Pawnee Indian Veterans
64th Annual Homecoming

August 2010
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Pawnee Nation Members:

The Pawnee Nation is a service organization. It has been said of service organizations that the services provided are only as good as the quality of the employees providing those services. There is a great deal of truth in this statement. In fact, the Pawnee Nation has made major strides in recent times to ensure the highest quality of personnel, staff and services are provided to Pawnee tribal members.

In the years I worked across the country for Indian Health Service, I insisted that the Indian people (no matter the tribe) seeking services be treated with highest regard by the staff. The staff selected to minister to the people were chosen on the basis of their training, education, experience, commitment, interview, and personnel references. Based upon these standards, the highest quality of people were selected to provide health services to the tribes. In serving as President, I ask no less of any individual seeking employment with the Nation!

The central purpose of working for the Nation is meeting the needs of our tribal members by giving them the highest level our resources can make possible. This includes the quality of the staff working for the tribe. We want and encourage people to bring their skills, experience, talents, energy, education, training, innovativeness, and fresh ideas to the positions in the Nation for which they apply. To offer anything less, is doing a disservice to the Pawnee Nation tribal members.

We can take great pride in the quality of staff and all employees currently serving the Pawnee Nation! We don’t say it enough, but we are proud of each of you! Staff members are encouraged to seek their highest potential in anything they do. For example, the Pawnee Nation College’s doors are open and welcome any individual seeking information on classes available that will benefit them as they journey through life.

We extend a warm welcome to our Wichita relatives and friends as they visit us this month!

Thank you all!

President George Elton Howell

PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL MEMBERS

President:
George E. Howell

Vice President:
Charles “Buddy” Lone Chief

Secretary:
Linda Jestes

Treasurer:
Roy Taylor

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John Only A Chief

Council Seat 2:
Elizabeth Blackowl

Council Seat 3:
Jimmy Fields

Council Seat 4:
Marshall Gover

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Submission Deadline
September 17

Next Issue Date
October 6

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

Free GED Classes – at Berry Building. Classes start September 7, and are every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Contact Chris Hill, Youth Services Coordinator at 918-762-3227.

Pawnee Nation College:
- Faculty Orientation – August 3 & 4
- ACT Residual Exam – August 9
- Student Orientation – August 10
- Classes Begin & Last Day to Enroll – August 12
- Potato Dinner Fundraiser – August 20

HEALTH

Substance Abuse Program:
- Women’s Basketball – August 13
- Volleyball Clinic, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. – August 14
- Mid School Back to School Dance – August 20
- High School Back to School Dance – August 21

Healthy Nations Program:
- Volleyball Clinic - Saturday, August 14th from 9 a.m. -12 p.m.
- Volleyball League
  For more information, contact Suzy Snell at 918-762-2153

GENERAL

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

August 13 and 27 – Elder’s Bake Sale at Building 64 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Quarterly Meeting – August 7

Pawnee Business Council Meetings:
August 11 & August 25 at 9 a.m.

September 6– Pawnee Nation Tribal Offices Closed in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

HOUSING AUTHORITY PROGRAM INFORMATION

LOW INCOME PROGRAMS:
Requirements; Application, C.D.I.B., income (must be considered low income for 1, 2 & 3), Social Security Number for each family member, background check.

1) Low Rent Housing
- 25 Low Rent Units- Littlesun Addition @ Eagle Chief Drive
- 4 Low Rent Units- Rentals in City of Pawnee

2) Down Payment Assistance
For Qualified Families ($5,000)
Qualifications include; Pawnee Tribal Member, application, pre-approval of loan from bank, Homebuyer Education Certificate, pending insurance coverage of home to purchase and home to be purchased has to be in Pawnee County Service Area.

3) Homeownership Program
Qualifications include; Low income Native American, first priority is Pawnee enrolled Tribal Members, pre-approval from 184 Native American loan guaranteed program, Homebuyer Education Certificate and homes must be located in Pawnee.

NON-INCOME BASED PROGRAMS
10 Rental units in City of Pawnee, 3 bedroom units (not based on income, rent is $375.00 per month and requires a $150.00 security deposit).
Applications are required for every program. All information is verified.

PAWNEE NATION COMMUNITY SHIELD PROGRAM (PNCS)
Qualifications; Pawnee Tribal Member, application, home to be covered located in Pawnee Nation Service Area.
Dwelling coverage offered is based on square footage and replacement value. The basic package is offered with a $500 deductible, Personal Contents Coverage is optional.
Information you must provide; exterior square footage of dwelling, year built, construction type and the last roofed date.
Mobile homes require; make, model, dimensions of width/length.
If a mortgage holder applies; name, address, and loan number is required.
Photographs are required of all sides of dwelling and any other out buildings/garage to be covered.
The PNCS Program will provide all information to Amerind Risk Services for final approval of each application.
VICE-PRESIDENT CHARLES LONE CHIEF, JR. RECEIVES
JIM THORPE SPORTS EXCELLENCE AWARD

Charles A. Lone Chief, Jr. was selected to receive the Jim Thorpe Sports Excellence Award by the City of Tulsa and Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission. He received this award at their 13th Annual Dream Keepers Awards Banquet on Thursday, July 29, 2010. This award is in recognition of the athletic accomplishments and achievements of an individual. Charles A. Lone Chief, Jr. is a member of the Pawnee Tribe. He is Skidi Band and Pumpkin Vine Clan. He is the only son of the late Charles Lone Chief, Sr. and Mae Lone Chief. Charles resides in Tulsa with his wife Wanda. He has two children Chris and Alicia. He has one sister, Marlene Kent of Del City, Oklahoma. Patricia Lone Chief Tiger, a sister, predeceased him in death in 2003.

Charles retired from teaching in the Tulsa Public School system in 1991. He taught science and physical education, and coached football, girls’ basketball, cross country and track. His athletic career began in 1954 as a member of the State Champions Football Class B, Pawnee High School, in Pawnee, Oklahoma. Charles is a 1955 graduate from Pawnee High School. After graduation, he began school that fall at the University of Tulsa on a track scholarship. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education and a Minor in Science. In 1955 to 1960 while at T.U., he lettered three years in track and cross country and in his senior year served as captain of the track team.

From 1962 to 1966 Charles taught science and physical education at Mingo School in Tulsa. He coached softball, baseball and basketball. He organized the Galaxy Basketball Conference and the girl’s basketball team won the Galaxy Conference Championship.

From 1966 to 1978 Charles taught physical education, science and geography at Wilson Junior High School in Tulsa, along with coaching football and track (T.I.A.A.).

From 1978 to 1991 Charles taught science, physical education and coached football, girls’ basketball and cross country and at Hale High School in Tulsa. He co-sponsored the Fellowship of Christian Athletes with Gary (Doc) Blevins and sponsored the Indian Club.

Also from 1965 to 1967, Charles played Semi-Pro football for the Tulsa Football Oilers and the Tulsa Thunderbirds. As a team member of the Oilers he played end and halfback. As a team member of the Tulsa Thunderbirds he played the positions of end, flanker, fullback, corner back, and free safety.

The awards and highlights Charles received during his athletic career are:

• 1965 Most Valuable Player for the Tulsa Football Oilers vs the Wichita Falls Kings, on September 18, 1965 and had the longest run at 89 yards for a touchdown vs the McAlester Outlaws in 1965.
• 1967 Tulsa Thunderbirds Texas Professional Football League Champions
• 1979 Assistant Coach State 4-A Football Champions, Hale High School
• 1984 Will Rogers Track Hall of Fame Inductee
• 1986 Indian Nations Conference Track Coach of the Year
• Had State qualifiers in track every year from 1979 to 1990

The professional organizations he belongs to or previously belonged to are the Oklahoma Coaches Association, Oklahoma Track Coaches Association and the National Coaches Association.

Charles does have his favorite hobbies of hunting, fishing, art work, beadwork, jogging, camping and hiking. He is currently Vice-President of the Pawnee Business Council. Charles has also served on the Pawnee Business Council from 1993 to 1997. Even today as he comes across former students, and students who are now grown with children of their own, still remember him, recognize him, and greet him as “Coach Lone Chief”. Charles is very proud of his career and his family and relatives are extremely proud of him as well. He wants to thank the Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission and those responsible for his selection as this year’s recipient of the Jim Thorpe Sports Excellence Award and the honor that comes with it.

SKEDEE BRIDGE PROJECT UPDATE

By Jim McCormick, Project Manager

The Bridge Project is now approximately 80% complete, with 100% of the bridge work now completed. The remaining work consists of final grading and aggregate base; water line installation, asphalt paving, guardrail, and slab sodding, which should all be completed with the new road and bridge opening now scheduled for September 15.

On Tuesday July 13, we conducted a Federal Highway Administration inspection of the bridge. Those involved in the inspection are shown in the picture: L to R - Mark Willy, Plains Bridge Supt., Rick Cushing, Fed. Lands Hwy., Jim McCormick, Pawnee Nation, Bert McCauley, Fed. Lands Hwy., Jeffrey Dixon, Brawley Engineering, Mark Nipper, Brawley Engineering. Not in picture but on site were Cecil Riding In, Charles Brown, and Rhonda James – Pawnee Nation

The work has progressed in the past month, in spite of the excess rainfall, although some time has been lost. With summer weather as it is now, we will hopefully be able to meet the opening date of September 15.
The Pawnee Nation flag waved in Turkey when the Seven Falls Dancers of Colorado performed in Adana, Ankara, Eskisehir, Samsun, GaziAntep, Bursa, and Kocaeli from May 15-30. Six members of the family dance group were invited by the U.S. Department of State to show the diversity of American life, specifically American Indians. Making the trip were Pawnee tribal members: Carrie Howell, Debbie Howell, Derek Howell, Dawnena Muth-Rodriguez, and Chaske Wolf in addition to family friend, Dennis Montoya. They are the daughters and grandchildren of Dawnena Eastman Howell and the late Vergil Fox Howell. They are also Flan dreau Santee Sioux.

They had a busy schedule, performing several times a day at various venues: an international sports festival, two international dance festivals, city festivals, universities, schools, and cultural centers. They also participated in a parade and gave street performances. Several times, they were invited to dance alongside Turkish folkloric dancers. They gave many interviews and recorded greetings for Turkish television. In all, they caught 12 different flights of over 16,000 miles and were driven over 500 miles.

According to Carrie Howell, manager, the best part of the trip was experiencing Turkey, a very modern, progressive country with ancient roots and a 98% Islamic population. They were excited to taste their foods (kebaps, lamb, fresh fish, fresh fruit and vegetables), dine inside an old castle, visit museums filled with ancient artifacts, see inside the largest mosque in the Middle East, meet Turkish celebrities and mayors, and drink Turkish tea. The Turkish people were very welcoming and remained so. From the beginning, they were told that Turkish people have a saying—“Visitors are a gift from God”. Throughout their visit to Turkey, they were treated with kindness and enthusiasm. They also had the opportunity to tour Istanbul, a city of 12.8 million, before flying back to Denver. It was definitely an experience they will always treasure and remember.

The Seven Falls Indian Dancers dance at Seven Falls in Colorado Springs and have been performing there for thirty years.

Visitation began on Wednesday, July 21, and at least twenty or so of our Wichita relatives have made the journey to our tribe. And since then there has been the greeting of old and new friends, hand games, and not to mention good food. The arbor and the campgrounds are places of Pawnee cultural celebration, as the tribe has prepared to welcome and visit with our Wichita relatives, changes were made. And during the time that the old arbor spent standing, it was a time of change and growth for the tribe. “You wouldn’t believe how different things look at the tribe” said Howell, “Our people can be proud.” And most certainly we can be proud and continue to grow and enjoy and celebrate our culture and traditions as Visitation continues and winds down.

The structure that has been torn down suffered damage from the recent storms but had been standing for about 20 years. One tribal member, William Howell, can recall the building of that structure. “We volunteered to do the work, we took the old one down and built the new arbor in about three days. In the old days, it was lucky if these brush arbors lasted a couple seasons, but that one’s been there 20 years, so maybe we did something right.” Before and since the construction of the arbor, its caretaking has relied on the efforts of volunteers, “it’s always been a volunteer effort and it should also be up to the young people now to help take care of it.”
Looking for 2011 Pawnee Gardeners: The Pawnee Seed Preservation Project received an Honor the Earth Fund of Tides Foundation grant as notified by Tom Reed, Honor the Earth Program & Operations Manager. The Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative is the Fiscal Agent Organization for the Project. The grant is in keeping the Honor the Earth’s vision of having traditional foods restored to feed Native people and the concept of re-localizing our traditional food economies to build resilience in Native communities. The Pawnee Seed Preservation Project is a grassroots effort designed to bring back the ancestral and historic seeds for a future Traditional Food Economy Impact on the local community. This Project continues to be under the guidance of the Culture Committee and the Nasharo Council.

The Pawnee Seed Preservation Project’s Keepers of the Seeds are excited to work with the Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative. Both believe that the Traditional foods still play an important role in cultural activities. Can you imagine a cultural event without corn soup?

The Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative (MFSI) seeks to preserve the food heritage and traditions of their peoples through hands-on classes, educational programs, intergenerational sharing and sustainable agriculture practices. MFSI’s Community Tradition, Foods and Future Project works to improve public nutrition programs, reconnect tribal members with traditional foods and promote community-based agriculture. MFSI offers Community Outreach in Okmulgee County to provide financial and technical assistance to farmers, ranchers, and have offered those interested in pursuing loans, grants, cost shares and incentive programs available through federal, state and regional sources. These projects are just a few of the ways MFSI is working to revitalize the Mvskoke peoples’ heritage as an agrarian society. In addition to these local projects MFSI have held conferences workshops to share Oklahoma resources with other tribes and publishes an on-line newsletter that highlights upcoming events and training opportunities. For more information about MFSI, check out facebook or contact: Ben Yahola, Community Coordinator at Mvskokefood@gmail.com, phone (918) 752-6140, or web site www.mvskokefood.org

**The Pawnee Seed Preservation Project**

We can be proud of the numerous projects of the Pawnee community that are aimed at the revival of our culture and the education of our youth ... Since 1997 our community has recognized the importance of finding our Pawnee seeds. In the spring of 1998 a call for traditional seeds went out to the tribal members. Those who wanted to start their gardens were encouraged to bring their seeds to Building 64 for elder Lula Nora Tilden Pratt to offer a blessing over the seeds. Nora was born in 1909 in Pawnee, Oklahoma, and her Indian name Che-Sha-Nou-Kanout means “Are you a Princess”. Nora was called upon for her cultural insight. At this time we identified three varieties of corn, blue, yellow and eagle corn. Nora’s prayer, the blessing over the seeds marked the beginning of the Seed Preservation Project. Elder Members have participated in cultivating our traditional seeds for the Seed Preservation Project and youth have been part of that effort on a small scale.

Having our traditional seeds in the seed bank and wanting to expand our seeds to the point of when our Chiefs say we can consume the produce is our quest. The need to have larger garden plots and to teach our gardeners about the cultural components in this project will serve as the fulcrum for preserving our legacy. The Honor the Earth Fund of Tides Foundation’s modest grant will enable the Keepers of the Seeds to purchase gardening equipment, travel to pick up our seeds, attend trainings, and to purchase storage containers for our seeds.

We also are looking forward to working with local Pawnee Programs to stretch our funds and build up our resources as a way to meet all of our objectives. So far Christi Schultz, Division Director of Pawnee Nation’s Health & Community Services, Deb Delozier (REACH US) and Connie Brazee (Violence Against Women Program) are teaming up with us to look into creating garden plots and planning activities for our seeds, empower our women … our community. If you are interested in attending a Garden 2011 planning meeting attend Monday August 16 at 4:30 p.m. at the Health & Community Services Building. RSVP with either Deb Delozier at 762-3873 or Seed Keepers: Karla KnifeChief 762-4354 or Deb Echo-Hawk 762-3390.
**NEWS FROM PAWNEE TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

By Lindsey Teter,  
PTDC Director of Marketing

Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation (PTDC), the business arm of the Pawnee Nation, is charged with revenue creation and economic development. The Corporation is entrusted with both protecting and growing the Nation’s business assets.

Since 2003, the Corporation has grown from 1 location (Trading Post Casino) with 2 operations and grown to 2 locations (Trading Post Casino and StoneWolf) with 6 operations today. With 2 new businesses in operation since the beginning of 2010, the growing Corporation has taken a hard look at overhead expenses.

One of the major changes was at StoneWolf Casino where business hours have been changed. Adjustments were necessary based on summer business. Therefore personnel changes have been made to adjust scheduling to the new hours. Thirteen positions were eliminated. Management is making every effort to fill openings in other operations with those employees that were affected.

Management, along with the Board, makes decisions in the best interest of the Nation. By re-evaluating expenses across the corporation, PTDC has reduced its overhead expenses by more than $31,000/month. Which, in turn increases profit sharing payments to the Nation. This Fiscal responsibility has resulted in more than $3 million in total payments to the Nation since 2005.

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**LEARNING CENTER RESPONSIBILITY WEEK**

The Pawnee Nation Child Care Learning Center and After school Program used the week of June 16, 2010 as Responsibility Week. The Learning Center invited Pawnee Nation Chief of Police, David Kanuho, to speak to the kids about his responsibility, which is to take care of and watch over the tribe. Mr. Kanuho brought the class hats, stickers, and showed the kids some of his equipment and his police car. The learning center also invited Mr. Richard Roubedeaux, from the Pawnee Title VI Program, to talk about his responsibility to deliver meals to elders in the community everyday.

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**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 hire or transfer:

Darrel Banning has been selected for the position of Maintenance Worker for the Division of Tribal Operations. Mr. Banning began his new position on June 22, 2010.

Sasha Big Hair has been selected for the position of Diabetes Administrative Assistant for the Division of Health and Community Services. Ms. Big Hair began her new position on June 17, 2010.

Misty Cartmell has been selected for the position of Infant thru Pre-K Lead Teacher for the Pawnee Nation Learning Center. Ms. Cartmell began her new position on July 10, 2010.

Amanda Gilstrap has been selected for the position of Housekeeper for the Division of Tribal Operations. Ms. Gilstrap began her new position on June 22, 2010.

Kathy Griesel has been selected for the position of Infant thru Pre-K Teacher for the Pawnee Nation Learning Center. Ms. Griesel began her new position on June 22, 2010.

Crystal Helvy has been selected for the position of Infant thru Pre-K Teacher for the Pawnee Nation Learning Center. Ms. Helvy began her new position on June 22, 2010.

Kimberly Makaseah has been selected for the position of Infant thru Pre-K Lead Teacher for the Pawnee Nation Learning Center. Ms. Makaseah began her new position on June 22, 2010.

Tasha Meneely has been selected for the position of Finance Accounting Assistant for the Division of Finances. Ms. Meneely began her new position on June 28, 2010.

Herman Parton has been selected for the position of Gaming Licensing Specialist for the Pawnee Nation Gaming Commission. Mr. Parton began his new position on June 14, 2010.

Brian Pipestem has been selected for the position of Housekeeper for the Division of Tribal Operations. Mr. Pipestem began his new position on June 22, 2010.

Freda Tippeconnie has been selected for the position of Education Division Director for the Division of Education. Mrs. Tippeconnie began her new position on July 16, 2010.

Laurelei Thompson has been selected for the position of Infant thru Pre-K Teacher for the Pawnee Nation Learning Center. Ms. Thompson began her new position on July 19, 2010.

Christena Waller has been selected for the position of Housekeeper for the Division of Tribal Operations. Mrs. Waller began her new position on June 22, 2010.
MAY 26, 2010 PBC MEETING:

The minutes of the May 12, 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:**
1. Julia Langan, BIA Superintendent provided information and report on the BIA’s activities and projects.
2. Resolution #10-21 for Enrollment– Applicants for Enrollment were approved.
8. Council had a discussion regarding land interest coming to the tribe under the “Single Heir Rule”. No action taken.

JUNE 5, 2010 QUARTERLY PBC MEETING

The meeting was called to order; however, due to a death in the tribe no business was conducted. The family of the deceased had been invited to breakfast and everyone in attendance paid their respects to the family.

JUNE 23, 2010, PBC MEETING

The minutes of the May 27, 2010 PBC meeting and June 5, 2010 Quarterly Meeting were approved.

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

**Under Old Business:**
1. Resolutions #10-15 and #10-16 to appoint Supreme Court Justices. Both Bob Buchanan and Walter EchoHawk expressed their desire to remain as Supreme Court Justices. Both resolutions for re-appointment were approved for six year terms.
2. Renew Public Defender Contract. Danny Lyons had expressed an interest in continuing as Public Defender and his contract was approved for renewal.
3. President Howell asked Council to consider paying off the USDA loan on the Day Property with some tax money that has been set aside. Approved.
4. The Pawnee Nation College requested to enter into a contract with Orbund for the provision of a software that will enhance scheduling and track enrollment and student information. Contract was approved.
5. The Pawnee Nation Learning Center requested to purchase curriculum for the Learning Center and provided a power point presentation. Funding is available through their grant. Purchase approved.
6. The Pawnee Nation Learning Center requested to purchase equipment and software that will support the curriculum. Approved.
7. The Learning Center requested contract approval for services from Warren Pratt, Jr. regarding the Pawnee language being taught at the Learning Center. Approved.
8. The Stillwater Library is going to erect a statue in honor of Angie Debos and due to her work with Indian tribes, requested the use of the tribal seal on the statue. Approved.
9. Resolution #10-28 for an Oil and Gas Agreement – Approved.
10. Resolution #10-29 for an Oil and Gas Agreement – Tabled to allow a tribal member to make an inquiry into possible ownership.
11. Resolution #10-30 for an Oil and Gas Agreement – Approved.
12. Resolution #10-31 for an Oil and Gas Agreement – Approved.

**Executive Session:**
1. Interview and Selection of Education Division Director.

After coming out of Executive Session, and by secret ballot, Freda Tippeconnie was selected for the Education and Training Division Director.

Pawnee Business Council Meeting notes

Preservation Oklahoma, Inc. held its Annual Meeting and Luncheon June 10th, in conjunction with the Statewide Preservation Conference at Café on the Square in Okmulgee. The luncheon began with featured speaker Jay Hannah, Vice President of BancFirst. Mr. Hannah’s presentation titled, The Road to Preservation is Paved with Paper: Community Grass Roots Planning for Preservation Projects Large and Small discussed the need for planning and preparation before undertaking a preservation project. The meeting then commenced with its annual preservation awards and presentation of new board members.

This year, the Pawnee Nation received one of the awards for its efforts to restore the Pawnee Indian Agency Boarding School Historic District.

The members of the Board of Directors were named for Preservation Oklahoma. The are: Dr. William S. Bryans, Stillwater; Alice Johnson, Oklahoma City; Barrett Williamson, Norman; and Pete White, Oklahoma City, as members of the Board of Directors for the coming year.

Barrett Williamson’s architectural firm in Norman, Oklahoma, opened in 1998 and specialized in New Construction, Historic Rehabilitation, Adaptive Reuse, and Downtown Revitalization projects.

In attendance from the Pawnee Nation were President George E. Howell and Vice-President Charles Lone Chief.

Muriel Robedaveau was the Project Coordinator for this project.
was changed to a gold Thunderbird on a square red background. According to Native American folklore, the Thunderbird was a gigantic creature, which emanated lightning from its piercing eyes and created thunder by flapping its wings. Soldiers assigned to the 45th Infantry Division became known as “Thunderbirds.”

Because of the large percentage of Native Americans in the four states that comprised the division, a significant portion of the division came from the Cherokee, Choctaw, Seminole, Apache, Sioux, Kiowa, Pawnee, Comanche, Osage, Creek, and Navajo tribes, to name a few of the over fifty Native American tribes represented in the 45th Infantry Division.

The Army National Guard’s 45th Infantry Division assigned the following units to the Pawnee Armory:

- Regimental Headquarters, 179th Infantry Regiment
- Company B, First Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment
- Service Company, 179th Infantry Regiment
- Headquarters Detachment, Third Battalion, 120th Quartermaster Regiment
- These were the units that were called to Federal Active Duty on September 15, 1940, for one year of active duty training.

The war in Europe became a growing menace to American interests and diplomatic negotiations in the Pacific began to break down. As a result, the 45th Division’s one year training was extended in the fall of 1941. After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and Germany’s declaration of war against the United States on December 11, 1941, the 45th Infantry Division went to war and did not come home again until December of 1945. During World War II, the soldiers from Pawnee, Oklahoma served in North Africa and then landed in Sicily as part of General Patton’s Seventh Army.

The famed war correspondent, Ernie Pyle first met the 45th Infantry Division while in Sicily, recovering from illness in one of the division’s front line aid station. On August 9th, 1943, he wrote:

“Don’t realize how different certain parts of our country area are from others until you see their men set off in a fresh way of place like this. The men of Oklahoma are drawing and soft-spoken. They are not smart-alecks, there was something of the purity of the soil in them. Even their cussing is simpler and more profound than the territorial obscenities of eastern city men. An Oklahoman of the plains is straight and direct. He is slow to criticize and hard to anger, but once he is convinced of the wrong of something, brother, watch out.”

“These wounded men of Oklahoma have gotten madder about this war than anybody I have seen this side of the ocean. They weren’t so mad before they got into action, but now to them, the Germans across the hill are all ‘son-sabitches.’ And these quiet men of the 45th, the newest division over here, have already fought so well that they have drawn the high praise of the commanding general of the corps of which the division is a part.” Ernie Pyle wrote about an Oklahoman infantryman who had flesh wounds on his face and the back of his neck;

“He had a patch on his upper lip which prevented him from moving it and made him talk in a grave, straight-faced manner that was comical. I’ve never seen anybody so mad in my life. He went from one doctor to another trying to get someone to sign his card returning him to duty. The doctors explained patiently that if he returned to the front that his wounds could become infected and he would be a burden to his company instead of a help. They tried to entice him by telling him that there would be nurses back at the hospital. But in his peaceful Oklahoman drawl he retorted, ‘To hell with the nurses, I want to go back to the fighting!’”

General Patton identified the 45th Division as one of the best, if not the best in the history of the United States Army. In August of 1944, they landed on the beaches of Southern France and once again joined General Patton as part of his third army in its race across Europe. Second Lieutenant Robert Barnhart joined Pawnee’s Company B 179th Infantry Regiment during the last week of September 1944, as platoon leader for the Third Platoon. The company was then in a rest area of preparing to return to the frontlines. He wrote that Company B had initially been an all-Native American company from Pawnee, Oklahoma.

The 45th Infantry Division crossed the Rhine River into Germany, breached the heavily defended Siegfried Line, captured Nuernberg, and liberated the Dachau Concentration Camp, freeing over 32,000 starving prisoners. From Dachau, the 45th Infantry Division crossed the Danube River and captured Munich just before the end of the war in Europe. Field Marshall Albert Kesselring, commander of German forces in Italy, called the 45th Infantry Division the “Falcon Division” because of its shoulder patch and declared it to be one of the finest allied divisions that he had ever faced.

After the end of World War II and the return of the 45th Infantry Division, the division was reorganized into an all Oklahoma division and Company B, First Battalion, 179th Infantry Regiment became the sole unit assigned to the Pawnee Armory.

Company B went to the Korean War as part of the 45th Division, when the division was ordered to Federal Active Duty on September 1, 1950. The “Thunderbirds” served in the Yonchon-Chowon area and in fierce battles against Chinese and North Korean troops, made the battlegrounds known as Old Baldy, Pork Chop Hill, Heartbreak Ridge, and Luke’s Castle famous. The majority of Oklahoma’s Guardsmen began returning to the United States in the spring of 1951, but the division, now down by replacement personnel, remained in Korea until the end of the conflict in 1953.

In 1968, the 45th Infantry Division was reorganized into what is known today as the 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team which continues to wear the Thunderbird as its identifying shoulder patch. The 179th Infantry Regiment went from being a regiment of three battalions to a single infantry battalion which retained the regiment’s lineage and honors. The last unit assigned to the Pawnee Armory was Detachment Two, Support Company, First Battalion and 179th Infantry.

The Pawnee Armory has supported the Oklahoma Army National Guard for over seventy years. Soldiers from Pawnee have deployed with the 45th Infantry Brigade in 2004 as part of Task Force Phoenix in Afghanistan. In September of 2005 the entire brigade executed a rapid deployment to New Orleans following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina to provide disaster relief to the citizens of Louisiana and Mississippi. In October of 2007, major components of the 45th Infantry Brigade, including soldiers from Pawnee, mobilized, deployed to Iraq, and returned a year later. Today, the Brigade is preparing for deployment next year to Afghanistan.

The heritage of the soldiers who walked in this Armory is written in the history books of the United States, North Africa, Europe, Korea, Southwest Asia, and the Middle East. It was highly appropriate that this armory, with its long history and heritage for service to the community, be returned to the community, so that it may continue that tradition and history of service.
2ND QUARTER 2010 RESOLUTIONS

#10-15 and #10-16 – Resolutions to appoint Supreme Court Justices – Were TABLED in March, but were approved June 23, 2010. Resolution #10-15 re-appointed Bob Buchanan to a six year term as Supreme Court Justice by a vote of six for, one excused at time of vote (Elizabeth Blackowl) and one not voting (President Howell). Resolution #10-16 re-appointed Walter EchoHawk to a six year term as Supreme Court Justice by a vote of six for, one excused at time of vote (Elizabeth Blackowl) and one not voting (President Howell). May 27, 2010.

#10-17 – Resolution to submit an HIV/AIDS Capacity Building grant – was approved by a vote of 6 for, 1 excused (Charles Lone Chief) and 1 not voting (President Howell). April 14, 2010.

#10-18 – Support letter for the American Indian Council – was approved by a vote of 6 for, 1 excused (Charles Lone Chief) and 1 not voting (President Howell). April 14, 2010.

#10-19 – Law and Order Code – TitleXII – Natural Resources Protection Act – was approved by a vote of 7 for, and 1 not voting (President Howell). May 12, 2010.

#10-20 - A resolution to Approve an Annual Appropriation for the Pawnee Nation College was approved by a vote of 7 for, and 1 not voting (President Howell). May 12, 2010.

#10-21 – A resolution for Enrollment – Applicants for enrollment – approved by a vote of 7 for, none against, 1 excused (John Only A Chief), 1 (President Howell) not voting. May 27, 2010.

#10-22 – A resolution for a Conditional Relinquishment – approved by a vote of 6 for, none against, 1 excused (John Only A Chief), 1 (President Howell) not voting. May 27, 2010.

#10-23 – A resolution for a Conditional Relinquishment – approved by a vote of 6 for, none against, 1 excused (John Only A Chief), 1 (President Howell) not voting. May 27, 2010.

#10-24 – A resolution for a Conditional Relinquishment – approved by a vote of 6 for, none against, 1 excused (John Only A Chief), 1 (President Howell) not voting. May 27, 2010.

#10-25 – A resolution for a Conditional Relinquishment – approved by a vote of 6 for, none against, 1 excused (John Only A Chief), 1 (President Howell) not voting. May 27, 2010.

#10-26 – A resolution for Enrollment – Documenting Deceased members – approved by a vote of 6 for, 1 absent (John Only A Chief), 1 not voting (President Howell). May 27, 2010.

#10-27 – A resolution to submit a grant for the Domestic Violence Prevention Initiative – approved by a vote of 5 for, 1 against (Elizabeth Blackowl), 1 absent (Marshall Gover), 1 (President Howell) not voting. June 23, 2010.

#10-28 – A resolution to approve an Oil and Gas Agreement – Approved by a vote of 4 for, 1 against (Jim Fields), 2 absent (Elizabeth Blackowl and Marshall Gover), and 1 (President Howell) not voting. June 23, 2010.

#10-29 – A resolution to approve an Oil and Gas Agreement – Tabled by a vote of 5 for, 0 against, 2 absent (Elizabeth Blackowl and Marshall Gover), and 1 (President Howell) not voting. June 23, 2010.

#10-30 – A resolution to approve an Oil and Gas Agreement – Approved by a vote of 5 for, 0 against, 2 absent (Elizabeth Blackowl and Marshall Gover), and 1 (President Howell) not voting. June 23, 2010.

#10-31 – A resolution to approve an Oil and Gas Agreement – Approved by a vote of 5 for, 0 against, 2 absent (Elizabeth Blackowl and Marshall Gover), and 1 (President Howell) not voting. June 23, 2010.

MOSE YELLOWHORSE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

The annual Mose YellowHorse Co-Ed Softball Tournament, held in conjunction with Pawnee Nation Homecoming, was again a success despite the cancellation two weeks prior and three rain delays. Jon James took on the responsibility to host with some assistance from the preceding host. Pawnee Prints was also able to come up with a great design, despite the short notice. There were nine very good teams participating. Two games held on Friday night kicked off the tournament. Full bracket double elimination started Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m., continued through Sunday morning, and finally ended at 4:15 a.m.

The Championship game was between the Drillers and Sam’s Bunch. The Drillers won the first game 16-6. This win necessitated the need for a second game which was won by Sam’s Bunch 24-23 in the seventh inning.

GRANT WRITING CLASS AT PAWNEE NATION COLLEGE

By Ted Moore, Planning Director

For those that are interested, the Pawnee Nation College will be providing a Fund-raising and Grant Writing Course during fall semester. This course will be offered from 5:00 p.m. to 7:50 p.m. every Thursday, beginning August 12th. This course will provide students with the tools needed to assist organizations such as tribal governments, tribal programs, schools, non-profit agencies, and community service groups in order to successfully compete for grants funds. Students will learn basic grant writing and fund-raising skills in the context of understanding larger issues dealing with sustainable communities, as well as economic and organizational development. The course will be offered at the Albin LeadingFox Hall in Computer Lab Room 121. The textbook to be used will be: Winning Grants Step by Step (The Jossey-Bass Nonprofit Guidebook Series), 3rd edition, by Mim Carlson. The instructor will be none other than myself.

Please contact me at my office: (918) 762-3621 or cell: (405) 714-0750, for any questions. If anyone is interested, please enroll at the Pawnee Nation College.
By Tony Davis, Contributing Writer

On March 8, 1941, the Pawnee Black Bear boys’ high school basketball team captured the Oklahoma Class B State Championship by beating Friendship High School, 30-29. Headlines in local papers read “Five Happy Indians and a Redhead” lauding the teams effort. I had the unique opportunity of sitting down and chatting with the last surviving Pawnee from that team. That player happens to be my grandfather, Harold Davis. The interview started as such:

Me: Grandpa, what do you remember from that game?

Grandpa: Nothing! That game was a long time ago.

Uh oh, I thought. This isn’t going to be a very interesting article if my main lead can’t remember. But then I gained a little perspective. This game happened close to 70 years ago!! It happened before cell phones, video cameras and the internet (I checked! There is no footage of this game on Youtube). My grandpa was a 15 year old kid when he played in this game. Since then, he served in World War II, moved to Fort Washakie, Wyoming and started a family (he has 3 great-great grandkids!). Fortunately, after a few minutes, his memory started to come back.

The game was totally different back then. As my Upit explained, there was a reason why the final score, 30-29, was so low. After each made basket was scored, the ref brought both teams back out to half-court and proceeded to have another jump ball. Each team was not guaranteed the basketball just because the other team scored but had to work to get the ball back. Another difference between basketball back then and now was the way in which they shot the ball. One handed shots were the norm.

Players did not use their off, “guide” hand. They simply shot the ball with one hand!

One detail from the season that grandpa remembers clearly was the interesting home court that Pawnee had. They played all home games on the school’s stage. School officials had to rope off the orchestra pit so that players wouldn’t accidentally fall in! Of course, the spectators had the best view of the game sitting in the semi-circle stands.

Grandpa had a lot of respect for his coach, Claude Neet. “He wouldn’t yell at us,” grandpa said. “He would teach us.” One strategy that Neet would use that made an impression on my grandpa was that before every game, the coach would require his players to rest for 30 minutes. This allowed for them to concentrate on the game. “To calm our nerves,” as grandpa put it. Neet coached football, basketball and baseball teams in Pawnee for many years.

The road to the state championship began at the District Tournament. The Black Bears took out Ripley, Cleveland and Oiltont. Next up was the Nowata Regional Tourney held in Pawnee in which the Bears beat both Dewey and Collinsville sending them to the state championship tourney held in Oklahoma City. Only three games separated Pawnee and their first state basketball title. First up was Savanna, in which Pawnee won 32-26. They then beat Marlow 33-27, setting up a Saturday night showdown with Friendship and their 7-foot center Schnorburger. “I’d never seen anyone that tall,” grandpa remarked. He had also never heard of Friendship High School, which was located in southwestern part of Oklahoma.

On Saturday, March 8th, 1941, Pawnee and Friendship met in the Class B Championship Game. Both teams had their fans pack the gym and the crowd was really into it. “It was exciting to play in front of all those people,” grandpa remembers. It was a close game and the scoring went back and forth. “We got the last shot and made it,” recalled grandpa. Who hit the game winning shot? It was grandpa’s older brother, Bobby. Uncle Bob finished with 9 points and was named to the All-State team that season. Grandpa finished the game with a game high 13 points and was also selected as an All-State player. When the final buzzer went off, Pawnee had won and secured its first state title. In the excitement after the game, the Pawnee crowd rushed the floor. Grandpa remembers that the school’s usually reserved English teacher, Mr. Mac, grabbed him and swung him around like a rag doll.

In honor of the victory, the city of Pawnee purchased red jackets for all of the players. (My grandpa said that my dad wore my grandpa’s jacket until it was worn out!) They presented the jackets to the team in front of the school in the same auditorium in which they played. My grandpa recalls on their way off stage, Coach Neet proclaimed, “The band will play while we all pass out.” This was an obvious play on words because none of the players fainted but simply “passed out” of the auditorium.

Players on that Championship team include Horace Taylor, Harold Davis, Bob Davis, Alvin Echo Hawk, Tom Eaves, Don Peters, Doyle Blackhawk, Franklin “Punchy” Little, Rex Privett, Stuart Sayre, Wesley Harshbarger and Arthur Garlington.
HIV AND STI PREVENTION 101

If you are currently sexually active, plan to become active in the future, or have children/grandchildren; it is imperative that you have the basic facts about sexually transmitted infections. According to statistics, about half of all STD cases are in people 15-24 years of age. More importantly, STIs can be prevented.

What are STIs?
STIs are sexually transmitted infections that are passed through anal, oral, or vaginal sexual intercourse. They are also called STDs, sexually transmitted diseases. Examples of STIs are chlamydia, gonorrhea, HPV (the virus that causes genital warts), herpes, HIV (the virus that causes AIDS), and syphilis. HIV can also be passed through sharing needles for drugs, steroids, vitamins, hormones, insulin, tattoos, and body piercing(s).

What to Know?
It is imperative to know that somebody could have a STI and not even realize it, because not everybody has signs/symptoms. Some STIs are curable, meaning that the infections can be cured with antibiotics; curable infections include chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis. Other STIs are treatable, meaning that they cannot be cured and will always be in the body. Treatment will reduce the symptoms and lower the risk of serious health problems; treatable infections include herpes, HIV, and HPV (genital warts). If left untreated, STIs can cause serious health conditions such as infertility (inability to have children), problems during pregnancy, heart disease, liver disease, and cancer.

Take Action!
- Practice sexual abstinence—not engaging in anal, oral, or vaginal sexual intercourse is the most reliable protection.
- Use condoms. Latex condoms are effective against the sexual transmission of HIV and lower the risk of other STIs.
- Practice monogamy—this means having a sexual relationship with only one partner, who also only has a sexual relationship with you.
- Never share needles for drugs, steroids, vitamins, hormones, insulin, tattoos, or body piercing(s).
- Talk with your partner...communication helps you & your partner stay safe.
- Stay in control—alcohol and other drugs can hinder your ability to make good decisions regarding your sexual health.

Get Tested!
- Consider getting tested for HIV and other STIs if:
- You have had unprotected anal, oral, or vaginal sexual intercourse without using a condom or latex barrier.
- You have had sexual intercourse with someone you know who has a STI.
- You have shared needles.
- You are experiencing any signs/symptoms.

Researched From: Center of Disease Control @ http://www.cdc.gov/std

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PROGRAM NEWS

The goals of the Pawnee Nation Violence Against Women Program are to change the community culture through education and prevention of domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, as well as to implement a coordinated system for victim response and healing. Our victim response goals are progressing through the newly formed Coordinated Community Response Team.

Consisting of court officials, law enforcement officers and victim advocates, the Coordinated Community Response Team (CCR Team) comes together once a month to identify how each agency, by working cooperatively, can combat domestic violence in Pawnee County. The goal of the CCR Team is to centralize victim safety and offender accountability in domestic assault related cases. The District Attorneys Council of Oklahoma supports Coordinated Community Response Teams, across the state, by providing legal assistance as well as technical support and training. Members of the Pawnee County CCR Team will attend their first training August 24-25, to learn how to most effectively form and achieve their goals of keeping victims safer and holding batterers accountable.

Creating our Advisory Committee is our next task. We are seeking members from the community who wish to help guide the continued growth of our program. The Advisory Committee will consist of people who have their finger on the pulse of the community, with an eye for solutions to end violence in our homes, schools and neighborhoods. The program is especially interested in having those who are survivors of domestic violence as members of the Advisory Committee.

Our first Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for TUESDAY, AUGUST 17TH, AT 1:30 PM, IN THE OLD IHS BUILDING, 400 AGENCY ROAD. We are inviting members of Pawnee County communities to attend our initial Advisory Committee Meeting. We want to establish a core group of those who are willing to offer their insight and ideas. You too can help end violence in homes, schools and neighborhoods and if you would like to attend our first Advisory Committee Meeting, please contact the program advocate, Connie.

Office hours are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The phone number is (918) 762-3873 Extension 2.

If you are or have been a victim of domestic violence and need help, you can reach our program advocate at any time by calling (918) 399-3310.

COMING SOON!

TOBACCO CESSION CLASSES
Classes are free – workbooks will be provided
Classes start in August - weekly for 7 weeks
Evenings at Pawnee Nation Health & Community Services Building

For more information call Christi or Debbie at Pawnee Nation REACH (762-3873 ext 5)

Health & Wellness
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM HOME COMING ACTIVITIES

On Thursday July 1, 2010 the Pawnee Nation Substance Abuse Program hosted its annual prevention day activities, which included a horseshoe tournament, parade float and “Sober” 49 contest. The events were kicked off with a one mile walk that circled the gymnasium, fitness center, and the Roam Chief building. At the end participants received a t-shirt and were given free water and fruit. Later that day the Substance Abuse Program, Healthy Nations program and JIC/Pawnee Pride Project also had a dunk tank on hand to entice the youth to dunk their favorite worker. Also, door prizes were handed out and almost every participant did not leave that morning’s event empty handed.

The following day the horseshoe tournament was held in front of the Fitness center with teams coming from as far away as Red Rock and Ralston to participate in the annual prevention that promotes sobriety. The event had upwards of thirty spectators on hand to cheer Bill Bible and Michael “Dokes” Bible as they took home first place. The pair beat out 7 other teams to win a trophy and $110 a piece in prize money which included their entry fee. Ronny James and Pete Moore followed in second place and Ronald James Sr. and Marty Driscoll Jr. finished third, both teams winning $66 a piece and $44 a piece respectively.

The activities continued into Saturday and in the a.m. SAP entered the parade to promote sobriety by passing out goodies from coordinator Barbara Attocknie’s truck. That night SAP along with the Healthy Nations Program hosted the “Sober” 49 contest. Due to the rain the contest had to be held indoors which proceeded the Saturday night session of the annual Pawnee Nation Homecoming Powwow. The competition only had two entries but the singers did not disappoint the 200+ spectators. First place was awarded to team Moon Dogs consisting of Jason Lightfoot, Arlen Goodfox, Aaron Adson, Ryan Goodfox, and Jeffrey Lightfoot. Second place went to the team Bad Company and they consisted of Jeremy Whitebuffalo, Mark Quintana, Dwayne Iron, Robert Howell and Kyce Iron. Shannon Sletto and Ashlee Jacobson were chosen as the chorus girls. The first place team won $625 ($125 for each teammate) and second place $500 ($100 for each teammate). $75 was awarded to each of the selected chorus girls.

All winners from each contest also won trophies and t-shirts. Sponsors considered the event a success while participants look forward to next year’s festivities.

SWIMMING SAFETY FOR DIABETICS

Swimming is a great physical activity for people with diabetes. Swimming burns calories, can help control weight, and improves cardiovascular fitness. This is very important because people with diabetes have higher risks than those with heart disease.

Swimming strengthens all the major muscles in the body, which is valuable in controlling diabetes. When exercising, muscle cells more efficiently absorb blood sugar, which in turn lowers blood sugar levels.

The glucose control benefits from exercise can last for hours - or sometimes days - but they are not permanent. This is why getting exercise regularly is more important for people with diabetes than less frequent, but more intense, work outs.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

• Before getting in the water, diabetics should tell the lifeguard that they have diabetes.
• Wear a diabetes ID bracelet while in the water.
• Make sure to wear shower sandals or other footwear around the pool and in the locker room. This reduces the chances of bruising, cutting one’s feet, or of picking up athlete’s foot. Diabetics should examine their feet after leaving the pool for cuts, bruises or abrasions.
• Swimming for an extended period of time may bring on hypoglycemia or low blood sugar. The tired feeling brought on by exercising can feel like hypoglycemia, so it’s very important to monitor blood sugar at regular intervals.
• Bring along glucose pills, snacks, or whatever a health care provider may recommend for when blood sugar drops. Keep a glucose meter and the glucose pills or snacks poolside in a small plastic bag.
• If you wear an insulin pump, consult your health care provider before beginning a swimming program.

For more information please call (918) 762-2153

SIGN-UPS START NOW!

Deadline for League Sign-Ups is the Same Day as the Clinic!

Volleyball League Begins After the Clinic Day!
Brayden Kent Bull, of Pawnee, recently attended the One Nation Empowerment Football Camp in Lawton, OK. The first session was held July 8-10, 2010, at Fort Sill Indian School. Boys in grades 5th-6th participated in various activities related to the sport, as well as the encouragement of positive attitudes and spirituality.

"Campers are afforded the opportunity to spend time in a sweat lodge and sleep in a teepee if they so choose in an attempt to feel closer to their heritage and culture. "We wanted to be able to give them a little bit of today, yesterday, and tomorrow. Obviously empowering them for tomorrow, embrace today, and understand yesterday," says Dominic Bramante, Head Coach and President" (Native American Times)

Brayden was asked to return for the second session of the camp to be held July 20-24, where he will focus on playing in the all-star game.

Brayden will be attending Pawnee Middle School in the fall, and he will be going into the sixth grade. Brayden plays football with the Pawnee Warriors, he also enjoys playing basketball. He is a member of the Navajo Nation, and also descends from the Pawnee and Iowa nations. He is the son of Pawnee tribal member Evelyn Bull, the grandson of Deloyce Archie, and the great-grandson of Philip and Louise (Kent) Matthews.

His family is very proud of him, and his mother would like to thank David Powell and Thembab Lieb for encouraging Brayden while playing for the Pawnee Warriors.

Corrigan Christian HorseChief is a recent graduate of Sequoyah High School at Tahlequah. He was signed to run track for Southwestern Christian University in the Oklahoma City area.

Corri is Pawnee and Cherokee, the son of David and Lena HorseChief of Tahlequah, and the grandson of the late Samuel HorseChief of Pawnee and Mary Adair of Sallisaw.

Quannah Manny Morrison 6, of Massachusetts participated in the Boston Bruins 2010 Cross-Ice Developmental Games.

Quannah is pictured with Tyler Seguin of the Bruins; the 2nd overall pick in the 2010 NHL Draft.

Quannah is the son of Ella Blackowl and Jamie Morrison of North Adams, MA and the grandson of Elizabeth Blackowl.

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CONGRATULATIONS JESSICA MARIE LEADING FOX
PAWNEE INDIAN VETERANS PRINCESS 2010-2011

Crowned Friday, July 2, 2010 at the 64th Annual Pawnee Indian Veterans Powwow

Jessica is 16 yrs old and a Junior at Pawnee High School. She is the daughter of Pat Leading Fox, Sr. and Vicky LeClair. Her paternal grandparents are Chester Leading Fox, Sr. and Myrtle Jean Pratt, and her maternal grandmother is Julia Bayhylle, all are deceased. Jessica’s great-grandfathers are John Leading Fox (Leading Fox) and Edwin Bayhylle, Sr. Her Aunt Maude Chisholm gave her the name of Chupitit (Star) as her Indian name.

Jessica has two sisters Sky Seeing Ruth Leading Fox, 8 years old, and Isabelle Bayhylle Leading Fox, 2 years old. She also has a step sister, Skidi Star Leading Fox, a step brother, Pat Leading Fox, Jr., and two nephews and a niece; Jaden, Patrick (3rd), & Bugsy Leading Fox.

Jessica enjoys dancing, basketball, track, where she throws the shot, and being with her friends and family. She was on the PHS Girls Basketball State Championship Team of 2009 for class 2A, and again this past school year where they were 2nd runner up in the 2010 State Championship. Jessica currently works at Pawnee Bill Ranch & Museum, where she gives tours in the mansion and assists in the gift shop. She is also a member of the N.P.I.C. Club. She is also a devout Christian and a member of the Full Gospel Assembly in Fairfax, OK, and the Indian Baptist Church in Pawnee, OK.

WELCOME BABY
JOCELYN DARLENE CRAWFORD

Jocelyn was born on April 2, 2010 at 2:42 p.m.. She weighed 8 lbs. and 6 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long. She was born with a head full of dark hair, and a loving personality. She is the daughter of Amanda and John Crawford, and the little sister to Jacey and Lucas Crawford. She is the grand daughter of Patricia Hawkins, and Lorenzo Beard. She is the great grand daughter of Mabel Leadingfox Beard and Darlene Carson Hawkins.

We feel very blessed in having this new precious baby, and are enjoying watching her grow!

WELCOME BABY
STEVEN WILLIAM HAWKINS

Steven and Casey Hawkins of East Liverpool, Ohio would like to announce the birth of their son, Steven William Hawkins, born June 6, 2010 at 4:03 am. He weighed 9 pounds 9 ounces and is 22 inches long. He joins 3 sisters, Hanna, Haleigh and Cheyenne.

Grandmother is Marie ( Tda ) Mckinney of Irving, TX and Great Grandmother is the late Darlene Joy Hawkins of Pawnee. He also joins many Aunts and Cousins in Pawnee and Stillwater.

CONGRATULATIONS J.T.

J.T. Jestes was notified that he will be playing in the Oklahoma Football Coaches Association All State Football Game. The game was Friday, July 30, 2010 at Jenks Stadium on.

J.T. was named to the East All State football team with players representing all classifications.
PAWNEE NATION SUMMER YOUTH WORK PROGRAM

By Chloe Jake, Summer Communications Intern

During the summer, for four weeks Pawnee Indian youth are provided the opportunity for employment. Pawnee Nation Youth Services hosts the Youth Summer Work Program, which places young people in various places of work, from the day care to the office. It is intended to provide job skills, work experience, as well as the confidence it requires when seeking employment. Most importantly the program opens the door for youth to step out into the work force in the future. This year there are young people working for various offices at the tribe, such as in Finance, Property, Communications, others are at the day care or with the Elder Program, or at the Berry Building assisting with another youth program. We all have specific duties to perform, with the intention that we become successful at what we do and maybe gain some insight on what careers we may want to pursue. Last year there were three youth employee's that were offered permanent positions after the program ended. I myself have spent the last three summers working for the program, last summer at the day care and the summer before at Southern Oaks Care Center. Both experiences were valuable, and I learned a lot about interacting with people of vast age differences, and even learned some valuable lessons in patience.

This work program is very valuable to us, the young people of the Pawnee tribe. Of course it’s an opportunity to earn money to buy clothes, electronic devices and other such items, but we look on it too as valuable experience. We most importantly look on it as an opportunity to build ourselves, and as motivation to further our educations and to grow into responsible and healthy, happy adults.

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Cherrie Clarke, caretaker of Pahaku, the Pawnee’s most sacred ancestral site in Nebraska, has compiled news articles, pictures and materials that have been saved at the site since 1914, the oldest information and picture is of White Eagle and an interpreter, Tom Knife Chief. This is not a published book, but rather a collection of copies of historical information on Pahaku and the Pawnee that have been preserved for many years. Cherrie does not receive compensation for book orders nor has she received pay for the nearly 30 years of caretaking of Pawnee land and history, her reasons for spending months on the book to sort through 1,500 pages of items were based on fear that the old news articles would disintegrate and the history would be lost. She also hoped that the Pawnee people would be interested in learning about their Nebraska homeland roots and about the site of Pahaku, where their ancestral medicine men were trained.

Along with historical items, will be more recent information. In 1994 Cherrie and a committee of volunteers from Nebraska took Bill Eaves, Nora Pratt, Eddie Collins, Mary Louise Bayhlee-Wabaunsee, and Gloria and Theodore Morgan on a tour of Pawnee sites in Kansas and Nebraska. The trip was called “The Return of the Pawnee”, there are news articles and pictures tell the story. Mary Louise also told the story of her grandmother having to walk from Nebraska to Oklahoma when she was a child. In the book you’ll also find recent information on the conservation easement of farm land adjacent to Pahaku bluff. Cherrie stated she feels “like a lone ranger” as she’s been dedicated to caretaking Pawnee land and history for nearly 30 years without having any Pawnee around.

Organizing materials of different sizes and condition to create the book was a feat. Cherrie asked for assistance from Staples in Fremont, Nebraska to help. The staff was impressed with the project and wanted to do something to help ensure the Pawnee’s history would be preserved and known. Their corporate headquarters in Texas took the project and donated $1,350 in labor and copies to create the first book and put it in digital format. The Pawnee Business Council sent a thank you letter and Pawnee patch to Staples which they framed and displayed in a prominent place in the store.

Cherrie said she felt honored when several copies were purchased last fall for the Pawnee College library as well as from various Pawnee individuals. Museums, libraries and historians in Nebraska have also ordered copies and feedback has been positive.

If you are interested in purchasing the book of materials called “Pahaku and Pawnee History”, call Staples in Fremont, NE at 402-727-9556. Ask for Summer or Justin.

This is a large 900 page book, 3” thick and measures 8”x 11”.

The information is stored on their computer and they make individual copies.

The price is $48, including postage.

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TIPS FOR ELDERS:
STAYING COOL DURING THE HOT WEATHER

When the temperature rises, elders are at high risk for heat related illnesses. Below are some tips to stay cool during this hot weather season:

- Try to avoid strenuous activity or over exertion in the heat. Such household chores such as laundry, vacuuming, gardening, mowing the lawn, and painting should be put off until the weather cools.
- Try to avoid extended periods of sun exposure. With the powwow season happening, its hard to avoid the sun but if you must be in the sun-always wear a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses and bring an umbrella to create shade.
- Always drink plenty of fluids, such as water and avoid drinking caffeinated or alcoholic beverages.
- Eat a well-balanced, light, healthy meal. Try to avoid high protein foods as they will increase metabolic heat.
- Wear light-weight, loose and light-colored clothing. (OSU fans bring out your OSU gear!)

In extreme heat and high humidity, evaporation of perspiration is slowed and the body must work extra hard to maintain a normal temperature. A few heat related illnesses include:

- Heat cramps -muscular pains and spasms in the abdominal or leg muscles caused by loss of water due to heavy sweating. To treat common heat cramps, rest in a cool place and drink half a glass of cool water every 15 minutes.
- Heat exhaustion -when the body overheats in high temperatures and/or high humidity, causing a form of mild shock. A rapid pulse, intense sweating, nausea, headache, dark urine, pale and/or flushed skin and feeling faint are a few symptoms of heat exhaustion. If someone you know seems to be experiencing these symptoms, call 911 and while you are waiting for the emergency services to arrive get the person to a cooler place and apply cool, wet clothes to the face and the body. Have the person drink cool water very slowly every 15 minutes. And watch the person carefully for signs of heat stroke.
- Heat Stroke -occurs when the body’s temperature reaches 104 degrees Fahrenheit or above. This type of illness can be severe and life threatening. A heat stroke is typically caused by exertion in hot weather and lack of hydration. Symptoms of a heat stroke may include rapid heartbeat, red skin, the absence of sweating, dizziness, headache, nausea, irritability or confusion. Some may also experience fainting. If any of these symptoms are experienced, call 911 immediately, move the person to a cool place, immerse them in a cool bath or wrap wet sheets around them. Always watch for breathing problems. If they exhibit changes in their level of consciousness, refuse water, or vomit, do not give them anything to eat or drink.

I would suggest checking with your health care provider or medical professional first to obtain future reference regarding Heat exhaustion and Heat stroke information. If you need further assistance or information please contact our office at (918) 762-4042, Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (resources gathered from the Gatehouse News Service)

From the Program Director:
I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every elder who has participated in the Pawnee Nation Title VI Senior Program. Without our elders, this program would not exist. Being able to provide service through this program with nutrition, health education and assistance to our Native American elders, it’s an honor to do so. You can call me old fashioned or maybe I grew up too traditional in our Native American ways, but I know for one thing I was always told while growing up to respect your elders no matter what tribe they are or where they come from, be honored to do things for them, help them, always sit still when an elder is talking and listen to what they have to say because it could be something important. Over the years that I have worked for this program it reverts me back to that inspirational and motivational poem called “The Wooden Bowl”. If you haven’t read it or heard of it, I suggest you read it. Thank you and God Bless!

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM NEWS & UPDATES

By Florissa Kanuho, Food Distribution Supervisor

The Food Distribution Program began offering new produce to program participants on June 28th. Only limited amounts were ordered, due to uncertainty as to how the food would be delivered. On July 6th we began receiving more of the new produce, in addition to the produce we already receive.

The new items we are now receiving are: 1# romaine lettuce, 2# honey dew melon, 2# cauliflower, 2# cherries, 2# seedless red grapes, 1# radishes, and 1# nectarines. Our produce is delivered weekly on Mondays.

The program has also started giving out plastic bottled juices, the juices available in the 64 oz. bottles are grape and orange. These were not available until the inventory of canned juices was depleted. We have also ordered two other juices that will be coming in with the August shipment, and they are cranberry apple and tomato juices.

If you would like more information on the program, please contact Food Distribution at (918) 762-2541. At this time, the program is still temporarily located at the old warehouse. To enter, you will need to come in through the south door of the warehouse building.

We hope to be in the newly renovated facility by September.

ELDERS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING TO BE SCHEDULED- TBA

For the elders who are attending the 2010 National Indian Council on Aging Conference during September 25-28, 2010 at the Grand Travers Resort in Acme, Michigan, please come to the next Elders Advisory Board Meeting to be updated on the registration, lodging and transportation details for this trip. Registration Deadline is July 31st, and hotel reservations need to be made by August 9th. Contact Mollie Davidson, EAB President and/or Sandra Moore, EAB Vice-President.
MERTON RUSSELL MOORE
March 2, 1928 – June 4, 2010

Merton Russell Moore, long-time resident of Pawnee, passed Friday morning, June 4, 2010 at the Fairfax Hospital. He was 82. Merton was a full blood Pawnee and member of the Pitahauret Band.

Merton was born March 28, 1928 in Pawnee, the son of Edgar Wichita Moore and Geneva Boot Eagle. He graduated from the Haskell Indian Institute in Lawrence, Kansas where he excelled in football, track and basketball. He was voted the Campus Brave while attending Haskell. He honorably served his country in the Army as a Staff Sergeant, serving a tour of duty in Korea. He was married to Genevieve Cox on June 28, 1972 in Pawnee.

Merton was employed throughout his years as a cement mason and in later years worked for the BIA Realty Office with Soil Conservation, retiring in 1990. He was a former Pawnee Tribal Business Council member and former Nasharo Council Chief. He also had served on the Pawnee Tribal Repatriation Committee. He was a member of the St. Johns Catholic Church of Pawnee, the Pawnee Indian Veterans and American Legion Post 198. His enjoyments included following his grandchildren’s sporting events, Pawnee sporting events as well as OU and OSU sporting events. He also enjoyed attending tribal events and the Indian dances where he had been a past participant.

He is survived by his wife, Genevieve, of the home; one step-son, David Palmer of Fairfax; one brother, Lester Sun Eagle of Pawnee and one sister, Jeanette Deroin of Yale, Oklahoma; three grandchildren, Dustin Palmer, Duane Palmer and Shelby Exum; seven great grandchildren, Sierra Palmer, Ashton Palmer, Thunder Palmer, Wazhoxa Palmer, Terri Exum, Kiana Vicenti and Brittany Vicenti. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, James A. Sun Eagle, Marvin Sun Eagle and Alfred Horse Chief; two sisters, Verona Charles and Daphne Deroin.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, June 7, 2010 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Fairfax with Father Matthew La Chance of the St. Johns Catholic Church of Pawnee presiding. Burial was held in the Veteran’s section of the Highland Cemetery in Pawnee. Arrangements were under the direction of the Hunsaker-Wooten Funeral Home in Fairfax.


FRANK LAWRENCE MURIE III
June 22, 1663 – June 28, 2010

Frank Lawrence Murie III, 47, was born on Saturday, June 22, 1963 in Tulsa, Oklahoma to Franklin Lawrence and Cheryl Anne Ferguson Murie. He passed from this life on Monday, June 28, 2010 in Tulsa following a brief illness.

He grew up and attended schools in Muskogee, graduating from Muskogee High School with the Class of 1981. At a young age he began competing in the fancy dance at pow wows across the state and soon became a champion in tiny tots and fancy dance divisions. In high school he was a member of the award winning track team in 4A division, taking high honors in pole vault. Frank attended college at Oklahoma University and Oklahoma State University.

On August 17, 1991, he married Lisa Anne Wright in Tulsa, and they had two sons. The marriage ended in divorce. He was a draftsman for companies in the Tulsa area, and most recently was attending classes to train in the medical field. He accepted Christ and was baptized into the Christian Church in Muskogee. Frank never knew a stranger or a color of skin and had few, if any, enemies. His list of longtime friends would be too lengthy to list.

Frank is survived by two sons, Trevor Lawrence Murie, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Cameron Frank Murie, Gardner, Kansas; fiancée, Teresa Sykes, Tulsa, Oklahoma; mother and stepfather, Cheryl and Junior Bryant, Pawnee, Oklahoma; sister, Francie Roughface and her husband, Damon, Pawnee, Oklahoma; brother, Hawk Murie and his wife, Debbie, Tulsa, Oklahoma; grandmother, Helen Ferguson, Pawnee, Oklahoma; two nieces, Clara and Chloe Roughface, Pawnee, Oklahoma; two nephews, Geoff Roughface, Norman, Oklahoma; Alex Roughface, Pawnee, Oklahoma; faithful companion, Maggie; plus a number of aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends.

Frank was preceded in death by his father, Franklin Lawrence Murie; maternal grandfather, D. Jo Ferguson, and paternal grandparents, Frank Murie and Avis Murie Leader.

Viewing was held at Poteet Funeral Chapel until 10:30 a.m., Thursday July 1, 2010, and interment followed at 11:00 a.m., at the North Indian Cemetery, Pawnee, Oklahoma. A Celebration of Frank’s life was held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday July 1, 2010 at the First Christian Church, Pawnee, Oklahoma, with Rev. Tom Scott officiating, with a reception that followed in the Fellowship Hall. Services were under direction of Poteet Funeral Home, Pawnee, Oklahoma.

Memorials may be made to St. Francis Hospice, 6600 South Yale Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74136.

SHARON GAIL “SHERRY” FREJO
August 3, 1956 – June 5, 2010

Sharon Gail “Sherry” Frejo passed away on June 5, 2010 at Arrowhead Hospital in Glendale, AZ. She was born August 3, 1956 in Oklahoma City, OK to the late Sam and Leota Frejo and was sister of the late Sam Frejo, Jr.

Sharon (Sherry) was our “little sweetheart” who touched all our hearts and will be greatly missed.

She is survived by; brothers, Alfred, Kendall, and James Frejo; sisters, Linda Frejo and Barbara Traylor; plus numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

A wake service was held Friday, June 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., at the Pawnee Indian Baptist Church, Pawnee, Oklahoma.

Funeral services were at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, June 12, 2010 at the Pawnee Indian Baptist Church, Pawnee, Oklahoma, with Rev. Warren Pratt, Jr., officiating. Interment was at the North Indian Cemetery, Pawnee, Oklahoma under the direction of Poteet Funeral Home, Pawnee, OK.
IN A M A E ( M C G U I R E ) R O B E R T S
June 9, 1922 - July 3, 2010

Salina May (McGuire) Roberts died at the age of 88 on Saturday, July 3, 2010 in Sapulpa, Oklahoma at a beauty shop getting her hair done for Sunday meetings. Ina was born to Lester Lane McGuire and Stella Moses being ½ degree of Pawnee tribe in Skidee, Pawnee, Oklahoma on Friday, June 9, 1922. She and her brother, Glen, were raised by their grandparents from the ages 2 & 4 in Newkirk, Oklahoma. She never liked her given birth name so she changed it on her own to Ina Mae.

Ina Mae attended Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas and enjoyed secretarial skills and dabbling in art creations. During summer months she and other girls worked at resorts in Michigan. While at Haskell, she met her future husband, Calvin "C.C." Roberts. C.C. mailed her money to travel from Kansas to Savannah, Georgia to get married. It took awhile traveling by bus with other military personnel getting on and off the bus lines. They married on May 29, 1943 and last year celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary.

Ina always had an eye for beautiful artwork and she was an accomplished oil painter, also working in ceramics. She loved being a homemaker. While living in Tulsa, she belonged to the Tulsa garden club and book club. Ina was a member of the St. James Presbyterian Church of Jenks and while living in Tulsa attended Methodist and Baptist churches.

She loved to travel –Greece, London, Canada, Israel, Hawaii and the United States. The family saw many of the U.S. State parks and memorials. She only had two jobs in early 60’s, working in the gift wrapping department at Vandever’s and foreign correspondent department at Oral Roberts original office on Boulder.

Ina loved the fine arts and attended many Tulsa ballet/broadway shows and big singer’s events that came to town. She had Phantom of the Opera tickets well over a year in advance. Later in life, the Lawrence Welk show would be singing the oldie but goodie songs and you would find her up dancing or tapping along. She loved to dance.

She is survived by her only child, Brenda Cummings of Jenks, Oklahoma; her only brother, Glen McGuire of Tulsa, Oklahoma; as well as her beloved grandchildren, Carrie Eva Thompson and her husband Mike Thompson of Dallas California; Jonathan Enoch Cummings and his wife Jenny Ann Cummings of Midland, Texas; three great grandchildren, Nicholas Robert Thompson of Dallas, California; Kirsten Rose and Colten Calvin (Little C.C.) Cummings of Midland, Texas; nephew, Bruce Roberts and wife Julie Roberts of Annadale, Virginia; great nephew, Nicholas Roberts and great niece, Kathryn Roberts; adoptive son, John and wife Annie and their son Jeremy Sur from Los Alamos, New Mexico.

She is preceded in death by her late husband Calvin Coolidge “C.C.” Roberts, her parents, Lester L. McGuire and Stella Moses; stepmother, Emma Lone Chief. Her great great grandfather "Brave Chief " who was Chief of the Pawnee Tribe.

Graveside services were held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at the Highland Cemetery Chapel in Durant, Oklahoma. Interment was at Highland Cemetery. Jonathan E. Cummings officiated the service.

Family and friends may send online condolences & view tributes at www.holmescoffeymurray.com

Services were under the direction of Holmes – Coffey – Murray Funeral Home in Durant, Oklahoma.

EDWIN V. BAYHYLLE, JR.
September 30, 1930 – July 7, 2010

Edwin V. Bayhylle, Jr. was born on September 30, 1930 to Edwin Vandervoorte Bayhylle, Sr. and Elsie Sam Bayhylle in Pawnee, OK. He was preceded in death by his parents, 3 sisters: Juanita Ruth Cuppawhe, Joyce Marlow Bayhylle, Julia Marie Bayhylle, and two brothers: Charles Donald Bayhylle, and Byron Lewis Bayhylle.

He is survived by his wife, Yvonne Armstrong Bayhylle and their 3 children: Batiste and Allen Bayhylle, Gwendolyn Bayhylle Menoguen, and adopted children: Bertha Bayhylle and Matilda Bayhylle. He is also survived by one brother, Myron Louis Bayhylle of Perkins, OK, and 25 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews in New Mexico and in Oklahoma.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1947 during the Korean War when he was 17 yrs. old. He served his tours on the USS Corral Sea CVH 43 (Midway Class Carrier) and the USS ESSEX CVA 9 (Attack Aircraft Carrier). He didn't talk much about what he did on the carriers but he was proud of the cobra tattoos on both his right and left arms which signified his 2 tours. After his honorable discharge, he made his way to New Mexico for a surveying job, where he met his future wife and where they made their home.

Edwin enjoyed working with children. He had been employed at the BIA Federal Schools of Kayenta Dormitory, Aztec Dormitory, and Huerfano Day School in New Mexico. He encouraged reading and math to the kids, coached basketball and emphasized the importance of team work, ethics, and respect.

Edwin was 79 years old when he lost his battle with cancer and was called home on July 7, 2010. Edwin was laid to rest on July 13, 2010 in Farmington, NM.

CARL JOE BAYHYLLE
March 27, 1946 – June 27, 2010

Carl Joe Bayhylle was born on March 27, 1946 in Pawnee, Oklahoma to Batiste L. Bayhylle and Anita L. Norman Bayhylle. He passed from this life on Sunday, June 27, 2010 in Stillwater, Oklahoma, having reached the age of 64 years and 3 months.

He served in the United States Army from September 14, 1966 until his Honorable Discharge on August 27, 1968. He worked with various telecommunication companies around the country.

Carl Joe is survived by his brothers and sisters and their families: Neil and Judi Bayhylle, Sallisaw, Oklahoma; Brian and Stephanie and their children, Madison and Syndey Ello Bayhylle; Waltina Mills and her daughter, Grove, Oklahoma; Tonya Wichert and her two sons, Austin and Logan; Cheryl Bayhylle and her son Jordan, Stillwater, Oklahoma; Maurice and Gwen Bayhylle and their daughters, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Amanda and Troy Coburn; Leah Bayhylle; plus a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Carl Joe was preceded in death by his parents Batiste and Anita Bayhylle; sisters, Beatrice Butler; Marvena Sexton; and two brothers, Burt Bayhylle and Arnold Bayhylle.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday June 30, 2010 at the Pawnee Nation Multi-Purpose Complex, Pawnee, Oklahoma, with Rev. Warren Pratt, Jr., and Rev. Jordan Kanuho officiating. Interment was in the Veteran’s Section of Highland Cemetery, Pawnee, Oklahoma, under the direction of Poteet Funeral Home, Pawnee, Oklahoma.
Who was “Good Food in Kettle”?  

By Roger Echo-Hawk

My great-grandfather’s mother died long before I was born. She died when my grandfather was just a few days away from turning age three. In my younger days, inquiring about Echo Hawk family history, when I asked our elders about her, very little could be told. A few random details emerged in time, providing sketchy outlines of her life. But these were just a handful of facts, devoid of the person they described. So it was with a sense of great satisfaction that I recently made an interesting discovery about her. I don’t know for sure about this discovery... in the story below, maybe this is as close to the truth as we will ever get.

One of the great works of Pawnee literature is The Pawnee Mythology by George Dorsey, an anthropologist at the Field Museum of Natural History, and James R. Murie, a Skidi Pawnee scholar. During the first years of the twentieth century, Murie and Dorsey heard, wrote down, edited, and published this treasury of stories told by thirty-one Pawnees of all four bands. Published in 1906, this book preserves precious and now long-vanished perspectives on Pawnee history and culture. But the circumstances under which the stories in this book originated are somewhat mysterious.

In an excellent introduction to the 1997 reprint, Douglas Parks noted that Dorsey began working with Murie in the summer of 1901, and in 1904 the two began to collect the narratives that eventually appeared in The Pawnee Mythology. Pointing to the detail in the narratives, Parks speculated that Murie wrote down the stories as they were dictated to him by each storyteller. Murie would have been familiar with this technique from working with Dorsey and other ethnographers of the era.

While it is indeed likely that Murie followed this procedure, it is more clearly known that he dictated stories for this project. Various typed manuscripts kept in the files of the Field Museum bear this note: “Murie-Pawnee (dictated).” In the course of his visits to Chicago Murie sat down with a staff member at the museum and recited stories he had heard from other Pawnees.

If most or all of the stories in The Pawnee Mythology represent retellings by James R. Murie, rather than exact transcriptions taken down by him from storytellers, this might help to explain the apparent literary uniformity of the texts. Parks noted that the narratives lack most of the “characteristic features of Pawnee oral narrative style.” Whatever the origins of these stories, their stylistic consistency may reflect Murie’s personal narrative style, filtered by George Dorsey’s invisible editorial hand.

Murie must have been at work collecting South Band stories prior to 1904. He mentions that Red Sun, a Chauti storyteller, had died in 1903, a year before Dorsey conceived and launched the project. In the years leading up to his association with Dorsey, Murie must have heard many stories during Pawnee storytelling sessions and ceremonies, and he knew many traditions that would have been generally known among other Pawnees of his age and experience.

Aiming at a pan-cultural representation of Pawnee oral literature, Murie and Dorsey minimized the storytellers themselves, providing nominal information on most of them. We find the storytellers listed by their Pawnee names and band affiliations, with only a few identified by their English names. Looking back over a century later, it has become very difficult to securely identify specific storytellers.

One such storyteller was “Good-Food-in-Kettle, a Kitkewahki woman.” Murie and Dorsey attribute three narratives to “Good Food In Kettle”, but they do not identify her further. All three of her stories derive from her family oral traditions, and together these tales provide fascinating glimpses of Kitkewahki history up to the mid-19th century. “Good Food In Kettle” was known among the Pawnees as a skilled storyteller. Murie reported that the tradition titled “The Lightning’s Medicine Ceremony” was considered by the Pawnees to represent “one of the best of the Kitkewahki stories.”

Who was “Good Food In Kettle”? Studying The Pawnee Mythology over the years, I have long pondered her identity.

A clue finally emerged in 2003 when Douglas Parks provided my oldest brother with translations of a list of Echo Hawk family names. Studying a name given for my great-grandmother, “Stah-hah-lee-wah” or “Stah-kah-lee-wah” – a name I found long ago in Pawnee agency records – Parks rendered this name as “Ctaahariwa or Good Dishes (of Food) Woman.”

He also noted that the “food” portion of this name referred to “boiled food” or food cooked in a kettle. When I realized the similarity in names, with both referring to good food cooked in a kettle, I wondered whether “Good Dishes of Food” was the storyteller, “Good Food In Kettle”. Unfortunately, Murie did not provide her Pawnee name, just an English translation.

I thought about what I knew of Choorix.

My great-grandmother, Choorix Echo Hawk, was born about 1865 in the Land of the Three Rivers. Her family dwelt in the Kitkahawki suburb of Wild Licorice Creek, the last Pawnee metropolis in ancient Pawnee land. Choorix had an older sister named Stah-kah-rookah-rookah-roo-koo (also known as Susan, born about 1860 – Douglas Parks renders her name as Ctaakaharuhkaruuko or Prepares Many Meals Woman). Not long before leaving for Oklahoma in the early 1870s, a brother named Bromet Taylor was born to the family.

Choorix’s mother, Cha-kah-us, was a daughter of a man named Louis La Chapelle, who had French Canadian, Pawnee, and possibly Arikara ancestry. Cha-kah-us was a young girl about eight years old when a Sioux military expedition attacked the Pawnees in 1843 and killed her father and massacred many Pawnees. By the end of the century La Chapelle’s descendants became known among the Pawnees as the Taylor and Lincoln and Echo Hawk families.

Choorix’s father, Big Sun, was born about 1840. He had an older sister named Stah-wee-la-coo (also known as Ruth Wades), who was the mother of Robert Real Rider (born about 1852), Lester Sun Eagle (born about 1853), and Young Hawk (born about 1868, the father of Susan Coons). In Some Things Are Not Forgotten (p. 199), Martha Blaine offers this likely reference to Big Sun: “Old Man Sun Eagle’s uncle... possessed the pipe bundle that could make a tornado avoid the mudlodge and the people.”

Choorix and her sister married my great-grandfather Echo Hawk during the 1880s. In our family oral traditions, when US Indian agency officials pressured Echo Hawk to abandon this plural marriage, he told them Choorix was his wife. But he maintained both marriages until Susan’s death in 1895. Choorix lived only a few years longer than her sister, dying in December 1902. This was two years before Dorsey formulated the plan that led to publication of The Pawnee Mythology – it was also more than a year after he launched his partnership with Murie.

In 1902 perhaps two dozen Kitkahawki women were old enough to have earned reputations as respected storytellers. While several might have held the same name at the same time, this seems unlikely. But it is true that women in other Pawnee bands could have held the same name or very similar names. Lottie Fancy Eagle – a Pitahawi-rata woman born during the 1840s – held one such name, rendered by Gene Weltfish as “Tstaharitkari (Woman-kettles-of-food-many).” Lottie told Weltfish that her name referred to a ceremony that had been carried out by her father.

An additional clue is speculative but consistent with identification of “Good Food In Kettle” as Choorix Echo Hawk. Ordering the stories in The Pawnee Mythology, Murie and Dorsey situated one of “Good Food In Kettle’s” stories (“The Woman Who Was Bewitched By a Fox”) immediately before “Ghost-Man Who Became a Whirlwind,” a story told by a Kitkewahki identified as Big Crow – the Pawnee name of my great-grandfather Echo Hawk.
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This ordering is probably coincidental, since the stories are not organized according to storyteller. But perhaps Murie put these two tales together as an oblique reference to the relationship of these two storytellers.

We do not know the circumstances under which Murie obtained and set down the three stories told by “Good Food In Kettle.” But since the woman known as “Good Food In Kettle” came highly recommended as a Kitkahakhi storyteller, Murie would have felt strongly motivated to seek her out and to subsequently include her stories in the Dorsey project. Murie knew the Echo Hawk family from his work as a clerk at a local bank. He testified in a 1914 heirship hearing that he “kept accounts for Echo Hawk[,]” It would have been easy for him to arrange a visit to the Echo Hawk household in 1901 or 1902.

It is frustrating that so many ambiguities plague the circumstances behind the creation of The Pawnee Mythology. The uncertainties surrounding authorship of the stories and Murie’s contributions are further complicated by the lack of transparency regarding George Dorsey’s editorial role.

The choice by Dorsey and Murie to reduce authorial presence, as well as to organize the stories by topic (rather than by storyteller), over-conventionalized Pawnee storytelling, emphasizing the stories as aspects of a general cultural tradition and minimizing them as the idiosyncratic creative productions of individual authors. This approach has some justification, but the authors of the stories deserve to be rescued from anonymity.

Toward this end, I think it is possible to identify the storyteller known as “Good Food In Kettle.” Other information may one day come forward—a long-forgotten document or some other more definite oral tradition kept by some other Pawnee family. But for now, I believe that “Good-Food-in-Kettle” was most likely my great-grandmother, Choorix Echo Hawk.
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