Due to the resignation of President Misty Nuttle, the Pawnee Nation will be conducting a Special Tribal Election on January 2, 2016. The filing dates for candidates were November 18 – 21, 2015. The members of the Pawnee Nation Election Commission encourage all members of the Pawnee Nation to exercise their right to VOTE and become a part of this very important opportunity. Your personal involvement in this process can and will strengthen our Nation, now and in the future. All members of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, who are eighteen (18) years of age or over on the date of the election are eligible to vote.

Any qualified member of the Pawnee Nation can request an absentee ballot in writing, addressed to the Pawnee Nation Election Commission at P.O. 601, Pawnee Oklahoma 74055. Eligible voters may also FAX a request to the Pawnee Nation Election Commission at (918) 762-6446, if they expect to be absent from the polling place on the day of the election. A request for an absentee ballot is printed on page two of this publication and available by contacting the Pawnee Nation request Election Commission at (918) 399- 3426.

Please include a clearly printed valid address and telephone number when requesting an absentee ballot. All requests must be made no less than twenty-one (21) days (December 13, 2015) before the Election day. (January 2, 2016). Upon receipt of a valid request, the Election Commission will forward to the voter all necessary forms to complete the voting process. IMPORTANT: Any ballots received after 12:00 noon on the day of the election WILL NOT be counted. On election day all eligible voters who vote in person will also need to bring and show a state identification or IDIBC card on the day of the election. PLEASE NOTE: This is a Special Election, which means the amount of time to request Absentee Ballots, return Absentee Ballots has been greatly reduced. Please inform your friends and family of this situation and Please submit Absentee requests, and return Absentee Ballots (AS SOON AS POSSIBLE) (remember to give correct address and please write clearly when giving information to the Election Commission)

Due to the holiday season, all members should remember the postal system has its challenges during this time of year, and should take measures to ensure the timely receipt. PLEASE go to the Pawnee Nation Website at: www.pawnee.nation and on Facebook Pawnee Nation Election Commission for additional information.

PLEASE REMEMBER: The Election Commission is comprised of Pawnee Nation tribal members who will work to do their very best to conduct and insure a fair and honest election. Our guideline is the Pawnee Nation Constitution and the Pawnee Nation Ordinance. We promise to conduct this election to the best of our ability and to do our best to represent our Nation and our members. The Commission members will forward to the voter all necessary forms to complete the voting process. We promise to answer and overcome any situation that may arise during the election.

Your 2015 Election Commission
Chairman Stephen Bird (918) 399-5426
Sgt of Arms Delilah Moses
Clark Margaret Twins
Teller Chris McCray
Alternate Jonas Smith

PAWNEE NATION OFFICIAL STATEMENT
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
November 5, 2015

The Pawnee Nation Business Council officially accepted the resignation of their President, Misty Nuttle on Wednesday, November 4, 2015. President Nuttle, in an email to the Council stated, “...it is with a heavy heart that I am forced to resign my position as Pawnee Business Council President. I must take care of my own obligations and put my family first in their time of need. It has been a pleasure serving with all of you and I will always hope for the best for the Pawnee Nation.” President Nuttle will serve as the Interim President in various capacities and most recently as President, providing excellence in leadership.

In accordance with the Pawnee Nation Constitution, Vice President W. Bruce Pratt has been appointed as the Interim Pawnee Nation Business Council President and Councilman for President. I must take care of my own obligations and put my family first in their time of need. It has been a pleasure serving with all of you and I will always hope for the best for the Pawnee Nation.” President Nuttle will serve as the Interim President in various capacities and most recently as President, providing excellence in leadership.

Native American Heritage is also being acknowledged here at the Nation. The Pawnee Business Council (PBC) hosted a prayer breakfast on November 2nd, Rock the Moc Day on November 9th, Fry bread contest November 17th and a Native filming contest was held during the Employee Thanksgiving Dinner on November 20th. On November 25th there will be a Native American Heritage Day at the Pawnee Student Welcome Center, and a Pawnee Student Welcome at the Pawnee Student Welcome Center on November 26th. We wish all the Native American Heritage Days success this season. Here at the Pawnee Nation, we are busily working toward sharing what Atias Tira Wahat has given us this past year. With a spirit of unity and pride in our people, we have recently mailed out ham and/or turkey coupons to our elders, planned Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations for our employees and elders and are busy planning other holiday events.

For the past 2 years, the Pawnee Nation Code Talkers have been inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame. A special Election will be held on January 2, 2016 for the President and Councilman of Pawnee Nation to fill the vacancy of the President. A special election will be held within 60 days to fill the vacancy of the President. The Pawnee Nation looks forward to continuing success during this period of transition and with deep gratitude would like to thank President Nuttle for her service to the Pawnee Nation and wish for her and her family all blessings.

Notice: Due to the resignation of President Misty Nuttle, the Pawnee Nation will be conducting a Special Tribal Election on January 2, 2016.

Adrian Spottedhorsechief has been selected to serve as the Interim Vice President. A special election will be held within 60 days to fill the vacancy of the President. The Pawnee Nation looks forward to continuing success during this period of transition and with deep gratitude would like to thank President Nuttle for her service to the Pawnee Nation and wish for her and her family all blessings.
REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT

Date of Request: _______________________

Pawnee Nation Election Commission:

I, ______________________________________, an enrolled member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma am/will be 18 years of age on the day of such election; I am hereby requesting that an Absentee Ballot be mailed to me at the address below with Pawnee Tribal Enrollment number and telephone number to be provided.

Print Name: ______________________________________ (as appears on CDIB/Pawnee tribal card)

Enrollment #: __________________________________ (if available, should appear on CDIB/Pawnee tribal card)

Mailing Address: ______________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: __________ Zip Code: __________

Telephone #: __________________________

Signature: __________________________

Note: Request for absentee ballot must be received by DECEMBER 13, 2015 (MIDNIGHT)

Mail to:

Pawnee Nation Election Commission
P.O. Box 600
Pawnee, Oklahoma 74058

If you choose to submit via delivery service, use this delivery address:

Pawnee Nation Election Commission
Attn: Cynthia Butler
Building #64
881 Little Dee Drive
Pawnee, OK 74058

Additionally, you may fax a signed request to (918) 762-6446. Please include cover sheet and make attention to Election Commission.
Above, Passionate for Pink Contest and below, Boc Pong Competition during the 2015 Breast Cancer Awareness Event.

News from SAP:

The Pawnee Nation Substance Abuse Program (SAP) collaborated with Pawnee Grade School, Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement, Pawnee Police Department, and Pawnee County Sheriff’s Office to hold the annual Red Ribbon Walk. The Pawnee Grade School teachers along with SAP staff and a few tribal employees walked from the grade school through downtown Pawnee, carrying banners, and chanting “Don’t Do Drugs.” The SAP Program provided bags, pencils, cups, and ribbons with alcohol and drug free messages on them to all the students in the Pawnee Public School system. This is just one of the outreach projects in which SAP program sponsors for the Pawnee Public School students.

This is only the beginning of many opportunities for the people that have to contend with substance abuse issues. For the most part, society views the holiday season as a joyful or happy time, but for many, this can be a pivotal time in maintaining a person's sobriety. The four biggest emotional causes for relapse are faced during this time frame, which are anger, anxiety, depression, and fear. The actions can scale from small to great and time to finding a way to providing gifts. Just remember that the best gift of all is to be able to give one self/family companion in a healthy way. So just remember to take care of ourselves first so we can then give to others.

For additional information, please contact Barbara Attschick, Substance Abuse Program Coordinator, (918) 285-4806 or Mike Ottis, Substance Abuse Counselor, (918) 399-5324. SAP office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8am-5pm and Wednesday from 9am-5pm. Support group is on every Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm. The Substance Abuse Program staff are on call during after 5pm.

Pawnee Pride

Pawnee Pride hosted their first glow in the dark “Nightmare Doubles” disc golf tournament for Halloween. Twelve teams entered the tournament for a night filled with fun, festive events. The tournament is in the works. Pawnee Pride is also discussing possibilities of expanding the current mini golf course into a eighteen hole course. For more information about Pawnee Pride’s disc golf bag check out their Facebook page, please contact Dana Bland at (918)762-3737 or dprowd@pawneenation.org.

For the most up-to-date information about the Pawnee Nation events and meetings, go to the Pawnee Nation Website at: www.pawneenation.org or visit us on Facebook at Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

mela@pawneenation.org

Pawnee Nation Food Distribution Program

The Food Distribution Program began giving out the frozen pork chops in September. The frozen pork chops were initially distributed as 1 lb. package per participant, but now there is no limit on the amount a household can take as long as it is within the maximum quantity of meat per household. The frozen pork chops are boneless and come four in a package.

The two new fresh produce items, clementines and fresh cranberries, are now available for the holiday season. The clementines come in 3 lb. bags and the fresh cranberries come in 1 lb. bags. The program began giving out 3 lb. frozen, fully cooked boneless hams on November 30. The hams will be limited and will be given out until all are gone.

In the coming months, we will be adding our regional traditional foods to our food package. These foods are blue cornmeal and frozen blue. The bisson will be in 2 lb. bags and will not be a part of the flour/commercial group. It will come in 2 lb. units. The bison will also be in its own food group and will not be a part of the standard meat group. The packaging size of the bison will be either 1 lb. or 2.5 lb. units.

On October 1, the program received the FY 2016 net monthly income standards. If you would like to see if you are eligible for the Food Distribution Program or would like more information, you can come by our office or call (918) 762-2431. The program is located on the south side of the Roam Chief Building.

2nd place-Springer Boys

3rd place-Chieftain

OPEN Monday-Friday 8-5

Tribeal Employment Rights Office (TERO) 657 Harrison St., 3rd Floor (918) 762-3227
State Campus, Downer

Job Fair coming soon!

Fairview for Sale!

There is nothing better than a nice warm fire on a cold, snowy winter day or night. The TERO ever has been cutting and splitting oak firewood to sell. We have racks and coals for sale! We offer Delivery! Call for Pricing! (918) 762-3227

ICDBG Construction Project – Growth Breaking, Early 2016
BUILDERS UNLIMITED INC., (BIU) awarded Construction Management Contract Job Fair coming soon!

Need skilled apprentices, journeymen in the construction field. Preferably with tools, and steel toe boots. Check out the PNTERO Facebook page: “Pawnee Nation Tribal Employment Rights Office” Training and Job announcements, updated regularly.

Felix’s collected by TERO help to pay for:

• TERO Hiring Hall & Skilled Labor List is used to hire workers for a specific trade on the Pawnee Tribe labor on all construction projects. If you would like to be added to the TERO Hiring Hall and Skilled Labor list-please contact and apply at the TERO office. List all skills and experience.

• Check in with the TERO office frequently. ensure your contact information is current.

• TERO serves as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

• The Fire’s collected by TERO help to pay for Wages for TERO employees.

• Tools, Equipment, Offices
• Training and Certification such as: - 2b Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Heavy Construction (CHTI), General OSHA Courses.

OSU/ TETAP

Check out the PNTERO Facebook page: “Pawnee Nation Tribal Employment Rights Office” Training and Job announcements, updated regularly.

For more information about Pawnee Pride’s disc golf bag check out their Facebook page, please contact Dana Bland at (918)762-3737 or dprowd@pawneenation.org.
Above and to the left are some of the events during the Employee fun day in preparation for the inter-tribal competition.

**Pawnee Nation College Activities**

Above, a Special is held during the Pawnee Nation College Powwow and to the left, Straight Dancers compete for prize money.

**Other activities at the Tribe**

Above, Jr. Pratt and Dorothy Moore donate blood to the Red Cross.

On this page are pictures of Activities during the Month of September and October, except for the Winners of the Fry Bread Contest which was held on November 18th.

Pawnee Nation participates in the Preventing Violence Against Women Walk in Ponca City

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**FLU SHOT**

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Group shot of Pawnee Representatives

Annual Fry Bread Winners Left to right: 1st place through 5th
Pawnee Elementary Schools participate in the Annual Walk against Drugs. The students did a great job!

Halloween at the Pawnee Nation

Group photo of the Winning Team for the Inter-tribal Games

Above are the Representatives of each Tribe participating in the Inter-tribal Games. Winners left to right are: Pawnee Nation, 1st place, Iowa Tribe, 2nd place, Kaw Nation, 3rd place and Otoe-Missouria Tribe, 4th place. At right are the undisputed winners of the tug of war, the Otoe-Missouria Tribe. They win every year.

More Pictures from the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame Banquet honoring the Pawnee Code Talkers
# Resolution to Approve the Pawnee Nation Aquatic Health Center

The Pawnee Nation Aquatic Health Center (PNACH) is a vital resource for the Pawnee Nation, providing essential services related to water quality monitoring, aquatic health, and sanitation. To support the continued operations and maintenance of the PNACH, the Tribal Council has approved the FY-2015 application for funding. This application aims to leverage funds from various sources, including the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The approval ensures that the PNACH will remain operational and continue to meet the health and safety needs of the Pawnee Nation.

## Resolution

- **Title:** Resolution to Approve the FY-2015 Application for the Pawnee Nation Aquatic Health Center
- **Date:** Approved November 16, 2015
- **Vote:** A vote of five for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (S.Adson) and one not voting (President Nuttle).

The Pawnee Nation Aquatic Health Center is an essential component of the Nation’s system for monitoring and maintaining water quality. This resolution formalizes the approval of the FY-2015 application, ensuring the sustainability of the PNACH and its critical functions for the Pawnee Nation and the surrounding communities.
OBITUARIES

Jesica Lee Phillips, Tahlequah resident, passed away Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015, in Tulsa. She was 41 years of age.

Funeral services for Jesica were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with Bishop Spencer Johnson officiating. Interment was held at the Tahlequah City Cemetery under the direction of Hurt Funeral Home.

Viewing was held on Tuesday, Sept. 1, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and at the church from 8:30 a.m. until time of service. The casket was closed following the service.

Pallbearers were Dale Hutchins, Seth Huntley, Phillip North, Jonathon Thomas, Sequoyah Pritchett and Gary Phillips. Honorary Pallbearers will be Henry Farmer, Ron Byrner, Don Price, David Gentry, Fred Byrner, Freddie Shade and Reverend Groovy.

Jesica was born Aug. 1, 1974, in Tulsa to Gary and Gene (Horsechief) Phillips. She grew up in Tahlequah and graduated from Tahlequah High School.

She went on to attend Northeastern State University graduating with a degree in speech pathology. Jesica loved attending Native American powwows, doing genealogy, hiking, backpacking and traveling. She loved to travel. Her greatest joy was attending events she was proud of her Cherokee and Pawnee heritage. She had a kind, loving and giving spirit who enjoyed helping others. Jesica loved spending time with her nephews, Trayton.

Survivors include her parents, Gary and Gene Phillips of Tahlequah; one brother, Jonathan Levi Phipps and his wife, Karena, of Wellston; sister, Valerie Byrner Watkins; one nephew, Tristan Phipps; four aunts, Lucinda Horsechief of Tahlequah, Neva Moore of Pawnee, of Cushing, Robert Butler of Tulsa, of Okemah; and Debra Linn and husband, Susan Mae Moore of Red Rock, and Debra Linn and husband, Susan Mae Moore of Red Rock, and Debra Linn and husband, Susan Mae Moore of Red Rock, and Debra Linn and husband, Susan Mae Moore of Red Rock.

Jesica had three beautiful little boys whom she loved unconditionally. She was a loving mother, daughter and sister. Her family was her world. She leaves to cherish her memory….

Obituary for Robert Theodore (Ted) Left Hand Sr. (85 years old)

Robert Theodore (Ted) Left Hand Sr., St., of Pawnee, OK, born December 8, 1937, passed away peacefully at his home in Tulsa, OK on Sunday, September 6, 2015. Robert was a life-long resident of Pawnee, Oklahoma. He was born in Tulsa, OK, to loving fathers of 8 children, 2 adopted daughters, as well as 3 step-daughters; Georgia Left Hand, Tampia, FL; Cynthia Byrner, Fort Bragg, NC; and Victoria Left Hand, St., Louis, MO; Carmen Left Hand; Deceased; Robert Left Hand Jr., St., Louis, MO; Dennis Left Hand, London, ON; Samuel Left Hand, London, ON; Rebecca Left Hand, Nestor Falls, ON; Sylvia (Dennis) McNinch, London, ON; Karen Chisholm, Catosota, OK; Luanda Cole, Picoria Heights, IL; Tammy Cole, Ovora, OK; and Deborah O-Hara, Broken Arrow, OK. In addition to his 8 children, Robert was proud grandfather of 33 grandchildren and great-grandfather to 13. Born to Sam Left Hand of Cushing, OK and Emma Slay (Young) Left Hand of Oklahoma City, OK, Robert was the son of his mother, he was raised by his uncle Sam Young of Pawnee, OK. Robert proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps from 1954-1956. During his free time, Robert coached football, boys and girls basketball and boys and girls softball. A champion fantasy dancer in his early years, Robert later moved towards fishing. (Willie Nelson style). Robert was a devout Christian who gave his life to the Lord in 1985. He was a faithful and loving husband to the love of his life, Darlene (Left Hand) Left Hand, to whom he was married for 50 years. Robert is preceded in death by his parents, Sam and Emma Left Hand; Uncle Sam Young, his brothers Sherman Left Hand, William Left Hand, Lawrence Left Hand, and Robert Francis (Butch) Left Hand, sister–in–law Tepeycoh (Tahlequah) Carmen Left Hand, and grandson, Clarence (Ceech) Kelly. Robert’s wake will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at the Pawnee Indian Baptist Church, Pawnee, OK with Warren Pratt, Jr., officiating. Interment will be held at the Cherokee-Shawnee Cemetery, Pawnee, OK with a traditional mourning feast immediately after Services under the direction of Potawatomi Funeral Home, Pawnee, OK.

Obituary for Dewey A. Butler Sr. (50 years old)

Dewey A. Butler died on September 18, 2015 in Oklahoma City. He was 50 years old. His graveside services were held on September 21st at the Butler Family Cemetery. Dewey was the son of Frank and Dora Butler Sr., and Juana M. VanAern M. Butler, and his wife of Pawnee, OK. Born September 22, 1964 in Pawnee, OK, he was raised with the angels of the U.S. Marine Corp. After leaving the Marine Corp, he returned home to Cushing. His father George H. Butler Sr., one sister Darlene Butler and a brother Roland Butler preceded Dewey A. Butler in death.

Survivors include his mother, Juana M. Butler and his companion, Melanie Butler, four children: Dewey A. Butler Jr., Jamie Jo Eagle, Thomas Butler and Frances Butler.

Reminder: A Special Election Edition is scheduled to be printed in Mid-December. Included in this upcoming edition will be Pawnee Nation Presidential Candidacy letters and pictures.
November 11, 2015
AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION IN THE PAWNEE CHIEF:

DATE OF ELECTION: January 2, 2016
TIME: 8:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: Multi-Purpose Building

November 18 - 21, 2015
FILING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES:
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Saturday: 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Pawnee Nation Community Building
$200.00 Filing Fee (Must be Cashier’s Check or Money Order)

November 23, 2015
Post List of Candidates (11:00 A.M.)

November 23 – 27, 2015
Election Commission review of Eligibility of Candidates

November 23 - 27, 2015
CHALLENGE PERIOD: Any Eligible Tribal Voter May Challenge the Eligibility of a Candidate in Writing. Tribal Court: Act on Appeals and Challenges.

November 30, 2015
Election Commission Review of Challenges

December 1 – December 7, 2015
Deadline: Candidates Statements are Submitted to Communications By 5:00 P.M. for Publication in Newsletter and Website.

December 1, 2015
Post List of Qualified Candidates:
Pawnee Agency, Pawnee Nation Offices and Submit to the Pawnee Chief and the Pawnee Nation Communications Department for Publication.

December 13, 2015
DEADLINE FOR “REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS”

December 23, 2015
Election Commission Review of Challenges

December 30, 2015
ELECTION DAY:
POLLS OPEN: 8:00 A.M.
POLLS CLOSE: 7:00 P.M.

January 2, 2016
Post Election Results:
12:00 P.M.

January 5 – 7, 2016
Deadline: Candidates Statements are Submitted to Communications By 5:00 P.M. for Publication in Newsletter and Website.

January 14, 2016
Election Commission will Respond To Protests No later Than January 14, 2016.

January 15, 2016
Issue Certification of Election

January 16, 2016
INAUGURATION

Chairman: Stephen Bird (918) 399-5426

Clerk: Margaret Twins

Teller: Chris McCray

Sgt of Arms: Delilah Moses

Alternate: Jonas Smith

Editors Comments:
Remember Tribal Members that you must request an Absentee Ballot before December 13th to receive the ballot to vote in the Special Election on Saturday, January 2, 2016. In-person voting will also be available but if you live out of town and want to vote, your only option is to request and return that absentee ballot.

In a few weeks, we will print a special election edition with photos and campaign letters from the candidates. This special edition will be mailed by 1st Class Mail and will be somewhat smaller than what you are used to. But it will provide all the information you need to make an informed decision about who you want to lead the Pawnee Nation for the next 3 1/2 years.

Thank you for reading the Chaticks Si Chaticks and have a great Holiday Season with family and friends.