Pawnee Nation Elders Center is almost completed
By Reva Howell

It seemed only yesterday, in the blistering cold month of January, that the Pawnee Nation was holding the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Pawnee Nation Elders Center, PNEC. A mere eight months later the new 4,150 square foot facility is nearly complete and is located at 901 Agency Rd, (directly west of the Pawnee Nation Ceremonial Roundhouse). The exterior of the building is a split-face concrete ma-

sonry unit with angled roof pitches giving the facility its own unique character. The east entrance has a drive-thru, butterfly canopy, which will shelter anyone being picked up or dropped off in times of inclement weather. Also on the outside, is a sheltered, concrete patio on the north-west corner of the PNEC, a place where the Elders will be able to sit outside under the shade on more favorable days. Inside the building, as you enter, the focal point will be on the new gas powered fireplace and hearth. Along with a FEMA rated storm shelter, all restrooms will be ADA compliant and within the storm shelter. A key component of the new facility is the larger kitchen, inclusive of new kitchen equipment and a walk-in freezer/cooler unit.

The program that will be housed in the new PNEC is Title VI, Part A Senior Nutritional Meals & Part C Caregiver Outreach Programs. The new facility will be beneficial for the program, with a larger kitchen and office space so staff will be able to adequately serve their clientele without confinement. Also, the participants of this program will no longer have to share space with other on-going activities. Due to many inclement weather delays, the project is not slated for completion until the middle part of October.

A fascinating tidbit about the project is the discovery of small watermelon patches spread sporadically on-site, some of the watermelons have succumbed to the Oklahoma heat, while others have prospered and grown.

Above, the progress on the Pawnee Nation Elders Center continues with completion scheduled for Mid-October
Nawa,

It seems like only yesterday we were doing the newspaper, and here it is, time to do it all over again. Since the last issue we’ve had Homecoming, this year’s Homecoming was very enjoyable. On July 3, 2014 we had Code Talker Appreciation Day, that afternoon we had a celebration at the Roundhouse with several speakers, including General Bradley Gambill. It was quite enjoyable to celebrate our Code Talkers and to read the proclamations from the city, state of Oklahoma, and the Pawnee Nation; all in the honor of our Code Talkers. We handed out nine proclamations from the Pawnee Nation and handed those out to the family members of the Code Talker’s, it felt good to honor their families on that day. That night at Homecoming nine dancers came in carrying a Second World War flag that had flown on a battleship. It was a night to be proud to be Pawnee, to be warriors, and to show our pride in our past warriors. We are proud of our Veterans and show respect towards our country, our stars and stripes. Often times people ask why we show such respect for the Veterans who fought for this country, when this country has treated us the way they did. We show respect because this is still our country, our home, anyone should defend their home; that’s why we honor our Veterans. We also do this because we are Pawnee, we are warriors, we are a war dance society; a warrior society!

After the Homecoming we had visitation, the Kiri Kurus (the Little Bears), the Wichita’s, came to visit. We had a good time while they were here. The drum was silent for a little while, but we had hand games and plenty to eat. We had a wonderful time visiting and teasing! On giveaway day we gave to our relatives and had a good time, we try to do our very best for them. A lot of organizations came out and fed our relatives, provided them with ice cream, horse shoe games, and many other things. The Nasharo’s fed breakfast, many groups fed breakfast and lunch, others helped with evening meals. We appreciate everyone who helped during visitation; this is something we have been doing for a long time. I read a translation of a Spanish book that spoke of our visitation, in this book it mentions that is 1546, I believe, that the Pawnee were visiting the Wichita along the Arkansas River. The passage told of the enjoyment they were having doing a hand game and trading of tobacco.

We don’t know how many years visitation has been going on, but that’s the earliest account I’ve ever read about. We had a really good time with our relatives.

I hope everyone had a good time on Labor Day weekend and enjoyed themselves. You will notice that the Elder’s Center is progressing quickly. They have been laying asphalt, windows are going in, and it’s becoming quite a stylish building. I’m looking forward to its completion.

Many things are going on; the tribal council is going through many things. You may hear things people have said or read things people have written about the council. Sometimes certain ones will say things, they will come to the council meetings and leave before they are over, they won’t ask questions. I urge you, if you have any questions or concerns, come to council meetings and ask us. That is where you will get an answer, not by talking to someone else, but by asking us directly. Yes, there has been a lawsuit filed, it is going through the courts. We are not perfect, nobody is, but if you want answers come talk to us. We are human; don’t ever be afraid to talk to your council members.

My prayer is for each and every one of you, because we are all members of the greatest nation on the face of this earth, the Pawnee Nation.

Gary McAdams, former Wichita Tribal Chairman meets with Pawnee Elders. The Wichita visited the Pawnees in early August.
MESSAGE FROM LISA GOVER, PAWNEE NATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

From the Desk of the Executive Director

Nowah Friends and Family,

This news bit is organized to highlight some of the activities and work being done at the Pawnee Nation. Our efforts are intended to provide high quality service to tribal members and the public, to implement programs to support the well-being of our community members and to assist Pawnee Nation members and employees to access services and programs that ensure success in employment opportunities with the Pawnee Nation and other work places.

Announcements

IMPORTANT UPDATE - Cobell Information - (September 11, 2014) The United States District Court for the District of Columbia entered an Order approving Plaintiffs’ Unopposed Motion to begin distribution.

Checks will be issued to Trust Administration Class Members where they have a current address. The first checks are expected to be mailed Monday, September 15, 2014. Please note that checks may take five to seven days to reach Class Members once they have been mailed. You can access updated information on the Cobell litigation at: http://www.indiantrust.com/ - please note that the Pawnee Nation is not a part of the administration of this settlement and we don’t know any more than is stated on the website.

Upcoming Events:

Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS) – Wills seminar. Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc. is sponsoring a Free Wills and Estates Clinic at the Pawnee Tribal Courthouse on Friday Nov. 7, 2014. Pawnee Tribal Courthouse, Pawnee, Oklahoma Call 1-800-658-1497 for details and to make your appointment! (you must have an appointment to see an attorney and you must call the Oklahoma Indian Legal Services office to make the appointment)

EMPLOYEE FUN DAY

Pawnee Nation. The Pawnee Business Council, Employees Club and the Pawnee Nation are sponsoring the Employee Fun Day on September 19th. This event is a special activities event and will serve as a training exercise for the upcoming Inter-Tribal Games on Friday October 24th. Employees and tribal members meet up to compete in various team sporting and other fun events. The Inter-Tribal Event will be held at the Iowa Nation this year, so Pawnee Nation is powering up to bring home the Gold from the Iowa games. Go Pawnee Nation Team!

Update on Pawnee Reservation Water System:

The Pawnee Nation experienced a water quality issue during the early part of September. The problem was the detection of total coliform in regular lab tests that are collected to detect problems in the system. A sample sent to the Lab in Stillwater indicated the presence of coliform. The water systems team and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) collaborated to confirm the lab test and to take additional lab samples. The problem stemmed from a clog in the chlorine pump which was plugged. The water systems team performed maintenance on the chlorine pump tubing to unplug the pump. The water system was flushed by opening up the fire hydrant and running the sinks at the location where the problem was detected. After several lab tests were conducted throughout the week and weekend, the problem was resolved and the boil Water Notice was lifted. We apologize for any inconvenience and for water users that might have gotten sick. All is well and the water quality issue has been addressed. Thanks to Louise and Jimmy in Property Management for working to address the issue and to be sure that this is a rare event.

New Programs Under Development:

Early Head Start Program Proposal – Our Education Division is preparing to submit a proposal to the DHHS Administration for Children and Families (ACF) to expand the Children’s Learning Center to include a curriculum based Early Head Start Program for young children, ages 2 – 4, in the Pawnee Community. The plan will allow the Center to expand the number of slots for children whose parents who would like to enroll children in a learning environment. The Early Head Start Program will involve partnerships with service providers and enable parents to access early childhood development diagnostic resources. Additional information will be available upon notification from the funding agency.

Division of Health and Community Services will be working to administer a child support enforcement program designed to take over child support actions that are currently being administered through the Modoc Program.

Department of Energy funding to accelerate clean energy development on tribal lands. This funding opportunity will assist the Pawnee Nation to research and install clean energy and energy efficiency retrofit projects for tribal buildings, and possibly to deploy clean energy systems on a community scale.

Other upcoming events are being planned as community meetings to involve interested community members in the development of a transit plan, community development and housing plans, as well as, plans for expanding the Law Enforcement Center.

We invite you to contact us any time and let us know how we are doing. The employee team is proud to serve the Pawnee Nation and the surrounding community.

Warm regards and best wishes,

Lisa Gover
PBC Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2014 PBC Meeting:

Eight Council members were present and provided reports on committee meetings and gave updates since the last Council meeting. Acting Executive Director, Muriel Robedeaux provided a report.

The minutes for December 18, 2013 PBC Meeting was approved by a motion made by Karla Knife Chief, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Minutes for December 30, 2014 PBC Emergency Meeting was approved by a motion made by Bruce Pratt, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief.

Old Business:

1. Resolution #13-58 for Chilocco Lease with Mark Liergerot was approved by a motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief, seconded by Phammie N. Litlelson.

New Business:

1. Copyright of the Pawnee Nation Seal was discussed and the decision was to proceed with the copyright of the seal.

2. Sign Project presented by Communications was discussed but no Council action was taken.

3. Amendment to the Travel Policy making the Executive Office responsible for handling all of Council travel. Travel Policy changes were approved by a motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief, seconded by Karla Knife Chief.

4. Discussion on PNE Wind and response to SP Regional Office letter. There was no Council Action.

5. Resolution #13-97 for TDC purchase of land was rescinded by a motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter.

Resolution #14-02 for TDC purchase of land to include with assigned attachments and signed contract was approved by a motion made by Karla Knife Chief, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief.

A motion was made by Karla Knife Chief to amend the agenda and add the issue with Gordon Adams and his job to Executive Session, seconded by Richard Tilden. Motion carries. Motion was made by Karla Knife Chief to go into Executive Session, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion was made by Bruce Pratt to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Misty M. Nuttle.

Executive Session:


2. Report on Education Investigation – No Council Action

3. Interview with Executive Director – Motion made by Bruce Pratt to hire Lisa Gover as the Executive Director with moving expenses of $1,500 with the stipulation that she stay for 90 days, seconded by Misty M. Nuttle.

4. Interview, selection and approval of Resolution #14-01 for the Pawnee Nation District Court Chief Judge – Motion was made by Misty M. Nuttle to approve Resolution #14-01 to appoint Jon Douthitt as the Pawnee Nation District Court Chief Judge, seconded by Karla Knife Chief.

5. There was discussion on getting the Cultural and Language Committee reinstated.

Adjourn by a motion made by Bruce Pratt, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief.

February 12, 2014 PBC Meeting:

Seven Council members were present and provided reports on committee meetings and gave updates since the last Council meeting. Executive Director, Lisa Gover and TDC CEO, Roger Smith both provided reports to the Council.

Old Business:

1. Resolution #14-01 amendment to change the term was approved by a motion made by Misty M. Nuttle, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief.

2. Travel Policy revisions were discussed.

New Business:

1. Comment/Suggestion cards, discussion about a process to address the card that came in.

2. Misty M. Nuttle and Adrian Spottedhorsechief were appointed to the Land Use Committee.

3. Donation request from the PNC Student Association for the Powwow for $300 was approved by a motion made by Bruce Pratt, seconded by Karla Knife Chief.

4. Property Committee request to raise the rental fees for the Roundhouse was tabled by a motion made by Bruce Pratt, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter.

5. The issue with Gordon Adams and his job – No Council Action was taken.

February 12, 2014 PBC Meeting was approved by a motion made by Misty M. Nuttle, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief.

Minutes for January 8, 2014 PBC Meeting was approved by a motion made by Richard Tilden, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Minutes for January 22, 2014 PBC Meeting was approved by a motion made by Richard Tilden, seconded by Misty M. Nuttle.

Old Business:

1. Motion made by Karla Knife Chief to increase the rates for the Roundhouse, seconded by Richard Tilden.

2. Update on Strategic Plan

New Business:

1. Motion made by Misty M. Nuttle to approve the mileage rate to $0.56 effective February 12, 2014, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief.

2. Motion made by Richard Tilden to approve Resolution #14-04 for Proceeds of Labor Drawdown for the Pawnee Nation Museum shortfall, seconded by Misty M. Nuttle.

3. Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to approve property leases, seconded by Richard Tilden.

4. Motion made by Karla Knife Chief to approve the Drinking Water Regulations, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief.

5. Motion made by Misty M. Nuttle to table the Tobacco Rebate to the retailers, seconded by Karla Knife Chief.

6. Motion made by Richard Tilden to pass the 75/25 split for the tobacco rebate to retailers, seconded by Phammie Littlelson.

7. Motion made by Misty M. Nuttle to approve the Pawnee Nation College to purchase a van from Joel Howerton Auto Sales for $25,000, seconded by Richard Tilden.

January 22, 2014 PBC Meeting:

Eight Council members were present and provided reports on committee meetings and gave updates since the last Council meeting. Acting Executive Director, Muriel Robedeaux and TDC CEO, Roger Smith provided reports to the Council.

The minutes for December 27, 2013 were approved by a motion made by Richard Tilden, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief.

Old Business:

1. Adjourn by a motion made by Richard Tilden, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief.
Old Business:

- Reports to Council. President, Mike Burgess both provided the last Council meeting. Executive meetings and gave updates since February 24, 2014 PBC Meeting: 4:11 pm. All in favor, motion carries to adjourn.

Executive Session:

1. Gaming Commissioners, Suitability Determination (2) – Motion made by Misty M. Nuttle to approve the Gaming License Applications for James Rice and Crystal Windholz, seconded by Richard Tilden.

2. Proposal for Reorganization for Health and Community Services – No Council Action

3. Salary Raise for Division Director – Motion made by Misty M. Nuttle to approve the merit increase for Monty Matlock, Division of Natural Resources Division Director, retro to the first period of 2013, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief.


Motion made by Richard Tilden, seconded by Misty M. Nuttle to adjourn. All in favor, motion carries to adjourn at 4:11 pm.

February 24, 2014 PBC Meeting:

Eight Council members were present and provided reports on committee meetings and gave updates since the last Council meeting. Executive Director, Lisa Gover and PNC Interim President, Mike Burgess both provided reports to Council.

Old Business:

1. TERO Update

2. Motion made by Bruce Pratt to approve the Professional Service Contract with Carol Nuttle and authorize the Executive Director to sign the contract, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter.

March 7, 2014 PBC Emergency Meeting:

Eight Council members were present.

New Business:

1. Discussion about PNE Wind Attorney – No Council Action was taken.

2. Motion made by Misty M. Nuttle to approve Resolution #14-07 Attorney Engagement, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter. Motion was made by Misty M. Nuttle to go into Executive Session, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion was made by Richard Tilden to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Richard Tilden.

March 12, 2014 PBC Meeting:

Seven Council members were present and provided reports on committee meetings and gave updates since the last Council meeting. Executive Director, Lisa Gover and TDC CEO, Roger Smith both provided reports to Council.

New Business:

1. I.H.S. Update, Travis Scott and Admiral Meeks were present.

2. Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to approve Resolution #14-08 and Domestic Abuse Act with removing Section 18 with 60 days for amendments and review, seconded by Bruce Pratt.

3. Motion made by Karla Knife Chief to amend the agenda to add under New Business, item #6, Approval to rescind Resolution #14-10 Travel Advances and other Travel Related Policies, seconded by Karla Knife Chief.

4. Motion made by Richard Tilden to table Resolution #14-10 Travel Policy until the next Council Meeting, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief.

5. Motion made by Richard Tilden to approve Resolution #14-11 and the revisions to the Communications Technology Policy with changes, seconded by Karla Knife Chief.

6. Motion made by Richard Tilden to rescind Resolution #12-52 PNE Wind Leases, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion made by Richard Tilden to go into Executive Session, seconded by Richard Tilden. Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Richard Tilden.

March 26, 2014 PBC Meeting:

Five Council members were present and provided reports on committee meetings and gave updates since the last Council meeting. Executive Director, Lisa Gover and PNC Interim President, Mike Burgess both provided reports to Council.

Old Business:

1. Motion made by Bruce Pratt to table Resolution #14-10 Travel Advances and other Travel Related Policies, seconded by Karla Knife Chief.

2. Motion made by Bruce Pratt to approve the January rebate payment, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter.

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New Business:

1. Motion made by Karla Knife Chief to table Resolution #14-12, Procurement Policy, seconded by Phammie N. Littlesun.

2. Motion made by Bruce Pratt to approve the $300 donation request from the Pawnee Nation College book lecture, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter.

3. Motion made by Karla Knife Chief to table PNE Wind until the next meeting on March 31st, seconded by Phammie N. Littlesun.

4. Discussion on the Electronic Application Process

5. Motion made by Bruce Pratt to approve the electronic request for the Pawnee Nation College, seconded by Karla Knife Chief.

Old Business:

1. VAW Update

New Business:

1. Motion made by Misty M. Nuttle to approve the Office Furnishings over $5,000, seconded by Karla Knife Chief.

2. Motion made by Karla Knife Chief to approve Resolution #14-14 for the submission of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery grant application, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter.

3. Motion made by Phammie N. Littlesun to waive the fees at the Roam Chief Event Center for the Book Lecture, seconded by Bruce Pratt.

4. Motion made by Bruce Pratt to approve Resolution #14-15, Transit, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief.

Motion was made by Richard Tilden, seconded by Karla Knife Chief to allow the continuance with future housing and road construction, seconded by Phammie N. Littlesun.

5. Motion made by Bruce Pratt to approve Resolution #14-10 for the Travel Policies, seconded by Richard Tilden.

6. Motion made by Bruce Pratt to table Resolution #14-12, Procurement Policy, seconded by Karla Knife Chief.

7. Motion made by Misty M. Nuttle to approve Resolution #14-17, Continuing Budget Resolution until May 30th, 2014, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief.

8. Motion made by Bruce Pratt to allow the continuation with future housing and road construction, seconded by Phammie N. Littlesun.

9. Motion made by Misty M. Nuttle to approve Resolution #14-16 application for Enrollment, seconded by Bruce Pratt.

10. Motion made by Bruce Pratt to approve Resolution #14-17, Continuing Budget Resolution until May 30th, 2014, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief.

Motion to go into Executive Session was made by Misty M. Nuttle, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief. Motion made by Karla Knife Chief to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief.

Executive Session:

1. PBC Complaint – No Council Action

2. Executive Director 90 Day Evaluation – Motion was made by Bruce Pratt to accept Lisa Gover as a permanent Employee of the Pawnee Nation, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter.

Motion was made by Karla Knife Chief, seconded by Bruce Pratt to adjourn. All in favor, motion carries to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

April 9, 2014 PBC Emergency Meeting:

Eight Council members were present and provided reports on committee meetings and gave updates since the last Council meeting. Executive Director, Lisa Gover and PNC Interim President, Mike Burgess both provided reports to Council.

The minutes for February 12, 2014 PBC Meeting was approved by a motion made by Liana Chapman Teter, seconded by Karla Knife Chief. Minutes for February 24, 2014 PBC Meeting was approved by a motion made by Bruce Pratt, seconded by Misty M. Nuttle.

Old Business:

1. Motion made by Misty M. Nuttle to approve the withdrawal of Resolution #13-24 for Enrollment, seconded by Bruce Pratt.

2. Motion made by Bruce Pratt to table Resolution #14-10 for the Travel Policies, seconded by Richard Tilden.

3. Motion made by Misty M. Nuttle to table Resolution #14-12, Procurement Policy, seconded by Karla Knife Chief.

4. Motion made by Bruce Pratt to table the Museum By-Lawns, seconded by Liana Chapman Teter.

5. Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to table the PNE Wind Lease, seconded by Richard Tilden.

New Business:

1. Discussion with David Gover, NARF Attorney about proposed sale of water.

2. Motion made by Richard Tilden to table the Water Sale Contract, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief.

3. Motion made by Phammie N. Littlesun to approve the supply purchase over $5,000 by the CHR Program, seconded by Adrian Spottedhorsechief.

4. Motion made by Adrian Spottedhorsechief to allow the continuance with future housing and road construction, seconded by Phammie N. Littlesun.

Motion was made by Karla Knife Chief, seconded by Bruce Pratt to adjourn. All in favor, motion carries to adjourn at 9:53 am.
OBITUARY

Effie A. Craven, 77 of Long Beach, California, passed away at 11:04 a.m. on Monday, June 30, 2014 at her residence.

She was born on January 10, 1937 in Pawnee, Oklahoma to the late Garland and Elvina (Waters) Blaine.

She was a member of St. Hedwig Catholic Church in Los Alamitos, California.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph Craven of Brawley, Ca; four daughters, Mary Nelson of Long Beach, Ca; Kathryn Greenhalgh of Richmond, Va; Alice Higbee of Rossmoor, Ca; Angela Craven of Blackfoot, Id; three sons, William Craven of Las Vegas, Nv; Michael Craven of Massachusetts; John Craven of Long Beach, Ca; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Joseph Craven.

Burial was in the Pawnee Tribal North Cemetery in Pawnee, Oklahoma on August 18th, 2014. Deacon Kenny Longbrake conducted the graveside service.

The Chaticks Si Chaticks will print the Obituary of a loved one that is a member of the Pawnee Nation. Please send to:

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Pawnee, OK 74058

OBITUARY

Norman Francis Rice Sr (March 16, 1936 - August 26, 2014)

Norman Francis Rice Sr. was born on March 16, 1936 in Pawnee Oklahoma to Charles Rice and Frieda Riding In Rice. He passed from this life on Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at his home in Tecumseh Oklahoma having reached the age of 78 years, 5 months, and 11 days.

He graduated from Pawnee Indian School, and then attended Bacone College, getting his Associates Degree and then enlisted into the United States Air Force. Then he returned home where he met his wife of forty-seven years, Justine R. Goodchief. They moved to Topeka Kansas where he worked as a carpenter for years in the union before becoming self-employed then they moved back to Pawnee, and eventually moved to Tecumseh Oklahoma.

Justine preceded him in death on February 3, 2006. Norman is survived by his daughter, Letha D. Goodchief of the home in Tecumseh; daughter, Norma Battice and sons, Jarrod Leader and Jonathan M. Rice of the home in Tecumseh, and great granddaughter Acy Justine Marie Rice of Tahlequah; son, David C. Rice, and granddaughters, Kasey N. Rice and Daley D. Rice of Shawnee; grandsons, Charles Alexander and children of Ponca City; and Tyler Jones of Seminole; son, Norman F. Rice Jr. and Gwen Rice, granddaughter, Gabrielle L. Rice, and grandson, Norman F. Rice III of Tecumseh. Elizabeth R. Rice and her children; brother, Ronald and Minnie Rice of Pawnee; and one sister, Charlene Horsechief of Topeka Kansas; sister-in-law, Irene R. Rice of Topeka Kansas, plus numerous nephews, nieces, great nephews, great nieces, other relatives, and many friends.

Besides his wife, Justine, he was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Frieda Rice; and his brothers, Donald E. Rice, Mitchell L. Rice, Merle Rice, and Prentiss “Joe” Rice Sr.
DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Transportation & Safety News

The Pawnee Nation Department of Transportation & Safety, PNDOTS, along with the Pawnee Nation Business Council, PBC, recently approved and signed a contract with Cross Timbers Consulting, Inc. to provide consultant services for the development of the Pawnee Nation Tribal Transit Plan.

The Pawnee Nation is the recipient of a US Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration Grant for the purpose of conducting a study to identify transit needs and to create a Tribal Transit Plan.

As a result of this plan, the Pawnee Nation shall have the necessary information to identify the specific key stakeholders as well as the specific resources that are available for implementation of the Tribal Transit Program. Cross Timbers Consulting, Inc. along with PNDOTS will be contacting different Pawnee Nation Departments and individuals to gather vital information for the transit plan. There will also be public meetings and/or surveys to gather information from the general public in the near future.

With the anticipation of developing and implementing a Pawnee Nation Tribal Transit Plan, Transportation & Safety Manager, Chris McCray and Assistant Manager, Rhonda James were recently certified as “Community Transit Supervisors” by the Community Transportation Association of America. “The training and certification we have received will help us as we develop and move forward with a Pawnee Nation Tribal Transit Program,” said Chris McCray.

At a recent Pawnee Nation Business Council meeting, Pawnee Nation Department of Transportation & Safety Foreman, Darrell Flowers, was recognized by Oklahoma State University Local Technical Assistance Program, OSU LTAP, Tribal Technical Assistance Program, TTAP, and the Pawnee Nation Business Council for completion of the “Roads Scholar” program. The program’s purpose is to provide basic education in the civil engineering-related and other technical aspects of their jobs. It consists of nine courses, totaling more than 120 hours, which relate to road and bridge maintenance, construction, and repair. These courses include Aggregate Road Maintenance, Excavation Safety, Testing for Soil Properties, Comprehensive MUTCD, Basic and Advanced Surveying, Equipment Maintenance, Project Management, and Plan Reading. Presenting the certificate was Douglas Wright, Director, Center for Local Government Technologies and Michael Hinkston, Manager, Local Technical Assistance Program.

CHR News

Hello fellow Pawnee tribal and community members! The CHR program has recently undergone a few staff changes and we look forward to picking up and continuing services in the community!

Quick Introductions of our team:

My name is Jaime Jestes and I began working as the Coordinator for the CHR/EMS/Health Education programs in July 2014. I have been employed at the Pawnee Nation for three years with my prior work taking place in the Diabetes Program. I graduated from Oklahoma State University in December 2013 with my Bachelor of Science Degree; majoring in Community Health Education and Promotion. I am excited to bring my education and experience to the CHR program.

In addition to the current transportation and assistance programs already taking place, it is my goal to provide the most up to date health education and resources to our community.

Jasha Lyons is the Administrative Assistant and the newest member of our CHR team. Jasha was previously employed with the Title VI Nutritional Services program and we are excited to have her on board. Jasha has a passion for helping Native American families and looks forward to providing services for the betterment of our community.

Raelynn Peters is our other CHR Generalist. Raelynn came on board in November 2013 and enjoys helping the elders in our community.

Program Services:
- CHR/EMS
- Health Education
- Transportation
- Direct Assistance
- LIHEAP
- CSBG
- Elders and Handicap Assistance

If you would like any additional information on these services, please go online to www.pawneenation.org and review the guidelines or call (918) 762-3873 option 1.

Please feel free to submit any ideas or suggestions to the CHR office or stop by for a visit! The CHR office is located at 400 Agency Rd. | Pawnee, OK 74058.

Nawa Pari Akitaru! The Museum of the Pawnee Nation is now open Monday through Friday from 9am to 5 pm. We are located at 657 Harrison St. in downtown Pawnee, OK. Admission is free, and we welcome anyone who would like to come and tour our museum. Currently our Warrior Nation exhibit is on display; this exhibit honors our Pawnee Code Talkers and Pawnee Scouts.

We will have new exhibits on display soon!

Warrior Nation T-Shirts now on sale! We have all sizes available for $15.00.

The Museum also has language discs available FREE to Pawnee Tribal Members!

South Band – Lessons 1-20 (3 disc set)
Skidi Band – Lessons 1-20 (3 disc set)

Our mission at the Museum of the Pawnee Nation is to identify, preserve, document and display appropriate and significant materials relevant to our history and culture as Pawnee people. We want our museum to serve as a catalyst which signifies the great strength that our people have today and have had for many centuries. We look forward to seeing or hearing from you soon! The Museum of the Pawnee Nation can be reached at (918) 762-2180

Museum Board Members

Matt Reed (Board Chair)
Patsy Cooper
Austin Realrider

Steve Knifechief
Sonny Howell
Fitness Center Update

The Pawnee Nation Fitness Center is maintained and operated by the Pawnee Nation Substance Abuse Program, SAP. The Fitness Center is a core component of SAP Abuse because it is part of the wellness concept in helping to maintain sobriety and to promote healthy lifestyles to those we serve.

This is one resource SAP has to use as both prevention and intervention against substance abuse. The benefits far outweigh anything that might be detrimental to exercising. The benefits start with the environment that is created by the Fitness Center itself; it provides a sense of goodwill, safety, and comradery within and amongst the participants. This, in itself, is a key component against substance abuse. The structured environment aids in helping those in recovery and those that are lucky enough to not have been in that situation. In general, people learn how to set goals by developing workout programs that help them to improve their body and mind’s well-being. So take the time and see what benefits you can get from the Fitness Center and its staff.

We recently made an acquisition and replaced some of our equipment. The items purchased were:

Two new treadmills, one elliptical machine, and one recumbent bike with elliptical capability. We will forge ahead and start getting bids on a new sauna and will have it in the near future.

To continually upgrade equipment means that we have to charge for dues to help provide monies for all future expenses.

The fees we charge are very affordable as well as absolutely necessary.

The prices are as follows for tribal and non-tribal members:

**Youth (ages 13-18 years old)**
- Tribal: $5.00
- Non-tribal: $5.00

**Adults (ages 19-54 years old)**
- Tribal: $10.00
- Non-tribal: $25.00

**PN Employees**
- $10.00

**Elders (ages 55 years & over)**
- Tribal: $5.00
- Non-tribal: $15.00

**Visitor Pass—$3.00 per day**

The prices listed are per month. All tribal members are required to provide a Certified Degree of Indian Blood, CDIB, to assure the tribal prices. There are price breaks for those who want to make quarterly or annual payments.

To ensure that we are able to maintain the high level of fitness equipment we have, all people that wish to use the Fitness Center will be required to pay in advance for use.

For more information, please contact the Fitness Center at (918) 762-3000 or the Substance Abuse Program at (918) 762-2153.

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Diabetes Program

By Crystal McNeill, Program Coordinator

The Diabetes Program staff has finally completed what seemed like an endless summer of events. Each event had a successful result for all ages. Here's a recap on the events:

**FEAR THE SWEAT**

We would like to thank Ms. Allison Roberts for sharing her fitness expertise and instructing the “FEAR THE SWEAT” Bootcamp. The camp was held twice a week, over a 11 week time (June 2nd – August 11, 2014), which was offered to community youth ages 8-14.

Ms. Roberts trained/educated youth on various workout routines, how to avoid injury during workout, nutrition, and ways to improve personal fitness. Its exciting to say, being the first time the camp has been offered, it gained the interest of thirty-one youth around the community.

Be Proud Parents!! When your child was in class, the dedication and commitment given was no less than 100%.

We would like to Congratulate - Mr. Jack Kozak for his perfect attendance. Jack was always the first to arrive and last to leave. Way To Go JACK!!

HawkChiek 5k

The Pawnee Nation Diabetes Program collaborated with Warren Realrider and Electa Hare-Redcorn on successfully hosting the 32nd Annual HawkChief Run. This year it was increased from the previous 1-mile run to a 5k (3.1 mile) event, which a total of two hundred and eighteen runners/walkers registered for. Each participant received a t-shirt and commemorative medal upon completion. The top three finishers in age groups 15 & under, 16-35, 36 & up received placed medals.

The top two over all winners, Elijah Horsechief of Pawnee, OK finishing in 20:26 and Helen Gover of Lafayette, CO finishing in 21:47 received a HawkChief Finishers Tray for their accomplishment.

Thank you to all the volunteers that took time out of their holiday weekend to help make this event successful. Each of your efforts are greatly appreciated. It couldn’t have been done without you all. THANK YOU!!

Special thanks to Nathan McCray for developing an amazing design for our 5k t-shirts. As well as, Richard Roubedaux for keeping participants entertained during the entire event and to William (Bill) Howell on presenting a brief history of HawkChief and this event.

Wichita Visitation

It is always great to have Wichita Tribal members come and visit the Pawnee reserve. This year, the Diabetes Program in collaboration with Substance Abuse Program, SAP, and the Community Health Representatives, CHR, hosted a Water Day.

These programs worked together to serve a nutritious lunch and provide various physical activities for our friends and relatives. Activities included water volleyball, wet shirt race, 3-legged race, and dunk tank – Jaime Jestes and Tiffany Frietze were our daring volunteers. Following lunch and water events, door and youth prizes such as water coolers, t-shirts, gift cards, and water games were presented to each the lucky winners.

Now time to catch our breath and prepare for the upcoming fiscal year.
Update from Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation

From January 2014 through July 2014 the Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation (PTDC) has sent $1,358,011.51 in revenue to the Pawnee Nation treasury; $351,316.21 more than during the same period in 2013. The increase in revenue share to the Pawnee Nation is directly related to the hard work of the corporate employees, the employees at the Trading Post Casino, StoneWolf Casino, Howler’s Restaurant, the Travel Plaza, Trading Post Deli and the newly opened Teepee Casino in Yale. The above chart shows the revenue breakdown.

The corporation is currently working on expansion and additional economic development beyond gaming and recently made a land purchase north of the StoneWolf Casino location. The PTDC Board of Directors has received input and support from the Pawnee Nation Business Council on the expansion and is excited for the opportunity to bring additional jobs for the community and potential increases in revenues for the Pawnee Nation tribal government.

The StoneWolf Casino and Howler’s Restaurant signage is gradually being updated along the Cimarron Turnpike and Highway 412; the new signs proudly display the Pawnee Nation name. In addition, the corporation recently updated its logo with a design that incorporates familiar references to the Pawnee Nation culture such as the recognizable star and then swirls to represent the four bands of the Nation; furthermore the logo was designed by a Pawnee artist.

TDC has meetings once a month at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room on the second floor of the Health and Community Services Building; tribal members and the community are welcome to attend.

HUNGRY LIKE A WOLF

Howler's Famous BBQ

AT STONEWOLF CASINO

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own Pawnee Relatives have been recognized as honorary members including Samantha Peters & Sara Llamas-Howell and recently recognized Adrian Spottedhorsechief as a Big Brother to the organization for his continued support of cultural teachings.

1st place winners of the Annual ITEC Golf Tournament are left to right: Lisa Gover, Leo Murie, Kyndol King and Darrel Banning.

On Saturday, August 16, 2014; the Wichita Little Sisters crowned a new Princess; Miss Sara Llamas-Howell. Sara is the daughter of Reva Howell & the Late Jose L Llamas, her maternal Grandparents are Clem and William Howell of Pawnee, OK. Sara also has one sister Jaslene Howell. Sara is currently an 8th grader at Pawnee Middle School, where she participates in the softball, basketball & NPIC programs. She also plays competitive fastpitch for Stillwater Sting 16u. Her goals include to play collegiate & professional softball.

The Wichita Little Sisters formed over 20 years ago to teach young Wichita girls their culture, respect around the drum, language and growing up to be a proud Wichita women. The group actively participates in language competitions and ceremonies unique to their tribe, one of those ceremonies being the Pawnee/Wichita Visitation. Throughout the years a few of our
**PBC Resolutions**

**#14-18** – A resolution to approve and submit for banking purposes, the four officers of the Pawnee Business Council authorized to sign signature cards and documents as: 1. Marshall R. Gover, President, 2. W. Bruce Pratt, Vice-President, 3. Phammie N. Littleton, Secretary, and 4. Misty M. Nuttle, Treasurer – Approved May 19, 2014 by a vote of five for, zero against, zero abstaining, 2 absent (M. Nuttle, R. Tilden), and one not voting.

**#14-19** – An amended resolution to bestow Special Honor in declaring July 3rd, 2014, as “Pawnee Nation Code Talkers’ Day” for their service and sacrifice in the United States Armed Forces and for the special and notable service to assist in saving lives and achieve the victorious end to the war – Approved May 19, 2014 by a vote of five for, zero against, zero abstaining, 2 absent (M. Nuttle, R. Tilden), and one not voting.

**#14-20** – A resolution to appoint Jim Thompson to the TERO Commission effective May 28, 2014, whose term of office will expire May 28, 2017 – Approved May 28, 2014 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining, zero absent and one not voting.

**#14-21** – A resolution to appoint Elizabeth Blackowl to the TERO Commission effective May 28, 2014, whose term of office will expire May 28, 2017 – Approved May 28, 2014 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining, zero absent and one not voting.

**#14-22** – A resolution to appoint Linda Jester to the TERO Commission effective May 28, 2014, whose term of office will expire May 28, 2017 – Approved May 28, 2014 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining, zero absent and one not voting.

**#14-23** – A resolution to appoint Kellie J. Poolaw to the TERO Commission effective May 28, 2014, whose term of office will expire May 28, 2017 – Approved May 28, 2014 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining, zero absent and one not voting.

**#14-24** – A resolution to appoint Duane Pratt to the TERO Commission effective May 28, 2014, whose term of office will expire May 28, 2017 – Approved May 28, 2014 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining, zero absent and one not voting.

**#14-25** – A resolution to that all Federal and State Grant Program budgets are approved to continue at the 2013 approved spending level with a Quarterly Cost Review no later than June 7, 2014 pending the approval of the FY 2014 Budgets – Approved May 30, 2014 by a vote of four for, zero against, zero abstaining, 3 absent (M. Gover, R. Tilden, K. Knife Chief) and one not voting.

**#14-26** – A resolution to approve that all Federal and State Grant Program budgets are approved to continue at the 2013 approved spending level with a Quarterly Cost Review no later than June 7, 2014 pending the approval of the FY 2014 Budgets – Approved June 7, 2014 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (K. Knife Chief) and one not voting.

**#14-27** – A resolution to approve the request for Tribal disbursement in the amount not to exceed $20,500.00 from the Proceeds of Labor Account for a Pawnee Indian Veterans Homecoming and the Pawnee Nation Museums Warrior Nation Exhibit – Approved June 7, 2014 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (K. Knife Chief) and one not voting.

**#14-28** – A resolution to approve the request for Tribal disbursement in the amount not to exceed $2,000 from the Proceeds of Labor Account for the Pawnee Code Talker’s Ceremony – Approved June 25, 2014 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining, zero absent and one not voting.

**#14-29** – A resolution to approve the appropriations from the Motor Fuels Fund Account as listed, in the total amount of $300 – Approved June 25, 2014 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining, zero absent and one not voting.

**#14-30** – A resolution to approve the advertised lease with Billy Bledsoe of said property lands totaling 503,000 acres for a period of one year for $5,600.00 annually. The lessee, Billy Bledsoe, is responsible for completing all terms of Items A - J. Specified Practices and additional lease requirements on this lease beginning January 1, 2015 ending December 31, 2015. This is in accordance with regulation contained in 25 CFR Part 162 Subpart B – Agriculture Leases – Approved June 25, 2014 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining, zero absent and one not voting.

**#14-31** – A resolution to approve the special attorney contract with the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) law firm for service mentioned – Approved June 19, 2014 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining, zero absent and one not voting.

**#14-32** – A resolution to approve the submission of the Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds (Emergency Services) grant application – Approved June 25, 2014 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining, zero absent and one not voting.

**#14-33** – A resolution to approve the submission of the Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds (Education) grant application – Approved June 25, 2014 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining, zero absent and one not voting.

**#14-34** – A resolution approve thirty-seven (37) eligible applicants to be added to the Pawnee Membership Roll – Approved June 25, 2014 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining, zero absent and one not voting.

**#14-35** – A resolution to approve to note the date of death of the sixteen (16) deceased members on the Membership Roll and remove them from the Annuity Roll – Approved June 25, 2014 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining, zero absent and one not voting.

**#14-36** – A Resolution to accept the Conditional Relinquishment of GI from the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and he will be removed from the Pawnee Nation Membership Roll on condition upon being accepted with the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma – Approved June 25, 2014 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining, zero absent and one not voting.

**#14-37** – A Resolution to accept the Conditional Relinquishment of DMN from the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and she will be removed from the Pawnee Nation Membership Roll on condition upon being accepted with the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma – Approved June 25, 2014 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining, zero absent and one not voting.

**#14-38** – A Resolution to accept the Absolute Relinquishment of BAC from the Pawnee Nation and BAC will be removed permanently from the Pawnee Nation membership roll – Approved June 25, 2014 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining, zero absent and one not voting.

**#14-39** – A Resolution to approve the Johnson O’Malley by-laws to carry out the duties outlined in the document – Approved August 13, 2014 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (K. Knife Chief) and one not voting.
Grant FY-2014 application for the “Pawnee Nation Resource Complex” to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and further approves, adopts, and readopts all items as set forth above. In addition, the following designees, including the Pawnee Business Council President and Vice-President, Executive Director, or the Planning Director are hereby authorized to negotiate and execute the contract and any amendments thereof during the period of the grant - Approved July 28, 2014 by a vote of five for, zero against, zero abstaining, two absent (M. Nuttle, A. Spottedhorsechief) and one not voting.

#14-49 – A Resolution to appoint to the Tribal Development Corporation, Seat #6, whose inception begins this date, August 13, 2014 and whose term shall expire August 13, 2016 - TABLED August 13, 2014 by a vote of five for, one against (P. Littlesun), zero abstaining, one absent (K. Knife Chief) and one not voting.

#14-50 – A Resolution to approve the Self-Determination Construction Contract by and between the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service Contract Number: 102-14-4000C - Approved August 13, 2014 by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (K. Knife Chief) and one not voting.

#14-51 – A Resolution to approve that the Pawnee Business Council, which is the official governing body of the Pawnee Nation, hereby authorizes

Belated Happy Birthday
Wishes

to:

Aaron Mulder

8 Years Old

on

August 1, 2014

Aaron Mulder
TRAVELERS CLUB CELEBRATES WOMEN OF THE PAWNEE TRIBE

Earlier this year the Pawnee Traveler’s Club was inspired to take steps in celebrating the lives and accomplishments of a group of notable, admired and outstanding elder women of the Pawnee Tribe. After an extreme amount of thoughtful yet challenging consideration, the group selected their honorees. On June 28, 2014, the women lauded for having distinguished themselves in their personal lives and for consistently representing the Pawnee Tribe honorably were: Edith Beardsley, Florence Goodfox, Neva Moore, Rowena Salmon, Regina Wilson, Jean Kay Grant and Mattie Fish.

The honorees grew up during a time when few opportunities existed for women, yet these ladies didn’t hesitate to push barriers aside allowing them to send a strong message that they were determined to position themselves in the world to make successful lives for themselves.

The event began with the reading of biographies of some of the honorees by their family members; two honorees personally told the audience the story of their life. The guests in attendance listened to accounts of growing up in the early days in the city of Pawnee. References were made to relatives making “the walk” from Nebraska, the old Indian Hospital, Lehew’s Grocery, Fisher’s Bakery, Midway Café and the Wichita Visitation being held at Colonel Moore’s home place.

The guests sat very attentively as they heard: that Rowena Salmon is a direct descendant of Fearing Bear Wild, Mathew Simpson (Pawnee U.S. Scout) and John Pappan Morris, the first Pawnee Indian U.S. Marshal in Pawnee Indian Territory; that Edith Beardsley followed a family legacy set by Chief Rush Roberts and became an elected member of the Pawnee Tribal Business Council, Mrs. Beardsley was one of the first Pawnee women elected to the Council with the support of her father Henry Roberts and aunts Vivian Roberts Archambault and Lena Roberts Tafoye; that Regina Wilson was born where the current Pawnee City Lake is now and that Mrs. Wilson still has her 1945 Haskell Diploma; that Neva Moore at 90+ years is still making headdresses for Lyon’s Indian Store and one year a headdress she made was sent to Florida. Lyon’s Indian Store had received an order for a full headdress and the store assigned their best headdress maker, Neva, to do the job; that Jean Kay Haymond, Mattie Fish as well as Florence Goodfox and Rowena Salmon followed Pawnee tribal tradition and honored served in the armed forces of the United States.

Following the reading of biographies, a luncheon was served to the honorees, their families in attendance and additional guests. Ms. Samantha Peters said, “I like the fact that someone is finally honoring our elders. They have put their time and effort into helping our culture and to preserve it. It’s time we show them gratitude for all they have done”. Ms. Peters added, “It was a nice luncheon and Neva Moore really enjoyed it. She’s not one that likes to be honored, but she was glad she was”.

The sponsors of the celebration, The Traveler’s Club, is a group that formed a few years ago with the intent to travel, but because of their love for their Pawnee people they have on many occasions prepared meals for families in mourning. If you’ve purchased a pie, a raffle ticket or a cupcake from the group during one of their fundraisers, you’ve helped the Traveler’s obtain their goal to travel and meet new people as well as give back to the community.

The Traveler’s would like to thank the Pawnee Business Council for their donation on this occasion and to Linda Jestes for her valuable assistance. The Travelers are grateful for the opportunity to pay tribute to these women of the Pawnee Tribe and to those who supported their idea to have this event. Liana Teter said, “It was a wonderful day, I loved being around all these ladies, just a totally different atmosphere with their presence.”

Members of the Travelers are Tony Tahlkeal, Brodie and Starry Clark, Jo Only a Chief, Mickie Wolfe, June Hamilton, Liana Teter, Walthena Lawrence, Anna Price, Sue Cotanny and Ann Collins.

Congratulations to Brian Piccolella

Brian Piccolella is an enrolled member of the Pawnee Nation. He recently received the Area Director’s Excellence in Customer Service Individual Award at the 11th Annual Oklahoma City Area Director’s Indian Health Service, Tribal and Urban Awards Ceremony. The event was held at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Brian is the Information Technology, IT, Supervisor for the Clinton Service Unit. He is responsible for all IT operations within the Clinton, Watonga and El Reno Indian Health Facilities. Brian received his Bachelors in Management Information Systems from Oklahoma State University and began his IHS career in 2009 as an IT Specialist within the White River Service Unit in Arizona. Brian has worked for the Clinton Service Unit since July 2013.

Brian received his inspiration to succeed by the example set before him from his maternal grandfather, Robert (Bob) Chapman, former President of the Pawnee Nation. Brian parents are Susan Chapman and Joseph Piccolella. Brian is also remembered in the Pawnee Community as one of the star athletes on the Pawnee High School Basketball team that led the Pawnee Black Bears to the state play-offs in 1998-1999.

Brian and his wife, Gwen Rice-Piccolella, also of Pawnee descent, and their sons, Gabe and Mason, make their home in Weatherford, Okla.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT "CHATICKS SI CHATICKS"
IS NOVEMBER 26TH
Pawnee Nation Enrollment Department

By Carrie Peters

Nawa. I wanted to take this time to give a few statistical facts about our Pawnee people regarding enrollment and to give some information and reminders about the Enrollment Department. Today the Pawnee Nation has 3,400 Pawnees on the membership roll. There are 2,069 Pawnee members that live in Oklahoma and 597 live in the Pawnee, Oklahoma area.

Also an interesting statistical is regarding the Pawnee Tribal Member blood quantum. Below is a tally of tribal member’s blood quantum:

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As the table shows we have 87 Pawnees that are full blood tribal members. We often get asked who the oldest or youngest full blood Pawnee is but unfortunately we are not able to give that information out. The Enrollment office is not allowed to give out any information regarding tribal member’s personal information such as their blood quantum, age, address, phone number and etc.

The Enrollment Department in the future will be doing an audit on our enrollment files. I would like to give a friendly reminder that The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma does not recognize dual enrollment and The Constitution of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Article III, Section 3., (ii) states, “A person shall not be eligible for membership, if enrolled as a member of another Indian Tribe”. If anyone has any questions regarding dual enrollment please contact the Enrollment Department.

Other Reminders:

- Please remember if you are the legal age of 18 or you have a family member that is 18 years or older they need to personally for any services they may need.
- If you move please update your address. The change of address form can be downloaded from the Pawnee Nation website at [http://www.pawneenation.org](http://www.pawneenation.org), mailed, emailed or faxed to you. Also, there is a form below this article that may be mailed in.
- Enrollment Applications can be downloaded off the Pawnee Nation Website at [www.pawneenation.org](http://www.pawneenation.org).
- To contact us: Carrie Peters, Enrollment Manager and Karen Haymond, Enrollment Administration Assistant at 918-762-3624 or 918-762-3621, fax: 918-762-4029, email cpeters@pawneenation.org, khaymond@pawneenation.org.
- Mailing address: Pawnee Nation Enrollment Department, PO Box 470, Pawnee, OK 74058.

I would like to say the five years I have been employed as the Enrollment Manager I enjoy assisting each and every one of you that I have come in contact with. It’s been amazing listening to your own stories and history of your family and also hearing stories some of you have shared of my own father and grandfather. I take great pride in working for you and for the Pawnee Nation.

Pawnee Nation Enrollment Department Change of Address Authorization

Date: _____________________     Date of Birth: ______________

Name: ______________________________________________________

Old Address: ________________________________________________

New Address: ________________________________________________

Enrollment Number: __________

Signature of enrolled member or guardian: ________________________

Mail to: Pawnee Nation Enrollment, PO Box 470, Pawnee, OK 74058
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Pawnee, Oklahoma
Friday, November 7, 2014

Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc.
Call 1-800-658-1497 for
details and to make your appointment!
(you must have an appointment to see an attorney).

Pawnee Nation Transit Plan
Public Meeting

The Pawnee Nation is developing a transit plan to study the need and feasibility of a transit program for the tribe. As part of the study, the potential users of the transit have the opportunity to share information that will be incorporated into the needs assessment. The Pawnee Nation invites the public to attend and ask questions or make comments that will assist in the development of the Pawnee Nation Transit Plan. We will be seeking information about the types of transit trips needed: such as employment, health care, educational opportunities, and shopping.

Where:
Pawnee Nation RoamChief Center
810 Morris Rd. Pawnee, Ok 74058

When:
Tuesday, September 30th at 5:30 p.m.

TERO EMPLOYMENT

The Pawnee Nation Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is currently offering employment opportunities for upcoming projects.

All potential employees are asked to submit new applications during this process.

Applications can be picked up and submitted at the Pawnee Nation Cultural Learning Center located at 657 Harrison Street in Pawnee. For more information, call (918) 762-3227.
Elect Charles Brown, candidate for Pawnee County Commissioner District 1

Hello my name is Charles Brown and I am a candidate for the office of Pawnee County Commissioner District 1. I graduated from East Bakersfield High School in 1973 and later joined the United States Coast Guard in 1974 until 1978. I have attended Bakersfield Junior College and I am a Pawnee Tribal member.

I have over 28 years of experience in road construction and maintenance. I started with E.L. Yeager Construction Co. of Riverside, Calif. From 1979 thru 1981. Then went to work for Kern County roads department located around Bakersfield, Calif. From May 1983 to March 2007 where I retired early as a road construction/maintenance foreman and moved here to Pawnee County where my father was raised and began another career with Pawnee County Roads in 2009 beginning in district 3 and am presently with district 2.

I have attended management classes and seminars including those with the Asphalt Institute. I have done bookkeeping consisting of; daily diaries, inventor, performance reports, purchase orders, personnel management, salary changes, promotions and firings. I have also worked with federal, state, county and tribal governments. Combine that with my years of knowledge in road construction, pavement repair, compaction, grade setting, moving dirt, culvert replacement, bridge repair, storm cleanup, chip seals and other road oils, along with equipment maintenance and repair, would make me an appropriate choice.

If elected, my goals are to work with you on all concerns and repair the roads as needed to greatly improve the safety for the traveling public. I would appreciate your vote.

Thank you,

Charlie

The above announcement is a paid political advertisement

Remember to visit the Pawnee Nation at:
www.pawneenation.org for updates and the latest news and visit us on facebook at:
Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma
Pawnee Nation Education and
Pawnee Nation Elders

A few weeks ago, the parking lot east of the new Pawnee Nation Elders Center was paved with asphalt.

Listen to Pawnee Nation News live on the radio at AM 1600 or listen live on the internet at http://www.1600kush.com the first and third Wednesday of every month at 8:30 a.m. Central.
Don’t Lose Your Connection

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Recertify Your Continued Eligibility for Lifeline

Lifeline is a government benefit program that provides discounted phone service to eligible low-income consumers. Lifeline is available only to eligible consumers.

Only ONE Lifeline benefit is permitted per household. Federal rules prohibit consumers from receiving more than one Lifeline service. If a consumer or his or her household currently has more than one Lifeline discounted service, they must select a single provider immediately or be subject to penalties.

Only low-income consumers with proof of eligibility are qualified to enroll.

Subscribers have an obligation to recertify their eligibility every year and should respond to their Lifeline Provider’s attempts to recertify eligibility. Subscribers must verify that they remain eligible to participate in the Lifeline program once each calendar year. Subscribers who fail to recertify their eligibility will be de-enrolled from the Lifeline Program.

For More Information

Please visit www.lifelinesupport.org. You may also call the Federal Communications Commission at: 1-888-225-5322

Can’t pay your phone bill?
Stay connected with telephone assistance

Pawnee, Okla. – Staying connected to local and Tribal resources and emergency services can improve and possibly save your life.

Access to local and Tribal emergency services and Tribal community resources is vitally important to our low-income Tribal residents and elders. The FCC’s Tribal Lands Lifeline and Link Up Programs, which offer discounts to help Tribal residents obtain and maintain access to basic local telephone service. Lifeline and Link Up help low-income Tribal consumers stay connected with the community, find jobs, access health care services and information, connect with family, and call for help in an emergency.

Under the FCC’s Tribal Lands Lifeline program, Tribal residents and elders can receive up to $34.25 off the price of their monthly basic telephone bill. Additionally, under the Tribal Lands Link Up program, Tribal residents can receive up to $100 off the cost of installation of service. To be eligible for these programs, you must either meet the income guidelines or participate in one of several public assistance programs, such as Tribal TANF, FD-PIR, Medicaid, or LIHEAP. More information on program eligibility, rules, and key messages is available at http://www.fcc.gov/lifeline/outreach.

To determine your eligibility and apply to stay connected contact the Pawnee Nation at 918.762.3621.
Federal financial assistance also may be available to help you pay your health insurance premium when you buy coverage on the Health Insurance Marketplace. The amount of assistance you receive will depend on your household income.

You may have heard that the Affordable Care Act requires most Americans to have a certain minimum level of health coverage or face a penalty. If you are eligible to receive services through an Indian Health Services facility, this requirement may not apply to you. You would not be fined for not having coverage.

Other Benefits of the Affordable Care Act:

Your children under age 19 can get coverage now, even if they have a medical condition. Everyone can get insurance that covers a pre-existing condition like asthma or diabetes, and you will not pay more because of your condition.

Your young adult children can now stay on your insurance coverage until they are 26, and they do not have to live with you or be a tax dependent.

New health care benefit plans will cover key health services. These include maternity and newborn care, prescription drugs, hospital care and most preventive services like mammograms and immunizations.

You do not have to worry about running out of coverage for the benefits you need. The health care law removes dollar limits on many essential health services.

Even if you need ongoing and complex medical care, your insurance cannot be cancelled. Your health care insurance can be cancelled only in cases of fraud or if you do not pay your premiums.

The law funds new programs to increase health care workers’ awareness of diverse health care needs and to train more doctors, nurses and other medical professionals representing more minority groups.

For more information about coverage options, visit BeCoveredOklahoma.org or call 855-835-9853.

How American Indians can get insurance thanks to the new Health Care Law

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The new health care law, also known as the Affordable Care Act, has changed the way people get health care coverage in the U.S. The law has helped expand access to health care coverage to more people, including American Indians with specific health care needs. The new law also aims to make health insurance more affordable, with cost-sharing available to help reduce monthly premiums and out-of-pocket costs such as deductibles or copayments for those who qualify.

Unique to American Indians is the opportunity to enroll in the new Health Insurance Marketplace at any time, which means American Indians aren’t limited by enrollment deadlines that other U.S. citizens must meet. This means that citizens of a federally recognized tribe who have a Certified Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) card are able to enroll at the beginning of each month. If you enroll by the 15th of each month, coverage should be effective the first of the following month. For example, if someone enrolled for coverage on December 15, 2014, their health insurance coverage should start on January 1, 2015.

Additionally, American Indians who are eligible to receive services through the Indian Health System are exempt from the Individual Mandate health care coverage penalty.

There are many benefits to having health insurance, such as:

- You can keep using your local Indian Health Service, Tribal or Urban Indian health facility at no cost to you.
- You may be able to receive health care services not offered at your local facility, or when you are away from home.
- The health plan may have other programs and/or discounts to improve your health and save you money.

Other benefits to American Indians under the Affordable Care Act can be found in our earlier article, How the U.S. Health Care Law Affects American Indians.

For more information about health insurance and the new health care law, visit bcbsok.com/health-care-reform or call 855-835-9853.

Editors Note:

Please consider enrolling even though you have an exemption option. You never know when your health or the health of a loved one may change.

You can review coverage plans online using a web based portal called the Marketplace at http://www.health-care.gov or call the Marketplace Center at 1-800-318-2596.

You can also call the Pawnee Indian Health Center and talk with the local Certified Marketplace Application Counselors at 918.762.2517.
Pawnee Nation welcomes the new education and training technician John Michael Knifechief, who has just graduated from Ft. Lewis College with his Bachelors degree in Sociology and Human Services. He said that he is excited to be working for his tribe, the great Pawnee Nation, and is eager to utilize his education and experience to start helping his people.

Ann Collins & Monie Horsechief prepare food for the Elders Bingo Fundraiser.