DECEMBER 2019
MESSAGE FROM THE PAWNEE NATION PRESIDENT
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND PROGRESS OF THE PAWNEE NATION
PAWNEE NATION PROGRAM UPDATES

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On August 20, 2019, the Staff attorney reinstated me back to office.

On October 25, 2019, Justice prevailed, the Pawnee District Court found that Staff attorney, Don Mason's actions were 'unconstitutional.' The District Court stated that he lacked the authority to remove me from our tribal land by an armed tribal police officer and verbally suspend me from the office of the President of the Pawnee Nation.

While our District Court has upheld the Constitution, a majority of the PBC have failed to uphold the rule of law. Despite Treasurer Thompson admitting to accepting fifty-five alleged illegal payments, and the ruling of the court against the Staff attorney Don Mason, the majority of the Council, allows them to continue to serve the Tribe. In a bewildering move, the Pawnee Business Council passed a retroactive law (back to 2016) to cover Staff attorney Mason's illegal actions and passed a law to cover both Treasurer Thompson and Staff attorney Don Mason's attorney's fees and court costs.

Vice-President, Darrel Wildcat took it upon himself to sign a contract with a Law firm and to also sign the Resolution approving the hiring of the law firm.

The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Constitution, Article VI – Vacancies, Section 1 states, In the event of a presidential vacancy, the Vice President shall temporarily vacate their office and fulfill the duties of the office of President until another President is elected by a majority of Pawnee tribal voters in a specially called election.

Section 10, states A position is vacant when:
(i) Resignation
(ii) Vacant pursuant to Article VII, Section one
(iii) Death
(iv) Recall
(v) Removal
(vi) Suspension

None of the six reasons above applied to the President when the Vice-President by-passed the Constitution.

I have no choice but to challenge the unlawful/unconstitutional actions of the Pawnee Business Council in Tribal District Court.

The Pawnee Nation should be a Nation of transparency, Integrity, honesty, and adherence to the Constitution and tribal laws. The fact that Staff attorney Don Mason can violate the Constitution and remain in office is a significant strain on our Tribe, and quite frankly puts our federal funding at risk. The same applies to Council/ Treasurer Thompson, who has broken her fiduciary trust to the people. The individuals can resolve these issues by simply stepping down from their positions and letting the Tribe move on; when that does not happen, the Pawnee Business Council must do so; however, no such action has been taken by the Council.

As your elected leader, I acted and will continue to look to the Tribal District Court and the Tribal Supreme Court to interpret the Constitution, not the Pawnee Business Council.

As your elected President, my focus is to;

(a) Strive for professionalism within our Tribal Departments.
(b) Support TERO to ensure that tribal members receive their rightful entitlements as intended and required under the Tribal and Federal Indian Preference employment law.
(c) Appoint tribal members to serve on Committees who support transparency.
(d) Restructure TDC and place TDC on a budget.
(e) Use of a portion of our gaming revenue to support the Tribal General Welfare Act of...
2004, which excludes from taxable income various general welfare payments to Pawnee tribal members. This program offers veterans, elders, heads of households, grade school children, high school children, and college students a tax-free payment. The program does not affect any current tribal programs. No age requirement or income restrictions like current tribal programs. This program will focus on raising our standard of living and a better quality of life for our Pawnee people.

(f) Support the Hemp industry
(g) Support the Gaming Commission
(h) Amend the Constitution giving the Nasharo Council the authority to approve all acts of the Pawnee Business Council. The voice of the Pawnee people will be heard through the Nasharo Council.

HOLIDAYS
There are many foods associated with the holiday of Thanksgiving, including turkey, cookies and our own; Frybread, meat pies, corn soup, potato soup, stew, pumpkin, steam fry, hominy/pork, fried pork, pinto beans, blue bread, chicken and dumplings, blue corn mush, and grape dumplings. Maybe you can think of a few more.

CHRISTMAS
As we celebrate Christmas, we take time to remember the birth of Jesus Christ. In our culture, it’s a time for joy and happiness. Many Powwows are held throughout Indian County to celebrate Christmas. NAC meetings take place to celebrate his birth and the coming of a new year. Let’s remember our troops who are on the front lines, in harm’s way for us to enjoy those freedoms which we enjoy. Our freedom is not free; within every Tribe was a warrior who gave his all for his/her tribal people!

Atius, I thank you for our survival, so our tribal ways can continue for generations to come and be with us as we celebrate the upcoming holidays with our loved ones. Keep us from harm. Amen.

Pawnee Nation President,

Jimmy Whiteshirt

Message from Pawnee Nation Executive Director

Greetings,

Please allow me to introduce myself to those of you who may not know or remember me. My name is Muriel Robedeaux, and I am the youngest daughter of Wadsworth (Bacon) and Hilda Howell. I was born and raised here in Pawnee and graduated from Pawnee High School. I am a full-blood member of the Pawnee Nation. Some of you may remember both of my grandmothers, Cora Taylor and Harriet Howell. I have two grown daughters Julia of Oklahoma City and Monique of Pawnee. I am a graduate of Oklahoma State University with a BS in Education.

I have worked a total of at least 20 years for the Pawnee Nation. I have served the tribe in various capacities such as Education Director, Grants & Contracts Director, and Coordinator for several grants. My last position was that of being the Administrative Affairs Director, who has direct oversight of the tribal Communications, Enrollment, Procurement, and the Information Technology Department. I have had the privilege of working hand in hand with the Finance Office on the development and negotiations of the Indirect Cost Proposals and annual Budgets for the Pawnee Nation. Before accepting the position as Administrative Affairs Director, I had the privilege of being involved in the design and construction of 4 new facilities and the renovation of 9 facilities while I held the title of Indian Community Development Block Grant Coordinator and grant writer. During my tenure as the ICDBG Coordinator and grant writer, I had administrated approximately 8 million dollars of construction funds, which included funding resources such as HUD, EDA, USDA, DOE, and Tribal. The renovated facilities included 5 facilities that required adherence to Historic Preservation Guidelines. All four of the new facilities and one renovated facility have the geothermal HVAC mechanical system installed. Prior to administering HUD projects, I was selected to coordinate the design and construction of an 18-million-dollar Indian Health Center that was completed in 2004.

Since being selected for the Executive Director position, I have been busy meeting with all the division directors regarding their divisions and the various projects they are working on. The Charter School project is projected to begin its first class in the fall of 2020. The Pawnee Business Council just named the school board for this charter school. The Transportation Program has also been very busy, and their new road project is nearing completion, and the ribbon cutting was held to open the new street just north of the old armory on
Highway 18. In case you haven’t been out by the tribe lately, then please stick around until early evening and see how the new lights have made a big difference in lighting up the tribal reserve going toward the roundhouse from the War Mothers bridge. You can also go north of the Trading Post on Morris Road to see how bright the lights are now on that road. Many thanks to the transportation program on getting these new lights and getting that street open.

I remember growing up out here at the tribal reserve after the boarding school was closed. The house that I lived in was yellow, and it was located where the parking lot of the Elders center is currently located. There was a pear tree in the front yard close to where the sidewalk ended. There was a set of stairs, and that is where I caught the bus when I started grade school in town. As a child, I remember waking up early in the morning, and daddy telling me to go outside and watch the sun come up while he would finish cooking breakfast. I would sit on those stairs and look across the street looking at the spot where a roundhouse would be built in the late 70’s or even looking at the hillside where cattle grazed, which is now the location of the new health center that opened in 2004. It is incredible to come back to an area where you grew up and look around and remember how things looked in the late 50’s and early 60’s as opposed to how it looks now as we get ready to enter 2020. Several tribal workers grew up out here on the tribal reserve and are currently employed out here or now sit on the Pawnee Business Council. Things have changed over the years, with several improvements.

It is a privilege to be chosen by the Pawnee Business Council to be the new Executive Director. I look forward to working with the council and the division directors to plan and develop an even brighter future for the Pawnee people.

If you ever have a question or concern, then please feel free to contact me at my email address: mrobedeaux@pawneenation.org.

We are going into the Holiday season, so please take care of yourself and your family. Have a Merry Christmas and may your New Year be filled with good health and happiness.

Muriel J. Robedeaux

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#19-54 – A Resolution to appoint Jeff Goodfox to serve as Tribal Development Corporation Board, Seat #2 – Approved October 28, 2019, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (Hare) and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-55 – A Resolution to appoint Adrian Spottedhorsechief to serve as Tribal Development Corporation Board, Seat #3 – Approved October 28, 2019, by a vote of five for, one against (Kemble), none abstaining, one absent (Hare) and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-56 – A Resolution to appoint Virgil Wade to serve as Tribal Development Corporation Board member, Seat #4 – Approved October 28, 2019, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (Hare) and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-57 – A Resolution to appoint Martha Only A Chief to the Pawnee Nation Tax Commission – Approved August 14, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-58 – A Resolution to appoint Liana Teter to the Pawnee Nation Tax Commission - Approved August 14, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-59 – A Resolution to appoint Ann Collins to the Pawnee Nation Tax Commission – Approved August 14, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-60 – A Resolution to approve that all Tribal, Federal and State Grant Program Fund budgets included in the Pawnee Nation 2020 Comprehensive Budget be approved in the total amount of $11,126,516.00 – Approved August 14, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-61 – A Resolution to approve the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) membership and dues in the amount of $6,500.00 – Approved August 14, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-62 – A Resolution to authorize by law, approving the proposed settlement with Cumming Oil Company – Approved August 14, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-63 – A Resolution to approve the affirmation of the Attorney General as described for the Pawnee Nation – Approved September 6, 2019, Amended September 23, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-64 – A Resolution to appoint Leslie Tanyan to the Pawnee Nation Gaming Commission – Approved September 23, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-65 – A Resolution to appoint Stephen Bird to the Pawnee Nation Gaming Commission – Approved September 23, 2019, by a vote of five for, two against (Hare, Lone Chief), none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-66 – A Resolution to appoint Meghan Cunningham, whose term to serve on the Pawnee Nation Museum Board – Approved September 23, 2019, by a vote of seven for,
none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-67 – A Resolution to appoint Joseph Reed, whose term to serve on the Pawnee Nation Museum Board – Approved September 23, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-68 – A Resolution to approve eighteen (18) eligible applicants to be added to the Pawnee Membership Roll – Approved September 23, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-69 – A Resolution to approve the request to operate and administer the Aid to Tribal Government Model Contract with the Department of Interior - Approved September 23, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-70 – A Resolution to accept the Conditional Relinquishment of Jimboy – Approved September 23, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-71 – A Resolution to accept the Conditional Relinquishment of Alyssa Maelena Vershum - Approved September 23, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-72 – A Resolution to accept the Conditional Relinquishment of Jackie LaRae Rowe - Approved September 23, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-73 – A Resolution to appointment of the Honorable Matthew Gore to serve as Associate Judge of the Pawnee Nation District Court – Approved September 23, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-74 – A Resolution to approve the request to operate and administer the Indian Child Welfare Grant and Cooperative Agreement - Approved September 23, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-75 – A Resolution to approve the request to operate and administer the Aid to Tribal Government Model Contract with the Department of Interior - Approved September 23, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-76 – A Resolution to authorize the submission of a three (3) year plan to consolidate employment, training and related program services thought the U.S. Department of the Interior - Approved September 23, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-77 – A Resolution to approves the revision to the “Bereavement Leave” of the Pawnee Nation Human Resources Policies and Procedures, Chapter 8: Employee Benefits, Section G – Approved September 23, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-78 – A Resolution to approve the request to contract Public Law 93-638 funding for demolition activities through a Bureau of Indian Affairs Contract – Approved September 23, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-79 – A Resolution to contract with, retain, and employ the Attorneys (Indian and Environmental Law Group) to act as special counsel for and on behalf of the Pawnee Nation – Approved October 9, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-80 – A Resolution to contract with, retain, and employ the Attorneys (StidhamLaw) to act as special counsel for and on behalf of the Pawnee Nation – Approved October 9, 2019, by a vote of six for, one against (Kemble), none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-81 – A Resolution to appoint Robert Ankney to serve on the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners in Seat #1 – Approved October 28, 2019, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (Hare) and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-82 – A Resolution to appoint Carol Nuttle to serve on the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners in Seat #4 – Approved October 28, 2019, by a vote of five for, one against (Kemble), none abstaining, one absent (Hare) and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-83 – A Resolution to appoint George Gardipe to the Pawnee Nation Tribal Employment Rights Commission – Approved November 13, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-84 – A Resolution to appointed Reva Howell to serve as Tribal Development Corporation Board member, Seat #5 – Approved November 13, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-85 – A Resolution to approve payment of the Attorneys (Golden Legal Services, PLLC) for case CIV-2019-020, where the Pawnee Nation District Court found in favor of the plaintiff and deemed it unconstitutional for the Attorney General to unilaterally or independently suspend any officer of the Pawnee Business Council – Approved November 13, 2019.

#19-86 – A Resolution to approve and authorize the consent for a grant of easement to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation on Allotment ID number 812-789 for roadway improvements for a term of 50 years – initial term of 25 years with an automatic renewal of 25 years - Approved November 13, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).

#19-87 – A Resolution to approve and authorize the consent for a grant of easement to the AT&T on Allotment ID number T2000 (Pawnee Nation Reserve) for utilities improvements for a term of 50 years – initial term of 25 years with an automatic renewal of 25 years - Approved November 13, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (President Whiteshirt).
August 14, 2019 Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting

President James Whiteshirt called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm and Vice-President Darrell Wildcat gave the invocation. Eight Council members present, quorum established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Angela Thompson to withdraw item 9 revision of committee, commission handbook and leave all other budget items on agenda for August 14, 2019, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Motion made by Patsy McCray to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special meeting minutes for July 17, 2019, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
2. Motion made by Patsy McCray to approve the Pawnee Business Council Quarterly meeting minutes for August 3, 2019, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

REPORTS: Reports were given by the PBC President, PBC Committee and Travel Reports, PN Executive Director, PN Attorney General and Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation.

OLD BUSINESS:
1. Motion made by Patsy McCray to approve the Pawnee Nation Housing Authority 2020 Indian Housing Plan, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:
1. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to deny the Pawnee Business Council President to have a travel credit card and revisit later, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.
2. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the amendment to Resolution #17-23 Housing Authority Commission Appointment, seconded by Sammye Adson, motion carries.
3. Motion made by Sammye Kemble to approve the Resolution #19-49, Title VI Survey, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
4. Motion made by Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-57 to appoint Martha Only A Chief to serve on the Pawnee Nation Tax Commission, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
5. Motion made by Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-58 to appoint Liana Teter to serve on the Pawnee Nation Tax Commission, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
6. Motion made by Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-59 to appoint Ann Collins to serve on the Pawnee Nation Tax Commission, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
7. Budget Committee Recommendations:
   a. Motion made by Angela Thompson to approve the 2019 Division of Natural Resources and Safety Tribal Budget Modification #2, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
   b. Motion made by Sammye Kemble to approve the National Congress of American Indians Organization Membership Dues, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.
   c. Motion made by Angela Thompson to amend the agenda to approve Resolution #19-61, NCAI membership and dues, seconded by Patsy McCray, motion carries.
   d. Motion made by Angela Thompson to approve the 2019 Standing Bear Powwow Booklet ad, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.
   e. Motion made by Angela Thompson to approve the 2019 Property Management Modification #4, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.
   f. Motion made by Angela Thompson to approve the 2020 3% COLA effective January 1st, 2020 Funding Source 106 seconded by Sammye Kemble, motion carries.
8. Motion made by Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-60 for the Fiscal Year 2020 Pawnee Nation Comprehensive Budget, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Sammye Kemble to go into Executive Session, seconded by Patsy McCray, motion carries. Motion made by Dawna Hare to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

1. Discussion and/or Action on Oil and Gas Litigation, Settlement Offer: Motion made by Angela Thompson to Approve Resolution #19-62 Accepting the Offer from the Steadfast-Coming Oil Company litigation subject to the changing the word of Oklahoma to Pawnee Nation, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

Motion made by Darrell Wildcat to adjourn, seconded by Dawna Hare to adjourn at 10:07 pm, motion carries.

September 6, 2019 Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting

President James Whiteshirt called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and Mr. Charles Lone Chief gave the invocation. Six Council members present, two excused (Wildcat, McCray) quorum established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the agenda for September 6, 2019, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.

REPORTS: Reports were given by the PBC President, PBC Committee and Travel Reports, PN Executive Director, PN Attorney General, Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation and Pawnee Nation College.

APPROVAL OF PBC TRAVEL REQUESTS:
Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to approve the PBC travel requests, seconded by Sammye Kemble, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:
1. Motion made by Dawna Hare to select Muriel Robedeaux and to fill the position of Pawnee Nation Executive Director, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
2. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to appoint Jon James as the Emergency Management representative for the Pawnee property in Dannebrog, NE., seconded by Sammye Kemble, motion carries.
3. Discussion and/or Action on Request for Fencing around Old Superintendents...
5. Motion made by Dawna Hare, motion carries.  
Kansas membership dues, seconded by Indian Nations of Oklahoma, Texas and 

6. Motion made by Sammye Kemble to approve Resolution #19-62 of the Attorney General affirmation with changes, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.  

6. Budget Committee Recommendations:  
a. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to deny the 2019-20 United Indian Nations of Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas membership dues, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.  
b. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2019 NAGPRA Repatriation budget, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.  
c. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2019 Aid to Tribal Government (ATTG) budget modification #1, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.  
d. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2019 Food Distribution Program budget modification #2, seconded by Sammye Kemble, motion carries.  
e. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2019 Food Distribution Program tribal match budget modification #1, seconded by Sammye Kemble, motion carries.  
f. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2018 PSSF budget modification #1, seconded by Sammye Kemble, motion carries.  

Motion made by Dawna Hare, seconded by Sammye Kemble to adjourn at 9:52 pm, motion carries.  

September 23, 2019 Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting  
President James Whiteshirt called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm and Sammye Kemble gave the invocation. Eight Council members present, quorum established.  

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion made by Patricia McCray approve the Pawnee Business Council Special meeting agenda for September 23, 2019 with changes, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.  

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
1. Motion made by Patricia McCray approve the Pawnee Business Council Special meeting minutes for August 14, 2019 with changes, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.  
2. Motion made by Sammye Kemble approve the Pawnee Business Council Special meeting minutes for September 23, 2019 with changes, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.  

REPORTS:  
Reports were given by the PBC President, PBC Committee and Travel Reports, PN Executive Director, and PN Attorney General.  

NEW BUSINESS:  
1. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Resolution #19-63 as amended, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.  
2. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Resolution #19-64 to appoint Leslie Tanyan to serve on the Pawnee Nation Gaming Commission, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.  
3. Motion made by Sammye Kemble to approve Resolution #19-65 to appoint Stephen Bird to serve on the Pawnee Nation Gaming Commission, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.  
4. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Resolution #19-66 to appoint Meghan Cunningham to serve on the Pawnee Nation Museum Board, seconded by Sammye Kemble, motion carries.  
5. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve Resolution #19-67 to appoint Joseph Reed to serve on the Pawnee Nation Museum Board, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.  
6. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-68 for applicants for Enrollment, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.  
7. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-69 for deceased members to be taken off the annuity roll, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.  
8. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-70 for a Conditional Relinquishment for Enrollment, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.  
9. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-71 for a Conditional Relinquishment for Enrollment, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.  
10. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-72 for a Conditional Relinquishment for Enrollment, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.  
11. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve Resolution #19-73 to appoint Matthew Gore to serve as Pawnee Nation District Court Associate Judge, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.  
13. Motion made by M. Angela Thomson to approve Resolution #19-75 for the Aid to Tribal Government contract renewal, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.  
14. Motion made by M. Angela Thompsons to approve Resolution #19-76 for the 477 3-year plan submission, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.  
15. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to table the Pawnee Nation Tax Commission vehicle registration rate increase and to follow the Administrative Procedures Act for posting and comment period, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.  
16. Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to approve Resolution #19-77 for a revision to the Pawnee Nation Human Resources Policies and Procedures, Chapter 8: Employee Benefits, Section G: Bereavement Leave, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.  
17. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the upgrade of Vimeo to $50.00
per month for more storage, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

18. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-78 for the demolition project of two homes, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

19. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the facility for the Seed Preservation storage, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

Motion made by Patricia McCray, seconded by Dawna Hare to adjourn at 8:04 pm, motion carries.

**October 9, 2019 Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting**

President James Whiteshirt called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm and Charles Lone Chief gave the invocation. Eight Council members present, quorum established.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting agenda for October 9, 2019, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting Minutes for September 23, 2019, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

**REPORTS:** Reports were given by the PBC President, PBC Committee and Travel Reports, PN Executive Director, Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation and Pawnee Nation College. Tiffany Freitze was appointed to the Pawnee Service Unit Health Board.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Pawnee Nation Budget Committee Recommendations:
   a. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the elders Wal-Mart gift cards for Thanksgiving and increasing the amount to $20.00, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

2. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the Employee turkeys for Thanksgiving, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

3. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve the 2019-2020 Southern Plains Tribal Health Board dues, seconded by Sammye Kemble, motion carries.

4. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2019 Communication budget modification #2, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

5. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2019 Pawnee Business Council budget modification #6, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to go into Executive Session, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries. Motion made by Dawna Hare to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

1. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve Resolution #19-79 to retain Jason Aamodt of the Indian and Environmental Law Group as representation for the Attorney General and the Pawnee Business Council, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.

2. Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to approve Resolution #19-80 to retain StidhamLaw, P.C. as representation for the Business Council Treasurer in the lawsuit, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson, seconded by Dawna Hare to adjourn at 8:48 pm, motion carries.

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PAWNEE NATION DISTRICT COURT

2019 DOCKET SCHEDULE

December 6, 2019 @ OPEN COURT @ 1:00 p.m.; CLOSED COURT @ 1:30PM (Civil) Associate Judge Philip Lujan
December 20, 2019 OPEN COURT @ 1:00 p.m.; CLOSED COURT @ 1:30PM (Guardianship, VAW, Civil, Criminal & Juvenile) Chief Judge Shelly Harrison

2020 DOCKET SCHEDULE

January 3, 2020 OPEN COURT @ 1:00 p.m.; CLOSED COURT @ 1:30PM (Civil) Associate Judge
January 31, 2020 OPEN COURT @ 1:00 p.m.; CLOSED COURT @ 1:30PM (Guardianship, VAW, Civil, Criminal & Juvenile) Chief Judge Shelly Harrison
February 7, 2020 OPEN COURT @ 1:00 p.m.; CLOSED COURT @ 1:30PM (Civil) Associate Judge
February 28, 2020 OPEN COURT @ 1:00 p.m.; CLOSED COURT @ 1:30PM (Guardianship, VAW, Civil, Criminal & Juvenile) Chief Judge Shelly Harrison
March 6, 2020 OPEN COURT @ 1:00 p.m.; CLOSED COURT @ 1:30PM (Civil) Associate Judge
March 27, 2020 OPEN COURT @ 1:00 p.m.; CLOSED COURT @ 1:30PM (Guardianship, VAW, Civil, Criminal & Juvenile) Chief Judge Shelly Harrison
April 3, 2020 OPEN COURT @ 1:00 p.m.; CLOSED COURT @ 1:30PM (Civil) Associate Judge
April 24, 2020 OPEN COURT @ 1:00 p.m.; CLOSED COURT @ 1:30PM (Guardianship, VAW, Civil, Criminal & Juvenile) Chief Judge Shelly Harrison
May 1, 2020 OPEN COURT @ 1:00 p.m.; CLOSED COURT @ 1:30PM (Civil) Associate Judge
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July 10, 2020 OPEN COURT @ 1:00 p.m.; CLOSED COURT @ 1:30PM (Civil) Associate Judge Philip Lujan
July 31, 2020 OPEN COURT @ 1:00 p.m.; CLOSED COURT @ 1:30PM (Guardianship, VAW, Civil, Criminal & Juvenile) Chief Judge Shelly Harrison
August 7, 2020 OPEN COURT @ 1:00 p.m.; CLOSED COURT @ 1:30PM (Civil) Associate Judge
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September 24, 2020 OPEN COURT @ 1:00 p.m.; CLOSED COURT @ 1:30PM (Guardianship, VAW, Civil, Criminal & Juvenile) Chief Judge Shelly Harrison
October 2, 2020 OPEN COURT @ 1:00 p.m.; CLOSED COURT @ 1:30PM (Civil) Associate Judge
October 30, 2020 OPEN COURT @ 1:00 p.m.; CLOSED COURT @ 1:30PM (Guardianship, VAW, Civil, Criminal & Juvenile) Chief Judge Shelly Harrison
November 6, 2020 OPEN COURT @ 1:00 p.m.; CLOSED COURT @ 1:30PM (Civil) Associate Judge
November 20, 2020 OPEN COURT @ 1:00 p.m.; CLOSED COURT @ 1:30PM (Guardianship, VAW, Civil, Criminal & Juvenile) Chief Judge Shelly Harrison
December 4, 2020 OPEN COURT @ 1:00 p.m.; CLOSED COURT @ 1:30PM (Civil) Associate Judge
December 18, 2020 OPEN COURT @ 1:00 p.m.; CLOSED COURT @ 1:30PM (Guardianship, VAW, Civil, Criminal & Juvenile) Chief Judge Shelly Harrison

District Court Uniform FEE Schedule - Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

All Civil Actions
- Filing fee for any application, complaint, petition or other original action $45.00
- Any proceeding to modify, vacate, or contempt after final judgment $35.00

All Criminal Actions
- Filing fee for ANY original action on a Criminal Complaint $55.00
- ANY proceeding to modify, vacate, or contempt after final judgment $45.00

Service of Process
- Tribal Police $50.00
- Publication $35.00
- Certified Mail $10.00

Supreme Court
- ANY original action $150.00
- Assembly of Record (per page) $2.00
- Filing Notice of Appeal $55.00

Miscellaneous
- Marriage License $40.00
- Certification of ANY instrument $5.00
- Copies (per page) $0.50
- Issuing Subpoena (without service) $8.50
- Regular mailing $5.00
- Request for Jury Trial (deposit) $200.00
- Transcript Preparation (audio) $50.00
- Transcript Preparation (per page) $4.00
- Law & Order Code (USB copy) $10.00

Bar Association of the Supreme Court for Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma
- Application for Admission to Practice $55.00

Ashley R. Wilson, Clerk of the Supreme Court for the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma
Rev. 07/2019
President Jimmy Whiteshirt and Council Woman Dawna Hare reading to the Learning Center Children in honor of Native American Heritage Month

Pawnee Nation employees received a ham or turkey for the upcoming holidays from the Pawnee Nation and Pawnee Business Council.
Greetings from the Pawnee Nation Violence Against Women Program, Ti-Harasa the Healing Center for Domestic and Sexual Violence. The month of October was a busy time as it was Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The Pawnee Nation VAW staff participated in several activities to raise awareness for victims of domestic violence and abuse. On October 1, our staff attended the Native Alliance Against Violence, Day of Unity, hosted by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. This event brought together legal professionals, advocates, and victims who spoke about their experiences with domestic violence and abuse. They discussed effective practices as well as changes that could help others in the future. The Program Advocate and Prevention Specialist provided information regarding the programs available here at Ti-Harasa.

On October 3, we reinstated our Chu Rahikuts “Brave Women” survivor’s group. During this meeting, we sought ideas from attendees regarding thoughts and ideas of what they feel would be beneficial and inspiring to the lives of victims. We look forward to offering a monthly group meeting in the future. Please check our Facebook page for continued updates.

The Program Advocate represented the Ti-Harasa Program in Cleveland at their annual Pioneer Day on October 5. She presented information to the community regarding services provided by our program and answered questions for our booth attendees.

On October 19, the Pawnee Nation VAW program had the honor of hosting the Six Nations Domestic Violence Walk, “Glowing the Distance Against Domestic Violence.” We were pleased to have our partners Native Alliance Against Violence attend our event as well as representatives from the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, Kaw Nation, Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, and the Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma. We also received support from the Osage Nation, Tonkawa Tribe, and Delaware Tribe; unfortunately, they were unable to be present due to prior engagements. We are happy to announce that there were over 300 people in attendance, “glowing” for victims and survivors of Domestic Violence. The event highlighted legislation regarding domestic violence, and we heard from Domestic Violence survivor, Billie Tohee, Legal Advocate for the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma. There was plenty of fun and entertainment as well, including games, prizes, and music provided by DJ Bravehorse. The Pawnee Nation DHCS programs also pitched in to help make this a very successful event for the Pawnee Community.

The Prevention Specialist attended the Southern Oaks Halloween Carnival on October 24. Program information was provided to the residents that highlighted elder abuse. A cornhole game was available to those who wanted to play, candy, and other treats that were provided for the children. A fun time was had by all!

The Pawnee Nation Fall Festival was held on Saturday, October 26, 2019. Our program had several items for the children, including candy, balloons, and several glow-in-the-dark items. We also provided adult prizes such as ice scrapers, lip balm, and car scents, which were a big hit!

The Pawnee Nation VAW Program would genuinely like to express our appreciation and gratitude for the support we have received from the Pawnee Nation staff, Pawnee Nation tribal members, and the community as a whole.

If you or anyone you know is a victim of domestic or sexual violence, please contact the Pawnee Nation VAW program. We can provide crisis intervention and advocacy to those in need. Our office number is 918-762-3873 Ext. 2, and our crisis number is 918-399-3310.

PAWNEE NATION TI-HARASA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

24-Hour Crisis Line: (918) 399-3310

301 Maintenance Road, Pawnee

Amy Kinzie, Program Coordinator
Ashley Hadix, Advocate
Dina Johnson, Prevention Specialist
The Pawnee Nation Tribal Complex is changing. It has been one (1) year since the Pawnee Nation began the Enhancement & Safety Projects using the innovative CM/GC construction method. During the year, we have completed Pirau Park expansion, Trading Post Re-Roof, Building 1 Demo work, and Re-Roof.

The rest of the projects are coming along nicely as well. On the ICDBG Ceremonial Campgrounds and Nature Fit Trail, we have completed the electrical & water upgrades and the new bathroom & showers. The Fit Trail was heavily damaged during the historic May 2019 flooding event, but the staff is working with FEMA to have reconstruction completed around the end of December. The Dance Arbor is nearing completion, and a ribbon-cutting will soon follow. CM/GC team is also working on a new innovative pedestrian bridge that will tie in the Nature Fit Trail and the Ceremonial Campgrounds. The new pedestrian bridge will only be the 2nd bridge of this type built in the entire United States.

The Pawnee Nation Tribal Complex received a facelift the past few months with the roads being Fog Sealed and restriped. New Directional signs went up around the complex to help guide our visitors to their destinations. A sidewalk was added to Morris road to connect the Trading Post to the Roamchief Event Center. Also, new decorative LED streetlights on Catlett Road, Morris Road, and Heritage Circle have been installed, and during the holidays’ festive banners will be going up.
Recently there was a ribbon-cutting for the 1st Street Safety Project. The project was constructed through a partnership between the Pawnee Nation Department of Transportation, Pawnee Nation Housing Authority, and the City of Pawnee. The project provides for a safe turnaround for school buses, safe intersection for pedestrians & vehicles at Highway 64/18, sidewalks, and decorative streetlights.

Very soon, the Pawnee Nation will have Welcome Signs as you cross over the War Mothers Bridge and the “Green” Bridge. The four (4) welcome signs will be adorned with four (4) bronze wolves. The signs will be a wonderful addition as you enter the tribal complex.

The Pawnee Nation CM/GC project team is also looking to rehabilitate the “Green” Bridge sometime after the 1st of the year. We have received notice from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) of being funded with design funds for the bridge. After the design is complete, we will submit for the construction funds to complete the project.

The Pawnee Nation has garnered some attention through the Enhancement and Safety Projects utilizing CM/GC. The Pawnee Nation has presented at the National Tribal Symposium to Advance Transportation and the National Tribal Transportation in Indian Country conference. Pawnee Nation is also being highlighted in an upcoming FHWA Public Roads article and Tribalsafety.org article. Recently, Pawnee Nation was selected to host Tim Hess, Associate Administrator for Federal Lands, Federal Highway Administration. Mr. Hess visited the ongoing construction projects and was impressed by how the Pawnee Nation is using CM/GC construction method to plan and construct projects.

The Pawnee Nation CM/GC project team includes Chris McCray (Project Leader/Transportation Manager), Rhonda James (Co-Project Leader/Assistant Transportation Manager), Reva Howell (Co-Project Leader/ICDBG Coordinator), Brian Kirk (Planning Director), Jimmy Jestes (Property Director), Muriel Robedeaux (Executive Director) along with other staff as needed. The rest of the team includes our designer Consor Engineers, LLC, and Construction Manager/General Contractor Builder’s Unlimited, Inc. The Pawnee Nation CM/GC project team continues to plan for progress and develop innovative projects to make the Pawnee Nation Tribal Complex an attractive, inviting place to work, play, and visit.
The CHR/Health Education Program hosted several events over the last quarter in collaboration with other DHCS programs. These wellness events provide fun and healthy activities for the community. We strive to incorporate some type of event once or more per quarter—without the help from fellow DHCS programs, the community, and most importantly, the participants, these events would not be successful.

October served as a very busy month with several action-packed community events, including Fall Festival and Passionate for Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Event. Fall Festival was a huge success, and we had approximately 300 people show up and participate in the trunk or treat. We also had organizations that provided popcorn and hotdogs, and the CHR/HE put up the bouncy houses for an additional kids’ activity. Many programs from the Pawnee Nation came out to support setting up a trunk or treat display, or volunteered in some other way. The CHR/HE Program also did a Breast Cancer awareness walk for all tribal employees and challenged them to wear the most pink to show support. The “most pink” dressed employee was Danielle Wheatley.

The program would like to send out a huge THANK YOU to everyone that helped make these events possible!
On October 24, 2019, Pawnee Nation Departments, including the Ti-Hirasa Domestic Violence Program, Division of Health & Community Services Director, Indian Child Welfare Program, and the Executive Office set up games at the Southern Oaks Halloween Carnival. The departments gave out candy and prizes to the residents, kids, and families. The Southern Oaks Halloween Carnival is the 4th year that Pawnee Nation has participated in the annual community event. There were over 100+ people who attended the carnival. If you have any time, please feel free to stop by and visit the residents at Southern Oaks; there are several of our tribal members who reside there, and they would love to visit.

COMMUNITY NEWS

On November 11, 2019, Francis Morris was one of (11) residents at Southern Oaks Nursing Home to be recognized at their 1st Annual Veterans Day Program. Each veteran received a certificate of appreciation, framed artwork, and a bag of goodies.

NOVEMBER WAS DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH!

On November 6, 2019, the Diabetes Program hosted the Pawnee Nation Employee’s Poker Run/Walk. The program, along with a few Wellness Committee Members, handed out playing cards to those that participated. Each participant had (30) minutes to try to earn the best Poker Hand and was able to collect a new card with each lap completed around the Little Dee Circle (about 1/8 of a mile). Participants could do additional laps to change out playing cards for a better hand. Winners were: 1st place-Kyla Wichita, 2nd place-Chris Pratt, and 3rd place-Amy Kinzie.

A huge thank you to volunteers and to the employees that participated in the event.

The Diabetes Program hosted a World Diabetes Day Luncheon for Pawnee Nation Employees with guest speakers from the Pawnee Indian Health Center, Public Health Nursing and Health Education Department. The event educated and brought awareness of the issues and treatment of Diabetes.

The Diabetes Program promotes the delivery of supportive, interactive, and educational services for Native Americans with the risk factors of developing and/or with the diagnosis of Diabetes. We intend to improve the quality of life for Native Americans by implementing Physical Activity/Education as our best practice. Our focus is on prevention and prolonging Diabetes within one’s self.
Elder Advisory Board update: President Blade McLendon, Vice-President Dorothy Roberts, Secretary Kathy Wichita, and Treasurer Ann Collins invite elders and caregivers to attend the monthly meetings held on the fourth Thursday every month following breakfast at 10 a.m.

Planning Time: Staff will be submitting the 2020-2023 applications for the Elder Program.

Calendar Note: Current information and menu are posted on Facebook: Pawnee Nation Elders.

Helping Hands of the Elders-Helping-Elders have conducted visiting elders recuperating at Southern Oaks Care Center and running errands for homebound. Helping Hands are thoughtful, kind, and encourage fragile elders.

Fundraising: BINGO times are posted on Facebook; they are fun times with great prizes for the winners. In between BINGO, there are cakewalks, and plenty of food at the concession stand. Also, check to see if the “Find the Joker” fundraiser is going on.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome … Seniors come on join us at our beautiful Elder Center, 901 Agency Road, Pawnee, OK.

Meals

Monday to Wednesday, Lunch 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, Breakfast at 10 a.m.
Contact Title VI staff at 918.762.4042.

Future: In the cold months ahead, we are bound to have some fun surprises for Elders (going out to eat, grandparent/grandchild activities, social events). Remember to visit your Elders!

TITLE VI THOUGHTS

Updates on the Pawnee Nation Fitness Center. In August, we hired a new Fitness Center Attendant and would like to share our regulations to ensure we are providing the best services possible for our Pawnee community. As we provide this outlet, which many uses to navigate their way through their journey in life, we want to share with you the information needed to know about our Pawnee Nation Fitness Center.

Hours of Operations:
Monday – Friday
11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Pawnee Nation Fitness Center Membership Fees:

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If you ever have any issues pertaining to the Pawnee Nation Fitness Center, please contact our SAP Coordinator, Barbara Attocknie, and express your concerns. You can stop by our office or call us, and we will take care of the situation. Our main objective is to give our Pawnee community the best services possible. In order for us to accomplish this for our community, we must have an open line of communication with all our Pawnee Nation Fitness Center members.

We look forward to the many opportunities to continue serving our Pawnee Community. As always, if there are ever any concerns or questions, feel free to stop by our office and talk with us. Thank you so much for supporting our programs and helping us create a safer community for all of us to enjoy!

SAP/MSPI/TOR Staff:
Barbara Attocknie – ICADC/Coordinator
Mike Ortiz – SAP Counselor
Patrick Smith – MSPI Prevention Specialist
Robert Ankney – MSPI Prevention Specialist
Anthony Leas – Fitness Center Attendant

311 Maintenance Road P.O. Box 470 Pawnee, OK 74058
Office: 918-762-2143 Fax: 918-762-3740
**PAWNEE CORN SLOWLY MAKING A COMEBACK**

by: Lori Potter, Staff Writer at Kearney Hub. Article dated October 26, 2019.

SHELTON — There were more Pawnee corn rescues this year, despite weather that made every growing season task from seed germination to harvest difficult.

Ronnie O’Brien of rural Shelton, leader of the Nebraska growers of Pawnee crops, said kernels of two corn varieties thought to be extinct were found on recently harvested ears.

Her sister Tina Smith of St. Libory has some red-speckled kernels on white flour corn ears.

“For the first time, we have beautiful (red) speckled kernels,” O’Brien said, as well as some solid red kernels of red flour corn on white flour corn ears. “Red flour corn has been in trouble, too. It seems to always fail when we plant it.”

O’Brien described her sister’s site as “one of those experimenting gardens” in which something that hasn’t grown in the past works in a different place.

The other back-from-extinction Pawnee corn will be announced at today’s (Saturday) Fall Harvest Reveal in Pawnee, Okla., when husks are removed from all Nebraska-grown corn.

O’Brien provided updates on other 2019 corn varieties grown in Nebraska, gathered Thursday at Fort Kearny State Historical Park and delivered to Pawnee, Okla., for the reveal and other special events this weekend.

Mother corn
The oldest varieties, mother corn and eagle corn, are thought to have been brought from Central America by Pawnee ancestors in the 1200s, O’Brien said.

“We’ve always had mother corn in our (sacred) bundles,” said Pawnee Keeper-of-the-Seeds Deb Echo-Hawk.

Recovery started when O’Brien noticed mother corn kernels on four small ears of white flour corn grown at The Archway east of Kearney when she was the museum’s cultural education director.

O’Brien gave the ears to Echo-Hawk.

A member of the Arikara Nation, which is culturally related to the Pawnee, came to Echo-Hawk in 2017 to ask about mother corn.

“They look like a white candle,” O’Brien said about mother corn’s long, thin, straight ears.

Echo-Hawk said she gave the four ears with mother corn kernels to the Arikara man. “We had a special blessing done in Arikara country in an earth lodge that was built on top of an old earth lodge site,” she said.

The Arikara man then distributed the four ears. The one he returned to Echo-Hawk was sent to O’Brien for planting.

“This year, 800 seeds were planted by Marlan and Sherrie Ideus of Amherst. O’Brien said most 2019 ears were harvested in their husks ahead of the Oct. 10 freeze.

On Friday, the Ideuses drove their pickup to Pawnee, with seven laundry baskets full of mother corn.

Yellow flour corn
Yellow kernels have been seen in white flour corn for years, but gardeners didn’t realize at first that they were yellow flour corn showing up as a recessive trait.

O’Brien said yellow flour corn was the one that “spoke to us” to pay more attention to anomalies that could be recessive genes being expressed.

This is the first year to have enough kernels gathered to grow yellow flour corn from yellow flour corn seeds. Pat Hogeland of Franklin planted 420 seeds of which 180 germinated and grew.

Yellow flint corn
Flint corn is used to make hominy.

O’Brien said recovery is slow because flint corn kernels don’t store well. One reason is their thick seed coatings don’t allow enough air for the seed heart.

Approximately 25 seeds were planted at each of three locations — Amherst, Aurora and Omaha — this year. “Twenty-five at a time is about all we are doing,” O’Brien said.

Red flint corn
It is being grown only in Oklahoma and is doing well.

Red-and-white striped corn
This cross between red flint and red flour corn hadn’t been grown in Nebraska since 2013, O’Brien said, until Crystal Hunt planted it at Arcadia this year.

As a half-flint variety, it doesn’t store well,
O’Brien said, “but we had plenty of it so the focus was on other things.”
She said only 20 percent to 25 percent of Hunt’s seeds germinated because they were old by flint corn standards. Ears from 70 percent of the cornstalks were picked early — 99 days instead of 110 — ahead of cold, rainy early October weather.
O’Brien said the 500 ears saved from the half-acre garden will help to recover red-and-white-striped corn.
“Now, we’re starting to understand these things,” she said, “such as flint or half-flint corn doesn’t store well.”
So from now on, those seeds will be planted within a year or two of harvest.
That leaves yellow sweet corn as the only known Pawnee corn variety that hasn’t made an appearance yet, O’Brien added.
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PAWNEE CORN SLOWLY MAKING A COMEBACK

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“New Hope for Old Crops”
To order or for more info message our Facebook page:
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PAWNEESEEDPRESERVATION/

PAWNEE SEED PRESERVATION PROJECT INTERNSHIP

Cheynowa Townsend started an internship with the Pawnee Seed Preservation Project and will be continuing her Business degree plan at the Pawnee Nation College.

PAWNEE LANGUAGE CLASS
is held every Tuesday night from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Starting January 14th, 2020.

PAWNEE CULTURE CLASS
is held every Wednesday night from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Starting January 15th, 2020.

Pawnee Nation Museum
657 Harrison Street
Pawnee, Oklahoma 74058
Timothy Riley Fields
January 4, 1960 - October 20, 2019

Timothy Riley Fields took his heavenly journey home on October 20, 2019, in Lawton, Oklahoma. Tim was born January 4, 1960, to Louvenia Alice Fields and Walter Allen Phillips Sr and then later adopted by his grandparents Esther Mae Murray and Ezra Tilden Fields Sr. Timothy was known by Tim by most of this family and friends. He grew up in Perkins, Oklahoma, where he attended school at Perkins-Tryon High school, where he graduated with accomplishments in Football and Track.

Tim worked for the City of Stillwater for many years until moving to Lawton, where he worked as a Senior Equipment Operator for the City. He loved working, fishing, hunting, and camping. He loved coming back to Pawnee, Oklahoma, for the Pawnee Indian Veterans Homecoming, where he would camp with his family.

Tim is survived by his daughters Louvenia and Kayleigh Fields, and three sons Jeremiah, Joshua, and Tony; also survived by 3 biological brothers; Michael Wayne, Walter Allen Jr, and Wade. Tim also has many adopted brothers and sisters, along with numerous relatives. Tim’s pride and joy were his 6 grandchildren.

Tim is preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, and one daughter Latisha Fields. Donations can be sent in memory of Timothy to the Perkins-Tryon Alumni Association.

Debra A Overland
May 31, 1954 - November 16, 2019

Lois Helen Stoneroad - Wilson
February 24, 1949 - November 17, 2019

Lois graduated from Laney College in Oakland, California, with her BA in nursing. She worked as an RN and provided home health care until she retired. She was a community activist and helped start many programs for less fortunate individuals and the Hispanic community. She was a member of Life Church Tabernacle in Oakland, CA. Her biggest achievement was raising her 7 children, 25 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, and helping raise many other children. Lois leaves behind a legacy of remaining close as a family.

She is survived by her 7 children: Gina and her husband Christopher Baptist Sr of Oakland, CA, Tamala Wilson of Oklahoma City, James Dave Wilson Jr. and wife Karen of Edmond, OK, Jamie Wilson of Las Vegas, Nevada, Donavan Wilson of Edmond, OK, Jamel Wilson and Burton Morris of Edmond, OK, and Charles Wilson Sr and wife Roschelle of Edmond, OK; Sisters: Marie Kent and Mary Safadi of Oklahoma City and one brother James Charles Stoneroad Sr. of Stockton, California, 25 Grandchildren, several Great Grandchildren and numerous other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Rev. John L. and Maude C. Stoneroad, her siblings: John Stoneroad III, Truett Stoneroad, Oresa Jay Stoneroad, Wilma Meeks, Patricia Starr, and William Stoneroad.
PAWNEE NATION TAX COMMISSION

NOTICE is hereby given that:

On this 19th day of November, 2019, the Pawnee Nation Tax Commission met and propose the following Amendments:

Propose Amendment #1
Increase all existing vehicle tax rates by 15% per tax bracket.

Propose Amendment #2
Assess a 1.5% excise tax on first year registration of vehicle. Excise tax to be based on the actual purchase price as long as it falls within 20% above or below the average NADA retail value of the vehicle.

Propose Amendment #3
Increase vehicle tax bracket cap from $15,000 to $80,000 and implement tax brackets in between.

Propose Amendment #4
Enrolled Pawnee Tribal Member Elders, 65 years of age and up, shall be entitled to annually register 2 vehicles at a discount of 25% per tag. All other vehicles will be registered at the regular rate.

Public hearing for Pawnee Tribal Members will be provided by submitting written comments on these proposed amendments to the Pawnee Nation Tax Commission General Revenue and Taxation Act. Submit comments to: Lyle E. Fields, Pawnee Nation Tax Manager, Pawnee Nation Multipurpose Building, 808 Morris Road, Pawnee, Oklahoma, 74058 or mail to: PO Box 438, Pawnee, Oklahoma, 74058 by January 20, 2020. Written comments will be presented to the Pawnee Nation Tax Commissioners at their next scheduled meeting.

Merchandise for sale is located in the Multi-Purpose Building. You are welcome to call or drop by and check with the Staff for merchandise or size availability. All prices include tax. The following are some items that may be purchased:

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The Pawnee Nation Tax Commission is located in the Multi-Purpose Building, 808 Morris Road, Pawnee, OK 74058. The Pawnee Nation Tax Commissioners are Kathy Daniels, Director; Martha Only A Chief, Assistant Director; Secretary, Vacant; Liana Teter, Treasurer; Ann Collins, Sergeant at Arms. Meetings are the third Tuesday of each month. Staff includes Lyle Fields, Tax Manager, and Davi Ann Ferris, a part-time Tax Assistant. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed for lunch 12 -1 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. The Tax Commission can only accept checks or money orders for tag issuances or merchandise. There is a return check fee of $25.00. Any questions, please contact: Lyle Fields or Davi Ann Ferris at (918) 762-3624.

Any organization or individual that may be holding a special event is required to have the appropriate license, permit, or exemption prior to the event on Pawnee Nation jurisdictional land. Organizations or Individuals intending to sell merchandise or food are required to have a $20 daily sales tax permit or a $50 yearly permit. Any person selling food on Pawnee Nation tribal land is required to have a current food handler’s permit. Organizations may qualify for a Sales Tax Exemption. Tax Commission Staff will have the appropriate forms to complete and present to the Tax Commission for approval.

THE TAX COMMISSION HOURS:
Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
CLOSED: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. for Lunch on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
OPEN: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. during Lunch on Monday and Wednesday, to accommodate tribal members who are only able to transact business during this time.

Any changes to these hours will be posted on the website. www.pawneenation.org
Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma
Verification of Membership Regarding Pawnee Nation Vimeo Videos

THIS IS FOR ENROLLED PAWNEE NATION TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY

This form will be used to verify Pawnee Nation Membership in order for an individual to access the private group on Vimeo to watch the Pawnee Nation Business Council Meetings via the Vimeo website.

Step 1 – Please create your FREE VIMEO account at https://vimeo.com
Step 2 – Please fill out this form and provide your email address that was used to setup your Vimeo account.
Step 3 – Submit this form to the Enrollment Office

Please submit this form to the Enrollment Office by email attachment: enrollment@pawneenation.org, or by mail: Pawnee Nation Enrollment, PO Box 470, Pawnee, OK 74058.
Fax: (918) 762-9927, Pawnee Nation Phone Number: (918) 762-3621

Date: _____________________

Pawnee Nation Member: ____________________________________________
Print Full Legal Name

Date of Birth ____________________

Vimeo Email ________________________________________________________

Contact phone number _________________________________

Below section will be filled out by Enrollment Department

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Pawnee Nation Enrollment Department Verification (office use only, do not fill out)

Date Received _________________

Is a Pawnee Nation Member:    Yes ☐    Enrollment #: ___________________

Is not a Pawnee Nation Member:  No ☐

Date Verification Form Submitted to - (Communications, Executive Office, etc.) ________________

Verified By:

____  Enrollment Manager
Initial

____  Enrollment Specialist
Initial

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PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL (PBC) MEETINGS ARE RECORDED AND UPLOADED TO VIMEO.

TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE PRIVATE GROUP, ENROLLED PAWNEE TRIBAL MEMBERS CAN FILL OUT THE VIMEO VERIFICATION FORM AND SUBMIT THE FORM TO THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE.

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THE ICW PROGRAM IS SEEKING FOSTER PARENTS.
Benefits of being a foster parent include providing a safe environment for children and ensuring their connection to their culture and community. For more information on becoming a foster parent, please contact the Pawnee Nation ICW Program at (918) 762-3621 ext. 143 or ext. 175.

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TO WATCH... PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE GREAT SEAL OF THE PAWNEE NATION
Pawnee, Oklahoma
Richard Tilden is a full-blooded member of the Pawnee Tribe. He attended high school at Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas. Mr. Tilden earned associate degrees in Business Administration and Gaming Administration from Deganawidah-Quetzalcoatl University in Davis, California. He also earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas.

Mr. Tilden spent his career dedicated to working for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. He served as an investigator with the Office of Resolution Management. In this role, Mr. Tilden investigated claims of discrimination as defined under Employment Equal Opportunity guidelines. With only 138 total investigators, Mr. Tilden had the highest resolution rate among all investigators across the United States.

Mr. Tilden’s leadership roles include service as president for the Oklahoma Haskell Alumni Association, past member of the Pawnee Business Council, past member of the Deganawidah-Quetzalcoatl University board of directors, U.S. Marine Corps Historical Foundation board of directors and vice president of National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association - Local 278 in Tulsa. Mr. Tilden is also active in supporting Vietnam veteran organizations.

Free Fitness Classes Available

RIPPED, Yoga, and Zumba

Open to the Community

Zumba & RIPPED Instructor -Julie Payne
Yoga Instructor—Lesa Cox
Both are certified instructors

All skill levels welcome!

When:
Mondays, RIPPED - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesdays, YOGA - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesdays, ZUMBA - 6:30 p.m.

Where: Pawnee Nation Multi-Purpose Building/Gym - 808 & 806 Morris Rd

Classes are hosted by Pawnee Nation Division of Health and Community Services Wellness Program. For more information, call 918-762-3873 ext. 4, Suzy Knife Chief
As 2019 closes, Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation (PTDC) is wrapping up a year that was devoted to rebuilding. And as 2020 begins, PTDC is dedicated to its’ purpose, “to create revenue, create employment opportunities, and promote economic development” for the nation.

RENOVATIONS. Renovations at the Pawnee Nation Casino & Trading Post have begun with the addition of a new paved parking lot. There has been very little re-investment into the tribally owned building in well over a decade. With a new heat and air system, fresh paint, and a raised gaming floor, the atmosphere will be greatly improved as a fresh and inviting place for guests to come and play.

CUSTOMER SERVICE. PTDC leadership intent on improving customer service has partnered with Purpose and Performance Group to lead the entire employee team in a comprehensive customer service and leadership development program. When determining the best course to take to ensure the training was the best fit for the organization, it became evident that in order to improve customer service, it was vital to improve employee morale. This intensive training will provide a real opportunity for individual growth for employees. In order to maximize the effectiveness of this training, a sustainable program will reinforce and ultimately create a lasting positive company culture. This motivating internal training initiative will kick off at the first of the year.

GROWTH. In 2015, PTDC purchased 20 acres of land adjacent to the property where StoneWolf Casino is located. The lengthy process of putting the land into trust began shortly thereafter. In November, after a more than four-year process, PTDC was notified by the BIA that trust status was granted. While concrete plans have not yet been determined for the land, this property, which is located directly north of StoneWolf Casino will open options for commercial growth.

Looking forward to 2020, the keyword for PTDC is growth. Onward & Upward in 2020!
Pawnee CAMP DRESS RAFFLE

Custom-sized Pawnee Camp Dress

Shirt & Ribbon Skirt
Designed & Tailored by Karla KnifeChief

Winner will be announced on Dec. 25th at the Pawnee Indian Veteran’s Day Dance

*Need not be present to win*

Tickets are
1 for $5
3 for $10

All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Pawnee Nation Princess Committee

Tickets can be purchased at PN Princess Events & from PN Committee Members

For Additional Information please contact:
Jamie Nelson at 918.762.3621