Pawnee Business Council President George E. Howell cutting the ribbon to the Skedee Bridge, along with (L to R) Dale Carter, Pawnee County Commissioner District 3/Chairman, J.T. Adams, Pawnee County Commissioner District 2, David Wilkins, Pawnee County Commissioner District 1, and Marshall Gover, Pawnee Business Council.  PAGE 9

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Message From President George Howell

Dear Pawnee Tribal Members:

First, on behalf of my family, I thank all those kind people who offered us prayers, gentle thoughts, condolences, contributions, food sharing, and keeping vigil upon the recent passing of my younger sister, Barbara Howell Chevarillo on February 17, 2011. The support shown our family was consoling. My family thanks you and appreciates your kindness.

The Pawnee Nation has been busy on many fronts. On 3-15-2011, for example, a joint venture between the Pawnee Nation Transportation Department and Pawnee County Commissioners, culminated in the dedication of a completed bridge. This bridge replaces a very old and narrow structure was once known as, “the bridge where the goat was hung.” The new one is just short of the length of a football field. Along with Pawnee Nation members who live in this vicinity of the county, this access for safer passage also benefits other Pawnee County residents.

This year, we again welcomed a group of Social Work students from Millikin University from Decatur, Illinois. A group of students comes every three years during their spring break to work on projects for the Pawnee Nation. This is the second group of students who has spent spring break with us. Their Director/Instructor, Mary Garrison, said they look forward to coming to Pawnee and thoroughly enjoy the trip and experience. The Pawnee Nation welcomed the students warmly and accommodated them in our usual hospitable tradition. The current nine student visitors gave the Community Building a fresh coat of paint.

The Pawnee Nation’s very own Pawnee Nation College is coming into its own under the direction of Dr. Todd Fuller. Pawnee Nation College has teamed with Bacone College, Muskogee, OK in offering Associate and Bachelor degrees. This extraordinary effort has come a long way in the last five years. The Pawnee Nation College institution is coming into its own with a high level of professionalism, particularly in quality of staff committed to the pursuit of education. I believe firmly that education levels the playing field for American Indians. Take advantage of it, it is in our own back yard!

Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, Director of Indian Health Service, sent me a letter requesting my comments on a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) among the BIA, BIE (Bureau of Education), and IHS agencies on alcoholism and substance abuse. I will consult with representatives from these tribal agencies and provide comments with direct tribal input.

I recently served as the OKC-IHS Area representative to the IHS national budget formulation work group in Tempe, AZ. All twelve Indian Health Service Areas presented their priorities. The consensus indicated: (1.) Behavioral Health; (2.) Contract Health; (3.) Facility Construction as the three major priorities. Targeting these three top concerns means needing more funds to meet the health needs of American Indians. This is a long and ongoing issue and we have made some gains; but that is not good quality health care so we continue to push our agenda.

One good factor is that we ensure tribal level input through the representatives serving on these committees.

Thank you and have a Blessed Easter!

—President George Elton Howell
May 7, 2011 - Election Day
- Onsite Voting: Polling booths will be located at the Multi-Purpose Building, 806 Morris Rd., Pawnee Tribal Reserve
  Polls open at 8:00 a.m. and Close at 7:00 p.m.
- Absentee Voting: Ballots must be received by the Election Commission at PO Box 600, Pawnee OK 74058 by Noon on Election Day.

May 8, 2011 - Election Results Posted at 10 a.m.
- Visit www.pawneenation.org/election
- Onsite postings at Multi-Purpose Building and Building 64.

May 9-11, 2011 - Protest Period
- Voters may submit a written protest with explanation to the Election Commission.
- All recount requests must include payment of a $300 fee.
- The Protest Period ends at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2011. Protests received after 5:00 p.m. will not be accepted. The Election Commission will respond to protests by no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 18, 2011.

May 21, 2011 - INAUGURATION
Candidate for President

GEORGE ELTON HOWELL

Education:
- Clinton High School, 1950-54, Clinton, OK;
- OK State Tech, 1/1959-12/1960, Accounting Diploma, Okmulgee, OK;
- Southwest Data Institute, 1967/1968 Computer Program, Diploma, Durango, CO;
- Western Region Alcohol Counselor Training, 1970/1972, Univ. of UT, SLC, UT;

Military:

Professional Experience:
Chief Accountant, 1962-66, So. Ute Tribe, Ignacio, CO; Southwest Data Institute Keypunch Division, 1967-1970, Data Processing Division Manager, Durango, CO; Western Region VI Indian Alcoholism Training Center, 1970-75, Univ. of Utah; Region VI, 1975-1978, Executive Director, Edmond, OK; Indian Health Service, Social Work/Field Health Director; 1982/83, promoted; IHS. CEO clinics/hospitals, 1983-2000, highest level GM15, retired; Alcohol Facility

Executive Director, TX 2000/2002, relocated to Oklahoma.

Political Experience:

Public Service:
Chairman of National Organization of Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee (IHS direct health service to tribes); Vice-Chairman-Native Tribes Advisory Council (NTAC); National Behavioral Health Committee; Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service Representative- National Budget Advisory Committee; Oklahoma City Area Office-User Population Committee Member; Interim Chairman, Oklahoma City Area Direct Service Tribes.

With my membership on the Pawnee Business Council, I will continue striving to benefit the Pawnee Nation with my work on projects to increase good quality health for the people. I believe that without comfortable health status, whatever else we may accomplish means little when poor health deters people from enjoying their family, children, traditional events, peace of mind, or even a good meal. My membership will also continue benefiting the Nation by my pursuing the progress we have made in building the Nation’s resources, strengthening the infrastructure to save money (energy), building and re estructuring facilities to accommodate tribal people’s needs. Another benefit of my membership involves education. We have purchased the Berry Building in Pawnee for education and museum activities. I am a passionate supporter and advocate for any Pawnee looking to advance his/her education. Promoting students to stay in high school, technical school, Pawnee Nation College, OU/OSU is to pull out all stops to help the students succeed. I will continue to assist education funding to ensure an education for our people. With all the proposed federal cuts in education, we will meet the challenge head on.

There are many issues currently facing the Pawnee Nation. However, I will address the top three that are most pressing:

#1. Financial stability and progress from which we can continue moving forward. The first step in a long list of economic accomplishments was the opening of the StoneWolf Casino sixteen months ago in Pawnee. That was a venture long overdue and was finally reached. It was an event long in the works and required working in cooperation with many people, which included the late PBC Treasurer Les Hand. There have been some obstacles did occur in the past few months and must be worked out. We need meaningful input with realistic business plans which include feasibility studies; mostly, however, there must be access and availability of funds. We want to continue asserting our independence and sovereignty by getting away from dependency upon grants. I will actively pursue every avenue to keeping the Pawnee Nation moving forward. If major changes needed to be made based upon substantial rational and data, we will make those necessary changes. Half-baked risky ventures to build the Pawnee Nation’s future on does not make for stability. This is an area to build on with scrutiny and professional consultation, well thought out planning which must be meaningful to the Pawnee Nation.

#2. Health is another top priority to address. I work toward making a positive impact on the health of Indian people. On the committees for which I have been selected involves many dedicated people committed to paving the way to ensure that health care for Indian people remains at the top of the list and that funding cuts are minimal. I will continue to work with the CEO of Pawnee IHS to address the care of those not listed as “Priority.” Any individual’s health setback is considered a priority. Good quality healthcare is an area that I will continue to strive to impact the lives of the Pawnee people, wherever they may live, and the lives of other Indian people.

#3. This priority addresses the general needs of the Pawnee Nation tribal members. The funeral funding and money availability for the elders are some of the areas I want to expand upon. The basic needs of our people are utmost important to many of us. Starting with the children, I will follow through with a fund for children’s school supplies at the beginning of each school year. This idea was first proposed at a Council meeting open forum by Mr. Bill Howell. At first glance, this seems like an simple thing, but generating ideas such as this helps us to meet the basic needs of the people. I look forward to hearing your ideas.

I was raised by my grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles not to brag about myself. My grandmother, Sarah Chapman, would remind us every now and then of remaining humble, especially when one of my older cousins got a little feisty. I was rather concerned when I first decided to run for office in 2003. I knew that in a campaign speech pounding on your chest often catches someone’s eye. How was I to keep a balance and still be honest in teaching my younger family members about humility? In keeping with tradition, I went to see the oldest member of my family at the time, my dearest Uncle Hank Stoneroad.

I explained the situation to him, he said he was glad to know I was running for PBC. He said for me to merely tell the truth of what I had done and not to forget to thank those who had helped me along the way. Uncle Hank said to always live to make someone else’s life better. In this election of 2011, I had told him early on that I thought I would run again, he said I had his blessings and to do good for the people. That is what I plan to do. Thank you.
Nowah. My name is Marshall Gover and I am running for Pawnee Business Council President. My paternal grandparents were Shield Chief and Viola Wilde. My maternal grandparents were Marshall Smith and Clara Smith, who were Baptist Ministers. I am the son of Steven G. Gover and Vera Faye Gover; who were on the Southern Baptist Mission Board. I am a Vietnam combat veteran and served honorably in the Marine Corps from 1965 to 1969.

If elected to serve as Pawnee Business Council President, I will work toward the betterment of the Pawnee Nation. I believe that our tribe should use inventive, creative means to seek out alternatives to federal grant funds. We should diversify our sources of revenue by pursuing economic development initiatives, private sources of funding, and other viable alternatives. The Pawnee have a strong warrior tradition, with a history of combat service from the Pawnee Scouts, to Veterans of the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Desert Storm, and present day conflicts. For this reason we are known as men of men, Chaticks Si Chaticks. We should use this ability to fight for the Pawnee Nation’s tribal services and programs, and the future of our children and grandchildren.

The Pawnee have a strong belief in God Almighty and his son Jesus Christ. Our forefathers’ belief in Atias Tirawa Hut carried them well, and our belief in him will carry us into the future. I have often heard our people say, “Pray for me”. I am asking you to not only to pray for me, but to pray with me for our Pawnee People. With your vote and the power of prayer we can achieve much, and we can go far.

GOVERnment is for all!

In preparing this Election 2011 Special Edition of the Chaticks si Chaticks newsletter, the Communications Office worked closely with the candidates to obtain information that would be helpful to Pawnee voters on Election Day. To assist the candidates in developing their newsletter articles, the Communications Office provided each candidate with a biographical question and answer form. Although some candidates chose to complete the biographical form prepared by the Communications Office, other candidates chose to submit a biographical article. Please note that every effort was made to provide fair, unbiased coverage of each candidate participating in the Pawnee Business Council’s 2011 Election.

According to the Election Commission, the following candidates are qualified to participate in the May 7, 2011 election:

PRESIDENT
• George E. Howell
• Marshall R. Gover

TREASURER
• Roy Weeks Taylor*
*As the incumbent Treasurer and lone filer for the seat, Mr. Taylor will continue to serve as Treasurer and will not appear on the ballot.

COUNCIL SEAT 1
• Richard Tilden
• Ronald Rice

COUNCIL SEAT 2
• Elizabeth Blackowl
• Karla KnifeChief

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eventually earned the highest skill level in this field, as a Tool and Die Maker.

**HILTI Industries**
With this experience, Hilti Industries in Tulsa hired me as a Tool and Die Maker to go to their Minneapolis, MN facility. My duties were to learn the company’s operation then be instrumental in moving the company back to Tulsa. This Tool and Die Maker Position is a specialized field and commands top paid money in the trades’ field. It consists of either doing the work and when over loaded taking the work to outside vendors to bid on the jobs. You needed to know who does best work and at a reasonable price, plus be able to meet the deadlines. I worked at Hilti for 18 years, until I received an on the job injury.

**United States Department of Veterans Affairs:**
In August of 2000, I was hired as a Counselor/Investigator GS-5, and eventually retired with the rating of GS-12. My work involved investigating Equal Employment Complaints for the VA’s Office of Resolution department and the Equal Employment Commission. My duties were to counsel employees to help them determine if they had a valid Equal Employment Complaint. As a certified federal Mediator, I was able to resolve the majority of the Claims; if an employee was not satisfied and they could then take it to the next level, and either myself or another investigator would do the complete investigation; which could involve traveling to their duty station for an assessment. When complete, my comprehensive report was then to be reviewed by a Federal Judge for his ruling and determination. After this service, I retired in 2008.

**Public Service:**
- Vice President of NARF local 278, Tulsa OK- Current
- USMC Historical Foundation; Board of Directors- Current
- Haskell Indian Nations University; Past Board of Directors
- IHCR Powwow; Board of Directors- Current
- TERO Pawnee; Board Member- Current
- Past Member of the Board of Trustees of D-Q University; Davis, California
- Past President of the Oklahoma Haskell Alumni Chapter
- Chairman of the Oklahoma Indian 1st AA Conference
- Current Chairman of the Trail of Hope
- Friend of Bill W since 1985- Current
- Active in Vietnam Veteran’s organization
- Spiritual leader to incarcerated veterans at the Fort Leavenworth Military Correctional Facility

**Describe how your membership on the Pawnee Business Council will benefit the Pawnee Nation:**
My oath I would swear when becoming a member of the Pawnee Business Council is to serve “The Pawnee Nation”, not a part of the Pawnee Nation, not only my family or my friends, but all the Pawnee Nation. This will be a large benefit to the Nation and will always be a part of my decision making process. This is the only style of governing that will allow us to take our Pawnee Nation out from under a very large indebtedness and be able to be prosperous like our neighboring tribes.

Now for the process for making competent decisions, which always starts with listening to all views, but always remaining skeptical? I will use experiences in business and working with the Federal Government as a background, and then my due diligence in verifying the opportunity or the proposal will lead me down various paths. It will start with researching the subject, looking for comparables, seeking counsel from specialist for their opinion, then making the best decision at the time.

This style of decision-making is what you received, when you honor me with this responsibility. When any elected Pawnee Nation employee votes on any issue, you want competent, unbiased, and well researched decisions that only have the betterment of the whole Pawnee Nation in mind. Anything less is not acceptable.

The world we live in cries out for direct communication between Tribal Members and our elected officials. When and if you have questions or want to be heard, how can you make this happen? I am Richard Tilden and I will listen, just email me at rtpawnee@cox.net anytime, or write me at PO Box 470682 Tulsa, OK 74147. I will hear your concerns, questions and problems regarding the Pawnee Nation, and you will receive an answer. When any tribal member wants to contact their elected officials directly and in private and can have their voice heard, the whole Nation benefits.

**Identify the top three priorities**

1. Inclusion of the vast number of qualified, experienced, and educated, Pawnee Nation members in Universities, Government and Business from around the world in the decision making process to help in the direction our Nation is proceeding. We have the technical means to use video conferencing, and telephone-conferencing to invite our Pawnee Nation members this vast experience and knowledge to our council tables and use their insight on the direction our Nation is going. Their capabilities could also be used in planning 5, 10 and 20 yearlong range plans for the Nation. We need to compile a database of all Pawnee Nation members, their capabilities, experience and abilities, and then use this information to call on them to assist the Nation in the progress as we go forward.

2. Inclusion of all qualified Pawnees for employment. Insuring that every qualified Pawnee has the opportunity to have his qualifications being judged fairly for every position they are qualified for is paramount to fairness. Complete transparency of all meetings, except when restricted by law, will allow the most qualified to be hired to the betterment of the Pawnee Nation.

Provide any additional information relevant to the Pawnee Nation’s May 2011 Regular Election:
“Let us put our minds together to see what we can build for our children” Sitting Bull
Ronald J. Rice Sr. of Pawnee, Oklahoma was born and raised in Pawnee by his parents’ the late Charles and Lida Riding-In-Rice. He attended High School at Chilocco Indian School and then continued on to Haskell Indian Jr. College. He is married to Minnie, daughter of the late Vance and Elizabeth Justice-HorseChief,Sr. Ronald and Minnie have been married for 36 years. They have raised their three children and been blessed with seven grandchildren.

During the past 30 years, Ronald has developed, owned and operated three successful businesses while living in Pawnee and abroad: Ronald Rice and Associates Consultant and Public Relations for Indian Country, Ronald Rice Remodeling and Contracting Services, and AlterNative Family Restaurant.

Mr. Rice has served as an elected official of the Pawnee Nation for eight years; he served as Council Member, Vice-President and President. He has served as a Corporate Board Member for our Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation for four years and also as the past President for the Pawnee Title VII Indian Education Parent Committee.

Ronald feels having served as a former Elected Official, and Corporate Board Member of the Pawnee Nation, it has afforded him the knowledge and experience that will be needed to address issues and concerns in regards to:

1. Providing the direction for our Tribal Development Corporation that is goal orientated and measurable for future development.

2. Providing for our Pawnee Nation Community in case of an Emergency caused by Natural Disaster.

3. Addressing issues coming forth from State Official Tom Coburn.

These issues as well as others he will actively pursue in hopes of benefiting our Pawnee Nation.

Elizabeth (Leading Fox) Blackowl attended and graduated from the local Indian Boarding School in Pawnee, Haskell Institute in Lawrence, KS. She then graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University Located in Shawnee, OK and received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Sociology. Elizabeth began working on her Master of Social Work Degree at the Warren Brown School of Social work at Washington University in St. Louis, MO. She completed her Master of Social Work Degree at University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK.

Elizabeth’s first employment was with the Pawnee Indian Boarding School as a dormitory attendant. Later, she began employment with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, in the Education Department with the Bordertown Dormitory Program in New Mexico and Arizona. She returned to Oklahoma and began employment with the Oklahoma Department of Child Welfare Division; from there she went to work with the B.I.A as a social worker, after 30 years of working with the B.I.A, she retired and returned to Pawnee.

In 1995, Elizabeth became interested in tribal politics and was encouraged to run for office. Mrs. Blackowl was elected and became the first female to be President of the Pawnee Business Council. She has served on the Pawnee Business Council for 14 years. Since returning to Pawnee, she has been asked to serve on numerous boards, committees, and organizations, all of which she has graciously obliged.

Elizabeth’s priorities are to continue efforts to improve administrative infrastructure such as laws, codes, and other policies and procedures necessary to strengthen our government. She wishes to improve policies regarding equal opportunities and fairness to tribal employees and employment and training for tribal members. Elizabeth expects to identify and support revenue resources including gaming expansion as well as improve upon our present gaming activities to increase tribal revenue.

Elizabeth did state her curiousness over the seemingly lack of interest on the part of individuals not desiring to experience serving on the Business Council for the Pawnee Nation. She realizes that it is difficult since there are no salaries for members who must have a source of income especially if they have a family. This is one reason we must identify tribal revenue to encourage younger individuals to participate in the Pawnee tribal government.

The Pawnee Nation’s Constitution states, “No member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, eighteen (18) years of age or older, shall be denied the right to vote by secret ballot, either in person or by absentee ballot, provided that no write-in votes shall be allowed.”

For more Pawnee Nation 2011 Election information, visit www.pawneenation.org/election, or contact Stephen Jake, Election Commission Chairman at (918) 285-0003.
Nowah! I am Karla KnifeChief, Granddaughter of the late Irene Knife Chief Gonzales and Manual Gonzales, and Daughter of Joanne Gonzales Rankins and JW Rankins of Pawnee OK. My son is Bobby KnifeHawk Johnson, 19 years old and my Daughter, Skidi Star Leading Fox, 10 years old. We all live in Pawnee, OK.

I am a candidate for the upcoming Pawnee Nation Election for Council Seat #2, Member.

I was born here in Pawnee, OK at the Pawnee IHS Hospital, February 3, 1963. I have lived in California, Texas, Arizona and Oklahoma. I moved back to Pawnee in 1997 and have been here ever since. I lived most of my life in Texas, where I attended elementary through High School in Wichita Falls, TX, and I also attended Midwestern State University. While living in Arizona I attended Motorcycle Mechanics Institute and received a Technician Degree in motorcycle mechanics.

I am a hard worker. I believe I have a strong sense of fairness inherited from my family. I have worked for many programs of the Pawnee Nation; Housing CIAP Program, Education, Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO), Repatriation, Grounds Maintenance, Special Diabetes Program, Supervisor to the Housekeeping and Grounds Maintenance Department of the Pawnee IHS, and the Pawnee Health Center Project.

I previously served on the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for two and a half years (June 2003- Dec 2005). I am currently employed at the Housing Authority of the Pawnee Tribe of Oklahoma as the Administrative Assistant and as the Homebuyer Educator. I have received many certificates for training over the past 14 years, all relating to the Tribal Programs and Government. Most recently, I completed New Municipal Officials Training, with the Oklahoma Municipal League; a requirement for the Pawnee City Council, in November 2010. I currently represent Ward #1 for the City of Pawnee as a Member of the City Council.

I am an active volunteer for the Pawnee Bill Memorial Rodeo, and also volunteer for the Bikes for Tykes each in year during Christmas. I participated with the Pawnee Seed Preservation Project and Dancers of the Plains, in Kearney, NE, as well as participating in the Pawnee Language Program and am interested in doing so again. My Family, as well as myself, are members of the Pawnee Chapter of the Native American Church.

I would like to be elected to the PBC to represent all the Pawnee people the best way I can. I want all Pawnee tribal members to be considered when the Council is making decisions on their behalf. I would like the PBC to have the monthly meetings in the evening or weekends so any of our Tribal Members, or employees, can attend without having to take off their daytime job. I would like to see more Elders, young men and women attend these meetings, to provide input or to just be fully informed about what is going on throughout the Pawnee Nation.

We are all Pawnee and want good things to happen for our Tribe in a good way. I am looking forward to the future of the Pawnee Nation, and believe we can make good things happen. In making a decision, I will take into consideration the voice of all Pawnee Tribal Members. We need to look towards the future with a plan for our Tribe.

If a Tribal Member has questions, those questions should be answered. This information includes any questions about the Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation (PTDC), a business created by the Pawnee Nation, for the Pawnee Tribal members; they work for us, and all of us. The benefit of having the PTDC, is that it earns money for the Pawnee Nation. With this not being grant money, we can do what we choose with this money. A Revenue Allocation Plan can and will help us determine a plan for Pawnee Nation’s success with this Pawnee Corporation. I am very interested in Pawnee Nation’s success and would like to see more economic development to create more employment. Not just with the gaming, but with more businesses in town or at the Tribal Reserve.

The Tribal Round House, the Community Building, the Camp Grounds; they all could use some rehab work. These buildings and lands are investments of the future of our Tribal Members. We need to take care of them so they will last for generations to come. We also need to take care of our water supply. We need to build assets so we can invest in the future of Pawnee Nation. When we create a business, we should have a plan in place to train Tribal Members for the positions being created, and hire them to work for their tribe. Let’s keep up with the times!

If you will VOTE for me, I will do the best I can because I care about our Elders, Families and the future of their children and the generations to come! With many, many blessings, Thank you for your time and God Bless You All! “ET DE WAY DO DA HEY”!

With Faith, Love, Hope and Charity, I remain, Karla Knife Chief, Pawnee Skidi Tribal Member.

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**CANDIDATE FORUM**

Wednesday, April 20 at the Roam Chief Center
from 6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

Forum is being put on by the League of Women Voters
PAWNEE NATION HELD SKEDEE BRIDGE DEDICATION

By Ashlee Worley, Communications Manager

On Tuesday, March 15, 2011, the Pawnee Nation, in collaboration with Pawnee County, held a dedication ceremony for the completion of the Skedee Bridge Project.

The $1.3 million dollar bridge was a joint venture between the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and Pawnee County. It was contracted to Plains Bridge Construction of Yukon, Okla. on December 11, 2009 and was completed on February 23, 2011.

“With this new bridge, we are serving all the people in Pawnee County, not just our Pawnee Nation Tribal Members,” said Pawnee Nation President George E. Howell.

The bridge was funded with ARRA Stimulus Funds in the amount of $649,514 and the balance of funds from Pawnee Nation Transportation Indian Reservation Road funds.

“This bridge is just proof of what the Pawnee Nation and Pawnee can accomplish by working together,” said Dale Carter, Pawnee County Commissioner District 3/Chairman.

The Skedee Bridge is located two miles east of Skedee, on the Skedee-Blackburn Road (County Road E0440).

2010 A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR PAWNEE TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

By Lindsey Teter, TDC Marketing Director

Based on year-end financial results, 2010 is Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation’s most successful year yet. In a year of success defined by the corporation’s revenue generated, assets developed and job creation that culminated with an annual payroll of more than $3.3 million. Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation (PTDC) is the corporate arm of the Pawnee Nation. Although PTDC is established as a separate entity of the tribe, it is wholly owned by the Pawnee Nation.

REVENUE CREATION: In 2010, the corporation paid more into the tribe than any previous year. The total year-end amount of payments made to the tribe for assessments, licenses, profit distribution, rents and sales taxes totaled $856,539.

$387,879 or 78% of PTDC’s operational income for the year is distributed directly to the Tribe. In addition, PTDC made payments and accruals to Pawnee Commissions for assessments and licenses for the year to $271,859. The Trading Post retail operations, the StoneWolf Grill, the Travel Plaza retail operations and Subway combined to collect and remit $105,267 of sales tax to the Tribe for the year. Direct rent payments of $91,534 were paid for rental of tribal facilities for the year.

ASSETS: In 2010 the corporation added several new operations to its portfolio, StoneWolf Casino & Grill, a 200 machine gaming facility with a 75-seat restaurant and bar. In addition, during late 2010 a decision was made to replace the corporation’s Subway franchise with its own ‘StoneWolf Deli’, the new operation being branded under StoneWolf. By removing the franchise, the Subway franchise fees and advertising fees were eliminated thereby eliminating those expenses. This move allows for more opportunity for profits, and more flexibility to create a business model for a smaller, more efficient operation to complement the late night hours of StoneWolf Casino.

JOB CREATION: In align with the corporation’s mission of economic development, PTDC created a payroll of more than $3.3 million in 2010. At year end, PTDC employed 131 people, approximately 90 of which are Native American. Full time employees enjoy benefits that include Health, Life and Dental insurance.

The corporate profile includes StoneWolf Casino, StoneWolf Grill, Trading Post Casino & retail, StoneWolf Travel Plaza and StoneWolf Deli. PTDC provides corporate management and oversight to all operations.
MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS SPEND SPRING BREAK AT PAWNEE NATION

By Ashlee Worley, Communications Manager

Human service projects on Spring Break is not the typical college students’ idea of fun, but one group of exceptional students from Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois, did just that. These students are part of the school’s group, Human Service Connection, where the goal is to obtain experiential learning opportunities where they can connect theory to practice outside the classroom. The group was made up of nine female students and their instructor, Mary Garrison.

While the students were at the Pawnee Nation, they painted buildings, cleaned up at the North Cemetery, and helped out with the Title VI program. They also attended many different events throughout the Pawnee Nation, and enjoyed a little bit of the Pawnee Culture.

President George E. Howell educated the students on the Pawnee history, ranging from removal from Nebraska to present day at the Pawnee Nation. He gave the students insight on the everyday ins and outs of the Pawnee Nation, along with the trials faced everyday.

“Being in the classroom, you can learn a lot of history and theory, but actually coming here to Pawnee and actually meeting the people and learning from them, has been an incredible part of the trip,” said Katilin Hutson, student.

The students were embraced by everyone at Pawnee, who showed them our Pawnee Hospitality. The Executive Office Staff, Cynthia Butler, Vi Wills and Louise Stevens scheduled and coordinated all the events and activities for the students. They spent many hours of their personal time and money to make sure the students felt welcome and appreciated.

Some of the students were overwhelmed by how kind and gracious everyone was to them. Like Brittany Thatcher, she didn’t expect to meet so many of our Pawnee people on such a personal basis. “Everyone has been so generous, and we’ve had to learn how to accept generosity gracefully. I’ve been brought up to be independent, and it’s been a challenge for me to allow the people to take care of me while I’m here.”

This experience relates to everything the students learned in their human services courses, but this trip allowed them to focus particularly on diversity. They have already taken a cultural diversity class, where they’ve learned about the Native American culture, but this lets them bridge the gap from textbooks to exposing them to everyday reality.

Three years ago, another group of students from Millikin University, along Garrison, came and did the same type of renovation projects at the Pawnee Nation, one was painting the Roundhouse. We were honored that another group came back this year, and very appreciative for all they did while at the Pawnee Nation.

KITKEHAIHKI SPRING DANCE

Kitkehahki Band of the Pawnee Nation is having their Kitkehahki Spring Dance on April 23, 2011 at the Pawnee CampGrounds and if weather is bad, it will be at the Round House. A noon meal to be served. Everyone is welcome to attend and dance.

The Kitkehahki Dance is for all our Pawnee People, this ceremony is one of the few dances our Pawnee People have and still maintain and practice. Prayers to Atitus, pipe ceremony, corn ceremony and cedar ceremony will be conducted. Please come and pray, dance and eat with the Kitkehahki Band and celebrate the coming of a new season.

The dance is sponsored by Morgan LittleSun, Kitkehahki Band Chief. For more information, please contact Karen Haymond at (918) 762-3624 and kkhaymond@hotmail.com, or Walter Echo-Hawk at wechohawk@gmail.com. If you would like to help, donations are being accepted, please notify Karen or Walter.
Dr. Charles Knife Chief, Medical Director of Health Care Quality and Health Information Technology at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma, was recognized by the Health Care Service Corporation as the 2009-2010 recipient of its President’s Diversity Award. Dr. Knife Chief serves as a Member at Large of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Indian Health Care Resource Center of Tulsa.

Since joining the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma (BCBSOK) in 2008, Dr. Knife Chief has been a great champion of diversity in both his work and personal life. A Native American from the Pawnee Indian Tribe, he has helped BCBSOK to ensure strong relations with the local tribal nations by serving as a cultural bridge through a variety of health initiatives. He is also a participant in the OrganWise Guys program, which provides education on the benefits of physical activity and healthy eating choices to elementary school children, many of whom are ethnic minorities.

Dr. Knife Chief serves as the BCBSOK representative for the Greater Tulsa Health Access Network, which is developing a health information exchange for various stakeholders, including community clinics that provide care for the minority populations. In 2009, he served as a panel member of the Sovereignty Symposium, sponsored by the Supreme Court of Oklahoma, to discuss the role of sovereignty and its impact on the status of Native American health care and providing coverage/access to care for Native Americans.

Health Care Service Corporation (HCSC) is a customer-owned health benefits company focused on improving the health and wellness of its members and communities. HCSC is the largest customer-owned health insurer in the United States and fourth largest overall. HCSC operates through its Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans in Illinois, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas, and several subsidiaries to offer a variety of health and life insurance products and related services to employers and individuals.

HCSC believes health care decisions are best made where the services are delivered. That’s why its divisions are locally focused and deeply involved in the communities they serve. HCSC’s focus on diversity and inclusion continues to distinguish the organization as a leader in an increasingly multicultural marketplace. For these reasons, the HCSC Diversity and Inclusion Council congratulates and thanks Dr. Knife Chief for setting such an outstanding example for diversity support and promotion. Kudos as well from the IHCRC Board of Trustees and the IHCRC management team.

*Story from IHRC Winter 2011 Edition Newsletter

PAWNEE NATION HOSTS SEARCH & RESCUE TRAINING

By Gerald Woommavovah, Pawnee Nation Emergency Services Coordinator

On February 25th 2011, the Pawnee Nation Fire Department hosted Five Hour Basic Search & Rescue Training. Training was conducted at the old Pawnee Nation Clinic to help Firefighters learn to work together for a command goal “to save lives and to make sure every firefighter goes home after the call”. Twenty five Firefighters from Pawnee and surrounding counties attended class. This training meets parts of the NFPA 1500 and OSHA 29 CFR 1910 for its Firefighters as well as the Firefighters in Pawnee County.

Training was over Basic Search of a multi story building, Basic Thermal Imaging Camera Operations, Personal Protective Equipment limitations, Communication with your team members, Rapid Intervention Teams Responsibilities, Primary Rapid Intervention Team Duties, Secondary Rapid Intervention Team Duties and Standard Rapid Intervention Team Equipment & Tool Safety.

Training was put together to bring the local fire departments together to work as a team. Instructors were from Pawnee Nation, Cleveland City, Pawnee City Fire Department.

A Special thanks to Gerald Woommavovah, Monty Matlock, Kelton Kersey, James Novotny and Stephen Stephens for putting on this much needed training for our Firefighters. All firefighters that attended received “Certificate of Participation” from the Pawnee County Training Coordinator and left with knowledge of knowing their limitations of their Personal Protective Gear, Being able to communicate with their team members, How to locate a person or fellow firefighter that has become disoriented or lost in a burning structure, What equipment is needed to complete these tasks, and to know what their own personal limitations are.

We will be conducting more of these classes within a few months and want to invite other Tribal Firefighters and Firefighters trough out Oklahoma to come join in our training. Next Training being planned will be: Removing Live Victims/down Firefighters from a building (Vision and obscured vision).

For more info contact Gerald Woommavovah at (918) 762-3655.
NEW FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM CHANGES

The Food Distribution Program has made the following changes to the program:
1. The program will no longer take call-in food orders. The only exception is to those the program makes our home deliveries to. The food will be delivered after 4:00 pm on the day the order is placed.
2. All participants who come in to pick up their food need to sign in.
3. Participants will now be given identification cards that they need to show when they order and pick up their food. You will need to bring this card each month.
4. All hours will be enforced. The program is open at 9:00 am to begin issuing out food. We will no longer take orders past 5:00 pm, Monday through Thursday, and 4:00 pm on Friday. On Tuesdays, no orders after 6:00 pm. On the Saturday when we are open after our truck shipment, our hours are 9 am to 12 noon. The program is closed on the last day of the month and on the day our truck shipment comes in. No exceptions.

For more information, contact Florissa Kanuho, Coordinator at 918-762-2541, or fkanuho@pawneenation.org.

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS PROGRAM

Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma ICW/Promoting Safe and Stable Families, will be having a Child Abuse Awareness program on April 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Room Chief Building. The speakers will be presenting educational material regarding child abuse and neglect.

- Jackie Clackler, BIA will present Indicators of child abuse and neglect and mandating reporting (who’s responsibility is it?)
- Karla Knief chief, will present Housing Safety, Lead Poisoning, Preventing of Accidents in the home, monthly house inspections and Oklahoma Landlord/Tenant Law (As a resident, are YOU AWARE YOU HAVE RIGHTS and learn how to protect yourself)
- Marilyn Feathers, Childcare information
- Jo Beth Spears, Pawnee County Health Department – infant car seat/ Baby Boot camp

For more information, contact Joanna Flanders, ICW Program Coordinator at 918-762-3873

PA>EE PAKOO>OO NEWS

April is a very exciting month in the Pa>ee Pakoo>oo Building. The weather has finally begun to warm up and we are now able to move our learning outside. With Spring beginning March 20th, we are very excited about this season. We are planning to prepare our garden beds this month. All of our students will be taking part in the preparation and planting of our garden center. They will also be in charge of the upkeep and care of the plants. We are looking forward to a bountiful harvest. If you get a chance drive by and check out all of the progress taking place this Spring in our garden.

Our Thematic unit this month in The Pa>ee Pakoo>oo build is "I Build! I Create!" During this Thematic Unit our students will learn about construction terminology, machines, tools and products. The will practice using their imaginations as they construct, build, and create. We will also be continuing our journey through the alphabet and our number line through the number ten.

Miss Melissa's class has begun exploring the wide world of science this month. They will be performing a new science experiment every Friday from our Quirkles Curriculum. Please try and ask your child how these experiments are going. They love to share their learning experiences with you!

Miss Tobi's class has been working on the Pawnee Language words for some of the body parts. The words that we have covered so far are buxso, Hakow, Ki>oo, Joosoo and oosoo. Ask your child if they can help you figure out which body parts these are!

STATEWIDE PROJECT INVITES COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION “BUILD A BLUE RIBBON TREE” TO HELP PREVENT CHILD ABUSE

The Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Action Committee invites every community to take action for children by participating in their third annual “Build a Blue Ribbon Tree for Kids” campaign. The blue ribbon is the international sign for child abuse prevention and serves as a constant reminder that all of us have a responsibility in helping to protect children.

The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) along with various community organizations are working together to build a “Blue Ribbon Tree” state. Blue Ribbon Trees will be blossoming throughout Oklahoma communities in April, which is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The theme for this year is, “It’s Your Turn to Make a Difference in the Life of a Child.” Tree photos will also be highlighted and displayed during the Child Abuse Prevention Day at the State Capitol on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, and in the Child Abuse Prevention Month official scrapbook.

A "Tree Registry" form is provided for people and organizations to register their trees with the OSDH Office of Child Abuse Prevention. To participate, trees must be completed and registered before April 5, 2011. The registration form is also available to print from the OSDH Web site at http://fsps.health.ok.gov.

To “Build a Blue Ribbon Tree,” select any materials you choose. If using a living tree, choose a highly visible location and secure needed permission. Creativity is encouraged. Decorate tree with blue ribbons to represent any of the following:
- The confirmed number of abused and neglected children in your county
- The number of new babies born in your community
- Or to show your community’s support for children, or something important to your organization, agency, program, or community

Mail, fax or e-mail the following completed form to: Sherie Trice, OSDH Community Based Child Abuse Prevention Grant Coordinator, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Family Support and Prevention Service, 1000 NE 10th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73117-1299, or call (405)271-7611, fax to (405)271-1011, or e-mail SherieT@health.ok.gov.
By Chelsie Baldwin, VAW Advocate

It's totally normal to look at the world through rose-colored glasses in the early stages of a relationship. But for some people, those rose-colored glasses turn into blinders that keep them from seeing that a relationship isn't as healthy as it should be.

What Makes a Healthy Relationship? Hopefully, you and your significant other are treating each other well. Not sure if that's the case? Take a step back and think about whether your relationship has these seven qualities:

1. Mutual respect. Does he or she get how fantastic you are and why? (Watch out if the answer to the first part is yes but only because you're acting like someone you're not!) The key is that your spouse is into you for who you are - for your great sense of humor, your love of reality TV, etc. Does your partner listen when you say you're not comfortable doing something and then back off right away? Respect in a relationship means that each person values who the other is and understands - and would never challenge - the other person's boundaries.

2. Trust. You're talking with a friend and your partner walks by. Do they completely lose their cool or keep walking because they know you'd never cheat on them? It's OK to get a little jealous sometimes - jealousy is a natural emotion. But how a person reacts when feeling jealous is what matters. There's no way you can have a healthy relationship if you don't trust each other.

3. Honesty. This one goes hand-in-hand with trust because it's tough to trust someone when one of you isn't being honest. Have you ever caught your spouse in a major lie? Like they told you that they had to work on Friday night but it turned out they were hanging out with their friends? The next time they say they have to work, you'll have a lot more trouble believing them and the trust will be on shaky ground.

4. Support. It's not just in bad times that your partner should support you. Some people are great when your whole world is falling apart but can't take being there when things are going right (and vice versa). In a healthy relationship, your significant other is there with a shoulder to cry on when you find out your parent or grandparent passed and to celebrate with you when you get that new job.

5. Fairness/equality. You need to have give-and-take in your relationship, too. Do you take turns choosing which new movie to rent? As a couple, do you hang out with your partner's friends as often as you hang out with yours? It's not like you have to keep a running count or make sure things are exactly even, of course. But you'll know if it isn't a pretty fair balance. Things get badly fast when a relationship turns into a power struggle, with one person fighting to get his or her way all the time.

6. Separate identities. In a healthy relationship, everyone needs to make compromises. But that doesn't mean you should feel like you're losing out on being yourself. When you started going out, you both had your own lives (families, friends, interests, hobbies, etc.) and that shouldn't change. Neither of you should have to pretend to like something you don't, or give up seeing your friends, or drop out of activities you love. And you also should feel free to keep developing new talents or interests, making new friends, and moving forward.

7. Good communication. You've probably heard lots of stuff about how men and women don't seem to speak the same language. We all know how many different meanings the little phrase "no, nothing's wrong" can have, depending on who's saying it! But what's important is to ask if you're not sure what he or she means, and speak honestly and openly so that the miscommunication is avoided in the first place. Never keep a feeling bottled up because you're afraid it's not what your significant other wants to hear or because you worry about sounding dumb. And if you need some time to think something through before you're ready to talk about it, the right person will give you some space to do that if you ask for it.

What's an Unhealthy Relationship?

A relationship is unhealthy when it involves mean, disrespectful, controlling, or abusive behavior. Some people have lived in homes with parents who fought a lot or abused each other — emotionally, verbally, or physically. For some people who have grown up around this kind of behavior it can almost seem normal or OK. It's not! Many of us learn from watching and imitating the people close to us. So someone who has lived around violent or disrespectful behavior may not have learned how to treat others with kindness and respect or how to expect the same treatment.

Qualities like kindness and respect are absolute requirements for a healthy relationship. Someone who doesn't yet have this part down may need to work on it with a trained counselor before he or she is ready for a relationship. Meanwhile, even though you might feel bad or feel for someone who's been mistreated, you need to take care of yourself — it's not healthy to stay in a relationship that involves abusive behavior of any kind.

Warning Signs

When a boyfriend or girlfriend uses verbal insults, mean language, nasty putdowns, gets physical by hitting or slapping, or forces someone into sexual activity, it's an important warning sign of verbal, emotional, or physical abuse.

Ask yourself, does my partner:

- Get angry when I don't drop everything for him or her? Check out if the answer to the first part is yes. Criticize the way I look or dress, and say I'll never be able to find anyone else who would date me? Keep me from seeing friends or from talking to any other guys or girls? Want me to quit an activity, even though I love it? Ever raise a hand when angry, like he or she is about to hit me? Try to force me to go further sexually than I want to?

These aren't the only questions you can ask yourself. If you can think of any way in which your boyfriend or girlfriend is trying to control you, make you feel bad about yourself, isolate you from the rest of your world, or — this is a big one — harm you physically or sexually, then it's time to get out, fast. Let a trusted friend or family member, or the Violence Against Women Program, know what's going on and make sure you're safe.

It can be tempting to make excuses or misinterpret violence, possessiveness, or anger as an expression of love. But even if you know that the person hurting you loves you, it is not healthy. No one deserves to be hit, shoved, or forced into anything he or she doesn't want to do.

I have a huge passion to run the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon faster in 2011! I Run for my Pawnee family, my Mom Susie, my uncle William, and my Dad. I run every day to keep in shape, show respect to our soldiers. I run every day to Honor God our Savior. But running keeps me grounded. I run to prevent diabetes because so many of my family have had diabetes.

In 1988, I began what I call a short run from apartment to the mall to purchase a pair of good running shoes. That same year my mom passed away it was a very difficult time for me. She encouraged me to be healthy & enjoy the running. Watching the Olympics one year with my mom was a great memory of good motivation for me.

I started to run for pleasure that very hot summer... I ran 14 miles one hot summer from Lawton, Oklahoma to Cache, OK. No cell phones, no iPod, or mp3s just good old plan running. Running hard and strong! I joined the local running clubs and begin running in small 5k road races. (3.2 mile run events)

I always ran well in these smaller road races. But it was my goal and DREAM to run in a marathon. I ran my first marathon in Oklahoma City’s Memorial Marathon in 2005. I dedicated the run to my Dad, Charles, who was battling diabetes. I could not wait to finish the marathon and call my Dad. (Who lived in Anadarko)

I feel so blessed to say that my Dad was proud of my running. From the beginning until January 2010, Dad purchased my running shoes for me.

In May 2010, I dedicated the 10th Oklahoma Memorial Marathon to Dad. This race was challenging for me. I only trained 81 days for the 26.2 grueling run. I ran great at the start of the race. I had a 54:00 min. 10K. But suffered some severe chaffing on arms and legs! I had a few emotional tears at mile 17. However, the last 2 miles of the marathon I felt strong and really kicked it in at the finish. I felt so great after the marathon. I smiled along the whole 26.2 course.

Things I will not forget & that help keep me grounded and very motivated!

I still remember while I was in elementary school, I experienced a coach yelling at me that I was too fat and slow to be a long distance runner.

The message changed me for life. I feel like I am proof to be come and be a runner. It does not matter what size, color, or how you look to be a runner!

I have enjoyed running for 22 years. I really enjoy running in downtown Oklahoma City. I am currently an active member of 2 local running clubs. I participate in 29-33 5K runs a year, including ½ marathons. I volunteer for Edmond’s running trails safety video. (can be seen on U- Tube) I call into the Sports animal radio station WWLS as the running girl. I promote health, running and occasionally plug a 5k race or two! I love running! “Gotta run!” is my tag line. So wish me luck in 2011 in OKC’s Finest marathon ever! Gotta run...
WELCOME BABY EASTON DAVID EXUM

Easton was born on March 1, 2011, at 9:04 a.m.. He weighed 7 lbs and 14 1/2 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. He was welcomed home by his parents, Timothy and Shelby Exum, and older brother, Terrien Exum. His grandparents are Joe and Terri Morgan, Tony and Vivi-Anne Carney, and Telica and Lendell Exum. His great grandparents are Genevieve Moore and the late Merton Moore, Anna Lee Serrato, and Sara Warfield. His great great grandparents are Ruben Hopper and the late Velma Hopper.

WELCOME BABY ELAN ‘ELI’ SHILOH YELLOWHORSE FULLER

Eli was born January 12th at 8:18 p.m. to Dr. Todd and Randi LeClair Fuller. Eli’s maternal grandparents are Laura and the late Larry Melton; paternal grandparents are Dave and Cherye Fuller of Crawfordsville, Indiana. Pawnee great grandparents are Geraldine and the late Jesse Howell, Jr. and Pawnee great-great grandparents are the late Harriet (Esau) & Jesse Howell, Sr. & Andy and Mae (Pratt) Smith.

WELCOME BABY IAN RALPH CRAMER

Pearle Mae Hare and Ricky Cramer welcomed their son, Ian Ralph Cramer, at 5:04 am on March 12, 2011. Maternal grandparents are Karen Haymond and Walter I. Hare Jr., and the paternal grandparents are Rick Cramer and Linda Wyrick. Ian weighed in at 7lbs. 11 oz. and he was 19 inches in length.

TO OUR APRIL BABES:

Happy Birthday Katee & Justin & Happy 7th Birthday Quannah
Love you all
Ella, Jamie, Nipawset, Q & Grandma

Haeli and her Father, Granthum Stevens, attended the Father/Daughter Ball in Stillwater on March 11th, 2011.

Haeli is the daughter of Louise and Granthum Stevens, and the great-granddaughter of Herb Rice and the late Mabel Beard. Haeli is in the 1st Grade at Pawnee Elem.
On Saturday and Sunday, March 12th and 13th, Jonathan Soxie and several members of his Pawnee High School FFA group participated in the Oklahoma Youth Expo (OYE) livestock show in Oklahoma City. Jonathan’s younger brother Corbin Soxie, 4H member, also was involved. The OYE is classified as the world’s largest junior livestock show.

Before the judging started, it was announced that 812 Boer goats were registered for the two day event. In the Senior Showmanship Division, Jonathan placed second out of 40 registered for this event. Jonathan and his goat placed second out of thirty-one registered for this event. This was an all-day event as there were categories for ages 9 through eighteen years.

Jonathan also placed second in Class 13 of 49 Boer goats. Overall, he made the top twenty which allowed him to sell his boer goat at the expo. The first place Grand Champion goat was sold for $5,000. Jonathan’s goat received the second highest bid. For his accomplishments, he was ranked 9th out of the entire group.

Jonathan, 18, is a Junior at Pawnee High School and Corbin, 10, is in the third grade at the Pawnee Elementary School. They recently participated in the Pawnee local show and the Pawnee County show and received several awards.

They are the sons of Francis and Rebecca Soxie of Glencoe. Proud grandmothers are Reda Pawnee of El Reno and Phyllis Soxie of Pawnee.

Tahnee Rose Robinson is the great granddaughter of Phillip and Reva Gover (deceased), granddaughter of Sandra May Gover StClair and Darwin J. StClair (deceased), daughter of Sara Rose StClair Robinson and Tim Robinson.

She is a senior at University of Nevada Reno, and was a semifinalist of the AAU Sullivan award for the top amateur athlete in the country.

Geoff Tyner got his picture taken with Ben Affleck on Saturday, March 12 in Bartlesville. He was singing behind the drum helping his half-brother, John David Ballard who was the head singer.

Ben Affleck has been in Bartlesville shooting a movie, and came and attended the Stomp Out Cancer Benefit Gourd Dance and Stomp Dance at the Delaware Cultural Center in Bartlesville, OK.

**HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY!**

Sherman H. Wilde Sr. Celebrated his 80th birthday on March 10, 2011 with his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren by his side.

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By Deb Echo-Hawk

On Thursday, March 17, 2011, Sixteen community members made their way downtown to Pawnee’s Cultural Learning Center for an evening to visit one another about our Pawnee Seeds; plan a community garden; attend the Blessing of the seeds; and to check out seeds for home gardens. Keeper of the Seeds Deb Echo-Hawk, welcomed everyone.

The beautiful Pawnee seed had been on display for two and one-half days at the Center, thanks to Education Department Director Freda Tippeconnie, Chris Hill and youth workers for helping to set it up. Visitors were welcome to come over to see the seeds on display during the day.

The sixteen folks who attended shared stories. Jeana Francis filmed them all. New to the community is Crystal Gingras (Pawnee- Sue Shunatona’s daughter), she tried growing seeds in Wichita, Kansas for the 2010 season. She told her story and expressed how she cared and sang songs for the seeds. Crystal hopes she can do just what the people need her to do to help grow this corn, sing songs and give prayers [she does massages and does other healing work] she feels honored to be a part of this community. Geraldine Howell, 83 years young, has gardened for several years for the Project and brought her seeds from her 2010 garden - mainly blue corn. Geraldine, as a child, spent endless time in her family garden. Her mother was a great cook and mixed corn meal and ground-to-a-powder-meat for them to take back to school. Minnie Fields agreed that Geraldine’s mom cooked great garden meals. She, too, spend her early years in the garden, growing and canning the food … the way of life was good. She didn’t know they were poor she said, “We were poor, life was great! There was a lot to be thankful for! Out by Lela we used to pick pecans and put it in the cooking.” All she knew were good times with her family and uncles who farmed and produced good food - food that was shared and enjoyed. “That is what we lived on all winter long. They used to make pancakes out of corn meal … they used to do a lot of things, they were smart!

Geraldine’s mom could make the home made jelly and bread, it was awesome. It was an awesome life. I can say that now that I am older! We subsisted on what we grew and we used it all.”

Blanche Smith and her husband Chuck was there also. In drying corn shucking the corn was her chore as a child; others roasted the corn and threw it on canvas to cool down. Down the line her mom and others used hand-held shells with sharp edges to remove the damp corn from the cob over a galvanized bowl to catch the kernels. It was spread out to dry in the sun. It was used in corn soup and other ways, too. Blanche, Minnie and Geraldine talked about how the old timers used a tree stump bowl to pulverize the corn with a wooden pole-like mallet and that the Preservation Project should replicate one and use it to show others. We are presently using an 1885 corn grinder that Dawna Ourada (Kearney, Neb.) gave the Project in 2009. It works beautifully and grinds it perfectly leaving chips of corn and flour meal. Volunteer gardeners and tribal members enjoyed grinding corn for Geraldine’s blue corn mush that she made for the Young Dog Dance last October. Chuck Smith promised to help his wife Blanche and niece Crystal this summer to which they made sure his words were recorded! Gordon and Mary Adams were there to learn about the Project. Gordon has heard of the Project from the corn information vine for some time now … so he wanted to see what was hap-
pening. Mary wants to help Deb in the garden this summer. Mary would like to have a garden of her own as her Irish relatives have gardens over 200 years old! Deb pointed out that the Irish up in Nebraska are the main ones who are helping the Pawnee save our seeds by growing them out. Ms. Miller is ready to garden again. She invited IHS gardener Lita Bailly who offered to grow some bush beans. [Any more IHS gardeners out there?] Monie Horsechief is interested, too.

Sonny Howell offered to help any way he can, as he has for his mom Geraldine, “As long as I get to Greeze,” he added. TeeTooch Frazier gave a nice talk about how over the years, especially when he was away in California. He knew, “what my mom Deb does in this Project is real important because in pre-Columbus age times the Natives, not only Pawnee, but all of us were supreme athletes. We were perfectly built … perfect diet enabled us to be great runners. Now days when they talk about Indian Country they talk about the diabetics and obesity and all the other health related problems. So what I am saying is what my mom does is real important to revitalize ourselves to how we used to be … how we should be. I always said that if something should happen to technology we would fall back to our traditions and culture. We’ll be set, if you think about it. So for what my mom does, I will try to help and do what I can. I am at IAIA now, but every break that I get I come back and help her out. Last break the apprentices for the earthlodge built an electric fence for the corn. I will fully support the Project”. Again the group wanted to make sure his statement was recorded!

Our Ancestors were given this corn from Atius and it is ours to protect and to use for the nutrition of our bodies. We need to be a fitness nation again. The Project will be part of the answer since the seeds are proven to be highly nutritious over the super hybrid seeds on market today. Deb explained that she had been meeting other gardeners and giving talks [to which her kids say “Oh, Mom you are so corny!” But when Deb talks they are all ears! Recently she met some Amish people at a talk who explained how they were persecuted across the waters and here in America, but they persisted and now have a culture of their own –self reliant. What they said is there are two ways to pursue life. One … you can chase money and lose time with your family or Two … be a community and have family time together. Deb explained what they have is what our Indian Country lost – our sense of community - working together. She said she was an Amish wanna-be! The Amish Deb met believes that tribes where unemployment is high members have nothing to lose by starting gardens and so much to gain from gardening!

We do have an opportunity to have a sizeable community garden thanks to the Pawnee Nation. Its projected location is near where Merton Moore used to live. At this time Jimmy Jestes is arranging for a water line to be placed near the garden. Taylor Mann will till up the top soil. We will see that it is set up for those who are interested. Volunteers for tilling there or at the homes of tribal members are also arranged. Karla KnifeChief hopes the food that is growing in the community garden will go directly to the pantries of the families that participate. The Project purchased a variety of market vegetables – all kinds for the community garden. Some of our Pawnee seeds can be used – especially the Pawnee bush beans and watermelon. Some everyday physical commitment will be needed. Interested community garden families may call 918.762-3390 to be included.

Geraldine introduced Minnie Fields to give the official Blessing over our Pawnee seeds and the Seed Preservation Project. Minnie then reminded us of all the effort that has gone into the seeds of our Ancestors to save them and commended Deb for that work and was pleased to see young people involved. She reminded us of all of the Japanese families and our Americans over in Japan need our prayers, too. Her prayer … Blessings over the seeds and Project was heard and was intended for all of us – the Akitaru.

Find us on facebook: Pawnee Seed Preservation Project.
HEALTHY BREAKFAST BURRITO

Serves one person

Ingredients:
• Butter-flavored cooking spray
• 2 Tablespoons of chopped onion
• 1 Tablespoon chopped green chilies, drained
• 1 Cup liquid egg substitute
• 1 Tablespoon shredded fat-free Monterey Jack Cheese
• Dash of ground pepper
• Dash of liquid hot pepper sauce
• 1 12-inch whole wheat tortilla, warmed

Directions:
1. Lightly coat a nonstick skillet with cooking spray. Cook the onion and chilies in the skillet over medium heat for 3 minutes, stirring constantly.
2. In a small bowl, whisk together egg substitute, cheese, pepper and Tabasco.
3. Pour into skillet and scramble for 3-4 minutes, until the eggs are done to taste, but not dry.
4. Place the egg mixture along 1/3 of the tortilla, about 2 inches away from the bottom. Fold up the lower edge, and then roll from the side to form a burrito. Wrap in foil packets.
5. Serve with fresh salsa.

Nutritional Facts: Calories: 297, Carbs: 26 g, Protein: 32 g, Total Fat: 3 g

PUMPKIN AND CORN DESSERT

Ingredients:
• 1 small pumpkin
• 2 ears corn, cut from cob
• 1/2 cup whole wheat flour
• Sugar or honey

Directions:
1. Peel, seed and slice pumpkin. Cover with water and simmer until tender.
2. Place corn kernels in pie tin in 350-degree oven; bake for 15 minutes.
3. Add corn to pumpkin. Add flour, stirring constantly over low heat until mixture thickens.
4. Add sugar or honey to taste. Serve hot.

WILD ONION SCRAMBLED EGGS

Ingredients:
• Bunch of wild onions
• Salt
• Pepper
• Bacon grease
• Water
• Eggs

Directions:
1. Clean onions with water.
2. Chop onions up and place in skillet with a little water, salt, pepper and bacon grease for flavor.
3. Add eggs to skillet and scramble over medium heat and serve.

TITLED VI SENIOR NUTRITIONAL MEALS PROGRAM

Our program has been promoting and maintaining the health and wellness of older adults in our community for several years now and we like to give the opportunity for our Native elders of the program to share their recipes that have been passed down from generation to generation, traditional or they could even be brand new ones.

If you would like to share a recipe with us please contact us via email at satsye@pawneeation.org; by fax, 918-762-9927 or by phone at 918-762-4042.

PEANUT BUTTER EASTER EGGS RECIPE

By Monie Horsechief

¼ cup butter
¼ cup firmly packed light brown sugar
¾ cup confectioners’ sugar
½ cup crunchy peanut butter
2 cups semi-sweet chocolate, chopped
2 T butter flavor shortening
2 (1 ounce) squares white baking chocolate, melted

1. In micro-wave safe bowl, melt butter and brown sugar in a microwave on high for 1 ½ minutes, stirring every 30 seconds, or until brown sugar is melted.
2. Add confectioners’ sugar and peanut butter, stirring to combine.
3. Cover with plastic wrap; refrigerate for 1 hour.
4. Shape by teaspoonful’s into egg shapes.
5. Place on a wire rack over parchment or wax paper.
6. Refrigerate for 10 minutes.
7. In small saucepan, melt semi-sweet chocolate and shortening over low heat, whisking until smooth.
8. Spoon an even layer of chocolate over each peanut butter egg.
9. Refrigerate for 5 minutes.
10. Remove from refrigerator.
11. Spoon another layer of chocolate over peanut butter eggs.
12. You may immediately decorate with sprinkles, nuts, etc.
13. Let sit at room temperature until chocolate is set.
14. Or you may drizzle with melted white chocolate, if desired.
THE MISSION

Our mission is designed to minister to men and women who are looking for hope in their lives. One way that we do that is through food, music, and testimonies of our own life experiences. We are reaching people that are addicted, hurting, hopeless, lonely, scared and in pain. People may fall, but it is possible for them to get back up without feeling guilty or judged. We all stumble in different areas of our lives – who are we to judge each other? With our eyes on Christ, our hope is that we encourage others to seek the Lord in times of need, and also in times of praise. We also serve people who are just in need of worship, fellowship, and time in the word of God.

Lives have already been changed because of the great love that the Lord provides. A new beginning is possible; many have already found their way. One man’s testimony speaks volumes, “Ellis, I’ve kicked meth and pills and now that I’ve found the Lord, I’m experiencing a natural high.” We want you to know: You can kick the habit and experience a high much greater than you could imagine!

We provide a healthy home-style cooked meal every week – free of charge. The Mission does not charge for our servants’ work and is totally funded by individuals who have a heart for helping those who are suffering. If you would like to know more about The Mission, you may join us while we break bread together and also in our time of fellowship on Mondays at the small room Roam Chief bldg. at 6:30 p.m. Any other questions please give us a call or contact us through email at 918-399-0760 or ramona.horsechief@yahoo.com. Thank you for taking the time to read our mission statement. We appreciate your prayers. Take a chance and come check it out!

- Ellis and Monie Horsechief

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 4:10-11

PAWNEE NATION FOOD CODE INFORMATION

By Kelton Kersey,
Ranger/Environmental Specialist
Department of Environmental Conservation and Safety

The Pawnee Nation Department of Environmental Conservation and Safety has posted a Temporary Food Establishment Permit application on their website at http://pawneenation.org/divisions/view/49. This includes a link to the 2005 FDA Food Code.

A Temporary Food Establishment is a food establishment that operates for a period of no more than 14 consecutive days in conjunction with a single event or celebration. Anyone selling food on the Pawnee Nation that is prepared on-site, in a Pawnee Nation kitchen or concession stand, is required to obtain a permit and submit copies of current food handler’s cards.

If the food is prepared off-site, in your home for example, and available for sale then a permit is not required, but notification by signage or placard that the food is prepared in a kitchen that is not subject to regulation and inspection must be posted.

Resolution 09-44 adopted the 2005 Food Code and revised some definitions, such as Food Establishment is amended to add a paragraph (h): “A kitchen in a private home or outdoors that provides food for participants at tribal events such as dances and that is not customarily in the business of providing food to the public,” is exempt from the permit requirement. Pot-luck type dinners (food not for sale) are exempt from the permit requirement.

We always serve a fresh homestyle healthy meal.

If you have any questions (or if you need a ride) call Ellis or Monie Horsechief at 918-399-0760

Take a chance and come check it out!!
GRANT PROVIDES LAW ENFORCEMENT A NEW HOME

The Pawnee Nation received notification on March 23, 2011 of the award of an $800,000 grant from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development, Oklahoma City Office.

This proposal that was submitted under the Indian Community Block Grant FY 2010 funding cycle is to design and construct a 2,900 square foot facility in which to house the Law Enforcement Division. The Pawnee Nation believes that a facility such as this addresses the current and future needs of this particular tribal division and that the proposed design, location and anticipated cost savings are an enhancement to the existing space that is being occupied.

This facility will be located on the Pawnee Tribal Reserve on the south side of Heritage Road which is the access road for the recently constructed Pawnee Indian Health Center. This new facility’s location is approximately 1/2 mile east of the former Pawnee Indian School, which houses the Tribal Offices along with the Pawnee Nation College. This proposed site is also visible to two Federal Facilities, Pawnee Agency for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Pawnee Indian Health Center for the Indian Health Service (IHS).

The design of this new 2,900 SF facility includes the use of a Geothermal Heating and Cooling system, which will provide an additional cost savings for the utilities in a facility of this size. This new facility will be the fifth facility located on the Pawnee Tribal Reserve that has the Geo-thermal system in it.

Through the design and construction of this 2,900 SF facility, there will be adequate office space, storage for departmental equipment, storage for evidence from crime scenes, training facility for intervention and prevention activities to assist in decreasing the crime levels for the tribal community and for the tribal and Federal offices that are located on the Pawnee Nation Tribal Reserve.

An aggressive implementation schedule has been developed that projects that this new facility will be operational late spring or before the Pawnee Indian Homecoming in July of 2012. The solicitation process has already begun for the selection of an architectural firm that will be in charge of the design of this new facility.

FIRST QUARTER 2011 RESOLUTIONS

#11-01 – A resolution to Submit a Grant for a Walking Trail - Approved January 12, 2011 by a vote of seven for, none against and 1 not voting (President Howell).

#11-02 – Resolution for Appointment to the Tribal Development Corporation Board. Muriel Robedauds is appointed for a one year term – Approved January 12, 2011 by ballot. Five for and one not voting (President Howell).

#11-03 – Resolution for Appointment to the Tribal Development Corporation Board. Tom Briggs is appointed for a one year term – Approved January 12, 2011 by ballot. Five for and one not voting (President Howell).

#11-04 – Resolution for Appointment to the Tribal Development Corporation Board. Laura Melton is appointed to a two year term – Approved January 12, 2011 by ballot. Seven for and one not voting (President Howell).

#11-05 – Resolution for Appointment to the Tribal Development Corporation Board. Lester SunEagle is appointed to a two year term – Approved January 12, 2011 by ballot. Five for and one not voting (President Howell).

#11-06 – Resolution for Appointment to the Tribal Development Corporation Board. Ramona HorseChief is appointed to a three year term – Approved March 9, 2011 by ballot. Five for and one not voting (President Howell).

#11-07 – Resolution for Appointment to the Tribal Development Corporation Board. Richard Tilden is appointed to a three year term – Approved March 9, 2011 by ballot. Five for and one not voting (President Howell).

#11-08 – Resolution for Appointment to the Tribal Development Corporation Board. John Only A Chief is appointed to a three year term to begin after his term on the Pawnee Business Council is over in May 2011 – Approved March 9, 2011 by ballot. Five for and one not voting (President Howell).

#11-09 – Resolution for Submission of the ANA Language Grant – Approved February 9, 2011 by a vote of four for (Jestes, Only A Chief, Blackowl and Gover) 3 excused (Taylor, Fields, Lone Chief) and one not voting (President Howell).

#11-10 – Resolution to approve the use of part of the tribal seal for the Code Talkers Medal from the U.S. Mint – Approved February 9, 2011 by a vote of four for (Jestes, Only A Chief, Blackowl and Gover) 3 excused (Taylor, Fields, Lone Chief) and one not voting (President Howell).

#11-11 – Resolution for the Continuity of Government Plan – Approved February 9, 2011 by a vote of three for (Jestes, Blackowl and Gover), one against (Only A Chief), 3 excused (Taylor, Fields, Lone Chief) and one not voting (President Howell).

#11-12 – Resolution for Appointment to the Election Commission – Tabled.

#11-13 – Resolution for Appointment to the Gaming Commission – Member. Lisa Otipoby is re-appointed by a vote of four for (Lone Chief, Only A Chief, Blackowl, Fields) two excused, and two not voting (Taylor, President Howell.) March 23, 2011.

#11-14 – Resolution to allow John Only A Chief to go to Nebraska to oversee the transfer of property. Approved by a vote of three for (Lone Chief, Only A Chief, Fields) two excused, one against (Blackowl) and two not voting (Taylor, President Howell.) February 23, 2011.

#11-15 – A Resolution to submit a grant for Repatriation - Approved by a vote of four for (Lone Chief, Jestes, Taylor, Blackowl) two excused (Fields, Gover), and one not voting (President Howell.) March 23, 2011.


#11-17 – Resolution for Appointment to the Gaming Commission – Chairman. Cecil Riding In is re-appointed by a vote of three for (Lone Chief, Only A Chief, Fields) two absent, one against (Blackowl) and two not voting (Taylor, President Howell.)

#11-18 – Resolution for Appointment to the Gaming Commission – Secretary/Treasurer. Vi Wills is re-appointed by a vote of three for (Lone Chief, Only A Chief, Fields) two absent (Jestes, Gover), one against (Blackowl) and two not voting (Taylor, President Howell.) March 23, 2011.

#11-19 – Resolution for Appointment to the Gaming Commission – Member. Lyle Fields is appointed by a vote of three for (Only A Chief, Taylor, Fields) two absent (Jestes, Gover), one against (Blackowl) and two not voting (Lone Chief and President Howell.) March 23, 2011.

#11-20 – Resolution for submission of the IMLS N.A. Museum Services grant – APPROVED March 23, 2011 by a vote of 5 for, ( Lone Chief, Only A Chief, Blackowl, Fields and Taylor) 0 against, 2 excused (Jestes and Gover) and 1 not voting (President Howell).

#11-21 – Resolution for submission of the SORNA (Adam Walsh Act – Sex Offender Registry) grant – APPROVED March 23, 2011 by a vote of 5 for, ( Lone Chief, Only A Chief, Blackowl, Fields and Taylor) 0 against, 2 excused (Jestes and Gover) and 1 not voting (President Howell).
PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

JANUARY 26, 2011 – PBC MEETING

The minutes of the January 12, 2011 meeting were approved with corrections. Council members and the Executive Director provided reports on their activities since the previous PBC meeting. Linda Jestes was excused.

Roger Foster, General Manager of the Tribal Development Corporation provided a report on TDC Activities.

Under Old Business:
1. Tribal Operating and Indirect Cost Budgets for 2011 were approved with the exception of tribally funded portions of Tribal Court, Fire and Rescue and Division of Natural Resources and Safety.

Under New Business:
1. The Pawnee Veteran’s Organization – Request for possible Campground. (Due to illness, the Veteran’s Organization was unable to attend the PBC meeting.)
2. The federal mileage rate was increased to $.51 per mile and the Pawnee Nation requested approval to match this amount. – Approved.
3. Transportation – Request to purchase a Grader, Backhoe and Front End Loader – The program was unable to secure the needed bids, so this was removed from the agenda.

FEBRUARY 23, 2011, PBC MEETING:

There were no minutes available for approval. Council members and the Executive Director provided reports on their activities since the previous PBC meeting. Linda Jestes was excused.

Under Old Business:
1. Code-Talkers – Agreement. The Pawnee Nation had previously approved a resolution and use of a portion of the Pawnee Nation seal in the design of the U.S. Mint’s Code-Talkers medal and now requires another form. – Approved.
2. The Tribal Court Budget was approved with no COLA.

Under New Business:
1. Bids for the IT Generator. Mr. Jake provided an update on the Tribal Development Corporation provided a report on TDC Activities.
2. The Tribal Court Budget was approved.

After Executive Session:
1. Resolution 11-12 – for the Appointment to the Election Commission – Sgt.-At-Arms was added.
2. Resolution 11-13 – Appointment to the Gaming Commission – vacant seat – Lyle Fields is appointed.

FEBRUARY 5, 2011 QUARTERLY PBC MEETING:

Executive Director Dawna Hare provided an overview of the Quarter’s Program Activities and Program Director’s answered questions from Council. Charles Lone Chief and Jim Fields were excused. This meeting is for Program Reports and there were no actions taken regarding business.

FEBRUARY 9, 2011, PBC MEETING:

The minutes of the January 26, 2011 PBC meeting were approved. Council members and the Executive Director provided reports on their activities since the previous PBC meeting. Roy Taylor, Charles Lone Chief and Jim Fields were excused.

Under Old Business:
1. Tribal Court Budget – tabled.
Under New Business:
1. Resolution 11-09 – Submission of the ANA Language Grant proposal – Approved.
2. Resolution #11-10 Approval to use a portion of the Tribal Seal for the Code-Talkers Medal proposed by the U.S. Mint was approved.
3. Resolution 11-11 – Approval of the continuity of Government Plan. This Plan is part of the ANA-IT grant and is for the creation of a plan to continue services in case of disaster. The plan was approved with the stipulation the Plan would be brought back to Council at the 2nd meeting in March 2011 with timelines included.
4. Request to purchase a Generator for IT. Three bids were provided, however the low bid was approved provided the company needed to provide additional warranty information.
5. Added at time of approval of Agenda: Selection of 2010 Auditor. Council reviewed nine applications and will make a recommendation at the next PBC meeting.

FEBRUARY 28, 2011 PBC MEETING

This was a special meeting called for one item. There were no minutes available or on the agenda. Council did not provide Committee reports and there was no Executive Director report.

Under New Business:
1. Resolution 11-15 – to approve submission of a grant for Repatriation – Approved.

MARCH 9, 2011 PBC MEETING

The minutes of the February 23, 2011 minutes were tabled. The minutes of the February 23, 2011 PBC meeting were approved with corrections. Council members and the Executive Director provided reports on their activities since the previous PBC meeting.

Roger Foster, TDC General Manager, provided an update on the Tribal Development Board and Business activities.

Under Old Business:
1. Bids for the IT Generator. Mr. Jake returned because the approved bid could not provide the warranty information requested. Pogue Electric was the lowest bid that provided the needed warranty. – Approved.
2. Selection of Gaming Commissioner was tabled to interview the candidates and the current Commissioners whose terms have expired. The interviews will be held on March 22, 2011.
3. Resolution 11-06, 11-07 and 11-08 – Appointments to the Tribal Court of Directors. Ramona HorseChief was appointed by Resolution 11-06, Richard Tilden was appointed by Resolution 11-07 and John Only A Chief was appointed by Resolution 11-08. Mr. Only A Chief will not take his seat on the Tribal Court until his term on the Council expires and the seat will be held for him. All three seats are for three-year terms.

Under New Business:
1. Purchase of Tractor for Property and Use Plan. Three bids were provided. The Housing Authority will pay half and share the usage of the tractor. The Mahindra tractor was the lowest bid and is approved.
2. Purchase of vehicle for DECS. The funding agency provided additional funding for another vehicle for DECS. The bid from Hudiberg Chevrolet was approved.
3. Water Quality Standards – Chapter 5. These have been developed for quite some time. Council approves the Water Quality Standards, Chapter 5 of the Law and Order Code by Resolution 11-16.
4. UML Lease – The wrong lease was provided by Chilocco attorney Ken Belmard. No action taken.
5. Chris Linder, Candidate for Mayor of Pawnee was scheduled for a short introduction, but due to time constraints was unable to be heard.

MARCH 23, 2011 PBC MEETING

The minutes of the February 23, 2011 meeting were approved as well as the minutes for the March 9th, 2011 meeting (with corrections). All Council members, Dawna Hare, Executive Director and Roger Foster, TDC General Manager provided reports since the last PBC Meeting. Linda Jestes was excused to attend training.

Under Old Business:
1. Chris Linder, Candidate for Mayor for the City of Pawnee, provided his background information and platform.
2. Resolution 11-13 – Appointment to the Gaming Commission – vacant seat – Lyle Fields is appointed.

Under New Business:
1. Resolution 11-17 – Appointment to Gaming Commission Chairman – Cecil Riding In is reappointed.
2. Resolution 11-18 – Appointment to Gaming Commission Secretary/Treasurer – Vi Wills is reappointed.
3. Resolution 11-19 – Appointment to Gaming Commission – Member – Lisa Otipoby is reappointed.
4. Discussion/Action regarding Administrative Procedures Act, which was originally approved under Resolution 07-50. Tabled for a Council and affected parties Scoping Meeting.

After Executive Session:
1. Interviews and Selection of Finance Director. There were two candidates. Phillip Ellis is selected with four votes.
EARL EVERETT LATIMER III
November 18, 1964 - March 26, 2011

Earl Everett Latimer, III was born on November 18, 1964 in Tulsa, Oklahoma to Earl Everett Latimer, Jr. and Addie Ellen Eaves Latimer. He passed from this life on Saturday, March 26, 2011 in Tulsa, Oklahoma having reached the age of 46 years, four months, and eight days.

He was a grandson of William and Rachel Eaves and Earl and Gladys Latimer, Sr. He married Julia Carter on February 22, 2011 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and enjoyed outdoor activities, fishing, boating, and family activities. He was a welder by trade, enjoyed art work and weight lifting.

Earl is survived by his son, Desmond Nathaniel Latimer, Tulsa, Oklahoma; grandson, Nathaniel Latimer, Tulsa, Oklahoma; father, Earl Latimer, Jr., Wagner, Oklahoma; mother, Addie Ellen Eaves Latimer, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Lynn D. Eaves, Aberdeen, Washington; Bob Latimer, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Lynn D. Eaves, Pawnee, Oklahoma; aunt, Beatrice SunEagle, Pawnee, Oklahoma; wife, Julia Carter Latimer, Tulsa, Oklahoma; plus numerous other relatives, and many friends.

Services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at the Pawnee Nation Roam Chief Building, Pawnee, Oklahoma with Rev. Lynn Eaves officiating. Interment will be at South Indian Cemetery, Pawnee, Oklahoma, under the direction of Poteet Funeral Home, Pawnee, Oklahoma.

BARBARA EDEN CHEVARILLO
May 5, 1942 – February 17, 2011

Barbara Eden Chevarillo was born on May 5, 1942 in Pawnee, Oklahoma to George Howell Jr., and Thelma Stoneroad. She passed from this life on Thursday, February 17, 2011 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma having reached the age of 68 years, 9 months, and 12 days.

She attended Haskell Institute; Westminster College, Salt Lake City, Utah where she obtained her Bachelor of Science degree; then the University of Utah, Salt Lake City where she obtained her Masters in Social Work, and also attended Western Region Indians Alcoholism Training Center at the University of Utah. She was a Social Service Specialist II for the Department of Human Services of the State of Oklahoma for 11 years, and was founder of N.A.Y.O (Native American Youth Organization) at Ignacio High School, where she served as a counselor for 14 years before moving to Oklahoma. She moved from Ignacio, Colorado in 1995 to El Reno, Oklahoma and was affiliated with the Indian Methodist Church.

Barbara is survived by her daughter, Geralynn “Precious” Chevarillo; granddaughters, Brittany Richards; Amara Analee Ferrell; grandsons, Jordan Sundance Ferrell; Alexander Apolo Ferrell; great grandson, Omar Jordan Sundance Ferrell; Alexzander Apolo Ferrell; great grandson, Omar Jordan Sundance Ferrell; Amara Analee Ferrell; grandsons, Jordan Sundance Ferrell; Alexander Apolo Ferrell; great grandson, Omar Jordan Sundance Ferrell; great grandson, Omar Jordan Sundance Ferrell; Amara Analee Ferrell; grandsons, Jordan Sundance Ferrell; Alexander Apolo Ferrell; great grandson, Omar Jordan Sundance Ferrell; great grandson, Omar Jordan Sundance Ferrell; Amara Analee Ferrell; grandsons, Jordan Sundance Ferrell; Alexander Apolo Ferrell; great grandson, Omar Jordan Sundance Ferrell; great grandson, Omar Jordan Sundance Ferrell.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, George Howell Jr. and Thelma Stoneroad.

Services were held at 10 a.m., Monday, February 21, 2011 at the Roam Chief Building, Pawnee, Oklahoma with Rev. Warren Pratt, Jr. officiating. Interment was at the South Indian Cemetery, Pawnee, Oklahoma, under the direction of Poteet Funeral Home, Pawnee, Oklahoma.

ASSOCIATION ON AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS SCHOLARSHIPS

Information for the 2011-2012 school year has been updated and we will be accepting application packages between April 4 – June 13, 2011 only.

We have very little emergency aid for the spring semester. Please call our office to verify funding is available before submitting an application and to see if your situation qualifies.

AAIA has a long history of providing scholarships to college students, awarding our first scholarship in 1948. We currently have eight scholarship programs for graduate and undergraduate students. Funding is made available due to the generosity of our donors, therefore the number of scholarships provided varies from year to year. All scholarships are for students who are from federally recognized tribes and who are at least 1/4 Indian blood unless otherwise stated.

Students should submit one application package only. You will be considered for all scholarships for which you are eligible. For more information on a specific scholarship, click on the scholarship name to the right. Information regarding applying for AAIA scholarships as well as links to other organizations and search engines can be found below. Print the application to the right and mail to the address listed along with the required documents by 5pm of the due date. Applications postmarked on the due date will not be accepted.

For more information, go to our website at: www.indian-affairs.org/scholarships/aaia_scholarships.htm

Readjustment Counseling

Readjustment counseling is a wide range of services offered to eligible Veterans and their families in the effort to make a successful transition from military to civilian life.

If you, or a family member, served in any combat zone and received a military campaign ribbon (Vietnam, Southwest Asia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Desert Storm, or other combat areas) you are eligible for Vet Center services.

For more information please contact: For the Tulsa Area:
Matthew Tiger, MSW Tulsa Vet Center
Readjustment Counselor 14002 E. 21st Street
Vet Center Suite 200
Outreach Station Eastgate Metroplex
PO Box 948 Tulsa, Oklahoma 74134
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Hours of Operation for Tahlequah Outreach Station
Monday, Tuesday & Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm
Tahlequah in Cherokee Nation Complex
Wednesday 9:00am - 3:00pm Grove City Hall Room 5
Thursday 8:00am - 4:30pm Tulsa Vet Center
This is an aerial photo that Bill Howell took in early 2002 of the Pawnee Nation Tribal Campus.

This is an aerial view of the Pawnee Nation Tribal Campus, and where the future site for Law Enforcement & Justice Complex.

Story on page 22.
STRANGLING THE TRUTH

By Theda GoodFox Kresge

“You need to hear this story about your grandfather; I think you will get a laugh out of it.”

It was Martha Blaine, a friend and former archivist of the Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City. In phone visits, I occasionally heard stories of her research in her historical writing.

When Martha had an anecdote to share, I knew to listen and not interrupt, “This took place in the late 1800s, after the Pawnees had been moved to Oklahoma. The four bands had been settled on their lands in Indian Territory. There were so many deaths and illnesses among the Pawnees and problems with the Whites who lived around them.”

I remembered family elders' stories about my great-grandfather Curly Chief and my grandfather William Mathews being on the journey when our Pawnee tribe was removed into Oklahoma. They and other members of the Kitkehauki band settled near the Cimarron River in what later became the communities of Yale and Cushing, OK. Relatives speculated Grandpa Mathews must have been 10 or 11 years old when making that fateful journey; he always said he was “big enough to ride a horse”. Sharing this information once with Martha, brought forth the observation that Grandpa Mathews was undoubtedly on the third and final removal trip in 1874.

Martha continued, “A headlined story came out in the Stillwater newspaper reporting your grandfather Curly Chief and his warriors had surrounded the town and were preparing to attack. The story said they were “bold and defiant”. The townspeople were very frightened and most upset about this act.”

“Word about this outrageous act was sent to the Indian Agent, D.J.M. Wood, who immediately responded it was a lie, describing your grandfather with the words, “a kinder man you could not find.”

Martha continued, “Another newspaper story also told of the Indian Agent being shot by the Indians. Agent Wood reacted, stating again this too was a lie. This did not stop the frightened whites who were reportedly arming themselves so Curly Chief and the others could not scalp them.”

“The Indian Agent offered his opinion if the newspapers and the whites would simply leave the Indians alone; mind their own business that they would enjoy life much better and sleep more sweetly at night.”

The simple truth was at that particular time, my great-grandfather Curly Chief was in Arkansas City, on the Kansas border having driven a wagon there to pick up supplies that had been delivered for the tribe. Apparently the practice was one conducted by male tribal members for the provisions to be distributed by the government to the Pawnees. Following the tribal removal, without their hunting grounds and their cycle of farming, the daily existence for Pawnee people had become one of constant hunger, illnesses, death and frustration. The clarity of the removal is it was a defining time in our tribal history, culture and way of life then and thereafter. Quality of Pawnee tribal life with the many traditions and customs that had been in existence for centuries in Nebraska was gone. Removal destroyed the unique sense of self for the people.

What I know about my grandfather Curly Chief is sparse. A late uncle gave me a photograph of Curly Chief with two brothers. He does not appear very tall, wearing his hair pulled up and back; relatives have said his hair was curly. He wears no shirt, only leggings and moccasins. He does not appear flabby; his physique is that of an active man. All in the photo appear stern and serious. Trying to image how he might have looked smiling or laughing, I think even in laughter, his eyes would remain critical and observant.

In 1892, the Cherokee Jerome Commission was in Indian Territory to talk with the Pawnees and other tribes about their surplus lands. The discussion between the Pawnees and the commission members was heated with veiled threats from the commission members at times. Curly Chief was in no hurry to deal with them, remarking, “Our land is money, our timber [is] money. It will not run away.” He suggested the commissioners “go deal with the Osages first.” Curly Chief's stubbornness annoyed the Commission.

After almost a month from their first meeting, wherein the Pawnees had argued, tried persuading, pleaded, and asked for justice with no giving in from the officials. Finally the Pawnees relented. Curly Chief, the oldest chief, was asked to speak for all the chiefs to the commission.

Telling the commissioners, he did not have the heart to decide but the land belonged to the tribe and the commission members could see it was what they had decided - to accept the government's offer. Curly Chief's speech was the last made by a Pawnee before the loss of their lands they believed they should not have to sell.

In the summer of 1893, allotments of land was completed. President Grover Cleveland issued a proclamation, August 19, 1893, “all the lands acquired from the Cherokee Nation of Indians, the Tonkawa tribe of Indians and the Pawnee tribe of Indians . . . will be opened to settlement.”

The land opened for settlement on September 16, 1893. It is estimated that 100,000 people rushed in by horse, wagon, and on foot claiming and occupying former Pawnee and other tribal lands.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS:

ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma is advertising for Architectural/Engineering Services for the design and construction of a new Law Enforcement Center to be located on the Pawnee Nation Tribal Reserve which is east of Pawnee, Oklahoma.

The complete Request for Qualifications including the criteria that will be used to select the most qualified firm is available upon written request.

Submit your request by fax or email (mrobedeaux@pawneenation.org) and please include your email address and/or your fax number.

Qualifications documents must be received no later than 4:30 pm on Monday, April 18, 2011.

Point of Contact for Information: Muriel Robedeaux, ICDBG Coordinator

Contact: George Howell, President,
Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, (918) 762-3621,
Fax: (918) 762-6446.
Attn: ICDBG Law Enforcement Center Project.
PAWNEE NATION PLANNING UPDATE

By Ted Moore, Planning Director

Nowa, the Planning Office submitted a proposal to the Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance Grant for the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) funding cycle. The goal of the proposed project, Paari Pakuu-r’ Pitku, is to establish an approach to revitalize, preserve, and sustain the Pawnee language by targeting language activities for our Indian children, creating viable intergenerational and distance learning strategies, and embracing our community either from local or out of area in keeping our Pawnee language strong for future generations.

The proposed project will develop language and culturally specific curriculum lessons for children. The purpose of the lessons is to enhance learning at preschool and after school to include basic to children’s conversational structure. Intergenerational teaching of Pawnee language skills will be provided involving youth and elders through a summer camp.

The project will provide distance learning methods and an internet link will be created to access language resources and curriculum lessons. Short version DVDs will be created to enhance these efforts. Renewing interest in the Pawnee language and networking with the community will be maintained through the project by first circulating a questionnaire to tribal members to determine their interests in the language.

The proposed project will employ two new workers, a Curriculum Coordinator and a Project Recruiter and hire Pawnee language speakers as consultants to aid in the development and teaching. We will know if we are funded in July, 2011.

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LETTER TO EDITOR GUIDELINES

A letter to the editor is meant to express your opinion or point of view.

Length: Letters on issues of public concern should be 300 words or less.

Guest Opinions: Articles submitted by readers as guest opinions will be printed as such at the discretion of the editor.

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-Ashlee Worley, Editor

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