The Pawnee Service Club has recently been reestablished and is doing a lot to help the Pawnee community. Although the Service Club has a long history amongst the Pawnee, it is not known precisely when the Club started. Its current oldest member, Neva Moore, is the spark that reignited the Service Club this past year. Neva gave her blessing to restart the Club. This Club vows to be non-political, help the community, and learn more about the Pawnee culture. In these past months of being officially reinstated, the Service Club has fed mourning families, sent cards to the ill, given food baskets to families in need; raising money thru donations, and an auction/bingo fundraiser. We are looking for new members to join this great family, and fees are $5 per person. For more information, contact any current officers; Helen Norris, June Hamilton, Angie Echo Hawk or Jamie Jon Whiteshirt. Thank you, Service Club!
Nowa,
It’s that time of the year. The Pawnee Homecoming is upon us once again. My hope and prayer are that each of you is doing well and that you can make it back to Pawnee to enjoy all the food, activities, dancing, visiting, reminiscing and did I mention, FOOD! It’s always good to be able to see one another and to make the connections which last a lifetime. Homecoming is still the best time of the year. We are thankful for our veterans who work hard to have this Homecoming. We honor our veterans for their service and commitment.

The Pawnee Nation is ready for the activities we are involved in during the Homecoming. All the Departments have been busy getting prepared for the Health Fair and Walk. This has always been a great event, and our employees go “all out” during this time. We invite you to visit with us and if we can be of service, let us know.

We went through a hard time with the floods which came through Pawnee. The Pawnee Nation, along with the BIA and IHS, had to shut down because of the high water which closed the Green Bridge along with the War Mother’s Bridge. Our Tribal Emergency Response team was activated and coordinated the situation by giving us timely information on the crisis. Our employees jumped in and were a great help and blessing to the families who were displaced by the floods. It was wonderful to see them feeding and helping those families who were in dire need of assistance. They went above and beyond in helping our folks. It was during this flooding that we also experienced tornados! I believe the tornados had us scrambling for our shelters, at least three times when the sirens sounded! It was a stressful couple of weeks, but we managed and came through it with the help of Attius.

As always, when we see one another, if there are any questions that you have about anything having to do with the Pawnee Nation, stop me and let’s talk. My door is always open to you. I look forward to a great Homecoming and pray for the blessings of Attius for you and your family.

God Bless.

- W. Bruce Pratt
By Jim Gray, Executive Director

Last year, the U.S. Congress passed the Farm Bill with a very unique change in federal law; the United States lifted a 70-year-old ban on the planting and cultivation of hemp. The use of hemp in clothing, textiles, manufacturing, paper, is well known until it was outlawed by the “refer madness” policies in the 1930s. Today you can’t walk into a grocery, health, or convenience store without seeing a display case of CBD products for sale, signaling a change in perception of this once widely acceptable crop in our economy. The law went on to recognize the opportunity for Indian Country to plant the crop as well by recognizing the special status tribes have with the use of their land under federal trust doctrine. This special provision allows tribes to operate outside of state and local government jurisdiction but within the special jurisdiction of the United States.

Now I’m no lawyer, and I can’t offer legal advice on the complexity or nuances of common law as it applies to Indian country. Nor am I a tribal historian who can illuminate the unique opportunity of developing an indigenous crop of North America back into the mix of modern land use policy of Indian country. Nor am I a federal bureaucrat who can describe the regulatory role of the federal trustee in a new economic activity within the vast regulatory framework of federal policy towards Indian country. However, I’m Native, and I have seen literally dozens of opportunities come to Indian country offering fantastic business opportunities and scores of “can’t miss” business investments ranging from the ridiculous to the sublime.

This has left many in Indian country feeling like a jilted lover who’s had their hearts broken by false promises of easy money, and as a result, Indian country is more than a little risk averse to any future suiters. So if you’re like me, where “Once bitten, twice shy” is not just a cautionary tale but rather a management philosophy, then it’s easy to dismiss the economic opportunity that hemp presents to Indian country because we’ve all been burned before.

As Executive Director of the Pawnee Nation, I’ve been directed by our leadership to investigate the legal and economic opportunities/challenges of developing hemp within the jurisdiction of the Pawnee Nation. In the last five months, I’ve had to draw upon my experience and the collective expertise of our staff and divisions in understanding tribal public policy within the sovereign rights of a federally recognized tribal nation. This experience embraces the fact that tribes are the primary regulator of a 30 Billion dollar gaming industry that currently exists in Indian country and works within federal policies to thrive in the 20 Billion dollar government contracting industry that also exists in Indian country, or the hybrid regulatory structure of a multi-billion dollar energy industry that exists in Indian country. Not to be excluded, the multi-million dollar regulatory and taxation base created by Supreme Court victories that recognize the tribe’s inherent right to issue car tags, smoke shop licenses or motor fuel operations throughout Indian country. In short, we’re no stranger to managing and regulating industries within our own laws and capability.

In order to pursue such an endeavor, tribe’s must first look internally to see if this business fits within the tribe’s appetite for managing risk, cultural sensibility and drawing upon their institutional knowledge to properly develop the necessary laws and regulations to control the economic activity to ensure accountability and transparency within the laws and jurisdiction of the tribe. Finally, can we objectively and effectively look within our organization to see if the Nation possesses the capacity to manage the work effectively or will we have to bring in subject matter experts to carry out these responsibilities?
Once these traps have been run, the Pawnee Nation Business Council passed a law upon which the Nation authorized this activity under tribal law and then promulgated regulations which spelled out how the permitting, licensing process hemp developers will have to undergo to develop the crop within the Pawnee Nation. Like many countries across the world, their business codes and tax laws can invite investment because of the favorable business climate. In short, money goes where it’s welcome. It also creates more supporting investments such as processing facilities, retail, and transportation systems, which again attract even more investment. This strengthens tribal governance, business performance, jobs, revenue streams for landowners to put their land into productive use and new areas of business taxation with the Nation’s borders.

These are things within the tribe’s control. However, that’s just the beginning, if our federal partners are not on board or state laws are not in sync with hemp development then you might be able to grow hemp but try moving your product off the reservation and on to state roads then you risk having your shipments confiscated, your drivers arrested and jailed and subject the Nation to fines and other penalties and years of litigation. In conformance with the Farm Bill of 2018, we submitted our plans to the Secretary of Agriculture for their review. We also engaged in a proactive series of consultations with the BIA at the local and national level, the local District Attorney for Pawnee County, the USDA and key staffers within our Congressional District who are fielding many calls from constituents regarding hemp. Finally, a daylong conference on the Nation’s hemp law with tribal landowners to provide information and answer questions regarding whether growing hemp on their land is right for them.

Today, both the States and Tribes are in a holding pattern waiting for final federal rulemaking regarding testing the THC content of the crop to ensure it falls within the legal amount to be classified as hemp. At this point, we’ve taken the development of hemp within the Pawnee Nation as far as we can. Both the states and the Pawnee Nation are rightfully deferring to federal standards for testing THC content, so the industry doesn’t end up with a different methodology for all 50 states and all 500 plus tribal nations. This would cripple the industry to endless compliance issues and ruin the development of the crop. Following one federal standard would significantly increase the growing, processing, transportation of Pawnee hemp to any destination in the country.

In short, we just applied everything we learned about gaming in developing effective regulatory systems, smoke shop licensing to create economic opportunity for helping our tribal members develop a business on their land, and working within the framework and protection of the Federal government to secure the creation of an industry to flourish within our lands and export our products across the land. I want to applaud the visionary leadership of the Pawnee Business Council for taking the lead on what could be a real game-changer for responsible natural resource development within the Pawnee Nation and Indian country.

Executive Director, Pawnee Nation

-JIM GRAY

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.
# Pawnee Nation Run-Off Election to be Held

The Pawnee Nation will be conducting a Run-Off Election on June 29, 2019. The position to be filled is President (4) year position. Candidates for this election are W. Bruce Pratt and James E. Whiteshirt.

The Pawnee Nation Election Commission encourages all members of the Pawnee Nation to exercise their right to VOTE and become a part of this very important opportunity. Your personal involvement in this process can and will strengthen our Nation, now and in the future. All members of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, who are eighteen (18) years of age or over on the date of the election are eligible to vote.

Any qualified member of the Pawnee Nation can request an absentee ballot in writing, addressed to the Pawnee Nation Election Commission at P.O. Box 600, Pawnee Oklahoma 74058. Eligible voters may also FAX a request to the Pawnee Nation Election Commission at (918) 762-6446 or email, if they expect to be absent from the polling place on the day of the election. Please include a valid address and telephone number when requesting an absentee ballot. **All requests must be accompanied with two (2) forms of identification.** Upon receipt of a valid request, the Election Commission will forward to the voter all necessary forms to be used in the pending election. **Per Section 8 Absentee Voting, subsection B Requesting and Issuing Absentee Ballots “Any ballots received after 12:00 noon on the day of the election shall not be counted.”**

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Chairman: Cecelia Hawkins  
Email: electioncomm@pawneenation.org
Clerk: Martha Only A Chief
Secretary: Jamie Nelson
Sargent-at-Arms: Mee-Kai Clark
Alternate: Gwen Pickering
Title VI Thoughts

Elder Advisory Board update: We now have officers to finish out our three-year grant, and they are off to a good start. The officers are President Pam Cook, Vice-President Blade McLendon, Secretary Kathy Wichita, and Treasurer Ann Collins.

Fundraisers: The Elder Advisory Board had an adventure setting up at the Steam Engine Show, selling parking spaces for a fundraiser. On the first day, a storm hit, and they were holding on to the pop-up shade in a fierce windy-rain, therefore due to the bad weather, they had to close down and pack up quickly. However, Saturday the parking lot was open for business and they were happy with the outcome of the fundraiser for the Elders. Ann Collins continues to sell her finest baked goods at the Pawnee Business Council Meetings ... Keep an eye out for events in the future.

Calendar Note: The Elder Advisory Board has an upcoming event that should be fun for everyone! They are hosting a BINGO ($10 for ten games) and a Chili Making Contest ($20 entry fee) starting at 5:00 pm (for the Chili Contest) on Friday, June 21, 2019, and BINGO starts at 6:00 pm at Elders Center (901 Agency Road). Be sure to pay those Chili contest entry fees early to save a spot.

Elders are planning to have a booth at homecoming ... be sure to visit!

Helping Hands of the Elders-Helping-Elders have had homebound getting out and about to go shopping and socialize during all the election meals. Helping hands took home some watermelon plants (to be ready at homecoming), and some have even pulled weeds out of the planter boxes. We would love to get bucket plants over to elder homes so they may enjoy fresh veggies at home. Let us know if you can donate big planter pots or buckets for this idea.

Volunteers are welcome ... Seniors come on by and join us at the Elder Center (901 Agency Road) Monday – Wednesday noon meals and Thursday breakfast at 9 am. Contact Title VI staff at 918.762.4042.

Thank you for all the visits during the time of the flood, now be sure to visit your Elders just for fun!

Indian Child Welfare

The purpose of the Pawnee Nation Indian Child Welfare Program is to provide services to children and families that are Pawnee Nation Tribal Members through preventing the breakup of the family in crisis situations. The Pawnee Nation ICW Program assists tribal members who have an open case with utility assistance, rental assistance, and other needs through the Title IV-B, Subpart 1 and 2 Promoting Safe and Stable Families funds. The Pawnee Nation ICW Program provides case management services to Pawnee children and families.

The ICW Program has a new ICW Assistant, Jaelyn Jestes, who began on April 29, 2019. Jaelyn is an enrolled Pawnee Nation tribal member and previously worked for the tribe with the Pawnee Pride Program. She is a welcomed addition to the Pawnee Nation ICW Program.

The ICW Program is also 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.
The Pawnee Nation embarks on a significant move to exercise sovereignty in the education of its youth, starting in the fall of 2020. The business council approved a resolution to move forward on this significant initiative in January of this year. An Education Sub-Committee was appointed earlier in 2018 to evaluate the feasibility of a charter school by analyzing online surveys and seeking out face-to-face surveys with the community during September of 2018. After many discussions, research, and input from PBC members, Dawna Hare and Darrell Wildcat the committee voted unanimously to recommend to approve the nation as an authorizer.

Charter schools are publicly funded as public schools so, therefore, are open to all races within our community. The difference between a regular public school and a charter school is the innovation factor. Charter schools can be innovative in their teaching methodologies and philosophies. For example, a tribal charter school can be founded on a tribal perspective such as holistic approaches (mind, body, and spirit), tribal values and knowledge such as ‘place-based’ perspective, tribal language and cultural instruction. Another philosophy that can be included is college preparation.

FOR PAWNEE

- The nation will start with PreK and Kindergarten and add grades for each year, and the second year will add 1st and 2nd grades, third year, 3rd and 4th grades until the goal of PreK-5th grade is achieved.
- The plan is to use an experiential and personalized learning-based curriculum modified for cultural relevance to Pawnee Community learners
- Personalized learning is an academic model focusing on meeting kids at their level and their pace
- Integrated Pawnee language and culture curriculum
- Created using community-led design principles

It will take many hours of hard work for individuals and teams to realize this opportunity to create a unique learning environment. The tribe has already received start-up funding and through tribal mechanisms will continue to establish a school board, by-laws, policy, and procedures, identify leadership, and engage in facility management tasks.

If you are interested in finding out more about the opportunities ahead, please contact Dorna Riding In-Battese, email dbattese@pawneenation.org.

Kristin Donnelly, Pawnee/Osage CASA Advocate Coordinator, and Helen Norris, Pawnee/Osage CASA Director presented Pawnee Nation Associate District Court Judge Phil Lujan a beautiful Plaque for being selected as CASA’s Judge of the Year.

Pawnee/Osage CASA is a non-profit organization that umbrellas under the Pawnee United Community Action Program. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) train community volunteers to speak for the abused and neglected children in the courts. Any Adult age 21 or older with the desire and commitment to help abused or neglected children can become a CASA. If you are interested, please contact Kristin or Helen at (918) 762-3776. There are children in our community who need your help!
The mission of the Pawnee Nation SAP/MSPI/TOR program is to promote a drug/alcohol and bullying free lifestyle among youth and community members with an emphasis on the importance of culture.

1. We strive to educate youth and community members of the Pawnee Tribe and other surrounding tribes about the dangers of drug/alcohol abuse by teaching preventative measures and offering various resources.

2. We advocate for strict anti-bullying policies within our communities.

3. We strengthen our communities by promoting the importance of culture in our daily lives.

We educate on prevention by speaking at various events, assemblies, and community meetings about the importance of prevention. During the Pawnee Homecoming Weekend, we provide the community with a Prevention Walk as well as our annual Horseshoe Tournament.

During Red Ribbon Week (3rd week of October), we sponsor multiple activities in the community to further raise awareness of drugs and drug abuse. We look forward every year to seeing all the community members participate and take the DRUG-FREE PLEDGE!

As part of the MSPI (The Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative) program, we provide and promote prevention, education, culture, and awareness to the effects of Meth abuse and suicide in our community. This initiative promotes the use and development of evidence-based and practice-based models that represent culturally appropriate prevention and treatment approaches.

Every Wednesday night, our SAP program holds meetings for the community at 7:00 pm. These meetings are a fantastic opportunity for those who are seeking help to better themselves. As we gain more knowledge with Substance Abuse Prevention, we can share that knowledge with those in attendance at these meetings. The meetings enable the individuals to begin applying this knowledge to their everyday lives, creating positive change in multiple aspects.

The SAP program also provides the community with the Pawnee Nation Fitness Center. Our Fitness Center allows community members to have an outlet for physical activity that initiates self-confidence, self-discipline as well as many other character traits needed for a healthy lifestyle.

The Pawnee Nation Fitness Center is open Monday-Friday from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm.

For more information, you can reach SAP/MSPI at (918) 762-2143 or visit us! We are located at 311 Maintenance Road Pawnee, OK 74058

Thank you,

SAP/MSPI Staff
A new Court Administrator, Ashley R. Wilson, of Pawhuska, Oklahoma has joined our team at the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. She is Osage of the Grayhorse district. We also have an interim Deputy Court Clerk Katherine L. Brady. We are pleased with being able to hit the ground running here and catching up on any backlog as soon as possible. We are also working with the Pawnee Nation Communications Department to have PDF applications for Court services uploaded to our website to assist court customers with convenient access.

We are open from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. daily. Most importantly, as of June 1, 2019, the Court will no longer accept Personal Checks. All court fines and fees must be paid with a Cashier’s Check or Money Order. Please do not hesitate to contact us at our direct line (918) 287-3011, with any questions you may have.

We look forward to working with our customers and visitors.

Kind Regards,

Ashley R. Wilson.
“The Pawnee Nation Tribal Development Corporation is proud to announce the conclusion of the process to refinance and consolidate existing loans. With our partners, First Secure Community Bank of Sugar Grove Illinois, PNTDC was able to secure an $8.5 Million note with terms more favorable to the Tribe and the Corporation. This refinancing will enable the Corporation to grow in healthier direction, and to succeed in its mission of creating economic opportunities for the Pawnee Nation and its people.”

Bob Dimmick

CEO

Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation
Community News

Lesharo Wildcat has been selected to play football for the USA Football, United States National Team representing the USA in international football competition and ending the season with a bowl game.

Wildcat, a sophomore football player for the Pawhuska High School, was recommended by his football coach, Matt Hennessy, to attend the two-day try-out camp in Dallas, Texas held in March and was then invited to attend.

High school coaches from across the country, plus NCAA and NFL coaches participated and graded camp players. Participants in the selection camp came from all over the U.S. The camp included 1 on 1, 7 on 7, and group drills with a small ratio of coach to players. Strength, conditioning training, academic preparation, and proper nutrition were featured.

Lesharo recently received a letter stating that he was selected to play football with the U.S. National Team. He will be attending his second football camp in Dallas, Texas, which will focus on the players own individual skill development and technique in their position.

The USA Football Team plays in games around the world. The International Bowl game last year was held in Mexico City.

Wildcat is the son of Beaushee and Mary Wildcat of Pawhuska and the Grandson of Darrell Wildcat and Carla Tahmahkera.

Jarvis Snake LeRoy Brady participated in the state Special Olympics on May 15, 2019. He placed in the Bocce ball event and won 1st in his bracket play!

He was very excited about his gold medal and cherished his achievement.

Jarvis is the son of Katherine (LeRoy) and Thad Brady. Grandson of Linda (Mathews) LeRoy and the late Jarvis Snake LeRoy. We’re all proud of Jarvis and all the Special Olympians who participated in the three-day event.

Congratulations to Chickasaw/Pawnee junior point guard Carrie Johnson of Collinsville High School in Texas for her basketball awards from this season: 3 All Tournament Awards that include two MVPs; District Co-MVP; All Texomaland Player of the Year Finalist; Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All Region; & Texas Girls Coaches Association All State & All Stars team selection!

Her father, Daniel Johnson is her Head Coach & is Chickasaw & her mother is an Assistant Coach & is Pawnee & were awarded District Coaching Staff of the Year. Mr. Coach Johnson is also All Texomaland Coach of the Year Finalist.

31-2 Record; Undefeated District Champs; Bi-District Champs; Area Champs; Regional Quarterfinalists. Great season!

On Saturday, May 18, Irene Edwards, daughter of the late Geraldine Howell, graduated with honors (GPA 3.64) from Santa Fe Community College with an Associate of Arts degree in film. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Psi Chi, and Sigma Alpha Pi international honor societies. Along with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a Certificate in Creative Writing, she is applying to film programs at Seattle Film Institute and Arizona State University to work toward a Masters in film and digital media. One of her instructors is working with her this summer to refine her hybrid short film class assignment which the instructor wants her to enter in several film festivals, saying work such as hers has not been seen at film festivals. When her instructors, classmates, and audience members critiquing her short films, they say that there is an emotional element that makes them want more.

An industry professional states that she has a unique talent that her love of production shines brightly, with her actors “camera calm” at her direction and believes that Irene will go very far with her perception and abilities. Irene’s creative portfolio includes several short films, screenplays, a novel, and poetry, some of which have been published. Irene is working on several film concepts which include drama, historical biography, science fiction, psychological horror and documentaries, all with American Indian actors and promoting strong female leads. She has completed two screenplays and two newly begun. She desires to be a director, to create film noir, experimental, and narrative films, as well as animation. Irene’s production company, “The Coal Creek Creative,” is named after the land where she spent time when she was growing up, owned by her late grandparents, Andy and May Pratt Smith, that is north of Pawnee. She also continues to play background roles in local film productions.
## 2019 Pawnee Nation’s Events Calendar for Homecoming Weekend

**Wednesday**  
**July 3rd**
- **9:00 a.m.**  
  Community Prevention Walk  
  @ Roamchief  
  810 Morris Road
- **10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
  Health Fair  
  @ Wellness Center  
  806 Morris Road
- **10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
  Blood Drive  
  @ Wellness Center  
  806 Morris Road

**Thursday**  
**July 4th**
- **7:00 a.m.**  
  Flag Raising  
  Rowena Morris Salmon  
  @ Dance Grounds
- **7:30 P.M.**  
  Homecoming Dance  
  Grand Entry  
  @ Pawnee Football Stadium  
  *Selection of Homecoming Princess*

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**Friday**  
**July 5th**
- **7:00 a.m.**  
  Flag Raising  
  Frank Nuttle  
  @ Dance Grounds
- **10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
  Pawnee Nation Enrollment Office Open  
  @ Pawnee Football Stadium  
  (918) 762-3873 Option #7  
  @ Old IHS Building  
  400 Agency Road, Pawnee  
  Oklahoma 74058
- **10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
  Tax Office Open  
  (918) 762-3621 Ext. 138  
  @ Multipurpose Building  
  808 Morris Road, Pawnee  
  Oklahoma 74058

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**Saturday**  
**July 6th**
- **7:00 a.m.**  
  Flag Raising  
  Norman Keel Sr  
  @ Dance Grounds
- **6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.**  
  Hawk Chief 5K Packet Pick Up From Pre-Registration  
  @ Pawnee Football Stadium
- **7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.**  
  Hawk Chief 5K Same Day Registration  
  @ Pawnee Football Stadium
- **8:00 a.m.**  
  Hawk Chief Run /Walk  
  @ Pawnee Football Stadium
- **9:00 a.m.**  
  Horseshoe Tournament  
  @ Fitness Center  
  804 Morris Road
- **12 Noon**  
  Homecoming Parade  
  @ Downtown Pawnee
- **7:30 P.M.**  
  Homecoming Dance  
  Grand Entry  
  After PowWow  
  @ Pawnee Football Stadium  
  SOBER 49 Contest  
  @ Pawnee Football Stadium

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**Sunday**  
**July 7th**
- **7:00 a.m.**  
  Flag Raising  
  Lewis Only A Chief  
  @ Dance Grounds
- **7:30 P.M.**  
  Homecoming Dance  
  Grand Entry  
  @ Pawnee Football Stadium

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**In Case of Inclement Weather**  
Homecoming will be held at the Pawnee Nation Gym  
806 Morris Road, Pawnee, Oklahoma 74058
The Pawnee Indian Veterans Organization want to welcome you to the 73rd Pawnee Indian Homecoming Celebration. The first Homecoming dance was in 1946 and continues today thanks to our Veterans of World War I and the tribal organization of the Pawnee community.

We hope you take part in our honoring of Veterans past and present. We especially want to honor all our Men and Women on active duty because they need our support too.

The Veteran’s Committee hopes you have an enjoyable and safe visit to Pawnee.

We want to thank the Pawnee tribal community and City of Pawnee for their support. We thank all the tribal programs and service organizations that make this Homecoming possible. Our Tribal Government and Employee’s give us tremendous support. A special thanks for the IHS Clinic because some of us Veterans still need help.

Thank you, Veterans, for accepting the responsibility of serving our Country and our Indian Community. The Committee would like to thank Lance Leadingfox, Drumkeeper, for carrying on a tradition of the past.

- Chip Chapman
President of Pawnee Indian Veterans Organization

PAWNEE NATION
EMPLOYEES CLUB FIREWORKS STAND

OPEN DAILY at 6 p.m. - June 17th - June 21st
12 Noon to Midnight – Saturday, June 22nd
12 Noon to 10:00 p.m. – Sunday, June 23rd

OPEN DAILY at 6 p.m.
Monday, June 24th - Friday, June 28th
12 Noon to Midnight – Saturday, June 29th
12 Noon to 10:00 p.m. – Sunday, June 30th

OPEN DAILY at 6 p.m.
Monday, July 1st - Friday, July 5th
12 Noon to Midnight – Saturday, July 6th
Open at Noon until SOLD OUT!! – LAST DAY OPEN
Sunday, July 7th

LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF AGENCY ROAD AND MORRIS ROAD NEXT TO OPERATIONS BUILDING.
The Hawk Chief Run is held annually during the Pawnee Indian Veterans Homecoming and honors the memory of Hawk Chief, a noted Pawnee Scout and runner.

2019 Hawk Chief Run/Walk

When: Saturday, July 6, 2019
Where: Pawnee Football Stadium
Time: 8:00 a.m.

Registration is **FREE** and open to anyone!

*All Ages Welcome*

Participants who Pre-Register by June 7 is guaranteed a free t-shirt with the design.

Race Day Registrations will receive T-shirt as they are available and will not be guaranteed

*Packet pick up will begin 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. at the Pre-Registration Table located at the Pawnee Football Stadium.*

*Same day registration: 7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.*

NO EXCEPTIONS, time will not be extended!

Registration is available on [www.pawneenation.org](http://www.pawneenation.org)

For more information, please call the Pawnee Nation Diabetes Program at (918) 762-3873 x4 or via email sknifechief@pawneenation.org

Fax: (918) 762-6452
ALL Events are Drug & Alcohol Free

**KEEPING OUR FAMILIES**

**Alcohol & Drug Free The Native Way**

- July 3rd, 2019
  - Prevention Walk @ 9:00 am
  - 810 Morris Rd
  - *Shirts for participants*

- July 6th, 2019
  - Horseshoe Tournament @ 9:00 am
  - 804 Morris Rd
  - *Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place*

- July 6th, 2019
  - Sober 49 Competition
  - After Homecoming Powwow
  - Pawnee Memorial Football Field

**Empowerment for Life: Promoting Health & Wellness in the Native Community**

**2019 Pawnee Nation Health Fair**

We encourage all members of the Pawnee community to attend! There will be 30+ vendors providing information on a variety of health care services and products!

**When:**
- July 3, 2019
- 10am - 1pm

**Where:**
- Pawnee Nation Wellness Center
- 808 Morris Rd

**• Health Walk starts @ 9 am**
  (must participate in walk for a free T-shirt)

**• Door Prizes**

**• Health Screenings**

**• Lunch will be provided**

**• Bounce Houses for Kids**

**• Blood Drive**

Sponsored by the Division of Health & Community Services
This is an alcohol, tobacco, and drug free event.

or more information, contact the CHR program at 918-762-3873.

Alcohol and Drug Free Events Sponsored by Pawnee Nation SAP/MSPI/TOR (918) 762-2143

**PAWNEE NATION**

**Tribal Opioid Response**

**37 The Great Seal of the Pawnee Nation**

**Pawnee Nation Violence Against Women**

**Amy Kinzie, Program Coordinator**

**Ashley Hadix, Advocate**

**Dina Johnson, Prevention Specialist**

918-762-6460

**DID YOU KNOW?**

“More than 130 Americans die every day from opioid related drug overdoses in 2017.”

—U.S. Dept of Health & Human Services

**24-hour Crisis Line (918) 762-3310**
Pawnee Business Council Resolutions 2019

#19-09 – A Resolution to adopt the Pawnee Nation Limited Liability Company Act – Approved February 2, 2019, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (Knife Chief) and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-10 – A Resolution to approve the partnership between the Pawnee Nation, the Board of Directors of the Museum of the Pawnee Nation, the Pawnee Nation Cultural Committee, and the Association of Tribal Archives Libraries and Museums to develop a plan for the creation of a Museum and Cultural Center – Approved February 28, 2019, by a vote of four for, none against, none abstaining, three absent (Adson, Hare, Lone Chief) and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-11 – A Resolution to adopt the Pawnee Nation Worker’s Compensation Act – Approved February 28, 2019, by a vote of four for, none against, none abstaining, three absent (Adson, Hare, Lone Chief) and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-12 – A Resolution to approve the form, terms, and provisions of the Loan Agreement (TDC Re-Finance) – Approved February 2, 2019, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (Knife Chief) and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-13 – A Resolution to approve the revisions of the Pawnee Nation Fiscal Policies and Procedures, “V Electronic Communication Technology Policy” – Approved February 28, 2019, by a vote of three for (Wildcat, Thompson, Knife Chief), one against (McCray), none abstaining, three absent (Adson, Hare, Lone Chief) and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-14 – A Resolution to approve the submission of the Family Violence Prevention/Domestic Violence Shelter and Supportive Services grant to the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) – Approved February 28, 2019, by a vote of four for, none against, none abstaining, three absent (Adson, Hare, Lone Chief) and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-15 – A Resolution to approve the submission of the above grant proposal, in the amount of $75,000.00 with no obligatory match required, in order to perform the aforementioned study with the U.S. Department of the Interior, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Division of Energy – Approved on February 28, 2019 by a vote of four for, none against, none abstaining, three absent (Adson, Hare, Lone Chief) and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-16 – A Resolution to approve the revision of the Pawnee Nation’s Office of Human Resources Policies and Procedures Manual’s and addition of “Chapter 9, Section V., Social Media” – Approved April 9, 2019, by a vote of four for (Wildcat, McCray, Thompson, Hare), three against (Adson, Lone Chief, Knife Chief), none abstaining and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-17 – A Resolution to authorize to secure a line of credit with Armstrong Bank – Approved February 28, 2019, by a vote of four for, none against, none abstaining, three absent (Adson, Hare, Lone Chief) and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-18 – A Resolution to approve the use of the land description named as collateral to secure a line of credit with Armstrong bank – Approved February 28, 2019, by a vote of four for, none against, none abstaining, three absent (Adson, Hare, Lone Chief) and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-19 – A Resolution to approve the submission of the above donation request proposal, in the amount of $194,834 with no obligatory match required, to reestablish the Division of Cultural Resources – Approved March 12, 2019 by a vote of five for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (Pratt) and two not voting (Wildcat, Knife Chief).

#19-20 – A Resolution to approve the March 2019 Housekeeping and Grounds Maintenance Policy and Procedures Manual to be used to carry out Housekeeping Services at the Pawnee Indian Health Center under IHS Contract No. HHSI246201800001 – Approved March 28, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-21 – A Resolution to approve five eligible applicants to be added to the Pawnee Membership Roll – Approved March 28, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-22 – A Resolution to approve the date of death of fifteen (15) deceased members on the Membership Roll and remove them from the Annuity Roll - Approved March 28, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-23 – A Resolution to accept the Conditional Relinquishment of Debra Sue Howell from the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and she will be removed from the Pawnee Nation Membership Roll on condition upon being accepted for membership with the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate - Approved March 28, 2019 by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-24 – A Resolution to re-appoint Daniel Sherron to the Pawnee Nation Gaming Commission as a member whose term begins March 28, 2019, and shall expire March 28, 2022 - Approved March 28, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-25 – A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Victoria LeftHand to serve as Public Defender of the Pawnee Nation District Court for a period of three (3) years as per Pawnee Law and Order Code, chapter two, Section 3. The term will expire March 28, 2022 - Approved March 28, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-26 – A Resolution to adopt the Pawnee Nation Cannabis Sativa L. (Hemp) Farming Regulations - Approved March 28, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-27 – A Resolution to adopt the Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement Drug Testing Policy and Procedures - Approved March 28, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-28 – A Resolution to appoint Denise Miller to serve on the Pawnee Nation Environmental Regulatory Commission effective April 9, 2019, and whose term will expire December 31, 2023 - Approved April 9, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-29 – A Resolution to appoint Kyla Wichita to the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Liquor Control Commission effective April 9, 2019, whose term of office will expire December 31, 2022 - Approved April 9, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-30 – A Resolution to appoint Brian Kirk to the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Liquor Control Commission effective April 9, 2019, whose term of office will expire December 31, 2022 - Approved April 9, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-31 – A Resolution to approve the revisions to Section 913 and Section 973 of the Pawnee Nation Limited Liability Company Act - Approved April 9, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Pratt).
#19-32 – A Resolution to approve the revisions of the Pawnee Nation Fiscal Policies and Procedures, “V Electronic Communication Technology Policy” - Approved April 9, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-33 – A Resolution to approve the adoption and submittal of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, Long Range Transportation Plan, 2019-2038 to Office of Federal Land Highways and Bureau of Indian Affairs - Approved April 9, 2019 by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-34 – A Resolution to approve the adoption and submittal of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Tribal Transportation Improvement Program (Modification #1) for the Fiscal Year 2019 - Approved April 9, 2019, by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-35 – A Resolution to approve the submission of the Pawnee Nation’s grant proposal to the Administration for Native Americans (ANA), for the Pawnee Nation Language Restoration Program, under the category of Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance in the amount of $775,934.00 with an in-kind match of 20% ($155,187.00) of total project costs over three years - Approved April 9, 2019 by a vote of seven for, none against, none abstaining and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-36 – A Resolution to approve the revisions to Articles VI, VII, and X of the Pawnee Nation Liquor Control Act – Approved May 1, 2019 by a vote of four for, none against, one abstaining (Wildcat), two absent (McCray, Knife Chief) and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-37 – A Resolution to approve twenty-five eligible applicants to be added to the Pawnee Membership Roll – Approved May 1, 2019, by a vote of five for, none against, none abstaining, two absent (McCray, Knife Chief) and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-38 – A Resolution to approve to note the date of death of one (1) deceased member on the Membership Roll and remove them from the Annuity Roll - Approved May 1, 2019 by a vote of five for, none against, none abstaining, two absent (McCray, Knife Chief) and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-39 – A Resolution to approve a sole source contract between Carol L. Nuttle, Consultant, and the Pawnee Nation to write a proposal to the IHS for a Tribal Self-Governance Planning Grant and the cost associated with writing and submitting this grant shall be at no cost to the Pawnee Nation - Approved May 1, 2019 by a vote of five for, none against, none abstaining, two absent (McCray, Knife Chief) and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-40 – A Resolution to approve the terms and provisions of the Loan Agreement (TDC Re-Finance) - Approved May 1, 2019, by a vote of five for, none against, none abstaining, two absent (McCray, Knife Chief) and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-41 – A Resolution to recognize the results of the Pawnee Nation Election held on May 4, 2019, and for banking purposes, the four officers of the Pawnee Business Council authorized to sign signature cards and documents are: 1. W. Bruce Pratt, President, 2. Darrell J Wildcat, Vice President, 3. Patricia McCray, Secretary, and 4. M. Angela Thompson, Treasurer – Approved May 20, 2019, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (Knife Chief) and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-42 – A Resolution to recognize the results of the Pawnee Nation Election held on May 4, 2019 and that the position of the Pawnee Business Council President did not meet the requirements to be duly elected, and the Pawnee Nation Election Commission will commence with the Run-Off Election in accordance with the Pawnee Nation Election Act - Approved May 20, 2019 by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (Knife Chief) and one not voting (Pratt).

#19-43 – A Resolution to authorize and approve the loan transaction with the Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation and First Secure Community Bank (TDC Re-Finance) - Approved May 20, 2019, by a vote of six for, none against, none abstaining, one absent (Knife Chief) and one not voting (Pratt).
PBC meeting minutes for January 2, 2019, with changes, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

Reports were given by PBC President, PBC Member Committee and Travel, Pawnee Nation College, Executive Director and Attorney General.

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the PBC travel requests, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Charter School Application – Item was left in Old Business until the next meeting, and a resolution will be submitted for approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-01 to appoint Reva Howell to serve on the Pawnee Nation Liquor Control Commission, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

2. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-02 to appoint Cynthia Butler to serve on the Pawnee Nation Liquor Control Commission, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

3. Pawnee Nation Budget Committee Recommendations:
   a. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2019 CSBG budget modification #1, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
   b. Motion made by Sammye Adson to approve the revisions of the Pawnee Nation Organizational Chart, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.
   c. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-03 approving the Merz lease of the Chilocco land with changes, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
   d. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the Harmon Denture Clinic Lease, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

4. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the Pawnee Nation Fourth Quarterly Reports, a Report.

5. Motion made by Sammye Adson to table the approval of the Attorney General Annual Evaluation, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

6. Motion made by Sammye Adson to approve Resolution #19-04 for a farming and grazing lease with Mike Godbersen, with changes, seconded by Sammye Adson, motion carries.

7. Motion made by Sammye Adson to approve the 2019 BIA Fire Response Budget, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

8. Motion made by Sammye Adson to approve the Tribal Development Corporation Lease, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

9. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the Tribal Development Corporation Lease, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to go into Executive Session, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries. Motion made by Dawna Hare to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.

1. Annual Evaluation of the Attorney General – The Business Council spoke with the Attorney General and are going through with the process of the evaluation.

2. Discussion and/or Action on 106 Shortfall - Discussion on the shortfall on the 106 funds and the impact on the Cultural Resource Division. There is action to be taken, but no action will be discussed until it has been done. The Council will report later after on the action.

3. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson, seconded by Charles Lone Chief to adjourn at 9:40 pm, motion carries.

JANUARY 24, 2019, PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

President W. Bruce Pratt called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm and gave the invocation. Seven Council members present, one excused (Mishawaka), quorum established.

Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to approve the Pawnee Business Council meeting agenda for January 24, 2019, with amendments, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

Reports were given by PBC President, PBC Member Committee and Travel, Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation and Executive Director.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-05 for the Charter School application for the 2020 school year with corrections, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.

2. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Resolution #19-06, Pawnee Nation Hemp Farming Act of 2019 with clarification on some, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.

3. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-07, Drawdown Proceeds of Labor Account, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

4. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Resolution #19-08 for the Table Creek Treaty, 2019 Annuity Drawdown, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

5. Motion made by Sammye Adson to table the approval of the Attorney General Annual Evaluation, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

6. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson, seconded by Dawna Hare to adjourn at 7:27 pm, motion carries.

FEBRUARY 2, 2019, PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL QUARTERLY MEETING

President W. Bruce Pratt called the meeting to order at 9:08 am, and Charles Lone Chief gave the invocation. Seven Council members present, one excused (Thompson), quorum established.

Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve the Pawnee Business Council meeting agenda for February 02, 2019 with amendments, seconded by Sammye Adson, motion carries.

Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation gave a Report.

Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to approve the Pawnee Nation Fourth Quarterly Reports, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by Sammye Adson to approve Resolution #19-05 Pawnee Nation LLC, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

2. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to...
approve Resolution #19-12, TDC Loan Refinance terms, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

Motion made by Charles Knife Chief, seconded by Sammye Adson to adjourn at 9:58 am, motion carries.

FEBRUARY 28, 2019, PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

President W. Bruce Pratt called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm and Charles Knife Chief gave the invocation. Five Council members present, three excused (Adson, Hare, Lone Chief), quorum established.

Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve the Pawnee Business Council meeting agenda for February 28, 2019, with addendums, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.

Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the Pawnee Business Council meeting minutes for January 8, 2019, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

Reports were given by the Pawnee Nation College, Executive Director, and Attorney General.

Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to approve the Pawnee Business Council travel requests, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-10 for and amendment and support for the Museum and Cultural Center, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.

2. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-11 for the Pawnee Nation Worker’s Compensation Code, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

3. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-13 for the revision of the Pawnee Nation Fiscal Policy, V. Electronic Communication Technology Policy, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

4. Pawnee Nation Budget Committee Recommendations:

   a. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2019 Princess Budget modification #1, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

   b. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2019 Pawnee Business Council budget modification #1, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

5. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-14 for the submission of Domestic Violence grant, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

6. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-15 for the Energy and Mineral Development Project, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

7. Motion made by Charles Knife Chief to table Resolution #19-16, Human Resources Policies and Procedures, Chapter 9, Section V Social Media, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.

8. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-17 for the line of credit with Armstrong Bank, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

9. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-18 for the line of credit with Armstrong Bank with collateral of the Day Property, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries.

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson, seconded by Charles Knife Chief to adjourn at 8:44 pm, motion carries.

MARCH 12, 2019, PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Vice-President Darrell Wildcat called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm and Sammye Adson gave the invocation. Six Council members present, one excused (Pratt), quorum established. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the Pawnee Business Council meeting agenda for March 12, 2019, with the addition, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the Pawnee Business Council Quarterly meeting minutes for February 2, 2019, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special meeting minutes for February 28, 2019, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the Pawnee Business Council travel requests, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2019 Princess budget modification #2 to add funds from fundraising, seconded by Dawna Hare

2. Discussion on Possible Nebraska Land Donation, Land Management Committee – Item was discussed during Ms. Sammye Adson’s Committee Report

3. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-19 for the Shakopee Mdewakaton Sioux Community proposal, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by Charles Lone Chief to go into Executive Session, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries. Motion made by Sammye Adson to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

1. Discussion on PTDC Financials – No action, discussion only.

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson, seconded by Sammye Adson to adjourn at 7:41 pm, motion carries.

MARCH 28, 2019, PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

President W. Bruce Pratt called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm and Patricia McCray gave the invocation. Eight Council members present, quorum established.

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the Pawnee Business Council agenda for March 28, 2019, with correction, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

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

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the Pawnee Business Council travel requests, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:
1. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-20 to update the IHS Housekeeping Policies and Procedures, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
2. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve Resolution #19-21 for New Applicants to the Pawnee Nation Roll, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.
3. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve Resolution #19-22 to remove deceased Pawnee Tribal Members from the Annuity Roll, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.
4. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve Resolution #19-23 for a Conditional Relinquishment, seconded by M. Angela Thompson, motion carries.
5. Pawnee Nation Budget Committee Recommendations:
   a. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2019 Department of Transportation budget modification #1, seconded by Darrell Wildcat, motion carries.
   b. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the annual renewal for the VIMEO services for PBC videos and to include Pawnee Nation employees to view videos, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.
   c. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 1st Street GMP #2 Lights for Transportation in the amount of $156,646.78, seconded by Sammye Adson, motion carries.
   d. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the Catlett Road GMP #1 Lights for Transportation in the amount of $112,340.69, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
   e. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the Morris Road GMP #2 Lights for Transportation in the amount of $98,541.92, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
6. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-24 to re-appoint Daniel Sherron to the Pawnee Nation Gaming Commission, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
7. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-25 for the selection of Victoria LeftHand to fill the position of Pawnee Nation District Court Public Defender, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
8. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-26 for the Pawnee Nation Cannabis Sativa L. (Hemp) Farming Regulation with changes, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
9. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-27 for the Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement Drug Testing Policy and Procedures with the change, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
10. Motion made by Sammye Adson to approve the location North of the Old Boys Dorm for the earth lodge, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

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

1. Discussion on Pawnee Nation Eagle Road Litigation – The Council has discussed and will evaluate later and continue with the litigation.
2. Introductory Evaluation, Executive Director – Each of the Council members have completed individual evaluations and submitted to Human Resources. Council has voted to hire Mr. Jim Gray as a regular employee.

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson, seconded by Charles Knife Chief to adjourn at 10:19 pm, motion carries.

April 9, 2019, Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting
President W. Bruce Pratt called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm and Darrell Wildcat gave the invocation. Eight Council members present, quorum established.

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the Pawnee Business Council agenda for April 9, 2019, with changes, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.

Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting Minutes for March 12, 2019, seconded by Patricia McCray, motion carries. Motion made by Patricia McCray to approve the Pawnee Business Council Special Meeting Minutes for March 28, 2019, with the correction and addition, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

Reports were given by the PBC President, PBC Committee and Travel, Pawnee Nation College, Executive Director and Attorney General.

OLD BUSINESS:
1. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-16 for the Human Resources Policies and Procedures Social Media Policy, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:
1. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Resolution #19-28 and appointed of Denise Miller to serve on the Pawnee Nation Environmental Regulatory Commission, seconded by Charles Lone Chief, motion carries.
2. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-29 and appointment of Kyla Wichita to serve on the Pawnee Nation Liquor Control Commission, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
3. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-30 and appointment of Brian Kirk to serve on the Pawnee Nation Liquor Control Commission, seconded by Dawna Hare, motion carries.
4. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-31 for revisions made to the Pawnee Nation Limited Liability Company Act, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
5. Motion made by Dawna Hare to approve Resolution #19-32 for revisions to the Pawnee Nation Fiscal Policies and Procedures, V. Electronic Communications Technology Policy, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
6. Pawnee Nation Budget Committee Recommendations:
   a. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve the 2019 Ti-Hirasa Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) budget modification #1 to add funds, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.
7. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to approve Resolution #19-33 for the Pawnee
Pawnee Business Council 2018 Meeting Minutes

Pawnee Business Council Resolutions and Meeting Minutes can be viewed at www.pawneenation.org under the Government page.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to go into Executive Session, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries. Motion made by M. Angela Thompson to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Charles Knife Chief, motion carries.

1. Discussion on Pawnee Nation vs. Eagle Road Litigation #2 – Discussion and PBC have instructed the AG to make a counteroffer.

2. Discussion on Pawnee Preference for Hire – Discussion and will look further into the process.

3. Discussion on Complaint Letter on Executive Director – Discussion, the PBC turn the matter over to the ED to make the best decision.

Motion made by M. Angela Thompson, seconded by Charles Lone Chief to adjourn at 8:34 pm, motion carries.

Obituaries

Diane Elaine Blaine
February 21, 1955 - April 16, 2019

“Staka”, white bird.

Diane left this world to be with her little dog Joe in heaven knowing her job to spread love with a smile was complete. Her light will continue to shine through her children Toni Davis, Glen Davis, Kacy Davis and the 19 lucky few who called her Nana. May the ripple effect of her beautiful smile continue on to everyone she met on her life’s journey.

Brittney Kayleen Tsosie Adams
October 13, 1998 - April 25, 2019

A Very Super Loving & Caring daughter, mother, granddaughter, sister, auntie, niece, cousin, and friend has gone to be reunited with her little angel Isaac Lee Ray Overland. She will be so sadly missed & forever be in our hearts. Funeral services for Brittney Kathleen, 20, Ponca City resident, will be held on Monday, April 22, 2019, at 2:00 PM; at the Ponca Indian Baptist Church with Pasture Brandon Kemble officiating. Committal prayers and interment will follow at the Ponca Indian Cemetery.

She was born on October 13, 1998, in Ponca City, Oklahoma. She was the daughter of Brandon Keith Tsosie, Sr. and Ethel Louise Payne. Brittney was a very loving mother of two boys; Isaac Lee’ Ray Overland and Zayden David Isaiah Overland. Also the (greatest) granddaughter of Veleyas Adams; Tony Iron and Sandee Iron; Louis Payne, Sr. and Juanita DeLodge; and great-granddaughter of Harriet Adams. Sister of Taylor Adams, Yvonne Adams, Leticia Perez, Timothy Adams, Brandon Tsosie, Jr, Isaiah Payne, Alexia Tsosie, Micah Wheatley, Elias Wheatley, Jayden Tsosie. Also, many, many other loving family members and friends.

Brittney Kayleen went to Frontier School in Red Rock and later went on to earn her diploma. Brittney’s sons, Zayden and Isaac were the pride and joy of her life. She had a passion for music and writing. She loved to laugh, and her smile was unforgettable. Brittney Kayleen was a very compassionate, genuine, and kind person who touched many lives. There was none like Brittney, her independence, unique and strong personality were untouchable. Each of us has special memories of Brittney Kayleen that we will cherish and hold in our hearts. She will be forever be missed. Casket bearers are; Taylor Adams, Timothy Adams, Brandon Tsosie, Jastin Primeaux.

Services were held at the Ponca Indian Baptist Church, and a traditional dinner was served at noon.

Thomas Theodore Rice Sr.
July 1, 1959 - April 25, 2019

Thomas Theodore Rice Sr. was born on July 1, 1959, in Pawnee, Oklahoma to Lynn Rice, Sr. and Rena Goodfox Rice. He passed from this life on Wednesday, April 24, 2019, having reached the age of 59 years. A plumber by trade, Thomas Rice trained at Okmulgee Vocational Technical School. He worked for various tribes across Oklahoma utilizing his plumbing skills.

Thomas belonged to the Pitahauerat band of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. He was a member of the Sac and Fox chapter of the Native American Church.

He enjoyed attending Native American Church services with the Sac and Fox chapter and many other chapters throughout Oklahoma. He enjoyed beadwork and making fans and spending time with his grandchildren.

Thomas is survived by his partner, Lori Hamilton, Stillwater, Okla; children Thomas Rice, Jr., Pawnee; Lindsey Rice Nunn, Carney, Okla.; Bradley Rice, Pawnee, Okla.; Stephany Rice Denwalt, Carney, Okla.; brother Mitchell Rice and family, Tulsa; sister Clarice Tselee and family, Stillwater; sister Rosemary Rice and family, Pawnee; 4 grandchildren Honesty & Bailey Nunn; Tristan & Jasper Denwalt; Thomas Theodore Rice; two aunts, Wanda Kanuho, Pawnee; Florence Goodfox, Pawnee; and many nieces and nephews.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents, Lynn Rice, Sr. and Rena Goodfox Rice; four brothers Lynn Rice, Jr., Darrell L. Rice, Rodney H. Rice, and Jeffrey R. Rice, son Zachary Rice, aunts Elvina Goodfox Murphree, Betty Garcia, and Henrietta Goodfox Pratt, uncle Lawrence Goodfox Jr., nephew Kyle “Jess” Mann, and niece Lisa Hawkins.

Services were held Monday, April 29 at 10 a.m. at the Pawnee Nation Roan Chief Building, Pawnee, Oklahoma with the Native American Church officiating along with Pastor Jordan Kanuho. Interment was at the North Indian Cemetery, Pawnee, Oklahoma under the direction of Poteet Funeral Home, Pawnee, Oklahoma.
The Grand Spring Break 2019 Experience with my Pawnee Family
By Professor Mary E. Garrison, LCSW, ACSW

I have been fortunate enough to have a 10 year relationship with the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and am honored and humbled to have been adopted into the tribe by my now uncle George Howell and to have amazing friends for the last 10 years in Cindy Butler, Louise Stevens and Dawna Hare who I have known since my first trip. I cannot thank enough everyone who makes our trips every other year amazing for my students – Jimmy, Amber, and Robert are just a few of the incredible people I am fortunate to know – thank you to all!!

Our trip this year included five students – Abston, Blake, Emily, Jake, and Madison – all Human Service majors who could not wait to come to Pawnee and learn about native culture. During our three packed days with the tribe, we temporarily moved into Roam Chief and used that as our home base for the week – showering in the gym each morning before our daily activities.

We learned the history of the Pawnee Tribe and toured the administration buildings and hospital as well as the Law Enforcement Center, the Elder Program, Tribal Pawnee College. We visited with the domestic violence program, the substance use program, and learned a great deal from the staff providing the valuable services to the tribe. We had a presentation for Indian Child Welfare learning so much about how child services work. We also had a presentation by the Property Department and learned about all of the projects being worked on and the valuable work to ensure maintenance and growth of the reservation property. We were showered with attention through all of our interactions and provided incredible food/meals from the Executive Office, Tribal Court, TDC, CHR & Diabetes Program, Housing Authority, and the Property Department. We spent time with the children of the Education Department and were given an impromptu tour of the Cultural Center. The Employees Club treated us to bowling and pizza in Cushing, and we showed off our bowling skills. We visited Pawnee Bills and drove through the bison field and spent time in at StoneWolf Casino for a few meals and some gambling. We also had a beautiful traditional dinner with the Pawnee Princess and spent time getting to know her. My students went ghost hunting in the boys’ dorm and the superintendents building while Cindy and I waited outside. On our last night, we spent time with my uncle George and aunt Pat Howell at their home and then had a lovely dinner at Clicks. My students were able to see traditional artifacts and regalia and learn about George’s experiences as a social worker within the Indian Health Service.

One of the hallmarks of our annual trips to the Pawnee Nation is cleaning cemeteries, and on this trip, we were able to do this again. My students and I, along with Jimmy, Amber and Cindy took time to clean up several cemeteries, and it was an incredible honor to be allowed to connect with the families and honor their loved ones through our work.

Thank you to you all for another fantastic visit. Your willingness to host us and make us the center of attention for our time is so kind and humbling. You allow my students to have a life-altering immersion into your cultural, and I know they are so grateful. Each time I come, I am reminded how lucky I am to have such an excellent relationship with the Pawnee Nation – thank you for your kindness and friendship and always welcoming me into your world. I will see you in 2021!
Free Fitness Classes Available
*New Hours*
Open to the Community

Zumba, Yoga, RIPPED, Mix & Match workouts

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

All skill levels welcome!

When:
Mondays--Zumba-5:30pm & RIPPED-6:30pm
Tuesdays--YOGA-5:30pm
Where: Pawnee Nation Gym, 806 Morris Rd.
&
Thursdays-- Fitness Class-5:30pm (Meet at Old I.H.S Bldg. 400 Agency Rd, inclement weather at the gym)

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

Pawnee Nation Tribal Employment Rights Office
(TERO)
ATTENTION Interested TERO clients!
!! UPDATE !!

Orientation Date Change – Sorry for any inconvenience!

The Pawnee Nation TERO office will have several temporary jobs available soon. Please contact Matthew Bellendir to update your contact information and make sure your TERO application is current.

Workers will be selected from the TERO Labor Pool to work on the 1st Street Project in Pawnee. This is a joint project with the Pawnee Nation Tribal Transportation program and Builder’s Unlimited. The project will have several phases and is set to begin in a few weeks.

The TERO office will also be utilizing its clients to assist in a project with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). That project is in its planning stages now and work will begin in several months. Once the BIA planning is complete, they are expected to move quickly; TERO will let you know when those jobs are available.

An orientation presented by the TERO office for its clients is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Pawnee Nation Resource Center. We encourage all TERO clients to attend and hear messages on safety, how TERO and EEOC work together, and what the TERO office has been working on to provide training and employment opportunities for its clients.

Feel free to call or stop by the TERO offices if you have any questions and we hope to see you at the orientation!

"Be willing to grow and embrace positive change".

918-762-3621
Laura @ Ext. 123 or Matt @ Ext. 124

Under my leadership, I will use this IRS ruling to provide similar programs for our Pawnee tribal members. Our President, Tribal Council, and the Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation do not see a need for tribal members to be involved in these types of programs. “So Where is all our gaming revenue going?”

It paves the way for tribes to draft and adopt program guidelines carefully tailored to meet the Act’s requirements and the general welfare needs of the tribe.

Many of our Pawnee people have lost confidence and trust in our current leaders and have relinquished their Pawnee tribal membership and joined other tribes who offer these types of programs for the general welfare and a better quality of life for their tribal members. “So, where is all our gaming revenue going?”


On Sept. 26, 2014, President Obama signed into law a measure that excludes from taxable variance various general welfare payments to members of Indian tribes. It’s called the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act.

Scope and Significance of the New Law

Our Casino’s generate millions of dollars per year and no one will tell us where the money goes! According to our Pawnee Tribal Council our tribe is currently in Dire Straits!

Due to the mismanagement of our tribal revenues, we are losing employees, we are losing programs, and we are losing tribal members. “So Where is all our gaming revenue going.”

Our former CEO of the Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation had his gaming license suspended then revoked. Instead of bringing legal action on the former CEO, his Tribal Development Corporation Board of Directors gave him a “Confidential Separation Agreement” meaning he left his position with an unknown amount of our tribal revenues. “Is our gaming revenue included in this Confidential Separation Agreement?”

A check dated May 17, 2019 was presented to the Tribal Development Corporation in the amount of 8.5 Million dollars. It’s a loan to TDC to refinance 2 loans that the former CEO of the TDC negotiated that were interest rates with strict rules. “So now is our gaming revenue going to pay off these two loans.”

The below Tribal Assistance Program is already in place by another Oklahoma tribe. The IRS allows any federally recognized tribe to use their gaming revenue to offset this type of tribal Assistance to their tribal members.

Veteran’s Assistance
• Allowance is now $2,000 annually
• Allotted January – December
• Offers a statement from the education institution on an official school letterhead verifying completion of the following:
  Eligibility Requirements: Enrolled in an accredited public or private school, GED, or Vocational education program.
  Amount of assistance is individually calculated:
  • Applications must be supported by a statement from the education institution
  • This includes: Yearbooks, senior; cap and gown, announcements, pictures, class ring, computer, senior trip and college testing or other related graduating expense.

Student Loan Assistance
• Allowance is $3,000 annually
• Allotted January – December
• Allowance is $2,500 for first initial set up

Hearing Assistance
• Allowance is $500 for initial set up

Household Assistance
• This includes: Yearbooks, senior, cap and gown, announcements, pictures, class ring, computer, senior trip and college testing or other related graduating expense.

Amount of Assistance

- $1,000 every year thereafter for annual maintenance
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Education Incentive
Assistance to promote educational achievement for completion of the 8th grade, 12th grade and GED or Vocational Training.

Eligibility Requirements: Enrolled in an accredited public or private school, GED, or Vocational education program.

Eligibility Time Period
Yearly / January 1-December 31
Amount of assistance is individually calculated:
• Applications must be supported by a statement from the education institution
• This includes:
  • $1,500 per semester.
  • Funds are paid directly to the applicant or legal guardian if under 18 years of age.

Education Incentive – Higher Education Assistance
Assistance is provided to promote higher education achievement.

Eligibility Requirements: Enrolled in an accredited university or college courses leading to a degree program.

Eligibility Time Period
Yearly / January 1-December 31
Amount of assistance is individually calculated:
• This includes:
  • $1,500 per semester.
  • Funds are paid directly to the applicant or legal guardian if under 18 years of age.

High School Senior Assistance
Assistance is provided to offset the added expenses for graduating seniors.

Amount of Assistance
• $3,000
• Allotted $1,500 (per semester).
• This includes:
  • Yearbooks, senior, cap and gown, announcements, pictures, class ring, computer, senior trip and college testing or other related graduating expense.

VOTE FOR JIMMY WHITESHIRT!
My name is Chupitit Kitipuksi, “Little Star.”

My English name is Skidi Star Leading Fox. I am a member of the Pawnee Nation Skidi Band, one of the four Bands of The Pawnee Tribe.

I am a descendant of KnifeChief, hereditary Chief of the Pawnee. My Grandparents on my Mother’s side are Joanne and JW Rankins of Pawnee, Oklahoma and on my Father’s side are the late Myrtle and Chester Leading Fox. My Mother is Karla KnifeChief, and my Father is Patrick Leading Fox, Skidi Band Chief of the Pawnee Nation. I have two Brothers; Bobby Knifehawk Johnson of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Patrick Leading Fox Jr of Hominy, Oklahoma. I have three Sisters; Jessica Leading Fox, Sky Leading Fox and Isabelle Leading Fox all of Pawnee, Oklahoma. My Family are members of the Pawnee Chapter of the Native American Church.

I am currently a Senior of Pawnee High. I also attend the Meridian Technology Center in Stillwater, Oklahoma, where I am studying Health Careers. I will be graduating from both schools in May 2019. I plan on attending college at OSU in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

I love playing sports and have enjoyed four years of track, softball, basketball, and summer weight lifting. I love to play traditional hand games, dancing at pow wows and traveling. I love the songs and having such a unique culture. My previous titles have been; Tulsa Indian Club Princess 2015-2016 and Greater Tulsa Indian Arts Festival Princess 2017.

I am honored to be selected as the Pawnee Nation Princess 2019-2020! I look forward to a great year as I represent our Nation as the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Princess 2019-2020.

Nawa itdy!