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October/November 2012
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Nawa!

I hope that this finds Atius smiling down on all of our Pawnee Tribal members. A lot has happened and is about to happen in the next couple of months.

The Elders are on their way to Albuquerque for the NICOA (National Indian Council of Aging) Conference. We hope that they all have a safe and enjoyable trip. On Sept. 22, the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) held a rededication of the White Eagle monument in Fullerton, Neb.

A couple of weeks ago I attended a repatriation in Denver, Colo., for the Mountain Utes.

Although there was no burial ceremony, we did the best we could do for them. An eagle flew over and made everyone feel better about the efforts that were made. When you have remains to repatriate we try to do our best for our ancestors and relatives to take care of them the best way we know how.

The Pawnee’s have led the way in repatriation and we are very proud of those remains and artifacts that we have already got back from museums. A big thank you goes out to Francis Morris, the repatriation committee, Gordon Adams and the rest who have played a part. One day we hope to receive the regalia of White Fox and we are working diligently on that.

Six years ago I was the honoree at the Native American Marine Corps Veterans Birthday Celebration and this year two of our Council members will hold that honor, Richard Tilden, who has served in Vietnam and Roy Taylor for his service in Korea.

The ceremony will take place on Nov. 10, 2012 at the Comanche Nation Complex in Lawton, Okla. We are proud of all of our service men and women. The Pawnees have served since the Pawnee Scouts to the present time and have shown their loyalty to the United States for many years.

The Pawnee Indian Veterans Organization has plans for some fundraisers that are coming up. Let’s do our best to show our support for them as they work hard to carry on our traditions.

I have heard what the people have said in wanting the treasurer to be more transparent in getting the financial report to the people and we have been working on getting this out.

I would like to urge the Pawnee Business Council and the Nasharo Council to be diligent with their task at hand. Keep them in your prayers as they make the decisions on where to appropriate funds.

We hope and trust that everyone had an enjoyable Labor Day.

Football season has started for the high school, the Pawnee Black Bears. Join me in prayers that Atius will shine on them, keep them safe and that we will win state.

If you haven’t made it out to the StoneWolf Casino for Bar-B-Q at the new Howler’s Famous Bar-B-Q it is recommended.

We were sad to hear of the passing of Indian lawyer Jess Green and our condolences go out to his family.

Let us all continue to work together in being the greatest Nation on this earth, for we are Pawnee.
Education
Free General Educational Development (GED) classes have resumed. For more information, call the Pawnee Nation College at (918) 762-3363.

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 details, call (918) 762-2153.

Diabetes Program
On Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and Fridays from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. the Diabetes Program provides blood sugar checks. For details, call (918) 762-4045.

Pawnee Business Council Meetings
Oct. 24 and Nov. 14 & 28 Pawnee Business Council Meetings held in the Roam Chief Building. Prayer Breakfast held Nov. 14 beginning at 7:30 a.m. Dates subject to change. For more information, call (918) 762-3621.

Tribal Development Corporation
PTDC meetings held Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the corporate office conference room located on the second floor of the Health and Community Services building. Community welcome.

Veterans Day Dance: Nov. 12 at the Roundhouse.
Visit www.pawneenation.org for information about the Pawnee Tribe and upcoming events.

Pawnee Nation College
www.pawneenationcollege.org,
(918)762-3343
Oct. 26: PNC Oklahoma Native Arts Media Festival.
Nov. 15 - 18: Bravehearts Basketball, Cultural Exchange & Leadership Conference.

Pawnee Business Council Members Honored at the Native American Marine Corps Veterans Celebration

The Native American Marine Corps Veterans Birthday Celebration will honor two Pawnee Nation Business Council members, Richard Tilden, who has served in Vietnam, and Roy Taylor for his service in Korea.

“We are proud of all of our service men and women,” said PBC President Marshall Gover. “The Pawnees have served since the Pawnee Scouts to the present time and have shown their loyalty to the United States for many years.”

For more information, contact the Communications Office at (918) 762-3621 Ext. 25.

The Chaticks si Chaticks, is mailed to enrolled members of the Pawnee Nation, one per household or address, free of charge. In the interest of “Going Green,” 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 for free. For more information, call (918) 762-3621 or e-mail requests to communications@pawneenation.org. For advertising rates, please visit www.pawneenation.org.

PBC And The Nasharo Council Define Terms of Nez Perce vs. Salazar Fund
By Toni Hill
Communications Manager

The Pawnee Business Council (PBC) met with the Nasharo Council on Sept. 8 in executive session to seek resolution regarding the tribal trust funds that Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma received from the Nez Perce vs. Salazar case.

The PBC voted to distribute $2 million per capita payments to enrolled Tribal members (approximately $600 per person) and $2 million towards programs and services. The Native American Rights Fund (NARF) attorneys that secured the settlement will be paid out of the balance.

A Settlement Oversight Committee comprised of three (3) Nasharo Chiefs and three (3) PBC members will decide how the $2 million earmarked for programs and services will be applied.

A financial report will be published quarterly in the Chaticks si Chaticks.

A joint meeting held on Aug. 25 at the Roam Chief Event Center allowed Tribal members to express ideas and concerns regarding the allotment of the monies gained from this historical litigation that has spanned more than 100 years between federally-recognized tribes and the United States.

During the Aug. 25 meeting, many Tribal members petitioned the PBC and Nasharo Council regarding per capita payments. The Pawnee Nation was one of the 41 tribes 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.

Based on the comments received from Tribal members, the PBC identified the following for possible funding from the tribal trust fund lawsuit: issuing per capita payments to members, increasing educational opportunities, offering increased elders’ assistance and increasing the burial fund.

Other attendees suggested supporting other business endeavors that could generate a long-term income for the Pawnee Tribe.

Legal restraints prevented disclosure of these funds until the records were officially unsealed enabling the PBC to disseminate the information.

Per capita checks were mailed to Tribal members with known addresses on Oct. 4, 2012.

For more information and media inquiries, please contact the Pawnee Nation Communications Office at (918) 762-3621 Ext. 25 or at (918) 399-1344 or visit www.pawneenation.org.
PAWNEE NATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Office of Historic Preservation

Submitted by Gordon Adams
Preservation Officer

The Mission of the Office of Historic Preservation is to promote the preservation and restoration of the Pawnee people’s cultural heritage. The services offered encompass Survey and Inventory Tribal properties, the nomination of places to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), conduct §106 Reviews and Consultations, author Historic Preservation Plan for Pawnee Tribal properties and providing technical assistance, public outreach, and educational functions pertaining to Tribal Historic Preservation.

The department if funded by two National Park Service grants each providing approximately $57,000 biennially; and, money derived from §106 “Research Service Fees,” which annual amount is yet unknown. The staff consists of Gordon F. Adams, MPA director, Office of Historic Preservation and the Tribal Historic Preservation officer.

Contact: Office of Historic Preservation - (918) 762-3227.

Photo by Paigelyn Moore/Summer Worker

Items found in Building 64, which served as the girl’s dormitory, during the refurbishing process. The preservation of these glimpses of the Pawnee Heritage falls under the Office of Historic Preservation.

Pawnee Nation Title VI Program

Submitted by Debra Echo-Hawk
Title VI Elderly Meals Coordinator

Name of Department: Title VI

Department mission/services offered: The purpose of the Title VI Part-A Senior Nutritional Meals/Supportive Services and Title VI Part-C Caregiver Outreach Program is to promote the delivery of supportive and nutritional services for Native American Elders that are comparable to services provided under the Title III of the Older Americans Act.

Eligibility guidelines: The Title VI Program serves the elderly that meet the age requirements of 60 years of age or older; is a caregiver of an eligible elder; spouse of tribal member or volunteer.

A congregate meal is served during the week at the Multi-Purpose Building in the Elder Dining Room (11:30 am lunch Monday-Thursday and 10 a.m. breakfast on Fridays) located at 808 Morris Road. Dine with the elders at 12:15 p.m. for $7 per plate. We are closed the first Friday of each month to clean and decorate. Our hearty nutritional meals are prepared on site with great pride.

Also, Title VI provides delivery of a home bound meal for elders who reside within the Pawnee service area and who have met the criteria of the home bound meal application and health need verification provided by Indian Health Services Community Health Nurses.

The required services for the Title VI Program include the following:

- Part A Indian Program
- Nutrition Services
- Supportive Services
- Part C Native American Caregiver Support Program
- Information to caregivers about available services and assistance to caregivers in gaming access to the services.

Eligibility guidelines:

1. Family caregiver: An adult family member, or another individual, who is an unpaid informal provider of in-home and community care to an older individual or to an individual with Alzheimer’s disease or a related disorder with neurological and organic brain dysfunction.

2. Grandparent or older individual who is a relative caregiver: A grandparent or step grandparent of a child, or a relative of a child by blood, marriage, or adoption, who is 60 years of age or older and lives with a child or who is the primary caregiver of the child because the biological or adoptive parents are unable or unwilling to serve as the primary caregiver of the child or who has a legal relationship to the child, as such legal custody or guardianship, or is raising the child informally.

Department funding: See page 26.

Staff: Title VI Elderly Meals Coordinator Debra Echo-Hawk, deb.echohawk@pawneenation.org; Title VI Head Cook Ramona Horsechief; Title VI Assistant Cook Beatrice Realrider and Title VI Van Driver Richard Roubdeaux.

Contact: Title VI Program - (918) 762-4042.
PAWNEE NATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Pawnee Nation Human Resources
Submitted by Shelby Exum
Human Resources Manager

The Pawnee Nation’s Office of Human Resources staff consists of Human Resources Manager Shelby Exum and Payroll Specialist Lozana Eppler.

The Office of Human Resources is responsible for all aspects of personnel management. This scope of work includes, but is not limited to, advertising vacant positions, recruiting highly qualified and skilled applicants, managing employee relations, administering benefit plans, developing and deploying policies and procedures, maintaining personnel records, monitoring compliance with applicable federal, state, and tribal laws, establishing wage and compensation rates, payroll, and providing relevant training.

Current funding for the Office of Human Resources stems from the Indirect Cost pool.

RECRUITMENT POLICY
It is the policy of the Pawnee Nation to promote hiring the best qualified candidates, in order to provide the highest quality services to the people of the Pawnee Nation.

It is additionally the policy of the Pawnee Nation to promote employment opportunities for qualified Pawnee Tribal Members and other qualified Native Americans.

Recruitment for vacant positions is administered by the Office of Human Resources.

Vacant positions are advertised through local media and on the tribal website. The Office of Human Resources is located in Building 64 at 881 Little Dee Drive on the tribal reserve. Mailing address is P.O. Box 470, Pawnee, OK, 74058.

APPLICATION
All individuals applying for employment must apply online at http://www.pawneenation.org/employment. Your online application must be received by 5 p.m. on the position’s closing date.

When applying online, please attach copies of the following:
- Resume (if applicable)
- Letters of Recommendation
- CDIB and/or membership card (if claiming Indian Preference)
- DD Form 214 (if claiming Veteran’s Preference)
- Driver’s License

EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
Upon successful completion of the 90 Day Introductory Period, full-time, regular status Pawnee Nation employees are eligible to receive life insurance, dental insurance, and 401k retirement benefits.

We do not provide health insurance at this time.

For questions, please contact Shelby Exum via e-mail shelbye@pawneenation.org or by telephone 918-762-3621 ext. 52.

Pawnee Nation Communications
Submitted by Toni Hill
Communications Manager

Name of Department: Pawnee Nation Communications Office

Department mission/services offered: The Communications Office oversees all aspects of Pawnee Nation communications.

The Communications Office publishes the Chaticks si Chaticks (the official publication of the Pawnee Nation), maintains regular articulation of news events and issues from the Pawnee Nation to area press to establish and maintain a positive, timely and professional media process for news from the Pawnee Nation.

The Communications Manager also develops and maintains a consistent stream of news from the Pawnee Nation and updates the official website while establishing and maintaining a professional relationship with area news outlets to ensure publication of Pawnee Nation news and events.

The Communications Office’s mandate encompasses the transfer and sharing of news and events between the Pawnee Nation Office of Communications, the Pawnee Nation community and the programs and departments that service the Pawnee Nation.

The Communications Office also fosters relationships with entities within the City of Pawnee, surrounding tribes and adjoining communities to promote Pawnee Nation and serve the Pawnee Tribe.

Department funding: The Communications Office is funded through an Aid to Tribal Government contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indirect Cost funds.

Staff: Communications Manager Toni Hill.

Contact: Communications Office - (918) 762-3621 Ext. 25.

Pawnee Nation Enrollment Department
Submitted by Carrie Peters
Enrollment Manager

Name of Department: Pawnee Nation Enrollment Office

Department mission/services offered: Enrollment is responsible for all aspects of tribal membership. This office maintains up-to-date tribal enrollment records, processes applications for tribal enrollment, processes relinquishments of tribal enrollment, issues Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) cards, issues Verification of Indian Preference (BIA Form 4432) forms, processes the annual annuity disbursement, and facilitates tribal elections by providing a listing of eligible voters to the Election Commission.

Eligibility guidelines: Individuals will be enrolled in accordance with the Enrollment Statute and the Constitution of the Pawnee Nation. Any individual who applies for membership must possess by proof at least 1/8 degree of Pawnee Indian Blood, maintaining eligibility descent pursuant based on the official 1937 Base Roll. A person is not eligible for membership if they are enrolled as a member of another tribe.

Department funding: The Enrollment Office is funded through an Aid to Tribal Government contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Staff: Enrollment Manager Carrie Peters, Administrative Assistant Karen Haymond.

Contact: Enrollment Office - (918) 762-3624.
Pawnee Nation Police Division

Submitted by David Kanuho
Pawnee Nation Police Chief

The Pawnee Nation Police Department continues to provide law and order within the jurisdiction of the Pawnee Nation which includes the counties of Pawnee, Payne and Kay. (L to R) Officer Bob Horn, Officer Pat LeadingFox, Officer B.J. Novotny, Administrative Assistant/Dispatcher Roberta Ahdunko, Assistant Chief Gene Howell and Chief David Kanuho.

Name of Department: Pawnee Nation Police Department

Department mission/services offered: The Pawnee Nation Police Department provides law and order within the Pawnee Nation jurisdictional boundaries. This includes the counties of Pawnee and Payne and also includes the Pawnee land located at Chilocco in Kay county. Officers are directed to respond to all calls whether how minor or major and provide professional service to members of the Pawnee Nation.

Daily and nightly patrols are conducted on rural and local tribal homes and officers are responsible for providing for the safety and protection to persons living and visiting within the jurisdiction of the Pawnee Nation.

Officers investigate all crimes committed within the tribe’s jurisdiction and make arrest when necessary.

Routine building checks are performed nightly to assure all building within the Pawnee Reserve area are secured after hours.

Department funding: The police department is funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The annual amount for both this year and 2013 is $370,126.

Staff: The officers of the Pawnee Nation Police Department are Chief of Police David Kanuho, Assistant Chief of Police Gene Howell, Officer Bob Horn, Officer Pat LeadingFox and Officer B. J. Novotny. The Administrative Assistant/Dispatcher for the department is Roberta Ahdunko.

Newly hired officers who have no formal police training must complete the sixteen week Indian Police Academy held in Artesia, NM.

Current years of formal police service for the Pawnee Nation are as follows. Chief Kanuho – 16 years, Asst. Chief Howell – 15 years, Officer Horn – 12 years, Officer LeadingFox – 9 years and Officer Novotny, who recently resigned after 6 years.

Pawnee Nation Child Care Program Accepting Applications

Submitted by Marilyn Feathers
Learning Center Coordinator

The Pawnee Nation Learning Center is accepting applications at this time. We are an OKDHS Licensed Child Care Center.

We provide quality child care for children from two months old to children 8 years old. We provide a nurturing, safe, and healthy environment with developmentally appropriate daily activities along with breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack.

If you are interested in learning more about our program, please call (918) 762-3014.

The Pawnee Nation Child Care Assistance Program will assist income eligible Native American families living in Pawnee County and Northern Payne County, which includes the town of Yale, with child care fees for the Pawnee Nation Learning Center while they work or attend school.

If you are interested in learning more about our program, please call (918) 762-6495.
Construction on the Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement Center is underway.

Pawnee Nation District Court

Submitted by Suzanne Kanuho
Pawnee Nation Court Clerk

Name of Department: Pawnee Nation District Court

Department mission/services offered: The Tribal Courts are a separate branch of the Pawnee Nation Government as outlined in the Pawnee Nation Constitution and By-Laws; to provide for the establishment of a Law and Order and Judicial system to “protect peace, safety, health and welfare of the members of the Pawnee Tribe.

The Pawnee Nation District Court implements court services for the judicial needs and administration of justice regarding criminal, civil and juvenile matters, for the members of the Pawnee Nation and other individuals that are subject to the jurisdiction of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. The Pawnee Nation District Court presides over these matters rendering final orders or judgments.

The Supreme Court hears appeals resulting from all final orders or judgments rendered by the District Court. The decisions of the Supreme Court are final and binding.

Eligibility guidelines: The Territorial Jurisdiction of the Courts extends to all territory described as Indian Country over which the Pawnee Nation has authority; including tribal or individual, trust, non-trust and restricted land, and including all waters, mineral and wildlife.

The Courts have general civil jurisdiction over all civil actions arising under the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the Tribe including the tribal common law, and over all general civil claims that arise within the tribal jurisdiction.

Personal jurisdiction exists over all defendants served anywhere in cases arising within the territorial jurisdiction of the Tribe and all persons consenting to such jurisdiction.

Department funding: The Tribal Court is funded by and through a P.L. 93-638 contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Tribal Court also receives modest supplemental funds from the Tribe to offset the contractual services of judicial staff. Annual allocation for the Tribal Court and BIA are $45,870.49 and $60,942.00 respectfully.

District Court Staff: Chief Judge Charles H. Tripp is responsible for the people of the Pawnee Nation in administering the law and order code and carries out, faithfully and impartially, the duties of his office to the best of his ability and cooperates, promotes and protects the best interest of the members of the Pawnee Nation.

Tripp oversees the court system and makes recommendations for additions, deletions, and modifications for the court system; as well as creating and maintaining records of the District Court. Tripp presides over civil matters. Tripp’s contractual term is six (6) years.

Associate Judge for the District Court Dianne Barker Harrold in the absence of Tripp, Harrold performs all of the duties of the chief judge. Harrold also presides over all cases of which Tripp must recuse himself from due to a conflict that may render him disqualified to hear a case. Harrold presides over civil, criminal and juvenile matters. Harrold’s contractual term is six (6) years.

Prosecutor for the District Court Geoffrey StandingBear is primarily responsible for the prosecution of all criminal, civil and child welfare cases arising within the jurisdiction of the Pawnee Nation. StandingBear also serves as the attorney general for the Pawnee Nation. StandingBear’s contractual term is three (3) years.

Public Defender for the Pawnee Nation Danny Lyon represents indigent individuals in criminal matters and also serves as guardian ad litem in custody and guardianship matters. Lyon is available to tribal members on scheduled court days and by telephone during regular business hours on all other days to answer all legal questions. Lyon’s contractual term is three (3) years.

Court Clerk for the District Court and Supreme Court Suzie Kanuho is responsible for the administration of the Tribal Court Program as well as fiscal responsibilities. Kanuho also serves as the librarian of the law library; collects all fines, fees and costs; issues summons and subpoenas; performs the duties of court reporter by accurately recording all proceedings and hearings of the courts and accurately transcribes recorded proceedings and hearings upon order of the court; keeps and maintains judges calendars and dockets; performs clerical duties for justices, judges, and tribal attorneys; enters and maintains case flow in court software; supervises the deputy court clerk.

Deputy Court Clerk for the District Court and Supreme Court Brandi Leading Fox is under the direct supervision of the court clerk and is responsible for the preparation and maintenance of all case files; which includes preparing case files for hearings; prepares and transmits all case related documents and hearing notices; prepares cases for closure; performs office related duties and performs the duties of the court clerk in her absence.

The Supreme Court is comprised of one (1) chief justice and four (4) associate justices. All justices serve eight (8) year terms. The Supreme Court is responsible for creating and maintaining rules of the Court and regulating conduct in the Supreme and District Courts to provide for the orderly and efficient administration of justice.

The Supreme Court also hears appeals from the District Court and enters all appropriate orders and judgments. The Supreme Court supervises the actions of the District Court and all Clerks and Officers of the Court.

The Supreme Court meets annually to dispose of any business brought before them and hears all docketed appeals. The Supreme Court meets as needed to render decisions in appellate cases as quickly as possible.

Supreme Court Staff: Chief Justice Bob Buchanan, Associate Justice Terry Mason Moore, Associate Justice Marsha Harlan and -Supreme Court Clerk Suzie Kanuho.

Other Officers of the Court: Court Appointed Special Advocates are sworn officers of the court and are appointed to juvenile cases to serve as Guardian Ad Litem for the children of the cases.

The Chief of Police for the Pawnee Nation and his officers are also sworn officers of the court. The Chief of Police serves as bailiff for the District Court and has the authority to adjourn court in the absence of the Judge.

Contact: Pawnee Tribal Court - (918) 762-3649.

FEDERAL COURT UPDATE

U.S. Attorney Clinton Johnson announced that Frances L. Roughface, 47, was sentenced on Sept. 26, 2012, to three years of probation after she pleaded guilty to a federal theft charge.

Roughface has been ordered to serve the first six months of probation under house arrest, and to pay $26,226 in restitution. Roughface pleaded guilty in federal court in June, admitting that she embezzled money from the tribe’s Child Care Center and the Pawnee Nation’s Indian Child Welfare program. Roughface led the tribe to believe

Editor’s note: The above announcement is an insert from a Department of Justice News Release issued Sept. 29, 2012 at 14:52 and published in the TRIBAL JUSTICE NEWS Sept. 28, 2012.
Pawnee Nation Education Division

Submitted by Ted Moore
Education Department Director

Name of Department: Education Division

Mission Statement: "The Dreams of Yesterday are the Hope of Today and the Reality of Tomorrow" are words with which our clients can identify as they become active in our program. Chosen by our youth in the Summer 2004 Program, this quote is from Robert Goddard, a great scientist who was often called the father of modern rocketry.

This is yet another example of how our youth’s unique thinking can make their dreams come true for a better tomorrow for our people.

Continuing our mission, our program will administer and maintain a system that works for the Native American population in our area and which involves education, training, on-the-job training, work experience and job placement.

These Policies & Procedures were put together to ensure consistent practice and management in serving our clients, as well as to serve as a guide in working with any participants who wish to apply for any of our services.

Youth Services: Basic school supplies are available for K through 12th grade students within the service area at the beginning of the school year. Students must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe.

After school classes will be provided for elementary students up to 5th grade. After school classes will be announced soon.

Summer Enrichment Camps: These camps are provided for a variety of age categories with emphasis placed on financial literacy and related development, youth leadership, life skills, Pawnee culture and language, college preparation, substance abuse prevention, and team work activities. Announcements are provided prior to the summer months.

Work Experience Services: This component consists of work experience and on-the-job training programs for adults 18 years and older. Work experiences include subsidized as well as unsubsidized employment. Work sites range from clerical, construction, fire fighting, maintenance, art apprenticeships, health and many others.

Applicants must meet program eligibility and income guidelines and reside in Pawnee and Payne Counties, complete an application and provide required documentation.

Once accepted, a formal interview and acknowledgment of a work site agreement. Applications accepted anytime.

Youth Work Experience: Native American youth between the ages of 14 and 21 may be eligible for Youth Work Experience Services. Youth must meet program eligibility and income guidelines and reside in Pawnee and Payne Counties, complete an application and provide required documentation, attend a formal interview if accepted, and sign a work site agreement (a parent/guardian approval signature is required for youth under 18 years). Applications for Youth Work Experience Services are taken early in the summer months and at the end of the school year.

Applications for Youth Work Experience Services are taken early in the summer months and at the end of the school year.

Higher Education Scholarships: Pawnee Nation Scholarships are available to students who are enrolled members of the Pawnee Nation. Applicants must be enrolled members of the Pawnee Nation. Applicants must be enrollment in an accredited college or university, having a financial need based on an official college financial needs analysis and commit to a minimum of 12 credit hours. Scholarships may be awarded to graduate students based on the availability of funds. Applications from veterans receiving educational compensation under the G.I. Bill will also be considered. Accredited on-line coursework is acceptable.

Applicants are encouraged to apply for other financial aid and scholarships. Deadlines for the Pawnee Nation scholarship applications are July 6 and Dec. 6 per annually basis.

Direct Employment Assistance: This component is designed to assist eligible Native Americans who have obtained employment, but who still require monetary assistance with initial expenses, such as travel, meals and specialized attire during the job search process or until the applicant receives his or her first paycheck.

Other Services: A Computer Learning Center Lab and Library is available to all program participants, tribal employees, and tribal members. The Education Program works closely with the vocational rehabilitation program of the Iowa Tribe and the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services to assist clients in obtaining their goal of self-sufficiency through education and/or employment.

Students are assisted with short-term classroom training classes and General Educational Development/job skills instruction when available. Basic classroom supplies may be provided specifically for the course/s.

Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO): The TERO program maintains a job skills database, which includes a list of tribal members and non-tribal members, specific job skills, licenses, and educational degrees.

A list of Native American owned businesses is also available. This list is provided to employers conducting business with the Pawnee Nation.

Department funding: Funding for the Education and Training Department is currently $315,000 per annual basis. Funding for TERO is self generated with Tribal appropriation of $95,000.

Staff: Education Division Director Ted Moore, M.Ed., Intake Specialist Whitney Nuttle, Administrative Assistant Rosetta Clark, Receptionist Robyn Horsechief and Preservation Officer Gordon Adams.

The Education and Training services are a Public Law 102-477 program.

Contact: Pawnee Nation Education
- (918) 762-3227.

Editor’s Note: The Childcare Program will be profiled in the December 2012 issue of the Chaticks si Chaticks.
Health and Community Services

Submitted by Angela Thompson
Health and Community Services Director

Name of Department: Community Health Representatives (CHR) and Health Education (HE) Program

Department mission/services offered: The purpose of the PN CHR Program is to be an advocate and facilitator for individuals and families to gain access to comprehensive health care services as well as provide opportunities to enhance the quality of life for the people we serve. The purpose of the PN HE Program is to establish health education components within the tribal health department. The program also strives to promote awareness, guidance & counseling, and prevention of disease and/or disability.

The direct assistance programs offered are Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) and the Elders/Handicap/Emergency Assistance Program.

Eligibility guidelines: The target population for the CHR and HE Programs is Native Americans residing in Pawnee County and the city limits of Stillwater in Payne County.

LIHEAP provides assistance to low-income Native American households in meeting their immediate home energy needs. LIHEAP monies can be used to pay for electricity, gas, or propane bills. The maximum amount of assistance is $100 in a calendar year. Clients must reside in Pawnee County but do not have to be members of the Pawnee Nation.

CSBG provides assistance to low-income Native American households with housing and/or utility deposits (no bills) and medical expenses (eyewear, dentures, and medications). The maximum amount of assistance is $100 in a calendar year. Clients must reside in Pawnee County but do not have to be members of the Pawnee Nation.

The Elders/Handicap/Emergency Assistance Programs provides financial assistance to be utilized for the health and welfare of Pawnee Tribal Elderly and Handicap members, in particular, current unpaid utility bills, medical expenses, etc. All applicants must be a member of the Pawnee Nation, but do not have to reside in Pawnee County. Since all the programs are income-based, applicants must meet poverty guidelines set forth by Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS). Household incomes must not exceed over 150 percent of poverty level. The maximum amount of assistance for each program is $400 per a calendar year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31). All assistance checks are paid directly to the designated vendor(s).

Eligibility guidelines: To receive Crisis assistance funds, families must have at least one child in the home. Parents must complete an application, provide copies of CDIB’s, and provide two letters of denial for services from other community agencies. Parenting classes are open to anyone. ICW can intervene on child welfare cases when the child is an enrolled Pawnee tribal member or is eligible for enrollment.

Department funding: The CHR & HE Programs are funded through the Indian Health Services; LIHEAP & CSBG Programs are funded through the Department of Health & Human Services; and the Elders/Handicap/Emergency Assistance Programs are funded through the Pawnee Nation.

Contact: Health and Community Services - (918) 762-3873.

Name of Department: Indian Child Welfare

Department mission/services offered: The purpose of the Indian Child Welfare Program (ICW) is to prevent the break-up of Indian families by providing prevention and crisis intervention services. The ICW Program provides parenting classes, crisis assistance funds for needs like utilities and rent, and referrals to other programs and services, based on client needs. The ICW program also works with families when children have been removed from the home, either through State court or Tribal court.

Eligibility guidelines: To receive ICW crisis assistance funds, families must have at least one child in the home. Parents must complete an application, provide copies of CDIB’s, and provide two letters of denial for services from other community agencies. Parenting classes are open to anyone. ICW can intervene on child welfare cases when the child is an enrolled Pawnee tribal member or is eligible for enrollment.

Department funding: ICW is funded through the BIA at $66,806 annually and Promoting Safe and Stable Families program.

Contact: Indian Child Welfare - (918) 762-3358.

Name of Department: Prevention Department – REACH US Program

Department mission/services offered: The purpose of the REACH US Program is to implement regional and national activities that will focus on prevention of cardiovascular disease and diabetes through capacity building, infrastructure development, and best practices modeling that will lead to tribal competencies for implementing environmental and policy changes which focus on risk factors of cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

Department funding: REACH US is funded through a contract from the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

Contact: M. Angela Thompson - (918) 762-3873.
The Pawnee Nation Department of Emergency Management, also known as DECS (Department of Environmental Conservation and Safety), plays a crucial role in protecting Pawnee Nation’s natural resources. Established in 1997, DECS was initially known as the Pawnee Nation Environmental Regulatory Agency (USEPA) and the Pawnee Nation Environmental Conservation Act (Title 12, Law and Order Code). In 2010, the DECS was re-codified as the Pawnee Nation Department of Environmental Conservation and Safety (DECS) within Title 12, Law and Order Code.

DECS provides a comprehensive multimedia natural resource management service, including overseeing enforcement of air, land, water, fish, and wildlife, timber, oil and gas, and other natural resources as well as fire prevention and public safety services. DECS staff members are certified law enforcement officers and serve as law enforcement conservation officers (Rangers) for the Pawnee Nation.

The DECS continues to receive funding from federal partners to support extensive and expensive investigations and the facilitation of outdoor education of environmental conservation classes. DECS does receive funding from its federal partners to support extensive (and expensive) investigations.

Department funding: The DECS is currently acquiring funding from four sources:
- EPA FY11-12 General Assistance Program for $120,000. Spending is approximately $30,000 per quarter.
- EPA FY11-12 Non Point Source Pollution for $30,000 plus Tribal interest.
- Tribal funding of approximately $17,000. (As needed)
- Departmental Action (out of court settlements). Funds limited to education and enforcement.

Staff: Division Director, Chief Ranger Monty Matlock oversees and manages all aspects of the Department, including responding to complaints, managing field investigations, as well as administering various programs and services. Environmental Specialist/Ranger Kelly Kersey responds to complaints and discoveries, performs investigations and file reports as well as overseeing Clean Water Act section 319 nonpoint source pollution initiatives. Environmental Scientist Josh Daniel performs water quality monitoring, responds to civil complaints and discoveries, and performs civil inspections and investigations, and prepares facility reports.

Matlock, Kersey, and Daniel also serve as firefighters and respond to hazardous materials incidents.

Contact: DECS - (918) 762-3655.
Health and Community Services

Submitted By Angela Thompson
Health and Community Services Director

Name of Department: Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

Department mission/services offered: The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) program is administered at the Federal level by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

FDPIR is administered locally by either Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs) or an agency of a state government.

The program provides USDA foods to low-income households who reside in approved areas in Oklahoma.

The Food Distribution Programs is an alternative to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

USDA purchases and ships FDPIR foods to the Food Distribution Programs based on their orders from a list of available foods.

The programs store and distribute the food, determine applicant eligibility, and provide nutrition education to our participants.

Eligibility guidelines: Low-income Native American and non-Native American households that reside on a reservation and households living in approved areas near a reservation or in Oklahoma that includes at least one person, who is a member of a Federally-recognized tribe, are eligible to participate in FDPIR.

The program requires a Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) card and a proof of residency. A proof of residency is a complete utility bill (electric, gas, or propane), or a rent receipt with current name and address on it. The program serves all of Pawnee County and the northern part of Payne County.

Households are certified based on income and resource standards set by the Federal government, and must be recertified at least every 12 months.

Eligible and disabled households may be certified for up to 24 months. For income verification, a check stub or earning statement which shows gross pay for the last 30 days is required.

For self-employment, the household needs to provide a copy of the last year income tax. All household members 18 years and older with no income must provide unemployment verification.

A Collateral Form, which our program provides, can be used. Social security numbers of all household members are also needed. Households may not participate in FDPIR and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in the same month.

Department funding: The Food Distribution Program is funded by the USDA in which 75 percent is Federal and 25 percent is Tribal Match. The total budget for the program is $267,599, in which $200,699 (75 percent) is Federal and $66,900 (25 percent) is Tribal Match.

Staff: Program Coordinator Florissa Kanuho – Responsibilities include planning, directing, and coordinating the activities of the program to insure all contract objectives are met.

Kanuho also submits the required reports, monitors the overall FDPIR operations, assists with nutrition education and submits budgets to finance and funding agencies. Kanuho has been with the program for 21 years and with the Pawnee Nation for 26 years.

Certification Worker Donna Howell - Howell certifies the participants, helps with administrative duties, makes calls to other programs and helps with nutrition education. Howell has the most important position because she makes sure a household is eligible for the program.

Warehouseman I Keith Lyons – Lyons is responsible for the warehouse area of the program, by ordering food, taking the food off the trucks, giving out the food, and the food inventory. Lyons will be with the program and Pawnee Nation for 29 years in October.

Warehouseman II Tamra Tahkeal – Tahkeal takes care of the fresh produce, helps with the monthly food shipment, gives out the food to our participants, keeps the warehouse clean and makes the calls to participants to remind them to pick up their food.

Contact: FDPIR - (918) 762-2541.

Name of Department: Pawnee Nation Substance Abuse Program

Department mission/services offered: Our Mission Statement “To treat chemical dependency and abuse and to provide prevention activities through strategies that meet the needs of Native American people and their families.” The Pawnee Nation Substance Abuse Program has been in existence for over twenty years. The funding derives from Indian Health Services and it is a grant which is awarded annually. The grant provides the following three positions; coordinator, counselor and recreation assistant. The program provides the following services; individual counseling, support group, alcohol education, case management, prevention activities, transportation to in-patient facilities, physical health via Fitness Center and meth/suicide prevention.

Department Funding: $214,889 annually.

Eligibility guidelines: Must have a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) card and be at least 18 years of age.

Staff: Certified Alcohol Drug Counselor/Program Coordinator Barbara Attocknie who oversees the program making sure program goals are met and for submitting renewal of the program to be funded the next year. Counselor Mike Ortiz, who holds a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science with an education emphasis. Ortiz is primarily responsible for individual counseling, intakes, group, assessments and prevention activities.

Recreation Assistant Chip Chapman, opens the Fitness Center, takes applications from new members and assists with prevention activities through out the year.

Recreation Assistant Josh Tillman, is responsible for taking applications and keeping the fitness center clean and for introducing members to the machines.

Contact: Pawnee Nation Substance Abuse Program - (918) 762-2153.
Why Do People Stay in Abusive Relationships?

By Chelsie Baldwin

People who have never been abused often wonder why a person wouldn't just leave. Below are some reasons why many stay.

Fear: Your friend may be afraid of what will happen if they decide to leave the relationship. If your friend has been threatened by their partner, family or friends, they may not feel safe leaving.

Believing Abuse is Normal: If your friend doesn’t know what a healthy relationship looks like, perhaps from growing up in an environment where abuse was common, they may not recognize that their relationship is unhealthy.

Low Self-esteem: If your friend’s partner constantly puts them down and blames them for the abuse, it can be easy for your friend to believe those statements and think that the abuse is their fault.

Love: Your friend may stay in an abusive relationship hoping that their abuser will change.

Social/Peer Pressure: If the abuser is popular, it can be hard for a person to tell their friends for fear that no one will believe them or that everyone will take the abuser’s side.

Cultural/Religious Reasons: Traditional gender roles can make it difficult for young women to admit to being sexually active and for young men to admit to being abused.

Pregnancy/Parenting: Your friend may feel pressure to raise their children with both parents together, even if that means staying in an abusive relationship. Also, the abusive partner may threaten to take or harm the children if your friend leaves.

Puppy-love Phenomena: Adults often don’t believe that teens really experience love. So if something goes wrong in the relationship, your friend may feel like they have no adults to turn to or that no one will take them seriously.

Distrust of Police: Many people do not feel that the police can or will help them, so they don’t report the abuse.

Language Barriers/Immigration Status: If your friend is undocumented, they may fear that reporting the abuse will affect their immigration status. Also, if their first language isn’t English, it can be difficult to express the depth of their situation to others.

Lack of Money/Nowhere To Go: Your friend may have become financially dependent on their abusive partner.

If you have friends or family members who are in unhealthy or abusive relationships, the most important thing you can do is be supportive and listen to them. Please don’t judge!

Resources: lovesisrespect.org or 1-866-331-9474; National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE; National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-373-7888; Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network at 1-800-656-HOPE and the Child Protection and Custody Hotline at 1-800-52-PEACE.

For more information about the VAW Program, call (918) 762-3873.

Editor’s Note: Due to space limitations, the entire article submitted was not printed. Please contact the VAW program for a complete list.

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By Patsy Cooper

You see us now....you seen us then....
It’s not about land or money....it’s what’s within,
They took it then; but that’s the truth....
What do we do to keep the couth?
Drinkers, pow-wows and mother earth....
All these were here at our birth,
The blood runs through you & me you know....
We’re all the same though it doesn’t show,
Creator....sobriety....education is what we should pursue.... If we’ll just do what they wanted us to,
Two worlds of people with the same dreams....
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President Gover Presents Pawnee Culture To TCC Students

By Toni Hill
Communications Manager


The ceremony, held at the TCC West Campus, was hosted by Steven Woods, associate professor of Native American Studies, and Belinda McGee, assistant professor of Child Development. Pawnee Nation Communications Manager Toni Hill, Woods and McGee coordinated the event. The Pawnee Nation Flag Song indicated the beginning of the dedication.

*Pawnee Pride: A History Of Pawnee County* was composed by Dr. Kenny A. Franks and Dr. Paul F. Lambert and published for the Oklahoma Heritage Association by Western Heritage Books. Franks, who is an adjunct professor at TCC, was present during the dedication.

Franks and Lambert have jointly written more than 30 books and share national and regional accolades. The authors also join the ranks as the Nation’s foremost authorities on the American petroleum industry.

Pawnee Nation will also serve as a sponsor for the upcoming Red Fork Native American Film Festival facilitated by TCC. The event will be held Oct. 19 - 20 at the TCC West Campus located at 7505 West 41st Street, Tulsa, Okla.

The festival will feature Pawnee artists Charles Chapman and Sonny Howell.

Chapman’s unique self-taught style, infused in Pawnee culture, earned a place for his paintings and illustrations in settings as diverse as the White House, the cover of *Paint Horse Journal* and Lynn Moroney’s children’s book, *The Boy Who Loved Bears*.

Inspired by the Pawnee artists of his hometown including T.C. Cannon of Gracemont, Okla., Howell creates on canvas the myths, exploits and stories including the belief of the stars and the Creation Story of the Pawnee Tribe.

Chapman and Howell’s paintings are also displayed at the Pawnee Nation Museum located in Pawnee, Okla.

For more information, contact the Pawnee Nation Communications Office at (918) 762-3621 Ext. 25.

Pendleton Blankets Reflect Pawnee Pride

The Pawnee Nation Tax Office offers the Pawnee Nation Pendleton blankets designed to resemble the Pawnee Nation Flag. The total cost of the blanket, including tax, is $324.

Lay-a-way is available with a 25 percent down payment and the remainder of the cost payable within 90 days in the form of a monthly payment of 25 percent of the balance due.

An additional shipping cost of up to $18 will be applied to the final payment. A charge of $25 will be incurred in the event of a lay-a-way cancellation.

For more information, contact Lyle Fields or Cecilia Hawkins at (918) 762-3624.

Great Christmas gifts!
Bridge To The Great Pawnee Nation, Entry Project, Underway

By Jim McCormick, Project Manager
By Cecil Riding In, Transportation Director

Since the last release of the *Chaticks si Chaticks* the Pawnee Nation Department of Transportation and Safety (PN DOTS) has been busy with continued work on the Law Enforcement Center and the 6102B Project encompassing the Entry Project, U.S. 64 To Tribal Headquarters.

When the Pawnee Nation grant writers wrote the ICDBG (Indian Community Development Block Grant Program) grant stipulations were included requiring the Law Enforcement Center or the Pawnee Nation Department of Transportation (PN DOTS) to provide $96,000 of in-kind services to leverage the project.

PN DOTS personnel has been working on leveling the dirt pile behind the new Law Enforcement Center and constructing the parking lot and sidewalks by leveling the location. Other components involved substructure stabilization, curb formation and gutter and concrete driveway creation. PN DOTS’ total contribution to the New Law Enforcement Center tops out at $141,000 including a $61,000 cash payment. The recent purchase of a 2005 International 5900 to haul construction materials and other general purposes increased productivity.

The Entry Project Phase B has been bid out and McGuire Brothers of Tulsa, Oklahoma was awarded the contract in the amount of $807,348.36. The scope of the contract includes the development of curb and gutter, sidewalks, drainage and concrete surfacing.

The completion of the project will link county road 0470 (road south of the Roundhouse) west across the new bridge and tie into U.S. 64 and is expected to open for traffic before the end of the year.

“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.”

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

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The bridge will link county road 0470 (road south of the Roundhouse) west across the new bridge and tie into U.S. 64.

A different view of the Entry Project Bridge.
The Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement Center, designed by Anishinabe Design of Norman, Okla., celebrates completion.

Minor details are in process including ensuring efficiency of all the mechanical systems. The interior and exterior painting was sub-contracted out to Horsechief Painting, a Pawnee Indian Owned and Operated business.

This new facility contains 3,321 SF, which includes the safe area/conference room, lobby and reception area, break room, seven offices and two storage areas. A computer server room and a rest room/locker/shower area complete the model.

All current tribal law enforcement officers will have their own offices and an additional two offices have been set aside for new law enforcement programs such as a juvenile prevention program.

“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.

The interior computer cabling was also done through the Pawnee Nation TERO (Tribal Employment Rights Organization).

The Grand Opening of the new facility will be held Oc. 19, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. at 1201 Heritage Circle located on the Pawnee Tribal Reserve in Pawnee, Okla.

The new Law Enforcement Center’s lobby area offers spacious waiting areas and kitchen components.
Pawnee Nation Firefighters Assist Preservation Efforts

Design By Toni Hill, Communications Manager

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PN Firefighters Maintain Skills

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Special Diabetes Program for Indians
Submitted By Crystal McNeill, Program Coordinator

Name of Department: Special Diabetes Program for Indians

Department mission/services offered: Diabetic Supplies: meter, strips, lancets, blood pressure monitor, etc., $150 towards eye wear (once per calendar year), $300 towards therapeutic footwear (once per calendar year), $700 towards denture repair (once per calendar year), $300 to $700 towards diabetic medications and laboratory results from the past year – prior to date seeking admission.

Eligibility guidelines: Certification of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB), Diagnosis of Diabetes Mellitus from a primary care physician, copies of Medicare/Medicaid and/or any private insurance cards, proof of residence, Confidentiality and Release of Information form, list of current medications and laboratory results

Department funding: For program medical, educational and outreach supplies $54,441 was allotted to complete any program events, activities and educational opportunities for FY 2011-12.

Staff: Program Coordinator Crystal McNeill is responsible for administering and accomplishing the goals and objectives identified in the grant; as well as monitoring the program’s financial status.

Administrative Assistant Jaime Jestes provides clerical and administrative services to support in the implementation of goals and objectives of the diabetes program.

Contact: Pawnee Nation Special Diabetes Program for Indians - 762-4045.

Parenting Tips For Days Filled With Challenge
By Kari Little
Idian Child Welfare Director

Some days, being a parent is easy and fun and effortless. Your kids are well behaved, you have unlimited patience, and things flow smoothly. Other days, being a parent is completely exhausting and you think you might go crazy.

If you need some help to keep your home as peaceful as possible, try some of these tips.

Don’t Yell
Decide not to yell for a day. When you start yelling, they start yelling, and things go downhill quickly. If you choose to keep your voice calm, you will start feeling calm and will be better able to diffuse any potential breakdowns. This is hard, but it is worth it.

Focus on the Child
Spend some time focused just on your child. Families are always going in a million different directions, especially when school starts.

Both kids and parents can get worn out from the daily routine. Try taking 15 minutes to spend just with your kids, without the TV or cell phones around. Play with them, talk to them, and give them your undivided attention. Positive attention goes a long way with kids, and will help you feel more connected.

Set clear expectations
How many arguments have you had with your kids, and their response is, “I didn’t know you wanted me to do that?”

Even if something seems obvious or logical to you, it may not be to your child. Be clear about what you expect them to do, and write it down or provide reminders if needed.

Say “Yes”
Sometimes it feels like all you do as a parent is say “no” to the millions of requests your kids make, and it becomes a kind of reflex answer no matter what they are asking. The next time they make a request, stop and consider it. If it is reasonable and will not cause problems for anyone, why not say yes? They will feel like you listened and you all may end up doing something fun that will be a great memory.

Don’t Skimp On Love
Remember that you can’t spoil your kids with love. It just isn’t possible.

Knowing that their parents love them makes kids feel safe and secure. If you aren’t a hugs and kisses kind of parent, write your child a note or doing something special for them.

We all know how nice it is to know that someone cares about you.

If you are interested in learning more about parenting, contact ICW at (918) 762-3873 x3 for information on upcoming parenting classes.

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Remembering that child rearing is like Child’s play can sometimes ease the challenges that parents face.

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If you need some help to keep your home as peaceful as possible, try some of these tips.

Don’t Yell
Decide not to yell for a day. When you start yelling, they start yelling, and things go downhill quickly. If you choose to keep your voice calm, you will start feeling calm and will be better able to diffuse any potential breakdowns. This is hard, but it is worth it.

Focus on the Child
Spend some time focused just on your child. Families are always going in a million different directions, especially when school starts.

Both kids and parents can get worn out from the daily routine. Try taking 15 minutes to spend just with your kids, without the TV or cell phones around. Play with them, talk to them, and give them your undivided attention. Positive attention goes a long way with kids, and will help you feel more connected.

Set clear expectations
How many arguments have you had with your kids, and their response is, “I didn’t know you wanted me to do that?”

Even if something seems obvious or logical to you, it may not be to your child. Be clear about what you expect them to do, and write it down or provide reminders if needed.

Say “Yes”
Sometimes it feels like all you do as a parent is say “no” to the millions of requests your kids make, and it becomes a kind of reflex answer no matter what they are asking. The next time they make a request, stop and consider it. If it is reasonable and will not cause problems for anyone, why not say yes? They will feel like you listened and you all may end up doing something fun that will be a great memory.

Don’t Skimp On Love
Remember that you can’t spoil your kids with love. It just isn’t possible.

Knowing that their parents love them makes kids feel safe and secure. If you aren’t a hugs and kisses kind of parent, write your child a note or doing something special for them.

We all know how nice it is to know that someone cares about you.

If you are interested in learning more about parenting, contact ICW at (918) 762-3873 x3 for information on upcoming parenting classes.

The Promoting Safe and Stable Families program still has funds available to assist families in crisis. We can assist with utility or housing deposits, utility bills, or other areas, depending on the needs of the family. Families must have children living in the home to be eligible. Please contact Indian Child Welfare (ICW) for an application. The ICW office is located in the HCS building, or can be reached by phone at (918) 762-3873 Ext. 3.
Old Cemeteries Never Die
By Gordon Adams
Preservation Officer

The crane used in the excavation process.

In 2007, I moved to Pawnee from Phoenix, Ariz. to accept a position at the Pawnee Nation College as director of Institutional Advancement. After attending several funerals, I noticed only the Skidi, Chaui, and Kitkehahki cemeteries were being used. As time went on, I began to wonder why no burials were being made at the Pitahawirata cemetery. I knew that for hundreds of years each band established their own cemeteries near their towns everywhere they went.

Like the stars each band represented, Skidi cemeteries were always located north of their towns, just as Skidi towns were always located north of the other bands; Chaui cemeteries were always located similarly in the west of their towns, just as their towns were always located west of the other bands; Kitkehahki cemeteries were always south of their towns, just as their towns were always located south of the other bands. Similarly, Pitahawirata cemeteries were always east. At the bottom of my list of things to do, I casually asked around to find out where.

To my surprise, few Pawnees I asked even knew there was supposed to be a fourth cemetery, and of those who knew there was supposed to be four cemeteries, the Pawnees I asked did not know where it was. The College consumed most of my time and the mystery cemetery soon faded from my thoughts.

In 2011, I was appointed Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) and took over the duties of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO).

One of those duties is to “Survey” and “Inventory” all tribally owned lands to ascertain whether any qualify for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). “Survey” means finding out everything about the properties, and “Inventory” means placing all that information into a database. As THPO it is now my duty to locate the mystery cemetery. I began my search with a literature review which eventually led me to a 1968 Congressional Act.

On Oct. 2, 1968, the 90th Congress of the United States enacted Public Law 90-546. P.L. 90-546 gave back to the Pawnee people the land which is today the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Reservation, and placed it into Trust status. This legislation also returned four 10-acre cemetery sites to the Pawnee Nation and placing them in Trust as well. Their locations were also listed. One of these 10-acre sites is the Pitahawirata cemetery.

The property could not be seen from the dirt road leading to it because of the thick underbrush and trees. After driving past it a couple of times, I noticed a spot which might have been a road into the property.

Looking closer, I saw a badly eroded trail and began nosing my 4-wheel drive truck into the underbrush. I soon emerged in a clearing finding an oil-rig and two rusting silos dead in the middle of our cemetery.

In addition to the abandoned equipment, it also appeared that bulldozer work had excavated earth to a depth of 20 feet in some areas, presenting the possibility of grave disturbances. I soon found that mineral rights to the property had been leased out in 1981 to a succession of oil companies and finally ending up in the hands of Heritage Petroleum, Stillwater, Okla.

On June 18, 2012, I met with BIA, BLM and Heritage representatives to settle on a plan to remove the oil field equipment. The plan agreed to by all included the following activities conducted in two phases: Phase 1: Equipment removal, and, Phase 2: Restoring the property to its original condition. Heritage Petroleum also agreed to relinquish their lease since it had become unprofitable to maintain.

The next issue of the Chaticks si Chaticks will contain the conclusion of this article.

HOLIDAY REMINDERS

Halloween Is Coming - A Guide On Maintaining A Healthy “Trick or Treat”!
By Crystal McNeill
Diabetes Coordinator

Halloween is coming and you know that means – Yes! The massive amounts of bite-sized candies!

If you are living with Diabetes, this specific holiday may require a little more planning before taking part in any upcoming festivities. Here are some tips to help with blood sugar spikes when enjoying a few Halloween treats:

• Wait a few days before Halloween to purchase any candy. Also, buy the kind you do not like to help reduce the temptation of snacking while handing out goodies to the kids.
• Eat a filling, healthy meal before taking kids trick or treating.
• Chew sweet sugarless gum. By doing this, you will not have room in your mouth for candy and it will also curb sweet cravings without adding extra calories and carbohydrates.
• Keep track on how much you eat by keeping the wrappers. Keeping count of the number of wrappers will hopefully remind you not to eat too many!

If you have any questions regarding controlling Diabetes through Halloween, feel free to contact the Pawnee Nation Diabetes Program for assistance at 918-762-4045.
CONGRATULATIONS

Ted Moore was selected as the Pawnee Nation Education Director effective Sept. 4, 2012. Previously Moore served as a grant writer for the Nation.

“I am very proud to become the Education Director for the Pawnee Nation and look forward to improving our education, training and related services for our children, families and community,” Moore said.

The education office is located at the Cultural Learning Center at 657 Harrison Street, entrance in the back. For more information about services, call (918) 762-3227.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

9/13/2012

Health Fair Walk

TRIBAL ELDERS set a good pace today at a healthy lifestyles walk preceding the Otoe-Missouria Health Fair held at the tribe’s Red Rock campus. Pictured are Elizabeth Blackowl, left, Richard Roubedeaux, Phyllis Soxie, Darrell Moore and Herb Rice. Hundreds of participants turned out for the event which featured information and referrals from a variety of health service providers and a Women Who Win workshop.


Pawnee Nation College

PNC would like to welcome new staff members Ronald James, Recruiter/Admissions Assistant and Tahlee Redcorn, full-time faculty member.

PNC’S Student Government Association student officials for the 2012-2013 academic year are President Jaime Rowe, Vice President and PNC Princess Alexandria Chino, Treasurer Crystal McClure, Secretary Danny Donaldson, Historian Rheanna Wilde and Sargent at Arms Frankie Bri zendine.
July 16, 2012 PBC Meeting:

All Council members were present and provided reports on their meetings and Committees since the last Council meeting. Executive Director Dawna Hare and TDC CEO Roger Smith provided reports.

The minutes of the June 20 and June 28, 2012 PBC meetings were approved.

Old Business:
1. The Indian Housing Plan was reviewed and approved for submission.
2. The Transportation Dept. requested to purchase an extended warranty on the backhoe that was purchased a year ago – approved.
3. The Communications Dept. proposed a sign project with the City of Pawnee – approved to pursue.
4. Revisions to the TDC Articles of Incorporation were approved and TDC was requested to submit a budget for 2012.
5. Revisions to the TERO Ordinance were tabled and a scoping meeting to review the changes with the TERO Commission and Council was discussed.
6. Resolution 12-34 – Code of Conduct was approved for the ICD-BG project.
7. Council conducted interviews of the top three A & E firms for the 2012 ICDBG project (Eldeley Meals). ONE Architecture is selected.
8. Discussion was held regarding the Governing Documents Committee guidelines. Item was tabled.
9. Discussion was held regarding the Social Problems Commission guidelines. Item was tabled.
10. William Howell reported on the Wichita Visitation that will start July 25, 2012. Mr. Howell provided protocol for the event as a reminder to everyone.

Executive Session:
Discussion was held with the TDC Chairman.

After Executive Session, no votes were taken regarding the items discussed, but the Council scheduled the Executive Director evaluation for July 23 at 10 a.m.

July 23, 2012 PBC Meeting:

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

Executive Session:
1. Executive Director Performance Evaluation was conducted.

July 25, 2012, PBC Meeting:

Seven Council members were present (Richard Tilden was excused) and provided reports on their meetings and Committees since the last Council meeting. Executive Director Dawna Hare gave an overview of activities at the Administration level.

Old Business:
1. Resolution 12-33 for approval of the TERO Ordinance was tabled. A scoping meeting regarding the TERO ordinance was scheduled for July 31, 2012.
2. Transportation returned with their request for Rock, Concrete and Iron for the Law Enforcement Parking Lot. The total bid approved for this project is $34,470.20.
3. Resolution 12-34 for approval of the TERO Ordinance was tabled.
4. Transportation requested that the bid of McMillan from the the new access road project – approved.
5. The revisions to the fiscal policies were tabled.
6. Budget Committee recommendations – added item. Council reviewed the agenda items from the Budget meeting the previous day. No action was taken except for the forgiveness of the college loan in item #4.

Aug. 1, 2012, Joint PBC/TDC Meeting

The Council members were present for a Joint Meeting between the PBC and TDC Board of Directors. The only item on the agenda was Review the changes to the TDC Articles of Incorporation and Open Forum.

Aug. 4, 2012, PBC Quarterly Meeting

All Council members were present. Executive Director provided an overview of the Quarterly Report and each Division Director provided a report. TDC provided a brief report on TDC activities.

Aug. 8, 2012, PBC Meeting

Seven Council members were present. Richard Tilden was excused. Council provided reports on their meetings, commissions and committees since the last PBC meeting. Executive Director Dawna Hare provided a report. TDC Board Member Laura Melton provided a brief report on TDC activities.

The minutes of the Aug. 4, 2012 Quarterly meeting and Aug. 8, 2012 PBC meeting were approved.

Old Business:
1. Resolution 12-33, Revisions to the TERO Ordinance was approved with changes.
2. Transportation Dept. requested Council approve the Jess Ross Construction Company to pour the concrete for the Law Enforcement Project Parking lot. Approved with contingencies.

New Business:
1. Resolution 12-40 requesting a Special Wildlife Harvest Permit was approved.
Deer meat will be provided to Pawnee Nation elders.

2. Resolution 12-48 for the Liquor Control Commission was tabled. PBC requested the Governing Documents Committee review the Act, confirm with legal opinion and bring a revised resolution back to Council.

3. Resolution 12-49 – Revisions to the Gaming Ordinance – tabled until a scoping meeting can be scheduled.

4. A request for a forensic audit of TDC and to request a different auditing firm was denied.

Executive Session:
1. Interview and selection of Education Division Director.

After coming out of Executive Session, Pat Moore, Jr. is selected. If Mr. Pat Moore does not accept the position, it will be offered to Ted Moore, Jr.

Aug. 25, 2012, PBC/Nasharo Joint Meeting and for Public Comment

Seven Council members were present. Jim Fields was excused. Seven Nasharo members were present. Stephen Jake was excused. Each member of the two Councils and the tribal members were allowed to present their ideas for use of the Nez Perce Settlement funds. The Joint Council will meet to discuss the final decision on Sept. 8, 2012.

Sept. 8, 2012, PBC/Nasharo Joint Meeting

Seven Council members were present. Jim Fields was excused. The two Councils met to discuss the results of the public meeting in Executive Session. When they came out of Executive Session, they voted to give $2 million to the tribal members, $2 million for services and programs and the remainder as payment to NARF.

THIRD QUARTER 2012 RESOLUTIONS

#12-26 – A Resolution for Absolute Relinquishment – Approved – Sept. 12, 2012 by a vote of five for, two absent (Jestes, Fields), and one not voting (President Gover).

#12-32 – A Resolution to Revise the TDC Articles of Incorporation – Approved July 16, 2012 by a vote of six for, one against (Lone Chief), and one not voting (President Gover).

#12-33 – A Resolution to Revise the TERO Ordinance – Approved Aug. 22, 2012 by a vote of seven for, none against, and one not voting (President Gover).

#12-34 – A Resolution to submit the Tribes Code of Conduct for the ICDBG – Approved July 16, 2012 by a vote of seven for, none against, and one not voting (President Gover).

#12-35 – A Resolution to Forgive a $25,000 Loan made to the Pawnee Nation College – Approved July 25, 2012 by a vote of six for, one excused (Tilden), none against, and one not voting (President Gover).

#12-36 – A Resolution for the Pawnee Nation to Ban Open Outdoor Burning for 30 days with a permit for cultural activities – Approved August 8, 2012 by a vote of six for, one excused (Fields), and one not voting (President Gover).

#12-41 – A Resolution for Enrollment adding 48 members – Approved – Sept. 12, 2012 by a vote of five for, two absent (Jestes, Fields), and one not voting (President Gover).

#12-42 – A Resolution for Enrollment documenting 16 deceased members – Approved – Sept. 12, 2012 by a vote of five for, two absent (Jestes, Fields), and one not voting (President Gover).

#12-43 – A Resolution for Conditional Relinquishment – Approved – Sept. 12, 2012 by a vote of five for, two absent (Jestes, Fields), and one not voting (President Gover).

#12-44 – A Resolution for Enrollment - Conditional Relinquishment – Approved – Sept. 12, 2012 by a vote of five for, two absent (Jestes, Fields), and one not voting (President Gover).

#12-45 – A Resolution for Enrollment - Conditional Relinquishment – Approved – Sept. 12, 2012 by a vote of five for, two absent (Jestes, Fields), and one not voting (President Gover).

#12-46 – A Resolution for Enrollment – Conditional Relinquishment – Approved – Sept. 12, 2012 by a vote of five for, two absent (Jestes, Fields), and one not voting (President Gover).

#12-47 – A Resolution to Drawdown Proceeds of Labor $12,787.00 – Approved – Sept. 12, 2012 by a vote of five for, two absent (Jestes, Fields), and one not voting (President Gover).

#12-48 – A Resolution for Liquor Control Regulations – Tabled – Aug. 22, 2012 by a vote of six for, one absent (Fields), and one not voting (President Gover).

#12-49 – A Resolution for Revisions to the Gaming Ordinance – Tabled – Aug. 22, 2012 by a vote of six for, one absent (Fields), and one not voting (President Gover).

#12-50 – A Resolution for a 30 day Extension of the Open-Outdoor Burning Ban – Tabled – Sept. 12, 2012 by a vote of six for, one absent (Fields), and one not voting (President Gover).

#12-51 – A Resolution to Appoint a Gaming Commissioner – Stephen Bird is re-appointed to a 3-year term. – Approved – Sept. 12, 2012 by a vote of three for, two excused (Jestes, Fields), and one not voting (President Gover).
Indian Health Center Staff Member Echo Hawk Receives Director’s Award

By Joyce G. Oberly, PIHC Performance Improvement Officer
By Toni Hill, Pawnee Nation Communications Manager

Adrienne Echo Hawk, Pawnee Pharmacy Technician, recently received the Director's Award. Echo Hawk has worked for Pawnee Indian Health Center (PIHC) for four years and oversees Point of Sale (POS) collections. Before Echo-Hawk started at the PIHC, the pharmacy third-party collections were $754,000 for FY 2008.

Due to her efforts in POS and consistently seeking avenues for reimbursement, the PIHC had a significantly increased revenue for the PIHC Service Unit, which includes Pawnee and Pawhuska Indian Health Centers. In 2011, Echo Hawk collected close to $1.25 million and increased payables for more than $495,000. For the quarter ending in January 2012, Echo Hawk gathered $494,173. Echo Hawk is on track to collect more revenue this year than last, approximately $1.9 million. Her abilities allow the PIHC to improve the quality of care and increased access to needed medications and services.

“I feel that my experience with the private sector in pharmacy support and claims has been a great part of my success,” Echo Hawk said. “I am very honored by this recognition and excited that the additional funds can be used to support increased serves and medicines, often those that are too expensive for many, to our clients.”

Echo Hawk also serves as a consultant for other clinics to help them accomplish the agency mission and director’s initiative. Echo Hawk also serves on the National Point of Sale Technical Advisory Group. She advises POS billers and technicians from as far as Yakima Health Center in Washington to local clinics in Oklahoma at Claremore, Pawhuska and Clinton.

Pawnee Indian Health Clinic Offers An Anticoagulation Clinic

By Joyce G. Oberly
PIHC Performance Improvement Officer

Effective June 1, 2012, the Pawnee Indian Health Center (PIHC) pharmacy began offering a new service, the Pharmacy Anticoagulation Clinic (ACC). Lt. Grant McElwee serves as the clinic manager.

McElwee and PIHC Chief Pharmacist Dr. Kaileen Skidgel attended the National Indian Health Services Anticoagulation Training Program at the Claremore Indian Hospital and are credentialed Anticoagulation Clinical Pharmacy Specialists (CPS). Together, they will manage anticoagulation therapy in patients enrolled in the Pharmacy ACC.

The goal of this new service is to increase patient satisfaction by improving client care and access to services. An additional focus of this clinic is to provide greater patient education in hopes that the anticoagulation patients may be better equipped to take greater responsibility for their care. This collaboration between the medical clinic and pharmacy will help to decrease the workload of prescribers and expand the clinical role of the pharmacist.

The initial step of patient participation in the Pharmacy ACC is to have the prescriber submit a consult/referral. Once referred to the Pharmacy ACC, patients are followed entirely in the pharmacy for management of their anticoagulation. International Normalized Ratio testing will be performed by utilizing a finger stick and point of care meter that will produce a result in about one minute. After the result is obtained, the pharmacist will make any adjustment in Warfarin dose per the ACC Policies & Procedures and then reschedule the patient for follow-up.

Pawnee Pharmacy Central Mail Out Program

By Joyce G. Oberly
PIHC Performance Improvement Officer

On Sept. 28, 2010 Indian Health Service (I.H.S.) Director, Dr. Yvette Roubideaux testified before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs of the U.S. Congress.

During her testimony, Roubideaux responded to the need for reform within our agency. She cited the need to “improve the quality of and access to care.”

The Pawnee Service Unit (PSU) is dedicated to addressing all areas of I.H.S. reform and continually improving the way we do business. As such the Service Unit clinics in Pawnee and Pawhuska successfully implemented the pharmacy mail out program. Improving customer service was the impetus in mailing out prescriptions.

With the previous system, patients faced a multitude of problems in obtaining their medication including severe weather conditions, coordinating travel to and from the clinic as well as the economics of increased fuel costs.

The most important factor was ensuring patient safety and medication compliance. At the Pawnee Indian Health Center (PIHC), PIHC Chief Pharmacist Dr. Kaileen Skidgel developed a plan to address the problems in a cost effective manner. Skidgel also created policy and established the procedure for the mail out program.

The PSU initiated the mail out program Sept. 30, 2010 and currently maintains 210 participants in Pawnee and 65 participants in Pawhuska.

The PSU acknowledges the hard work put forth in this effort by clinical pharmacy teams. Much appreciation goes to Skidgel, LT Casey Edinger, Adrienne Echo Hawk, Ann Price, Waleeska Riding In and Tracy Patton.

For more information, contact the PIHC at (918) 762-2517.
The above chart shows the Pawnee Tribal Development Corporations’ (PTDC) payments made to the Pawnee Nation’s government from January through July 2012; a total so far of $761,158 for the year and $179,214 more in comparison to July 2011.

Other financial payments are made to the Pawnee Nation via PTDC’s vendors and those vendors make payments directly to the Pawnee Nation Tax Commission.

Furthermore, remaining monthly profits generated by PTDC is reinvested into the Corporation for payroll, debt reduction and capital improvements.

Also, the PTDC Board of Directors on March 20, 2012 adopted by unanimous vote a ‘No Donation’ policy.

The Board felt that their job is to send profits to the Pawnee Nation and not place itself in a position to donate funds that belong to the Pawnee Nation government. Since the money does belong to the tribe, the proper level to approach for donations is the elected tribal officials.

The PTDC Board of Directors has made a commitment to execute its combined potential to become a valuable asset for the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma’s government, its tribal members and the community of the City of Pawnee.

Under new corporate leadership, PTDC employs a staff of professionals from diverse backgrounds who share the same vision of creating more success for PTDC; the Board and the corporate office both have been working aggressively to achieve that vision which also includes researching other economic opportunities to further increase the Corporations’ resources.

As the PTDC focuses on its purpose to send funds to the Pawnee Nation government, another point of its existence centers on providing employment to tribal members and other members of the community.

It should be noted that the businesses of PTDC are regulated by the National Indian Gaming Commission and the Pawnee Nation Gaming Commission whom each have established rules and regulations by which PTDC must abide.

The PTDC holds its meetings on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the corporate office conference room located on the second floor of the Health and Community Services building, aka the old IHS hospital.

The dates are listed on the Pawnee Nation calendar or you can call (918) 762-4832, Ext. 11 for exact dates of the monthly meetings. PTDC invites all tribal and community members to attend its meetings.
The following listed people have undeliverable addresses in the Enrollment Department, if you know any of these individuals please have them contact the Enrollment office at (918) 762-3624 to update their address. Some on this list may have recently updated their address. If so, please disregard this notice. If a person listed has passed on please accept our condolences and please contact the Enrollment Department at (918) 762-3624. Thank you.

Adams, Jess Thomas  
Aguilar, Dax Miguel  
Baldwin Jr, Paul Richard  
Barreras, Sophia Monique  
Barreras, Vivica Fayre  
Battiest, Charles Anthony  
Battiest, Wanda Timlyn;  
Bayhille, Batiste Arthur Bruce;  
Bayhille, Carol L  
Bayhille, James Alan  
Beardsley, Sean Michael  
Beets, Jamie Michelle  
Beets, Michael James  
Blaire, Amanda Kelly  
Blaire, Fletcher Christian  
Blaire, Kelvin Wichita  
Blaire, Sterling Anthony  
Blas, Alexander Phillip  
Brown, Alison Dian  
Brown, Genevieve Marie  
Bunting, Paul Nile  
Bunting, Wayne Anthony  
Burgess, Grant Echowhawk  
Burk, Logan Scott  
Byram, Frances Arlene  
Byrom, Rebecca Leann  
Cabe, Christine A  
Caesar, Louis Aaron  
Campbell, Dana Sue  
Carranza, Monica Rachael  
Caudle, John Kelly  
Champagne, Heathie Torry  
Chapman, Eva Marie  
Chapman, Gary  
Chapman, Patrick Duane  
Chapman, Paula Jean  
Coburn, Constance A  
Collins, Victoria Florine  
Coons, Harry Carl  
Cotanny, Eric Waylon  
Coverdale, Gina Ann  
Craven, Joseph Thomas  
Craven, Michael Christopher  
Dement, Judy Kay  
Dishman, Amy Carol  
Drywater, Allen Dean  
Due, Miranda Jane  
Duwynie, Jaclyn Carol  
Echo Hawk Jr, Alvin G  
Echo Hawk Jr., Earl Rolando  
Echo Hawk, Bernadette Clare  
Evanoff, Sammy Joe  
Evans, Jessica Sunny  
Feathers, Edward Anthony  
Fields, Clarence Lindy  
Fields, Ira Cary  
Fields, Jeanine  
Fields, Louvenia Rechelle  
Fields, Michael Wayne  
Fields, Mika Alexis  
Fields, Raymond Lawrence  
Fields, Scott Tilden  
Fields, Wade Harrison  
Furr, Christopher O’neal  
Gardipe, Darrell James  
Giblon, Janis  
Gibson, Larry Allen  
Gilmore, Robert Gene  
Gover II, Charles Edward  
Gover, Billy Kevin  
Gover, Karl Tilden  
Gover, Samantha Jean  
Graham, Michelle Leann  
Gray, Edward Clarence  
Hall, Vernon Lee  
Harkey, Justin Keith  
Hartness, Margaret Cecelia  
Hartwick, Jo Estela  
Hassell, Hannah Jeanne  
Hassell, Jeffrey Michael  
Hassell, Todd Andrew  
Hawkins, James Jacob  
Hedrick, Bred Karen  
Hendricks, Melinda Dale  
Hewett, Micah Rene’  
Hickey Jr, John  
Hill, Jennifer Erin  
Hoffpauer, Tyler Lynn  
Hopkins, Cynthia Lou  
Howard, Larry Kyle  
Howell Jr, Henry George  
Howell Jr., Vergil Fox  
Hunt, Joni Elaine  
Hutson, Roberta Stout  
Hyatt, Harvey Wayne  
Hyatt, Michael Lee  
Ingle, Gary  
James, Breck Leigh  
Jennings, Revi Rene  
Jim, James Ray  
Jim, Travis Monroe  
Johnson Howard, Mary Mildred  
Johnson Howard, Mary Mildred  
Johnson, Monica Kaye  
Johnson, Pamela Harriet  
Keeling, Anna Louise  
Keeling, Eddy Jeffery  
Keidel, Almering Rose  
Keidel, Rena Mae  
Kenrick, Amber Estelle  
Kent Sr., Karl Eugene  
Kent, Tyler Lajohn  
Keune, Robyn Leigh  
King, Shawn Michael  
Kirkendall, Eric Loniechief  
Kirkland, Kiddiciny  
Della Anna  
Kiser, Benjamin Noah  
Kiser, Cody Rae Lynn  
Kiser, Jessica Keegan  
Kiser, Ryan Kenzie  
Knife Chief, Kimberly  
Knife Chief, Steven Clarence  
Laventure, Lauren  
Leading Fox, Randall Mark  
Leblanc, Thelma Charlene  
Long, Isabelle M  
Long, Luke Randall  
Long, Sarah Michele  
Lopez, Valeria Patricia  
Lunsford Jr., Wilbur Thomas  
Lunsford, Donald Ray  
Lunsford, Janine Kauilelan  
Main, Danna Glen  
Main, Frances L  
Maker, Alaina Leona Michelle  
Maker, Anita  
Maker, George Preston Morrell  
Maker, Julia Katherine A  
Mascotte, Martin Guililimo  
Maytubby, Candice Marion  
Maytubby, Laura Marie  
Maytubby, Tiffany Renee  
McCly, Virginia Ann  
McCly, Cecelia Rae  
McCray, Cassandra Sue  
Methvin, Amy Katherine  
Methvin, Cheryl Kay  
Miller, Alexis Leane  
Mora, Camille Christine  
Morris, Mandy Michelle  
Morrison, Linda Ann  
Moses, Elizabeth Dawn Patty  
Moses, John Glen  
Moses, Paige Megan  
Mosher, Rosa J  
Mulder, Arthur Ray  
Munoz, Roger Michael  
Munoz, Rosemary A  
Murie Jr, James  
Murie, James W  
New Rider, Pamela Margaret  
New Rider, Sean Ashley  
Newman, Tyra Lynn  
Nopah, Gordon L  
Norman, Dionne Marie  
Nunn, Honest Renda  
Nuttie, Gerald Wayne  
Nuttie, Krystal Marie  
Olsen, Christopher Kelly  
Olsen, Cody Kyle  
Osborne, Lamont Edward  
Pahdodoeny, Clifford  
Pappan, Diane Marie  
Partrone, Shaun Kristofer  
Partridge, Carl Jr  
Partridge, Robbin Jonas  
Partridge, Vincent Keith  
Paulman, Jonathan Turner  
Paulman, Suzanna Irene  
Penna, Michael James  
Peppe, Julia Ann  
Perry, Daniel Lynn  
Peters, Bradley Scott  
Peters, David Bert  
Phillips, Jean Rae  
Pratt, Adam Ethan  
Pratt, Edward A  
Pratt, Jacob Wayne  
Pratt, Jessica Elaine  
Pratt, Louis Francis  
Prim, James Thomas  
Prim, Jesse Stuart  
Prim, Jonathan David- Wayne  
Ramirez, Mvhayv Marie  
Red Eagle Jr, Edward Eli  
Red Eagle, Gina Maria  
Reed, Drake Bradley Jacob  
Reed, Hunter Logan  
Reed, James Bradley  
Reed, Julie Renee  
Reed, Robert Fisher  
Rehrer, Emily Jane  
Rehrer, Emma Echo Hawk  
Rehrer, Jackson Echo Hawk  
Rehrer, Maggie Echo Hawk  
Renshaw, Marion Joyce  
Rhodd, Sylvia Denise  
Rice Jr, Rodney Henry  
Rice, Cecil  
Rice, Emerald Elizabeth  
Rice, Lindsey Renae  
Rice, Michael Dewayne  
Robedeaux Jr, James Glenn  
Roberts, Terrence Russell  
Roberts, Angela Kay  
Roberts, Kenneth M  
Roberts, Richard Edward  
Rogge, Evalee Marie  
Romeros, Alexis Mayo  
Romeros, Christina Marie  
Rowe, Brian Wayne  
Rowe, Jennifer Leigh  
Russell, Bonnie L  
Safadi, Kemal Fuad  
Sanchez, Nancy Ann  
Schenxnder, Carla Jean  
Scally, James Jett  
Scally, John Steely  
Scally, Michelle Susanne  
Sinkar, Nathan Robert  
Sloss, Sarah Melanie  
Smith, Aaron Charles  
Smith, Chad Eric  
Smith, David Anthony  
Smith, Frances R  
Smith, Franklin A  
Smith, Kenneth Whittington  
Smith, Mary E  
Smith, Raymond Golden  
Smith, Steele Allen  
Smith, William Mitchell  
Speicher, Amanda Wenona  
St Clair, Owen Wesley  
Stafford, Robin Renee  
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Woodall, Jehu Nathaniel  
Wooldridge, Connie Jo  
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ROBERT JAMES LITTLESUN  

Robert James LittleSun was born on Oct. 16, 1932 in Pawnee, Okla. to James LittleSun and Lucy Morgan LittleSun. He passed from this life on Friday, Aug. 17, 2012 in Cushing Regional Hospital, Cushing, Okla. having reached the age of 79 years, 10 months and one day.

He was a full blood Pawnee, a member of the Kitkehahki Band, and was affiliated with the Baptist Church and the Native American Church. He married Zella Hand on June 29, 1973, and she preceded him in death on April 7, 2001.

He served in the U.S. Army as PFC E3 stationed at Camp Chaffee and Fort Bliss Texas from 1953 to 1955. He was an avid champion bass fisherman in military circuits, and national tournaments.

He retired as director of the drug and alcohol program for United Community Action Program, after serving 35 years, and contributed 20 years with the Pawnee Bill Memorial Rodeo. He also ran the Federation Youth Boxing Program for 12 years in Pawnee, Okla.

Robert is survived by his daughters, Denise Miller, Pawnee, Okla.; Betty Van Hoesen and her husband Mike, Ponca City, Okla.; stepchildren, Leslie Rice, Pawnee, Okla.; John Eppler, Pawnee, Okla.; Tom Eppler, Alaska; brother, James LittleSun, Edmond, Okla.; grandchildren, Marlin Miller, Harley Miller, Joe Chapman, Stephen Wright, Tyler GoodBear, Myra Eppler, Ted Rice, Jacob Rice, and Emily Cairns, plus a number of other relatives, and many friends.

Besides his wife, Zella, he was preceded in death by his daughters, Debbie Wright, and Tammy Cairns; grandsons, Zachary Rice and Ben Josef Miller; parents, James and Lucy LittleSun; four brothers, George, Thomas Lee, Morgan Sr., and William “Bill” LittleSun; and two sisters, Elaine SpottedBear and Colleen Hendricks.

Services were held at 10 a.m., Monday, Aug. 20, 2012 at the Pawnee Nation Roam Chief Event Center, Pawnee, Okla., with Rev. Wendall Martin and Morgan LittleSun Jr. officiating.

Interment was in the Veterans Section of Highland Cemetery, Pawnee, Okla., under the direction of Poteet Funeral Home, Pawnee, Okla.

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

Obituaries

Foster Care Provides Love And Hope

By Kari Little
Indian Child Welfare Director

Homes are needed for children of all ages, from birth to 17, and for all lengths of time, from a few days to a few years.

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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.
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Tribal Buildings offer many amenities favorable for community and personal gatherings. Locations for rent include the Roundhouse (pictured), Community Building, Camp Grounds, Multi-Purpose building, Wellness Center and the Roam Chief Event Center.

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

For arrangements, call (918) 762-2273.

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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Pawnee Nation is seeking candidates for the positions of commissioner for both the Gaming Commission, Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation Board of Commissioners and the Election Commission for Chairman and Teller.

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

Visit www.pawneenation.org for applications and additional details.

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For more information, contact DHCS Director Angela Thompson (918) 762-3873.
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- General Information: (918) 762-2517
- Same-Day Appointments: (918) 762-6548
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