

Pawnee Nation Princess, Haley (Teter) Johnson, Tutawi'u (Full of Life)

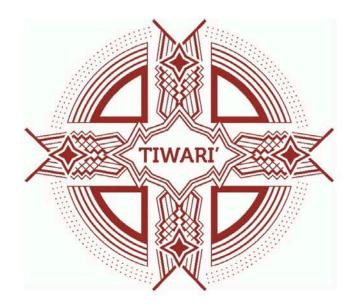
2020 NEWLY ELECTED PAWNEE NATION BUSINESS COUNCIL



Walter Echo-Hawk, *President* Pawnee Business Council

Carol Chapman, *Treasurer* Pawnee Business Council

Cynthia Butler, *Member Seat #1* Pawnee Business Council



Who: This is a family friendly club open to the Pawnee Community, tribal & non-tribal individuals of all ages.

What: Motivation, support, and encouragement to be physically active. Tiwari' means she/he is going about.

When: Every Thursday, 6:00am - 7:00am or 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Where: Pawnee Nation DHCS Building (old I.H.S. hospital/400 Agency Road Pawnee, OK 74058)

++ Optional routes on Pawnee Nation Campus++



Human Resources Department

Pawnee Nation Human Resources Bank

Dear Tribal Member,

Nawa. I am writing to request your help in an important matter. The Pawnee Nation is developing a "Human Resource Bank" composed of talented tribal members from various professions who can volunteer to contribute expertise to strengthen our self-government and render assistance to initiatives aimed at bettering the future for our Pawnee people. Through modern technology, Pawnee professionals have a wonderful opportunity to come to the aid of their nation and render meaningful assistance even though they may live far from the Pawnee Indian Reservation. Having lived away from home for many years myself, I have always valued my chance to "give back" to the Pawnee Nation whenever that opportunity arose; and that patriotic sentiment is shared by many professionals who live and work away from our Oklahoma reservation.

The Pawnee Nation is embarking on a journey to strengthen its sovereignty, selfgovernment, and self-determination to achieve a better future for our people. I invite you to come along, as we stride toward the Promised Land. The tribal government has diverse committees, boards, and commissions that could benefit greatly from your expertise; and we envision creating special projects in the coming months

| PAWNEE NATION HUMAN RESOURCE BANK—CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION FORM | PAWNEE NATION HUMAN FORM | RESOURCE BANK—CON | IFIDENTIAL APPLICATION |
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| Thank you for your interest in joining our Human Resource Bank! Use this confidential form to provide useful information about yourself, to ensure the best match between you and the Pawnee Nation area where your expertise might be applied on a volunteer basis. The following information will be kept confidential by the Pawnee Nation Human Resources Division and shared only by the Executive Staff in the President's Office in considering appointments to tribal | Which of your skills would you like to contribute? Circle those that apply: | | |
| | Budget Committee | Cultural Resources Committee | Election Committee |
| government bodies and initiatives. Your name: | Education Committee | Enrollment Committee | Environmental Regulatory Commission |
| Your Cell number: Your address: | Ethics Committee | Gaming Commission | Governing Documents Commission |
| Your email address: | Human Resources Committee | Land Management Committee | Liquor Control Commission |
| | Museum Advisory Committee | Princess Committee | Property Commission |
| Briefly describe why you would like to join our Human Resource Bank: | Proposal Review Committee | PN Sports Commission | PN Tax Commission |
| | Tribal Employment Rights Office | Utility Commisson | Housing Authority Commission |
| | PN College Board of Trustees | Tribal Development Corporation | |
| Your education, work experience, and areas of expertise: | What would you like to get for Nation? | yourself out of your volunte | er participation to the Pawnee |
| | | | |
| Your current organizational affiliations: | Do you know other tribal mem Human Resource Bank? If so, o | ber professionals who might can you provide their name, | be interested in becoming part of the phone number, and brief description. |
| 2 | Your signature: | | Date: |

that could be strengthened with your help. If you are interested in being part of the Human Resource Bank and coming to the aid of your nation, please fill out the attached survey and send it to:

Roberta Ahdunko, Human Resources

PO Box 470, Pawnee, OK 74058

Phone 918-762-3621 Fax 918-762-1051 roberta@ pawneenation.org

I hope you will join the Pawnee Nation's efforts. With everyone's help, our Nation will endure, reach for the stars, and prosper.

Thank you.

Best regards, Watter Eclip - Hawk

Walter Echo-Hawk, President, Pawnee Business Council



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Nawa Akitâru, and greetings tribal members. This is my first report on the State of our Nation. I assumed office on July 6, 2020, along with newly elected Treasurer Carol (Chapman) Young and Councilwoman Cynthia Butler. The new Business Council will be complete upon the election of a Vice-President on August 22, 2020.

The first half of this year began with internal political turmoil and the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. As the infection spread, PBC leaders were engulfed by divisive recall, replacement, and run-off elections; and by several lawsuits that brought internal political disputes into the Tribal court system. In the recall and replacement elections, Pawnees voted to stabilize the government and restore unity in our leadership. We owe them a great debt of gratitude for coming to the aid of their Nation in a time of need. And we are thankful for our hard-working, dedicated Tribal employees who carried on the government operations and addressed the public health emergency. On August 6, 2020, the Pawnee Nation Supreme Court upheld the last recall election. The decision closed the chapter on political upheaval. It is now time to come together in good will and move forward as one united people.



Since I came to office, the uppermost concern of the Tribal government is to safely navigate the Coronavirus Pandemic. Not a week goes by without someone we know having a brush with infection; and the spread of infection in the State of Oklahoma continues to grow.

While the Tribal Emergency Response

Committee (TERC) continues its work to strengthen and monitor public health measures for the Pawnee Reservation, I formed a supplemental School Reopening Task Force composed of Pawnee educators and public health leaders to assess the public health measures of the Pawnee Nation Learning Center, Pawnee Nation College, and all public schools within tribal jurisdiction. We found that Tribal measures for the Pawnee education institutions comport with federal public health guidelines. The Task Force worked with the Pawnee Public School Superintendent and School Board officials to strengthen measures for a safer education this year; as a result, masks are required for all grades preK-12; and the online option has been extended to all grades as well. To bolster these measures the Business Council provided Covid-19 Relief Fund money to the Pawnee Public Schools for school supplies needed by more than 200 Native American students; and more relief is on the way for PPE for all public schools in our jurisdiction to strengthen public health protections that will inure to the benefit of nearly 500 Native American students. We also plan to beef-up our capability to provide on-line education opportunities at Tribal facilities throughout the complex for those students who choose the safer on-line option offered by the Pawnee Public Schools. In a similar vein, I am initiating exploratory meetings with the City of Pawnee and Pawnee County on an intergovernmental basis to explore ways to better protect the local community from the spread of infection. My hope is that the City and County will align their public health measures with those of the Pawnee Nation, IHS, and the Pawnee Public Schools-so everyone in our community can enjoy uniform protection against the spread of infection.

On August 8, 2020, the Pawnee Business Council hosted a Virtual Covid-19 Forum to brief Tribal members about the Pawnee Nation's CARES Act Covid-19 Relief funds and the legal guidelines for spending those funds. In the morning session, presenters discussed a wide range of needs

and proposals for addressing the Pandemic; and a Listening Session was convened in the afternoon for tribal members to express their needs, concerns, and suggestions for spending the CARES Act relief funds. Tribal members gave presentations and were afforded the opportunity to submit written statements as well. The Forum video is posted so all Tribal members can access that information. Input received from the Forum will assist the new Business Council in deciding how to spend the remaining CARES Act Relief funds to address the Pandemic in the best way possible. I thank the Business Council members for hosting this Forum and their participation in it, as well as Tribal staff for putting this virtual event together, and especially each presenter for providing constructive suggestions. With Atius' help, together we will address this Pandemic, and persevere.

The Pawnee Nation economy has been hit hard by the Pandemic. To its credit, the Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation (PTDC)haspartiallyreopeneditsbusinesses, but revenue is down as it continues to cope with difficult financial times imposed by the Pandemic. The Stonewolf restaurant was closed this summer and lay-offs were made to keep PTDC businesses afloat. As PTDC tightens its belt, the Business Council is keeping a close eye on those developments and is looking for ways to assist the business arm of our government in navigating the Pandemic.

During this period, work was done to government's strengthen the Tribal infrastructure. Business Council members are examining our committees, commissions, and boards to see what appointments should be made, how to consolidate overlapping work, and what new committees need to be established. In addition, the Pawnee Nation Handbook for Committees, Commissions, and Boards is being upgraded. We are creating a Human Resource Bank composed of talented Pawnee professionals that can be called upon as volunteers to lend their expertise to our committees, commissions and boards, as well as to assist special projects initiated by the tribal government. These efforts to



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strengthen our governance are on-going.

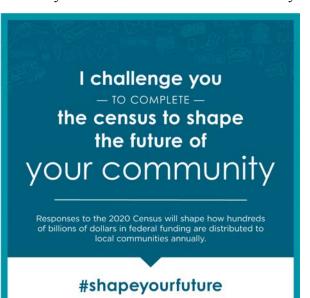
The Pawnee Business Council is in a strategic planning mode. With input from Tribal employees and members, we want to define what the "promised land" will look like for the Pawnee Nation down the road, then figure out how to get there by action items to be taken over the short, mid-term, and long-term periods. We want to get everyone on the same page, rowing in the same direction to take our Nation to the next level through strategic planning. This effort will be led by the Planning Division with proactive participation by the Business Council. At the same time, we are encouraging the Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation to engage in strategic planning as the economic development arm of the Business Council; and I understand that the Pawnee Nation College is also engaged in strategic planning for the college. Visionaries we must be to reach our aspirations as one people-so our people can live in a Pawnee world of our own making. That is the essence of selfdetermination. Let us go on this planning journey together over the next couple months, so our Nation will endure.

In this complex world, every successful modern-day Native Nation in the top-tier that has reached its "promised land" has had an outstanding legal team at its side every step of the way. The Pawnee Nation has strengthened its legal team with the addition of Attorney General Chad Smith. He works with other attorneys to address the legal affairs of the Pawnee Nation, such as Earth Justice. The legal front has been active since I came to office due to activity in several pending lawsuits involving the Pawnee Nation. As mentioned earlier, in Whiteshirt v. Election Commission, the Pawnee Nation Supreme Court upheld the last recall election in a decision handed down on August 6. A decision by the Supreme Court is also expected anytime in Whiteshirt v. *Mason*, which involves a claim for attorney fees. Settlement discussions are underway in the Pawnee Nation's earthquake damages case entitled Pawnee Nation v. Eagle Road, et. al; and successful settlements with some of the smaller defendant oil and gas companies have already been achieved. The federal court lawsuit entitled *Pawnee* Nation v. David Bernhardt, Secretary of the Interior, involves a legal challenge to several flawed BIA and BLM oil & gas approvals on Pawnee allotments. This case has been briefed and argued; and we expect a ruling by the federal court anytime. The same is true for related administrative appeals on submission before the Interior Board of Indian Appeals (IBIA). These oil and gas legal matters, which are designed to force BIA & BLM compliance with Federal and Tribal law, are being handled by EarthJustice, and our Attorney General entered his appearance as local counsel in the *Bernhardt* case. Finally, all tribes are examining the impact of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in McGirt v. Oklahoma which ruled that the original boundaries of the MCN still exist and the state has no jurisdiction to prosecute crimes committed by Indians within those boundaries. To keep abreast of that legal development, I hope to examine the impact of that decision on Pawnee Nation's original reservation boundaries in the coming weeks.

I want to congratulate our new Pawnee Nation Princess, Haley (Teter) Johnson. Her Pawnee name is Tutawi'u (Full of Life). She will do great, for she comes from a long line of Pawnee Princesses; and I wish her the best in representing our great Pawnee Nation. I am proud of our young people who are reaching for the stars. We are inspired by our professional Pawnee boxer, Mr. Dennis Knifechief. This proud and prayerful man is a role model, because he exhibits the courage, endurance, and strong mental attitude it takes to "put it all on the line" in the ring. This kind of determination is the mark of a Pawnee warrior. Pawnee filmmaker Maggie (Rice) Cunningham is another inspirational role model in the arts. She received a 2020 Emmy Award Nomination for her splendid work in "A Powwow Education." It is fitting that we honor and thank these role models, because they inspire everyone--and make our Nation proud.

Finally, I want to thank the dedicated staff Walter Echo-Hawk, and employees of the Pawnee Nation. In President, Pawnee Business Council

my short time in office, I cannot state how impressed I am by your skills, devotion, team spirit, competence, and hard work during these troubled and uncertain times. You too are role models in my eyes; and I thank you for your service to the Pawnee People. I continue to be impressed by the wide range of complex government activity that takes place at the Pawnee Nation every day. There are many moving parts to this government that keep our Nation moving forward. I look forward to working with each of you as we stride toward a better day.



In closing, I call upon every Native American who resides in Pawnee Country to Stand Up & Be Counted! It is U.S. Census time. Aside from voting there is no more important civic duty than to be counted. Census data determines federal funding levels, services, and priorities for our area; and Native people have historically been under counted. Please consult the Pawnee Nation website, www.pawneenation.org for information on how you can be counted--it is quick and easy to do, but it must be done by the deadline of September 30, 2020.

Thank you,



The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

Division of Planning & Tribal Development PO BOX 470 • Pawnee, OK 74058 • 918-762-3621

PRESS RELEASE

The Division of Planning & Tribal Development is excited to announce the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma has received funding thru the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the FY-2019/2020 Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) and the Indian Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) (Public Law 116-136); totaling \$1.8 million dollars.

- June 4, 2020, HUD announced nearly \$120 million in FY-19/20 ICDBG awards, this funding will be used to support 107 projects on tribal land across the United States. The ICDBG program provides funding to use in the development of American Indian/Alaska Native communities which includes:
 - Housing-housing rehab, land acquisition to support new housing construction and new housing.
 - Economic Development-various commercial, industrial, agricultural projects.
 - Community Facilities-infrastructure construction and single/multipurpose community buildings.

The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma received \$900,000.00 to expand and construct on the current Division of Natural Resources and Safety building to be renamed the Pawnee Nation Public Safety Center. The facility current houses the Department of Environmental Conservation and Safety, Department of Fire & Rescue, PN Department of Transportation and Department of Emergency Management. Expansion/construction will consist of enlarging office space, additional covered equipment bays, more parking area and an addition of a training and fitness area. This project was approved by the Pawnee Business Council on February 1, 2020 by resolution.

 July 22, 2020, HUD awarded over \$20 million in funding for ICDBG Imminent Threat program under ICDBG CARES, to help Tribes prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. This is the 4th round of funding of \$100 million that will be going to Tribal Nations. As of today, HUD has awarded a total of just over \$71 million dollars under this program.

The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma received \$900,000.00 to provide rehabilitation of housing ventilation systems to homes that need install, repair, replace of heat/air units (within jurisdiction), provide food packs/boxes to families (within jurisdiction), and an upgraded fire truck with hazardous material capabilities to expand medical and other emergencies services. This project was approved by the Pawnee Business Council on May 20, 2020 by resolution, AMENDED on June 26, 2020.

Further communication will be sent out about the ventilation rehabilitation assistance along, with the food disbursement in the coming weeks. Please direct any inquiries to Reva Howell, Planning & Development Manager at (918) 762-3621 or rhowell@pawneenation.org

Native Connections

The Pawnee Nation is pleased to announce that we have been awarded a 5-year grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) titled Native Connections. This will be housed under the Health & Prevention Department of the Division of Health and Community Services. The purpose of this grant is to prevent suicide and substance misuse, reduce the impact of trauma, and to promote positive mental health for youth and young adults in the Pawnee area. In the early stages of the Native Connections grant, we will be collecting data from focus groups, community meetings, and surveys. By obtaining this pertinent information, it will help us determine what activities and education materials will be most helpful to the youth and

young adults. Native Connections will help the Substance Abuse Program, Methamphetamine & Suicide Prevention Initiative, and Tribal Opioid Response continue to provide educational and substance-free activities for the youth in the Pawnee area. Some of the prevention activities that will be provided include spring break and summer camps, procuring motivational speakers who will speak on suicide and substance abuse, holding "Talk Saves Lives" trainings, and several events promoting Pawnee Nation's culture and traditions. Our main goal with the Native Connections grant is to increase the capacity within the tribe and community to reduce the high-risk behaviors that lead to suicide and substance abuse among our youth population.

Division of Health & Community Services News

awarded a 4-month COVID-19 Telehealth Mini-grant through the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) with funds from the John Hopkins University Center for American Indian Health, as part of the national Nick Kristof's C-19 Impact Initiative. This will be housed under the Division of Health and Community Services (DHCS). This project is aimed to strengthen DHCS's

The Pawnee Nation is pleased to announce that we have been local COVID-19 response by building capacity and responding to telehealth services and needs. Areas to improve include Materials & Equipment Acquisition, Facilities & Infrastructure, Outreach and Education, Training and Technical Assistance, and Evaluation & Assessment. This project will not only provide benefits on an individual level; it will enhance the tribe's ability to provide services remotely (if needed).



Food Distribution Program News

The Food Distribution Program is excited to inform our participants mix will not be available. The shelled eggs will be delivered that the program will participate in a distribution pilot for shelled eggs, which will begin in October 2020.

The program has been waiting many years for the shelled eggs to be available to the program. One dozen shelled eggs (individual dozen cartons) will replace two units of dried egg mix that participants receive each month. During the pilot, the dried egg

weekly, along with our produce orders.

If you have any questions or would like information on how to participate in the program, you can call the Food Distribution Program at (918) 762-2541 or call (918) 762-3621, ext. 177 or ext. 178. The program is located at 810 Morris Road.

CHR and Health Education Update

Greetings from the CHR and Health Education Program! We have had an interesting and very busy few months doing what we can to provide assistance to clients in need. We hosted a community blood drive and also had new staff members join our team.

We have continued to *serve* clients this quarter with **LIHEAP**, **CSBG**, and **Medical needs**. We have taken extra precautions but are back on track and ready to help!

Unfortunately, our annual health fair was cancelled due to COVID-19 precautions. We did work with the Oklahoma Blood Institute and held a blood drive that also offered free COVID-19 antibody testing on July 29. We had many people sign up, and of those-16 were able to donate. We met our goal, and we're very pleased by the community's willingness to help others. Program staff would like to say a big thank you to all participants.

We want to remind tribal and community members to continue practicing heat safety, drink plenty of water, and



move your bodies! We encourage you to protect yourself the best you can by taking necessary precautions against COVID-19.

For any health-related questions or concerns, please contact our program at (918) 762-3873, ext. 1 or email the Program Coordinator, Kyla Wichita, at kwichita@pawneenation.org.



We are pleased to welcome new staff members **Kimberly Makaseah**, *CHR Generalis*t, and **Katelyn Fenton**, *CHR Administrative Assistant*. Both are excited to work for the Pawnee Nation, and we are all equally excited to have them join the team.



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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 <u>PLEASE</u> DO NOT FORGET TO <u>SIGN</u> THIS STATEMENT Members 18 years and older must sign this form | | |
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| Date: | Roll #: | |
| Name: | Telephone #:() | |
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| Update your Mailing Address: Where you receive your mail | <u>Update enrolled children under 18</u> Please update the same address for the following individuals under the age of 18: * Use additional shee for more children * | |
| City | Name: | |
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| StateZip Code | | |

Printed Name of Signature

During the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Substance Abuse Program has had to make revisions to allow for social distancing. SAP will now have two meetings per week on Mondays and Wednesdays; both will be closed meetings and will begin at 7:00 PM each evening.

The Pawnee Nation Substance Abuse Program (SAP)

Those attending the meetings MUST wear a face mask

311 Maintenance Road, Pawnee, OK, 74058

Space is limited and requires a reservation to be made by phone to the SAP office @ (918) 762-2143

THE PAWNEE NATION SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM (SAP) PROVIDES COUNSELING SERVICES AND COMMUNITY PREVENTION ACTIVITIES FOR THE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE AMONG THE ELIGIBLE INDIAN POPULATION WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA OF PAWNEE.



Service Unit Area

THE SERVICE UNIT AREA FOR THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM IS A THIRTY-FIVE-MILE RADIUS OF PAWNEE.

Pawnee Nation Substance Abuse/MSPI/TOR programs have

needed to make adaptations during this stretch of the Covid-19 pandemic. With the reduced outside community group activities with MSPI and TOR programs, as well as limited face to face contact with individual clients and support group meetings with the Substance Abuse Program being cancelled or revised, our programs still need to serve our people as best we can under the circumstances.

The MSPI and TOR programs have spent time working on extensions due to the Covid-19 incidents to continue to serve the community as the ability to function in a manner that will provide the most benefit is determined. These programs will again begin working with the school system as well as other community programs to identify areas of concern and provide best practice and evidence-based approaches to the at-risk areas of concern.

The Substance Abuse Program is seeing individuals by appointment only. A person seeking assistance needs to call **918-762-2143** to schedule a time for an appointment or to get assistance from the program to get into inpatient treatment. The Substance Abuse Program has added an additional evening Support Group. It now has **Monday** and **Wednesday** evenings at **7:00 PM** as the scheduled times. Due to social distancing requirements, we have needed to limit the attendance to each of the meetings. This again will require a reservation to be made before the day of desired attendance by calling **918-762-2143** and speaking with Barbara Attocknie or Mike Ortiz to ensure a place is available.

There are many other concerns associated with the Covid-19 pandemic for our community. We will list some of the Hotline and Helpline numbers that may be of help to someone in need during this time frame.

The first number listed is for anyone and any age group with suicidal concerns:

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

They also have a Text Line **Crisis Text Line -** Text *hello* to **741741**

There is also a crisis Hotline for kids to young adult from 11 to 21 years of age that will provide help with situations ranging from suicidal ideation to bullying and many other issues that are prevalent.

Youth Line - 1-877-968-8491 or text teen2teen to 839863

During this time frame, there are also concerns for children suffering from child abuse. The **Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline** number is: **1-800-422-4453**.

There is also an escalation of domestic and sexual violence during this Covid-19 pandemic, and the National Domestic Violence Hotline number is **1-800-799-7233**.

Another area of concern contends with rape, abuse, and incest during this time frame. The **RAINN** (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network) also provides assistance at **1-800-656-4673**.

The **LGBTQIA** group also provides resources through the Trevor Project at **1-866-488-7386** or text *START* to **678678**. There is also the **Trans Lifeline** at **1-877-565-8860**.

The above-presented numbers have been provided because they often time tie in with substance misuse/abuse. This number is provided as the SAMHSA National Helpline at 1-800-662-4357.

We will continue to provide all the help we can for our community needs in the office. However, these resources can be very helpful during a specific time when someone cannot be reached in person. The people that answer these numbers are all well trained to help assist someone in any way they can and should be used when a time of crisis appears. Let's all continue to use safe practices such as wearing a mask, social distancing, and constant washing of hands to reduce the spread and provide our community with the opportunity of a bright future.



In Remembrance



Luanne Levier

MAY 31, 1948 - APRIL 27, 2020

Luanne Levier was born on May 31, 1948, in Pawnee, Oklahoma. She attended Yale High school, and after graduation attended the University of Oklahoma for three years. She was for Pawnee Nation, in the Gaming Division. Luanne was part of the Native

American Indian Movement, and a member of the She is preceded in death by a sister, Rena Counsel Valley Baptist Church, as well as the Pool League, and many other family gatherings.

Luanne is survived by her daughter, Cora Tilden, of Tulsa; grandchildren, Karita Tilden, Sydnie Goss, and Waylon Goss, all of Tulsa; two sisters, Nancy Sanchez, and Ester Levier, both of Tulsa; and many nieces, nephews, other family members, and friends.

Howlingcrane; two brothers, Justin Levier, and Aaron Levier, and several nieces and nephews.

Johnnie Darwin Villines

FEBRUARY 19, 1944 - MAY 3, 2020

Johnnie Darwin Villines was born on February 19, 1944 and passed away on May 3, 2020 and was under the care of Resthaven Funeral Home.



Robert Louis Pappan JULY 30, 1946 - MAY 18, 2020

Robert Lewis (Louis) Pappan was born on July 30, 1946 and passed away peacefully in his wife's presence on May 18, 2020, at his home in Medford, Oregon. Born in Dallas, Texas, his family settled in Orange County, California, where they remained throughout Bob's school and college years.

Bob is survived by his wife, Arlene Pappan, of 33 years, his three sons Grant A. Pappan, Ryan M. Kemp-Pappan (and his wife, Meredith), Kevin S. Pappan, his step-daughter Jennifer (Reher) Shelton (and her husband, Brian), grandchildren Justin T. Shelton, Kayla N. Shelton, Henry G. Kemp-Pappan, Lily G. Kemp-Pappan, his sister Sharon Pappan, and many nieces and nephews located in California and Oklahoma.

Bob and Arlene lived in West Hills, CA with their children, moved to Lake Conroe, Texas for 9 years, and later moved to Medford, Oregon in 2015 where Arlene's daughter and family live.

Bob spent his career years in the Aerospace industry including Rockwell International, Rocketdyne, and he retired from Boeing. His career as a Facilities Engineer included design and construction management of various projects.



Shawn Kelli Mathews JULY 5, 1968 - JUNE 23, 2020

Shawn Keli Mathews was born on July 5,1968 in Tulsa, Oklahoma to Paula Fern Brown an William Mathews Sr. She went to be with the lord on June 23, 2020. at the age of 51.

Shawn Keli attended Pawnee High School and completed school in Dewitt, Michigan. She Worked Most of her adult life as a laborer. The past several years she was a caregiver to her mother. Shawn Keli had a passion for helping people and spending time with her kids, nieces, nephews and grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by those who loved her.

She leaves behind her mother Paula Fern Brown of Pawnee, Okla. Father Terry Buntinig Of Huntsville, Al. Son Robert

Ankney and wife Nicole of Pawnee, Oklahoma. Daughter Julia Ankney and husband Jose Meza of Lansing, Michigan. Brother Wayne Bunting of Huntsville, Al. Brother Paul Bunting and wife Tama of Japan. Brother William Mathews Jr and wife Betty of Ft. Washakie, Wy. Sister Miriam Mathews Of Pawnee, Ok. Nieces and nephews. Delta, Leslie, Billy, Sonny, Beverly, Mavis, Phillip, Juli, Noah, Loui an Luka. And Two Precious granddaughters Destiny Paula an Plio Ruth.



Howard Warren Nuttle SEPTEMBER 25, 1951 - JULY 13, 2020

Howard Warren Nuttle was born September 25, 1951, in Pawnee, Oklahoma, to Robert and Josie (Fields) Nuttle. He attended school in Pawnee and graduated from McLain High School Class 1969. He

lived in Oklahoma, Arkansas, and California Howard made a living working in Resort Property

Sales (Timeshares). He was an Avid OU Sooner Fan, who also loved the outdoors. Fishing, hunting, and hosting the Annual Family Fishing Tournament at his home on Grand Lake, Grove, Oklahoma, which and nephews. gave him Great Pleasure.

Survived by: A brother, Bobby Jo Nuttle (Barbara), Okmulgee, OK: Daughters: JoElla K. Caddo (John Martin), Hulbert, OK, Chelsea Hinojosa (Roosevelt McHenry), Tulsa, OK, Shannon (Clay) Young, Lexa, AR. Grandchildren: Jalina, Caiden, Jackie,

and Micah Hinojosa, Tavery Martin, Allie Young, Cory "CJ" Inebnit, Cole Young, and Kaitlyn Inebnit. Howard had many cousins (brothers, sisters), nieces

Preceded in death by Grandparents Paternal Frank and Mary (Leader) Nuttle, Maternal Clarence "Click" and Katie (Tildon) Fields, Parents Robert and Josie (Fields) Nuttle, Sister Robin (Nuttle) Rhoman, Son, Micah Nuttle, and son Cory Inebnit.



James Brian Hale SEPTEMBER 20, 1977 - JULY 10, 2020

Funeral Services for James or "Chief", as he was called by his friends, will be held 1:00 pm, Monday, July 20, 2020, at Reed Culver Funeral Home Chapel with brother Gil Hooper and brother Clay Buckner officiating. Burial followed at Tahlequah City Cemetery

in Tahlequah, OK. A wake service was held at First Indian Baptist Church in Tahlequah, on Sunday, July 19, 2020, from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm.

Pallbearers for James include Jeremy Sockey, Evan Cozad, Willie Cozad, Kevin Given, Chuck Bread, and Jason Brodie. Honorary Pallbearers will be, Mitchell McEloy, Sean McEloy, and Johnathan Knowles

James accepted Christ and was baptized when he was years old at the Deep Fork Church in Checotah, OK.

attending there, James ran track and was known as the fastest boy in Cherokee County. He had out ran everyone by two laps, and to this day, no one has broken his record. James went on to attend Tahlequah, Jr. High and was very active in all the sports and well-liked by the teachers and other students. His activities continued through Tahlequah High School, where he graduated in 1996. After high school James went to college at Northeastern State University, then Oklahoma State University, where he belonged to a Fraternity, finally ending up at Redland Jr. College where he played basketball. James and his friends loved to skateboard. While attending NSU he and his friends worked on building the skate park in Tahlequah where the city pool used to be.

After college, he moved to Alex City, Alabama, and from there James made his home in Birmingham, AL. James worked as a production manager and owned TF Productions. His job allowed him to work for many big names in entertainment, such as, Garth Brooks and His wife, and Clint Black, who also offered him a job as head of security. James turned it down because he didn't want to

James attended Cherokee Elementary in Tahlequah. While leave Alabama. He also worked with WWF wrestling. He told his mom, Big Show was trying to get him to wrestle with them. This is only a few on the long list of entertainers James had worked with. He loved his work and had just begun writing songs, singing, and recording them.

> James was a beloved son, brother, uncle, and great uncle, he truly loved his other brothers and family.

> Those waiting for him to join them at the heaven's gate include two grandfathers; Reverend Billy Hale, and Floyd Moses, two grandmothers; Lucy Hale and Etta Mae Fixico and one sister; Juanita Sue Given.

> Left to cherish his memory include his father David Hale from Okemah, OK, His mother Deborah K. Medicine Bear, and stepfather David R. Medicine Bear from Tahlequah, OK, one sister; Regina Given from Anadarko, OK, two brothers; Kevin Given from Denver, CO, and Sabin Given from Dadeville, AL, three nephews, four nieces, two greatnieces, four great-nephews, three aunts, two uncles and a host of other friends and loved ones.

EDWARD ANTHONY FEATHERS AUGUST 11, 1969 - AUGUST 11, 2020

Pawnee Nation Diabetes Program



The Pawnee Nation Diabetes Program hosted a two-week health and fitness camp for middle school and high school students. Under the instruction of Marlin Miller, Pawnee Nation citizen, NASM certified trainer, and owner/operator of Massters of Gravity, eight participants learned performing exercises the correct way in a safe manner, healthier understanding of diets and nutrition, different methods/types/styles of health and fitness, movement assessments and muscle imbalances, mental/emotional benefits of health and fitness, how to create their own fitness program, and overall, how to become not only strong and physically fit but also more confident with any type of physical fitness. Pre-screenings, postscreenings and 60% attendance was required of each participant to be eligible for our shoe assistance program.







THE PAWNEE TRAVELERS CLUB

Presented Rosetta Clark their 2020 Elizabeth Blackowl Education Award on Saturday, August 22, 2020, 2 p.m. at the Pawnee Nation College, Albin LeadingFox Bldg.

The Travelers Club has sponsored the award the past 5 years. Martha A. Only A Chief, Autumn Only A Chief, Recia McCosar, Alexandria Harjo are former recipients.

Elizabeth's family would like to thank the Travelers Club for their continued support of our Pawnee Women furthering their education with this award.

Rosetta Clark

is the daughter of Phammie Littlesun and the late Joey "Peewee" Clark. She is an enrolled citizen of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, and descends from Ponca, Omaha, and Otoe-Missouria people as well. After switching majors, a couple of times. Rosetta has completed her coursework American Indian Studies and will be receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Bacone College in December 2020. Her strong cultural ties, and enjoyment and participation in different cultural and tribal gatherings stem from her love of learning in all aspects of her life. She also enjoys beading, painting, shoe restoration and customizing, participating in ceremony, and Netflix marathons. Rosetta plans to continue to work in Indigenous communities; to learn, inspire, encourage, teach, and help Indigenous youth thrive.



Pawnee Nation Princess

Haley Brenna Teter-Johnson "Tûtawi'u" meaning "Full of Life", is from the Kitkehahki band and is a descendant of all four bands of the Pawnee Nation. Haley's parents are Lindsey Teter and Trey Johnson. She has an older brother, Remington Crenshaw, and a baby sister on the way! Haley's maternal grandparents are Richard and Liana Chapman Teter. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Basil and Alma (Keys) Chapman; and the great-great-granddaughter of Walter and Nora (Shunatona) Keys, and Henry Chapman and May (Riding In) Chapman. Haley's paternal grandparents are Charles and the late Cheneya (McCutchan) Johnson.

Haley enjoys attending tribal ceremonies, dances, and actively learning about her culture and heritage. Haley helps cook and serve alongside her elders in the Traveler's organization when they feed families. She looks forward to every opportunity to visit the tribal homelands in Nebraska. In 2019, she attended the Sandhill Crane Migration as a part of a student group.

From the first Pawnee Seed Preservation Project event she attended, at the age of nine, she was hooked, and continues to work with the seeds. Planting in the community gardens, harvesting in the Nebraska homelands, and helping grind corn each May. She has consequentially participated in several native agricultural conferences.

A freshman at Pawnee High School, Haley is a member of the Northern Plains Indian Club. With a big heart for music, she's been taking classical dance classes since the age of three, is a piano and vocal student, and plays both the clarinet and tenor saxophone in the Pawnee High School Symphonic and Jazz Bands. She has been a member of the Middle School Honor Society and the Middle School Academic Team throughout middle school.

As the Pawnee Nation Princess, Haley plans to advocate for mental health awareness and healing through cultural outlets. This subject is something close to her heart. Her future goals are to maintain her academic achievements throughout college and continue to medical school.



The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has largely overwhelmed many of our tribal communities and operations. In an effort to help alleviate the undue burdens and work through the many challenges, Tribal members must be counted in the 2020 Census before the September 30 deadline. An accurate and complete count is critical to Tribal members who live within and outside the Pawnee Nation jurisdiction.

The 2020 Census is a way to get back what you put in. Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau counts every person, including babies born by April 1, living in the United States. This confidential Census count determines where the more than \$1.5 trillion in federal funding goes to support important community needs, like schools, health care, food assistance (SNAP), treatment for clean drinking water, and housing that benefit everybody. Unfortunately, our tribal community like many others, were not completely counted in previous Census efforts.

The Census data has also been an important factor in COVID-19 aid. A complete count helps public health officials and tribal leaders direct funding to better protect our communities and weather this pandemic. Population data taken through the <u>Census count helps communities</u> plan funding for hospital clinics and emergency services across the country. Census data ensures thoughtful emergency planning, allocation of resources, deployment of front-line responders, and determination of the amount of future vaccines. Previous Census data has also been used to determine the amount of CARES Act funding which was not a 100% count. It is without question that aid to communities is impacted by Census participation.

<u>The 2020 Census is available to be completed with safety in mind</u>. Everyone can respond to the Census online, by phone, or by paper form which comes pre-stamped, but for those households who haven't responded, Census takers are going door-to-door to collect responses.

Everyone must play a part to make sure our community stays safe and gets the funding for necessary vital resources. We must count all Tribal members to secure the funding we deserve and to build a stronger future together.

Stand up and be counted.

It's not too late to complete your 2020 Census.

Please complete your form online, by phone, or by mail when your invitation to respond arrives. Visit <u>my2020census.gov</u> to begin.



MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER



I would like to thank the Tribal membership for coming out to vote in our most recent election. I am honored and humbled for your votes to become a new councilperson under the leadership

of our newly elected President Walter Echo-Hawk. It is a privilege to join Cynthia Butler, Buddy Lone-Chief, Dr. Charles Knife-Chief, Patsy McCray and Dawna Hare. As a team we have quickly moved forward in an environment of good will, cooperation, and peace to serve the needs of the Pawnee people during this dangerous pandemic.

It is with thankfulness to our creator that I report a positive financial status to the Pawnee people. The financial state of the Tribe is in a good place thanks to the oversight of the four council members who remained in office as our people prepared to vote in new leadership. I applaud the four council members for holding the government intact, taking care of the finances, and insuring the continuation of services to Tribal members. As I assume my duties and learn I am witnessing the work of our previous Treasurer Angela Thompson who held the office for numerous years. I would like to acknowledge and thank this highly, talented, knowledgeable, committed young Tribal leader whose fiscal knowledge and skills are reflected in the good state our Tribal finances. This young Pawnee woman is responsible for our Tribe having a clean audit. She operated on a vision, a plan, and leadership which has left the Tribe with the ability to go forward with a clean record to pursue grants and business ventures. This will allow the council to pursue grants and other endeavors to increase growth and services for the benefit of our Tribe.

Currently, the Pandemic funds have been the intense focus and task for spending under the stewardship of the council. President Echo-hawk's leadership provided an open forum for all Pawnee people to share their voice on the COVID-19 Pandemic funds. The council has been working extremely hard at completing due diligence as stewards of this important task investing much time and dedication. Exemplary employees have assisted to complete this task to be completed by the end of December. This must all be completed in a

very short amount of time.

With good staff, team spirit, and united leadership in place we now go forward with the most important task of the moment. Pawnee Nation has been awarded

- CARES Act funding (Pawnee CARES

 Corona Virus Relief fund): for \$10,130,455; and
- 2. CARES Act funding (Pawnee Nation Aid to Tribal Government): \$1,250,319.

Prioritizing and allocating these funds remains a work in progress and will be reported to the Pawnee people on the Pawnee Nation website to keep membership informed. The council has difficult decisions to make and is working hard to identify needs well, wisely weigh what must be done to protect our people and make the best decisions possible. My time in office has been short and I have shared what is available to date. I will continue to provide updates and reports to our people.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Chapman Young Treasurer, Pawnee Business Council

PAWNEE TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (PTDC)

The health and safety of our employees and customers are of utmost importance to our Board of Directors and leadership.



Masks are required to enter all our facilitiesretail and gaming. Additional precautions include temperature screenings upon entry into gaming areas, personal protection panels installed at every machine at the Tee Pee Casino, Trading Post Casino, and the Travel Plaza gaming area. New hours at StoneWolf allow staff to do deep cleaning and sanitizing daily.

All three Pawnee Nation Casinos were closed on March 18th, 2020, because of health and safety concerns due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. With new health and safety precautions in place, StoneWolf Casino opened on May 15th, 2020, Tee Pee Casino opened on June 4th, 2020. The extended gaming floor in the Travel Plaza opened on July 24th, 2020. After the remodel was complete, the Trading Post Casino opened on August 3rd, 2020. As we welcomed both employees and guests back to our casinos, company-wide COVID testing was required for all employees.

The remodel creates a much needed, much more inviting atmosphere with a new HVAC system, new smoke filters, and a raised gaming floor. The renovation introduces a new Mazzio's Go that utilizes the deli area. The new Mazzio's Go offers all of the same products offered by our Mazzio's Go at the Travel Plaza, including sandwiches, salads, wings, and pizza.

Due to the financial ramifications of the Pandemic, Howler's Restaurant at StoneWolf Casino is closed indefinitely. New restaurant options are being considered for replacement. The StoneWolf bar is still opened.

MESSAGE FROM PAWNEE NATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The Pawnee Nation has completed 5 months of being under an Emergency Declaration due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Our Elders here in Pawnee are still receiving their noon meals at home and some have elected to come to the Elder's Facility to pick up their meals from the Title VI staff who have set up a temporary drive through for these individuals. Tribal workers are required to have their temperature taken as they report to their respective offices or as they go from one building to another. There have been instances where an office or a building has been closed due to either an employee testing positive for COVID-19 or being exposed to COVID-19 and these instances have been dealt with the affected office area being sanitized before worker can return to the office.

As you probably know, the Pawnee Nation issued COVID-19 Relief Checks to the adult Tribal members who submitted a completed application that stated that they and/or their families have been directly affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic. If you have not submitted your application for this relief fund, then please get those in as soon as possible.

The Relief Checks for the children that are under the age of 18 have started to receive their assistance checks, so that their parents may be financially able to purchase electronic equipment for the children so that will be able to do their school assignments at home.

The Pawnee Nation is developing a safe space for our children to do their homework at and also have internet access to the classes that the Pawnee Public Schools will be doing online. An ad hoc committee has been working with the Pawnee Schools on this project. The "Study Hall" is projected to open on September 01, 2020. The proposed plan is for those Pawnee students who have already made a decision to not attend classes in person at the Pawnee Public School but to attend online have the option to utilize this program that we have set up at the Pawnee Nation. The proposed site for those students who do not have internet access will be to go to the Multi-Purpose Center located on Morris Road. Desks areas will be set up as to comply with social distancing while they are participating in the Tribal study hall program. All students

will have access to any protective supplies that the students need such as masks or hand sanitizers. This site will also be available to our college students that need internet access for their classes.

Due to the recall elections that were held earlier this year, some of the positions needed to be filled in an election that was held in June. The results of this election resulted in three out of four of the open seats were filled and one seat will be filled in a run-off election because none of the candidates received 51% of the total votes cast. The following positions were filled; Walter Echo-Hawk became the new President of the Pawnee Business Council. Carol Chapmen Young won the Treasurer Seat and Cynthia Butler claimed one of the non-officer seats on the Council. The Vice-President position will be decided on August 22, 2020 in a run-off election.

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



There were (2) projects that utilized our TERO workers, the BIA House Demolition, and the PTDC Trading Post Renovation. They also employed five (5) TERO clients in total. For April and May, the TERO program was inactive due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Productivity started in June 2020 and was able to hire another (5) clients for on the job training. TERO is assisting in mowing (43) Elders lawns through the end of October.

If you need assistance with a job opportunity, please fill out our TERO application and submit it to **sknifechief@pawneenation.org** or mail it to **TERO**, **PO Box 470 Pawnee, OK 74058**. TERO keeps a running list of applicants for job availability when spontaneous job opportunities arise.

COVID RELIEF FUND APPLICATION

The Pawnee Nation has funds available to assist Pawnee Nation Tribal members over the age of 18 as of June 1, 2020, through the Pawnee CARES – COVID Relief Fund.

A simple application has been mailed out to all Pawnee Tribal members at the last known address on file. Please return the **COVID Relief Fund Application**, along with a **Change of Address** form back to us.

If you wish to apply for and have not received your COVID Relief Fund Application letter by May 29, 2020, please download the application and Change of address form if needed from our website **www.pawneenation.org** and return to:

Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

P.O. Box 470 Pawnee, OK 74058

Applications will be *accepted until*

September 30, 2020, at which time, any remaining funds will be reallocated to other COVID relief programs to comply with federal timelines for expending funds.



Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

P. O. Box 470 * Pawnee, OK 74058 * Phone: (918) 762-3621 * Fax: (918) 762-6446

May 20, 2020

Dear Pawnee Tribal Member:

As we all have been experiencing the dramatic effects of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus), we pray Atius is keeping you and your families safe.

We have sent out the press release announcing the plans for a COVID-19 Relief Fund for Pawnee Tribal members 18 years of age and older as of June 1st, 2020, that has been approved by the Pawnee Business Council.

All we need is this below questionnaire filled out and sent back to the Pawnee Nation using the return self-addressed and stamped envelope. If you have not had your address updated, please return the enclosed form as well for PN Enrollment to get that updated for you.

These funds have to be spent by December 31, 2020. Payments will not be distributed after September 30, 2020. Please let your family members know, if they are on the roll, to please update their information with enrollment so we can send them their relief funds.

Sincerely,

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Charles Lone Chief, Interim President Pawnee Business Council

Questionnaire

I have incurred expenses related to the disruption of daily life due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) (including expenses such as: loss of income, food, housing, distance learning, technological improvements, health care, PPE, child care or any other public health/safety needs or services).

🗆 YES 🗌 NO

I certify and confirm by answering YES above that I incurred COVID-19 related expenses including, but not limited to those listed; or by answering NO that I have not incurred any additional expenses and do not need COVID-19 relief funds.

Enrollment Number:

Print Name:

__Date of Birth: ____

DATE:

Tribal Member Signature: _



The Tax Commission is selling PN masks, \$6.00

(918) 762-3621

PBC 2020 RESOLUTIONS

#20-46 – A Resolution to approve revisions to the Pawnee Nation Fiscal Policies and Procedures to Appendix A, Procurement Policy – <u>Approved May 20, 2020</u>, by a vote of three for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Interim President Lone Chief).

#20-47 – A Resolution to approve the land allocation for the Behavior Health/Treatment Facility west of the Pawnee Nation Resource Complex – <u>Approved May 20, 2020</u>, by a vote of three for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Interim President Lone Chief).

#20-48 – A Resolution to approve the submission of the Indian Community Development Block Grant- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security grant application for the "PN Cares Project"- <u>Approved May</u> **20, 2020**, Amended June 26, 2020, by a vote of three for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Interim President Lone Chief).

#20-49 – A Resolution to approve the Pawnee Nation COVID-19 Relief Fund Distribution Plan - <u>Approved May 20, 2020</u>, by a vote of three for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Interim President Lone Chief).

#20-50 – A Resolution to approve the Pawnee Nation COVID-19 Funding Allocation in the amount of \$4,742,400.00 to; COVID-19 Relief for Tribal Members 18 years of age and over, Pawnee Nation Employee Hazardous Duty Pay, Youth Supplemental Fund and Distance Learning, and College Supplemental Fund and Distance Learning - <u>Approved May</u> 20, 2020, by a vote of three for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Interim President Lone Chief).

#20-51 – A Resolution to approve the monthly fixed fee agreement between the Law Office of Chad Smith, amending the hourly fee agreement of February 13, 2020 - <u>Approved</u> <u>August 14, 2020</u>, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Echo-Hawk).

#20-52 – A Resolution to approve Pawnee

Nation CARES Act Budget Request in the amount of \$870,000.00 for Pawnee Nation Fitness Center and Behavioral Health Treatment Facility, Consultant Fee- <u>Approved June</u> <u>6, 2020</u>, by a vote of three for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Interim President Lone Chief).

#20-53 – A Resolution to approve the revision of the Pawnee Nation Office of Human Resources Policies and Procedures manual and the addition of "Chapter 16, Section B, Hazard Pay" - <u>Approved June 6, 2020</u>, by a vote of three for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Interim President Lone Chief).

#20-54 – A Resolution to approve the Pawnee Nation COVID-19 Funding Allocation from the CARES Budget in the amount of #36,836.00 for; 477 software tracking system and Childcare Door Locking System – <u>Approved June 24,</u> <u>2020</u>, by a vote of three for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Interim President Lone Chief).

#20-55 – A Resolution to accept the results of the Pawnee Nation Special Election held on June 20, 2020. The four newly elected officers of the Pawnee Business Council are: Walter Echo-Hawk, President, Carol Chapman, Treasurer, and Cynthia Butler, Seat #1 -**Approved July 8, 2020**, by a vote of four for (Knife Chief, McCray, Hare, Lone Chief), none against, two abstaining (Chapman, Butler) and one not voting (President Echo-Hawk).

#20-56 – A Resolution to recognize the results of the Pawnee Nation Special Election held on June 20, 2020, and that the position of the Pawnee Business Council Vice-President did not meet the requirements to be duly elected. The Pawnee Nation Election Commission will commence with the Run-Off Election – <u>Approved July 8, 2020</u>, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Echo-Hawk).

#20-57 – A Resolution to approve for baking purposes, the four officers of the Pawnee Business Council authorized to sign signature cards and documents are: (1) Walter Echo-

Hawk, President, (2) Charles Lone Chief, Interim Vice President, (3) Patricia McCray, Secretary, and (4) Carol Chapman, Treasurer – <u>Approved July 8, 2020</u>, by a vote of five for (Knife Chief, McCray, Chapman, Butler, Hare), none against, one abstaining (Lone Chief) and one not voting (President Echo-Hawk).

#20-58 – A Resolution to authorize any of the following staff under the Aid to Tribal Government (ATTG) Program to execute the Indian Preference Form (BIA-4432) namely Walter Echo-Hawk, President of the Pawnee Business Council; Patricia McCray, Secretary of the Pawnee Business Council; The Pawnee Nation Executive Director; or Carrie Peters, Enrollment Manager to certify and sign said document – <u>Approved July 8, 2020</u> by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Echo-Hawk).

#20-59 – A Resolution to approve Pawnee Nation COVID-19 Funding Allocation in the amount of \$35,760.00 for ECivis Software – **Tabled July 8, 2020**, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Echo-Hawk).

#20-60 – A Resolution to approve and support the request to have a highway in the State of Nebraska to be named the "Pawnee Scout Memorial Highway" – <u>Approved July 20,</u> <u>2020</u>, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Echo-Hawk).

#20-61 – A Resolution to express condolences to our Astarahi relatives and families for the loss of Mr. Alfred "Junior" Morsette – <u>Approved July 20, 2020</u>, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Echo-Hawk).

#20-62 – A Resolution to approve the appointment of Reva Howell to serve as Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation Board Member, whose term will begin August 1, 2020, and end on July 20, 2023 – <u>Approve August 1, 2020</u>, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Echo-Hawk).

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

PBC 2020 RESOLUTIONS

#20-63 – A Resolution to approve the appointment of Kellie Lewis to serve as Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation Board Member, whose term will begin August 1, 2020, and end July 30, 2023 – <u>Approved</u> <u>August 1, 2020</u>, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Echo-Hawk).

#20-64 – A Resolution to approve Pawnee Nation COVID-19 Funding Allocation in the amount of #12,000.00 for Title VI Indian Education school supply donation at Pawnee Public Schools - <u>Approved</u> <u>August 1, 2020</u>, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Echo-Hawk).

#20-65 – A Resolution to accept Scott Poynter's recommended disposition of the settlement proceeds obtained from Trinity Operating and Cummings Oil - <u>Approved</u> <u>August 14, 2020</u>, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Echo-Hawk).



May 20, 2020 Pawnee Business **Council Special Meeting**

Interim President Charles Lone Chief called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm and gave the invocation. Four Council members present, quorum established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve the PBC Special Meeting Agenda for May 20, 2020, 2. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the PBC Special Meeting Minutes for May 5, 2020, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Budget Committee Recommendations: a. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the 2020 COVID-19 Emergency Response Budget, seconded bv Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

b. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve 2020 CARES Act Budget, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

c. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the 2020 477 Carryover Budget, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

d. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the 2020 PN Election Commission budget modification #4, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

e. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the 2020 CSBG budget modification #1, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

f. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the 2020 LIHEAP budget modification #2, secondedbyPatriciaMcCray,motioncarries.

g. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the 2020 Health Education budget modification #2, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries h. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the 2020 Title VI part A budget modification #1, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

i. Motion make by Dawna Hare to approve the 2020 Title VI Part C budget modification #1, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

- Resolution #20-46 for revisions to the Pawnee Nation Fiscal Polices and Procedures, Appendix A, Procurement Policy, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.
- 3. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Resolution #20-47 for the Behavioral Health Treatment Facility for land designation, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
- 4. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve Resolution #20-48 for the HUD ICDBG CARES Act funds submission, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion 1. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve carries.
- 5. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve Resolution #20-49 for the Pawnee Nation COVID-19 Relief Fund Plan, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.
- 6. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve Resolution #20-50 for the CARES Budge allocation, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to adjourn, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries to adjourn at 4:45 PM.

June 6, 2020 Pawnee Business Council **Quarterly Meeting**

Interim President Buddy Lone Chief called the meeting to order at 10:30 am and Mr. Charles Knife Chief gave the invocation. Five Council members present, quorum established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve the PBC Quarterly Meeting agenda for February 7, 2020 with amendment, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF **OUARTERLY REPORTS:** Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the Pawnee Nation Division Quarterly Reports for the first quarter, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF PAWNEE NATION **COMMITTEE COMMISSION AND BOARD OUARTERLY REPORTS:** Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Pawnee Nation Committee, Commission and Board Quarterly Reports for the first quarter, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF PAWNEE NATION FINANCIAL QUARTERLY REPORT: Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the Pawnee Nation Financial Quarterly Report for the first quarter, seconded by Charles Knife Chief.

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution #20-39 to re-appoint Kathy Daniels to the Tax Commission, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Budget Committee Recommendations: a. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve 2020 LIHEAP CARES Budget, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

b. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve the 2020 Promoting Safe and Stable Families FFTA budget, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

c. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the 2020 Family Violence Prevention Services CARES Budget, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

Patricia d. Motion made by to approve 2020 Titles McCray Budget, seconded by VI CARES Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

e. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve the 2020 Food Distribution Budget Modification #1, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion caries.

f. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve 2020 Food Distribution tribal match budget modification #2, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

- 3. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve Resolution #20-52 for the Pawnee Nation CARES budget allocation of the funds for the fitness center and consultant fee for the Behavioral Health and Treatment Facility, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion caries.
- Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve Resolution #20-53 for the Pawnee Nation Human Resources Policies and Procedures Hazard Pay Policy, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.
- 5. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve the Pawnee Nation Fitness Center Budget, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
- 6. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the guaranteed maximum price contract with Building Unlimited, Inc., seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Dawna Hare to go into executive session, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries. Motion made by Dawna Hare to come out of executive session, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

- 1. Discussion on Interim Attorney General Agreement.
- 2. Discussion on Pawnee Nation Litigation.

COUNCIL ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Discussion of Interim Attorney General Agreement: The decision to wait until the new council is seated and then take action on the resolution then.

 Discussion on Pawnee Nation Litigation: The council was briefed on the litigation in District Court and was briefed on how the PBC officer positions were filled.

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

June 24, 2020 Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting

Interim President Charles Lone Chief called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm and Mrs. Patricia McCray gave the invocation. Four Council members present, quorum established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the PBC Special Meeting agenda for June 24, 2020, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2020, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

 Budget Committee Recommendations:

 a. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve the 2020 COVID-19 Tribal Public Health Capacity Budget, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

b. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the children kitchen remodel expenses, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

c. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the request for permission to use Pawnee Nation property for the middle school and high school cross country training, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

2. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve Resolution #20-54 for the CARES Budget allocation in the amount of \$36,836.00 with changes, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

Motion made by Dawna Hare to adjourn, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries to adjourn at 1:40 pm.

June 26, 2020 Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting

Interim President Charles Lone Chief called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm and Mrs. Dawna Hare 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 June 24, 2020 with changes, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the Pawnee Business Council Quarterly Meeting minutes for June 6, 2020 with changes, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
- 2. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting minutes for June 24, 2020 with the correction, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief amendments of PBC meeting minutes from March 24, 2020, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries
- 2. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the amendments to Resolution #20-18 ICDBG CARES proposal, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion

Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to adjourn, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries to adjourn at 3:24 pm.

July 8, 2020 Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting

President Walter Echo-Hawk called the meeting to order at 5:17pm and Mr. Charles Lone Chief

gave the invocation. Seven Council members present, quorum established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve the PBC Special Meeting agenda for July 8, 2020, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting minutes for June 26, 2020, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve Resolution #20-55 accepting PBC Special Election results, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries
- 2. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve Resolution #20-56 call for the Run-Off Election, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
- 3. Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve Resolution #20-57 Signature Authority with changes, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
- 4. Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve Resolution #20-58 Indian Preference BIA-4432 Form (signature authority), seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
- 5. Budget Committee Recommendations:

a. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve PBC budget modification #10, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

b. Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve PN Election Commission Budget #5 seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

c. Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to approve CES Budget Modification #2, seconded by Carol Chapman, motion carries.

d. Motion made by Patricia McCray

Budget Modification #2, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, Motion Carries.

e. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve PBC President position hazard pay at option B, seconded Cynthia Butler, motion carries. by

f. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve PN Property Management IDC budget modification #1, seconded Carol Chapman, motion carries. by

g. Motion made by Cynthia Butler to table PN Property management Tribal Budget modification #2, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

6. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to table Resolution #20-59 COVID fund allocation, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

Motion made by Patricia McCray to adjourn, seconded by Carol Chapman, motion carries to adjourn at 7:41 pm.

July 20, 2020 Pawnee Business **Council Special Meeting**

President Walter Echo-Hawk called the meeting to order at 5:09 pm and Mr. Charles Knife Chief gave the invocation. Six Council members, quorum established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the PBC Special Meeting agenda for July 20, 2020, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting minutes for July 8, 2020, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to approve Resolution #20-60 Pawnee Scout Memorial Highway with changes, seconded by Carol Chapman, motion carries.

- to approve Tribal Opioid Response 2. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to withdraw Resolution #20-61 for Eagle Road Settlement Negotiations, seconded by Cynthia Butler, motion carries.
 - 3. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Resolution #20-61 for condolences to the family of Mr. Alfred "Junior" Morsetter, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Patricia McCray to go into executive session, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries. Motion made by Dawna Hare to come out of executive session, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

- 1. Discussion on Interim Attorney General proposal and other legal needs
- 2. Discussion and/ or approval on COVID Tribal Community Forum
- 3. Discussion on Pawnee Public Schools Reopening Plan

Motion made by Charles Knife Chief, seconded by Charles Lone Chief to adjourn, motion carries to adjourn at 8:19 pm.

August 1, 2020 Pawnee Business **Council Special Meeting**

President Walter Echo-Hawk called the meeting to order at 9:10 pm and Mrs. Cynthia Butler gave the invocation. Seven Council members, quorum established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the PBC Quarterly Meeting agenda for August 1, 2020, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF **QUARTERLY REPORTS:** Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve the Pawnee Nation Division Quarterly Reports for the first quarter, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF PAWNEE NATION **COMMITTEE COMMISSION AND** BOARD **QUARTERLY REPORTS:**

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Pawnee Nation Committee, Commission and Board Quarterly Reports with changes, seconded by Charles Lone Chief motion carries.

APPROVAL OF PAWNEE NATION FINANCIAL OUARTERLY REPORT: Motion made by Carol Chapman to approve the Pawnee Nation Financial Quarterly Report with changes, seconded by Charles Knife Chief.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve the 2020 Property Budget Mod #2 seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve Resolution #20-62 to appoint Reva Howell to serve on the Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation Board, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
- 2. Motion made by Cynthia Butler to approve Resolution #20-63 to appoint Kellie Lewis to serve on Pawnee Tribal Development

Corporation Board, seconded by Dawna EXECUTIVE SESSION Hare, motion carries.

- 3. Budget Committee Recommendations a. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the 2020 DHCS budget mod #2, seconded by Carol Chapman, motion carries
 - b. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve the 2020 BIA Cares funds, seconded by Carol Chapman, motion carries

c. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve the Title VI Indian Education School Supply Donation Request, seconded Carol Chapman, motion carries by

d. Motion made by Cynthia Butler to amend the Pawnee Business Council Quarterly Meeting Agenda for August 1, 2020 to add Resolution #20-64 COVID Fund Allocation, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries

4. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve Resolution #20-64 COVID Fund Allocation, seconded by Carol Chapman, motion carries

Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to go into executive session, seconded by Cynthia Butler, motion carries. Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to come out of executive session, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

- 1. Approval of Eagle Road Settlement
- 2. Discussion and or action AG contract.

COUNCIL ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to approve the Eagle Road Settlement, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
- 2. Motion made by Dawna Hare to authorize President to continue negotiations with Chad Smith on the Attorney General contract, seconded by Carol Chapman, motion carries.

Motion made by Patricia McCray to adjourn at 12:39 pm, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries to adjourn at 12:39 pm.



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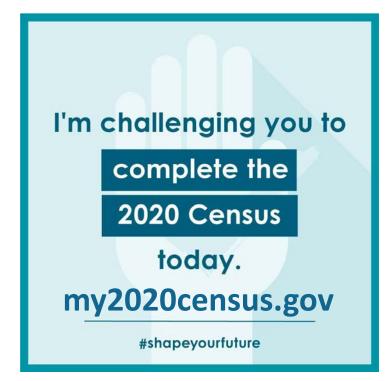




Sebastian Twins

The parents of *Sebastian Twins* would like to congratulate him on graduating from Cushing Middle School. He recently graduated with a 4.0 GPA and is moving on to Cushing High School. He is a 2-time Principal's Honor Roll and 2-time Superintendent's Honor Roll student. He is a 2-time Special Olympic Gold Medalist in Bocce.

Sebastian is a talented artist and was commissioned to make drawings to be turned into color sheets for a Native American Heritage Month event, as well as drawings that were turned into earrings for teacher's gifts. He won Best of Show in the Cushing Native Fest during Native American Heritage Month and brought home \$100. Sebastian is the son of Margaret Twins and Jake Leading Fox and the grandson of Tammy and Wesley Twins, Ladonna Palmer and Lance Leading Fox, and the late Lee and Melvin De Lodge. They are very proud of all his accomplishments and look forward to seeing him excel in high school and all the adventures that are in store. Sebastian's parents would also like to thank all his family and friends who support and encourage him in all that he does, God bless you all.

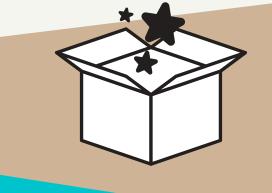




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PAWNEE SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

or the first 300, whichever is first.

Pawnee Nation Fire Station 301 Agency Road, Pawnee Oklahoma

SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

or the first 200, whichever is first.

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