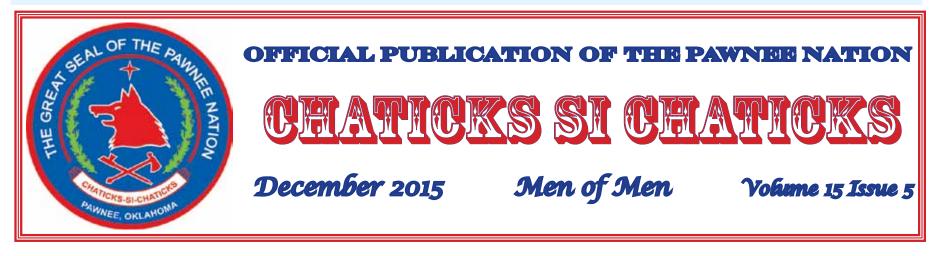
#### Notice:

Due to the resignation of President Misty Nuttle, the Pawnee Nation will be conducting a Special Tribal Election on January 2, 2016.



Pawnee Nation Special Election to be Held on Saturday, January 2, 2016

Due to the resignation of President Misty Nuttle, the Pawnee Nation will be conducting a Special Tribal Election on January 2, 2016. The filing dates for candidates were November 18 - 21, 2015. The members of the Pawnee Nation Election Commission encourage all members of the Pawnee Nation to exercise their right to VOTE and become a part of this very important opportunity. Your personal involvement in this process can and will strengthen our Nation, now and in the future. All members of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, who are eighteen (18) years of age or over on the date of the election are eligible to vote.

Any qualified member of the Pawnee Nation can request an absentee ballot in writing, addressed to the Pawnee Nation Election Commission at P.O. 600, Pawnee Oklahoma 74058. Eligible voters may also FAX a request to the Pawnee Nation Election Commission at (918) 762-6446, if they expect to be absent from the polling place on the day of the election. A request for an absentee ballot is printed on page two of this publication and available by contacting the Pawnee Nation Election Commission Chairman at (918) 399-5426.

Please include a clearly printed valid address and telephone number when requesting an absentee ballot. All requests must be made no less than twenty-one (21) days (**December 13, 2015**); <u>before the Election day</u>. (**January 2, 2016**) Upon receipt of a valid request, the Election Commission will forward to the voter all necessary forms to be used in the pending election. (IMPORTANT) *Any ballots received after 12:00 noon on the day of the election WILL NOT be counted.* 

On, election day all eligible voters who vote in person will also need to bring and show a state identification or CDIB card on the day of the election.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a Special Election, which means the amount of time to request Absentee Ballots, return Absentee Ballots has been greatly reduced. Please inform your friends and family of this situation and Please submit Absentee requests, and return Absentee Ballots (AS SOON AS POSSIBLE) (remember to give correct addresses and please write clearly when giving information to the Election Commission) Due to the holiday season, all members should remember the postal system has its challenges during this time of year, and should take measures to insure their requests.

PLEASE go to the Pawnee Nation Website at: <u>www.pawneenation.org</u> and on Facebook : Pawnee Nation Election Commission for additional information.

PLEASE REMEMBER: The Election Commission is comprised of Pawnee Nation tribal members who will work to do their very best to conduct and insure a fair and honest election. Our guideline is the Pawnee Nation Constitution and the Pawnee Nation Ordinance. We promise to conduct this election to the best of our ability and to do our best to represent our Nation and our members. The Commission members work many hours during a tribal election, and will work to answer and overcome any situation that may arise during the election.

Your 2015 Election Commission Chairman Stephen Bird (918) 399-5426

Chairman	Stephen Bird (918) 399-5426
Sgt of Arms	Delilah Moses
Clerk	Margaret Twins
Teller	Chris McCray
Alternate	Jonas Smith

#### PAWNEE NATION OFFICIAL STATEMENT OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT November 5, 2015

The Pawnee Nation Business Council officially accepted the resignation of their President, Misty Nuttle on Wednesday, November 4, 2015. President Nuttle, in an email to the Council stated, "...it is with a heavy heart that I decided ...to resign my position as Pawnee Business Council President. I must take care of my own obligations and put my family first in their time of need. It has been a pleasure serving with all of you and I will always hope for the best for the Pawnee Nation." President Nuttle served the Pawnee Nation in various capacities and most recently as President, providing excellence in leadership. Adrian Spottedhorsechief has been selected to serve as the Interim Vice President. A special election will be held within 60 days to fill the vacancy of the President. The Pawnee Nation looks forward to continuing success during this period of transition and with deep gratitude would like to thank President Nuttle for her service to the Pawnee Nation and wish for her and her family all blessings.



As noted earlier on this page, the filing period for Candidates for President of the Pawnee Nation is closed. Listed below is the Un-official list of Candidates.

#### **UN-OFFICIAL**

#### 2016 Special Election

for President

W. Bruce Pratt

Ralph Haymond Jr.

# Message from the President



President, W. Bruce Pratt

In accordance with the Pawnee Nation Constitution, Vice President W. Bruce Pratt has assumed all duties as the Interim Pawnee Nation Business Council President and Councilman

From the Office of the President

Nowa! Happy Holidays! With Thanksgiving and Christmas quickly approaching we would like to take this time to wish you and your family all the joy and blessings this season brings. Here at the Pawnee Nation, we are busily working toward sharing what Atias Tira Wahat has given us this past year. With a spirit of unity and pride in our people, we have recently mailed out ham and/or turkey coupons to our elders, planned Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations for our employees and elders and are busy planning other holiday events.

Native American Heritage is also being acknowledged here at the Nation. The Pawnee Business Council (PBC) hosted a prayer breakfast on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rock the Mocs Day on November 9<sup>th</sup>, Fry bread contest November 17<sup>th</sup> and a Native Bling contest was held during the Employee Thanksgiving Dinner on November 20<sup>th</sup>. On November 25<sup>th</sup> there will be a Native American potluck and Princess parade in at the Roam Chief Event Center; needless to say we are eating well this month! We want to congratulate the winners of the Fry bread contest and winners of the Native Bling Contest.

On November 6<sup>th</sup>, we hosted Inter-tribal Fun Day at the Pawnee Nation Campus. Participating tribes included the Kaw Nation, Iowa Nation, and Otoe Tribe. Three of our Council members even turned into Diana Ross and the Supremes performing "Stop! In the Name of Love" at the Council Lip

#### Pam Cook

#### **Misty Nuttle**

#### Ellis Horsechief Jr.

Sync Challenge. We want to congratulate the Pawnee Nation for placing 1<sup>st</sup> overall and thank the hard work of the planning committee for making it possible for the Pawnee Nation to be so well represented among other tribes in our region. The Pawnee Nation Code Talkers were inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame on November 13<sup>th</sup>. It was my honor and privilege to accept the award on behalf of the Pawnee Nation. Many Pawnee Nation Tribal members were present and the Pawnee Nation Princess, Sky Seeing Leading Fox; Charlie McAdams, Raven Morgan, Sara Llamas-Howell and Lauren Noriega performed the National Anthem in sign language during the opening ceremony.

As you may know, PBC accepted the resignation of Pawnee Business Council President Misty Nuttle on November 4<sup>th</sup>. In accordance with our Constitution, I, Vice President W. Bruce Pratt, accepted the duties as President and Councilman Adrian Spottedhorsechief was elected by PBC to the role of Interim Vice President. A special Election will be held on January 2, 2016 for the Office of President of PBC. Filing began on November 18<sup>th</sup> and ended on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Please be sure and vote in this very important election.

The Pawnee Nation's offices will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving November 26<sup>th</sup> thru the 27<sup>th</sup>. Let us continue to pray for our troop overseas, our community and our elders. We wish you and yours a joyful and blessed holiday season.

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*President W. Bruce Pratt and Former President Marshall Gover display the Pawnee Nation Code Talker Plaque.* 



Descendants of the Pawnee Nation Code Talkers were honored on Friday November 13, 2015 at the 16th Annual Banquet and Induction Ceremony at the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame. Code Talkers honored were: Harold W. Morgan, Floyd E. Rice, Henry Stoneroad Sr., Phillip Gover, Enoch Jim, Chauncey F. Matlock, Frank Davis, Brummett Echohawk and Grant Gover.



Pictured above are the Attendees at the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame Press Conference on November 13, 2015



2016 Special Election REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT PLEASE PRINT

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Pawnee Nation Code Talkers are honored at 16th Annual Banquet and Induction Ceremony in Oklahoma City

On Friday November 13, 2015, members of the Pawnee Nation and descendants of the Pawnee Nation Code Talkers were present in Oklahoma City to particpate in day-long events that began with a Press Conference recognizing the Pawnee Nation Code Talkers. Additional events included an afternoon Gourd Dance honoring Former Pawnee President, Marshall Gover. Later the same day, beginning at 5:30 p.m., the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame Banquet kicked off at the Tower Hotel. The Pawnee Nation took part in the Opening Ceremony with the National Anthem sung by Mr. Neill Bayhylle and the Pawnee Nation Princess, Sky Seeing Leading Fox; Charlie McAdams, Raven Morgan, Sara Llamas-Howell and Lauren Noriega performing the National Anthem in sign language. After the dinner was served, the Induction Ceremony began with recognition of other Military Hall of Hame Inductees. The recognition of the Pawnee Code Talkers was near the middle of the Ceremony and Pawnee President W. Bruce Pratt accepted the Code Talker Plaque on belhalf of the Pawnee Nation. At the close of the Banquet, the Pawnee Nation was given the opportunity to honor the descendants in their own way with a drum group led by Pat Leading Fox. The Pawnee Veterans, Descendants of the Code Talkers and members of the Pawnee Business Council paraded into the Banquet Room. Each of the Descendants was given a plaque and pictures were taken. After the Pawnee portion of the event, many families posed for family pictures. Overall it was a very well attended event and everyone seemed to enjoy the time spent with family and friends.

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#### CHR/Health Education Program New Update: The

The CHR/Health Education Program hosted several events over the last quarter in collaboration with other Division of Health and Community Service Programs. These wellness events provide fun and healthy activities for the community. We strive to incorporate some type of event once or more per quarter and without the help from fellow DHCS programs, the community, and most importantly, the participants, these events would not be successful.

October served as a very busy month with several action packed community events including a Fall Festival, Zombie 5k, and Passionate for Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Event. The program also supported three runners from the Pawnee Nation Wellness Program in the 2015 Tulsa Run 15k. Congratulations to Jasha Lyons Echo-Hawk, Mee-Kai Clark, and Tammy Hixon, Wellness Program members, for completing the Tulsa Run 15K (9.3 miles) on Saturday October 31, 2015.

The program would like to send out a huge THANK YOU to everyone that helped make these events successful!



Above, Passionate for Pink Contest and below, Bra Pong Competition during the 2015 Breast Cancer Awareness Event.



Pictured below; Tulsa Run Participants and Wellness Group members prepare for the Tulsa Run, from L to R: Tammy Hixon, Mee-Kai Clark, and Jasha Lyons-Echo-Hawk. Photo By: Jaime Jestes



#### News from SAP:

The Pawnee Nation Substance Abuse Program (SAP) collaborated with Pawnee Grade School, Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement, Pawnee Police Department, and Pawnee County Sheriff's Office to hold the annual Red Ribbon Walk. The Pawnee Grade School teachers along with SAP staff and a few tribal employees walked from the grade school through downtown Pawnee, carrying banners, and chanting "Don't Do Drugs". The SAP Program provided bags, pencils, cups, and ribbons with alcohol and drug free messages on them to all the students in the Pawnee Public School system. This is just one of the activities that the Substance Abuse Program sponsors for the Pawnee Public School students.

This is only the lead in to trying times for the people that have to contend with substance abuse issues. For the most part, society views the holiday season as a joyful or happy time, but for many, this can be a pivotal time in maintaining a person's sobriety. The four biggest emotional causes for relapse are faced during this time frame, which are anger, anxiety, depression, and fear. The actions can scale from worring about time to finding a way to providing gifts. Just remember that the best gift of all is to be able to give one self to family/ companion in a healthy way. So just remember to take care of ourselves first so we can then give others what they need.

For additional information, please contact Barbara Attocknie, Substance Abuse Program Coordinator, (918) 285-0086 or Mike Ortiz, Substance Abuse Counselor, (918) 399-5324. SAP office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8am-5pm and Wednesday from 9am-5pm. Support group is every Wednesday evening from 7-8 p.m. The Substance Abuse Program staff are on call daily after 5pm.

### 2015 Angel Gifts for Pawnee Nation Elders



The Title VI Program is asking for contributions for food/care baskets to be given to Pawnee Nation Elders.

Suggested Items:

- 1. Non-perishable food items with fresh date on items
- 2. Canned Ham, soups, veggies, fruit (Easy to open cans)
- 3. Nutritional foods ... Low-sodium
- 4. Diabetic friendly sweets for 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the elders.
- 5. Chocolate covered cherries for non-diabetics
- 6. Fresh Fruit and nuts ... fruitcake
- 7. Juice
- 8. Holiday Cookies in a tin
- <u>Emergency supplies</u>: batteries, flash light, gloves, winter hat, scarfs, throw blanket

Gifts can be dropped off at the Pawnee Nation Elder Center-901 Agency Road anytime from November 10 – December 18, 2015.

For more information, please contact: Deb Echo-Hawk, Title VI Coordinator at (918)762-4042.

Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) 657 Harrison St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor (918) 762-3227 Steve Campos, Director OPEN Monday-Friday 8-5

FIREWOOD FOR SALE! There is nothing better than a nice warm fire on a cold,

#### <u>Pawnee Nation Food Distribution</u> <u>Program</u>

The Food Distribution Program began giving out the frozen pork chops in September. The frozen pork chops were initially distributed as 1 lb. package per participant, but now there is no limit on the amount a household can take as long as it is within the maximum quantity of meat per household. The frozen pork chops are boneless and come four in a package.

The two new fresh produce items, clementines and fresh cranberries, are now available for the holiday season. The clementines come in 3 lb. bags and the fresh cranberries come in 1 lb. bags. The program began giving out 3 lb. frozen, fully cooked boneless hams on November 1. The hams are limited and will be given out until all are gone.

In the coming months, we will be adding our regional traditional foods to our food package. Those foods are blue cornmeal and frozen bison. The blue cornmeal will be in its own food group and will not be a part of the flour/cornmeal group. It will come in 2 lb. units. The bison will also be in its own food group and will not be a part of the standard meat group. The packaging size of the bison will be either 1 lb. or 2.5 lb. units.

On October 1, the program received the FY 2016 net monthly income standards. If you would like to see if you are eligible for the Food Distribution Program or would like more information, you can come by our office or call (918) 762-2541. The program is located on the south side of the Roam Chief Building.

#### **Pawnee Pride**

Pawnee Pride hosted their first glow in the dark "Nightmare Doubles" disc golf tournament for Halloween. Twelve teams entered the tournament for a night filled with fun; the next tournament is in the works. Pawnee Pride is also discussing possibilities of expanding the current nine hole course into a eighteen hole course. For more information about Pawnee Pride's disc golf bag checkout program, please contact Dana Beard at (918)762-3873 or dbeard@pawneenation.org.





Melisa Harris, ICW Coordinator

Greetings! My name is Melisa Harris, and I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself and thank the Pawnee Nation for the opportunity to coordinate the Indian Child Welfare program. On November 5, I stepped into this wonderful position. I am excited not only to serve the children and families of the Pawnee Nation, but also look forward to learning more about the Pawnee traditions, history, and culture. I am a member of the Chickasaw Nation and enjoy learning about my own heritage as well as others. I am passionate about serving people and especially children. I have been in the field of social services for the last 15 years. I have worked for the State of Oklahoma, State of Missouri, Chickasaw Nation, as well as other agencies whose primary goal is the protection of children. I love what I do and look forward to this new adventure in my life.

As your new ICW Coordinator, I am grateful and committed to serving you. Please feel free to stop by and say hello and introduce yourself. You can find me in the old IHS building in Room 117. I can also be reached by calling (918) 762-3621 ext. 175.

snowy winter day or night. The TERO crew has been cutting and splitting oak firewood to sell. We have ricks and cords for sale! We offer Delivery! Call for Pricing! (918) 762-3227

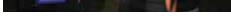
#### ICDBG Construction Project – Ground Breaking, Early 2016 BUILDERS UNLIMITED INC., (BUI) awarded Construction Management Contract

Job Fair coming soon! Need skilled apprentices, journeymen in the construction field. Preferably with tools, and steel toe boots.

- All employers operating within the Pawnee Nation Tribal jurisdiction are required to provide Indian preference in employment, training, contracting, subcontracting and every other aspects of employment
- TERO Hiring Hall & Skilled Labor List is used to supply construction companies with skilled (tribal) labor on all construction projects. If you would like to be added to the TERO Hiring Hall and Skilled Labor list please contact and apply at the TERO office. List all your skills and experience.
- Check in with the TERO office frequently, ensure your contact information is current.
- TERO serves as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for the Tribe.
- The Fee's collected by TERO help to pay for:
  - Wages for TERO workers and employees
  - Tools, Equipment, Offices
  - Training and Certification events such as Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Heavy Equipment, ODOT Tribal Roads Scholar/ OSU TTAP

Check out the PNTERO Facebook page: "Pawnee Nation Tribal Employment Rights Office"

Training and Job announcements, updated regularly.



1<sup>st</sup> place-Springer Boys



2<sup>nd</sup> place-Sauk Nation



3<sup>rd</sup> place-Chain Gang

For the most up-to-date information about the Pawnee Nation events and meetings, go to the Pawnee Nation Website at: <u>www.</u> <u>pawneenation.org</u> or visit us on Facebook at Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

December 2015





Above and to the left are some of the events during the Employee fun day in prepartion for the inter-tribal competition.

**Pawnee Nation College Activities** 



Above, a Special is held during the Pawnee Nation College Powwow and to the left, Straight Dancers compete for prize

Other activities at the Tribe



Above, Jr. Pratt and Dorothy Moore donate blood to the Red Cross.



Some of the Board of Trustees of Pawnee Nation College





OUCH!

Employees enjoy an employee appreciation lunch

On this page are pictures of Activities during the Month of September and October, except for the the Winners of the Fry FLU SHOT

Bread Contest which was held on November 18th.

Pawnee Nation participates in the Preventing Violence Against Women Walk in Ponca City



Group shot of Pawnee Representatives

Annual Fry Bread Winners Left to right: 1st place through 5th





Pawnee Elementary Schools participate in the Annual Walk against Drugs. The students did a great job!



Halloween at the Pawnee Nation







Group photo of the Winning Team for the Inter-tribal Games





Above are the Representatives of each Tribe participating in the Inter-tribal Games. Winners left to right are: Pawnee Nation, 1st place, Iowa Tribe, 2nd place, Kaw Nation, 3rd place and Otoe-Missouria Tribe, 4th place. At right are the undisputed winners of the tug of war, the Otoe-Missouria Tribe. They win every year.

More Pictures from the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame Banquet honoring the Pawnee Code Talkers



# Pawnee Business Council Resolutions

#15-59 – A Resolution to approve the fifty-three (53) eligible applicants to be added to the Pawnee Membership Roll – Approved September 11, 2015 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (M.Nuttle) and one not voting (Vice President Pratt).

#15-60 – A Resolution to approve to note the date of death of the twenty-seven (27) deceased members on the Membership Roll and remove them from the Annuity Roll - Approved September 11, 2015 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (M.Nuttle) and one not voting (Vice President Pratt).

#15-61 – A Resolution to accept the Absolute Relinquishment of Susan Nell Emarthle from the Pawnee Nation and she will be removed permanently from the Pawnee Nation membership roll -Approved September 11, 2015 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (M.Nuttle) and one not voting (Vice President Pratt).

#15-62 – A Resolution to accept the Absolute Relinquishment of Charla Irene Ogle from the Pawnee Nation and she will be removed permanently from the Pawnee Nation membership roll -Approved September 11, 2015 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (M.Nuttle) and one not voting (Vice President Pratt).

#15-63 – A Resolution to accept the Absolute Relinquishment of Christina Lucky Mansker from the Pawnee Nation and she will be removed permanently from the Pawnee Nation membership roll - Approved September 11, 2015 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (M.Nuttle) and one not voting (Vice President Pratt).

#15-64 – A Resolution to accept the Conditional Relinquishment of Darrell Wildcat Jr. from the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and he will be removed from the Pawnee Nation Membership Roll on condition upon being accepted for membership with the Comanche Nation - Approved September 11, 2015 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (M.Nuttle) and one not voting (Vice President Pratt).

#15-65 – A Resolution to accept the Conditional Relinquishment of Marcie Dione Frejo from the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and she will be removed from the Pawnee Nation Membership Roll on condition upon being accepted for membership with the Seminole Nation -Approved September 11, 2015 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (M.Nuttle) and one not voting (Vice President Pratt).

#15-66 - A Resolution to accept the Conditional Relinquishment of Jaylen Renee Gover from the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and she will be removed from the Pawnee Nation Membership Roll on condition upon being accepted for membership with the Comanche Nation - Approved September 11, 2015 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (M.Nuttle) and one not voting (Vice President Pratt). #15-67-A Resolution to remove Richard Edward Roberts from the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Membership Roll -Approved September 11, 2015 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (M.Nuttle) and one not voting (Vice President Pratt). #15-68 – A Resolution to remove Christopher James Jake from the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Membership Roll -Approved September 11, 2015 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (M.Nuttle) and one not voting (Vice President Pratt).

#15-69 – A Resolution to remove Shawn Cody Jake from the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Membership Roll - Approved September 11, 2015 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (M.Nuttle) and one not voting (Vice President Pratt).

#15-70 – A Resolution to remove Sammy Joe Evanoff from the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Membership Roll - Approved September 11, 2015 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (M.Nuttle) and one not voting (Vice President Pratt).

#15-71 – A Resolution to remove Jeffery Glen Horse Chief from the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Membership Roll -Approved September 11, 2015 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (M.Nuttle) and one not voting (Vice President Pratt).

#15-72 – A Resolution to approve the amended Physical Fitness Leave Policy to be re-named the Worksite Wellness Leave Policy, Section IX be eliminated and the revisions to be effective immediately for distribution – Approved September 11, 2015 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (M.Nuttle) and one not voting (Vice President Pratt).

#15-73 – A Resolution to agree to submit a proposal to contract the Tribal Court Program from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and authorization to contract the program on a multi-year basis – Approved September 11, 2015 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (M.Nuttle) and one not voting (Vice President Pratt).

#15-74 – A Resolution to approve the amended Pawnee Nation Personnel Policies and Procedures Chapter 13, Employee Grievance Policy and to be effective immediately for distribution – Approved September 11, 2015 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (M.Nuttle) and one not voting (Vice President Pratt).

#15-75 – A Resolution to approve the development and submission of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians proposal for a one year Special Diabetes Program for Indians grant period commencing January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 – Approved September 11, 2015 by a vote of five for, zero against, zero abstaining, two absent (M.Nuttle, S.Adson) and one not voting (Vice President Pratt).

#15-76 – A Resolution to approve the submission of the MSPI, Purpose Area Four (4): Methamphetamine Prevention, Treatment, and Aftercare to IHS, an agency which is part of DHHS and further approves, adopts, and readopts all items as set forth – Approved September 11, 2015 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (M.Nuttle) and one not voting (Vice

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to place a moratorium on (1) any further oil and gas leases in Pawnee and Payne Counties, (2) the approval of any assignment of any existing lease for fracking purposes, and (3) the issuance of any further licenses for such operations on Indian land in Pawnee and Payne Counties until such time as the BIA and BLM develops a leasing policy on fracking and associated waste water disposal operations in consultation with the Pawnee Nation, Pawnee allotment owners, and Pawnee home owners that addresses earthquake, water quality and water quantity, and public safety concerns; and to protect Pawnee Nation and individual allotment water rights done in consultation with the Pawnee Nation and its water users, including funding necessary studies, water rights protection work, and take all other actions necessary to vigorously quantify and protect tribal water rights - Approved October 22, 2015 by a vote of five for, zero against, zero abstaining, two absent (P.Littlesun, L.Teter) and one not voting (President Nuttle).

#15-80 – A Resolution to rescind the amendments to Resolutions #13-30, 13-36, 13-86, 14-04, 14-27, 14-28, and 14-61 designated for Proceeds of Labor Drawdown funds and authorizes expenditures to be paid out of the Bank of America, Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, Program Funds for funding years 2013 and 2014 at actual cost in the amount of \$58,614.41 – Approved October 7, 2015 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (S.Adson) and one not voting (President Nuttle).

#15-81 – RESOLUTION RESERVED FOR THE REVISIONS MADE TO THE FISCAL POLICY – CREDIT CARD POLICY.

#15-82 – A Resolution to approve the submission of the Pawnee Nation Indian Community Development Block Grant FY-2015 application for the "Pawnee Nation Aquatic Health Center" to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and further approves, adopts, and readopts all items as set forth above – Approved October 22, 2015 by a vote of five for, zero against, zero abstaining, two absent (P.Littlesun, L.Teter) and one not voting (President Nuttle).

#15-83 – A Resolution to approve and authorize the submission of the leveraged amounts stated above to be applied towards the "Pawnee Nation Aquatic Health Center" that is being submitted for the FY2015 Indian Community Development Block Grant-Funding Cycle application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and further approves, adopts and readopts all items as set forth above – Approved October 22, 2015 by a vote of five for, and one not voting (Vice President Pratt). #15-87 – A Resolution to appoint Cynthia Butler to the ERC Commission effective November 4, 2015, whose term of office will expire December 31, 2018 – Approved November 4, 2015 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (M.Nuttle) and one not voting (Vice President Pratt).

#15-88 – RESOLUTION RESERVED FOR THE PAWNEE TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION APPOINT OF BOARD MEMBER.

#15-89 – A Resolution to accept the resignation of Misty M. Nuttle and recognize W. Bruce Pratt as the President of the Pawnee Business Council effective November 2, 2015 – Approved November 4, 2015 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (M.Nuttle) and one not voting (Vice President Pratt).

#15-90 – A Resolution to call for a Special Election of the vacant Pawnee Business Council President Position and to appoint Stephen Bird, Margaret Twins and Delilah Moses to the Election Commission effective November 4, 2015 and ending May 31, 2016 – Approved by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (M.Nuttle) and one not voting (Vice President Pratt).

#15-91 – A Resolution to approve the pursuing of funds from the USDA for the "After School Program", the Pawnee Nation adopts and readopts all items set forth – Approved November 7, 2015 by a vote of five for, zero against, one absent (A.Spottedhorsechief) and one not voting (President Pratt).

#15-92 – A Resolution to approve revisions made to the Pawnee Nation Gaming Ordinance and further submit revisions to the Nation Indian Gaming Commission for final approval – Approved November 16, 2015 by a vote of five for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (D.Hare) and one not voting (President Pratt).

#15-93 – A Resolution to approve eleven (11) eligible applicants to be added to the Pawnee Membership Roll – Approved November 16, 2015 by a vote of five for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (D.Hare) and one not voting (President Pratt).

#15-94 – A Resolution to approve to note the date of death of the six (6) deceased members on the Membership Roll and remove them from the Annuity Roll – Approved November 16, 2015 by a vote of five for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (D.Hare) and one not voting (President Pratt).

#15-95 – A Resolution to accept the Conditional Relinquishment of Daya Horsechief from the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and she will be removed from the Pawnee Nation Membership Roll on condition upon being accepted

President Pratt).

#15-77-A Resolution to request a no cost modification/extension until October 31, 2015 for the BIA Fence Project, Contract No. A15AV00744 – Approved September 23, 2015 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining, zero absent and one not voting (President Nuttle).

#15-78 – A Resolution to authorize Misty M. Nuttle as the official principal tribal official, to make the necessary action to place the Pawnee Nation in membership in NCAI (National Congress of American Indians) and to pay the membership fee in the amount of \$5,500 – Approved September 23, 2015 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining, zero absent and one not voting (President Nuttle).

#15-79 – A Resolution to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and



Recently visitors from Nebraska visited Title VI and shared corn and vegetables they had brought down.

zero against, zero abstaining, two absent (P.Littlesun, L.Teter) and one not voting (President Nuttle).

#15-83 – A Resolution to approve and authorize the submission of the leveraged amounts stated above to be applied towards the "Pawnee Nation Aquatic Health Center" that is being submitted for the FY2015 Indian Community Development Block Grant-Funding Cycle application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and further approves, adopts and readopts all items as set forth - Approved October 22, 2015 by a vote of five for, zero against, zero abstaining, two absent (P.Littlesun, L.Teter) and one not voting (President Nuttle).

#15-84 – A Resolution to approve and authorize the submission of the Pawnee Nation's Cost Allocation Plan for the "Pawnee Nation Aquatic Health Center" which make up the projected Operations & Maintenance costs for the "Pawnee Nation Aquatic Health Center" to the Department of Housing and Urban Development and further approves all items as set forth - Approved October 22, 2015 by a vote of five for, zero against, zero abstaining, two absent (P.Littlesun, L.Teter) and one not voting (President Nuttle).

#15-85 – RESOLUTION RESERVED FOR GAMING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER.

#15-86 – A Resolution to appoint Randy Ledford to the ERC Commission effective November 2, 2015, whose term of office will expire December 31, 2019 – Approved November 4, 2015 by a vote of four for, 2 against (D.Hare, L.Teter), zero abstaining, one absent (M.Nuttle) for membership with the Jemez Pueblo -Approved November 16, 2015 by a vote of five for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (D.Hare) and one not voting (President Pratt).

#15-96 – A Resolution to accept the Conditional Relinquishment of Randilee Horsechief from the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and she will be removed from the Pawnee Nation Membership Roll on condition upon being accepted for membership with the Jemez Pueblo -Approved November 16, 2015 by a vote of five for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (D.Hare) and one not voting (President Pratt).

#15-97 – A Resolution to accept the Conditional Relinquishment of Herman A. Parton from the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and he will be removed from the Pawnee Nation Membership Roll on condition upon being accepted for membership with the Delaware Tribe -Approved November 16, 2015 by a vote of five for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (D.Hare) and one not voting (President Pratt).

#15-98 – A Resolution to accept the Conditional Relinquishment of Rosalie Williams from the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and she will be removed from the Pawnee Nation Membership Roll on condition upon being accepted for membership with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe - Approved November 16, 2015 by a vote of five for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (D.Hare) and one not voting (President Pratt).

Pawnee Business Council Resolutions and Meeting Minutes can be viewed at <u>www.pawneenation.</u> org under the Government page.

# OBITUARIES



Jesica Lee Phipps, Tahlequah resident, passed away Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015, in Tulsa. She was 41 years of age.

Funeral services for Jesica were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with Bishop Spencer Johnson officiating. Interment followed in the Tahlequah City Cemetery under the direction of Hart Funeral Home.

Viewing was held on Tuesday, Sept. 1, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and at the church from 8:30 a.m. until time of service. The casket was closed following the service.

Pallbearers were Dale Hutchins, Seth Huntley, Phillip North, Jonathan Phipps, Sequoyah Pritchett and Gary Phipps. Honorary Pallbearers will be Henry Farmer, Ron Bywater, Don Price, David Geasland, Freddie Shade and Reasor's Grocery.

Jesica was born Aug. 1, 1974, in Tahlequah to Gary and Gene (Horsechief) Phipps. She grew up in Tahlequah and graduated from Tahlequah High School.

She went on to attend Northeastern State University graduating with a degree in speech pathology. Jesica loved attending Native American powwows, doing genealogy, fishing and reading. She loved to travel. Her greatest joy was attending church. She was proud of her Cherokee and Pawnee heritage. She had a kind, loving and giving spirit who enjoyed helping others. Jesica loved spending time with her nephew, Tristyn.

Survivors include her parents, Gary and Gene Phipps of Tahlequah; one brother, Jonathan Levi Phipps and his wife, Karma, of Westville; sister, Valerie Hubler Walters; one nephew, Tristan Phipps; four aunts, Lucinda Horsechief of Tahlequah, Neva Moore of Pawnee, Susan Mae Moore of Red Rock, and Debra Linn and husband, Bill, of Colcord; three uncles, Vance Olin Horsechief and wife, Lela, of Miami, Darrell Horsechief of Tahlequah, and Algar Horsechief and wife, Geneva, of Meramac; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Vance and Faye (Duncan) Horsechief and Johnnie and Vanila (Morphis) Phipps; and one aunt, Nila Phipps.

#### **Obituary for Robert Theodore (Ted)** Left Hand Sr. (no picture available)

Robert Theodore (Ted) Left Hand, Sr., of Pawnee, OK, born December 8, 1937, passed away peacefully at his home in Tulsa, OK on Sunday, September 6, 2015. Robert was the beloved husband of Lupe Left Hand, Tulsa, OK, loving father of 8 children, 2 adopted daughters, as well as 3 step-daughters: Georgia Left Hand, Tampa, FL; Cynthia Zimmers, Fort Bragg, NC; Victoria Left Hand, St. Louis, MO; Carmen Left Hand, Deceased; Robert Left Hand, Jr., St. Louis, MO; Dennis Left Hand, London, ON; Samuel Left Hand, London, ON; Rebecca Left Hand, Nestor Falls, ON; Sylvia (Denise) McIntosh, Sperry, OK; Karen Chisholm, Catoosa, OK; Ladenna Cole, Peoria Heights, IL; Tammy Cole, Coweta, OK; and Deborah O>Hara, Broken Arrow, OK. In addition to his children, Robert was the proud grandfather of 33 grandchildren and great grandfather to 13. Born to Sam Left Hand of Concho, OK and Emma Skye (Young) Left Hand of Pawnee, OK, after the death of his mother, he was raised by his uncle Sam Young of Pawnee, OK. Robert proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps from 1956-1959. During his free time, Robert coached football, boys> and girls> basketball and boys> and girls> softball. A champion fancy dancer in his early years, Robert later moved on to straight and traditional dance. Robert was a devout Christian who gave his life to the Lord in 1985. He used his faith in the Lord to lead many young people to the church through sports. Many called him brother, uncle, and friend. Robert is preceded in death by his parents, Sam and Emma Left Hand. Uncle Sam Young, his brothers Sherman Left Hand, William Left Hand, Samuel (Phillip) Left Hand, and Francis (Butch) Left Hand, sister "Lou" Topetchy, daughter Carmen Left Hand, and grandson, Clarence (CeeJay) Kelly, Jr. Robert's wake was held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at the Pawnee



Angela Dawn Brown was born December 16, 1982 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She left with the angels to move to her Heavenly Home on September 12, 2015.

Angela played softball during her preteen years. She was a cheerleader during middle school. She enjoyed both activities. She graduated from Collinsville High School. Angela's favorite television show was "Keeping up with the Kardashians." She and her sister enjoyed and bonded over this show. She adored cats and her favorite color was purple.

Angela had three beautiful little boys whom she loved unconditionally. She was a loving mother, daughter, sister and friend. Her family was her world. She leaves to cherish her memory......

Angela's son, Aden J. Williams was also killed in the same tragic accident that took the life of Angela. Aden was 11 years old at the time of his death. Obituary information could not be located for Aden.



**Obituary for Dewey A. Butler Sr.** 

Butler, Brandon Butler, Jonathan Butler, Kenneth Butler (deceased), Wyonna Brown, Michalene Butler, Cindy Butler, Phyllis Butler and Stephanie Butler.

Dewey loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting and looking for mushrooms. His pastime was bead working and working on his cars. He worked hard for his family.

We wish to thank Allen Butler for running the funeral services at the home of his mother, also we want to thank the Pawnee Veterans for the dinner they held for the Butler Family. We fully appreciate the Honor Guards of Pawnee who for four days stood watch over my son, Dewey A. Butler Sr., from the start to the grave burial. They are truly dedicated to their fellow Man till the end. Dewey A. Butler Sr. was proud to be a Pawnee.

We appreciate the Pawnee Nation for their support.

May God Bless you all, Gratefully, the Butler Family



**Obituary for Treva Louise Diamond** 

Treva Louise Diamond went to be with her Lord, October 14, 2015 at St. John's Medical Center in Tulsa with her loving family by her side. Treva was born August 8, 1948 to Horace and Jean (Nelson) Taylor in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Treva graduated from Caney High School in Kansas. Treva spent her life serving others as a Registered Nurse from 1987 until she passed, she worked at the Pawnee Hospital and the Cleveland Area Hospital many years. She loved spending time with her family, especially K'Sea her granddaughter. As a Nurse Treva went above and beyond what was expected, to help many people in the communities she served in, she was a kind and caring nurse. Treva will be missed by all who knew her. Treva is survived by two sons; Chris Smith and Rusty Diamond, one daughter; Sherri Smith, and one Special granddaughter; K'Sea Cleveland, two sisters; Donna Taylor and Darlene Miorandi. Treva was preceded in death by her parents Horace and Jean Taylor, her husband; Marvin Diamond, and son Darin Diamond. Services were held Saturday October 24, 2015, at the Pawnee Indian Baptist Church with Rev Duane Pratt Sr. officiating. A Private Family Burial followed and dinner was served at the Pawnee Nation Roam Chief Building. Serving as Pallbearers were Randv Moore, Ralston Moore, Ryland Moore, Robert Shillings, Clifford Shillings, Jake Leading Fox. Services were under the direction of **Poteet Funeral Home.** 

Nation Roam Chief Building, Pawnee, OK with Warren Pratt, Jr., officiating. Interment was held at the West (Chaui) Indian Cemetery, Pawnee, OK with a traditional mourning feast immediately after. Services under the direction of Poteet Funeral Home, Pawnee, OK.

Pawnee Nation Angel Tree INDIAN CHILD WELFARE TRIBAL COURT AND LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL BE HOSTING A CHRISTMAS PARTY IN HONOR OF THE CHILDREN IN CUSTODY OF THE PAWNEE NATION.

A GENEROUS DONOR. WILL BE PURCHASING CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR ALL OF THE CHILDREN IN CUSTODY OF THE PAWNEE NATION.

EACH OF OUR FOSTER HOMES HAVE OTHER CHILDREN IN THE HOME. WE WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE THESE CHILDREN IN THE CHRISTMAS ARTY, LET'S SHOW OUR FOSTER PARENTS WE APPRECIATE WHAT THEIR FAMILIES DO FOR OUR CHILDREN.

PLEASE CONSIDER TAKING AN ANGEL FROM THE ANGEL TREE IN BUILDING 64, YOU CAN PARTICIPATE AS A DEPARTMENT, AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR AS A FAMILY.

PLEASE CONTACT MELISA HARRIS, ICW COORDINATOR, 918-285-0127 WHEN YOU CHOOSE AN "ANGEL". WE WANT TO MAKE SURE ALL OF THE CHILDREN HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME AT THE PARTY.

Thank you for your generosity and giving spirits.

*September 22, 1964 – September 18, 2015* 

Dewey A. Butler died on September 18, 2015 in Oklahoma City. He was 50 years old. His graveside services were held on September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Butler Family Cemetery. Dewey was the son of the late George H Butler Sr., and Juana M. VanAerna M. Butler, Dewey was born on September 22, 1964 in Pawnee. He was raised and educated in Cushing, Oklahoma. Following High School, he entered into the U.S. Marine Corp. After leaving the Marine Corp. he returned home to Cushing.

His father George H. Butler Sr., one sister Darlene Butler and a brother Roland Butler preceded Dewey A. Butler in death.

Survivors include his mother, Juana M. Butler and his companion, Melanie Butler, four children: Dewey A. Butler Jr., Jaime Jo Eagle, Thomas Butler and Frances Butler. Leaving behind his siblings: George H. Butler Jr., and wife of Pawnee, Rachel L. Schexnider and husband of Cushing, Carla Schexning also of Cushing. George D. Butler of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Pearl M. Williams and husband also of Tulsa, Carl Butler of Cushing, Robert Butler of Tulsa, Billy Jo Seyo, Wilbur Lunsford, Donald Lunsford.

Additional survivors include several nieces and nephews; Harold Butler, Marie Franklin, Bruce Butler, Roland Butler Jr., William Butler, Tracy Mitchell, Diana Harjo, Randi Harjo, Georgi Butler, Juana M.



Reminder: A Special Election Edition is scheduled to be printed in Mid-December. Included in this upcoming edition will be Pawnee Nation Presidential Candidate letters and pictures.

# Pawnee Nation Special Election Schedule of Events

Pawnee Nation Election Commission P. O. Box 600 Pawnee, Oklahoma 74058

	2016 Special Election: Schedule of Events
November 11, 2015	AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION IN THE PAWNEE CHIEF:
	DATE OF ELECTION: January 2, 2016
	TIME: 8:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
	WHERE: Multi-Purpose Building
November 18 - 21,	FILING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES:
2015	Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
	Saturday: 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Pawnee Nation Community Building
	\$200.00 Filing fee (Must be Cashiers Check or Money Order)
November 23, 2015	Post List of Candidates (11:00 A.M.)
November 23 - 27,	Election Commission review of Eligibility of Candidates
2015	
November 23 - 27,	CHALLENGE PERIOD: Any Eligible Tribal Voter May Challenge the Eligibility of a
2015	Candidate in Writing. Tribal Court: Act on Appeals and Challenges.
November 30 , 2015	Election Commission Review of Challenges
December 1 -	Post List of Qualified Candidates:
December 2, 2015	Pawnee Agency, Pawnee Nation Offices and Submit to the Pawnee Chief and
	the Pawnee Nation Communications Department for Publication.
December 3 –	Deadline: Candidates Statements are Submitted to Communications By 5:00
December 7, 2015	P.M. for Publication in Newsletter and Website.
December 13 , 2015	DEADLINE FOR "REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS"
January 2, 2016	ELECTION DAY:
	POLLS OPEN: 8:00 A.M.
	POLLS CLOSE: 7:00 P.M.
January 4, 2016	POST ELECTION RESULTS:
	12:00 P.M.
	Tribal Reserve
January 5 – 7, 2016	Protest Period: Any Voter May Protest in Writing
	(A Request for Recount Must Be Accompanied With \$300.00 Recount Fee)
January 7, 2016	Protest Deadline: 5:00 P.M.
January 14, 2016	Election Commission Will Respond To Protests No later Than January 14, 2016.
January 14, 2016 January 15, 2016	Election Commission Will Respond To Protests No later Than January 14, 2016. Issue Certification of Election

Chairman:Stephen Bird (918) 399-5426Clerk:Margaret TwinsTeller:Chris McCraySgt of Arms:Delilah MosesAlternate:Jonas Smith

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#### **Editors Comments:**

Remember Tribal Members that you must request an Absentee Ballot before December 13th to receive the ballot to vote in the Special Election on Saturday, January 2, 2016. Inperson voting will also be available but if you live out of town and want to vote, your only option is to request and return that absentee ballot.

In a few weeks, we will print a special election edition with photos and campaign letters from the candidates. This special edition will be mailed by 1st Class Mail and will be somewhat smaller than what you are used to. But it will provide all the information you need to make an informed decision about who you want to lead the Pawnee Nation for the next 3 1/2 years.

Thank you for reading the Chaticks Si Chaticks and have a great Holiday Season with family and friends.

# HOLIDAY SPECIAL Pendleton Blanket \$175

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