

Pawnee places fourth place at Inter-Tribal Fun Day



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By Louise Stevens

Receptionist

The countdown was on to see if the Pawnee Tribe could capture a winning status among the Tribe's peers. The Inter-Tribal Fun Day, sponsored by Kaw Nation, (www.kawnation.org), commenced on Friday, Sept. 16 in Newkirk. Festivities began at 8 a.m. with a Fun Walk.

Tribal members from the six tribes in the area, Pawnee, Ponca, Otoe-Missouri, Kaw, Iowa and Tonkawa, provided tough competition while applauding solidarity through fun and games.

Points were calculated from results of each of the various activities, including the Fun Walk. The winning tribe will host next year's Fun Day.

"We are really proud of our team and the areas where we did place," said Dawna Hare, executive director. "Although many employees were not able to attend due to work deadlines, they were with us

in spirit. However, we would like to have more come next year. Due to our limited number, we had to recruit some tribal members just to have enough for some of the teams.”

The Pawnee Nation placed fourth out of the six tribes. Chelsie Baldwin, VAW Program advocate, placed first in the mile run and placed first in the closest to the pin and Longest Drive. Ted Moore, tribal planner, and Hare helped us win points in the Archery and Hoop Throw. Moore also helped by throwing the horseshoes. Our team got first in the Banana Relay, the three-legged race, and the egg toss. Freda Tippeconnie, Education Division director; Suzy Snell, HPDP Healthy Nations coordinator; Louise Stevens, receptionist and Baldwin all helped by getting second in the Boardwalk event.

Pawnee placed second in the water volleyball, the home run derby, and basketball (3on3), barely missing the third place slot. The elders helped us out by winning in specific categories. The Pawnee team fought gallantly in the tug of war contest, but the 11 person team could not stand up against other teams that consisted of more than 20 participants.

“Overall, we had fun and enjoyed ourselves,” Stevens said. “The food was great and the participants were awesome.”

Final point tally is Tonkawa – 107, Kaw – 97, Ponca – 92, Pawnee – 89, Otoe-Missouri – 81 and Iowa – 38.

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