MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Pawnee Tribal Members:

As the Holiday Season approaches, I wish you and your families a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas. May the New Year bring our tribe closer together and in good fellowship. For those in ill health, I pray our good Lord touches you with His loving and healing hands.

As 2010 comes to a close, it is a good time to stop and reflect on this past year.

The Pawnee Nation (PN) continues to strengthen its infrastructure through the ICDBG grants for our buildings. The BIA awarded the PN with a $45,000 grant to remodel our Court House. This is a sorely needed project.

The Pawnee Business Council (PBC), is fortunate to have its members with diverse backgrounds, which make the PN a force in local and national Indian discussions and activities. An area that directly affects our tribe in ten of the twelve IHS areas, is the Direct Service Tribes Advisory Council (DSTAC). DSTAC works with the IHS Director to address the health needs of the tribes receiving direct health care from IHS. This Council was officially established with the passing of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act in 2010.

I was recently re-elected to my third term as National Chairman of the Direct Service Tribes Advisory Council. These are committed people in the Council, working very hard to ensure DSTAC tribes get the best health care possible for our people. Issues arise that we try to resolve before they affect our direct service tribes.

One issue being struggled upon with-in the Oklahoma City IHS Area Office, involves the designation of the two Urban Indian Health Centers, Tulsa and Oklahoma City, to be funded like Service Units. This is the law under the approved Indian Health Care Improvement Act, and it will happen.

My stance in this issue is that the law and treaties stated, the U.S. Government would afford health, education, and welfare to the American Indians, in return for the land that was taken from us. These treaties and laws did not differentiate urban from “reservation Indians.” These Urban Indians are our brothers, fathers, mothers, children, elders, and other respected and loved relatives, who are living in urban areas.

The Oklahoma City Area is struggling with how to fund the two Urban Health Centers. The Area Office is trying hard to resolve the matter by asking for consultation with the 39 Oklahoma/Kansas tribes, as how to accomplish this directive in fairness to all concerned.

I am also honored to serve on the National Tribal Advisory Council (NTAC) on Behavioral Health. I was asked to serve primarily because of my Master’s degree in Social work, and my lengthy experience with Indian Health Service. Being on both the DSTAC and NTAC allow me to serve the Pawnee Nation in matters that affect our health directly, and to see that the direct service tribes are getting their fair share of the funds pie.

I have gone on record asking for the Federal Government to level the playing field between self-governance tribes, and the direct service tribes, by dividing funding grants in proportion to the number of direct service tribes and self-governance tribes. For example, out of five grants available, four were granted to self-governance tribes and one went to an urban center.

Direct Service tribes fought hard for recognition as a viable organization, and demand equal footing with other organizations as well.

Working with Mr. Travis Scott, Pawnee IHS, CEO, has been productive in providing needed services. PBC Councilman Marshall Gover and Councilwoman Elizabeth Blackowl, are representatives on the Pawnee Service Unit Health Board, each provides valuable input on the health issues facing the PN members. I appreciate the committed involvement of each one.

Thank you Pawnee Nation tribal members. May God bless us all in the last days of 2010! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, 2011!

President George Elton Howell
EDUCATION

Free GED Classes at Cultural Learning Center, every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Contact Chris Hill, Youth Services Coordinator at 918-762-3227.

Pawnee Nation College:
December 2-Christmas Party
December 6 thru December 10-Student Finals

HEALTH

Substance Abuse Program:
Every Wednesday of each month, the SAP support group will meet from 7 p.m.-8 p.m. in the SAP building.

Title VI Senior Nutritional Meals Program:
• Every Tuesday and Thursday of each month, the Diabetes Program will be providing blood sugar and blood pressure checks from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
• Once a month we will be providing a Caregiver support group meeting to help those Caregivers who are caring for an elder and to let them know what types of assistance and resources are out there to assist them. Refreshments will be provided as well as door prizes. The date for this will be announced at a later time.

GENERAL

• Every other Wednesday at 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Elder’s Bingo at the Title VI Dining Room. If you need further information or would like to donate items for the bingo games, please contact the Title VI Senior Program at (918) 762-4042.

• Winter Cash Bash promotion at the Pawnee Trading Post Casino! Hot Seat Drawings every 15 minutes starting at 6:00pm until 8:30pm on December 16th, 2010. All cash prizes and win as many times as your luck will allow! Also on the same day the Trading Post Grill will be having a Hot Ham and Cheese Sandwich Special for only $3.99 that includes a hot sandwich, chips and a drink. Sandwiches will start being served at 4:30pm till the Grill closes. Tax excluded from price.

• December 10-Pawnee Nation Employee Club Potluck Christmas Dinner at 11:30 a.m. at Roam Chief.
• December 14-Food Handler’s Class at 2 p.m. in the Title VI section of the Multi-Purpose building. This class was set up by the Pawnee Nation Employee’s Club will be taught by the Indian Health Service’s Office of Environmental Health. Open to everyone. For more information, please contact Lauramae Melton at (918) 762-3621 ext. 44.
• December 15-Title VII Parent Committee Meeting and Potluck Christmas Dinner at 6 p.m. at the Pawnee Elementary Cafeteria. For more information, contact June Hamilton at (918) 762-3564 or Angie EchoHawk @ (918) 762-3618.
• December 23 & 24-Tribal Offices will be closed in observance of the Christmas Holiday.
• December 25-Christmas Day Dance, at noon at the Round House.
• December 31-Tribal Offices will be closed in observance of the New Year’s Day Holiday.

DECEMBER & JANUARY

The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma would like to welcome and/or congratulate the following staff members on their recent hire or transfer:

Cynthia Butler has been selected for the position of Office Assistant for the Executive Office. Ms. Butler began her new position on October 18, 2010.

Mistie Bradley has been selected for the position of Infant thru Pre-K Teacher for the Pawnee Nation Learning Center. Ms. Bradley began her new position on November 8, 2010.

Josh Daniel has been selected for the position of Environmental Scientist for the Division of Environmental Conservation & Safety. Mr. Daniel began his new position on November 1, 2010.

Dalylia Dulyea has been selected for the position of Infant thru Pre-K Teacher for the Pawnee Nation Learning Center. Ms. Dulyea began her new position on November 8, 2010.

Lou Findley has been selected for the position of Infant thru Pre-K Teacher for the Pawnee Nation Learning Center. Ms. Findley began her new position on November 8, 2010.

Crystal Helvy has been promoted from the position of Infant thru Pre-K Teacher to the position of Infant thru Pre-K Lead Teacher for the Pawnee Nation Learning Center. Ms. Helvy began her new position on November 8, 2010.

Ramona Horsechief has been selected for the position of VAW Administrative Assistant for the Violence Against Women Program. Ms. Horsechief began her new position on November 10, 2010.

Rhonda James has been selected for the position of GIS/Administrative Technician for the Division of Natural Resources & Safety. Ms. James began her new position on November 8, 2010.

Rachel McDonald has been selected for the position of Infant thru Pre-K Assistant Teacher for the Pa<ee Pakoo<oo Center. Ms. McDonald began her new position on November 17, 2010.

Shelby Turner has been selected for the position of Infant thru Pre-K Teacher for the Pawnee Nation Learning Center. Ms. Turner began her position on November 8, 2010.
HOW PAWNEES CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

By Lucy Little Chief
(The Indian Leader, December 20, 1907, Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kansas)

We celebrate our Christmas almost like Thanksgiving in Pawnee. All the bands gather together at the dancing hall a few days before Christmas day and make their homes there so they are then ready for Christmas. They arrange the hall and what they are going to do that day. All the noted chiefs from the different bands decide where they will get the Christmas tree from. The day before Christmas early in the morning they send some men after the tree. Then they put it up in the hall, ready for Christmas day.

On the morning of Christmas day the men get themselves ready for prayer meeting in the hall. Our missionary comes and talks with them about Christ and how it came we celebrate Christmas day. After the missionary gets through talking the head chief gets up and tells them the Christmas dance will begin at a certain time. Then they are dismissed. The ladies have the Christmas dinner all ready when the men come out.

After dinner the singers are called in to practice while the people get ready for the dance. The dancers put on their Indian costumes and paint their faces in many different colors. Everybody is invited to dance. Before the dance begins the singers beat the drum to give the signal that the dance will begin. The chiefs are seated in front, the dancers and singers on the sides of the chiefs. The ladies are seated in the back, the men in front. Before the dance begins the chief prays and they all smoke the peace pipe. The missionary is then allowed to pray and after he gets through the singers beat the drums and the dancers give war whoops. The dancers put on their war-bonnets and bells and the things that they have when they dance.

While the dance is going on some of the older Indians get up and give their presents to their relatives or friends. They give horses, moccasins, blankets or money. The rest of the presents are on the tree. The dance goes on for a long time, till about 5:30. They then have prayer from the four chiefs of the different bands.

Then the missionary preaches for a while. Then the chief calls on certain persons to give out the presents. After they are given out they have some talks from the chiefs about Christmas day. Then the Christmas lunch is brought in. After supper the dance begins and lasts until late in the night, everybody happy for what they received and gave that day.

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS LONG AGO

By Roger Echo-Hawk

Lucy Little Chief must have grown up wondering about her mother, Stah-foo-see, known as Sadie. We can only guess what Lucy’s father said to her when she had questions. Was her mother pretty? What made her mother smile and what did her mother’s laughter sound like? Surely every motherless child has questions that cannot be answered, and there were many such children among the Pawnees during the 1890s.

Sadie died in early July 1893, a young mother among the Kitkahakis. Her mother, Rhoda Crazy Horse, may well have been taken in the little girl, Lucy, but Rhoda died less than two years later. Lucy had one cousin close to her age, and many cousins among her mother’s kin, the Echo Hawk family. Trying to picture the days and moments that filled Lucy’s childhood, taking her into her youth, the details do not seem very happy, but we know there were happy times.

In her youth while a student at Haskell Institute, one day in 1907 Lucy sat down and she wrote a story titled “How Pawnees Celebrate Christmas.” Describing what the Pawnees called a Christmas Camp, Lucy told of the various customary practices of this holiday gathering and the dance that took place on Christmas day. “After supper,” she wrote, “the dance begins and lasts until late in the night, everybody happy for what they received and gave that day.”

Lucy’s father was named Little Chief, born about 1859 in the old Pawnee homeland. He removed to Oklahoma with his family when he was a youth, and not long after he turned thirty, he married Sadie, who was a daughter of a Kitkahakhi named Crazy Horse (an uncle of Echo Hawk). Sadie became pregnant and bore a daughter and died at age 18.

During the late 1890s there were several Pawnee men who had the name Little Chief. Describing Lucy’s father’s family in 1915, an old Chaui woman named Viola Cory happened to mention that one sibling was Pitahawirata, so this Little Chief – Lucy’s father – was a Pitahawirata man. This is the Pitahawirata Little Chief who told three stories written down and published by George Dorsey and James R. Murie in The Pawnee Mythology in 1906. It isn’t clear when Little Chief the Pitahawirata died, but it must have been around 1906.

Lucy was probably a student at Haskell when her father died and when The Pawnee Mythology was published. It doesn’t seem likely that she ever saw the book. Had she seen it, she would have read a fascinating account of the historical founding of the Leader’s Society and its associated ceremony, which died with the death of Sun Chief in 1895. This was one of the stories told by Lucy’s father, Little Chief, and it is an interesting founding tradition of the Pawnee political system that endured to the end of the 19th century.

The Chaui Leader’s Society and its ways came to an end in those days, but we have not forgotten its heritage. Thanks to Little Chief and Murie and Dorsey, the story can be studied by anyone interested in Pawnee history. New civic ceremonialism also came about during that time, and Lucy Little Chief enjoyed the memory of the Pawnee Christmas Camps and the Christmas dance and the giving of gifts. Lucy gave us her account of those events before she died in February 1909.

Today there are no living descendants of the Crazy Horse family or of the Pitahawirata Little Chief family, but their stories of long-vanished days are a gift which endures among the Pawnee people.
PAWNEE SCHOLAR DESCRIBES ETHNIC CLEANSING IN NEBRASKA

By Joe Duggan / Lincoln Journal Star

A Wikipedia understanding of early relations between the Pawnee Nation and the United States says they got along fine. After all, the Pawnee never declared war on the white government. Some even volunteered as scouts to assist the U.S. Army's war against the Lakota, Arapaho and Cheyenne, with whom the Pawnee had a history of conflict.

But conventional history oversimplifies reality, said James Riding In, a Pawnee and scholar who teaches at Arizona State University.

"I'm going to talk about some of the hard truths about why we are no longer here," he said last week during a public lecture in Lincoln that clashed with conventional views and challenged the so-called benevolent attitude Nebraska's settlers and their leaders held of the Pawnee.

It was the second in a series called "We the People, The Nebraska Viewpoint," which is sponsored by the Nebraska State Historical Society and partially funded by the Nebraska Humanities Council. Each of the nine lectures in the series will explore issues of civil rights and civil liberties.

The series takes its name from the U.S. Constitution, but rights and protections in the nation's most venerated legal document did not extend to the first Nebraskans.

"In the mindset of white America in the 19th century, Indian people stood outside the scope of humanity," Riding In said. "They were unworthy of respect and dignity."

Centuries before the arrival of settlers in the early 1800s, the four bands that made up the Pawnee Nation occupied a massive territory that extended from what would become north central Kansas through all of central Nebraska. They lived in towns consisting of earthlodge villages. They farmed and hunted buffalo and other game.

At their peak, the Pawnee numbered around 15,000. Riding In said, making them a force on the Great Plains. And they were unwilling to accept the blatant trespassing and land squatting by whites that ensued after the Lewis and Clark Expedition ended in 1806.

Pawnee leaders tried to appeal to Washington, D.C. In 1822, a chief named Saritsarish even made his case in person to President James Monroe, Riding In said.

"We have plenty of land if you will keep your people off it," Saritsarish told the president.

In 1831, a smallpox epidemic devastated the Pawnee, cutting their population by half, according to a 1999 article in Great Plains Quarterly by David Wishart, geography professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and author of "An Unspeakable Sadness: The Dispossession of the Nebraska Indians."

Despite their military alliance with the U.S. Army, individual Pawnees continued to suffer at the hands of settlers, soldiers and Lakota war parties. By 1857, their population had dropped to under 3,000 and they had ceded their land to the government, although early on, Riding In contended, the government took more than the Pawnee agreed upon.

Finally, the Pawnee abandoned their Nebraska towns and moved to a reservation in Nance County under management of Quaker agents.

As more whites poured into Nebraska, the Pawnee and other Natives were increasingly characterized as bloodthirsty savages. Yet in his presentation, Riding In noted numerous cases of white violence against Pawnees.

In one of the most egregious examples, two settlers near Columbus shot a Pawnee elder for no reason other than to test the killing power of a newly purchased pistol. Despite identifying the killers, authorities refused to prosecute them.

But the Pawnee quickly learned the criminal justice system worked differently when a white died at the hands of Natives. Nothing better illustrated this disparity than what became known as the Yellow Sun case.

Yellow Sun was a Pawnee elder, reputed to be a medicine man, Wishart wrote. In the spring of 1869, he joined a group of Pawnees at a horse camp on a large, off-reservation island in the Platte River, not far from Columbus.

On June 20, 1869, the body of Edward McMurry, a white settler who had disappeared six weeks earlier, was found tethered to a log in a pond on the island. An autopsy showed he had been shot in the head and stabbed multiple times, his ears and nose cut off and an arrow stuck through his throat.

The Pawnees' Quaker agents threatened to withhold their annuities -- payments used for food and clothing for the entire community -- if tribal leaders did not turn over suspects. The threat led to the arrest of Yellow Sun and three other Pawnees named Blue Hawk, Little Wolf and Horse Driver. A federal grand jury in Omaha indicted them on murder charges.

U.S. District Judge Elmer Dundy, who, 10 years later, would preside over the famed Chief Standing Bear trial, oversaw the Yellow Sun prosecution.

Government prosecutors produced no physical or eyewitness evidence linking the accused to the crime, and the men maintained their innocence. But they were convicted on Nov. 10, 1869.

The Omaha Herald, which covered the trial, called it a "mockery of justice" and quoted one of the defendants as saying he had been "insufficient to convict a chicken thief."

But before the four Pawnees could be hanged, U.S. Circuit Court Judge John Dillon ruled the federal government didn't have jurisdiction because the murder occurred off the reservation. So the judge ordered them to stand trial a second time in state court.

Months of delays followed and the prosecution lost its only witness, a settler who said he saw a group of unidentified Natives on horseback chasing a white man on the island. Finally, in late 1871, two years after they had been arrested, the men were freed and the charges dropped.

All four died within months of their release, Riding In said, due largely to the inhumane treatment they received while in custody.

McMurry's killers will never be known. But years later an account surfaced of a Pawnee named Shooting Star, who made a deathbed confession to the murder after catching the settler stealing horses.

But the lesson to the Pawnee was clear.

"The noose of white dictatorship tightened," Riding In said.

Unwilling to assimilate to a new culture and religion, the Pawnee grew increasingly wary of the hostility they faced on all sides by their white oppressors. Whites frequently trespassed on the reservation, stealing timber, a highly valuable commodity on the Plains.

"When I lay down to sleep I have to lay my head on my revolver to save my life and property," said Pitaresaru, a Pawnee leader.

Another, Terrecawa, said, "We are surrounded by pale faces and cannot go out and kill game, and we want to go south and be free."

In October 1874, most Pawnee left Nebraska for Indian Territory in Oklahoma. Their population dwindled to a low point of 600 in the 1890s.

Now, the Pawnee Nation numbers about 3,000, Riding In said. Many live in the Oklahoma city that bears their name.

Their dealings with their former home state remained contentious throughout the 1980s and 1990s, largely over burial remains and artifacts. The Pawnee waged a successful legal battle against the historical society and later used state and federal laws to reclaim the remains of ancestors held by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

But more recently, the Pawnee have welcomed gestures from the land of their great-grandfathers and great-grandmothers.

Roger Welsch, the well-known author, has given his Loup River farm to the Pawnee, making them landowners once again in Nebraska. The past two summers, Pawnee dancers have returned for powwows at the Great Platte River Road Archway near Kearney.

And just a week ago, the same historical society that once bitterly refused to return Native skeletons to their descendants invited a Pawnee scholar to teach Nebraskans some hard truths.
Author Kim Brumley signing her newly released book, Chilocco: Memories of a Native American Boarding School on Saturday November 20th, 2010 at the Cherokee Strip Land Rush Museum in Arkansas City, Kansas. Chilocco National Alumni Association received a portion of all sales from the event.

Brumley, who has always been intrigued by cultural anthropology, began gathering information for the book only a few years ago. In the search, she discovered that her own great-grandfather, Joe Fields, attended the school in the early 1920's. Unfortunately, no one in the family knew anything about his time on campus.

Among the honored attendees was Susie Chopper Esterline, a 96 year old 1933 Chilocco graduate. Along with her family, Susie traveled all the way from Missouri to sign books with the other contributors. She rested only for a short lunch break and amazed us all by taking a full tour of the campus! Susie’s story is the first featured in the book. Other stories follow and are organized by year of graduation or attendance ending in 1980 when the school was officially closed.

During the process of researching the school, Kim spoke with alumni members from Washington to Florida and just about every state in between. One interview in particular with George Miguel, from Arizona, was extremely interesting. His Chilocco story began with his grandfather, Jose Antone, who was tied with ropes and thrown into a covered wagon in Arizona in 1905 and brought to the Oklahoma boarding school. In time, Jose forgot his native language and practices of his Tohono O’odham tribe. Jose graduated from Chilocco and eventually traveled to Oklahoma to attend Chilocco. George and Jose spent a great deal of time together and in a reversal of roles, George taught Jose some of the language he had long forgotten.

The packed Cherokee Strip Land Rush Museum graciously hosted two groups simultaneously with the signing-The Chilocco National Alumni Association board of directors and the Kansas Historical Society. After Kim delivered a speech to the historical society, many of them toured the campus for the first time.

Today the school still has ghostly signs of the former students including an old chalkboard in the basement of Haworth Hall, also known as the Classroom Building.

The swastika, inside Home 6, contains the letters C I A S, which stands for Chilocco Indian Agricultural School. The Native American meaning of the swastika is friendship and unity and was used repeatedly across the campus.

When World War II broke out in Europe, Nazi affiliation with the swastika had a negative impact globally on the ancient symbol and it was removed or covered wherever possible on campus. Chilocco Alumni member, Jim Edwards said that during his time at the school, this area of the floor was often covered with a large Navajo rug.

Sadly, those who approach Chilocco today are met by closed, locked gates. Hopefully, that might all change with help from the recently formed Chilocco Benefit Association. CBA’s sole purpose is raising the millions needed to restore the 72 limestone buildings on the boarding school land that was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2006.

Currently, donations can be made through the Association at their website www.Chilocco-Benefit.org, or by contacting the Chilocco National Alumni Association.

Both groups are 501 (c)3 organizations that are working toward restoration and Native American educational development.

Article courtesy of Author Kim Brumley
Meals amongst the Pawnee are not simply ways of receiving nourishment. They are often times events in and of themselves. Whenever an occasion of significance occurs, a meal is usually a major part of the celebration/event. It is often the major component.

When one looks back at the life of the Pawnee in Nebraska, and to an extent soon after removal to Oklahoma, food was always a dominant concern. The raising of crops and the hunting of buffalo dictated and guided the life of the Pawnees as much as the belief in the stars and creation. Thusly, food and the consuming of it became a matter of recognition. By preparing and serving food, the Pawnees recognized the necessity of the food and the blessing of receiving it. Food represented survival.

Food is seen as a “vehicle” by which a person can be blessed. By eating food prepared by another, a person can also receive a blessing. So this knowledge gives these meals a special meaning and structure. It gives the meal both a physical and a spiritual aspect.

Meals are also a part of the cultural exchange between individuals. When a person comes to visit an individual, the host will often put food out and the guest will be able to eat. To decline the food is not an appropriate response. Even if one has already eaten, to eat at least something is expected. If food is not available, then a drink of some sort is usually offered.

Food then is seen not only as a way of receiving nourishment, but it is also an integral part of the culture of Indian people. In the way food is prepared and given, cultural norms and beliefs are passed on from each generation to the next. To be a true adherent to Indian life and to be accepted within the Pawnee community, food is a vital and essential doorway.

The particular food that is prepared is also important. The closer a meal is attached to a cultural event, (e.g. war dances, hand games, Pawnee gatherings, etc.) the more traditional the food is. A true Pawnee meal is made up of three staple items. These are meat, bread, and soup. Sometimes added to these items are potatoes and other foods. Men will cook items separately from the women. The old adage, “Have good thoughts when you cook that way the food will turn out good,” is why you hear laughter and joking as the food is being prepared. If it is a mourner’s feast, then the food is prepared with prayer. But the three main items are the same.

Bread (its a taut) is the first item. It always has a place on the farthest east side of the line of food. Food is generally placed from east to west. It can be on the ground or on tables. Bread has always been a part of the home. The Pawnees early life was divided into two homes, the permanent earth-lodge and the temporary teepee. The permanent lodge was where the agricultural part of Pawnee life occurred. Corn (Deekeesu), beans (atit), squash (pahuks tatu) and pumpkins (pahuks) were raised in the fields surrounding the village. Frybread (itsa taut eedus) is a reminder of the importance of the home within Pawnee life. So when bread is brought into the meal area, to the Pawnees, the home and the importance of it are being recognized. Bread is on the east.

Meat (kisatskee) is also an integral part of the meal. At a traditional meal, meat is usually chunked into 2” pieces and boiled in large pots. Meat can be cooked in a pot on a home stove, or cooked over a wood fire. It can be a small amount or hundreds of pounds. However much meat is cooked, it is a reminder of the hunting side of Pawnee life. While the earthlodge village was used for raising crops, the teepee was used when on the hunt. Twice a year, the Pawnees would leave the village and travel to hunt buffalo.

The meat that was gotten, was not only used in meals, but also used in ceremonies and tribal functions. When the buffalo were killed, a specific one was set aside to be used solely for ceremonial purposes. The meat was a vital part of the food system but also a vital part of the spiritual life of the people. When meat is brought in after the bread, it is a reminder of the spiritual and migratory life that the Pawnee once had. It is next after the bread.

Soup (kida deetoo), usually made from dried corn (da wa deetoo), is seen as a combination of both patterns of Pawnee life. It combines the hunt and the agricultural lives. In the soup, corn raised in the village is combined with beef, taken on the hunt. Soup is the reminder of the balance necessary in the people’s lives. Today, pork (kuh ku) is often substituted for beef, but the meaning is the same. When the soup is brought in, the people are reminded of the need for a balance in their lives. Soup is next after the meat.

Next is the drink. Today this is usually tea (skee koo da koo). Coffee (dakits kateet) is added too. The tea or even water (kida da seetoo) is a reminder of the great circle of waters that the Pawnee lived near. They always built their villages near rivers and tributaries. Water was essential to the people’s survival. So the drinks used today in meals are a remembrance of the blessings of land and provisions. They are usually the last item brought in. They go at the very west end.

Other items can be added to these three staples. Boiled potatoes (its), blue corn mush (ut), steam fry and other foods are often added to the meal. They are placed after the soup but before the drinks. They are usually viewed as simply added food items.

It is usually expected that someone will speak at a meal. Food is not consumed until the reason for the meal is explained. This is usually a male with some standing in the tribe who speaks. Women also usually speak through a male spokesperson. Those in attendance who also have standing (e.g. chiefs, councilpersons, elders, etc.) are acknowledged when one begins to speak. By acknowledging them, the speaker is in essence seeing them as overseers of the proceedings. Sometimes, representatives of the four Pawnee bands will be seated to the west. These men oversee the meal and maintain proper decorum.

After the speaker states the reason for the meal, other thoughts and feelings may be expressed. Others may be given an opportunity to speak. But usually, one speaker is used.

Then a prayer is offered for the meal. Prayer should always be voiced anytime any activity, gathering or event takes place. God was the center of Pawnee life. All activities and ceremonies were based on God’s blessings. A meal is an extension of that belief.

The one who voices the prayer is then asked to lead the people through the food line. Then elders and other specific groups are next. After all have been served, then the ones who provided the meal are free to go through the line. The providers never eat first. But a true traditional meal is where the food is given out by male servers. The servers leave their plates where they were sitting. This is done because they see themselves as servants to the people. They are to serve, not be served. Then the food is taken out. Bread first, then the meat then the soup and so forth. If there are chiefs present, they are served first.

After the meal is eaten, any leftovers are offered to be taken. A meal that can be eaten later is a meal that was truly a blessing. If the meal was served, then the servers will keep taking the food out until it is all gone. It is not appropriate to refuse the food when it is brought around. After it is all gone then the pots and such are usually put away. If it’s on tables, then people will come and gather what they want to take and then it is cleaned and removed.

At this time, people usually are given an opportunity to speak. The initial spokesman is still the one in charge. Women can speak through someone, or if the meal is a less formal one, they can speak outright. After all that want to speak have spoken, then the people are dismissed. It is not appropriate to leave the meal before a dismissal is given.

These are the basic thoughts and patterns behind a Pawnee meal/feast. There are variations in different families, bands, etc., but the basic plan is followed throughout the tribe. By keeping these “ways” alive, a meal goes beyond just simply receiving nourishment. They again are often events in and of themselves.

“Sooksta pawats!” Everyone Eat! General food terms
“Tu tahadee” Tastes good
“Tu kaku ka hada wi dee” Smells good
“Keskoo’oo” Give me…..
“Ka eet” salt
“Kits ka pit” pepper
“Kidikay das itska?” What do you want?
“Istoo ka das itska?” Do you want more…..
“We tut ka wakit” I’m full

All food terms written phonetically---
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On New Year’s Eve StoneWolf is the place to be! With a $2011 hot seat drawing at 1:00am and from 5:00pm to 12:30 a.m., you can win $100 in Four Star Rewards play. Lone Chimney Band will provide entertainment during the festivities.

Don’t forget StoneWolf Grill for lunch! Blue Plate specials are offered Monday through Friday for $5.99 with your drink included. Find the weekly menu on the StoneWolf Casino Facebook page.

With more and more benefits, make sure you’re signed up for Four Star Rewards! In 2011, look for the return of weekly Ladies Night, Men’s Night and Seniors Morning promotions. Friday Night Frenzy will be back plus many new and exciting monthly promotions!

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4TH QUARTER 2010 RESOLUTIONS

#10-35 – A resolution for Enrollment – 23 applicants - Approved October 13, 2010 by a vote of seven for, none against and 1 not voting – (President Howell).

#10-36 – Resolution for Enrollment Department to Document 19 deceased members – Approved October 13, 2010, by a vote of seven for, none against, and 1 not voting (President Howell).

#10-37 – Resolution for Enrollment Department – Conditional Relinquishment – APPROVED October 13, 2010 by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell).

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#10-40 – Resolution for Enrollment Department – Conditional Relinquishment – APPROVED October 13, 2010 by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell).

#10-41 – Resolution for Enrollment Department – Conditional Relinquishment – APPROVED October 13, 2010 by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell).

#10-42 – Resolution for Enrollment Department – Absolute Relinquishment – APPROVED October 13, 2010 by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell).

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#10-44 – Resolution for Enrollment Department – Absolute Relinquishment – APPROVED October 13, 2010 by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell).

#10-45 – Resolution for Enrollment Department – Absolute Relinquishment – APPROVED October 13, 2010 by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell).

#10-46 – Resolution for Enrollment Department – Change in Blood Quantum – APPROVED October 13, 2010 by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell).

#10-47, 10-48, 10-49, 10-50, 10-51 – Resolutions for Tribal Development Corporation Board Members – TABLED October 13, 2010 by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell).

#10-48 – Resolution for Pawnee Nation Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month – APPROVED October 13, 2010 by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell).

#10-49 – Resolution for Pawnee Nation Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month – APPROVED October 13, 2010 by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell).

#10-50 – Resolution for Pawnee Nation Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month – APPROVED October 13, 2010 by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell).

#10-51 – Resolution for Pawnee Nation Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month – APPROVED October 13, 2010 by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell).

#10-52 – Resolution for Appointment to Housing Commission – TABLED October 13, 2010 by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell).

#10-53 and #10-54 – Resolution for Appointments to Housing Commission – APPROVED October 13, 2010 by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell).

#10-55 – Resolution for Appointment to TERO Commission – TABLED October 13, 2010 by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell).

#10-56 – Resolution to submit the 2010 ICDBG – Code of Conduct – APPROVED October 22, 2010 by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell).

#10-57 – Resolution to submit the 2010 ICDBG – Operations & Maintenance – APPROVED October 22, 2010 by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell).

#10-58 – Resolution to submit the 2010 ICDBG – Leveraging – APPROVED October 22, 2010 by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell).

#10-59 – Resolution to approve Agricultural Land Management Resource Manual – APPROVED October 22, 2010 by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell).

#10-60 – Resolution to submit the 477 Grant Renewal – APPROVED October 22, 2010 by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell).

#10-61 – Resolution to submit the Special Diabetes Program – APPROVED October 22, 2010 by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell).

#10-62 – Resolution to renew NCAI Membership, designate alternates and Submit dues – APPROVED October 22, 2010 by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell).

#10-63 – Resolution to submit the Title VI, Part A and C grant renewal – APPROVED November 22, 2010 by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 1 not voting (President Howell).
**October 13, 2010 – PBC Meeting**

The September 22, 2010 PBC meeting minutes were approved. Council members and the Executive Director provided reports on their activities since the previous PBC meeting.

**Under Old Business:**

2. Appointments to HR Committee – Linda Jestes selected as Chairman and Tiffany Frietze selected as a member.

**Under New Business:**

1. Resolution #10-52 to Proclaim October Pawnee Nation Domestic Violence Awareness Month - Approved.
2. Resolution #10-59 – a Resolution to approve the Agriculture Management Resource Manual that DNRS staff worked with the BIA to complete.
3. Resolution #10-16 – A resolution to approve submitting the 477 (Education and Training) grant renewal was approved.

**After Executive Session:**

1. Resolutions 10-47, 10-48, 10-49, 10-50 and 10-51 for Seats 1 – 5 for the Tribal Development Corporation Board of Directors were TABLED.
2. Resolution #10-53 and 10-54 for Seat # 1 and Seat # 4 of the Pawnee Nation Housing Authority Board of Commissioners were both TABLED.
3. Resolution #10-55 – for a TERO Commissioner was TABLED.

**October 22, 2010 PBC Meeting:**

The minutes of the October 13, 2010 PBC meeting were approved. Council members and the Executive Director provided reports on their activities since the previous PBC meeting.

**There was no Old Business:**

**Under New Business:**

1. Three Resolutions to submit the 2010 ICDBG proposal for a Law Enforcement/Justice Center construction project were APPROVED. Resolution #10-56 was for the Code of Conduct requirement, #10-57 was for the Operations and Maintenance portion, and #10-58 was to designate the Leveraging for the project.
2. Resolution #10-61 was to submit the grant renewal for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians – APPROVED.
3. Resolution #10-62 – NCAI membership dues and delegates. APPROVED.

**Under Executive Session:**

1. Review/Action on Resolution 01-61 that prohibits Pawnee Business Council members from being on the Housing Commission – TABLED.
2. Resolutions #10-53 and 10-54 for the Appointment of Housing Commissioners was also TABLED.

**November 6, 2010 Quarterly Meeting**

All Programs provided written reports and Directors were present for questions.

There was no other business conducted.

**November 10, 2010 PBC Meeting:**

No minutes were available for review at this time.

All Council members and the Executive Director provided a report on their activities since the previous meeting.

Roger Foster, GM of the Tribal Development Corporation provided a report to Council to update them on projects, financing, etc.

**There was no Old Business:**

**Under New Business:**

1. A request for selection and approval of bids to repair the AC Units at the Wellness Center due to hail damage was approved. Tom Walls A/C company was selected.
2. A request to support and conduct a Tribal Survey for updated grant submission information was approved.
3. An informational presentation was made about building a Pawnee Mud Lodge. No action was requested or taken at this time.
4. Possible Resolutions for Land into Trust. The Pawnee Nation had previously submitted resolutions for land into trust regarding the property known as the “Day Property” and the “Cultural Learning Center”. Council approved for staff to work with the BIA to revise resolutions #08-61 and 08-62 to include proper and complete language to begin the process of putting these two properties owned by the Pawnee Nation into trust.

**After Executive Session:**

1. Review/Action on Resolutions 01-61 that prohibits Pawnee Business Council members from being on the Housing Commission was TABLED.
2. Resolution 10-53 for Appointment to the Housing Commission was TABLED.
3. Resolution 10-54 for Appointment to the Housing Commission was TABLED.
4. Suitability Determination for Gaming Commissioner Carmen Verser – APPROVED.

**November 22, 2010 PBC Meeting**

This meeting was called for one item only. There were no minutes approved and no Committee or staff reports.

**Under New Business:**

1. Resolution # 10-63 – Submission of the Title VI, Part A and C grant renewal. APPROVED.
February IS SAFE
TOYS AND GIFTS MONTH

Since December is such a popular month for gift-buying, it only makes sense that it has been named the official Safe Toys and Gifts Month. With Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa all jammed into this month, consumers will spend millions upon millions of dollars for their loved ones. Often times, people get so caught up in gift buying that they don’t stop to consider if the gifts they’re purchasing are safe for children.

To ensure that the gifts you purchase are safe for children, the National Safe Kids Campaign has released the following guidelines:

- When selecting toys, consider the child’s age, interests and skill level. Look for quality design and construction, and follow age and safety recommendations on labels.
- Consider purchasing a small parts tester to determine whether small toys may present a choking hazard to children under age 3. Small parts testers can be purchased at toy or baby specialty stores.
- Toys are frequently recalled for safety reasons. Check the National Safe Kids Campaign website www.safekids.org for updates and information on recent toy recalls.
- Use mylar balloons instead of latex to eliminate the risk of choking or latex allergy reaction.
- Avoid toys with sharp points or edges, toys that produce loud noises, and projectiles (such as darts).
- Avoid toys with strings, straps or cords longer than 7 inches that may pose a risk for strangulation for young children.
- Avoid electrical toys with heating elements for children under age 8.
- Avoid cap guns that use caps that can be ignited by the slightest friction and can cause serious burns.

With the right preparation, you can ensure your children enjoy a safe and enjoyable Christmas. For more information on keeping children safe all year, go to www.safekids.org. The Pawnee Nation REACH U.S. program (Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health) is committed to the health and wellness of our community. To contact Christi or Debbie, call (918) 762-3873, ext. 5.

NEW YEAR... NEW ME!!!

It’s a New Year and it’s a new you, and what better way to start off the year than with a New Year’s Resolution. If you haven’t already thought about a new year’s resolution, don’t worry because it’s never too late to start. Keep in mind when planning your resolutions to keep them realistic and specific. For people with Diabetes, a new year’s resolution could be just what you need to get motivated to become a healthier you.

People diagnosed with diabetes may become overwhelmed with all the new changes they need to make in order to maintain their blood glucose levels; but when thinking about the changes in terms of realistic and specific resolutions they can become more manageable. Don’t let diabetes keep you from celebrating the New Year. When making your New Year’s Resolution list consider these ideas:

- “I will lower my A1c by 1 point by March 15.”
- “I will test my blood sugar 3 times a day.”
- “I will make it to every scheduled diabetic appointment.”
- “I will walk 1 mile 3 times a week.”

As a diabetic, specific resolutions can lead to changes you will stick to. It is important for diabetics to make healthier changes in their lifestyle in order to maintain good health. Talk to your doctor about changes you can make this year to move toward a healthier you.

WORLD AIDS DAY

World AIDS Day, observed December 1 each year, is dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection. The World Health Organization established World AIDS Day in 1988. World AIDS Day provides governments, national AIDS programs, faith organizations, community organizations, and individuals with an opportunity to raise awareness and focus attention on the global AIDS epidemic. Because the Red Ribbon is the international symbol of HIV/AIDS awareness, the Pawnee Nation and Pawnee Indian Health Service are encouraging all community members to wear a red ribbon or the color red on December 1, 2010. In addition, encourage others to take action to tackle HIV prejudice and to protect themselves and others from HIV transmission. The Public Health Nurses at the Pawnee Indian Health Center conduct HIV testing in the Community Health Department at the clinic. Testing is open to all individuals. Know your status….Get tested!

In an effort to Educate, Motivate, and Mobilize our community, below are a few Q&As regarding HIV and AIDS.

What is HIV? HIV stands for human immunodeficiency virus. This is the virus that causes AIDS. HIV is different from most other viruses because it attacks the immune system. The immune system gives our bodies the ability to fight infections. HIV finds and destroys a type of white blood cell (T cells or CD4 cells) that the immune system must have to fight disease.

What is AIDS? AIDS stands for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome. AIDS is the final stage of HIV infection. It can take years for a person infected with HIV, even without treatment, to reach this stage. Having AIDS means that the virus has weakened the immune system to the point at which the body has a difficult time fighting infections. When someone has one or more of these infections and a low number of T cells, he or she has AIDS.

How is HIV transmitted? The most common ways that HIV is transmitted from one person to another are: having sexual intercourse with an HIV-infected person; sharing needles with an HIV-infected individual; or from HIV-infected women to their babies before or during birth, or through breast feeding.

How does HIV cause AIDS? HIV destroys a certain kind of blood cell (CD4+ T cells) which is crucial to the normal function of the human immune system. Studies of thousands of people have revealed that most people infected with HIV carry the virus for years before enough damage is done to the immune system for AIDS to develop. Reducing the amount of virus in the body with anti-retroviral therapies can dramatically slow the destruction of a person’s immune system.

How do I know if I have HIV? The only way to know if you are infected is to be tested for HIV infection. You cannot rely on symptoms to know whether or not you are infected. Many people who are infected with HIV do not have any symptoms at all for 10 years or more.

What could I do to prevent the spread of HIV? The following are ways you can take action in response to HIV/AIDS: (1) Get tested, (2) Practice safer methods to prevent HIV, and (3) Decide not to engage in high risk behaviors.

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The Pawnee Nation Substance Abuse Program (SAP) celebrated Red Ribbon Week October 25-29. Red Ribbon Week focuses on educating students about healthy choices, especially the choice to avoid drugs and is held every year nationally at the end of October. Radio ads on channel 101.1 KVRO began airing at the end of September to stress the importance of Pawnee Nation’s stance on anti-drug abuse. The ads aired for two weeks and were considered a success. Along with the ads, banners were hung around the Pawnee Nation reserve to display the tribe’s support of a drug and alcohol free lifestyle.

On October 28th, SAP hosted their annual Red Ribbon walk with the Pawnee Elementary School students. The walk began on the west side of the school building at 2pm and continued on the same path as the football homecoming parade route. Along the way the students chanted, “Say no to drugs!” and cheered with participating Pawnee Nation Employees. Counselor Alison Black and Diabetes Coordinator Crystal Underwood led the way holding the banner reading “Be All You Can Be: Be Drug Free!” and even made the front page of the Pawnee Chief. Afterwards the students were given drug free memorabilia provided by SAP to signify their participation.

Next the program traveled to their bi-annual Oklahoma Drug and Alcohol Professional Counselor Association (ODAPCA) conference in Norman. The conference is a mandatory meeting important in supplying the program with the right tools to battle substance abuse and featured exceptional speakers beneficial to this plight. This year’s keynote speaker was Terence T. Gorski. Gorski is an internationally recognized expert on substance abuse, mental health, violence, & crime. He is best known for his contributions to relapse prevention, managing chemically dependent offenders, and developing community-based teams for managing the problems of alcohol, drugs, violence, and crime. SAP looks forward to implementing their gained knowledge into their program activities and therapy.

SAP has also been collaborating with the Healthy Nations Program by joining their Wellness and Health Promotion Program (WHPP) advisory board. In September they participated in the board’s first walk and observed National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month and National Suicide Prevention Week (September 5-11) with informational booths. For October’s WHPP event held October 27th SAP was able to share with the Pawnee Nation employees a documentary titled, “Methamphetamines: A Killer in Our Midst”. Counselor Alison Black introduced the moving documentary and proclaimed it to “be one of the best public service announcements concerning Native Americans and Methamphetamine use.” The event also featured SAP’s informational booth about Red Ribbon Week and over thirty spectators were able to receive free goodies provided by not only SAP but the WHPP advisory board programs.

Upcoming events for SAP include Thanksgiving party for clientele and group participants. SAP will also continue their participation of the WHPP advisory board and will highlight November’s observance of National Survivors of Suicide Day during their monthly event. In the New Year SAP will also enter a team into the WHPP walk to Nebraska (Tawi Tiwadi). SAP remains dedicated not only to its clientele but to the community!
PVT. HOWELL COMPLETES BASIC TRAINING

Army Pvt. Julian Z. Howell has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of Charisma and Gene Howell of Pawnee, Okla. Howell graduated in 2010 from Pawnee High School.

WELCOME BABY ATHENA MARIE PRIMEAUX

Athena Marie Primeaux was born October 7th, 2010 to Marie MorningStar Eppler and Tony Primeaux. Athena weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz. and was 22 1/2 in. long. She was welcomed home by big sister Orion Rae who loves to spend as much time with her and helps mom take care of baby.

Thank you to everyone who came and celebrated with our mom Elizabeth at her Birthday Handgame. She had a very enjoyable time with friends and family.

A very special thank you to our family and friends for contributing in so many ways.

God Bless you. Mary Faye, Cheynowa, Justin & Heston and Ella Mae, Quannah, & Nipawset

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ORION RAE PRIMEAUX

On November 22nd, Orion Rae Primeaux celebrated her 2nd birthday here in Pawnee. Her party theme was Dora the Explorer and she had a great time opening gifts and eating lots of cake and ice cream. People who celebrated with OriCakes on her big day was new baby sister Athena Marie, cousins Masen and Kenna, Uncles Shane and Kyle, Aunts Tommie and Lori, Uppit Bob and Ucca Gerri, Papa Mike and Grandma Rose, GiGi, and Mom and Dad.

Jonathan Soxie competed at the Tulsa Livestock Fair in October 2010. He took 3rd in Senior Showmanship, 1st in his Class and was awarded Division Champion. Tulsa Livestock Fair had 4 Divisions and Jonathan placed within the top 4 goats out of 400 goats. Jonathan competed in the ABGA National Show in Louisville, Kentucky in June. He helped show the “Best Pair of Yearly Bucks” in the Junior Show and were also named National Champions. Competing both locally and out of state, he is a member of Pawnee FFA and American Boer Goat Association (ABGA) and Oklahoma Boer Goat Association (OBGA).

Jonathan has been showing goats for the last 3 years. Jonathan’s younger brother, Corbin, also competed in Tulsa Livestock Fair and placed 14th in his class of 43 goats. Corbin is a member of Pawnee 4H and in his first year of showing goats. He has two goats that he will be showing in upcoming Spring Shows. Jonathan currently has 24 goats and has recently started a breeding program within his herd.

Jonathan and Corbin Soxie are the sons of Francis and Rebecca Soxie. Their grandmothers are Phyllis Soxie of Pawnee and Reda Pawnee of El Reno, OK.

CONGRATULATIONS PROFESSOR GRAY

Congratulations to Andrew Gray, Pawnee Nation College Professor, who recently received an award at the American Indian/Studies Conference on Contemporary and future issues at Roger State University in Claremore, Okla. He won the award at the graduate level on Osage Treaty of 1824. He gave a fifteen-minute presentation on specific American Indian ways of life, history, tribal affairs, or contemporary issues, that teach about Native people from tribal perspectives, and serve as paradigms for future studies.

QUANNAH AND NIPAWSET WANT TO WISH THEIR UNCLE STEPHEN JAKE (DEC. 14TH) AND DAD JAMIE MORRISON (DEC 25TH) A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!
NEWS FROM THE PA<EE PAKOO<OO PROGRAM

By Marilyn Feathers, Child Care Programs Coordinator

The Pa<ee Pakoo<oo Program is a grant from the Office of Indian Education. The goal of the program is to prepare Native American children for kindergarten through the use of Pawnee Language and culture. This is the third year for the program.

The Pa<ee Pakoo<oo Program held a traditional meal on November 23 at the Pawnee Nation Community Building. We invited parents, Pawnee Nation Business Council and all employees of the Pawnee Nation to join us in giving thanks for the Pa<ee Pakoo<oo Program, with a great turn out for the traditional meal. We were pleased to have in attendance George Howell, President; Roy Taylor, Treasure; Dawna Hare, Executive Director; Dr. Laura Hubbs-Tait, External Evaluator for the Pa<ee Pakoo<oo Program; and Warren Pratt, Consultant for Pa<ee Pakoo<oo.

The meal was prepared by Warren Pratt Jr., Tony Pratt-Miller, Caleb Tiger, Christa Pratt, Marilyn Feathers, and Dawna Hare. Most of the food was prepared and cooked at the Community Building using the outdoor cooking area. The meal was made up of frybread, corn soup, meat, potatoes, fruit, and tea.

Warren Pratt gave a welcome and an explanation of <a ka <a koo }oo (Big Meal/Thanksgiving) He also prepared a packet of information for the children and their families about the importance of a meal to Pawnees.

The children attending the Pa<ee Pakoo<oo Program performed for the audience. The Three year olds recited I am Thankful, the 4 year old performed 5 Little Turkeys incorporating Sign Language and all children sang This is How We . . .

A <ee wat (brush/clean teeth). The children did an awesome job performing and worked up a good appetite for the delicious meal.

Roy Taylor said the Blessing and led the line through the delicious food that was arranged according to the importance of the food item.

The children received a very important lesson on food, feeding, language, culture, history and prayer by participating in this traditional meal. They will remember this lesson!

TRIBAL MEMBERS COMPLETE EXTENSIVE FIRE TRAINING

By Monty Matlock, Director and Chief Ranger

Pawnee Nation Tribal Members, (and brothers) Frank James and Jon James, completed Pawnee Nation Fire Fighter One training, including the live burn and practicum at Oklahoma State University Fire Service Training Center in November, 2010.

They are now qualified to test for the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) Fire Fighter 1 Certification. Upon completion of HAZMAT Operations Training and the IFSAC Certification they will receive their OSU-IFSAC Fire Fighter One Certifications.

Frank and Jon are both members of the Pawnee Nation Fire and Rescue Department. Instructor for the training is Gerald Woomavovah, Pawnee Nation Emergency Services Coordinator. Good Job Guys.
ESTELLENNE (BOBBIE) ETTA (MATHEWS) HEWETT

November 4th 1924 - October 18th 2010

Estellene (Bobbie) Etta (Mathews) Hewett passed away October 18th 2010.

She was the only child born to Phillip Mathews and Charlotte (Mathews) Smith on November 4th 1924, at Pawnee Oklahoma. She graduated from Merrimac High School in Pawnee County, Oklahoma in 1943.

She was married to Gene Hewett for 57 years until his death in 2001. She is preceded in death by her husband and both parents.

Four children survived her, Michael, of Great Falls Montana, Patrick of Kenai, Alaska, Jeneane DuFour of Ocean Park, Washington, and Donna Green of Estacada, Oregon. She also leaves behind 9 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild.

After high school she worked for the Army Air Corps at Tinker Field, Oklahoma where she met her future husband. Eventually moving to Portland, Oregon she went to work for the B.I.A., retiring in 1989.

Estellene had many interests but enjoyed bowling the most. She participated in the league bowling at Interstate Lanes for almost 45 years.

She was a loving mother and grandmother and will be greatly missed by her family and many friends. She was buried with her husband at Willamette National Cemetery, at Portland Oregon.

KAMAL PAULINE (SINKAR) BEASLEY

August 13, 1960 - October 29, 2010

Kamal Pauline (Sinkar) Beasley, 50, passed away unexpectedly on October 29, 2010 in Houston, TX. Compassionate by nature, she gave even in death through organ donation. Kamal was born on August 13, 1960 in Bartlesville, OK. She attended Sharpstown High School and the University of Houston. She was a dedicated and tireless accounting professional, but she found her greatest fulfillment in her family, especially her four grandchildren. Kamal enjoyed a 33 year marriage to Michael. She loved the outdoors and always enjoyed camping on the family property. She also loved taking care of her grandchildren and exploring her Indian and Native American (Pawnee Nation) ancestries until her untimely death. Kamal is preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Vishvanath and Indira Sinkar; her maternal grandparents, Robert Rice and Christine Hand Rice, and her youngest brother, Raj Sinkar. She is survived by her parents, Suresh and Rebecca Sinkar; her parents-in-law, Earl and Carole Beasley; her husband, Michael Beasley; her children, Duane Beasley and Angela Itty, and their spouses, Ivana Beasley and Thomas Itty; her grandchildren, Markus and Johanna Beasley and Anjana and Lilah Itty; her older brothers, Nathan and Aaron Sinkar; and numerous uncles, aunts, nephews and nieces. Funeral services were held 2 pm on Friday, November 5, at Klein Funeral Home, CyFair Northwest. Memorial gifts in Kamal's name can be made to the National Kidney Foundation.

ORLANDO JOSEPH MOSES

October 7th 1930 - October 9th 2010

Orlando Joseph Moses, 80, went to be with the Lord on October 9, 2010. He was born October 7, 1930 in Greyhorse, Oklahoma to James & Ruby Moses. During Orlando's youth, he was honored as a Golden Gloves Boxer and a Purple Heart Recipient for his bravery during the Korean Conflict. He provided a warm and loving home for his family by working as a computer programmer for the FAA and was an active member of the Mayridge Baptist Church. Orlando was a loving husband, devoted father, adoring grandfather, loyal friend and hard worker, who will be deeply missed. Preceded in death by his parents; loving wife of 31 years, Mickey Moses; brothers; Johny, Bo, Tommy; and son, Tony Moses. He leaves behind his daughter, Lee Ann Cantu & husband, Steve; sons: Speedy & P.J. Thomas, Ira & Shannon Thomas, Mikell & Lisa Thomas, James Mark & Lisa Moses, Dale Clark Moses, and Danny & Margarita Moses; brother, Glenn Moses; sister-in-law, Barbara Lowery; 14 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild and 2 more on the way; and special family pets, Bingo and Precious. A viewing was held on October 12, 2010 at Vondel Smith Mortuary and services were held on Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at Mayridge Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, OK.

IDA (PETERS) SUMPTER

November 28, 1934 - November 27th 2010

Ida C. Peters Sumpter passed away on November 27, 2010, after battling a lengthy illness due to complications from Diabetes.

She was born on November 28, 1934 in Albuquerque, NM to Bert “Chief White Eagle” and Genevieve Peters. She has one brother, Bob and one sister, Marilyn. She was always proud to be a full-blooded Pawnee Indian. On February 8, 1957 she eloped to Tacoma with the love of her life, Gibson “Scotty” Sumpter. Ida liked to watch TV and play Bingo.

She is survived by her husband of nearly 54 years, Scotty Sumpter of Bremerton, Washington; son, Gib Sumpter Jr, of Bremerton; daughter, Betsy (Bud) Mattern of Canton, Ohio; daughter, Marsha (Terry ) Riders of Port Orchard; daughters, Anita Sumpter & Stacey Sumpter, both of Bremerton. She has seven grandsons, Derrick Mattern, Jeff (Stephanie) Sumpter, Ryne Riders, Taylor Sumpter, Nick Riders, Tim Riders, & Wilson Sumpter. Jeff and wife Stephanie also blessed her with two Great Grandchildren, Helene & Radly. She will fondly be remembered by her nieces & nephews. Ida was preceded in death by her parents, brother Bob Peters & son, Bert Sumpter.

The family wishes to thank the Sub-Acute staff at Bremerton Health & Rehab Center for their compassionate and tender care of our loved one. At her request, no services were held.

Obituaries
THE PAWNEE ANNUITY

By Carrie Peters, Enrollment Manager

It is time for the Pawnee Annuity to be dispersed for this fiscal year. I still get asked by some of our Pawnee people why we receive this check each year. Even though the check we receive is small I believe it is an important part of our Pawnee history. So again I would like to take this time to explain a little about the history of our annuity payment. The annuity payments we receive come from the “Treaty with the Pawnee, 1857” or also know as the “Table Creek Treaty” made on September 24, 1857. The treaty begins:

“Articles of agreement and convention made this twenty-fourth day of September, A.D. 1857, at Table Creek, Nebraska Territory, between James W. Denver, commissioner on behalf of the United States, and the chiefs and head-men of the four confederate bands of Pawnee Indians, viz: Grand Pawnees, Pawnee Loups, Pawnee Republicans, and Pawnee Tappahs, and generally known as the Pawnee Tribe”.

There are twelve articles in this treaty and in Article 2, it states:

“In consideration of the foregoing cession, the United States agree to pay to the Pawnees the sum of forty thousand dollars per annum, for five years, commencing on the first day January, A.D. eighteen hundred and fifty-eight; and, after the end of five years, thirty thousand dollars per annum, as a perpetual annuity; at least one-half of which annual payments shall be made in goods, and such articles as may be deemed necessary for them.”

This is why our check each year is not a whole lot because the amount of our annuity is from a treaty that gives enrolled members of the Pawnee Nation $30,000 which is equally divided among tribal members for ceding our lands in what is now Nebraska. So as enrollment goes up our annuity payment for each enrolled member is less. This treaty also gave us the Pawnee boarding school to establish a manual labor school plus it gave other provisions in other articles of this treaty. So our annuity does not come from any gaming or from the casinos but from an agreement of a treaty that was established in 1857.

If you know of any enrolled tribal member that did not receive their annuity please have them contact our office at 918-762-3624 or by email cpeters@pawneenation.org. Remember if they are of legal age 18 we can only communicate with them personally regarding their information due to confidentiality.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION NEWS

By Florissa Kanuho, Coordinator

The Food Distribution Program has been busy getting settled into the new Food Distribution Center. The program is really proud of our new facility and our participants seem to be really pleased with it. Our participants are now able to order and receive their food in one location, before they would order their food and then have to go back outside and drive to the warehouse to pick up their food.

The program received our annual holiday hams in November. The hams are fully cooked, cured, and boneless. They are 97% fat free and packed in 3 pound packages, which are about 10 servings (3 ounces each). We received about 2 months worth of hams, so they will also be available in December.

The program has also added two new items to the program. They are canned Pinto and Black Beans. They are low-sodium and come in 15.5 ounce cans. The canned beans are a good, low-fat source of protein and fiber.

If you would like more information regarding the program, you can come by the Food Distribution Center, located at the Roam Chief Building or call the program at (918) 762-2541.

The objectives and work plan must align with development of idea. The approach section describes in detail the strategies the Pawnee Nation will be using. The work plan sequences the activities and provide timelines but must correspond to the approach section. Planning and community involvement are key components to development and receiving funding approval. Mr. Parisian stated ownership equals collaboration and to try to use 3-4 methods to involve the community. If 3-5 people show up for a meeting then use them and document their participation. A needs assessment could be as simple as one page.

Deliverables for languages to be considered by ANA are: Language curriculums completed, iPods, CD’s, with language to sustain efforts, the number of master language teachers, number of language classes, and number of students. The ANA grant announcements are not required by law to be distributed until 30 days before closing. Typically, the closing will be early March. If you have an interest in becoming a student or being involved with the planning and development of the Pawnee Nation Language Project, please call me at 918-762-3621 x11 or email me at tmoore@pawneenation.org.
November is Native American Heritage Month. In recognition of and to honor Native American Heritage, the Pawnee Arts Center held a November 2010 Speaker Series.

On Sunday, November 14, 2010, we were privileged to hear Dr. James Riding In. A member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and presently a Professor of American Indian Studies at Arizona State University, Dr. Riding In is a nationally acclaimed author, educator, and speaker. He discussed Repatriation, what it means, is it working, and what needs to happen next. He spoke to an appreciative audience, and was available for questions and comments during the reception that followed.

On Sunday, November 21, 2010, we were pleased to present Roger Welsch, noted folklorist, author, and speaker. His topic was "Arthur Houghton, Vincent van Gogh, and... the Pawnee!" Englishman Arthur Boyd Houghton traveled in Nebraska during the 1870s, assembling a singular visual record of Pawnee culture near Genoa during his stay in that vicinity. His illustrations were printed in the British newspaper The Graphic, a publication noted for its quality wood engravings of American western scenes. Visitors to the Center will recall the Houghton depictions of early Pawnee life that we have hanging in the Center both for viewing and for purchase.

Each program started at 3 p.m. and was presented in the meeting Room of the Fire Hall located at 114 East Oak Street. Admission was free will donation. Parking was free and plentiful. The programs were followed by a Speaker’s Reception in the Arts Center.

The Pawnee Arts Center is located on 106 South Mill Street in Dannebrog. We feature authentic native and native themed art for all pocketbooks. We also have a Heritage Center with educational and cultural items donated by generous supporters.

FALL AND WINTER HOURS: 4 pm to 8 pm on Thursdays, weather permitting, and by appointment.

See our Facebook page. Our website www.thepawneeartscenter.org is under construction. Watch for it! Our phone number is 308-226-8286.
The key to being successful in almost any agriculture operation is being able to diversify when necessary. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry has been helping producers to diversify their operations for more than a decade. Secretary of Agriculture, Terry Peach states that, “The AEDP loan and grant program has done some great things throughout the state. I encourage producers to think outside the box and take advantage of this program to diversify their operation.”

The Oklahoma Agriculture Enhancement and Diversification Program (AEDP) provides funds in the form of 0% interest loans or grants to producers to create rural economic development statewide. The AEDP Advisory Board meets quarterly to review and approve applications.

The Advisory Board recently held its quarterly meeting and approved several new projects. Some of these projects include utilizing Mason Bees for pollination of blueberries, establishing a Grade A goat dairy and processing facility and funding for the expansion of a fish hatchery to produce triploid grass carp.

Wes Harden, owner and operator of Sulphur Fish Hatchery has been in the aquaculture business for 22 years and is looking to diversify due to new regulations from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife and Conservation (ODWC). As of January 1, 2010 diploid grass carp, which Harden formerly sold, are illegal to sell in the state of Oklahoma. So Mr. Harden is modifying his operation and product to produce a triploid grass carp in order to meet the needs of his customers in Colorado, Texas and Kansas. Triploid grass carp are sterile and unable to reproduce whereas diploid grass carp are able to produce viable eggs. Harden hopes that the AEDP funds will allow him to diversify his operation and continue to meet the growing demand for his fish throughout Oklahoma and surrounding states.

The next deadline to apply for an AEDP grant is Monday, January 3, 2011. An applicant must provide 15 copies of their application to the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to be eligible for the quarterly review. For more detailed information regarding the application process please contact Jason Harvey at (405) 522-5563 or visit the AEDP link at http://www.oda.state.ok.us/mktdev-loans.htm.

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