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2020 ELECTIONS

POSITIONS FOR PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL

- ★ President
- ★ Vice President
- ★ Treasurer
- ★ Council Seat #1



May 29 - Deadline for Absentee Ballots
 June 4 - Candidate Forum 2 pm
 June 20 - Election Day !GO VOTE!
 June 21 - Election Results
 June 22-24 Protest Deadline
 July 2 - Issue Certification of Election
 July 6 - Inauguration



2020 Special Election of the Pawnee Business Council Official Candidate List

On May 14, 2020 the Pawnee Nation Election Commission met to review all candidate applications and background checks. There were zero (0) challenges filed. The following candidates have been deemed eligible and will be placed on the official 2020 Special Election of the Pawnee Business Council ballot for voting on June 20, 2020 at the Pawnee Nation Multi-Purpose Building.

President

Walter R. Echo-Hawk

Vice-President

W. Bruce Pratt
 James E. Whiteshirt
 Jordan Kanuho

Treasurer

Tonette Ponkilla
 Ralph Nordwall
 Carol Chapman

Member Seat #1

Pamela J. Cook
 Cynthia Butler

Election Day is on June 20, 2020

Pawnee Nation Multi-Purpose Building

808 Morris Rd-Pawnee, Oklahoma 74058

For any questions please contact the Pawnee Nation Election Commission at 918/691-9675 or electioncomm@pawneenation.org

Or you may visit www.pawneenation.org

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Nawa Aki'ra'ru,

On March 14, 2020, and April 11, 2020, Re-call elections were held, resulting in the removal of Councilman Daryl Wildcat, Vice-President; Councilwoman M. Angela Thompson, Treasurer; Councilman James Whiteshirt, President; , and Councilwoman Sammye Kemble, Council seat 1, respectively.

On June 20, 2020, the Pawnee Nation will hold a Special Election in accordance to Pawnee Nation Constitution to fill the following positions, respectively: President, Vice-President, Council seat 1, and Treasurer.



The current list of candidates include:

President—Walter R. Echo-Hawk

Vice President—W. Bruce Pratt, James E. Whiteshirt, Jordan D. Kahuno

Council seat 1—Cynthia Butler, Pamela J. Cook

Treasurer—Tonette Ponkilla, Ralph Nordwall, Carol Chapman

All requests for absentee ballots must be received from Pawnee Nation citizens to the Pawnee Nation election commission no later than 12:00 P.M., May 29, 2020.

These requests can be made and submitted by FAX; (918) 762-6446, standard mail, and email.

Voting polls will be open from 8:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. CST on June 20, 2020.

Any questions or concerns may be addressed to the election commission via email at **electioncomm@pawneenation.org**, or via phone at (918) 285-6769.

Thank you,

Pawnee Nation Election Commission

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Message from Pawnee Nation Interim President



CHARLES LONE CHIEF
INTERIM PRESIDENT

Nawa Akitaaru,

The Coronavirus pandemic has been a very stressful time for everyone.

Hopefully, the situation will

return to an acceptable level soon. We can be thankful that no deaths in our tribe have been attributed to the COVID-19 virus. We must continue to reach out in prayer to the Heavenly Father for provision and protection.

There have been other deaths due to causes other than those caused by the Coronavirus. The Pawnee Business Council members express their deepest sympathy to the families and friends who have lost their loved ones.

Much forethought and discussion went into the planning on how to deal with the pandemic. The Tribal Emergency Response Committee (TERC) held several meetings by video/audio teleconferencing to develop a comprehensive, strategic plan to deal with the crisis.

Buildings are to be sanitized before re-opening. The necessary Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) was ordered to get ready for re-opening. The PPE list included infra-red thermometers, masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, and any required materials. Social distancing would be in effect.

The re-opening of the Pawnee Nation buildings and the return of employees was set for May 26th.

The employees will be tested for the virus before returning to their workstations. All individuals, clients, and employees will be required to have their temperature taken before being allowed entry. The plan was to entail the wearing of masks while at work and to utilize hand sanitizer, sanitary wipes, or wash hands with soap and water as needed. Center for Disease Control (CDC) directives will be closely monitored and followed by the TERC

Committee. The isolation recommendation was made for those individuals with compromised immune systems or other health issues, and those of age 65 or older to remain isolated at home. The decision was made to disallow in-state and out of state travel for any governmental functions, including Council members and other officials until further notice.

All of these plans are for tribal members' safety and the safety of our employees.

The StoneWolf Casino re-opened on May 15th. Before re-opening, the Casino was professionally sanitized by Jani King Company. StoneWolf Casino security officers now screen patrons at the main entrance of the Casino. A form is filled out containing the following information: personal identification card, a checklist of questions pertaining to the Coronavirus, and their temperature taken by an infra-red thermometer. Following those steps, a band was placed on their wrist, showing they had gone through the requirements for admission. No smoking inside the Casino is permitted. Social distancing was in effect. Casino employees were also required to wear masks and utilize hand sanitation.

On May 14th, the Johnson O'Malley Parent Committee sponsored a 2020 Gift Presentation recognizing and honoring several Native American seniors who were scheduled to graduate this year. Vice-Chairwoman Cynthia Butler presented each one with a laptop. Herb Adson, Director of the Cultural Division, presented each one with an eagle feather to be worn on their graduation cap. Muriel Robedaux, Pawnee Nation Executive Director, was the guest speaker and gave an inspiring address. Banners with photos of each graduate in their cap and gown, along with their names, were displayed on the light poles along Catlett Road and first street. These will remain on view until the end of May, then will be mailed to the graduates. Closing remarks were made by Jamie Nelson, Acting Education Director. The graduates are to be congratulated

for their achievements.

It is very sad and disheartening to learn the Pawnee Indian Veteran staff has cancelled both the Memorial Day dance and the Annual Homecoming Pow Wow. In addition, the Pawnee leaders conferred with the Wichita leaders, and the decision was made to cancel the Pawnee-Wichita visitation. These cultural events will be missed very much.

By now, you have probably learned the tribe was awarded \$8,261,242.92 by the COVID Relief Fund. A plan will have to be developed on how to administer the funds. Aid to Tribal Government (ATTG) received funding amounting to \$1,250,000 from the CARES Act.

I want to express my sincere thanks to the PBC members, our division directors, and our employees of the Pawnee Nation. All of you have contributed to keeping the Nation functioning and operating successfully.

Don't forget election day, June 20th. Be sure to exercise your right to vote. Continue to pray for protection and provision for all our tribal members and non-tribal employees. Also, pray that a cure for COVID-19 is found.

May Atias Tirawahut bless everyone.

Respectfully,

Charles Lone Chief

Interim President



Message from Pawnee Nation Executive Director



MURIEL ROBEDEAUX
PAWNEE NATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings

The Pawnee Nation has been extremely busy with several things happening since the last newsletter in December of 2019. The year began with the submission of a Recall Petition, which resulted in a Recall Election in March. Then a second Recall Petition was submitted which resulted in another Recall Election in April. The results of these recall elections resulted in the Recall of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Seat #1 Councilmember. A special election has been called for June 20, 2020, to fill the seats that were recalled this spring.

In the midst of these recall elections, the COVID-19 Pandemic made an enormous impact on the Pawnee Nation and how it does business and still provide assistance to the tribal membership. Business Travel was initially limited to in-state only, and then within a week, all travel, whether in-state or out of state, was no longer allowed. The Pawnee Nation's Emergency Operations Center was activated.

On March 24, the Pawnee Business Council approved an Emergency Declaration

"The Pawnee Business Council does hereby find and declare that conditions affecting public health, welfare, education, and employment have arisen with and throughout the jurisdiction of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic". At this time, the elders who participated in the Elderly Meals Program, began receiving their meals at home, delivered by the Title VI staff, along with other staff from various tribal programs and offices. This practice is ongoing and will continue until the pandemic condition improves enough to allow our elders to gather safely at the Elderly Meals Program.

The programs that provide direct assistance to our tribal membership began and are still utilizing an appointment system in order to continue to provide assistance to their clients. The Pawnee Nation has developed a New Normal for our day to day operations.

This continues to evolve as the Nation looks to start Phase 1 or re-opening the offices. Programs and offices are securing masks,

gloves, and sanitizing agents for use by their staff but also for all visitors in their offices. The Pawnee Nation has a Tribal Emergency Response Committee that is currently meeting weekly to review the status of the COVID-19 Pandemic for possible changes to how we provide assistance to our tribal membership based upon existing and future conditions that may affect our assistance programs.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Pawnee Nation will be going into Phase 2 of our plans to re-open the offices, and hopefully, some of our guidelines will be less restrictive. Please take care of yourself and your family during this Pandemic.

If you ever have a question or concern, then please feel free to contact me at my email address: mrobedeaux@pawneenation.org.

Respectfully,

Muriel Robedeaux

Pawnee Nation Executive Director

2020 June 20 PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL SPECIAL ELECTION

The Pawnee Nation Election Commission will be conducting a Special Election to fill the vacant positions of Pawnee Business Council.

President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Council Seat #1.

Polls open at 8 am and close at 7 pm, at the Pawnee Nation Multi-Purpose Building, 808 Morris Road, Pawnee, OK 74058.

Absentee ballot requests are now being accepted. Please provide a copy of two forms of identification with your request form or with your written request. All requests must be submitted by May 29, 2020. We encourage all who are not able to join us on election day to request an absentee ballot.

Congratulations class of 2020!

We, in the 477/Education Division, would like to give a big shout out to our graduating seniors in our Johnson O'Malley Program, this program services students in Pawnee, Cleveland, Jennings, Yale, and Glencoe.

From Pawnee High School:

Alan Tiger
August Pickering
Brett Eppler
Cierra Carney
Corbin Soxie
Jaden LeadingFox
Kobe Allenbaugh
Rebecca Wagner
Ryan Ensign
Stanton Vaughan
Xavier Horsechief
John Allen

From Cleveland High School:

Jacob Smith
Jenessa Reed

For more information on the Johnson O'Malley Program please contact Jamie Nelson, Youth Services Coordinator, at jnelson@pawneenation.org or 918-761-3621 ext. 225.

It is with great honor and privilege that the Pawnee Nation Education Division acknowledges the following Adult Education/Classroom Training and Higher Education students.

Victoria Leadingfox- Certification in Medical Coding and Billing

Ruth Foy- Certification in Medical Coding and Billing

Ian Echohawk- Certification of Class A Commercial Driver's License

Sheena Whiteplume- Certification of Class A Commercial Driver's License

Cameron Echohawk- Brigham Young University, Bachelor of Science in Strategic Management

Whitney Wheeler- Texas Tech University-Lubbock, Bachelor of Arts in Communications

Rosetta Clark- Bacone College, Bachelor of Arts in American Indian Studies

We hope, wish, and pray all the best things in life for each of you and highly encourage you to continue your growth and your education in every direction possible. We are all proud of you and Congratulations!!!!

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#19-87 – A Resolution to reaffirm the statement and resolutions contained in Pawnee Nation Resolution #19-53 and the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma state that the Class III Compact auto-renews on January 1, 2020,

and that the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Class III gaming will continue to be legal within the jurisdiction of the Pawnee Nation pursuant to the auto-renewed Compact and that gaming operations within the jurisdiction of the Pawnee Nation shall continue to operate

and remit payments as provided for in the Compact - **Approved December 19, 2019**, by a vote of four for (Thompson, Kemble, Hare, Lone Chief), none against, none abstaining and four not voting (President Whiteshirt, Wildcat, McCray, Knife Chief).

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#20-01 – A Resolution to initiate the necessary action to have the special appropriation of funds transferred from the U.S. Treasury Department to the Pawnee Nation’s Annuity Holding Account – **Approved February 1, 2020**, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-02 – A Resolution to approve the submission of the grant application for participation in Title VI Part A Nutrition Program; Title VI Part C Caregiver Support Program and Older Americans Act; and Section 311 Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) – **Approved February 1, 2020**, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-03 – A Resolution to approve the revisions and addition to Articles VII, XII, and XI of the Pawnee Nation Liquor Control Act - **Approved February 1, 2020**, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-04 – A Resolution to appoint Suzanne Kanuho to the Pawnee Nation Gaming Commission as a member whose term begins February 1, 2020, and expires February 1, 2023 - **Approved February 1, 2020**, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-05 – A Resolution to re-appoint Lyle Fields to the Pawnee Nation Gaming Commission as a member whose term begins February 1, 2020, and expires February 1, 2023 - **Approved February 1, 2020**, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-06 – A Resolution to appoint James “Grant” Hawkins to serve on the Pawnee Nation Tribal Employment Rights Commission (TERO) to begin February 1, 2020, and whose term will expire December 31, 2023 - **Approved February 1, 2020**, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).



#20-07 – A Resolution to appoint Jamie Nelson to serve on the Pawnee Nation Tribal Employment Rights Commission (TERO) to begin February 1, 2020, and whose term will expire December 31, 2023 - **Approved February 1, 2020**, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-08 – A Resolution to appoint Morgan Littlesun to serve on the Pawnee Nation Tribal Employment Rights Commission (TERO) to begin February 1, 2020, and whose term will expire December 31, 2023 - **Approved February 1, 2020**, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting

(President Whiteshirt).

#20-09 – A Resolution to appoint Suzanne Knife Chief to serve on the Pawnee Nation Liquor Control Commission beginning February 1, 2020, and whose term will expire December 31, 2023 – **Approved February 1, 2020**, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-10 – A Resolution to appoint Timothy Allen to the Pawnee Nation Election Commission as Chair effective February 1, 2020, and term ending on May 31, 2023 – **Approved February 1, 2020**, by a vote of four for (Wildcat, McCray, Kemble, Knife Chief), three against (Thompson, Hare, Lone Chief), none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-11 – A Resolution to appoint Mary Hawkins to the Pawnee Nation Election Commission as Clerk effective February 7, 2020, and term ending May 31, 2022 – **Approved February 7, 2020**, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining and two not voting (President Whiteshirt, Knife Chief).

#20-12 – A Resolution to appoint James Rice to serve on the Pawnee Nation Tax Commission effective February 1, 2020, and term to expire May 8, 2021 – **Approved February 1, 2020**, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-13 – A Resolution to approve the revisions of the Pawnee Nation’s Fiscal Policies and Procedures Manual’s “Section VI, Burial Policy” which shall replace the version dated

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August 20, 2018, and become effective on the date of approval by the Pawnee Business Council – **Approved February 1, 2020**, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-14 – A Resolution to approve the revisions of the Pawnee Nation Fiscal Policies and Procedures, “Appendix B: The Budget Process” – **Approved February 1, 2020**, by a vote of six for, one against (Kemble), none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-15 – A Resolution to approve the submission of the FY 2019/FY2020 Indian Community Development Block Grant application for the “Pawnee Nation Public Safety Center Project” to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and further approves, adopts and readopts all items as set forth in the resolution – **Approved February 1, 2020**, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-16 – A Resolution to approve and authorize the submission of the leveraged amounts stated above to be applied towards the “Pawnee Nation Public Safety Center Project” that is being submitted for FY2019/FY2020 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 in the resolution – **Approved February 1, 2020**, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-17 - approve and authorize the submission of the Operations/Maintenance Plan stated above to be applied towards the “Pawnee Nation Public Safety Center Project” that is being submitted for FY2019/FY2020 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 in the resolution – **Approve February 1, 2020**, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-18 – A Resolution to approve the submission of the grant application to the Department of Interior’s National Park Service for an FY20 NAGPRA Consultation grant – **Approved February 1, 2020**, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-19 – A Resolution to approve eighteen (18) eligible applicants to be added to the Pawnee Membership Roll - **Approved February 1, 2020**, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-20 – A Resolution to approve to note the date of death of ten (10) deceased members on the Membership Roll and remove them from the Annuity Roll - **Approved February 1, 2020**, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-21 – A Resolution to accept the Conditional Relinquishment of Rebecca Lou Orange 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 February 1, 2020**, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-22 – A Resolution to accept the Conditional Relinquishment of George David Shields III 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 Otoe-Missouria Tribe - **Approved February 1, 2020**, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-23 – A Resolution to appoint of Sarah Knife Chief to the Pawnee Nation Election Commission as Secretary effective February 7, 2020 term ending May 31, 2024 – **Approved February 7, 2020**, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining and two not voting (President Whiteshirt, Knife Chief).

#20-24 – A Resolution to appoint of Catherine Moore to the Pawnee Nation Election Commission as Alternate effective February 7, 2020 term ending May 31, 2022 – **Approved February 7, 2020**, by a vote of six for, one against, none abstaining and two not voting (President Whiteshirt, Knife Chief).

#20-25 – A Resolution to enter into a contract with Special Counsel, Law Office of Chad Smith and herby contracts with, retains, and employs the attorney to act as special counsel for and on behalf of the Pawnee Nation effective February 11, 2020 – **Approve February 11, 2020**, by a vote of six for, one against (Kemble), none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-26 – A Resolution to authorize the submission an OVW Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program grant proposal to the U.S. Department of Justice’s, Office of Violence Against Women to enhance effective strategies to curtail violence crimes against women – **Approved February 19, 2020**, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (Kemble), and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-27 – A Resolution to appoint Randy Ledford to serve on the Environmental Regulatory Commission effective March 2, 2020, whose term will expire on December 31, 2024 – **Approved March 2, 2020**, by a vote of six for, none against, one abstaining (Lone Chief) and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-28 – A Resolution to approve the submission of the Family Violence Prevention/ Domestic Violence Shelter and Supportive Services grant to the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and further approves, adopts, and readopts all items as set forth in the resolution – **Approved March 2, 2020**, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-29 – A Resolution to approve the submission

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of the grant application to the National Park Service for an FY20 Historic Preservation Fund grant – **Approved March 24, 2020**, by a vote of five for, none against, none abstaining, two absent (McCray, Thompson) and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-30 – A Resolution to approve the submission of the grant application to the Department of Interior’s National Park Service for an FY20 NAGPRA Repatriation grant – **Approved March 24, 2020**, by a vote of five for, none against, none abstaining, two absent (McCray, Thompson) and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-31 – A Resolution to approve the Declaration of a State of Emergency for the Pawnee Nation and has activated the Emergency Operations Center due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 and to remain in force until such time when this Pandemic has been contained, and the Pawnee People may resume their normal activities and that this state of emergency shall continue until such time when this Pandemic has been contained, and the Pawnee People may resume their normal activities as declared by the Center for Disease Control and/or the President of the United States – **Approved March 24, 2020**, by a vote of five for, none against, none abstaining, two absent (McCray, Thompson) and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-32 – A Resolution to accept the recall election results held on March 14, 2020, for the recall of Darrell Wildcat, Vice-President and M. Angela Thompson, Treasurer – **Approve March 24, 2020**, by a vote of four for, one against (Wildcat), none abstaining, two absent (McCray, Thompson) and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-33 – A Resolution to approve the removal of Darrell Wildcat and M. Angela Thompson from the Pawnee Business Council; herby declare two (2) vacant positions on the Pawnee Business Council for the Vice-President and Treasurer; and calls for an election to be conducted by the Pawnee Nation Election Commission to fill the vacant positions – **Approved March 24, 2020**, by a vote of five

for, none against, none abstaining, two absent (McCray, Thompson) and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-34 – A Resolution to approve for banking purposes, the four officers of the Pawnee Business Council authorized to sign signature cards and documents are: (1.) James Whiteshirt, President, (2.) Charles Lone Chief, Vice-President, (3.) Patricia McCray, Secretary and (4.) Dawna Hare, Treasurer – **Approved March 24, 2020**, by a vote of three for, none against, one abstaining (Hare), two absent (McCray, Thompson), and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#20-35 – A Resolution to accept the recall election results held on April 11, 2020, for the recall of James Whiteshirt, President and Sammye Kemble, Council Seat #1 – **Approved April 24, 2020**, by a vote of three for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Interim President Lone Chief).

#20-36 – A Resolution to approve the removal of James Whiteshirt and Sammye Kemble from the Pawnee Business Council; herby declare two (2) vacant positions on the Pawnee Business Council for the President and Council Seat #1; and calls for an election to be conducted by the Pawnee Nation Election Commission to fill the vacant positions – **Approved April 24, 2020**, by a vote of three for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Interim President Lone Chief).

#20-37 – A Resolution to approve for banking purposes, the four officers of the Pawnee Business Council authorized to sign signature cards and documents are: (1.) Charles Lone Chief, Interim President, (2.) Charles Knife Chief, Interim Vice-President, (3.) Patricia McCray, Secretary and (4.) Dawna Hare, Interim Treasurer – **Approved April 24, 2020**, by a vote of three for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Interim President Lone Chief).

#20-38 – A Resolution to re-appoint Rhonda James to serve on the Pawnee Nation Utility Board of Commissioners effective April 24,

2020, and whose term will expire April 24, 2022 – **Approved April 24, 2020**, by a vote of three for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Interim President Lone Chief).

#20-39 – A Resolution to appoint to the Pawnee Nation Tax Commission – **TABLED April 24, 2020**, by a vote of three for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Interim President Lone Chief).

#20-40 – A Resolution to appoint Adrian Spottedhorsechief to serve on the Pawnee Nation Sports Commission effective April 24, 2020, whose term will expire April 24, 2023 – **Approved April 24, 2020**, by a vote of three for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Interim President Lone Chief).

#20-41 – A Resolution to appoint Lauren Quimby to serve on the Pawnee Nation Sports Commission effective April 24, 2020, whose term will expire April 24, 2023 – **Approved April 24, 2020**, by a vote of three for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Interim President Lone Chief).

#20-42 – A Resolution to approve and recognize the appointments made by a majority vote of the Council for Charles Lone Chief to serve as Interim Vice-President and Dawna Hare to serve as the Interim Treasurer – **Approved April 24, 2020**, by a vote of two for, none against, one abstaining (Hare) and one not voting (Interim President Lone Chief).

#20-43 – A Resolution to approve and recognize the appointments made by a majority vote of the Council for Charles Lone Chief to serve as Interim President and Charles Knife Chief to serve as the Interim Vice-President – **Approved April 24, 2020**, by a vote of two for, none against, one abstaining (Knife Chief) and one not voting (Interim President Lone Chief).

#20-44 – A Resolution to approve the Proclamation for the gaming businesses operated by the Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation may resume activities per the proposed re-opening plan as of May 15, 2020; and that this state of emergency shall

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be amended to allow re-opening and recovery through a phased approach and that the gaming businesses operated by the Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation may resume activities per the proposed re-opening plan (ADDENDUM A) – **Approved May 5,**

2020, by a vote of three for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Interim President Lone Chief).

#20-45 – A Resolution to approve the revision of the Pawnee Nation's Office of Human Resources Policies and Procedures Manual's

and addition of "Chapter 16, Emergency Policy" which shall become effective on the date of approval by the Pawnee Business Council - **Approved May 5, 2020**, by a vote of three for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Interim President Lone Chief).



TERO program's goal is to ultimately enhance opportunity for our Native people in our community in obtaining a career. We focus with on-the-job training, certifications, construction work and enforcing the TERO Act especially regarding Indian Preference. TERO stands for Tribal Employment Rights Office, we take seriously towards our people to be treated properly at their perspective jobs within the Pawnee Nation Tribal jurisdiction. When funding is available, TERO puts client to work for on-the-job training mostly with Pawnee Nation Programs; we have worked with J&J Custom Designs with apprenticeship program; and the projects that TERO has done for 20 plus years plus such as the lawn mowing service and cutting wood for ceremonial/traditional purposes.

Recently, TERO department coordinated the City-wide spring cleanup with Pawnee Nation Housing Authority and Pawnee Nation's Youth Services department. This project assisted with households who are Pawnee Nation members and other Natives who live in the city limits according to Pawnee City rules. We assisted (24) households during the weeklong project. We gave precedence to the Elders and then opened it up to others.

For more information contact Suzy Knife Chief, TERO Director, 918-762-3621 x122 or email at sknifechief@pawneenation.org;

TERO program location: Pawnee Nation's Resource Complex 1202 Heritage Circle

PBC 2019 MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 2019, Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting

President James Whiteshirt called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm, and Ms. Patricia McCray gave the invocation. Eight Council members present, quorum established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting Agenda for November 13, 2019, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Motion made by Patricia McCray approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting Minutes for October 9, 2019, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
2. Motion made by Patricia McCray approve the Pawnee Business Council Quarterly Meeting minutes for November 2, 2019, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion and/or Action on Resolution #15-79, Fracking/Removal of Moratorium (Lillie Cummings) – Determined that at this time, no action can happen since the resolution is tied with the Oil and Gas litigation.

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2020 PTDC Budget Projections, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Patricia McCray approve Resolution #19-83 to appoint George Gardipe to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) Commission, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.

Motion made by Patricia McCray approve

Resolution #19-84 to appoint Reva Howell to serve on the Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation Board in seat #5, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.

Budget Committee Recommendations:

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson approve the 2019 LIHEAP budget modification #1, seconded by Sammye Kemble, motion carries.

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson approve the 2019 477 budget modification #2, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

Motion made by Sammye Kemble to approve Resolution #19-85 for the Attorney Fees for Civil Case CIV-2019-020, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson approve Resolution #19-86 for the ODOT Easement 812-789, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Resolution #19-87 for the AT&T Easement T2000 (Pawnee Reservation) seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to adjourn, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries to adjourn at 7:40 pm.

December 31, 2019, Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting

President James Whiteshirt called the meeting to order at 11:06 am, and Mrs. Sammye Kemble gave the invocation. Five Council members present, three Council members joined via conference call (Wildcat, McCray, Knife Chief), quorum established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion made by Sammye Kemble to approve the Pawnee Business Council special meeting agenda for December 31, 2019, seconded by

Dawna Hare, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-88 for gaming with the addition of a whereas with language to address the audit, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, (Kemble – no; Hare – no; Lone Chief – yes; Thompson – yes; and tiebreaker, President Whiteshirt – no) motion fails.

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Resolution #19-88 for gaming, as is, seconded by Sammye Kemble, motion carries.

Motion made by Sammye Kemble to adjourn, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries to adjourn at 11:25 am.



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February 1, 2020, Pawnee Business Council Quarterly Meeting

President James Whiteshirt called the meeting to order at 11:04 am, and Mr. Darrell Wildcat gave the invocation. Eight Council members present, quorum established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the PBC Quarterly Meeting Agenda for February 1, 2020, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the PBC Meeting Minutes for October 28, 2019, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
2. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the PBC Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2019, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.
3. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the PBC Meeting Minutes for December 31, 2019, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF QUARTERLY REPORTS:

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to accept the submission of the Pawnee Nation 2019 Fourth Quarter Division Reports, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to accept the submission of the Pawnee Nation 2019 Fourth Quarter Committees, Commissions, and Boards Report, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve Resolution #20-01 for the Annuity Drawdown (Table Creek Treaty, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.
2. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Resolution #20-02 for the Title VI continuance application, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

3. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the letter to be sent out to Pawnee Allottees concerning the Oil and Gas Leases, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
4. Motion made by M. Angel Thompson to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Pawnee, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
5. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Pawnee, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
6. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the Pawnee Nation 2020 Holiday Schedule, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.
7. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the Pawnee Nation Organizational Chart with changes to move Enrollment under the Executive Office and to change the Approval Date on the document, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
8. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #20-03 for the revisions and addition to the Pawnee Nation Liquor Control Act, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.
9. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the Pawnee Nation Liquor Control Commission Alcohol Tax at 8% of sales, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.
10. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #20-04 to appoint Suzanne Kanuho to serve on the Pawnee Nation Gaming Commission, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.
11. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve Resolution #20-05 to appoint Lyle Fields to serve on the Pawnee Nation Gaming Commission, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.
12. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson

to approve Resolution #20-06 to appoint James Hawkins to serve on the Pawnee Nation TERO Commission, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

13. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #20-07 to appoint Jamie Nelson to serve on the Pawnee Nation TERO Commission, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
14. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #20-08 to appoint Morgan Littlesun to serve on the Pawnee Nation TERO Commission, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
15. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #20-09 to appoint Suzanne Knife Chief to serve on the Pawnee Nation Liquor Control Commission, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
16. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve Resolution #20-10 to appoint Timothy Allen to serve as Chair on the Pawnee Nation Election Commission, seconded by Sammye Kemble, motion carries.
17. Motion made by Sammye Kemble to approve Resolution #20-11 to appoint Lillie Cumming Brant to serve as the Clerk on the Pawnee Nation Election Commission, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.
18. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve Resolution #20-12 to appoint James Rice to serve on the Pawnee Nation Tax Commission, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
19. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #20-13 as amended to take out the date, seconded by Sammye Kemble, motion carries.
20. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #20-14 for revisions to the Pawnee Nation Fiscal Policy, Appendix B, Budget Policy, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

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21. Motion made by Dawna Hare to deny the request for the Orr Family Farm & RR, LLC, the use of the Pawnee Nation Seal, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
 22. Motion made by Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #20-15 for the ICDBG grant submission, Citizen Participation, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
 23. Motion made by Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #20-16 for the ICDBG grant submission, leveraging, seconded by Patsy McCray, motion carries.
 24. Motion made by Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #20-17 for the ICDBG grant submission, operations, and maintenance agreement, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
 25. Motion made by Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #20-18 for the 2020 NAGPRA Consultation grant submission, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.
 26. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the land designation for the Pawnee Nation College to utilize, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.
 27. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the renewal of the VIMEO plan at \$600.00, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
 - a. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Roger Welsch to have access to the VIMEO videos, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.
 - b. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to amend the request for access to VIMEO vote and revote, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
 - c. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to deny the request from Mr. Welsch to have access to the VIMEO account after listening to the Nasharo Council comments, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.
 28. **Budget Committee Recommendations:**
 - a. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2020 Cultural Resource Division Budget in the of \$100,000.00, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
 - b. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2020 Substance Abuse Inpatient Budget in the amount of \$116,295.00, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.
 - c. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2020 House Demolition Project Budget that will be funded by the BIA in the amount of \$49,301.00, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
 - d. Motion made by Darrell Wildcat to approve 2020 Self Governance Contract and Budget, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
 - e. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve 2020 Seed Preservation Project carryover, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.
 - f. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2019 PBC Budget Modification #8 for carryover funds in the amount of \$2,100.00 for Elders Birthday Cards, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
 - g. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2020 PBC Budget Modification #1 to add the carryover funds into the budget in the amount of \$2,100.00 for the Elder Birthday Cards, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
 - h. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2020 PN Princess Budget Modification #1 to add carryover funds in the amount of \$4,739.00, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
 29. Discussion with PBC President on Meeting with Governor Stitt, OIGA Report, Status on FBI and IRS Reports – President Whiteshirt provided a written report to the Council. No discussion.
 30. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve Resolution #20-19 for new applicants to be placed on the roll, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
 31. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve Resolution #20-20 to remove deceased members from the annuity roll, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
 32. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #20-21 for a Conditional Relinquishment, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
 33. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #20-22 for a Conditional Relinquishment, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.
 34. Discussion and/or Action on OMES Audit Report, Gaming Compacts – Discussion only with The Gaming Commission.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
- Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to go into Executive Session, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries. Motion made by Dawna Hare to come out of Executive Session, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.
- COUNCIL ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
1. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the successful completion of Muriel Robedeaux's 90-day introductory period and evaluation, seconded by Sammye Kemble, motion carries.
 2. Discussion and/or Action on Attorney General Position
 3. Discussion and/or Action on Legal Counsel for Representation on Federal Court Case, Oil and Gas Leases
- Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to hire a contract attorney for items 2 and 3 in Executive Session, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

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Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to adjourn, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries to adjourn at 4:43 pm.

February 7, 2020, Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting

President James Whiteshirt called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm, and Mrs. Sammye Kemble gave the invocation. Eight Council members present, quorum established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the PBC Special Meeting agenda for February 7, 2020, with additions, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by Darrell Wildcat to approve Resolution #20-11 to appoint Mary Hawkins to serve on the PN Election Commission as the Clerk, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
2. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Resolution #20-23 to appoint Sarah Knife Chief to serve on the PN Election Commission as Secretary, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.
3. Motion made by Darrell Wildcat to approve Resolution #20-24 to appoint Catherine Moore to serve on the PN Election Commission as the Alternate, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.
4. Budget Committee Recommendations:
 - a. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2020 Tribal Opioid budget modification #1, seconded by Sammye Kemble, motion carries.
 - b. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2020 Pawnee Business Council budget modification #2, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
 - c. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2020 Election Commission budget modification #1, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

d. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2020 Pawnee Business Council budget modification #3, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

e. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2020 Youth Supplemental Fund budget modification #1, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

5. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to table Resolution #20-25 for Special Counsel until the Council receives further information, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

Motion made by Patricia McCray to adjourn at 4:31 pm, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries to adjourn at 4:31 pm.

February 11, 2020, Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting

President James Whiteshirt called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, and Mrs. Dawna Hare gave the invocation. Eight Council members present, quorum established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the PBC Special Meeting agenda for February 11, 2020, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the selection of Chad Smith as Special Counsel for the Pawnee Nation, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

Motion made by Patricia McCray to adjourn, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries to adjourn at 6:32 pm.

February 19, 2020, Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting

President James Whiteshirt called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm, and Mr. Charles Knife Chief gave the invocation. Seven Council members present and one absent (Kemble), quorum established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the PBC Special Meeting agenda for February 19, 2020, with additions, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the Pawnee Business Council Quarterly Meeting minutes for February 1, 2020, with corrections including clarification of Charles Lone Chief's intent of his discussion, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.
2. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2020, with the correction to M. Angela Thompson's arrival, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
3. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting Minutes for February 11, 2020, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

PBC TRAVEL REQUESTS:

Darrell Wildcat and Dawna Hare requested to attend the City of Boulder government to government consultation in Colorado. Expenses are reimbursable, and the meeting is March 17-18. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the PBC travel requests, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2020 Attorney General Budget Modification #1, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
2. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the Godberson agricultural lease, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.
3. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #20-26 for the VAW Grant Submission, seconded by Dawna

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Hare, motion carries.

Motion made by Patricia McCray to adjourn, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries to adjourn at 7:39 pm.

March 2, 2020, Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting

President James Whiteshirt called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, and Ms. Patricia McCray gave the invocation. Eight Council members present, quorum established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the PBC Special Meeting agenda for March 2, 2020, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting Minutes for February 19, 2020, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Resolution #20-27 to appoint Randy Ledford to serve on the Pawnee Nation Environmental Regulatory Commission, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.
2. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #20-28 for the Family Violence Prevention/Domestic Violence Shelter and Supportive Services grant submission, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
3. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the donation request from the Employees Club for the annual Easter Egg Hunt in the amount of \$400.00, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
4. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the request to raise the Gaming Commission stipends from \$100.00 to \$125.00 per meeting, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
5. Discussion on Attorney Opinions and

Approval Process - The Council has made a consensus to agree on a process for requesting attorney opinions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by Patricia McCray to go into Executive Session, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries. Motion made by Patricia McCray to come out of Executive Session, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.

1. Discussion and Formal Introduction with Interim Attorney General - Discussion with the Interim Attorney General to work on the Constitutional roles and to work with the PN Election Commission.

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to adjourn, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries to adjourn at 7:44 pm.

March 24, 2020, Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting

President James Whiteshirt called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, and Mrs. Sammye Kemble gave the invocation. Six Council members present and two absent (McCray, Thompson), quorum established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve as is for the PBC Special Meeting agenda for March 24, 2020, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Budget Committee Recommendations:
 - a. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve the 2020 PBC Budget Modification #5, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
 - b. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the 2020 PBC Budget Modification #6, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
 - c. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve the 2020 Election Commission Budget Modification #2, seconded by

Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

- d. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the 2020 Finance Budget Modification #1, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

2. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve Resolution #20-29 for the THPO grant submission, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
3. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve Resolution #20-30 for the NAGPRA Repatriation grant submission, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.
4. Approval of Resolution #20-30, PTDC Resolution – Item Removed
5. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve Resolution #20-31 for an Emergency Declaration of the Pawnee Nation, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.
6. Discussion on Pawnee Nation Constitution Revisions: Sammye Kemble's request to have a discussion to start revising the Pawnee Nation Constitution. Discussion only.
7. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve Resolution #20-32 for the Acceptance of the Re-Call Election Results from March 14, 2020, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.
8. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve Resolution #20-33 for Removal, Vacancy, and Call for Election, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.
9. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to accept and appoint Charles Lone Chief as Acting Vice-President and Dawna Hare as Acting Treasurer of the Pawnee Business Council, seconded by Sammye Kemble, motion carries. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve Resolution #20-34 for signature authority, seconded by Sammye Kemble, motion carries.
10. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief

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to approve the oil and gas settlement agreement, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

Motion made by Charles Lone Chief, seconded by Sammye Kemble to adjourn, motion carries to adjourn at 7:13 pm.

April 14, 2020, Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting

President James Whiteshirt called the meeting to order at 6:19 pm, and Mrs. Dawna Hare gave the invocation. Five Council members present and one absent (Kemble), quorum established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the PBC Special Meeting agenda for April 14, 2020, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the PBC Special Meeting minutes for March 2, 2020, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
2. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the PBC Special Meeting minutes for March 24, 2020, with correction, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Action on Unexcused Absence of Patricia McCray – No Council Action
2. Budget Committee Recommendations:
 - a. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the 2020 Title A FFCRA Budget, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
 - b. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the 3-year renewal of Office 365, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.
 - c. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the gift cards for the furloughed employees of the Pawnee Nation, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

- d. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve 2020 PBC budget modification #7, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

Motion made by Dawna Hare to adjourn, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries to adjourn at 6:47 pm.

April 24, 2020, Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting

Interim President Charles Lone Chief called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm, and Mr. Charles Knife Chief gave the invocation. Four Council members present, quorum established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the PBC Special Meeting agenda for April 24, 2020, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2020, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve Resolution #20-35 to accept the Recall Election #2 Results as certified by the Pawnee Nation Election Commission, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.
2. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve Resolution #20-36 to declare the vacancies of two PBC positions and to call for an election, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
3. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the appointment of Charles Knife Chief as the Interim Vice-President, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve Resolution #20-37 for signature authority, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve the amendment

to the agenda to add Item 9. Approval of Resolution #20-42 for the appointment of Charles Lone Chief and Dawna Hare and Item 10. Approval of Resolution #20-43 for the appointment of Charles Knife Chief, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

4. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve Resolution #20-38 to re-appoint Rhonda James to serve on the Pawnee Nation Utility Commission, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
5. Motion made by Dawna Hare to table Resolution #20-39 to have a discussion with the current seat on goals for the Tax Commission, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
6. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Resolution #20-40 to appoint Adrian Spottedhorsechief to serve on the Pawnee Nation Sports Commission, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
7. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Resolution #20-41 to appoint Lauren Quimby to serve on the Pawnee Nation Sports Commission, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.
8. Budget Committee Recommendations:
 - a. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the 2020 Multipurpose grant budget for Division of Natural Resource and Safety, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
 - b. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve the 2020 CWS budget modification #1, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.
 - c. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve the 2020 Pawnee Business Council budget modification #8, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.
 - d. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve the 2020 Pawnee Business Council budget modification #9, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion

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carries.

e. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the 2020 Pawnee Nation Election Commission Budget modification #3, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

9. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to

approve Resolution #20-42 to appoint Charles Lone Chief as Interim Vice President and Dawna Hare Interim Treasurer, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

10. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Resolution #20-43 to appoint Charles Knife Chief as the Interim Vice-President,

seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

Motion made by Patricia McCray, seconded by Charles Knife Chief to adjourn, motion carries to adjourn at 12:40 pm.



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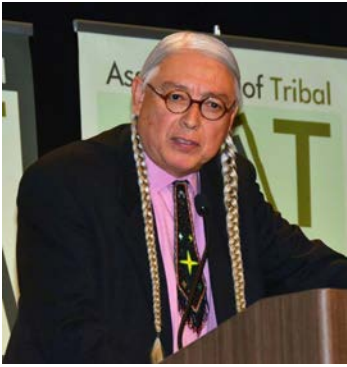
2020 Special Election: Schedule of Events

April 27, 2020	AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION ON PAWNEE NATION WEBSITE AND SUBMITTED TO PAWNEE CHIEF: DATE OF ELECTION: June 20, 2020 TIME: 8:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. WHERE: Multi-Purpose Building
May 6 - 9, 2020	FILING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Saturday: 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. PAWNEE LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER \$300.00 Filing Fee (must be Cashiers Check or Money Order)
May 11, 2020	POST LIST OF CANDIDATES (9:00 A.M.) (Un-Official List until review by Commission)
May 11-15, 2020	ELECTION COMMISSION REVIEW OF ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES
May 11-15, 2020	CHALLENGE PERIOD: ANY ELIGIBLE TRIBAL VOTER MAY CHALLENGE THE ELIGIBILITY OF A CANDIDATE IN WRITING. TRIBAL COURT: ACT ON APPEALS AND CHALLENGES
May 16, 2020	ELECTION COMMISSION REVIEW OF CHALLENGES
May 18, 2020	POST LIST OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES: PAWNEE AGENCY, PAWNEE NATION OFFICES AND SUBMIT TO THE PAWNEE CHIEF AND THE PAWNEE NATION NEWSPAPER FOR PUBLICATION
May 19, 2020	DEADLINE: CANDIDATES STATEMENTS ARE SUBMITTED TO COMMUNICATIONS BY 5 P.M. FOR PUBLICATION IN NEWSLETTER
May 29, 2020	DEADLINE FOR "REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS" by 12 pm
June 4, 2020	CANDIDATE FORUM AT ROAM CHIEF BUILDING AT 2 PM
June 20, 2020	ELECTION DAY: POLLS OPEN 8:00 A.M. POLLS CLOSE 7:00 P.M.
June 21, 2020	POST ELECTION RESULTS: 10:00 A.M. TRIBAL RESERVE
June 22-24, 2020	PROTEST PERIOD: ANY VOTER MAY PROTEST IN WRITING (A REQUEST FOR RECOUNT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH \$500.00 RECOUNT FEE)
June 24, 2020	PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 P.M.
July 2, 2020	ELECTION COMMISSION WILL RESPOND TO PROTESTS NO LATER THAN JULY 2, 2020
July 2, 2020	ISSUE CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION
July 6, 2020	INAUGURATION

Pawnee Nation Election Commission		
Chairman	Timothy Allen	Email: electioncomm@pawneenation.org
Clerk	Mary Hawkins	Phone: 918-285-6769
Secretary	Sarah Knife Chief	
Sargent-at-Arms	Mee-Kai Clark	
Alternate	Catherine Moore	



President Pawnee Nation Business Council -Walter Echo-Hawk



Nawa Akitaru, my name is Walter Echo-Hawk. I am running for President, Pawnee Nation Business Council. I am humbling myself before

you to serve our proud Nation as a public servant, and I am asking for your prayers. Today three grave public health, economic, and political problems face our Nation. These challenges affect everyone. To face troubled times in the life of our Nation, we must unite and stand together as one people, like our ancestors did, to persevere. A nation divided cannot stand, especially when dark days are at hand. So my primary goal is to restore unity in our leadership. No matter who is elected, I will work cooperatively with every Business Council member and tribal employee on the basis of mutual respect, so our government can “right its ship” and navigate the troubles we face.

Despite the pandemic at our doorsteps and the related shutdown of our economy and community, together with the infighting among our tribal leaders that has sorely hampered our government in recent months, great opportunities do lay ahead if the Business Council is able to grasp them. This upcoming election of four new seats on the Business Council brings hope for a better tomorrow. With a more healthy, strengthened, and unified government, our Nation can face these grave challenges and move forward with confidence to grasp opportunities in the days ahead.

My parents are Walter & Jeanine Echo-Hawk, both born and raised in Pawnee. Through them and my paternal grandparents, George & Lucille EchoHawk, I belong to the EchoHawk, Taylor, Bayhyle, and Shunatona families—so I hail from the Kitkehahki and Skidi Bands and am blessed with many relatives. I carry the name Arusa Turahe (Good Horse), which belonged to my second great-granduncle--the Pawnee Scout Robert Taylor. I live on the Harvey EchoHawk allotment near Yale with my wife Pauline and son Anthony. Most of my children,

grandchildren, and great-grandchildren live in Pawnee or surrounding communities.

Here is my experience for serving as your President: **(1) Indigenous Rights Attorney:** Since 1973, I have represented Native Nations and peoples across the country in the modern era of Federal Indian Law. In that capacity, I enjoyed a unique opportunity to witness first-hand & learn from some of the best leaders of our time during the rise of modern Native Nations; **(2) Tribal Attorney:** Pawnee Nation (1981-82); Comanche Nation (2012-2016); **(3) Tribal Judge:** Associate Justice, Pawnee Supreme Court (2000-2013); Chief Justice, Kickapoo Supreme Court (2011-2016); **(4) Pawnee Government:** (i) I helped establish the Tribal Development Corporation (1981-82) and have provided TDC board training; (ii) I obtained a DOI Associate Solicitor Opinion in the late 1970s that declares the Pawnee Tribal Reserve an “Indian Reservation” within the meaning of Federal law; (iii) I helped the Nation obtain federal & state repatriation laws, including NAGPRA, to repatriate our dead for reburial purposes; (iv) I was a founding trustee on the Pawnee Nation College’s Board of Trustees, and currently serve the Nation as a member of the Cultural Resource Division’s Culture Committee and as a member of the Museum Planning Committee; **(5) Nasharo Council work:** I am helping the Nasharo Council create the “Pawnee Nation Buffalo Ranch, LLC,” as a tribal enterprise to acquire a Kansas buffalo ranch for the Pawnee Nation; and **(6) Pawnee Culture:** I served as Whip Man & Drum Keeper for the Pawnee Veterans Organization; and I help carry-on Kitkehahki & Young Dog ceremonies.

If elected, my first task in the transition period is getting up to speed on internal administrative affairs of the tribal government and gaining a deeper understanding of the state of our Nation. Here are principles I will follow to guide my work as President:

First, no matter who is elected, I will work with all Business Council members on a professional basis founded on mutual respect, and I will strive to build consensus in a healthy decision-making process. And it goes without saying, I will follow the Constitution and tribal law in all matters.

Second, the health and safety of our people during the Covid-19 pandemic is a top concern, including careful monitoring of the reopening of our community & economy.

Third, I will urge policies and programs that preserve, protect, and enhance Pawnee culture, because it is the foundation for our political sovereignty.

Fourth, environmental integrity of our homeland is critical to tribal health, well-being, and a robust economy; so let’s protect our environment for present & future generations.

Fifth, food sovereignty sustains the health & survival of Native Nations. To enrich and grow our economy, I will support a robust Agriculture Plan that, among other things, brings Mother Corn, buffalo, and other healthy traditional food back to the people.

Sixth, to pursue & maintain successful funding, programs & initiatives, our leaders should utilize expertise of talented tribal members from all professions, including those who live away from the community. Let’s enlist their advice to help the Nation seize opportunities, strengthen efficient governance, diversify our economy & grow more jobs.

My message is one of hope and unity. In testing times, our forebears stood together. Let us remember how small our differences are in the face of adversity and lay internal strife aside in this dark hour to work as one. Our task is to unify our leaders for a strengthened Nation that can bring us through this troubled time. In that effort everyone has a part, for we rise or fall together. All of us are determined to survive and prosper in our homeland, including every candidate in this election. We owe a great debt of gratitude to our ancestors, including the chiefs & tribal leaders who overcame great obstacles and hardships of their day to bring us this far. We stand on their shoulders today. With help from Atius, we shall overcome these uncertain times. Together we persevere, and our Nation will endure. In this spirit of service, I humbly ask for your support.

Thank you,

Walter Echo-Hawk



Vice-President Pawnee Nation Business Council - W.Bruce Pratt



Nowah and greetings to my relatives and friends in the Pawnee Nation. Once again it is election time for our Tribe to elect four

members to our Business Council. I'm asking for your support and vote in this very important election. I congratulate Mr. Walter Echo Hawk, who will be our next president. I fully respect and support his desire to lead our Tribe. I have chosen to seek the vice-president office and fully intend to cooperate and work with the entire Council. I believe that I am fully qualified and experienced in providing strong and capable leadership alongside any elected councilors we have. In my service on the Business Council, I have always shown respect to all constituents. I maintained an open-door policy to my office and always was willing to listen to concerns, suggestions, and complaints. I tried to resolve problems and issues professionally with courtesy and respect. I was taught that by my parents, grandparents, as well as uncles and aunts. I believe that's the Pawnee way.

I wish to mention a few of the highlights and accomplishments of my past business council experience: First of all, the Tribe deserves to have qualified, hardworking, and courteous employees to carry out the daily tasks of each department. A fair policy has been developed to recruit and employ the best-qualified applicants on a Pawnee preference basis. I have maintained the integrity and privacy of the employees with regard to their personal information. Our employees deserve that. I appreciate them.

The current Pandemic calls for strong leadership to help keep our Tribe safe and healthy. I stepped forward to lead our Tribe when Pawnee suffered the strongest Earthquake to hit Oklahoma. We immediately tried to determine if anyone was physically hurt so that we could give aid. Fortunately, there were no injuries, but there was damage to our buildings. Our workforce was impacted when our offices had to be vacated. We filed insurance claims in which settlements were offered far below what we needed. We fought for a larger settlement

and won. We filed claims against the fracking oil companies and won. We were the lead tribe to do that. Other tribes followed our lead in litigation. We were successful in banning horizontal fracking. Three oil companies paid our Tribe, and we repaired our buildings. Mr. Walter Echo Hawk was instrumental in helping our Council.

Another event which called for strong leadership was the Flood of 2019. Many of our people were displaced from their homes. I helped in the opening of the Tribally-owned bank building in Pawnee for a temporary shelter. Food, toiletries, and bedding were provided. We worked cooperatively with the City and County officials to assist in safety concerns. Our Reserve was an island due to the flood, which also interrupted the jobs of our employees as well as the IHS and BIA employees. We were successful in getting FEMA to augment the Tribal efforts to supply needed food and supplies. Ms. Cindy Butler, our

Executive Secretary, was very instrumental as she used her take charge skills to oversee many details.

Other initiatives which I accomplished during my service on the Business Council:

In an important effort to maintain food sovereignty, a Corn Project was started to acquire ancestral Pawnee food products to grow and protect vegetables such as corn and squash. A Hoop House Project, greenhouses, was developed and funded to grow vegetables, fruits, and flowers for use or sale by our Tribe. This project was also approved and funded while I was in office but has not been implemented to the extent of the construction of the greenhouses as yet. We all know the importance of food.

The Hemp Project: Hemp is a valuable commodity that can be locally cultivated and harvested. It has many uses in the commercial industry, such as bricks and clothing and other uses. The Pawnees were the first Tribe to submit an application to USDA for a grant to develop this opportunity. We have the tribal codes and laws to govern this program. It could have provided jobs and a boost to our tribal economy, but the efforts came to a standstill when I left office. So, the hemp project fell by

the wayside. Once again, other Tribes used our model and codes to facilitate their pursuit of this opportunity. Other tribes have since been funded. I still think it is a worthwhile opportunity to enable our Tribe to develop a diversified economy.

The Cultural Resource Division was initiated in my past administration. It is important because it seeks to enhance and preserve our Pawnee culture in language, songs, and ancestral foods. It also seeks the cultural preservation of our lands in Oklahoma and other states. Through this program, a cultural leave program was developed for employees to participate in cultural activities without penalty for leave use.

Other improvements on our Reserve include new roads, sidewalks, lighting, and a playground. The plans and grant applications were submitted during my time in office. The new campground improvement also began during my past term. This campground project appears to be near completion but has not been opened for use yet. Surely it will be dedicated soon.

As a former president of our Business Council, I gained much knowledge and experience as I served on numerous boards and committees. It is important to network and work with important leaders who can promote and support the needs and issues which affect our Tribe. I served on the following:

- Pawnee Service Unit Board, represent Pawnee Nation on the IHS Pawnee Service Unit
- Southern Plains Tribal Health Board, represent Pawnee Service Unit to this Board
- Direct Service Tribes Advisory Board, Oklahoma representative to IHS, Wash, D.C.
- Secretary's Tribal Advisory Board, Oklahoma Representative on HHS board, Wash, D.C.
- HHS Budget Formulation Board, Nat'l Co-Chair, representing Oklahoma Area
- United Indian Tribes of Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas, Treasurer for the organization

I have always tried to advance the needs of our Pawnee Nation as well as speaking in behalf of other tribes. I have been asked to speak to the Task Force on Indian Health, the NCAI, the National Indian Health Board, Health and Human Services, and gave testimony to Congress. I have spoken on health disparities,



Vice-President Pawnee Nation Business Council - W.Bruce Pratt

budget problems, protection of patients, oil and gas issues, tribal consultation issues, sequestrations, and gov't shutdowns. Through these efforts, our local health clinic and others have received needed additional funding and equipment to better serve our People and others. President Marshall Gover asked me personally to keep a strong Pawnee voice

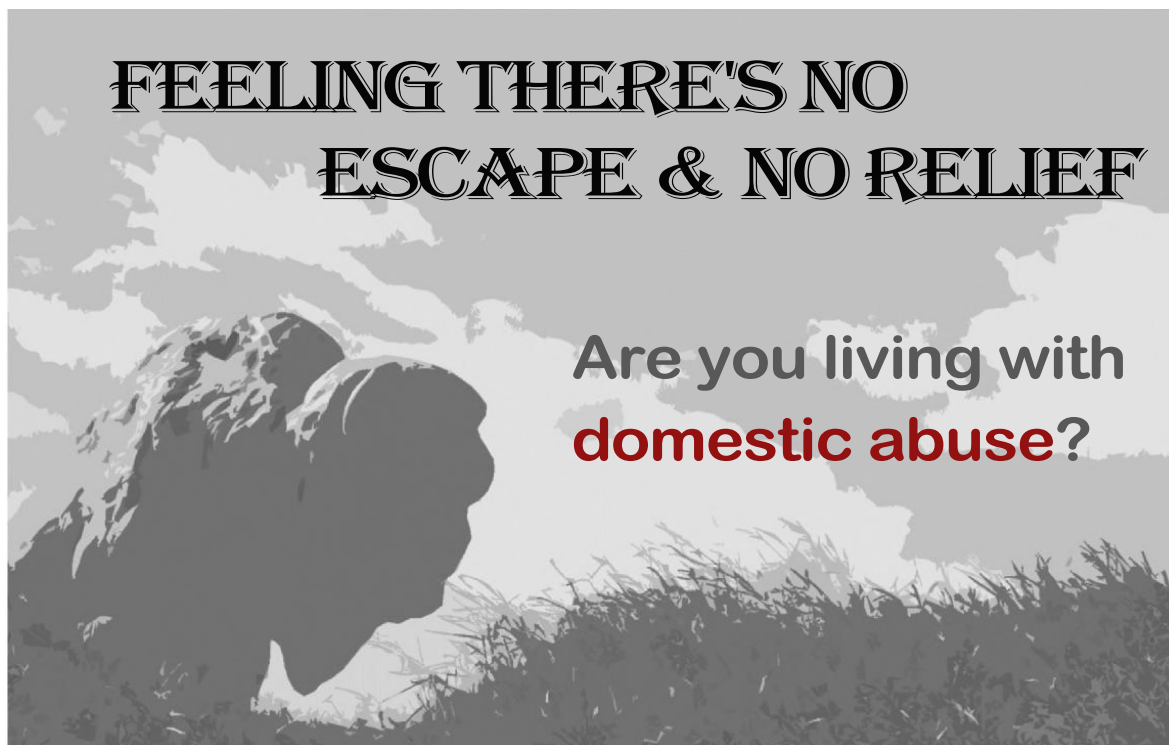
speaking for the needs of our Tribe as he did. Other of our Pawnees are doing great things in Indian Country, and I believe the Pawnee Nation should regain its place of leadership among the Nations. Our members deserve that. I will continue to work with all of our elected council members and use my experience for all Pawnees.

That's why I humbly ask Attias for guidance and your vote of confidence in this election.

Thank you.

W.Bruce Pratt

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- Protection Orders



Pawnee Business Council Approves Museum Construction Site

Kirir 2020! That first clap of thunder 2020 signaled good news coming in the Pàri cultural and agricultural new year.

May 5, 2020, was a historic day for the Pawnee Nation! The Pawnee Business Council unanimously approved a 25-acre site for the construction of a new museum and cultural center south of the Pawnee IHS Clinic. It includes outdoor earthlodges, veterans' memorial, traditional games fields, and gardens. The purpose of the Museum of the Pawnee Nation is to collect, preserve, share, and interpret the history, arts, and culture of the Pawnee Nation.

How did we get here?

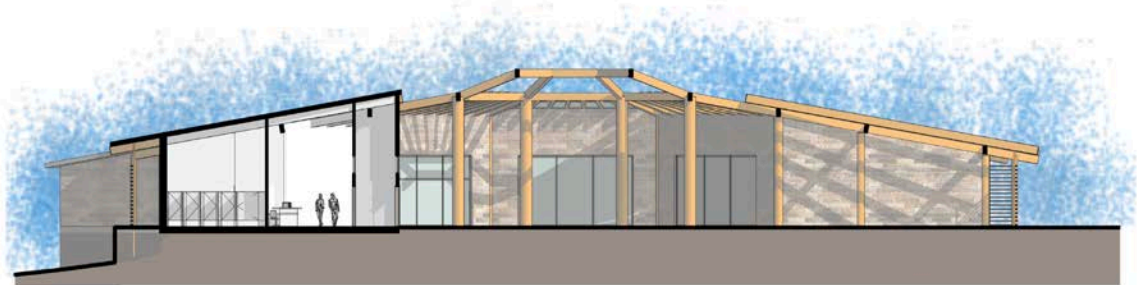
"... one thing we always do is go to [Atius] in prayer before anything else. That's what our people taught us." Nora Pratt, Skiri

In 2019, at the invitation of the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums (ATALM), the Museum of the Pawnee Nation's Board of Directors convened a 15-member Museum Design Advisory Committee to work with ATALM and with the Oklahoma State University School of Architecture for the purpose of creating a museum facility design. That partnership was approved by Pawnee Business Council Resolution #9-11 January 24, 2019.

The Museum Design Advisory Committee members represented numerous Pawnee community families and several Pawnee Nation Departments that have information, assistance, resources, or external contacts with potential expertise or resources (e.g., equipment, supplies, merchandise, etc.) needed for the Museum. Co-Chairs of the Museum Design Advisory Committee were Gwen Shunatona and Patricia (Patsy) Cooper, both members of the Pawnee Business Council appointed Board of Directors of the Museum of the Pawnee Nation. In order to inform the cultural elements of a museum design, a core group generously volunteered their time to provide extensive cultural information: Walter Echo-Hawk, President of the ATALM Board of Governors; Adrian Spotted Horsechief, Pawnee Nation Culture Committee; and Matt Reed, Chair of the Board of the Museum of the Pawnee Nation.



SECTION A SCALE: 1/16" = 1'-0"



SECTION B SCALE: 1/16" = 1'-0"

Medical
Center



During the process of developing the museum design, information was disseminated to tribal members via the Pawnee Nation Website and to the public via area newspapers. Initial, direct community outreach provided information and gathered input on ideas for the Museum from the Pawnee Community Language Class members and from the Pawnee Service Club, both of which represent many Pawnee families. Throughout the next planning phase, the involvement of community members will be further expanded and intensified.

“Kitihawattu’. Kitihawattu”. “It is budding. It is budding.” Eighth song of Corn Planting Ceremony.

We are growing a museum through the incredible generosity of ATALM in 2019, when the Pawnee Nation/Board of Directors of the Museum of the Pawnee Nation had the great benefit of being an active ATALM partner with the OSU School of Architecture. This partnership allowed the Museum Design Advisory Committee to work closely with 29 OSU fourth-year undergraduate architectural students. The Museum Design Advisory Committee shared extensive Pawnee cultural knowledge with the student architects who then, under close guidance from their OSU faculty, created 29 potential designs for a new Pawnee museum facility. That unique, participatory process, inspired by the research design by OSU Architectural Professor Awilda Rodriguez Carrion, has culminated in a prototype museum design for small tribes and specifically the Pawnee Nation. To that end, the Pawnee committee selected one design denoted as the “top” design for possible use by small tribes. The Board of the Museum of the Pawnee Nation will now work with one or more architects in order to create a final design suitable for construction at the Pawnee Nation.

Each of our artifacts tells a story. There are many stories yet to be told.

Roughly the Museum holds a collection of 37,000 artifacts! The vast majority of these consist of ceramics and lithics from a few archaeological sites in central Nebraska. Within the collection are two examples of

reconstructed Pawnee ceramics that are 700-800 years old. Also, among the 37,000 artifacts is a growing collection of photos, recordings, clothing, headdresses, and artwork donated by the community within the last two years. More donations will be welcome when a larger facility is constructed. Of special significance, in contemporary time, the Museum of the Pawnee Nation currently houses several important historical items to the community, including the baseball glove and baseball card of Moses Yellow Horse, Pawnee, and the first full-blood Native American to play professional baseball in the Major Leagues.

A new facility to house the Museum of the Pawnee Nation would greatly impact our collections in a positive way. Primarily, it will welcome donations from Pawnee and other donors of cultural items, clothing, artwork, etc. The Museum’s current building houses several other tribal departments and therefore lacks any real space for storage for our collections. A new facility would not only allow for proper storage and better treatment and preservation of our collections but also allow classes and demonstrations, cultural events, security for exhibits by Pawnee families, museum-related community gatherings, reliable technological capabilities, and offices for the staff of the cultural center and Museum. Now in a former grocery store, a new, modern facility would allow us to grow our collection with renewed confidence and ability to manage our own history and culture by our own stewardship.

Currently, we rely on larger museums to be stewards of our past and culturally significant objects, and we would like nothing more than to bring these items home. In the past and up until now, we have hesitated to bring parts of our culture home because we do not have a safe place for them to live. A new facility would allow our own Pawnee tribal members to learn and see their history and culture for themselves. This would renew pride and culture in many of our tribal members, especially our Pawnee youth.

What’s next?

Exciting news! On March 8, 2020, Susan

Feller, President, and CEO of ATALM, notified the now-former Museum Design Advisory Committee that the Pawnee Nation was selected as an ATALM Cohort Community. Pawnee Nation will be one of only nine, small to midsize tribal communities to receive assistance by ATALM in planning and designing cultural facilities. To carry-out, this new planning phase, a new working group, Museum Planning Committee, will be led by Co-Chairs Meghan Cunningham, Vice-Chair of the Museum of the Pawnee Nation Board and Zach Rice, contract staff with the First Americans Museum in OKC. Other members of the new Museum Planning Committee include Museum of the Pawnee Nation Board members Matt Reed, Chair; Carlton Gover, Secretary; Miranda Due, Treasurer; Ron Rice, Sr.; Patsy Cooper and Gwen Shunatona; members of the Pawnee Nation Culture Committee Helen Norris, Ramona (Monie) Horsechief and Walter Echo-Hawk; as well as, Ex officio member Herb Adson, Director of the Pawnee Nation Cultural Resources Division.

Father Sky; Mother Corn; Father Buffalo; Geography, i.e., Indigenous Homeland; Music; Artifacts; Cooking/eating/meetings are Pâri cultural elements to be incorporated into the design of a new Museum of the Pawnee Nation along with Pâri History/documents/photos/documentary films.

The extraordinary opportunity for the Pawnee Nation being an ATALM Cohort Community will greatly heighten the probability of success in pursuing funding from federal agencies, individuals – both Pawnees and friends, foundations, and affluent tribal nations in order to establish a new Museum of the Pawnee Nation.

In regards to the next steps, the Museum Planning Committee will be meeting with the Pawnee Nation Planning Division to discuss possible funding strategies. If you have any questions regarding the future Museum, please submit them to **PawneeMuseum@gmail.com**. Nawa iri.

Submitted by Museum of the Pawnee Nation Board.



Vice-President - Jimmy Whiteshirt



Nawa,

I am Jimmy Whiteshirt, I am Chaui, my mother was the late Maxine Peters Whiteshirt. Her father was the late James Peters. His father and mother were the late Darwin Peters and Dena

Goodfox Peters. My father was the late John D. Whiteshirt, a veteran of WWII, spiritual leader, member of the Native American church, Sun dancer, and a very traditional man.

June 29th, 2019, I was duly elected as the President of the Pawnee Business Council. After being elected, a prominent Pawnee tribal elder told me, "Jim, now that you have won the election, the people who didn't want you in office are going to come after you anyhow and anyway they can." I tell you this because you want to serve your Pawnee people, you want a better quality of life for us because we are way past due for something good. It has been quite some time since I was on the Council and nothing has really changed. I hope you will be given the chance to accomplish your goals for our people.

July 13th, 2019, I was inaugurated and sworn as the President of the Pawnee Business Council.

August 16th, 2019, I was verbally suspended from official duties by the former Attorney General, Don Mason, in the presence of Carol Nuttle, her daughter M. Angela Thompson, members of the staff, and a tribal police officer. Later, M. Angela Thompson testified against me in Tribal court.

August 19th, 2019, The Attorney General filed a "Two sentence document" labeled "Petition" under Article VII, Section 4 Removal of Pawnee Business Council members for cause. The Attorney General listed as cause for removal a list of 59 crimes. I did not commit any of those 59 crimes. August 20th, 2019, the Attorney General filed a "Two sentence document" entitled, Dismissal of Petition in

which he states, Effective August 20th, 2019, the Honorable James Whiteshirt, suspension is officially lifted from the of the President of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.

The Pawnee Tribal court stated, "While the Attorney General knew where the process for removal is found, he made no attempts to follow the law." The Attorney General made no attempt to claim any cause for suspension or seek any ruling from the court prior to the suspension. The court also stated that the Attorney General denied the President his constitutional right to due process by suspending him on August 16th, 2019. The Attorney General violated the Pawnee Constitution by "unilaterally and independently suspending the President.

During my short time as President, I have revived the investigation by the Gaming Commission of the Tribal Development Corporation, which included corruption, tax evasion, and confession. A year later, the former President and the current Council took no action to address the situation. I took the investigation to the U.S. Attorney's office for review. I was advised that the Internal Revenue Service would be handling the investigation.

I uncovered the 55 counts of embezzlement by the former Treasurer, M. Angela Thompson, from the Tribal Development Corporation. Neither the Tribal Development Corporation nor the former President or the current Pawnee Business Council has taken any legal action against Ms. Thompson.

I have also uncovered the fact that we have a tribal member who is a federally convicted felon working for our tribe in a highly paid, confidential position, who also was not forthcoming in reference to this question on the application, "Have you been convicted of a felony?" The tribal member answered, "No." I notified Charles Buddy Lonechief Jr. about the federal conviction, and he wanted proof, I presented him the proof. To date, he has not taken any action nor has the other Council members to address this issue.

Many of our tribal members have been confused by other Pawnee tribal members whose intention is to attempt to discredit me by spreading malicious rumors especially from a family who hasn't lived in Pawnee for two or

three decades and also I have been threatened by two tribal members who want to do me bodily harm.

During one of my last Council meetings, I was thinking of our tribal employees who lost their jobs when I mentioned to the Council, If it were up to me, I would give our \$240,000 Council budget to the tribal employees, however, none of the Council members said a word about helping our tribal employees during this difficult time.

This is an email from Carol Nuttle, "Here are two petitions being circulated, one is to remove Jimmy Whiteshirt, and one is to remove Sammye Adson Kemble from the Pawnee Business Council. I had plans to focus efforts on Jimmy, but I was being asked, What about Sammye, so there are two recall petitions. I will be signing both. If you are able, please acquire as many signatures as possible, and don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Our goal is to acquire a minimum of 119 signatures of duly enrolled Pawnee tribal members by Friday, February 7th 2019. However, please send in your signature even if you cannot make the deadline so we can add your signature should we not reach 119 signatures by Friday. Those who live outside of Pawnee and or cannot provide an original signature at this time, please sign and mail your signed petition to me at the address below and send me an email so I'll know its coming." I also question how many signatures did not make the deadline, how many tribal members actually signed the petition, and if the Election Commission checked to see how many of those who signed their signature actually voted in the last regular election. I saw many names on the petition that I have never seen before.

Our Constitution states, Upon receipt of a petition signed by twenty-five percent (25%) of the number of voters who voted in the last regular election call for the recall of any member of the Pawnee Business Council, it shall be the duty of the election commission to call and conduct within thirty (30) days an election on such recall.

The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Constitution is the supreme law of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and all persons subject to its jurisdiction. Currently there two issues in

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Vice-President - Jimmy Whiteshirt

Tribal District court;

1. The Constitution clearly states that in reference to a Recall election, "It shall be the duty of the Election commission to call and conduct within thirty (30) days an election on such recall." The election did not take place within 30 days. It took the Election commission a total of 36 days to hold the Recall election for myself and Sammye Kemble.

2. The Constitution, Article VI, Section 3 clearly states that, If the offices of President, Vice-President and Treasurer are vacant the Secretary shall temporarily vacate their office and fulfill the duties of the President. What this means is the current Business Council has been holding illegal Council meetings, illegally voting on matters related to the Pawnee Nation and knowingly ignoring our Constitution, which is the Supreme Law of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. The Secretary, Patsy McCray has not vacated her office to fulfill the duties of

the President. Charles Buddy Lonechief Jr. is currently fulfilling the duties of the President. As of this date, May 20th, 2020, Mr. Lonechief is still fulfilling the duties of the President. He and the Council continue to knowingly violate the Constitution.

Some of my goals.

- a. Make all our tribal funds transparent so our tribal members can see how our revenues are being spent.
- b. Reorganize the Tribal Development Corporation, put the TDC on a budget.
- c. Establish a Revenue Allocation Plan to distribute a percentage of our gaming revenue to our tribal members under the General Welfare Act - tax-free basis.
- d. Update our Constitution through a referendum. The purpose of this amendment would be for the Nasharo

Council and tribal members of our community to have a very active role in our tribal government. This amendment would also bridge the gap of lack of communication with our Pawnee people.

- e. Bring the Housing under the Pawnee tribe to take advantage of federal benefits to build homes for our people.

I am asking for your vote for the position of Vice-President, to continue my goals.

Thank you very much.

Vote Jimmy Whiteshirt for Vice-President of the Pawnee Business Council.

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Vice-President - Jordan Kanuho



Nawa! My name is Jordan Kanuho, and I am running for the office of Vice President of the Pawnee Nation Business Council. I am the son of David and Suzanne Jim Kanuho and the grandson of James and Wanda Goodfox Kanuho and the late

Jennie Jim. I am also the great-grandson of the late Lawrence Sr. and Flora Lewis Goodfox and Phillip and Ella Pratt Jim. I am a member of the Kitkehahki, Pitahawirata, and Chaui bands. I am also of Navajo descent. I come from the Big Water and Many Goats clans of the Dine' people. I was born and raised in Pawnee and graduated from Pawnee High School as a member of the class of 2004. Upon graduating high school, I attended OSU-IT in Okmulgee, OK, where I was honored to become a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and was on the Registrar's Honor Roll. Since graduating from college, I have worked at four different engineering firms in Tulsa, which includes my current place of employment. I am also an ordained minister of the gospel of our Lord Jesus, and during my time in the ministry, I have pastored Pawnee Indian Baptist Church for 5 years. I currently pastor at Belvin Baptist Church in Okmulgee, OK, where I have served diligently for 3 years now. My wife, Amanda, and I have lived in the Tulsa area for 8 years.

Amanda and I have been happily married for almost 15 years. Amanda is employed by the Pawnee Nation College (PNC) as the Director of Student Affairs. She has held this position with PNC for 3 years.

The reason why I decided to run for Vice President is because I believe it is the right time to step up and help our Pawnee people in this difficult time we are living in today. The people who are close to me know that I have a heart to help people and a desire to see people grow and succeed in the life our Lord has planned for them. With that being said, I come into this knowing that I will not be serving a full term, but finishing out the remainder of this term for Vice President. So, I want to be as honest with you as I can and let you know that I'm not

going to make promises I can't keep. Instead, I will do everything that I can possibly do to lay the groundwork that will start to get our Nation heading in the right direction for the betterment of our people.

Some of you may be wondering what experience I bring to the table in order to consider myself qualified to serve in this position. Let me explain that I have been blessed to serve on various boards during my years as a Pastor of the church. I currently serve as the President on the Executive Board of the Fellowship of Native American Christians, the Vice President of Camp Crossway, a faith-based summer camp, and the Director of the MSW Association's Baptist Assembly Camp Meeting. Serving on these boards has given me a good understanding of budgets and how to operate within the means of them, setting goals and completing them, networking, and building working relationships to achieve a common goal and the discipline to work hard for each of these organizations. In addition to serving on these boards, I believe my time working in the engineering field as a Senior Designer has equipped me with the discipline of meeting deadlines on projects with multi-million dollar budgets, working closely with project managers and clients to meet those deadlines and providing quality service with high standards backed by a drive to do what needed to be done in order to meet the client's needs. In my 14 years of working in the engineering field, I have had the opportunity to travel across the US and into the Bahamas and the Caribbean to visit client facilities in order to work on projects within groups of individuals with years of experience in the many different areas of engineering, project management, field services, and mechanical/electrical/structural design, of which I have learned tremendously from.

What I plan to accomplish during my time as your Vice President is first, I will meet with each program and director to get an understanding of what each program does and how they operate based on the budget they set forth. I would then like to meet the employees of these programs to let them know that I am here to serve them as best as I can as their Vice President. Second, I will meet with some of our elders and get an idea of what they really need and start to work with our programs within the Pawnee Nation

alongside the directors to see what we can do to meet those needs. I believe that we wouldn't be where we are today if it were not for the road they helped pave to get us where we are, and we owe them a huge debt of gratitude for the work they have done. I can't promise that I will be able to get them everything they are asking for, keeping in mind that I will only have a little under a year to do it, but I promise I will work harder than anyone to do what I can for them. Third, I will work to preserve and maintain our language and culture. What makes us unique as native people is not the color of our skin but the fact that each tribe has a distinct language and culture. If we do not take seriously the need to preserve and maintain our language and culture, we are just a generation or two away from being culturally extinct. I will do what I can as your Vice President to secure a path forward to preserve and maintain our Pawnee Language and culture. Lastly, I will do as much as I can to pave a promising future for your children and the future generations down the road. My Au-kut would tell us from time to time when she remembered her dad going out early in the morning to pray. He would pray on the east side of their house facing east, and she asked him one time, "Why do you go out there so early for?" He told her, "That's the quietest time of the day, and I'm praying for all my children and their children. And I'm also praying for my great-grandchildren and on down that I may never see". There was a generation that looked ahead and thought much of what will be there for their children and their children's children. I'm longing to see that revitalized within our Pawnee people, and if I can have a part in putting that into the hearts of our people, I believe I've made an impact that will be felt in future generations to come. When we get past the nearsighted selfishness of our circumstances today and begin to have a generational perspective that will have lasting effects on our people in a positive way, I believe we will see a change like nobody has seen in a long time. That is why I will work as hard as I can to make a promising future for the future generations of the Pawnee Nation.

When you mail in your absentee ballot or go to the polls on June 20th, I would be grateful to have your vote and confidence in me to know that I will do the best I can to serve you as your Vice President of the Pawnee Business Council.

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Treasurer - Tonette Ponkilla



Nawa relatives,
I am Tonette Ponkilla, I am an enrolled member of our Pawnee Nation, I carry bloodlines of the Otoe-Missouria and Ponca nations. I am of the Kitkahaki Band and daughter of

the late Nova Marie Moore Fields and the late Anthony Arkeketa and sister of the late Delilah Arkeketa Moses.

I have one sister Sylvestine Franklin and my brother Charles Eddy Arkeketa. My

grandparents are the late Sidney Moore and the late Pearl Peters Moore; further, I descend from the Jessie Peters family.

I currently reside in Stroud, Oklahoma, for the last 20 years, with my husband Gordon Ponkilla of the Sac and Fox Nation. My children are Justin Ponkilla, Emily Fixico and, Tania Ponkilla, and her companion Rico Jessepe. I have three beautiful grandchildren, Quinton Jessepe, Tarah Jessepe and, Mariah Jessepe.

I desire to support and help our Pawnee Nation with my knowledge of Indian Country. During my time at the University of Oklahoma, majoring in Public Administration, I studied our Indigenous history by very impressive professors such as the late William Rice. My studies lead me to eventually work for the Sac and Fox Nation and the Iowa Tribe along with other various employment.

My success of these tribes is physically evident in projects that allowed each tribe to grow their nation's resources and fulfill economic development down various avenues. I confidently bring with me first-hand experience and knowledge of budgetary management, economic development, Tribal sovereignty.

I kindly ask for your vote as Tribal Treasurer in the Pawnee Nation 2020 Special Election to be held on June 20, 2020.

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Pawnee COVID Response Project

by Monie Horsechief

Donations were from philanthropist George Krumme, All Souls Unitarian Church, and Evergreen Baptist Church in Tulsa.

Masks were made by Crystal Caesar and donated by Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation, provided to elders and the public.

Donations for children consisted of coloring books, bubbles, crayons, snacks, and fruit. At 15, Kennedy volunteered her Saturday

afternoon to help hand out the donations, because she knows giving back is its reward. What a blessing for all as just one example of what we've seen nationwide.

We distributed 65 blessings baskets with essentials needs for families beginning with elders.

Julie Hall, Mary Faye, and Cheynowa helped distribute donations.





Treasurer - Ralph Nordwall



“Our tribe lags behind our neighbors, in particular, the Sac and Fox and the Otoe’s as the result of inexperienced decision-makers approving poor financial decisions.

The PTDC gave an unnecessary \$400,000 ‘goodwill’ payment to the seller of the convenience store in Pawnee above the amount it was worth! The PBC appoints the PTDC board who approves these sweetheart deals that have placed us behind the 8 ball and eat up our gaming money. The ultimate responsibility of those actions can be laid at the feet of the Council. That is why we have little tribal money for eyeglasses, cataract surgeries, dental work, dentures, and crowns for our elders and others: the money is wasted on closed-door business deals. As Treasurer, I will work to fix these problems publicly and place the tribe on a stable financial footing to move forward. We need to get back to basics; unite and serve the people first and make sure basic needs are covered with elders as a priority.

“Additionally, the tribe is being run as if it was 30 years ago: under outdated policies

and methods. The Pawnee Nation can easily modify existing policy to ensure the tribe runs efficiently and create better-paying jobs for Pawnee people. The politics need to be taken out of our accounting protocol; this is the only way we can guarantee stability for our employees and to our tribal members getting services. I have a plan to accomplish these goals as Treasurer and will work to see them through.”

- Rick Nordwall (Ph) 405-762-1736 on Facebook @ rick for Pawnee

Rick was born to Alton and Eva Fields-Nordwall at the old Pawnee Hospital in Pawnee, OK. They lived in the old housing units along Big D road. Rick’s maternal grandparents are Arthur and Ahnawake Fields with uncles Raymond, Arthur Jr, Jim, Harrison, and Richard.

Rick graduated from Harvard University and is the only Pawnee graduate from Harvard College. While attending law school, he worked for the Native American Rights Fund with John and Walter Echo-Hawk. Later he delivered the National Indian Health Board’s testimony to a US House of Representatives Committee detailing the state of Tribal Healthcare in the U.S.

At 22, Rick was the acting director of Cherokee Nation Health with over 300 employees, where

he oversaw the development of one of CNO’s first Tribal clinics, ambulatory, and dental care in what is now the largest tribal health service in the Nation.

Rick has made a career as a Business and financial consultant in Indian Country. He has worked on Wall Street in NYC and managed tens of millions of dollars for Tribal Nations, Pueblos, Alaskan Native Corporations and Tribal Foundations, and AMERIND (Tribal housing insurance).

He has served the Pawnee Nation as the Vice-Chair of the Pawnee Budget Committee, Executive Director of the Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation, and as the Chairman of the Pawnee Nation Gaming Commission.

Rick has been married to his wife Mary for 47 years, and they have two sons Eric and Sean. Rick will bring the wealth of knowledge he has gained from his experience to the Pawnee Business Council, and as the Treasurer he will safeguard the peoples’ money and assure the people it is being spent properly and most efficiently.

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Pico de Gallo

Recipe by Monie Horsechief from Horsechief Catering

Makes 8 servings or about 3 cups

1 1/2 pounds tomatoes, chopped
1 medium onion, chopped (about 2/3 cup)
1 to 2 jalapeño or serrano peppers, finely diced (seeds and membranes removed for a milder salsa)
1/2 cup finely chopped fresh cilantro leaves
Juice of 1 lime
Salt to taste

Simply great recipe...

DIRECTIONS

Add the tomatoes, onion, cilantro, diced peppers and lime juice to a bowl. Generously season with salt, start with 1/2 teaspoon and go from there. Set the salsa aside for 15 to 20 minutes.

After this time, stir the salsa, making sure to distribute the juices left at the bottom of the bowl. Taste and adjust with more salt.
Store up to 3 days in an airtight container in the refrigerator.



Treasurer - Carol Chapman



Nawa,
It is with
the spirit of
my beloved
Pawnee
parents,
Thomas
and Bernice
Chapman
that I, Carol

Chapman, am asking for your vote to serve as Treasurer of the Pawnee Business Council. I live in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, where my husband, Nathan Young, and I raised our family. I have two sons, Nathan Young and John Chapman Young, two daughters Shawn Soulsby and Michelle Young, three cherished grandsons, Eric Young, Stoney Barnoskie, and Charles Walker Young, as well as my wonderful granddaughter, Olivia "Via" Ruth Young.

Servant leadership is needed today more than ever in our government, and I am committed to serving the Pawnee people in the most honorable and respectful manner that I was taught by my Pawnee elders. I was born and raised in Pawnee and am a member of both Kitkahake and Skidi Bands. My grandfather, Henry Chapman, served as President of the Pawnee Supreme Council in 1929. My father Thomas, uncles Basil and Robert "Bob" Chapman, also served as Presidents of the Pawnee Business Council. Inasmuch, I have been immersed in Pawnee culture, language, ceremonies, traditions, and community my entire life with my Chapman and Eaves family. I cherish those days and credit my family and my tribe for all the wonderful opportunities in my life. As a descendant of veterans and Pawnee leaders, watching their contributions to our community and Nation had a profound effect on me as I moved forward in my life's work and service to Indian people. After graduating from Pawnee High School, I attended both Oklahoma State University and Northeastern State University, where I earned my degree in History and Psychology. I became a certified teacher and also earned a Master's Degree in Education in Counseling Psychology. My life's work has been to help educate as many Native American students as possible because I believe education is the great equalizer.

I retired from Northeastern State University as

the Director of the Center for Tribal Studies, where I worked with tribal people, tribal governments, and organizations from across the United States. In my 25 years of service to the University, I served as Chair of the Indian Symposium, then widely recognized as the forum for Indian scholars, leaders, activists, and artists. College students and youth from across the state still visit the symposium to gain exposure to important ideas and celebrate our sovereignty and shared culture.

After I retired from NSU, I became a Program Coordinator for the National Indian Women's Health Resource Center, directing numerous programs funded by federal agencies, working with tribal communities across Indian Country to help improve the health and education of their tribes. Today I specialize in counseling Native American adolescents on historical trauma, suicide, addictions, cultural identity, and self-esteem. I have devoted 35 years of my professional life to serving Indian people in different capacities (Education, Policy Development, Health). I feel fortunate to have been a part of this rewarding work and feel that now it is time to devote service to our Pawnee Nation. From my experience, working together is how progress and success happens. Working cooperatively alongside the elected body my platform includes:

- Expand and improve services to all Pawnee tribal members to provide meaningful assistance to all of our members, especially in a time of crisis,
- Follow best practices in decision making and management,
- Dedication to transparency in government and practicing due diligence in all matters,
- Successful economic development for our tribal businesses creating more opportunities for our tribal members,
- Increased grant writing seeking more dollars for serving our youth, elders, cultural preservation, and language, maximizing our eligibility to expand services.

My financial experience includes years of directing federally funded programs where I managed and provided oversight of program budgets. My job duties included reading spreadsheets, managed operating accounts, deposits, purchase requests, and purchase

orders, kept and maintained financial accounts following federal regulations, and prepared financial reports for federal project officers. As a grant writer, I prepared budgets for inclusion into large grant applications. When a grant was funded, I managed and directed the program and oversaw the administration of the financial expenditures and reporting requirements. In my job experience, I have served as a board member, which required financial reports, so I know what oversight and reporting entails. In my job experience, I have also been in the role of preparing financial reports and presenting to board members on financial matters. I am qualified to prepare and report financial transactions to the Pawnee Business Council and to the people. The Treasurer's oversight role requires good communication and cooperation skills. I pledge respect for the skilled financial department employees of the tribe while providing oversight and reporting as we follow the law, our constitution, and policies, with all supporting documentation to the Pawnee Business Council. I have served on the Pawnee Nation Gaming Commission and currently serve on the Pawnee Housing Authority.

The Council are the stewards of your money. I propose a "How the Money is Spent" document distributed by mail quarterly to all Pawnee membership. Explaining, simply, where and why the tribe spends the Pawnee people's money. We come from one of the greatest legacies the world has ever known, our culture is studied and revered around the world. Pawnee people are recognized as leaders across all of Indian Country. The stability and progress of our democratic Pawnee government matters greatly as we enter an era of uncertainty and anxiety; the Pawnee people have called for another vote, Stalemate has brought the need for a new direction. I humbly ask for your vote. I pledge to work in good faith with President-Elect Echo-Hawk & Council members. I wish to serve my tribe, working solely for the benefit of the Pawnee people.

Atias, Bless the Pawnee Nation

Carol Chapman



Council Seat #1 - Pamela J. Cook



Nawa (Hello) Family, friends, and Members of the Pawnee Nation:

I, Pamela Cook, am announcing my candidacy for Council Seat #1. I consider it an honor and a privilege to have an opportunity to serve my Pawnee people in the capacity of a tribal leader.

I come to you as a highly qualified candidate with over 45 years of tribal government experience in various departments of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Pawnee Nation District Court and Social Services. I possess high standards of integrity and strong ethics, and I have the education and work experience to read and interpret tribal laws and legislation. I believe as a council member, we should work together collectively and in unity as a group in order to reach the needs of our people in these desperate and challenging times of unemployment and Covid-19 virus pandemic. I believe our tribal Council has a grave responsibility to our tribal members, as we must find a common ground and work together to deal with the unusual economic circumstances that face our tribal government today. Unity is needed in our tribal Council to progress and succeed and to insure that our common goals and interest of the Nation are being met. We must continue to provide continuity and stability within our Pawnee Nation for our employees, families, and Pawnee people as a whole to remain a successful tribal government and to keep our trust relationship and continued funding with the Federal Government.

I strongly believe in education for our youth; I support the elders of the community and believe we must include all our tribal members

for services who live inside and outside our jurisdiction, not just a select few; we're in dire need of our own Social Service Program funded with a Revenue Allocation Program Plan. The Indian Preference Law must be upheld in employment, and I believe in preserving our tribal culture for our future generations; and Tribal economic business ventures must expand beyond our tribal casinos to increase our tribal revenues.

I am the granddaughter of the late Julius Caesar, Jr., Pawnee member of the Kitkahaki South Band, a well known Silversmith, and Francis Caesar. My uncle is Bruce Caesar and the late Charles Caesar. My parents were Lolita Jo Caesar Cook and the Rev. Virgil Cook, Pastor of Faith Tabernacle Church, Yale, OK. I was educated at Yale and Cushing High School. I graduated from the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, NM, in 1972. I am a 1975 graduate from Oklahoma State University in Legal Studies, and a graduate from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. I raised all my four children in Pawnee, OK, namely Sam Cook, Nichole Harrison, Ian EchoHawk, and Maria EchoHawk Martinez. I live on my Pawnee Indian Allotted land. I have lived in the Pawnee Area all my life.

A summary of my tribal government work experience began in 1975 with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Personnel Management in Washington, D. C. - In 1977 Credit and Finance Pawnee Agency; Tribal Development Office, assisted the five tribes in their budget formulation process; monitored P. L. 93-638 Indian Self-Determination Grants & Contracts -training and technical assistance to the Five Tribes-Social Services Office- Land Operations and Land Titles Office. From 1991 to 1993, I served as Court Clerk, the Court of Indian Offenses, C.F.R. Court Ponca City, OK, BIA Pawnee Agency preparing complex legal documents. In 1993 to 1995 Tribal Government Office, Branch of Tribal Enrollment, BIA Washington, D. C.; In 1998 to 2006 - Court Clerk, Administrator for the Pawnee Nation

in Civil, Criminal Juvenile division; Social Services Representative for the Sac and Fox Nation; the National Indian Repository, Office of Trust; Pawnee Indian Health Center, Medical Support Assistant Specialty Clinic, Pediatrics, Cardiology, Rheumatology, Endocrinology, and Women's Health Clinic. 2017 - Legal Assistant Supervisor Court Clerk for the Court of Indian Offenses, for the Wind River Agency, in Fort Washakie, Wyoming.

Past years: 1981 served as Chairman of Pawnee Indian Housing responsible for building 42 new Mutual Help Indian Homes located in Pawnee Reeves Addition and served as Housing Commissioner and Tax Commissioner for the Pawnee Tribe. I have attended numerous conferences and received training certificates in Tribal Court Procedures and tribal government over the years. I was elected to serve as a council member of the Pawnee Nation under the leadership of President Elizabeth Blackowl Pawnee Nation.

Our tribe is facing unusual financial difficulties and uncertainties right now at this time due to the COVID 19 Virus pandemic and the failing economy in the US, which no doubt has impacted us and has resulted in the loss of revenues for our tribe. The future success of the Pawnee Nation is in the hands of our entire tribal council members. The Leaders of our tribe must lead our tribe in unity, and focus on solving our governmental issues, concerns, priorities, and goals and move forward in our efforts to sustain ourselves as an independent sovereign nation.

I sincerely appreciate your vote for Council Seat #1 for Pawnee Nation, and I promise I will work diligently to help resolve our complex problems and to sustain the future of our tribal government.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Cook

Candidate for Council Seat #1.



Council Seat #1 - Cynthia Butler



Nawa. My name is Cynthia Butler, and I am running for Pawnee Business Council Member Seat #1 in the upcoming Special Election. I will do my best to represent the Pawnee Nation and our members.

I will be requesting to be on the Governing Documents Committee as we have seen many inefficiencies within our governing documents, and I will advocate for change and reform.

We need to strengthen our policies and our Constitution. It will also take business-minded individuals with knowledge and understanding of policy and policy reform to move forward. I have sat on several Pawnee Nation Commissions in which we have made innovative strides to strengthen regulations and bring in revenue for the tribe. I have also been staff support for all PBC Committees and have helped with review and revision of policies. I believe through my studies at Northern Oklahoma College and through my ten years of experience working for the Pawnee Nation, I have what it takes to contribute to our tribal government.

My top three priorities are: 1. Policy Reform; 2. Continue to advocate for youth services; and 3. Completion of the Pawnee Nation Strategic Plan. These will be my short-term goals if I am

elected.

It was once said we are the greatest Nation on the planet, and I firmly believe we are, and we can be the leaders of Indian Country. To get there, there must be unity among the Business Council members. We cannot be part of the problem; we need to be the solution. We can have change, but it takes cooperation from everyone. Everything starts with a thought, a plan, and then someone to execute the plan for a result. With my work ethic, I will not shy away from bringing solutions to the table. I want to take the opportunity to be part of the solution for making this Nation, the Pawnee Nation, prosper, and represent you as a tribal leader.

Please vote for Cynthia on June 20th for PBC Member Seat #1.

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New Safety Measures at the Pawnee Nation

While the world braces for the COVID-19 Pandemic, the 2019 Pawnee Nation Safety, and Enhancement Projects are wrapping up. The

Pawnee Nation's newest, innovative safety and enhancement features are the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs). The RRFBs were recently installed at the 18/64 Highway intersection of Catlett Rd at the War Mothers Bridge entrance.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, there were a total of 14,340 pedestrian fatalities and 193,000 pedestrian injuries resulting from pedestrian-vehicle crashes nationwide during the 2004-2006 period. Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons (RRFB) can enhance safety by reducing crashes between vehicles and pedestrians at unsignalized intersections and mid-block pedestrian crossings by increasing driver awareness of potential pedestrian conflicts.

The RRFBs are activated by pedestrians manually by a push button, use amber LED lights, are solar-powered, and use an irregular

flash pattern to warn oncoming traffic. RRFBs are a lower-cost alternative to traffic signals and hybrid signals that are proven to increase driver yielding behavior at crosswalks.

Through the 2019 Pawnee Nation Safety and Enhancement Projects, we have installed the RRFB's, LED roadway lighting, and sidewalks along 1st Street and Catlett rd. that provide for safe access into the Pawnee Nation Tribal Complex. Our Pawnee Nation Housing Authority and EagleChief community have been transformed through these projects. Future safety and enhancement projects will focus on safe access for our Yellowhorse community into the Pawnee Nation Tribal Complex.

Chris McCray

Pawnee Nation Transportation
& Safety, Manager



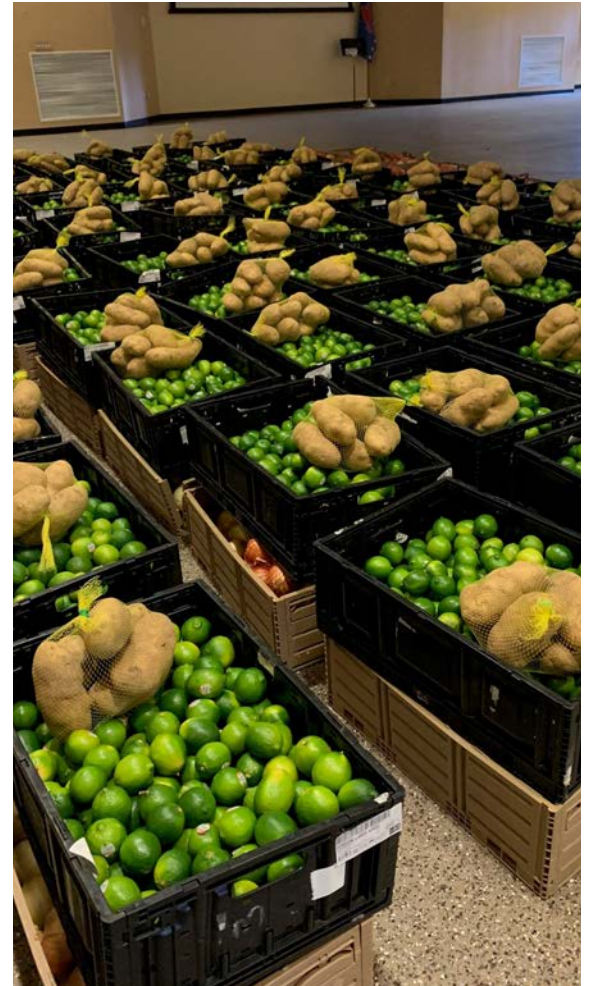
Pawnee Nation was one of the tribes selected to received a sizable donation Walmart of (24) pallets of fruits and vegetables

Due to the recent COVID-19, Walmart was seeking out tribes to donate food to. Chris Roper, the Director of Services for Quapaw Nation, contacted one of our tribal members, who works for the Intertribal Agriculture Council, who then reached out to Pawnee Nation regarding this awesome opportunity. Pawnee Nation was fortunate to be one of the tribes selected; we received a sizable donation Walmart of (24) pallets of fruits and vegetables. The donation consisted of the following:

- 6 pallets of sweet onions
- 1 ½ pallets of yellow onions
- 5 pallets of limes
- 2 pallets of pineapples
- 3 pallets of spaghetti squash
- 1 pallet of tomatoes
- 1 pallet of sweet potatoes
- 3 pallets of Idaho potatoes
- 1 pallet of mangos
- ½ pallet of butternut squash

During the week of April 13-20, the Division of Health & Community Services and Property Management volunteer divided the food and made food boxes. Recipients received the food boxes by either home delivery or curbside delivery. We utilized the produce to 1) supplement our tribal food programs, 2) distributed to Tribal Development Corporation and Pawnee Nation employees who have been furloughed, laid off, and/or reduced hours due to the pandemic, 3) gave to our elders, program participants, tribal members, and tribal employees, 4) donated to local & county restaurants, nutrition sites, food banks, soup kitchens, and a nursing home, and 5) shared with the City of Pawnee employees. Many of the recipients shared their bounty with family, friends, neighbors, etc.

Much appreciation goes out to Walmart, Chris Roper, our tribal member with IAC, and all those who assisted with this project. With this partnership, we were able to serve our tribal community, city, and county during this time of crisis.



Pawnee Nation Diabetes Program

Nawa Akitahu!

The Pawnee Nation Diabetes Program promotes the delivery of supportive, interactive, and educational services for Native Americans with the risk factors of developing and/or with the diagnosis of diabetes who reside within the Pawnee service area. It is our intent to improve the quality of life for Native Americans by implementing SDPI Best Practice: Physical Activity/Education. Although group physical fitness classes are on hold due to the pandemic, we still want to encourage physical activity at home. The week of April 6-12 was National

Public Health Week. In honor of all public health workers, we launched a steps challenge for those interested in helping the American Public Health Association reach their goal of a billion steps. We had (8) individuals join our virtual team and log a total of 183,114 combined steps during the week. All participants received an incentive goodie bag for their participation.

Direct services for diabetic clients are still available by appointment only until further

notice due to people with diabetes being more likely to develop severe coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and complications. We want to make sure we are doing everything we can on our end to keep clients and staff safe.

The Diabetes Program is located in the old IHS Building, Rooms 101 and 103, and can be reached at (918) 762-3873 option 4 or via email at mclark@pawneenation.org or cg1030@pawneenation.org.



Indian Health Service
**Division of Diabetes
Treatment and Prevention**

- **People with diabetes who are infected with the coronavirus are more likely to develop severe coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and complications.**
 - They should be especially diligent to reduce risk of exposure, including hand washing, practicing social distancing, and staying home as much as possible.
- Managing diabetes can be more challenging during this time.
 - **Blood sugars:** activity restriction, changes in eating patterns, and illness can all affect blood sugars. Patients should monitor more closely and call their health care team if they are having problems.
 - **Medications:** patients should ensure they have sufficient medications and call their health care team if they need refills.
- To reduce the risk of coronavirus exposure, avoid going to the clinic unless necessary. Patients who develop mild symptoms should monitor their blood sugars, stay well hydrated, and call their health care team with concerns.
- For severe symptoms, seek medical care right away.

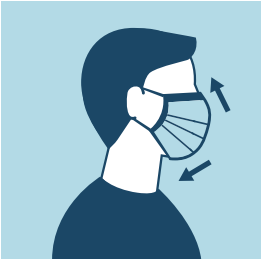
COVID-19 Updates on the [IHS Website](#)
Information is available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for [providers](#) and [patients](#)

Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19

How to Wear Cloth Face Coverings

Cloth face coverings should—

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape



CDC on Homemade Cloth Face Coverings

CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), **especially** in areas of significant community-based transmission. CDC also advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.

Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance.

The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.



Should cloth face coverings be washed or otherwise cleaned regularly? How regularly?

Yes. They should be routinely washed depending on the frequency of use.

How does one safely sterilize/clean a cloth face covering?

A washing machine should suffice in properly washing a cloth face covering.

How does one safely remove a used cloth face covering?

Individuals should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose, and mouth when removing their cloth face covering and wash hands immediately after removing.



cdc.gov/coronavirus

THE ICW PROGRAM IS SEEKING FOSTER PARENTS.

Benefits of being a foster parent include providing a safe environment for children and ensuring their connection to their culture and community. For more information on becoming a foster parent, please contact the Pawnee Nation ICW Program at (918) 762-3621 ext. 143 or ext. 175.

SAP/MSPI/TOR Update

To start things off, we would like to inform and reaffirm what we have done in the past and will continue to do as things begin to move forward. The Methamphetamine & Suicide Prevention Initiative (MSPI) and Tribal Opioid Response (TOR) Programs focus on prevention activities primarily on our youth. This includes activities such as guest speakers at the schools and for the community. In addition, camps are utilized, and collaborative functions are undertaken to provide safe and constructive tools for the individuals served. The MSPI and TOR Prevention Specialists are trained to present to and help identify at-risk people within our community. They are constantly searching for and identifying concerns that have a negative impact within the community. The Prevention Specialists then work diligently to reduce the impact of those negative markers through their research and use of best and evidence-based practices currently available. They attend trainings as well as program requirements as stipulated by the funding agencies, for these grants. Patrick Smith represents the MSPI grant, while Galen Springer represents the TOR grant.

The SAP (Substance Abuse Program) is an outpatient program that offers follow up care for those in non-residential care. The outpatient care is utilized by those that have completed inpatient, intensive outpatient or partial hospitalization facilities. SAP is here to support those that are transitioning back into everyday life and need additional support to continue a successful journey in recovery. In addition to providing individual counseling, we also offer a Support Group meeting on Wednesday evenings. With the COVID-19 occurrence reducing face-to-face meetings and group meetings, we have taken the current steps to protect and assist all that we can. We will see individuals by appointments only, so please call ahead of time to be seen. If you need to be seen or need to talk to someone, please contact the office at **918-762-2143** during regular working hours, 8 to 5 Monday through Friday, and necessary arrangements can be made to assist someone with their needs.

During this time of COVID-19, we also would

like to raise awareness of additional services that are currently available. If someone needs or would like to attend a group session, there are many available in an online format. An example of this format is available at 12step-online.com. This website has AA rooms, AA Zoom rooms, NA rooms, Christian rooms, Al-Anon rooms, and Nar-Anon rooms. These are somewhat easy to negotiate and are free of charge. The times available are spread out nicely and can accommodate just about everyone's time need. There is everything from the Night Owls (12:00-1:00 A.M.) to the Early Birds (7:00-8:00 A.M.)

There are also several **Hotline numbers** that serve a variety of concerns. *All* the numbers available here are accessible *24 hours a day*.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-8255 (TALK)

Trevor Project Lifeline
1-866-488-7386 (Hotline for LGBT youth)

Child Help USA National Hotline
1-800-422-4453
(Hotline for youth suffering from child abuse)

Crisis Counselor Text HOME to 741741
is staffed by volunteers to help someone through many issues. This is not staffed by medical personnel but is very useful.

In addition to these services, the Substance Abuse Program also makes referrals to additional resources for more extensive care. In the event, a person comes in for an assessment, and it is determined through the screening tools that an individual may need additional services, we may make a recommendation and referral to other resources for help in those areas. As an example, someone comes in, and during screening, that individual shows indicators of depression or other mental or medical health concerns, then we will make a referral to IHS Behavioral Health or the Medical Clinic for the potential additional needs. Often an individual needs to be further referred to outside treatment facilities, and the cost will need to be approved through IHS for this additional treatment need. This is the reason why this process is necessary.

SAP contracted with 12 & 12 in Tulsa for inpatient drug and alcohol treatment to best serve our people's needs in this area. We

chose them because of the reduced time to get someone into treatment as well as to utilize the services they have to offer to extend into co-occurring disorders and dual diagnosis treatments according to the DSM-V criteria that we adhere to.

With this new treatment facility, we can stay in the office and make direct contact with 12&12 and do a screening process with the individual and 12&12's intake personnel to determine the individual's level of need. If they are scored by the screening tools and determined to need a higher level of care afforded by inpatient treatment, then we have the opportunity to move a person rapidly towards the road to recovery. This reduction in lapses in time creates a much higher chance of a person to get in while in a more receptive state of mind to allow us as first contact, to work first hand, with the necessary components, the client, the SAP Program, and 12&12, to expedite the process to get someone into treatment. Since we have access to the monies for treatment, we can authorize payment for treatment and usually have the person in need there within four days.

The current conditions that we all must contend with are allowing us to explore and enhance our capabilities to serve our people further.

SAP/MSPI/TOR Staff are listed below:

Barbara Attocknie, ICADC,
Program Coordinator/Counselor

Mike Ortiz, Counselor

Patrick Smith, MSPI Prevention Specialist

Galen Springer, TOR Prevention Specialist

Anthony Leas, Fitness Center Attendant





Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

Enrollment Department

P.O. Box 470, Pawnee, OK 74058

Ph# (918)762-3873 Opt #7 Fax# (918)762-9927

Email: changeaddress@pawneenation.org

CHANGE OF ADDRESS AUTHORIZATION

- Date, Name, Date of Birth and Signature are required for address changes
- **PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO SIGN THIS STATEMENT LOCATED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE**

Members 18 years and older must sign this form

***Date:** _____

Roll #: _____

***Name:** _____

Telephone # : (____) _____ - _____

***Date of Birth:** _____

E-Mail: _____

Current Mailing Address:

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Current Physical Address:

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

***Signature of Member or Parent/Guardian**

Printed Name of Signature

Newsletter Confirmation

____ Yes I would like to receive the Chaticks si Chaticks, a quarterly publication.
(For enrolled members over the age of eighteen only and one per household)

Update **enrolled children under 18**

____ Please update the same address for the following individuals under the age of 18:

Name: _____

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*** Use additional sheet for more children ***

In Remembrance

Terry Lynn Kennedy	2/12/1960	1/10/2020
Ruth Ann Foy	9/15/1964	3/10/2020
Kyle Edward W Taylor	12/2/1957	3/13/2020
Arthur Ralph Fields III	11/23/1960	3/16/2020
Karen Marie Evans	2/18/1949	4/1/2020
Timothy Isaiah Nuttle	10/9/2002	4/5/2020
James Little Sun Jr.	9/2/1944	4/8/2020
Vera Jeanine Lyons	5/22/1968	4/15/2020
Thomas C Cline	7/1/1944	4/17/2020
Karl Eugene Kent Sr.	8/16/1953	4/18/2020
Luanne Levier	5/31/1948	4/27/2020
Johnnie Darwin Villines	2/19/1944	5/3/2020

in loving memory of

Arthur Ralph Fields III November 23, 1960 - March 16, 2020



Arthur “Sonny” Ralph Fields III, 59, passed away suddenly on March 16, 2020. Sonny was born November 23, 1960, to Arthur Ralph Fields Jr. and Minnie Osborne-Fields at Tinker Air-Force Base, Midwest City, OK. Sonny spent

his childhood growing up in Wichita, KS, and Pawnee, OK. Upon graduating from Pawnee High School in 1978, he attended Central State

University in Edmond, OK, working towards a Bachelor’s degree in Accounting. It was at this time that he learned his artisanship as a carpenter to provide for his wife Nena and children. Sonny was a happy and devoted father, grandfather, and Dallas Cowboys fan. He lived in Rockville, MD, for six years, which lead him to use his carpentry skills in high-end trim carpentry for C R Design. Sonny moved back home, where he was able to make a home in Shawnee, OK. Sonny was a proud employee with Black Bear Builders in Pawnee, OK, at the time of his passing. He enjoyed being able to teach others and work for the people of Pawnee that he loved and cherished. Those left to cherish his memory are his forever wife Nena and children; Alicia & Graham, Arthur “SonnyBoy” Fields IV & Diana, Alana & Ben,

Mariah Ann, and 13 grandchildren: Landon, Emoree, Trenton, Avery, Aiden, Roland, Xavier, Railee, Audrey, Theo, Valery, Hinu, and Gabriel; Siblings: Charlie, Mike, Lyle, Monie, and Lisa, and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, friends near and far, and Larry Reamy and Ron Cooper. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, brother Roland Fields, his final resting place will be at the North Indian Cemetery, Pawnee, OK. Go Cowboys!

Services were held Thursday 1:00 P.M. March 19, 2020, in the Pawnee Nation Multi-purpose Building with Rev. Warren Pratt Jr. officiating. Services were entrusted to the Poteet Funeral Home and Cremation Services, friends can leave a memory for the family at www.poteetfuneralhome.com



Small group planting at Maramec lake,
in memory of Dennis Haga

in loving memory of

Dennis Wayne Haga April 7, 1956 - May 4, 2020



Pawnee Nation College Honors the Class of 2020 Graduates

Because of the COVID-19, so many schools and colleges have moved to online learning to ensure the safety of their students. Many graduates are missing their commencement ceremonies. Traditionally such significant milestones in their lives, especially the graduates who will not be able to walk for

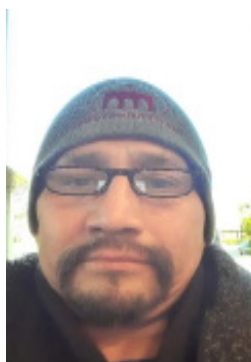
graduation as a first-generation student, is a loss. All college seniors always need inspiration, reassurance, and life advancement as they head into the next chapter of their lives, which is especially true this year during the COVID-19 uncertainty. Encouraging words for our PNC College graduates of 2020 need to be heard to

celebrate and honor the resilience, strength, and accomplishments of this year's graduates. The future is always uncertain, but we here at PNC are proud to help you celebrate all of your achievements, and we are certain of one thing on this day: You will not let us down.

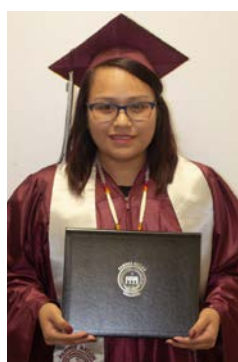
THE GRADUATING STUDENTS OF PAWNEE NATION COLLEGE



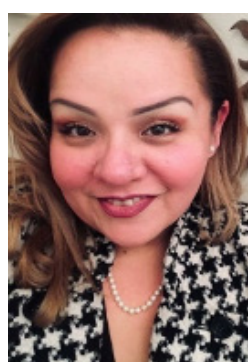
Rosetta Clark
(Pawnee)
Bachelor of Arts -
American Indian
Studies



Albert Lorentz
(Sac and Fox)
Bachelor of Arts -
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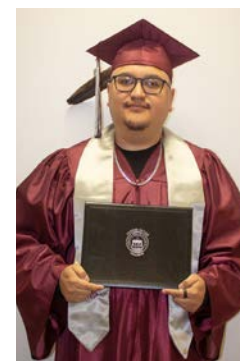
Jasmine Lorentz
(Comanche)
Associate of
Science -
General Business



Summer Morgan
(Kiowa)
Bachelor of Arts -
American Indian
Studies



Arthur Daugomah
(Kiowa)
Associate of Arts -
American Indian
Studies



Robert Frazier
(Choctaw)
Associate of
Science -
General Business

Degree and certificate programs are two of the most common choices for students returning to the classroom. These two educational paths are designed to expose students to a specific field or skill set that can help broaden their knowledge in that subject area. At their core, the purpose of both program types is to help students understand the depth of their industry and to walk away with the tactical skills and experiences needed to expand their career options, advance at work, or even switch to a new industry altogether.

One of the biggest draws of a certificate program is the speed at which you can complete it. Unlike a degree-which can take between two and four years to finish-certificates require as little as a few months to a few years to complete. This variation in length is due to the flexibility of certificate programs, including that they allow you to take as few or as many courses at a time as needed.

Certificate courses are narrowly focused and

explore the actionable skills needed to work in a particular industry. Depending on the type of certificate, classes may only cover a broad view of essential industry-related topics or practices to ensure you have a working knowledge of the field. More advanced certificate programs dive more deeply into the subject or review more sophisticated methods for the work. In either type of certificate program, however, graduates leave with skills well-developed enough to apply what they've learned to your field or, in some cases, expand that base knowledge into an advanced degree later on.

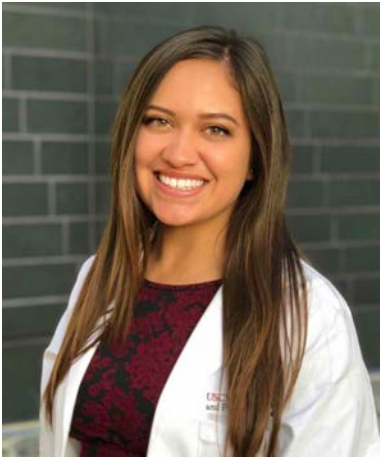
At this time, PNC has a total of 34 students enrolled in the Associate degree Oklahoma Native Career & Technical Education Programs (OKN-CTEP), and 5 students enrolled in the Industry recognized OKN-CTEP.

Pawnee Nation College is planning to have students back on campus for on-line coursework for the summer and face-to-face coursework in the fall. Of course, it is contingent upon the

proposed phases of Gov. Kevin Stitt reopening plan will continue. The summer semester begins June 8th – August 7th, and the fall semester classes will be announced at a later date. Throughout this period, all employees, students, and campus guests are expected to practice appropriate social distancing and to follow the COVID-19 CDC guidelines.



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CONGRATULATIONS to Autumn Only A Chief who has successfully completed her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from the University of Southern California!!! USC's Class of 2020 Virtual Commencement will take place on May 15th. No names will be called—only student pictures will be shown.

Autumn Vivian Only A Chief, is the daughter of John Only A Chief and Vivian Evora of California. Autumn is a 2013 alumna of Pawnee High School, who has received many awards for her academic achievements, as well as her community involvement with the Pawnee Nation and the City of Pawnee. Autumn has 3 brothers including: Daniel Evora, former student of PHS; Devon Only A Chief, 2008 alumnus of PHS; and Aaron Mulder, current Pawnee Middle School student.

Autumn earned a Bachelor of Science in Nutritional Sciences-Allied Health from Oklahoma State University in the Class of 2017 with additional awards—including being selected a top 10 Senior of Significance.

During her clinical studies at USC, Autumn has had the opportunity to be trained at some of the most prestigious hospitals in her field on the west coast. She participated in an international physical therapy service trip to Costa Rica to help the indigenous peoples there. Autumn has also enjoyed a much deserved 10-day vacation in Australia during her second year of PT school.

Autumn is thankful for all her relatives, former teachers, administrators, bus #9 driver Carl Roberts, fellow students, friends, and tribal members for your love, support and guidance along the way!! She asked that her Aunt Donna be given a very special Thank You!!

A quote from Pele for students from Autumn “Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice, and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.”

Corn Blueberry Pie

Recipe by Monie Horsechief from Horsechief Catering

Ingredients

For the crust:

- 2 cups AP
- 1/3 cup yellow cornmeal
- 3 Tablespoons confectioner's sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 8 oz. Unsalted butter
- 3 oz. ice water

For the filling:

- 2 pints blueberries
- kernels from 3 ears corn
- 2/3 cup sugar
- zest and juice from 1 lemon
- 3 Tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 pinch salt

Instructions

To make the crust:

Combine the flour, sugar, salt and cornmeal in a food processor. Pulse to mix. Add about 2/3 of the butter, in chunks. Pulse until mixture resembles sand. Move to a large bowl, add the remaining butter in chunks and rub it in/flatten it with your fingers. Add the ice water all at once. Mix with a fork, divide into two disks, wrap well, and chill until firm.

Roll out the bottom disk between 2 sheets of plastic wrap, use it to line a 9" pie plate. Chill the plate with the rolled-out dough.

Preheat oven to 425.

For the filling:

In a large bowl, combine the ingredients for the filling, and toss. Pour the filling into the bottom crust, then roll out the other disk, cover the filling, seal and crimp the edges, and cut vents in the top.

Sprinkle sugar over the pie crust and bake at 425 for 20 minutes. Lower heat to 350, cover with foil if the crust is looking brown enough, and bake for an additional 35-40 minutes.

Suggestions: Try a variety of berries such as raspberries and add lemon juice and sugar to balance the tartness.



Report on Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Aquifer Environmental Regulatory Commissioner, Denise Miller

The Pawnee Business Council appointed me to the Pawnee Nation Environmental Regulatory Commission back in April, 2019. There were no meetings called so I took the initiative to ask the Pawnee Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, (BIA) about the health of our aquifers and rumors of our aquifer water being sold to the city. I called Christopher Clay, BIA Soil Conservationist, to schedule a meeting. All those in attendance were; Soil Conservationist Christopher Clay, Pawnee Agency Superintendent Jeremy Lovekamp, Pawnee Agency Deputy Troyce Garringer and BIA, Southern Plains Water Program Manager Crystal Keys. Monty Matlock, Pawnee Department of Environmental Conservation and Safety (DECS) and Harrison Perry, Pawnee Nation "Acting" Executive Director were also present. I also contacted the Oklahoma Corporation Commission who sent me plotted maps of all oil and gas wells since the 1900's, hydraulic fractured wells since the 1990's as well as underground injection wells within our jurisdiction.

The Pawnee Nation's aquifer is an alluvial type, which means it is self-contained porous formation under the surface. Our aquifer is not a part of the larger Oglala or Vamoosa-Ada aquifers. This seems to be a special gift for the Pawnee people as it not associated with larger aquifers, but isolated within itself. Not much is known about the depths and parameters of our aquifer. There have been limited studies and data acquired about the aquifer to date. Mr. Matlock mentioned the Pawnee Nation has not quantified its water rights, meaning "if others put a straw in it" and draw the water out, it would be difficult to protect the water resource from overuse. The Tribe's water is taken from one confined aquifer; the system flows onto the reservation from north and northwest and drains to the south and east. (PN-WHPP, 2014)

Mr. Matlock, along with the US Geological Survey and the BIA developed a publication on "Gaps" in evaluating our groundwater aquifer to develop a water-management plan. The Official USGS Title: *Summary of Climatic, and Available Hydrologic Data and Identification of Data Gaps for the Black Bear Creek Watershed of the Pawnee Nation Tribal Jurisdictional Area, Oklahoma*. The location of the study consists of approximately 450 square miles in Pawnee County and Payne County. This area is bounded by two major rivers (Arkansas and Cimarron) and is drained by several smaller streams; the largest perennial stream is Black Bear Creek, which bisects this area before adjoining the Arkansas River. The extent of this study covers the Black Bear Creek watershed and is called the Black Bear Creek Study. This study encompasses approximately 176 mi², or about 39 percent of the Pawnee Nation's jurisdiction. (USGS, 2019)

The alluvial type of aquifer we have filters most pollutants from entering the groundwater because of the clay, silt type of formation that holds our groundwater. Mr. Matlock said, 'When the Black Bear floods: it recharges the aquifer, and when the aquifer is full, it supplies water to the Black Bear.' He has promulgated a "Wellhead Protection Plan," (WHPP) within the Pawnee Nation Water District, cited in the Pawnee Nation Natural Resource Protection Act, Title XII Chapter 8 to help ensure the public drinking water is safe. The Water District consists of two pumping wells, one that is currently being utilized and one that is not. There are zones applied to protection of the water wells with a circumference of 1000 feet: Zone 1's of the public water supply. There are specific "Prohibited Uses," within Zone 1 of each well. The zone applies to each of the wells. To name a few prohibited uses are: automobile body/repair shop, gas station, dry cleaning, machine, metal or chemical processing or manufacturing. The prohibited uses are listed in Table 3, Zone 1 Prohibited Uses. (WHPP, 2014) Zoning requirements were used when locating oil wells near the site.

The rumors of our aquifer waters being sold to the city are false. Ermy Cheatham sold his own property with underlying aquifer to the city of Pawnee. It is not tapped directly from the Pawnee Nation aquifer. The Pawnee Nation can only control what is within its jurisdictional boundaries. **With both public education and cooperation the Pawnee Conservation and Safety Department protects our aquifer.** Mr. Matlock requests tribal members feel free to call him to report any suspicious activity, (regarding prohibited uses) in the Water District; he will gladly go check on this. Mr. Matlock can be reached at (918) 762-3655.

Resources

PN-WHPP, (2014) *Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, Wellhead Protection Plan*, Pawnee Nation Natural Resource Protection Act, Title XII, Chapter 8, Pawnee Nation Conservation and Safety Department

USGS, (2019) *Summary of Climatic, Geographic, Geologic and Available Hydrologic Data and Identification of Data Groups for the Black Bear Creek Watershed of the Pawnee Nation Tribal Jurisdictional Area, Oklahoma*. US-DOI, USGS



Pawnee Nation Tax Commission

The following items may be purchased by check or money order. There is a returned check fee of \$25.00. All prices listed below include tax:

Decorative Tags available with the following captions at the bottom of the plate: Oklahoma, Veteran, Chaui, Kitkehahki, Skidi, Pitahaurata. Price: \$16.20

Personalized License Plates: you design it, Auto up to 7 letters/numbers. Motorcycle up to 4 letters/numbers. Price: \$35.00

Miscellaneous Merchandise:

License Tag Ash Trays made from License plates that were returned by tribal members.

Price: \$5.40

Pawnee Nation Seal sew on Patch 3 1.2" circle Price: \$5.40

Pawnee Nation Flag sew on Patch 2" x 3" Price: \$3.24

White Ceramic Mugs with PNO Seal. Price: \$5.40

Flags (desktop@ base (pictured here) Price: \$10.80

Pawnee Flag 2 x 3' Price: \$27.00

Pawnee Flag 3 x 5' Price: \$54.00

Apparel:

White Caps with PNO Seal Price: \$16.20

Jerzees Brand POLO shirt with PNO seal

Small, Medium, Large, and XXL available in Navy, Blue, White & Red: \$ 24.75

T-Shirts with PNO Seal available in Navy Blue, White & Red- in small, medium, large, XL, XXL and XXXL available for \$16.20 all sizes

social distancing that is critical at this time for our safety and those at risk for a period of time.

Vehicle Registrations can be completed by mailing insurance verification or emailing to Lyle Fields, Tax Manager or Margaret Twins, Tax Assistant at : lfields@pawneenation.org, or MT0111@pawneenation.org and payment can be taken over the phone.

New tags will require the original title, copy of CDIB, Copy of tribal members driver license, copy of insurance verification, Lien entry form with tribal member

listed on it. Addresses on your driver license will need to be current and match the address on Lien Entry form if your vehicle is financed. All documents will need to be mailed to: Pawnee Nation Tax Commission, PO Box 438, Pawnee, OK 74058.

You may call our office for questions. Due to the unprecedented times of the COVID-19, we will have to revise our methods of completing our tribal member's business and appreciate your assistance with our new procedures. We will keep our at-risk loved ones safe.

Any organization or individual that may be holding a special event is required to have the appropriate licenses, permits, or exemptions prior to the event on Pawnee Nation jurisdictional land, and you may contact the Tax Manager, Lyle Fields with any questions.

The Pawnee Nation Tax Commission is reminding individuals or organizations that intend to sell merchandise or food are required to have a daily sales tax permit for \$20 for one day or may obtain a Yearly Sales Tax Permit for \$50 for the year. Any person selling food on

Pawnee Nation tribal land are required to have a current food handlers permit. Organizations/ Groups may qualify for a Sales Tax Exemption, and the Tax Commission Staff will have the appropriate forms to complete and presented to the Tax Commission for approval.

The Pawnee Nation Tax Commissioners meets on the third Tuesday of each month. The Pawnee Nation Tax Commissioners are: Tax Commission Chairperson, Kathaleen Daniels; Vice Chairperson- Martha OnlyAChief; Secretary, James Rice; Sergeant at Arms, Ann Collins; Treasurer, Liana Teter.

The Tax Commission is in the process of obtaining different merchandise or color availability on our Pawnee Nation merchandise for sale in the future. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Pawnee Nation Tax Commission can only accept check or money orders for tag issuances or merchandise.

The Pawnee Nation Tax Commission has these merchandise items for sale. You are welcome to drop by and check with the Pawnee Nation Tax Commission staff for merchandise purchases, and our offices have been restocking our black hoodies that were extremely popular in the past.

The Pawnee Nation Tax Commission offices were closed to the public in March 2020, due to COVID-19 for tribal member's safety and Tax Commission staff safety that was affecting people worldwide. The Pawnee Nation Tax Commission continued to provide services to our clients by transactions through the mail for new tags and/or registration renewals by email. As of the writing of this article for the tribal newsletter, it was projected for the tribal offices to be reopened in the middle of May 2020 and will have our office staffed by June 1st. The Pawnee Nation Tax Commission will require staff and clients to have mask before services are provided for a period of time. It is expected to have some temporary masks for our clients, but due to the shortage, you may want to bring your own if possible.

The Tax Commission Manager, Lyle Fields, and Tax Assistant, Margaret Twins are available to answer any questions and can be reached at (918)-762-3624.

The Pawnee Nation Tax Commission office due to small size will not be able to accommodate more than one client at a time to maintain safe

**The Pawnee
Indian Veterans
Homecoming
2020 Powwow
has been
CANCELLED due
to the COVID-19
Pandemic**

NO MORE STOLEN SISTERS!

It starts with us! We must come together to unite and act for Native women and girls who have been murdered or gone missing, tortured, raped, trafficked, and assaulted, who have not had the right attention or justice. By standing together and raising awareness, we can promote solutions to prevent and fight the mistreatment and violence that many Native women face. We, as a community, should raise our voices and demand action to prevent the loss of our sisters, aunties, mothers, and daughters. When you hear about these incidents that are committed against Native women and girls, you think to yourself how could this happen? Why did this happen? Why are our Native women being treated this way?

For years, Indigenous women and girls have gone missing and have been viciously murdered with little or no explanation as to the location or events, leading up to those extremely violent attacks. For many Native and First Nation women and girls, the nonstop threat of violence, abuse, racism, and discrimination has become an everyday reality with many facing various forms of violence and abuse daily. The disappearance and death of thousands of Indigenous women and girls is currently a national tragedy that must come to an end!

For more information, please contact Ti Hirasu Healing Center for Domestic and Sexual Violence at (918) 762-3873 opt. 2. We also have a 24-hr Crisis Line at (918)399-3310.

