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PAWNEE NATION SPRING BREAK CAMP
MARCH 15-19, 2010

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Pawnee Tribal Members:

The priority for the Pawnee Nation is the health of our people. We can have all the necessities of life, but without our health. We cannot enjoy an acceptable quality of life that our people deserve. Someone with bad knees, for example, is not a priority health issue in the life threatening priority list. Take a look at this person's quality of life. The individual with the bad knees is confined to the home, because it is too painful to get around. Traditional family gatherings or being in attendance to help an ailing family member or friend are activities one cannot do because of the knee condition. Where is the functional quality of life for the incapacitated person? Health and mobility are necessary and basic functions in a person's daily life!

I have been involved in Indian Health Service mental health programs and in procuring IHS physical care for Indians in many tribes across the country for over 20 years. I believe that IHS is the one agency that can help us, help our people health wise. It is not an easy task, however, we have to work closely with the IHS, plan with them, strategize with them, negotiate with them, form a relationship with them, and help them keep abreast of our basic health needs, There are many receptive people in the IHS who want to provide the best service they can.

I would like to give you some information on one of the Indian Health Service Committees I serve on. In 2007, I was appointed by the IHS Area Director to represent the Oklahoma City Area on the National Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee (DSTAC). This is the Committee that advises and advocates to IHS for the tribes in the country to which it provides direct health services. We pursue additional and adequate funding for IHS; it is now funded at 58.5% of what is needed.

Presently, I am serving a second term as Chairman on the National Advisory Committee being reelected (2008-09; 2009-10). These are dedicated individuals from ten different direct service IHS areas. We all have a concerned interest in advocating the best health care for our peoples.

The DSTAS is represented by 10 of the 12 IHS areas in the country. Only Alaska and California areas do not have direct service tribes. DSTAC was a major proponent in advocating for a Director of Office of Direct Service/Contracting Tribes to serve directly under the IHS Director. The announcement of the formalization of the position was made at the DSTAC conference in Oklahoma City, OK (8-09) by IHS Director Dr. Yvette Roubideaux. In February 2010, several of us on DSTAC interviewed highly qualified applicants for the position, in DC. The selection has not yet been announced. This director is the direct service tribes' line to the Director of IHS.

On the local IHS level, I have worked with Mr. Travis Scott, CEO for the Pawnee Service Unit, on a program which Mr. Scott outlined to get contract health service funds to address "Back to Work" funding for patients of the Pawnee Service Unit. I am convinced this program needs to be adopted throughout IHS. I will pursue this at the next DSTAC conference (8-2010). It addresses the suffering patients endure if their non-priority conditions are not acted upon. Non-attention to their ailment negatively affects the quality of their lives. PBC members represented on the Pawnee Service Unit Health Board are Mrs. Elizabeth Blackowl and Mr. Marshall Gover.

President George E. Howell



April & May



Education

Free GED Classes- Roam Chief Building. Classes are every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Contact Chris Hill, Youth Services Coordinator at 918-762-3227.

Health

May 7- Suzy Snell, Health Nations Coordinator, will be hosting an After School Program, will be held at the Berry building. For more information contact Suzy at 918-762-2153.

April-May- Suzy Snell, will be hosting Co-ed Soft Ball, for ages 13 and up, male or female. For more information about applications, exact dates and costs, contact Suzy at 918-762-2153.

April 4- Tom Kelly, will be teaching Karate Classes, for all ages, for more information contact 918-762-2153.

April 19- The Pawnee Nation Violence Against Women Program will host the "Clothesline Project" at the Berry Building from 12-1 pm and 5-7 pm. The Clothesline Project is a visual display that bears witness to the violence against women where abuse victims design a shirt to reflect their personal experience.

April 20- The Pawnee Nation Violence Against Women Program is having "Denim Day."

April 21- The "Clothesline Project" will be hung at the Pawnee County courthouse gazebo at 8 pm, then a candlelight vigil around the courthouse square will follow.

April 23- Walk & Wear Teal. This is to commemorate survivors and victims of sexual assault. The Walk will start at 2 pm, at the Pawnee Nation Roundhouse. For more information, contact Crystal Underwood, Diabetes Coordinator at 918-762-4045.

April 23- Is the deadline to register, as a volunteer to help with the Violence against Women Prevention and Resource Program. For more information call 918-762-3621 EX-32. Ask for Connie

April 30- The Pawnee Nation Violence Against Women Prevention and Resource Program is holding its first community wide training on Friday, April 30th, from 2 PM to 4:30 PM, in the Pawnee Nation Multipurpose Building, at 808 Morris Road. The Multipurpose Building is located inside, on the North end of the Pawnee Nation Gymnasium. Sign-in starts at 1:30 PM and light refreshments will be available.

General

Volunteer classes for Pawnee Nation Fire Department will be held on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at The Pawnee Tribal Police department. You will be able to fill out an application anytime at Pawnee Tribal Police department.

April 25- Joint County Communications Contest, will be held at Ridgeview Towers in Tecumseh and begin at 3:00 p.m. The Speech Contest is for ages 5-18. For this contest you can write your own speech or read a poem or present a PSA on a cassette tape or CD. The Presentations Contest is for ages 8-18 and is designed for individuals or teams. Guidelines can be found on the Speech Contest Registration Form (PDF, 1 pg, 92 KB) and the Presentations Contest Registration Form (PDF, 1 pg, 94 KB). These forms must be turned into the Pawnee County Extension Office by Friday, April 16th. For more information you can call the Extension Office at 918-852-2970

April 30- OSTA Steam and Gas Engine Show, in Pawnee, Oklahoma. This is a festival of fun, food, arts and crafts, antiques, flea markets, parades, and entertainment. For more information call 918-762-6788.

May 24 - Memorial Day Ceremony at Veteran's Memorial, located downtown of Pawnee, Oklahoma. This ceremony is to honor the veteran's. For more information call 918-762-2667.

May 31- Pawnee Bathhouse & Pool will be open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. It is located at Pawnee Lake and is available year-round for reunions, weddings and parties. For more information call 918-762-2110.

May-June 2010 - "Remembering the Past; Voices from Pawnee Elders." Hear Pawnee elders speak of the "old days," not only what they remember but stories from their elders. These elders are the last Pawnees to grow up speaking their own language. Pawnee Indian Museum 480 Pawnee Trail Republic, KS 66964. For more information, contact Richard Gould at 785-361-2255.

July 1-4 - Pawnee Indian Veterans Homecoming & Pow Wow.

CHATICKS SI CHATICKS PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

MAY 21
JULY 16

NEXT ISSUE DATE

JUNE 7
AUGUST 3

*** TO MEET ISSUE DATES, SUBMISSION DEADLINES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED ***

**FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE,
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OLD AGENCY BUILDING.**

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NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE

*By Dawna Hare,
Executive Director*

We are undergoing change at Pawnee Nation. We currently have three Indian Community Development Block Grants and five sources of Stimulus funding providing funding to renovate our buildings and provide services.

The Cultural Learning Center and RoamChief Renovation Project is bringing about substantial change. The Pawnee Business Council purchased a building in downtown Pawnee that will serve as the Cultural Learning Center. Older people may remember it as Piggly Wiggly's and may also remember the family that operated it, and how Mr. Kline spoke Pawnee when tribal members went in to shop there. The Education and Training Division has moved into Building and currently located on the first floor. When all renovation is completed, the Repatriation and Tribal Historic Preservation Department will move in on the mezzanine in the near future. The First Floor will serve as a museum that will display items that have been repatriated from various museums across the nation. Education and Training, along with the Language Program, will move to the third floor. With these moves made, renovation can begin at the RoamChief Building.

The only program that will remain in RoamChief is the Food Distribution Program. Their offices and warehouse will be expanded with Stimulus funding received from

the USDA. The vacated space (where Education and Health Department were located) will be renovated to provide an additional event center. There will be a large open area that can be used for family reunions, birthdays, community dinners, fundraisers, and during time of bereavement for families to use. Additionally, there will be a smaller room renovated for similar use.

The Old Indian Health Service Hospital that has been acquired by the Pawnee Nation has been renovated in compliance with historic preservation standards. This month our Health and Community Services Division Programs will be moving to the first floor and our Tribal Development Corporation will be moving temporarily moving to the second floor. When TDC establishes permanent offices, we should have more health and community service programs occupying the second floor.

The last of our tribal projects funded is the expansion of the Child Development Center. HUD funded this expansion project in the 2009 funding cycle. This expansion will give our Child Development Center the space needed for the growth we have experienced and in the classrooms will be in close proximity. Currently our Child Development Center is located in three different buildings.

Our Divisions have actively pursued Stimulus funding and have been successful in attaining in

excess of \$1.4 million. Roads, Childcare, Elderly Meals, and Law Enforcement, and Education & Training (E&T) have received stimulus funds. Our Transportation Dept is preparing for the next round of stimulus funding for sorely needed overlay road projects in the Pawnee area.

Like so many in our country and world today, the Pawnee Nation is also concerned about the economy. Although we have fared well with stimulus funding, we are concerned with our tribal operating and indirect cost funds and the Budget Committee will be monitoring these funds closely. We will provide you with more information concerning our finances in our June edition.

Thank you for your patience during this time, you'll enjoy the benefits of these changes when the work is completed. The next ICD-BG cycle is rapidly approaching. If you have any suggestions for the next project, attend the public meeting when it is announced or submit your suggestions to us.

A new project we have embarked upon is the Continuity of Government project funded by the Administration of Native Americans. This will provide a mechanism for maintaining tribal operations in the event of a disaster.

Yes, we are undergoing change at Pawnee Nation and it is good.

PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL MEMBERS

President:

George E. Howell

Vice President:

Charles "Buddy" Lone Chief

Secretary:

Linda Jestes

Treasurer:

Roy Taylor

Council Seat 1:

John Only A Chief

Council Seat 2:

Elizabeth Blackowl

Council Seat 3:

Jimmy Fields

Council Seat 4:

Marshall Gover

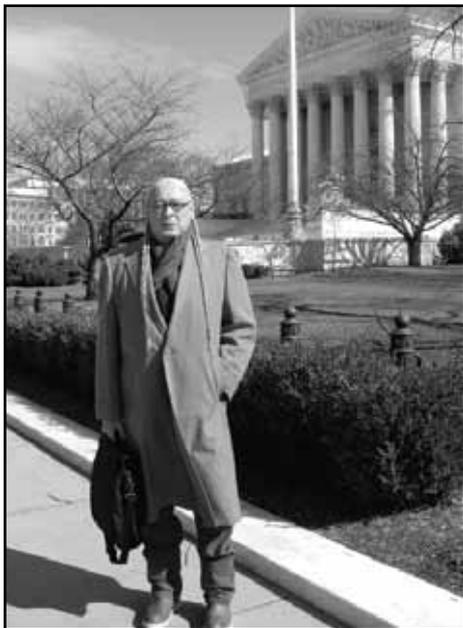
PAWNEE NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma is accepting employment applications for the full-time, regular status positions of , **Heavy Equipment Operator, Infant through PreK Lead Teacher, and Infant through PreK Substitute Teacher.**

For complete job descriptions, application deadlines, and the employment application form, please visit our website at www.pawneenation.org.



IN THE COURTS OF THE CONQUEROR: THE TEN WORST INDIAN LAW CASES EVER DECIDED



A book by Walter R. Echo-Hawk, foreword by Patty Limerick, afterword by Charles Wilkinson

For over 200 years, the fate of Native Americans has been dependent in large part upon the recognition and enforcement of their legal, political, property, and cultural rights

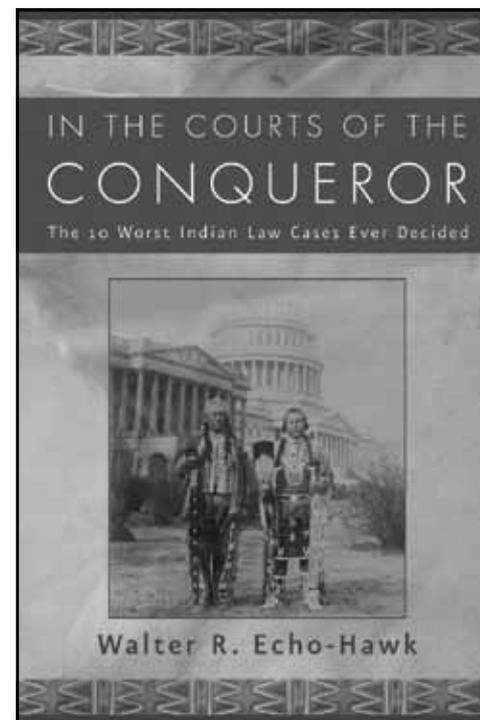
by American courts. While most people think that the goal of our legal system is to achieve a universal measure of truth and justice, such has not been the case with respect to Native Americans. In this groundbreaking and provocative book, noted Native American attorney and activist Walter R. Echo-Hawk reveals the dark underbelly of the American legal system and shows how it has rendered legal the destruction of Native Americans and their culture.

Rich in historical detail, and showing how the echoes of court decisions over the years continue to resonate and shape Indian Country, *In the Courts of the Conqueror* provides a vital understanding of our current society. More than mere history, the book challenges readers to reexamine our country through a different lens and, in so doing, issues a clarion call for change. Ac-

ording to Echo-Hawk, the reader "will close this book with a thirst for justice and an eagerness to confront the many challenges that lie ahead as we stride toward a more just society in the postcolonial world." Like other great eye-opening books on Native American culture and history, such as *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee* and *Custer Died for Your Sins*, *In the Courts of the Conqueror* is provocative and fresh writing at its best.

Walter Echo-Hawk, a Pawnee tribal member, is of counsel to the Crowe &

Dunlevy law firm of Oklahoma. As a staff attorney for the Native American Rights Fund for thirty-five years, he represented tribes and Native Americans on significant legal issues during the modern era of federal Indian law. In addition to litigation, he worked on major legislation, such as the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, and federal religious freedom legislation. He is a prolific writer whose books include the award winning *Battlefields and Burial Grounds*.



PAWNEE NATION PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

By Ted Moore, Tribal Planner

The Planning Office has implemented a community and tribal economic development assessment survey. We need your help in answering the questions to these assessment surveys. With your input and after we have several hundred surveys completed, the Planning office will be able to compile data statistics and demographics into a variety of spreadsheet reports which will enable us to review and prioritize future projects and grants. The survey may be completed by hard copy or electronically via internet. It should not take more than 15 to 20 minutes to complete. If anyone desires to complete a survey on hard copy, please call me at 918-762-3621 x11 and I will mail you a survey or you may come by the office to pick one up at Building 64, office 102. These surveys are also available at the housing office

and the Pawnee Nation College. If anyone desires to complete a survey electronically, please call me and I will provide you with the pass code and timeframe to do that. You must have internet access.

Recently, we submitted a grant proposal for funding for a consultation and documentation project under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) on March 3, 2010. We will be notified if we are funded in July, 2010. If funded, the grant will provide the Pawnee Nation the funding to research, document, and consult with museums around the nation to reclaim, transfer or repatriate Pawnee ancestral remains or artifacts in accordance to NAGPRA. The Pawnee Nation has managed the NAGPRA program in previous years.

The Pawnee Nation was recently

awarded an Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) to renovate and expand the Early Childhood Development Center. A second part to this grant was for the renovation of the wellness center, which was not funded. There were 33 ICDBG applications with 37 projects submitted and we were one of the eighteen tribes funded.

Often many tribes depend solely on funding from grant approved proposals, which support various services and projects for your community and tribe. If the grant is funded for your tribe, it is also a good management tool to execute your program from start to completion. I currently teach the Grants /Fundraising class through the Pawnee Nation College. The class will now begin its second half of semester. The assignments in this class are intended to develop the individual skills of the students

through research, planning, development, writing, creativity, management, and organization of the grant proposal. I try to express to the students the importance of a well planned grant proposal will improve the chances of it being funded, resulting in an opportunity for your community or tribe to benefit. Grant writing skills are good to have in any type of work. I once heard someone mention to another person that grants were easy to get funded. I wish that was so. They take a lot of planning and working with others. Just some insight about grants and something of what we do here in the planning offices.

Congratulations to all of the Pawnee High School athletes for their accomplishments at the recent state basketball playoffs. You have something that no one can take from you. I am proud of all of you.

NEWS FROM THE PAWNEE NATION'S TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION



left to right: Jerry Carlson, Nancy Carlson, Patrick Leading Fox, Walter Echo Hawk, Micheal Smith, Gayle Carson, and Morgan Littlesun.

By Alice Alexander, Pawnee Nation's Tribal Historic Preservation

Have you ever visited the Pawnee homeland in Nebraska? It is a beautiful and vast region. Pawnee country consists of village sites, burial grounds, sacred animal lodges, buffalo hunting grounds, and battle sites located along the Platte, Loup, Republican, and Big Blue Rivers.

Much of our colorful tribal history is tied to the land, animals, plants, and waters of Nebraska where our people were created and our culture arose.

The Pawnee Nation's Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) works to protect those historic, cultural, religious, and archeological sites. These cultural and historical

resources are important to Pawnee heritage and understanding our ancient ties to the land.

The THPO office is currently working with consultant Walter Echo-Hawk in investigating the impacts of the Keystone XL Pipeline Project on Pawnee sites in Nebraska, Kansas, and Oklahoma.

The pipeline is proposed to begin in Canada and go 1800 miles all the way to Houston, Texas, crossing Pawnee aboriginal land in Nebraska, Kansas, and Oklahoma. It is a controversial pipeline project that has been opposed by affected Indian Tribes in South Dakota and, possibly, Canada. The pipeline would cross through the heart of Pawnee Country in Nebraska through villages and cemetery areas on the Loup and Platte Rivers.

To study the impacts of the pipeline upon Pawnee sites and develop mitigation proposals for tribal leaders, the THPO office went on a field trip to Nebraska and Kansas during the week of March 8. The team consisted of Alice Alexander (THPO),

Pat Leading Fox (Head Chief of the Pawnee Nation), Morgan Little Sun (Kitkahaki Chief), and Walter Echo-Hawk, consultant.

The group toured the Pawnee homeland, including the impacted areas, with the Nebraska State Historical Society officials Michael Smith (Executive Director), Gayle Carlson (State Archeologist), and Trisha Nelson (Archeological Collections Manager), as well as a local Genoa archeologist, Nance Carlson and her husband, Jerry.

It was a very meaningful and powerful trip to visit the sacred animal lodges, village sites, and burial grounds. Much information was gathered about pipeline impacts and mitigation reports are currently being developed so that the Pawnee Nation may enter into meaningful consultation negotiations with the action agency, US State Department, to protect the sites which are important to Pawnee heritage.

For more information regarding Tribal Historic Preservation, contact Alice at 918-762-3624, ext 14.

CHR AND DIABETES PROGRAMS ARE MOVING!

The Pawnee Nation CHR and Diabetes Programs will be moving from the RoamChief Building to the Health & Community Services Center (formerly old Indian Health Service Center). From April 12-14, 2010, the phone lines will be transferred, and as a result, the CHR and Diabetes Programs can only be reached at (918) 762-2541 ext. 27 and ext. 22 respectively. After the move, the main number for the Health & Community Service Center will be (918) 762-3873. The following will be the new direct phone numbers and address for the CHR and Diabetes Programs:

Community Health Representatives (CHR)	Diabetes Program
400 Agency Road (918) 762-4641 (918) 762-6451 FAX	400 Agency Road (918) 762-4045 (918) 762-6452 FAX

FINANCE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES NEW LOCATION

The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma's Finance Department recently moved upstairs in Building 64, which is located at 881 Little Dee Dr. in Pawnee. To reach the Finance office by phone, please call (918) 762-3621.

The new extensions are as follows:

Bo Lewis, Finance Director- 21
 Laura Melton, Accountant- 44
 Janet Mulder, Accounts Payable Clerk- 43
 Lozana Eppler, Payroll Clerk- 22
 Floyd Williams, Accountant- 30
 Iris Gooden, Accounts Payable Assistant- 30

THE PAWNEE ANNUITY

By Carrie Peters,
Enrollment Manager

Throughout this past year I have received many calls from Pawnee tribal members regarding our annuity check we receive each year in December. Many want to know why it is only \$9.47 or many want to know why the amount is not more since we have the casinos now. So I would like to take this time to explain a little about the history of our annuity payment. The annuity payments we receive come from the "Treaty with the Pawnee, 1857" or also known as the "Table Creek Treaty" made on September 24, 1857.

The treaty begins:

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

There are twelve articles in this treaty and in Article 2. It states:

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

This is what our \$9.47 for the 2009 annuity is from, a treaty that gives enrolled members of the Pawnee Nation \$30,000 which is equally divid-

ed among tribal members for ceding our lands in what is now Nebraska. We currently have 3,228 enrolled members of the Pawnee Nation so as enrollment goes up our annuity payment for each enrolled member is less. This treaty also gave us the Pawnee boarding school to establish a manual labor school plus it gave other provisions in other articles of this treaty. So our annuity does not come from any gaming or from the casinos but from an agreement of a treaty that was established in 1857.

It might be of some interest to some the names of those Pawnee individuals that signed the treaty. The information below is listed as it appears in the treaty:

Grand Pawnees:

Pe-ta-na-sharo, or the Man and the Chief
Sa-ra-cherish, the Cross Chief,
Te-ra-ta-puts, he who Steals Horses,
Le-ra-kuts-a-nasharo, the Grey Eagle Chief

Pawnee Loups:

La-le-ta-ra-nasharo, the Comanche Chief
Te-ste-de-da-we-tel, the Man who Distributes the Goods
Le-ta-kuts-nasharo, the Grey Eagle Chief
A-sa-na-sharo, the Horse Chief

Pawnee Republicans:

Na-sharo-se-de-ta-ra-ko, the one the Great Spirit smiles on
Na-sharo-cha-hicko, a Man, but a Chief
Da-lo-le-kit-ta-to-kah, the Man the Enemy steals from
Da-lo-de-na-sharo, the Chief like an Eagle

Pawnee Tappahs:

Ke-we-ko-na-sharo, the Buffalo Bull Chief
Na-sharo-la-da-hoo, the Big Chief
Na-sharo, the Chief
Da-ka-to-wa-kuts-o-ra-na-sharo, the Hawk Chief

STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE SIOUX TRIBE

By Alba Wade, Communications
Assistant

The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe with 15,000 members, Sioux Falls and around areas in South Dakota has suffered greatly from the horrible ice storm in Dakota the weekend of Jan. 22, 2010. People have died; many more are at the risk of freezing to death.

The past weekend's ice storms have brought down 2,000 to 3,000 utility poles. Crews are working very diligent and hard, but electricity may be out in some areas up to 30 days. With no electricity, no heat, no running water, it makes things more difficult. Thousands have already been without electricity for about five days, with a wind chill hitting them well below zero.

"Making matters worse" said Joe Brings Plenty, Tribal chairman, "the loss of electricity has also knocked out the Reservation's aging water system. We have no running water on the entire Reservation, it is also affecting off Reservation communities, whose water supplied from pipes running through the Reservation." The South Dakota National Guard, the State's Department of Public Safety as well as the Army Corps of Engineers have come to the reservation and supplied some emergency generators. The Wal-Mart has supplied emergency food and supplies, and the Navajo Nation is sending up a tribal utility crew to help with the downed electrical lines.

The flood has caused headaches in the Sioux tribe. Many of the roads are being closed because of the increase in flooding; it is causing some headaches for motorists are in the southeast of South Dakota. For example a 10 mile trip takes them to a 23 mile detour. They are very concerned about future delays for fire and ambulance

crews in an emergency. Flooding also has forced a few people from their homes. But now since the community and government have put high efforts in helping them the problem has shrunk.

UPDATE ON THE WATER MATTER- 1,000 people in south-east SD get water back Bridge-water, S.D. Water has been fully restored to about 1,000 people in southeast South Dakota who lost service when a water main burst. To explain the need for water infrastructure, since the late 1950's the tribe was forced to move from their original Tribal Head Quarters, known as the Old Agency on Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. The Tribal leaders during that time, built schools, hospitals and our own police department with tribal dollars, all of that effort their tribe put into their lands are now all under water. With out water, they cannot build new homes, cannot build on any new development, it is keeping their nation helpless. With this support, they are confident that the goal will be achieved.

FINANCIAL DONATIONS: The Tribe has depleted its emergency budget with the two blizzards that already hit the reservation since December. It needs funds to help buy food and supplies for the community and volunteers, to pay for gas and overtime for the workers, to replace the motor at the water pump station that was destroyed, etc. Any financial donations are much appreciated. The Tribe is also trying to set up on-line donations but that may take some time.

For more information, contact CHEYNNNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBAL CHAIRMAN, JOE BRINGS PLENTY AT (605) 365-6548 OR ROBIN LE BEAU, CHAIRMAN ASSISTANT AT (610) 568-2101.

PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

January 27, 2010 – PBC Meeting

The December 28, 2009 PBC Meeting minutes and the January 13, 2010 meeting PBC minutes were approved. Council members and the Executive Director provided reports on their activities since the previous PBC meeting.

Under Old Business:

Revisions to the Pawnee Nation Tax Code eliminating the daily event fee for tribal members was approved.

A request from the Pawnee Nation College to purchase a copier was approved.

A Request to accept the 2009 ICDBG funding for the Child Care Center Project was approved.

A request for the Tribal Development Corporation to rent the 2nd floor of the Old Clinic temporarily was approved.

The Communications/Technology Policy concerning cell phone and internet usage was tabled.

Under New Business:

Resolution #10-03 for the Gaming Commission HR policies was tabled.

Resolution #10-04 – Request Court to

Determine Conflict of Interest Issue – no action taken.

There were five resolutions for Enrollment. One for applications for enrollment and documenting deceased members and four conditional relinquishments. All were approved.

February 6, 2010- Quarterly PBC Meeting:

Division Directors provided Program reports to Council. No business was conducted.

February 10, 2010 PBC Meeting:

The minutes of the January 27, 2010 PBC meeting were approved. Council members and the Executive Director provided reports on their activities since the previous PBC meeting.

Under Old Business:

The Communications/Technology Policy concerning cell phone and internet usage was revised and added to the HR policy and approved by Council.

Under New Business:

A contract for Walter Echohawk to work with the Keystone Pipeline XL project regarding historical sites was approved.

February 25, 2010 PBC Meeting

The minutes of the February 6, 2010 Quarterly meeting and the February 10, 2010 PBC meeting were approved.

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

There was no Old Business.

Under New Business:

Connie Brazee and Christi Schultz provided an overview of a new program for the Office of Violence Against Women the Pawnee Nation has received a grant for and implemented. This was informational only and no action was taken.

The Healthy Nations Program requested Council approve their donation and participation in the After-Prom Party. The funds for this donation were written into the grant proposal. Approved.

A bid for the cabling project at the old clinic was presented and the Rim Rock Company proposal was selected and approved.

A request to amend the TERO ordinance was tabled.

The new lessee for agriculture lease at

the Chilocco land introduced himself to the Council and provided an overview of the work he plans to do at Chilocco.

Resolution #10-10 for the Submission of the NAGPRA grant was approved.

The Council Committee provided their preliminary work on the Attorney General Contract. The Committee will bring back additional recommendations at the next meeting.

The Attorney General contract was extended for 60 days to allow for further work on the job description, contract and advertising.

The Pawnee Nation has received solicitation from several companies to recover funds due to the Pawnee Nation. This was assigned to Executive Director, Dawna Hare.

Executive Session:

The Council recommended that Granthum Stevens be reinstated as Gaming Director as a new employee.

Resolution #10-04 that pertained to a conflict of interest determination was dismissed. Information received did not support continuing with this request.

PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL 1st QUARTER 2010 RESOLUTIONS

#10-01 – Table Creek Treaty Disbursement – For the drawdown of the 2010 Annuity was approved by a vote of 6 for, and 2 not voting. January 13, 2010.

#10-02 – Agriculture Lease – Chilocco – Mark Liegerot was approved as the new lessee by a vote of 7 for and 1 not voting (President Howell). January 13, 2010

#10-03 – Gaming Commission HR Policies and Procedures – Withdrawn.

#10-04 - A resolution to request the Pawnee Nation Court to Determine a Conflict of Interest about the Housing Director and Council position was dis-

missed by a vote of 7 for, none against, 1 (President Howell) not voting. February 25, 2010.

#10-05 –A resolution for Enrollment – Applicants for enrollment and documenting deceased – approved by a vote of 7 for, none against, 1 (President Howell) not voting. January 27, 2010.

#10-06 –A resolution for a Conditional Relinquishment – approved by a vote of 7 for, none against, 1 (President Howell) not voting. January 27, 2010.

#10-07 –A resolution for a Conditional Relinquishment – approved by a vote of 7 for, none against, 1 (President

Howell) not voting. January 27, 2010.

#10-08 –A resolution for a Conditional Relinquishment – approved by a vote of 7 for, none against, 1 (President Howell) not voting. January 27, 2010.

#10-09 –A resolution for a Conditional Relinquishment – approved by a vote of 7 for, none against, 1 (President Howell) not voting. January 27, 2010.

#10-10 –A resolution for The submission of the NAGPRA grant – approved by a vote of 6 for, none against, 2 not voting. March 25, 2010.

#10-11 –A resolution to appoint a

Gaming Commissioner – tabled by a vote of 7 for, none against, 1 (President Howell) not voting. March 25, 2010.

#10-12 –A resolution to create Economic Subdivisions at TDC – failed by a vote of 7 for, none against, 1 (President Howell) not voting. March 10, 2010.

#10-13 –A resolution to approve the submission of a grant for a Sex Offender Registry – approved by a vote of 7 for, none against, 1 (President Howell) not voting. January 27, 2010.

PAPER RECYCLING FOR THE PAWNEE NATION AND COMMUNITY

By Phillip Cravatt, Pawnee Nation Environmental Specialist

The Pawnee Nation's Department of Environmental Conservation and Safety has organized a community-based paper recycling program for the Pawnee Nation and the City of Pawnee. Paper Retriever dumpsters will be placed at three locations on the tribal complex and one at the elementary, middle and high schools. This is an excellent opportunity to reduce our Ecological Footprint and raise money from the amount of paper recycled.

WHY RECYCLE PAPER?

- Paper and paperboard products make up the largest part of the trash deposited in the United States. Paper and paperboard products account for about 77 million tons (or 31 %) of all trash in the municipal wastes. The US does recycle more than

half of the paper that Americans use (USEPA, 2009).

- Reduces energy and water consumption.
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions that can contribute to climate change.
- Conserves natural resources
- Decreases the need for disposal (i.e., landfill or incineration which decreases the amount of CO2 produced).
- When trees are harvested for paper making, carbon is released, generally in the form of carbon dioxide. When the rate of carbon absorption exceeds the rate of release, carbon is said to be "sequestered." This carbon sequestration reduces greenhouse gas concentrations by removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

HOW IS IT GOING TO WORK?

- The Oklahoma Recycling Association is offering free 22 gallon

bins for recycling programs.

- Paper Retriever has agreed to place the paper dumpsters and collect the paper.
- The Pawnee Nation and surrounding community place paper wastes in dumpsters or recycle bins.
- Pawnee Nation's Property and Maintenance has agreed transport paper within the tribal complex to the dumpsters.

WHAT WOULD WE RECYCLE IN OUR PAPER RECYCLE BINS?

- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Mail
- Office Papers
- Catalogs

BENEFITS

- Fund Raiser- 0 to 4 tons \$5.00; 4 to 8 tons \$15.00; over 8 tons \$20.00, for each collection.

- Preserve our natural resources for future generations.
- Recycling would benefit the community and educate our children to take care of our environment.

This is a great opportunity for the Pawnee Nation, City of Pawnee and surrounding community to take pride in knowing they are a vital part of start and success of the paper recycling program. This is the beginning of a recycling program that the Pawnee Nation will expand to other areas in the future. Furthermore, the Pawnee Nation is striving to become self sustainable and preserve our natural resources for future generations. So save your paper and place in recycle bins!

After you read this paper, place in recycle bin

SKEDEE BRIDGE PROJECT UPDATE



By Jim McCormick, Transportation

After two months of weather delays, there is some sign that the construction work is beginning to get underway on the Pawnee Nation – Skedee Bridge project.

This project is being funded by the Pawnee Nation – through an allocation from the FHWA/ARRA Bridge Fund program. The Contract was awarded to Plains Bridge/Treas Const. in December 2009, and was scheduled to begin in early January,

but was delayed by the unusual winter weather conditions.

We are now beginning to see some progress in the first stage of Earthwork, which the pictures will show dirt and broken rock removal and placement into the East Fill area. The Bridge is being constructed without detouring existing traffic, which would have been a real hardship for those living in the Skedee—Blackburn area. The road will not be closed to through traffic; however there may be some need for patients while trucks and equipment may be turning, and slowing travel from time to time.

With continued progress on the Dirt Work, the actual Bridge work will soon begin, with final completion

expected by late summer. Upon completion, the new Roadway and Bridge will allow travel through the area without load or width restrictions over the Bridge, while the new Roadway alignment will be back on the original Right of Way, without a curve to enter and exit the Bridge, as the existing alignment requires.

This will allow much safer travel between the two communities, for school and mail routes, as well as ALL public travel.

The Pawnee County Dist. 2 Commissioner, Dale Vance was responsible for completion of the first stage of work which was the Clearing and Grubbing of exist timber and debris to enable the dirt work to begin as scheduled

LIGHTNING VICTIM JOINS RESCUERS



Falicity Wishkeno is an Explorer Scout with Shawnee County Fire District No. 4. When she finishes high school, she wants to become a volunteer firefighter with Fire District No. 4, which covers Dover, Willard and the Valencia community. In 2008, Wishkeno was struck by lightning while in the shower, and she said the experience motivated her to become a firefighter.

By Steve Fry,
Topeka Capital-Journal

Other than her family, the first people Falicity Wishkeno, then 15, saw after a bolt of lightning jolted her on May 10, 2008, were firefighters from the station about a mile from her Valencia home.

As an Explorer Scout, Wishkeno, now 17, is one of them.

When she turns 18 in June, she wants to become a volunteer firefighter at Shawnee County Fire District No. 4, which covers the areas of Dover, Willard and the Valencia community.

Falicity joined the fire Explorers Post for two reasons. She wants to be a firefighter because her father,

Lance Wishkeno, is a firefighter and EMT. For nine years, Lance Wishkeno has worked at the Potawatomi Band Fire Department and was a medic in the U.S. Army for eight years before that.

The other reason is her run-in with lightning in 2008. After a spring thunderstorm, she was showering when the house was struck by a lightning bolt, causing her to have trouble breathing and suffering pain throughout her body. In minutes, first responders from No. 4 station were aiding her.

Wishkeno said the lightning bolt struck a tree, traveled through its roots, entered the house through the plumbing, shot into the bathroom where she was standing in a metal tub and jolted her.

"Ever since the lightning incident, it's just motivated me more to be one," Wishkeno said.

Other than apprehension about nighttime thunderstorms, Wishkeno has recovered from the lightning strike.

She joined the Explorer Post in August 2009. Explorer posts are attached to agencies, including fire and police departments. Explorers,

who are 15 to 20 years old, learn career skills.

"The hope is that once they get the bug and get older, they'll be able to respond to calls and just roll into being volunteers," said Bill Ossmann, fire chief of Shawnee County Fire District No. 4. "It's revitalizing to have young people around."

"I'm closer with everyone now," Wishkeno said of the firefighters. "We joke around about (the lightning incident) now. We're closer now than we were before the incident."

So far, each time she has been on an emergency call, the victim has fallen or suffered a medical attack, or it has been a false fire alarm, Wishkeno said.

"I like to go on the fire and medical calls," she said. "I like helping people and making sure they are OK."

Wishkeno and other Explorers do the same training as the regular firefighters, such as extricating an injured motorist from a car, placing someone on a "spine board" to keep them immobilized, taking the pulse and blood pressure of a patient, and instructing the patient to move a finger to test the extent of injury.

Deputy Chief Bill Kilian said the Explorers provide a lot of support, including getting gear off the fire truck, helping firefighters put on the air packs, laying out the hoses, laying out the tools firefighters will use

to extricate someone from a vehicle and retrieving medical gear.

But when it comes to fire calls and medical emergencies, Wishkeno and the other Explorers have limits, Kilian said.

Kilian said Explorers can't enter a burning building, drive a fire truck or treat a patient.

Wishkeno is enthusiastic, is a fast-learner, asks questions and doesn't forget, anticipates what is coming and gets ready, and isn't afraid of anything, Kilian said.

In February, firefighters and other Explorers voted to present her with the Explorer of the Year Award.

"Everybody in general could see her potential," Kilian said.

She wants to make the fire service her career, either as an emergency medical technician or a firefighter. Wishkeno, a senior at Rossville High School, plans to attend Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence to complete some academic requirements, then go to Highland Community College to complete courses to teach her medical training.

"The fact she wants to be a firefighter says a lot right there," Kilian said.

Falicity is the daughter of Lance Keesis Wishkeno and Autumn Dawn Wishkeno. Her descendant's are Robert P. Rice great grandfather and Grandfather Dennis Rice.

VENDOR FOOD SALES INFORMATION

Individuals that sale food on the Pawnee Nation tribal reserve are exempt from the daily sales permit fee if they sale less than three times per week. A yearly permit for food sales is required for sales over this amount. Any food vendors that sale need to notify the Tax office prior to the sales at the

Tax office located in building one at 490 Agency Road. Notify Lyle E. Fields, Tax Manager in person or at his office at 918-762-3624 or cell phone 918-399-3312 the day of the sale.

If any questions, please contact the tax manager.

EDUCATION & TRAINING MOVES DOWNTOWN

The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma's Education and Training department has moved their offices from the Roam Chief Building on the Tribal reserve, to the former Berry Building in Downtown Pawnee located at 657 Harrison Street (formerly Piggly Wiggly's).

The former Berry Building is being converted into a Cultural Learning Center.

The Roam Chief building is being remodeled into an event center, while retaining and expanding the existing food distribution facility.

To reach the Education & Training Department by phone, please call (918) 762-3227.

NARF DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR RECEIVES "FORTY UNDER 40" AWARD

Native American Rights Fund (NARF) Development Director Carly Hare was honored by the Boulder County Business Report's "Forty Under 40." This award recognizes young entrepreneurs at local clean-energy companies to up-and-coming leaders in the nonprofit sector, from banking executives to real estate professionals. These individuals are the rising stars of the Boulder Valley.

Carly represents a new generation of leadership. She has already demonstrated her ability to organize numerous projects while she

was the program director for the Community Foundation and the driving force behind the foundation's Expanding Leadership Initiative, with a mission of increasing the representation of people of color on the boards and the staff of nonprofit organizations. Now in her new role at the Native American Rights Fund, she has the potential to impact the national scene as well.

Carly serves on the board of Native Americans in Philanthropy, the Chinook Fund and the Denver Foundation's Inclusiveness Project. She has also been a mentor in

the "I Have a Dream" program, and helped establish N-Vision, an organization for young Native American professionals.

Carly, a member of the Riding In family, is enrolled Pawnee and is also of Yankton descent. She is a 1997 graduate of Pawnee High School and a graduate of Mesa State College, Grand Junction CO. She also worked for the Council of Energy Resource Tribes in Denver.

**CONGRATULATIONS
CARLY!**



POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES NEW VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT



By David Kanuho, Police Chief

In August 2009, the Pawnee Nation Police Department was awarded a two year COPS Tribal Resources Grant for purchasing equipment addressing the departments' most serious law enforcement needs. Funding provided for the purchasing of three new 2010 Chevrolet Tahoes, in-car camera systems, laptop computers and new portable police radios.

The patrol units endure several miles during routine patrol routes and this is a lot of wear and tear on these

vehicles requiring constant maintenance. These new vehicles were equipped with new radios and emergency lighting equipment and were put into service during the second week of March 2010.

*Note from the Editor- The patrol car striping was designed by David Kanuho, which he drew by hand. "I wanted something contemporary, plus something that reflected our tribal heritage," said Chief Kanuho. The design was entered in a national contest, though it did not win, it still placed.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The 10th Annual Relay for Life event for Pawnee County will be held this year at the Pawnee Memorial Field on June 18, 2010. Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's signature fund-raising activity. The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

This unique event offers the Pawnee community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer and also allows the opportunity to celebrate the lives of those who are fortunate to be with us today, and to remember and give honor to those we have lost to cancer.

Relay for Life started in 1985, when Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon in Tacoma, Washington, circled a track for 24 hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society. The program has grown from one man's passion into the world's largest non-profit fund-raising special event and community movement to end cancer, with one in every 100 Americans participating.

Pawnee County's Relay will be 12 hours in length beginning June 18th at 7 pm and ending June 19th at 7am. Teams of 8-15 people will camp out and take turns walking, jogging, or running around the track. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event.

The Pawnee Nation Fitness Center is sponsoring a group of fitness center members, and their team name is "Fitness Nation". The group consists of Pawnee Nation, TDC, and IHS employees as well as community members. Barbara Attocknie is the Team Captain for the group. Team "Fitness Nation" will be holding fund-raising events to raise money so keep your eyes and ears for upcoming events. Also, if anybody would like to donate money or buy a luminaria, please contact Barbara at (918) 762-2153.

Relay for Life teams share a common purpose, and that is supporting the American Cancer Society's hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day, cancer will be eliminated.

EASTER EGG HUNT 2010





Health & Wellness

IT'S ALLERGY SEASON, AGAIN!

This time of the year everyone is enjoying the nice weather, cool breeze, and just being outdoors. While some may not be affected by the change in weather, there are those that end up dealing with, you guessed it.....ALLERGIES.

As if itchy-watery eyes, a runny nose, and a sore throat aren't enough, some have additional challenges. Some individuals deal with the challenge of having diabetes or its complications such as cardiovascular disease or high blood pressure. These issues can lead to a major concern when it comes to choosing an over-the-counter medicine.

People with diabetes have to be careful when choosing over-the-counter medications for cold/allergies symptoms. Because there is a wide variety to choose from, the most important information diabetics must look for is the active and inactive ingredients on the labels. Although the inactive ingredients hold no medical value, the active ingredients do. They are the actual drugs that treat the symptoms.

Over-the-counter liquid antihistamines and decongestants can affect an individual's blood sugar levels. A decongestant, in particular, that may affect diabetics is nasal sprays.

They focus on drying out secretions in the nasal passages, but it is possible that nasal sprays could decrease the full effect of insulin or other diabetic medications. Not all antihistamines have a direct impact on diabetes; it can take a combination of ingredients to cause a change in blood sugar and should be used with caution. The pill form of antihistamines and decongestants don't generally contain enough sugar to impair an individual, but it is important to always check the labels before purchasing medications.

Also, people with diabetes need to make sure that sugar and/or alcohol are not 1 of the top 3 ingredients. There are many cold/allergy medicines that contain alcohol, which can be toxic to one's liver and kidneys. Diabetics, who have kidney complications, should check with their doctors before taking these medications.

When buying over-the-counter medications, a pharmacist should be available in stores if you have any questions and/or concerns. They can also recommend a sugar-free product. Be sure to self-monitor your blood sugar levels and consult your doctor of any changes.

(American Academy of Family Physicians)

NEWS FROM THE CHR'S

By Tiffany Fritze, CHR Director

In regards to assistance, we are not accepting any more Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) applications at this time. We have depleted our funds and will not be receiving new monies until October or November 2010. On the other hand, we are still accepting Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) applications. LIHEAP provides assistance to low-income Native American households in meeting their immediate home energy needs. LIHEAP monies can be

used to pay for electricity, gas, or propane bills. The maximum amount of assistance is \$100.00 in a calendar year.

Clients must reside in Pawnee County, but do not have to be a member of the Pawnee Nation. LIHEAP applications can be mailed, faxed, or picked up at the CHR/EMS/HE office during regular office hours, 8:00am to 5:00pm., Monday through Friday.

The CHR/EMS/HE Office will be moving from the Roamchief Build-

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PREVENTION & RESOURCE PROGRAM

By Connie Brazee, Violence Against Women Program Advocate

The Family and Community Services Division of Pawnee Nation are very excited about the new Violence Against Women Prevention & Resource Program. The program is off to a running start, with two community awareness events already on their agenda. Plans are being made for some special events during April, as we participate in National Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Friday, March 26th, the program will sponsor a booth at the Pawnee Community Middle and High School Health Fair. In support of this new program, Stillwater Domestic Violence Services will be sending a guest speaker to the Health Fair to talk about Dating Violence.

Stillwater Domestic Violence Services will also provide intensive services to Pawnee residents who have experienced Domestic or Dating Violence, or Sexual Assault. The Pawnee Nation Violence Against Women Program will provide transportation for these services; and Kim Bear, of the Stillwater Wal-Mart, on Perkins Road generously arranged for donated infant and toddler car seats, to assist our efforts to safely transport program participants and their children.

Domestic Violence Services of North central Oklahoma have also agreed to serve the needs of our program participants. Through a cooperative effort with these and other agencies, we will be able to offer comprehensive services, such

as Safety Sheltering, Sexual Assault Response, Individual and Group Counseling, Legal Assistance and Batterer's Intervention Services.

The program's Advocate is trained in Crisis Intervention and Safety Planning for those who have experienced dating or domestic violence, as well as sexual assault. Program staff has met with the Tribal and Pawnee Police and Sheriff departments to discuss plans for a coordinated response to these issues. Professional training has been scheduled for area Law Enforcement to ensure that their level of awareness about these complicated issues stays current and relative to the needs of our community.

Pawnee Nation Violence Against Women Prevention and Resource Program is now taking applications for anyone who might be interested in becoming a Volunteer Advocate. The program is offering professional training for those who are considering joining the effort to assist victims. The training is free and is also available to any area professional who deals with this issue, in their service to the general public. The training is scheduled for April 30th, from 2:00-4:30 PM. Although the training is free, if you wish to attend, you must register with the Program Advocate, no later than April 23rd.

For more information on the training, or on how to become a Volunteer Advocate, call Connie or Christi, during regular business hours, at: 918-762-3621.

ing to the Old Indian Health Service (IHS) Clinic. Moving dates are tentative, but we should be in our new offices by May 2010. In addition, we will be having limited transportation as well as minimal office coverage from April 19-April 30, 2010 as the CHR Generalists will be attending training. The CHR/EMS/HE Of-

ice will continue to keep everybody posted on any changes that may occur in our department.

Planning for the annual health fair will starting soon! Save the date as it is scheduled for Thursday, July 1, 2010. There will be a fun run/walk, health screenings, health information, prizes, and food.

Health & Wellness

THE REALITY OF METH ADDICTION

By Barbara Attocknie, Substance Abuse Program Coordinator

This was written by a young Indian girl while she was in jail for drug charges, and was addicted to meth. As you will soon read, she fully grasped the horrors of the drug, as she tells in this simple, yet profound poem. She was released from jail, but, true to her story, the drug owned her. They found her not long after, with the needle still in her arm.

Please keep praying for our Native People to understand. This thing is worse than any of us realize...

My Name: "Is Meth"

*I destroy homes, I tear families apart,
take your children, and that's just the start.*

I'm more costly than diamonds, more precious than gold,

The sorrow I bring is a sight to behold.

If you need me, remember I'm easily found,

I live all around you - in schools and in town

I live with the rich, I live with the poor,

I live down the street, and maybe next door.

*I'm made in a lab, but not you think,
I can be made under the kitchen sink.*

In your child's closet, and even in the woods,

If this scares you to death, well it certainly should.

I have many names, but there's one you know best,

I'm sure you've heard of me, my name is crystal meth.

My power is awesome, try me you'll see,

But if you do, you may never break free.

Just try me once and I might let you go,

But try me twice, and I'll own your soul.

You do what you have to--just to get high.

The crimes you'll commit for my narcotic charms

Will be worth the pleasure you'll feel in your arms.

You'll lie to your mother, you'll steal from your dad,

When you see their tears, you should feel sad.

But you'll forget your morals and how you were raised,

I'll be your conscience, I'll teach you my ways.

I take kids from parents, and parents from kids,

I turn people from god, and separate friends.

I'll take everything from you, your looks and your pride,

I'll be with you always--right by your side.

You'll take and take, till you have nothing more to give,

When I'm finished with you, you'll be lucky to live.

If you try me be warned--this is no game,

If given the chance, I'll drive you insane.

I'll ravish your body, I'll control your mind,

I'll own you completely, your soul will be mine.

The sweats, the shakes, the visions you'll see,

I want you to know, these are all gifts from me.

But then it's too late, and you'll know in your heart,

That you are mine, and we shall not part.

You'll regret that you tried me, they always do,

But you came to me, not I to you.

You knew this would happen, many times you were told,

But you challenged my power, and chose to be bold.

You could have said no, and just walked away,

If you could live that day over, now what would you say?

I'll be your master, you will be my slave,

I'll even go with you, when you go to your grave.

Now that you have met me, what will you do?

Will you try me or not? It's all up to you.

I can bring you more misery than words can tell. Come take my hand,

Let me lead you to hell. If you care enough, please forward this profound poem and share the deadly outcome of this drug that is killing our Native People.

Author Unknown

To all my community people we need your help to keep this drug out of our community.

"If You know of any drug activity going on in our community

Please call the Anonymous tip line at 1-877-318-8488

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TITLE VI SENIOR PROGRAM

Soon it will be that time of the season again for the weather to change and as an Elder and/or Caregiver; its never to late to be prepared for those unexpected emergencies that disrupt our normal living. Just in case an emergency happens; here are a few steps and pointers that will help you, your family and caregiver get prepared.

Step 1: Know the Basics.

Try to get to know more about the community you live in and what risks does the community face; do things like turning off your electricity when not in use or know how to turn off your gas or electricity when an emergency strikes. Get to know your neighbors.

Questions you might want to ask yourself or a service provider:

-What is the recommended evacuation route from where you live?

-If you don't drive, what are your transportation options?

-Where is the nearest emergency shelter?

-Where are the shut-off valves for your household utilities (gas, electricity, water)?

-Do you know how to use them?

-If the valves take a special tool, is it kept nearby and ready to use?

-Do you have someone designated as an out-of-area emergency contact just in case the phone lines are down and there is no service through your cell phone.

Step 2: Have your emergency supplies ready.

Somewhere in the home an emergency checklist should be posted that includes items that you will need to survive in your home, just in case an emergency happens and you are waiting for help to arrive. A personal evacuation bag should be partially packed and ready to go as well.

Surviving at home supplies (when you're waiting on help):

-Water (enough to last 3 to 6 days, recommended quantity: one gallon per person per day.)

-Food (enough to last 3 to 6 days, that won't spoil and don't require cooking.

-Flashlight

-Portable radio

-Spare Batteries

-First Aid kit

-Hand operated can opener

-waterproof matches

-Medications (3 to 6 day supply of

your prescription medications with an up to date list on hand.

-Emergency contact list

-cash or traveler's checks

-Cell phone (if available)

Evacuation bag supplies:

-Basic personal hygiene items (toilet paper, alcohol wipes, gel hand sanitizer)

-Extra pair of prescription glasses (if needed)

-Compact rain slicker

-Change of clothing

-Blanket or sleeping bag

-Good pair of walking shoes

-Bottle or two of water, breakfast bars, and some hard candy

-Medication list and emergency contact list.

-Car-keep your gas tank at least half or even three-quarters full

-If you own a pet, make sure to include pet food for them as well.

Step 3: Make a personal plan.

For many elders, they have special needs relating to medications, medical equipment, mobility, and support services and making a personal emergency readiness plan increases the likelihood that essential needs will still be met, even during an emergency. Here are a few things to keep in mind while planning for your personal needs:

-Limited mobility or disabled? Register with your local fire department or office of Emergency services for special assistance. If you use an electrical wheelchair or scooter, its best to keep your old model around for emergency situations.

-Receiving home health care services at home? Ask your home health provider about emergency procedures.

-If you depend on electrical power for dialysis or infusion you might want to know your options for temporary emergency power or discuss having a back-up drip system for infusions.

In making sure that you're safe, it is worth the effort in being prepared for an emergency.

If you would like more information and assistance in preparing for an emergency a complete checklist and references are available at the Title VI Senior Nutritional Meals & Caregiver Services Program. Our office ours are Monday through Friday; 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Contact information is (918) 762-4042.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JACEY JOY-MAE CRAWFORD

She was selected as the Pre-K Student of the Month for The character trait "Initiative" at Sunnybrook Christian School in Stillwater, OK. Jacey is the granddaughter of tribal members Patricia Mae Hawkins and Lorenzo Beard Sr., and the great granddaughter of Darlene Joy Carson Hawkins and Mable Leadingfox Beard. Jacey loves to draw, color, watch Princess movies, and play t-ball. Her favorite thing about school is P.E. Her favorite colors are Red, Blue, Pink, and OSU-Orange! She wants to be a Princess when she grows up and to live Happily Ever After!

Jacey is the grand daughter of tribal members Patricia Mae Hawkins and Lorenzo Beard Sr., and the great grand daughter of Darlene Joy Carson Hawkins and Mable Leadingfox Beard.

We are so proud of you princess!

Love, Mommy, Daddy, and Lucas



Happy Birthday



Happy 4th Birthday

Ericka Jai

Love Mom, Dad, Rena,
X & Baby Jarvis



Happy 2nd Birthday

Westy

Love Mama, Grandma
& Family



Happy 6th Birthday

Quannah

Love Mom, Dad,
Nipawset & Grandma

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

By Florissa Kanuho, Food Distribution Supervisor

The Food Distribution Program staff will be attending our National Conference in Las Vegas, during the week of April 26 through April 30.

Due to the construction work that is being done at the Roam Chief Building expansion project, the program will be closed during that week.

The last day to pick up your commodities for April, will be Friday, April 23. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause

If you have any questions, or concerns, you can call the Food Distribution Program at 918-762-2541, ext. 21 or 26.

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES

The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma would like to welcome and/or congratulate the following staff members on their recent hires, transfers, or promotions:

Barbara Attocknie has been promoted from the position of Acting Substance Abuse Program Coordinator to the position of Substance Abuse Program Coordinator. Ms. Attocknie began her new position on February 8, 2010.

Constance "Connie" Brazee has been selected for the position of Program Advocate for the Violence Against Women Program. Ms. Brazee began her new position on February 8, 2010.

Shelby Exum has been selected for the position of Human Resources Specialist for the Office of Human Resources. Mrs. Exum began her new position on March 8, 2010.

Marilyn Feathers has been selected for the position of Childcare Program

Coordinator for the Pawnee Nation Learning Center. Ms. Feathers began her new position on March 1, 2010.

Genna Gaskey has been selected for the position of Healthy Nations Assistant/Fitness Specialist for the Healthy Nations Project. Ms. Gaskey began her new position on February 8, 2010.

Ron James has been promoted from the position of Infant thru Pre-K Assistant Teacher to the position of Infant thru Pre-K Lead Teacher for the Pa^{<ee} Pakoo^{<oo} Center. Mr. James began his new position on March 8, 2010.

Suzanne Kanuho has been selected for the position of Court Clerk to the Pawnee Nation Tribal Court. Mrs. Kanuho began her new position on March 8, 2010.

Bernice "Bo" Lewis has been selected for the position of Division Director for the Division of Finance. Ms. Lewis began her new position

on January 4, 2010.

Jim McCormick has been selected for the position of Transportation Project Manager for the Division of Natural Resources & Safety. Mr. McCormick began his new position on January 25, 2010.

Tammy Tubbs has been selected for the position of Infant thru Pre-K Assistant Teacher for the Pawnee Nation Learning Center. Mrs. Tubbs began her new position on March 8, 2010.

Crystal Underwood has been promoted from the position of Diabetes Assistant to the position of Diabetes Program Coordinator. Mrs. Underwood began her new position on March 8, 2010.

Gerald Woommavovah has been selected for the position of Emergency Services Coordinator for the Division of Natural Resources & Safety. Mr. Woommavovah began his new position on January 25, 2010.

Congratulation 2010 Graduates! Graduation is coming nervously fast, and we would like to celebrate your great accomplishment. Send in your senior announcements and a picture, so we can highlight this achievement in the Chaticks si Chaticks.

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The Legend Begins.

StoneWolf Casino offers incredible promotional opportunities for you to enjoy. Whether it's Men's Night, Ladies Night or Seniors Morning, there's always something going on at StoneWolf that will keep your adrenaline pumping and the jackpots rolling.

Ladies Night
Every Monday from 6pm – 9pm, Ladies receive \$5 Free Play. From 6pm – 9pm, Ladies can register for a \$500 cash drawing to be held at 9pm. Cash hot seats will be held every ½ hour from 6pm – 8:30pm- \$100 on the hour and \$50 on the ½ hour.

Men's Night
Every Tuesday from 6pm – 9pm, Men receive \$5 Free Play. From 6pm – 9pm, Men can register for a \$500 cash drawing to be held at 9pm. Cash hot seats will be held every ½ hour from 6pm – 8:30pm- \$100 on the hour and \$50 on the ½ hour.

Seniors Mornings
On Thursdays, Seniors receive \$5 Free Play from 7am – Noon. During Seniors Mornings, earn DOUBLE POINTS on your Players Club Cards. Must be 55 or older to participate. On Thursday & Friday Mornings from 7am – 10:30am, the StoneWolf Grill Breakfast Buffet is Buy 1, Get 1 Free (or 50% off if dining alone) for Seniors. Must be 55 or older to participate.

THE SKELETONS IN MY CLOSET

By, Theda GoodFox Kresge

Alcoholics! I love 'em. I married three of them. The fourth, well he was something else . . .

So how did a little old Pawnee woman end up with almost as many marriages as Elizabeth Taylor?

I could not have told you years ago why I ended up in marriages where alcohol was a partner. Today I will tell you how come I married "alkies".

This is my story, what I witnessed, experienced and learned about alcoholics and alcoholism.

My grandmother's words, "Oh, he sure could drink", were shocking. She was talking about my beloved grandfather who suffered an untimely death from a ruptured gallbladder. I loved her stories about our tribe or deceased family members. Her words floated in the air, "I sure hated it when he was drinking. When we were going in the wagon, we had to stop many times because he would climb down and throw up by the side of the wagon. It was hard digesting her words.

Her last statement had a sense of pride, "When prohibition came, Grandpa stopped drinking. He never drank anymore and he wouldn't let anyone drink or smoke at home."

The 18th Amendment prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages took effect in 1920 but was repealed in 1933.

My mother and I lived with her parents following my father's sudden death in 1934, I was two. My grandparents became my surrogate parents with their strength, nurturing and love.

My grandfather's strictness against alcohol or smoking in his household was followed by all with one exception. My uncles, who lived there loved teasing, joking and laughing. They never flaunted Grandpa's rule. One uncle laughingly told of a young tribal woman asking him about a wedding date, asking her if he was drinking when he proposed, she replied "yes". He told her to forget it.

Tribal elders had a phrase best describing my mother's behavior at the time, she was "running around". My mother was the exception, with her alcohol abuse.

She once stumbled into the house under the influence. My grandfather's anger was terrifying. The chaotic sounds of screams and yells were frightful for he hit her.

Major changes followed Grandpa's sudden death in the late 1930s. My mother was remarried; having a second family. She put me in the government boarding school where I spent seven years.

I, then, attended the public high school. I never asked girlfriends to stay overnight. Once I did ask a cousin, perhaps sensing she would not pass judgment on any abnormality. When we walked into the kitchen, any happiness I felt about having company was swamped with horror and shame. My mother sat soused. She didn't drink constantly, but when she did it was not good. There was no predictability about it. Grandpa's abstinence law was long gone.

My cousin quietly said, "I know Theda, sometimes my parents do too."

My mother wanted to be driven to the country store four miles from our farmhouse to buy beer. The car stalled and she had us push as she tried starting it. We ended in the pasture. She finally gave up, falling asleep.

When I came home the next day, my mother asked what the car was doing in the pasture. Hearing what had happened, she said, "I don't even remember."

A blackout. She remembered nothing. I never told anyone about my mother's blackout.

Viewing my relationship with my late mother; she was like Schopenhauer's porcupine. Any effort to get close to her resulted in getting a prick from her needles. No matter how I tried to reach her and I tried many times, I was driven off by her prickly disposition. I got along best with her by keeping at a distance.

I left home at 16 beginning college, marrying at 18 in my Junior year of college. A rocky relationship, it was cut short with my husband's tragic death when he was killed by a speeding driver.

It was then I began my roller coaster rides with the "familiar alkies". You may wonder how a woman reputedly in her right mind would saddle herself with husbands who were alcoholics. This story best describes;

"A man walking in the woods came upon a poisonous snake, frozen stiff. Knowing it was poisonous, he felt sorry for the frozen thing taking it home. Placing it before the fireplace to thaw and knowing it would be hungry, he warmed a bowl of milk. As he put the bowl down, the snake uncoiled biting him. As the man was dying, he cried out, "Why did you bite me? I found you frozen and pitiful and brought you home to thaw. I warmed milk so you could eat. Why bite me?" As the man was fading into death, he heard the snake, "Stop whining. You knew I was a poisonous snake when you picked me up and brought me to your house. What did you expect me to do, kiss you?"

My second husband "Bailey" was like whipped cr me piled atop a cup of hot chocolate, sweet, light, airy and frothy. There was nothing healthy about our relationship; it ended.

The third husband was like coffee without cream or sugar, acid and bitter. He had as much baggage as I did. Two "sickies" do not make a "wellie".

I vowed "never again" after my second divorce. Three marriages are nothing to be proud about. My thought has been, "I must have been insane; doing the same thing over and over and expecting the fairy tale ending, the one where "they lived happily ever after".

One day at work, I was an official in a state mental health department, it was like an invisible wall around me was falling apart. I needed help. Making a phone call, I scheduled an appointment.

An assessment was done. Diagnosis: "Co-Dependence". Options were presented, I chose outpatient.

Treatment was grinding and gritty in the month-long program. I attended each evening after work. Being honest with my self was one of the hardest things I've ever faced. There were many secrets, incidents about growing up. Like outdated newspapers and magazines, they were crammed and stuffed into my closet of memories. I had to begin clearing and cleaning out the closet; making changes if I wanted to heal.

One lesson learned in childhood was alcohol brought fun, laughter and permissiveness intertwined with violence. Grandma was never at home when the adults began their drinking. We "kids" knew it was "freedom time" and fun as long as we stayed out of their way. Then it started. Loud voices and harsh words, chairs scraping the wooden kitchen floor, hastily pushed aside or knocked over. Ominous threats. Shouts. A fight was brewing. Tears and pleading, the situation eased. Soon all huddled together, drinking, talking and laughing again.

We kids never talked about it. Our silent looks with each other as we stay hidden outside or in another room said it all. Our bond was fearing them, wanting their love; yet hating them and their alcohol abuse.

One after-effect remained with me. Sudden sounds of a chair scraping or being dragged across a floor brought a swift reaction, my insides tightened like a spring coil with old hidden fears swiftly opening, but quickly zipped shut.

In treatment, we heard, "Treatment is only 10% of recovery; the other 90% is after discharge – and takes time."

In support meetings afterward, sometimes I was the only Indian woman – it didn't matter, we were all hurting individuals wanting to get "well".

I never wanted to be like my mother; whether she was an alcoholic is problematic but when she drank what it did to her and those in the family cir-

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cle was devastating. What I had been doing wasn't much different.

Instead of picking up a bottle, I picked up mates and dumped them when the "feel goods" weren't there anymore.

One day, I realized the fear I had harbored for years was gone; a chair scraping on the floor no longer meant anything; the fear never returned. In a support meeting, writing a letter to God came up. Those who knew shook their heads knowingly, "Weren't we told to 'ask and you shall receive'?"

I decided to write a God Letter, telling no one;

"Dear God, I would like a man. But not just any man. I would like a man who has a sense of humor; is gentle and kind, will love me, well really God, I would be happy if he adored me. And God, no children. Oh yes, God, sobriety, he must have that. And please God, I would like him to be my friend. And God, help me to be ready. Prepare me as I wait. Thank you God.

Love, Your child, Theda.

One afternoon, the phone rang; it was a friend who was on the east coast,

"Theda, I'm calling to ask if you would be interested in coming out here to work?"

A 100-bed psychiatric hospital was being built near the New Jersey shore. Staff was being hired. Maryn, unit administrator, was responsible for the alcohol/drug and dual disorders 40-bed unit.

"Theda, I know your work. I know you can do it. Are you interested?"

An occasional day-dream was of working on the east coast; sudden realization, who else was going to call and ask me?

"Yes, I'm interested".

After a phone interview with the CEO, I was hired as clinical coordinator of the unit.

Leasing a condo half-a-block from the ocean, I remained three years.

Maryn asked me to schedule 12-step meetings every evening and one on Sunday. I asked our consultant Bernie for names. Quickly jotting down two names and phone numbers, she said,

"Either one of these fellows will be good. I know Jim and Grant. Give them a call."

Calling the first number, there was no answer. On the second, Grant answered. He listened then, "Why don't I come out this afternoon, check out the place and we can talk more about what you need."

He did then said he could set up three meetings immediately and we'd go from there. Relieved, I asked, "When?"

Without hesitation, he replied, "This evening."

He followed through; we soon had regular meetings and an outside Saturday night meeting. I began receiving a daily phone call from Grant, however, my credo was "Never more".

One night, hurrying past the group room where Grant held his Monday night meeting; his words floated out the door. If my head could have swiveled in a 90° turn it would have. His words reverberated, "... and today, I feel comfortable in my own skin."

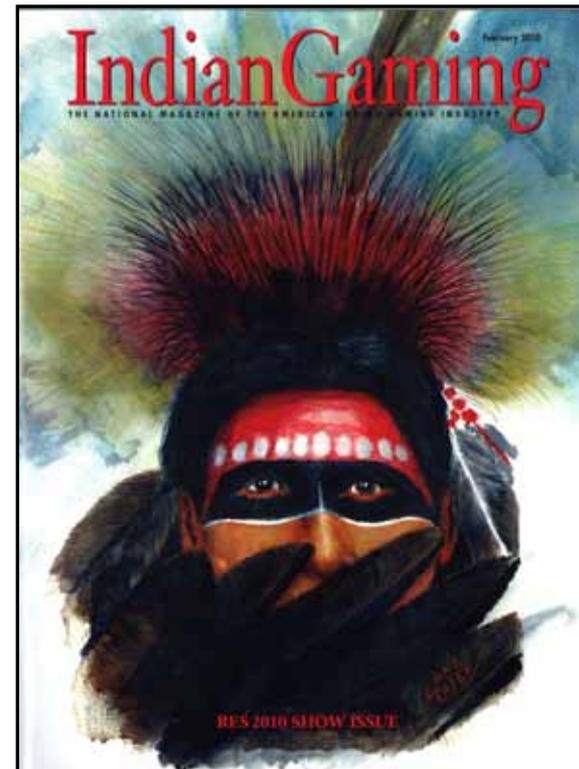
I had never heard that phrase before.

The words piqued my interest. I'd never met any male who could honestly make that claim. One Saturday evening, six months after arriving there, I remembered Grant's standing invitation. Driving to the church where the meeting was held. Grant's blue eyes sparkled at my arrival. Afterward, we sat over cups of tea, talking.

Grant introduced me to the east coast and the Atlantic Ocean. He became my friend. I learned he was a lung cancer survivor as well as then having nine years of vibrant sobriety. We married seven years from the day, October 12, 1992, when Grant walked into my office.

I believe my God letter was answered.

PBC VICE-PRESIDENT LONE CHIEF'S PAINTING FEATURED ON COVER OF INDIAN GAMING MAGAZINE



tions, and to not be a 'copy cat.'" Fuhri had singled out Lone Chief's work as being completely original. "I have tried to keep that thought in mind, to be unique.

"Lone Chief credits his talent to what several artists have taught him through the years." Ben Konis, a noted pastel artist I studied with, fascinated me with his use of color and the impact that colors could make if used wisely," he said. "Mary Ann Frazier taught me much of what I know about charcoal pencil drawing. She was very demanding, insisting on extreme concentration and fine detail." He also credits "trial and error," which he called an important part of the learning process.

Charles Lone Chief was born in 1937 on the Pawnee Nation Reservation, the son of Charles and Mae Lone Chief. After graduating from Pawnee High School in 1955, he attended Charles Lone Chief the University of Tulsa on a track/cross-country scholarship, then served in the U.S. Army. He later attended the Kansas City Art Institute.

"I have never received a fine arts degree," he said. "However, the highlight of my attendance of a fine arts school was at the Kansas City Art Institute." A noted Pawnee artist, Brummett EchoHawk, contacted the school to request that Lone Chief be admitted to the program. "It was an opportunity of a lifetime." Lone Chief studied several fine elements and techniques while at the institute. "Perhaps one of the most important things I learned was from a professor named Fuhri," he recalled. "In his final critique, he encouraged me to keep expressing my own feelings and percep-

"In doing a drawing or painting of a subject, I try to capture that moment in time, capture the expression or demeanor," he said. "Strength of character, happiness, boldness, gentleness. Hopefully it will spark an interest in the viewer and invoke a pleasing response.

"Lone Chief, who currently serves as Vice President of the Pawnee Business Council, views his artwork as a hobby, though, and hasn't pursued it professionally." I do artwork because I love it, but I like to do it at my own calling," he said. "Perhaps if I ever retire from serving the tribe, I will concentrate more on my artwork."

For more information about Charles Lone Chief's artwork, call (918) 633-2921 or email skidilonechief@peoplepc.com.

***Article courtesy of *Indian Gaming Magazine*.

MYRON DUANE "HOBE" ECHO HAWK

September 8, 1931 - January 29, 2010

On January 29, 2010, Hobe, as they say cashed in his chips, kicked the bucket, went the way of the buffalo, left his earthly home and hit the trail that leads to the happy hunting grounds. He prayed that he would be with the great spirit and all his family and acquaintances who have made this trip before.

He was an enrolled tribal member of the Kit-Ka-Haki Band of the Pawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and a fourth generation Oklahoman and he was a very fortunate man during his stay on earth. He married, came from a great family, has a great family of his own, made a decent living and would say "It's been quite a party!" so he would want you to sing no sad songs for him. He lived a productive and energetic life pursuing his greatest interests: work, hunting, fishing, and raising his family. His most cherished and honored position and activities, however, were those as a son, brother, uncle, father, Uppit, and Great Uppit.

He never sought the spotlight personally or professionally and while he was a man of few words, they were all important words to those who loved him and worked with him. He was a man who has many acquaintances, but few true friendships, a man of simple tastes and many appreciations.

He was born the 3rd son of George and Lucille (Shunatona) EchoHawk on September 8th, 1931 at the old Pawnee Indian Hospital in Pawnee, Oklahoma. Because of the Godly influence of his mother and grandma, he always believed in God. He grew up on the family farm 3 miles west of Pawnee. He attended his first two years of grade school in Albuquerque, NM and started his 3rd grade in Pawnee at the grade school "Castle" (present site of the grade school) From the 4th grade to the 8th grade he attended the one room school of Olive Hill. He rode a horse to school during this time. He attended 4 years of high school in Pawnee and was a senior in the Class of 1949.

When the Korean 'police action' started in June 1950, Hobe volunteered for the military service with the United States Marine Corps, continuing a long tradition of EchoHawk men serving in the military, including 6 volunteers into active combat and two brothers who were serving in the US Navy and the US Air Force. After arriving in Kansas City, KS to be sworn into the Marines, he was sold after his physical that he was five pounds under weight. A Marine Sergeant asked him if he really wanted to go to war, to which he replied, "Yes." The sergeant gave him a five dollar bill and told him to buy five dollar worth of bananas and drink lots of water all night and then report back that next morning. Hobe ate bananas and drank lots of water all night and the next morning reported in and passed the physical, still a pound short, but a Marine. Hobe was 18-years old, weighed 124 pounds and was in his way to war, smiling all the way.

Hobe graduated from boot camp in San Diego, CA and went to Tent Camp #1, Close Combat at Campen Tank School in Del Mar, CA. He shipped out for Korea aboard the USNS Gen M.C. Meigs on August 15, 1951 and arrived in Pusan, Korea on August 31, 1951 as a member of the 12th Marine Draft. He went into combat with the 1st Marine Division, 1st Tank Battalion as a tank machine gunner. During his 13 months, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and tank commander and was honorably discharged on, December 7, 1953. Hobe was a permanently disabled Purple Heart veteran due to wounds he received during his combat four of duty.

After his military services, he returned to Pawnee and worked on survey crews with an older brother in CO, UT, AZ and NM. He then returned to OK and went to work with an oil company that worked in the states of OK, KS, TX, and CO. Later he went to the West Coast and worked with engineering firms in CA, OK, WA, and ID. One day he decided to go to school and thought about college, but since he didn't graduate from high school, he figured he was too dumb for that. He started looking for a good trade school that had surveying courses and found one at the Okmulgee Technical School in Okmulgee, OK. Using the GI Bill, he enrolled in the Engineering Surveying Aide and Map Drafting program. It was here that he met his future wife, Marie Joyce Tonemah, a '56 graduate of Pawnee High School. Their children are David Duane, Gerri Marie and George Thomas.

They made their home in Okmulgee until he graduated as a Map Draftsman and Engineering Aide. He surveyed for the next 26+ years in OK, AR, MO, NE, SD, KS, TX, WY, MT, UT, ID, CO, NV, CA, OR, AZ, WA, and AK. He was employed with oil companies, engineering firms, Indian tribes and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He always said that his favorite projects were on the survey crews that located dam sites on the Columbia River in WA state, a dam site in Hell's Canyon on the OR-ID border, a ski lift on Mt. Hood in OR, laying brass caps in Monument Valley on the AZ-UT border, living in camps in the Four Corner area locating sites for wild cat oil wells and surveying and constructing new roads on all the Indian reservations in MT and WY.

At the age of 45 and already an Uppit, he started his second career by enrolling as a freshman at the University of New Mexico. While pursuing this new career, he also attended Fort Lewis and Central WY Colleges, and he graduated from the University of Wyoming with a Bachelor's of Social Work. He received his Master's of Social Work from the University of Oklahoma. While in school, he was on the Dean's Honor Roll and a member of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marie, his parents George and Lucille; brothers Alvin, Walters and Francis and sisters Marilyn and Irma. He is survived by his sister Georgette and son David and his wife Angela, daughter Gerri Marie and her husband Bob Horn and son George, all of Pawnee. Also, grandchildren, Derek, Ian, Dylan and Devin EchoHawk and Dustin Eaves; Davi Anne Ferris, Marie Morning Stat Eppler, Thomasine Eppler and Lori, Shane and Kyle Horn and two great-grandchildren. He also leaves many nieces and nephews to whom he was a surrogate father and who will miss him greatly.

While the things he enjoyed might have been considered sins in the eyes of some, and he was poor in worldly goods, his life was lived in such a way that he was rich in experience and we can honestly say, "Dad, Brother, Uppit, Uncle, we were blessed to have traveled with you on your journey through life."

Obituaries


HENRY "Hank" CUMMINGS

October 27, 1916 – March 7, 2010

Henry Ford "Hank" Cummings was born to Harry D. Cummings and Eva N. Duncan Eaglechief Cummings on October 27, 1916, in Jennings, Oklahoma. He passed away on Sunday, March 7, 2010, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the age of 83 years, 4 months, and 8 days. He was a member of the Belview Baptist Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Hank attended public schools in Pawnee, Prosperity Rural School, Pawnee High School, Haskell Indian College.

Hank married Martha Ray Cummings in Tulsa, Oklahoma on January 31, 1954.

A United States Navy Veteran, February 2, 1943-November 21, 1945, Hank was the first Pawnee Indian Naval pilot during World War II and served IN THE American theatre in 1945, He attended Naval aviation training in Corpus Christi, Texas. He served aboard the carriers, USS Solomons and USS Commencement Bay.

His subsequent career employed his flyer skills up to the longevity limit allowed as a licensed pilot. His career included being employed as a test pilot by Piper Aircraft Co., on the Piper PA-25 which when developed revolutionized the agriculture industry in crop development such as seeding and pest control through spraying in a world wide arena. After completion, the aircraft was named Pawnee Piper in recognition of Hank's contributions in its development.

Hank was also owner-operator of Crop Sprayers, Inc., of Tulsa, Oklahoma and serviced a five state area around Oklahoma. Hank was well known by many farmer and ranchers in the area who marveled at his flying skills in crop dusting.

Hank is survived by sons Mike and Matt of Tulsa, Oklahoma; daughters Vicki and her husband Paul Richardville, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Evalee and her husband Terry Rogge, Los Angeles, California; grandchildren Carmen and Cristi Richardville, Tulsa, Oklahoma, plus a number of other relatives in the Ray family and the Cummings brothers and sisters spouses and children.

He was preceded in death by his parents and all his brothers and sisters, Ted Eaglechief, Raymond Cummings, Adeline Gardipe Matlock, Lowell Cummings, Ester Gentry Heskett, Hazel Shunatona, Wallace Cummings, and Lloyd Cummings.

Services were held Thursday, March 11, in the Pawnee Nation Multi-Purpose building and burial was at the South Indian Cemetery, Paul Richardville, officiating.

CAROL WILLIAMS-NAJAFIAN

April 3, 1956 - February 4, 2010

Carol Fern Williams-Najafian was born on April 3, 1956 in Pawnee, Oklahoma to Fred Williams and Vivena Pratt Williams. She passed from this life on Thursday, February 4, 2010 in Detroit, Michigan having reached the age of 53 years, 10 months, and 1 day.

She married Asghar Najafian on June 10, 1988 in the Full Gospel Assembly in Fairfax, Oklahoma, and they moved from Pawnee in January 1995 to live in Detroit Michigan. She was affiliated with the Detroit Word Outreach and the Pawnee Family Worship Center. She was faithful despite her sickness and pain, and she was generous in sharing her faith and blessings. She never knew a stranger.

Carol is survived by her husband, Asghar Najafian, Detroit, Michigan; three brothers, Floyd Williams, Pawnee, Oklahoma; Micheal Williams, Pawnee, Oklahoma; John Williams, Wichita, Kansas; four sisters, Launita Stewart, Norman, Oklahoma; Kathleen Araujo, Pawnee, Oklahoma; Melissa Razavi, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Mary Williams, Tulsa, Oklahoma; plus one niece, numerous nephews, other relatives, and many friends.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, Fred Williams and Vivena Pratt Williams; two brothers, Daniel Williams and Freddie Williams, and her sister, Alberta Battiste.

Services were held Thursday, February 11, 2010 at the Pawnee Nation Multi-Purpose, Pawnee, Oklahoma. Interment was at the North Indian Cemetery, Pawnee, Oklahoma, under the direction of Potteet Funeral Home, Pawnee, Oklahoma.

HENRIETTA IMOGENE PRATT

October 29,1942 - February 01,2010

She was born in Pawnee, on October 29,1942, to Lawrence Goodfox, Sr.,and Flora (Lew- is) Goodfox. She was a full blood member of the Pawnee Tribe and attended school in Lela and Pawnee. She completed her GED in Shawnee and attended Oklahoma Baptist University.

Henrietta married Duana Pratt in a civil ceremony on July 27,1959. They renewed their vows on their 40th anniversary and celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2009. They made their homes in Enid, Shawnee, Kingfisher, and Pawnee, and also lived in Arizona, California and Florida.

She was employed principally as a bookkeeper and program manager. In her latter years, she worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs at the Pawnee Agency and with the Pawnee and Otoe –Missouria tribes.

Her greatest calling was as a pastor’s wife. She was able to impact and touch many lives through her resourceful Bible teaching and counsel. She faithfully helped her husband Duana in several churches reaching many different tribes.

She was a member of the Pawnee Indian Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Duana Pratt and three sons, Bruce Pratt, of Big Cypress, FL, Warren, Jr. and Wesley Pratt of Pawnee and one daughter, Sharon Pratt, also of Pawnee, plus thirteen grandchildren, Kacie Spears, Tony Pratt-Miller, Elisha Pratt, Ashtin Tiger, Caleb Tiger, Taylor Pratt, Stepfanie Miller, Christina Pratt, Anna Pratt, Ryanne Pratt, Evanne Pratt, Cora Pratt and Adam Pratt, and two great grandchildren, Melanie-Pratt-Miller and Quinnlen Spears.

She is also survived by three sisters, Elvina Wilson of Tulsa, Florence Goodfox and Wanda Kanuho all of Pawnee, plus number of other relatives.

Proceeding her in death were her parents and on brother, Lawrence Goodfox,Jr. and two sisters, Rena Rice and Betty Garcia and one daughter, Melanie Pratt Miller, and two grandsons, Walter Peters, Jr. and John Ryan Pratt.

Burial was held at the North Indian Cemetery under the direction of the Poteet Funeral Home.

Services were held Friday, February 5, 2010 at 10:00A.M. At the Pawnee Multi-Purpose Complex, Pawnee, OK, with the Rev. Ernest Best officiating.

VERLAS JEAN NELSON CHAMPAGNE

May3, 1928 - March 14, 2010

Verlas was born on May, 3 1928 in Osage County, Oklahoma to John Nelson and Goldie Carrion Nelson. She passed from this life on Sunday, March 14, 2010 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma having reached the age of 81 years, 10 months, and 11 days. She married Richard Champagne on December 31,1966 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and he preceded her in death on March 7, 1995. She was a longtime resident of Oklahoma City and was affiliated with the Catholic Church. She owned and operated her own beauty supply store for 20 years, and loved to garden and walk. Jean is survived by: her children, Heathe Champagne, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Lana Tomlin, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Joseph Moore, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, her sisters; Billie Bickford, Ardmore, Oklahoma, Connie Coburn, Ardmore, Oklahoma, Niece; Pamela Jean Taber, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Plus a number of other relatives, and many friends.

Beside her husband, Richard, she was preceded in death by her parents, John and Golden Nelson; sister, Twyla Ray; her son, Jim Garrett.

Graveside serviced were held on March 19, 2010 at 2:00p.m. at Highland Cemetery, Pawnee, Oklahoma with Rev, Jim Winingier officiating, under the direction of Poteet Funeral Home, Pawnee, Oklahoma.

FREE GED CLASSES

The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Education Division has partnered with the State of Oklahoma to offer GED classes that are free to the public. Our class meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome, regardless of race or age. We have classes averaging from 10 to 15 people a night. If you are interested or know someone that would like to attend, please come by the Berry Building and ask for Chris Hill.

ACT AND SAT PREP COURSE

The Pawnee Nation Education Division is developing an ACT and SAT prep course for the Native Youth. We need volunteers to help with this program. If you are interested in receiving these services please contact our offices at (918)762-3227; or if you would like to assist please give us a call.

PRENTISS “JOE” RICE SR.

October 4,1951 - March 15, 2010

Prentiss “Joe” Rice Sr., 58 of Topeka, passed away Monday, March 15, 2010 at his home. Joe was born October 4, 1951 to the late Charles and Freda “Lida” Riding In Rice in Pawnee Oklahoma. Joe was married to Irene “Renee” Chavez on January 6, 1974. They had 1 son.

Joe was a member of the Central Congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses. He was baptized on December 29, 1974. Joe took seriously the commission that Christ Jesus gave his followers to preach about God’s Kingdom. His faith assisted him to become a faithful husband, a good father, and loving brother.

Survivors include his wife Renee, son Prentiss Jr and wife Manda of Topeka, 3 brothers; Norman and Ron Rice of Oklahoma, Merle Rice of Nevada, 1 sister; Charlene Horsechief of Topeka and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his Mother, Father, brothers; Don, Melvin, and Mitchell, and niece, Crystal A Horsechief.

Memorial services were held at the Kingdom Hall, 4230 SW Gage Blvd at 4 pm on March 27, 2010. Flowers may be sent to 4230 SW Gage Blvd after 2 pm on the day of the service. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Central Congregation, 2701 SE Croco Rd.

CHRISTOPHER “CHRIS” REED WABAUNSEE

December 15, 1956 - February 4, 2010

Funeral service for Chris Wabaunsee, 53, of Mescalero will be Wednesday, February 10, 2010, at 10:00 AM in the Mescalero Community Center Gym. Burial will follow at the Mescalero Cemetery.

Chris passed away Thursday, February 4, 2010, at his home. He was born December 15, 1956 at Mescalero and had lived there all of his life. He was a Big Fan of the “Rolling Stones”.

He is survived by his sisters, Nettie Frasier, Earldina Botella, Darwina Castillo, Ruby Morgan, and Bernadette Wabaunsee. He was preceded in death by his parents William and Mary Louise Bayhille Waunbusee, a brother, Berch Tortilla and a sister, Kateri Wabaunsee.

NOTICE FROM TAX

It is the policy of the Pawnee Nation Tax department to add a returned check fee of \$25.00 on checks that have non-sufficient funds. Our office will send a written notice for the insufficient funds checks. Any debt caused by a returned check must be paid by cashier’s check or generally accepted money order. After 30 days, the returned check will be referred to the Pawnee Nation Attorney General for prosecution. If any questions, please contact Lyle E. Fields, Tax Manager at (918) 762-3624.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SIX FLAGS FRIENDS SCHOLARSHIPS (DEADLINE: APRIL 30)

DoSomething.org has teamed up with Six Flags Friends to award college scholarships to young leaders who are taking action to make their community a better place. Scholarships will be awarded based on past, current and planned action in the community as well as the applicant's passion, commitment and proven leadership skills. Six winners will receive a \$1,500 college scholarships. www.dosomething.org/grants/sixflags/scholarships

DO SOMETHING BATTLE OF THE BANDS (DEADLINE: APRIL 16)

March is Music In Our Schools month. DoSomething.org and the VH1 Save The Music Foundation want YOU to lead the fight to keep music education in schools. School budgets are being slashed nationwide, and music and arts programs are often the first to go. Starting March 1st, upload a video showing us your musical talent and tell us why music education matters to you. 5 Winners will get \$1000 for their school music program, concert tickets, Fender guitars, and Rock Band video games. DoSomething.org and The VH1 Save the Music Foundation will present top videos to members of congress, urging them to increase support for music education. Make sure your video is registered by April 16th for a chance to win! For full contest rules and to get started visit www.dosomething.org/bands

ING UNSUNG HEROES (DEADLINE: APRIL 30)

The ING Unsung Heroes awards program recognizes innovative and progressive thinking in education through monetary awards. Are you an educator with a class project that is short on funding but long on potential? Do you know a teacher looking for grant dollars? ING Unsung Heroes® could help you turn great ideas into reality for students. Each year, 100 educators are selected to receive \$2,000 to help fund their innovative class projects. Three of those are chosen to receive the top awards of an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000. Eligibility: full-time educators, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, or classified staff members with effective projects that improve student learning at an accredited K-12 public or private school. www.ing.com/us/unsungheroes

NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH INITIATIVE SCHOLARSHIP (DEADLINE: APRIL 16)

High School Students-National Native American Youth Initiative, George Washington University - Washington, D.C.

The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) is now accepting applications from American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) high school students ages 16-18 who have an interest in the health field and/or biomedical research for the 13th Annual Patty Iron Cloud National Native American Youth Initiative (NNAYI). The George Washington University campus in Washington, D.C. will be the site for NNAYI from June 19-27, 2010.

Selected high school students will receive a scholarship that covers airfare, lodging and most meals during the NNAYI program.

Student Application Deadline Date : April 16, 2010

Student Notification of Selection Results: May 10, 2010

NNAYI's curriculum is strategically designed to prepare high school students for admission to college and professional schools, as well as for careers in health and biomedical research. Feel free to share this information with other interested parties. For more information and to access the on-line applications, visit the AAIP student website.

YOUNG NATIVE WRITER'S ESSAY CONTEST

The National Museum of the American Indian (in partnership with the Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation) is pleased to announce a call for entries for the annual Young Native Writer's Essay Contest.

This year's writing prompt is: "Describe a crucial issue confronting your tribal community today. Explain how you hope to help your tribal community respond to this challenge and improve its future." Five selected essayists, and the teachers that inspired their par-

ticipation, will win an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. in July 2010 and a \$2,500 scholarship.

The deadline is May 10, 2010, so please share the attached press release with anyone who might be interested in applying. This writing competition is a valuable opportunity for Native high school students, so we hope you help us spread the good word!

Learn more at: www.nativewriters.hklaw.com/index.asp

WATER RESOURCE TECHNICIAN TRAINING

The United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs Central Office is now accepting applications for candidates for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Water Resource Technician Training Program.

This program will start on June 6, through July 2, 2010, at New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico. Selected candidates will be attending four week of training and may receive a one year voucher for full-time temporary employment with their tribal government as an entry level Water Resources Technician.

The dead line for all these applications is April 23, 2010. Below is information telling you were to send the applications and who to contact to get additional information regarding applications and qualifications.

For more information call:
Mo Baloch (202) 208-6042,
Toni Village Center at (202) 208-3956, Or (202) 208-4004.

Please Send All Applications to:
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