with you always, right by your side.

You'll give up everything. Your family, your home.

Your money, your friends, you'll be all alone.

I'll take and I'll take till you've no more to give.

When I finish with you, you'll be lucky to live.

If you try me, be warned. THIS IS NOT A GAME.

If I'm given the chance, I'll drive you insane.

I'll ravage your body. I'll control your mind.

I'll own you completely. Your soul will be MINE.

The nightmares I'll give you when you're lying in bed,

And the voices you hear from inside your head.

The shakes, the sweats, and the visions you'll see.

I want you to know, these are your gifts from me.

By then it's too late, and you'll know in your heart,

That you are now mine, and we shall not part.

You'll regret that you tried me. They always do.

But you came to me. Not I to you. You knew this would happen. How many times were you told?

But you challenged my power. You chose to be bold.

You could have said "no" and just walked away.

If you could live that day over, now what would you say?

My power is awesome, as I told you before.

I can take your mother.

I'll be your master, you'll do as I say,

Even when I tell you to go to your grave.

Now that you've met me, what will you do?

Will you try me or not? It's all up to you.

I can show you more misery than words can tell.

Come, take my hand. Let me lead you to hell. Annoymous

GERALDINE L. SMITH HOWELL
May 23, 1928--March 19, 2012



Submitted photo

Geraldine L. Smith Howell was born on May 23, 1928 in Pawnee, Oklahoma to Andy K. Smith and Mae Pratt Smith. She passed from this life on Monday, March 19, 2012 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, having reached the age of 83 years, 9 months, and 26 days.

She attended Pawnee Indian Boarding School and graduated from Chilocco Indian School. She attended Haskell Institute, went to Kiowa Nursing School in Lawton, and graduated from Hillcrest Nursing School in Tulsa.

She married Jesse Howell, Jr. on April 24, 1953 in Pawnee, Oklahoma and he preceded her in death on January 26, 1982. They lived in Norman, Oklahoma for 10 years before moving back to Pawnee in 1961. She worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse at Ft. Defiance Indian Hospital, Ft. Defiance, Arizona; Cass Lake Indian Hospital, Cass Lake, Minnesota; and in Pawnee she has worked at the Pawnee Osteopathic Hospital, Pawnee Manor Nursing Home, Pawnee Municipal Hospital and the Pawnee Indian Hospital.

She served her people in numerous capacities for many years, and participated in tribal events and affairs. She was a member of the American War Mothers-Pawnee Chapter, served as a member of the Pawnee Business Council, attended National Indian Council on Aging Conferences, and has traveled across the United States, and also to Amsterdam, Holland, Vienna, and Austria. She enjoyed baking bread.

Geraldine is survived by her children, Irene Edwards, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Laura Mae Melton, Pawnee, Oklahoma; Jesse Howell III, Pawnee, Oklahoma; Lester Esau Howell, Skiatook, Oklahoma; Gerald Dean Howell, Pawnee, Oklahoma; Robert Michael Howell, Pawnee, Oklahoma; Harold Gene Howell, Pawnee, Oklahoma; sister, Bertha Harder, Claremore, Oklahoma; two brothers, Robert L. Smith, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Hiram Smith, Pawnee, Oklahoma; 15 grandchildren; two great grandchildren, plus a number of other relatives, and many friends.

Besides her husband, Jesse, she was preceded in death by her grandmother, Bertha Pratt Shooter; parents, Andy and Mae Smith; granddaughter, Jessica Howell; brothers, Andy Smith, Jr., and Harry Smith; sister, Marcella Lyons; and friend, Wilburn "Bud" Jennings.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 22, 2012 at the Pawnee Nation Roam Chief Event Center, Pawnee, Oklahoma with Rev. Warren Pratt Jr. officiating. Interment was at the South Indian Cemetery, Pawnee, Oklahoma, under the direction of Poteet Funeral Home, Pawnee, Oklahoma.

Obituaries

REGINALD JONATHAN BLAINE
January 23, 1966--March 15, 2012

Reginald Jonathan Blaine was born on January 23, 1966 in Lawton, Oklahoma to Reynold James Blaine and Virginia A. Plumley. He passed from the life on Thursday, March 15, 2012 in St. Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma having reached the age of 46 years, 1 month, and 23 days.

He moved from Maramec, Oklahoma to Oklahoma City on November 11, 2011. He was with the Eloska Society.

Reginald is survived by his mother, Virginia Plumley, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; four brothers, J. W. Blaine, Amber, Oklahoma; Wichita K. Blaine; Sterling A. Blaine; Fletcher C. Blaine, all of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; sister, Amanda Blaine, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, plus numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many friends.

Memorial Services were held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 17, 2012 at the Pawnee Nation Roam Chief Event Center, Pawnee, Oklahoma, with Stephen Stocklon officiating. Arrangements were handled by Poteet Funeral Home, Pawnee, Oklahoma.



Submitted photo

Construction On The Bridge Over Black Bear Creek Resumes

Submitted by Pawnee Nation Department Of Transportation And Safety



Photo by Jim McCormick

The entry for the new bridge over Black Bear Creek projected to help alleviate congested traffic within the area.

A public meeting was held May 15, 2012 to finalize plan for improvements to the new roadway into the Pawnee Nation Offices and Tribal Reserve.

Plans include incorporating grading, paving, and sidewalk construction, with a projected date of December 2012. Brawley Engineering will advertise Phase B by July 20, 2012. Phase A has been completed.

Several local citizens raised concerns about water disbursement. These issues were re-

solved after inquiries of Governor Fallin, U.S. Senators Inhofe and Coburn, and State representative Dennis Casey. Casey reported he was satisfied with the bridge project's design and hydrological report. The State has no jurisdiction. The project was cleared.

The project also encountered compliance with land boundaries that were ultimately resolved by the Bureau of Land Management Cadastral survey which identified and allowed the Pawnee Nation to remove any standing structures in the proposed right of way. This decision is

awaiting final review.

"We would like to thank the citizens of Pawnee for their support," said Jim McCormick, project manager. "This development could ease traffic burdens on existing venues of travel without having any known negative effects on business revenue. We would like to remind the community that the use of the bridge and roadway is restricted until official notification."



Photo by Dawna Hare

Although near completion, the sign reminds of needed caution.



Photo by Dawna Hare

The bridge provides another travel venue for the community.

Foster Care Provides Love And Hope

By Kari Little

Indian Child Welfare Director

May is National Foster Care month. This month is set aside to raise awareness of the need for loving foster homes for children in the child welfare system. 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 outside 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.

PNC Hosts Oklahoma Native Leadership Initiative Conference

By Toni Hill
Communications Manager



(Left to Right) Dr. James Riding In, Dr. Joseph Bohanon, Quinton Roman Nose, Michael Burgess, Andrew Gray and Dr. Jerry Bread.

The Oklahoma Native Leadership Initiative (ONLI) Conference commenced on April 20 and highlighted several guest panelists. The event was held in the Roam Chief Building located in Pawnee, Okla.

ONLI, a program funded by a NACTEP grant of the Department of Education, strives to provide opportunities for academic success within the field of American Indian Studies (AIS).

The conference was sponsored by Pawnee Nation College (PNC), where staff and faculty under the leadership of President Joe Boha-

non, Ph.D.

Mr. Quinton Roman Nose, chairman of the National Indian Education Association (NIEA), presented the keynote address during which he challenged attendees to take pride in their Native heritage through study, service and outreach venues. Following, participants engaged in a variety of panel discussions targeting the preservation of the Native American culture.

“Young people need to study what is happening within the public arena because someday they will be the leaders,” said Dr. James Riding In, a Pitahawirata and chairman of the PNC Board of Trustees and an associate professor of American Indian Studies at Arizona State University. “As a leader, it will be up to you to fight for Native Indian rights because if we don’t stand up and take a hold of the rights and sovereignty that our ancestors have fought for, no one will do it for us and then our culture and beliefs can be further compromised.”

Panels included Preserving Cultural Values in the World of Contemporary Tribal Leadership, the Sovereign Leadership in Today’s Non-Sovereign Life, AIS and Developing Leaders (Academic) Programs and expectations students could experience while attending four-year institutions in addition to highlighting the benefits of obtaining an AIS degree.

The list of distinguished speakers included Roman Nose; Ms. Dawna Hare, executive director for Pawnee Nation, Mr. John Shotton, chairman of the Otoe-Missouria Nation, Riding In, Dr. Jerry Bread, outreach coordinator/adjunct associate professor of Native American Studies at the University of Oklahoma, Rachael Sourjohn, student from College of the Muscogee Nation, Bohanon, Rep. Seneca Scott, Okla., District 72; Dr. Steven Woods, director of the AIS program at Tulsa Community College and Freda Tippeconnie, director of Higher Education at Pawnee Nation.

“The panel was very impressive in regard to their understanding of education issues facing tribal communities both from a higher edu-

cation stand point and from a rural perspective,” Scott said. “I left the Conference with a renewed commitment to the goal of determining how we can more effectively support tribal education through establishing a consortium of tribal colleges, and also taking a greater look at how revenues collected from gaming proceeds are spent for education in Indian Country.”

Guests enjoyed a breakfast provided by PNC and a catered lunch and dinner from Stone Wolf Casino. Following, PNC hosted a book signing honoring Riding In who autographed the book, *Native Historians Write Back*, a novel composed of inserts by numerous authors.

A musical concert featuring Gary Farmer (Farmer) and the Troublemakers wrapped up the evening. Other entertainment included a comic routine by PNC student Coleman American Horse. Flute player John Timothy, Muscogee Creek, and singer/guitar player Gilbert Beard, Pawnee, also entertained guests.

For more information, contact PNC at (918) 762-3343

HONORARY MENTION/PUBLIC NOTICE



Photo courtesy of the Department of Interior

Larry Echo Hawk Embraces New Horizons

One of the many advocates of Native American rights, Larry Echo Hawk resigned his position as the assistant secretary for Indian Affairs effective April 27. Under his leadership, Interior has refocused on honoring this nation’s trust responsibility to Native Americans.

The announcement was made by Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar. Echo Hawk plans to serve in a leadership position in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Echo Hawk, 63, and his wife Terry have six children and 24 grandchildren.

“Larry has done an extraordinary job at Interior, opening a new chapter in our nation-to-nation relationship with American Indian and Alaska Natives tribal governments and carrying out President Obama’s vision for empowering Indian nations,” Salazar said. “During his tenure, the Department accelerated the restoration of tribal homelands, improved public safety in tribal communities, resolved century-old water

disputes, made critical investments in education, and reached many more milestones that are helping Indian nations pursue the future of their choosing. We thank Larry for his exemplary leadership and wish him all the best as he begins a new chapter in his life.”

Information, photo and quote courtesy of a recent Department of Interior news release.

Public Notice

According to a release issued by the U.S. Department of Justice Grand Jury filed May 9, 2012, a former Pawnee Nation employee has been indicted for embezzlement.

Frances Roughface was employed by the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma as the coordinator of the Indian Child Welfare Program and Child Care Center.

According to the Grand Jury indictment, Roughface on a reoccurring basis, embezzled, stole, obtained by fraud, knowingly converted to her use and intentionally misapplied more than \$5,000 of the moneys, funds, credits and property owned and under the care, custody and control of the Pawnee Nation beginning approximately October 2005 through December 2009.

Pawnee Nation Food Distribution Serves Community

Submitted by: Florissa Kanuho
Food Distribution Coordinator

The Food Distribution Program is helping our participants achieve good nutrition by providing over 90 food items. Our canned vegetables and beans are low sodium. The canned fruit are in light syrup and we provide some food items that are low fat. Our evaporated milk will be changing to evaporated skim milk, which is a rich source of calcium and Vitamin D. We also provide fresh produce and frozen meats.

Beginning May 1, 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. A household of one will also be able to receive a few items every month instead of every other month. The following changes are:

1. The Quick Oats and Farina will now be combined into one category and participants will now receive one package each month. A household of one was only able to receive these two items every other month.
2. All pasta and rice products will be combined into one category with a take rate of five pounds per person each month. This will now include the egg noodles.
3. Participants will now receive one (1) - 16 oz. package of crackers per person each month. A household of one was only able to receive this every other month.
4. The fresh, canned, and dried fruit are now in one category, with a new take rate of 10 units of fruit per person each month. This will now include the dried plums and raisins. The old take rate was nine (9) units per person.
5. The fresh and canned vegetable products have a new take rate of 11 units of vegetable per person each month. This will now include the dehydrated potatoes and spaghetti sauce. The old take rate was nine (9) units per person each month.
6. The Chunky Beef Stew has been moved into the soup category. The new take rate for soups will be three (3) units instead of two (2) units per person each month.
7. The canned and dry beans are combined into one category with a new take rate of four (4) units of beans per person each month. A two-pound bag of dry beans will count as two (2) units. The old take rate for the dry beans use to be one (1) unit per person and the canned beans up to two (2) units per person.
8. The frozen cook turkey breast (new item) will be included in the choices with the meat products. The take rate will remain the same as three (3) units per person each month.
9. 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.

The Food Distribution Program will be closed the week of June 25 to June 29 to attend our 2012 NAFDPIR Conference at Niagara Falls, NY. Participants will need to pick up their food by June 21.

If you would like more information, call (918) 762-2541 or visit the office located on the south side the Roam Chief Building.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Pawnee Nation is seeking candidates for the positions of commissioner for both the Gaming Commission and for the Environmental Regulatory Commission. The Election and Utility Authority Commissions and the Enrollment Committees also have openings. 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.

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