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Nawah Pawnee Tribal Members!

Nawa, Pawnee Tribal Members,

We are excited about the re-dedication of our Tribal Roundhouse that was held on Sept. 28, 2013.

The Tribe will be able to use the facility for more dances all year round.

The Nasharo Council took the lead on the ceremony and we are glad to see their involvement. There are already other dances that are scheduled for the roundhouse and we look forward to the Skidi Dance (Oct. 26) and the Veteran’s Dance (Nov. 11).

On Nov. 20, 2013, the U.S. Government will honor World War II Veteran Code Talkers. Each honoree will receive a Silver Medal of Honor and the Tribes will be presented with a gold Medal of Honor. We are honored to have nine of our Pawnee Indian Veteran’s honored at this ceremony.

Among the honorees are Frank Davis, Brument Echo Hawk, Grant Gover, Phillip Gover, Enoch Jim, Chauncey Matlock, Harold Morgan, Floyd Rice and Henry Stoneroad, Sr. Words could not express how proud we are of these Pawnee men who are going to be recognized, for it is long overdue for this kind of recognition.

In the last part of July we had our Pawnee/Wichita Visitation. Everyone enjoyed going down to Kiri Kuruks. They always treat our people very well and we all had a good time.

We were also invited to attend a birthday celebration for Madeline Hamilton, who turned 90 years old. She was the princess for Indian Fair in 1940 at the age of 17. She has enjoyed a long life and was honored to participate in a celebration of life.

As our school kids go back to school, let’s remember them in our prayers as they learn and grow. They are our future and we need to support them and pray for them. Also, good luck to the Pawnee Black Bears as they start their sports season. May Atius bless all of our youth and children.

In closing, we look forward to the holidays coming up and winter is nearing. Let us not forget to remember our elders who are home bound and our service men and women overseas. Keep them in your prayers as we get closer to the end of the year and beginning of another.
**Education**
Free General Educational Development (GED) classes have resumed.
For more information, call the Pawnee Nation College at (918) 762-3363.

**Substance Abuse Program (SAP)**
Every Wednesday of the month, the SAP support group meets from 7 - 8 p.m. in the SAP building. For details, call (918) 762-2153.

**Pawnee Business Council**
Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 13 and 27 and Dec. 11. PBC Meetings are held in the Conference Room of Building 64. Prayer Breakfasts will be held Oct. 9, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11 at 7:30 a.m. in the Roam Chief Event Center. Dates subject to change. For more information, call (918) 762-3621.

**Tribal Development Corporation**
PTDC meetings held Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Corporate Office Conference Room located on the second floor of the Health and Community Services building. Community members welcome. For more information, call (918) 762-4832.

**Pawnee Tribal Court**
Court will be held the first Wednesday of each month. For more information, call (918) 762-3649.

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**International Visitor Leadership Program Members Visit Pawnee Nation**

By Toni Hill
Communications Manager

On Friday, Sept. 6, 2013, representatives from the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) honored Pawnee Nation with a visit as part of the mandate of Engaging Underserved and At-Risk Youth.

“It was refreshing to have these young representatives from Latin American visit our Tribe,” said Karla Knife Chief, Pawnee Business Council (PBC) representative. “It’s great to see the passion and concern in engaging our youth and assisting those who are often underserved. I feel that we have helped others through our participation today, which makes me feel very good about the Tribe’s efforts as a whole.”

Members of the PBC, the Executive Office and the Education Division greeted the guests, offered an overview and tour of the Reserve and the Cultural Learning Center and served a traditional meal. Also present were representatives from Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement and the Pawnee Nation Youth Services departments.

According to Administrative Officer Jim Glick, the objectives of the U.S. State Department for this project involved engaging at-risk youth.

The process includes examining primary prevention programs for at-risk youth such as family support programs, after school activities, truancy and dropout prevention programs and job training options.

“Other actions involve exploring the efforts of schools, community-based organizations and faith-based groups to intervene,” Glick said.

“[We also] highlight support services for gang-involved youth and their families to help youth make positive choices and to examine re-entry programs for gang members recently released from prison.”

Honorees from the IVLP included Glick, David Arosemena from Panama, Lobsang Barrios A., Maria Eva Brahim DIB from Argentina, Sarai Diaz from El Salvador, Lilvio Fernandez Luis from Cuba, Felix A. Farina Noguera from Paraguay, Jose R. Mejia Liriano from the Dominican Republic, Yelitza C. Quevedo Ruiz from Venezuela, Jorge Luis de la Rosa Toscano from Colombia, Monica Parra Valero from Mexico and Mary Ponte from Venezuela.

“Thank you for the kind welcome you extended to our group during today’s visit,” Glick said.

“We wish you all the best as you strive to make life better for all of the members of your Nation.”
The Pawnee Nation Education Division offers educational and training programs sponsored by tribal and federal funds. The federal programs include classroom training, summer youth, supportive services, career services, work experience, and Johnson O’Malley (JOM). The tribal programs include graduate higher education, funded by the Department of Labor; higher education, funded in part by the Bureau of Indian Affairs; adult vocational training; and Indian communities; and to meet tribally-determined goals consistent with the policy of self-determination.”

Recently, Pawnee Business Council President Marshall Gover presented Pawnee Public Schools Superintendent Ned Williams with two checks totaling $10,000 to support a newly implemented Pawnee Language class and Title VII endeavors.

Funds consisted of allocations awarded to the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma from the Nez Perce vs. Salazar settlement and earmarked for community outreach. Pawnee Public Schools engaged Nasharo Head Chief Warren Pratt, Jr. as the Pawnee Language class instructor and Tribal Member Vicki Pratt as the Title VII coordinator.

“We are glad to partner with the schools to promote the Pawnee language and culture and to assist students the very best that we can,” Gover said.

The Pawnee Language class encourages participation from all students enrolled in both the Pawnee Middle School and the Pawnee High School. The Title VII funds will help cover the purchase of books and school supplies for Pre-K through 12 graders pending qualification. Approximately 300 students currently benefit from the Title VII program.

“We are moving towards a new direction to offer more of the Pawnee heritage at our schools,” Williams said. “We are proud to be a partner of the Pawnee Nation.”

For more information, call Pawnee Nation at (918) 762-3621 or Pawnee Public Schools at (918) 762-3676.

Pawnee Nation Scholarship Opportunities

Submitted by Rebekah Horsechief
Education Division Director

The Pawnee Nation Education Division offers educational and training programs sponsored by tribal and federal funds. The federal programs include classroom training, summer youth, supportive services, career services, work experience, and Johnson O’Malley (JOM). The tribal programs include graduate higher education scholarships, and youth outreach projects. The federal programs are open to all eligible Native Americans residing within Pawnee County. The Tribal programs are offered to Pawnee tribal members located on and off the reservation.

The federal portion of the program is funded by the Indian Employment, Training, and Related Services Demonstration Act, Public Law 102-477, referred to as “477”. The current 477 programs of the Pawnee Nation include workforce development for adults and youth, funded by the Department of Labor; higher education, funded in part by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, adult vocational training, and JOM.

The goal of PL102-477 is “to consolidate its federally funded employment, training, and related services into a single integrated program: to improve the effectiveness of the services; to reduce joblessness in Indian communities; and to meet tribally-determined goals consistent with the policy of self-determination.”

Please visit: www.pawneenation.org to download the Pawnee Nation Higher Education, undergraduate and graduate scholarship applications. Supporting documents for the undergraduate and graduate applications may be submitted separately, however, all required paperwork must be in our office by the deadline.

Spring Deadline: Dec. 31, 2013

We will accept faxes, but e-mail attachments are better. Incomplete and late applications will not be accepted for funding consideration. Please be advised that funding is limited. For more information, please call Rebekah Horsechief, Education Division director, at (918) 762-3227 or at scholarships@pawneenation.org. Information may also be faxed to (918) 762-3662.

Pawnee Nation Youth Fund

Submitted by Rebekah Horsechief
Education Division Director

It is the goal of the Pawnee Nation Youth Fund to provide each enrolled Pawnee student K-12, with funds in the form of a VISA gift card, expressly for the students use, under the following guidelines:

1. The student MUST be an enrolled member of the Pawnee Nation.
2. The student/parent completes the application process.
3. The student is in or entering grades K – 12.
4. The student/parent provides verification of enrollment in a public, or private school.
5. In the event the student is home schooled the student/parent must show verification from the accrediting agency.
6. The student/parent only purchases items needed for school: clothes, school supplies, back packs and other school related items. Ineligible items include games, movies and other non-school related items.
7. The cards will be in the amount of $125 per semester, per student.
8. The card will be issued pending a completed application.
9. Students/parents must present original receipts showing details of items purchased from the 1st semester to obtain a gift card for 2nd semester purchases.
10. Students/parents must reapply for 2nd semester funding.
11. Receipts must be turned in when reapplying.
12. Lost or stolen cards will not be replaced.
13. Applications will be made available in June (fall) and December (spring). Deadlines are noted below.


For more information, visit www.pawneenation.org or call (918) 762-3227.
GOVERNMENT

FEMA Announces Appointments to National Advisory Council

FEMA Press Release/Advisory

Chris E. Howell is a Pawnee Tribal Member and the son of the late W. Jess Howell aka "Dumps" and grandson of the late Wadsworth and Hilda Howell.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announces the appointment of ten new members and the reappointment of five members to the FEMA National Advisory Council (NAC).

The NAC is an advisory committee established to ensure effective and ongoing coordination of federal preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation for natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters. Members represent the whole community including public health, tribal government and functional and access needs, and provide recommendations on a variety of issues to federal, state, local, and tribal officials.

"The National Advisory Council provides FEMA with advice and recommendations on how to achieve the Agency's mission," said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate. “We look forward to continued dialogue on emergency management to support states, strengthen outreach efforts to Indian Country, and engage the whole community to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters. Both the new and reappointed members represent a cross section of the emergency management team and their insight is valued.”

The new NAC members are:

Mr. Chris E. Howell, Tribal Liaison/Executive Director, Kansas Native American Affairs (Topeka, KS)
Mr. Bart Johnson, Executive Director, International Association of Chiefs of Police (Alexandria, VA)
Dr. Emily Gayle Kidd, Assistant Professor, University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio (San Antonio, TX)
Chief W. Nim Kidd, Assistant Director/Chief, Texas Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management (Austin, TX)
Mr. Brian Lugo, Elected Tribal Council member, Morongo Band of Mission Indians in Southern California (Banning, CA)
Dr. Suzet McKinney, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Response and Division of Women & Children’s Health, Chicago Department of Public Health (Chicago, IL)
Mr. Richard Alan Reed, Vice President, Preparedness and Resilience Strategy, American Red Cross (Bethesda, MD)
Mr. Robert Salesses, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense Integration and Defense Support of Civil Authorities, U.S. Department of Defense (Washington, DC)
Mr. Dennis Joseph Storowski, Director, City of Houston’s Mayor’s Office of Public Safety & Homeland Security (Houston, TX)

The reappointed NAC members are:

Ms. Elizabeth Armstrong, Executive Director, International Association of Emergency Managers (Falls Church, VA)
Mr. Mark A. Cooper, Senior Director, Emergency Management, Wal-Mart (Rogers, AR)
Ms. Nancy Dragani, Executive Director, Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Columbus, OH)
Ms. June Isaacson Kailes, Disability Policy Consultant (Playa del Rey, CA)
Ms. Teresa Scott, Executive Director, City of Gainesville, Public Works Department (Gainesville, FL)

Additional information on the NAC, including a list of current members, can be found at www.fema.gov/national-advisory-council.


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FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

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Chaticks si Chaticks

The deadline for the Winter 2014 Chaticks si Chaticks is Nov. 25, 2013. This issue will cover events and news for the months of January, February and March 2014.

The Chaticks si Chaticks, is mailed to enrolled members of the Pawnee Nation, one per household or address, free of charge. In the interest of “Going Green,” a fee of $2 per copy will be charged for newsletters mailed to non-tribal members. Copies may be printed off the website, www.pawneenation.org for free.

The Chaticks si Chaticks is distributed to Tribal Members, state-wide media sources, multiple businesses and various organizations. Advertising potential is further increased due to the placement of each issue on the Pawnee Nation website. For rates, visit www.pawneenation.org, select the “News” page option and click the “Media” tab and then the “Advertising Rates” link located in the lower part of the page.

For more information, call (918) 762-3621 or e-mail requests to communications@pawneenation.org.

For address changes, please contact the Enrollment Department at (918) 762-3624.
**Monie’s Favorite Banana Nut Bread**

Submitted by Ramona Horsechief
Contributing Writer

1 cup butter or margarine
2 cups sugar
4 eggs
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons soda
4 cups flour
6 large bananas, very ripe, mashed
1 cup finely chopped pecans

**PREPARATION:**

Add together all ingredients.
FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

New Deductions for the Pawnee Nation Food Distribution Program

Submitted by Florissa Kanuho
Program Coordinator

The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations: Income Deductions and Resources Eligibility will go into effect on Sept. 26, 2013. This will expand access to FDPIR and more closely align FDPIR with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). These changes will:

- Eliminate the household resource test as a basis for determining eligibility,
- Expand the current medical deductions,
- Establish a standard deduction for shelter and utility expenses,
- Establish verification requirements related to the new income deductions,
- Revise the household reporting requirements.

If you would like more information, please contact the Food Distribution Program at (918) 762-2541 or stop by the Food Distribution Center located at 810 Morris Road, Pawnee, OK 74058.

PAWNEE NATION BURIAL POLICY

PURPOSE:
The policy is to provide guidelines to the Pawnee Nation in providing financial assistance, services and facilities for our tribal families that have incurred a death.

ELIGIBILITY:
Enrolled members of Pawnee Nation:
  a) Infants under the age of one year that qualify for Pawnee tribal enrollment (at least 1/8 Pawnee blood quantum), or are eligible for enrollment, but have not been enrolled or received burial assistance from another Tribe.
  b) Infants over the age of one year that have not been enrolled or are not eligible for assistance unless an enrollment for the infant’s enrollment has been filed with Pawnee Tribal Enrollment Office.

AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE:
The Pawnee Business shall set the amount for burial assistance in the annual budgeting process. The amount of burial will be established in the annual tribal operating budget.

The maximum amount of assistance available for 2013 and 2014 is:
  a) $4,500 payable to the funeral home for burial; and
  b) $500 is payable to the person that financially responsible for the burial to be used for immediate needs; and
  c) Any costs exceeding these amounts will be the responsibility of the person financially responsible for burial costs; and
  d) Any funds not expended will be retained in the burial fund.

CHECK DISBURSEMENT:
Checks will be issued to the funeral home (not to exceed $4,500) and person that is financially responsible for the burial costs, normally the next of kin, i.e. spouse, parent, adult, child, etc. ($500). Checks are high priority and issued in an expedient manner, usually within 24 hours.

Records shall be maintained in Finance that includes payee, address, check number, date issued, and signature line if check is picked up.

NOTIFICATION OF DEATH:
The Pawnee Nation is normally notified by the family of the death. Notification is to be provided with the funeral home, law enforcement, written statement from relative.

Upon notification and verification of death, Executive Office verifies tribal enrollment with Enrollment Office. Enrollment Offices provides date of birth and enrollment number.

Address of payee is required.

Deaths not reported within a year will not be eligible for payment.

TRIBAL FLAGS:
Pawnee Tribal Flag will be lowered for tribal members after notification and verification is made.

Pawnee Indian Veteran’s Flag will be lowered for Pawnee Indian Veterans upon notification and verification is made.

Flags will be lowered in compliance with the existing policy for four days.

In the event of a burial being delayed over four days due to services being held out of the Pawnee area, cremation and a memorial service held later, or similar situation, flags will be raised on the fifth day.

Pawnee Business Council President can have the tribal flags lowered for extenuating circumstances.

The U.S. Flag will be lowered for a congressional honor or by Presidential Proclamation.

BUILDING USE:
Tribal buildings (Roam Chief Event Center, Roundhouse, and Community Building) shall be made available for tribal members for viewing, wakes, services, feasts, and dinners at no cost.

No deposit is required. The Tribal Operations staff is responsible for the upkeep and cleaning of buildings. In event of large crowd, the Multi-Purpose Building and or the Wellness Center may be used. In accordance with Policy Rental, funerals have priority and other events may be cancelled or moved.

Non-enrolled members may be granted building use at a reduced rate (actual cost of the building usage). The total cost schedule associated with the burial including the use of the building and labor costs will be updated annually. Payable when building is reserved.

CEMETERIES:
Pawnee Tribal cemeteries are available for tribal members’ burial. Tribal Operations staff will prepare the grave site, cover it and maintain it.

Non-tribal members may be buried in the cemeteries next to an enrolled spouse, parent, child, or other enrolled family member for a minimal fee. Tribal operations shall assess a charge for the grave preparation services and the cost of the plot.

DISPUTES:
Tribe will handle disputes on an individual basis.

Cancelled checks will be kept on file, and upon request copies will be furnished to any tribal members disputing they received a check or that the check was issued to the wrong person.

If the payee misrepresents being next of kin or the person of record responsible for the burial cost and is not, the case will be forwarded to Law Enforcement.

Pawnee Nation District Court shall be the court of jurisdiction. If the court rules payee should not have received payment, the payee is responsible for costs involved in the prosecution.

Disclaimer: The Burial Policy is printed, with minor revisions, as stated in the Pawnee Nation Policies.
Vi Wills Appointed to Gaming Commission

By Toni Hill
Communications Manager

Vi Wills (left) holds the wreath presented by employees of the Pawnee Housing Authority while Linda Jestes smiles at employees gathered to celebrate Vi's recent appointment as the Gaming Commission director effective July 29.

Vi Wills joined Pawnee Nation on July 12, 2004 and served as the executive administrative assistant until her promotion to Gaming Commission director on July 29, 2013.

"You are a great multitasker and you know more about the Pawnee Nation than anyone," said Linda Jestes, Pawnee Housing Authority employee.

"You have also been a very positive part of Pawnee Nation."

Several employees attended the farewell held July 26, 2013 and shared uplifting reflections of Will’s service and dedication.

"In our walk of life we have the option to plant seeds for good or for bad," said Bruce Pratt, Pawnee Business Council vice president. "You and your husband have planted good seeds not only for your family, but for Pawnee Nation as well. We will miss you here, you have always been of good cheer. We wish you the best of luck.”

Primary responsibilities of the Gaming Commission include regulatory matters concerning the gaming facilities located within the jurisdiction of the Pawnee Nation.

Pratt Family Welcomes Andy

11, 2013 to Pawnee Nation.

Chief Warren Pratt, Jr. and his wife Christina. Paternal grandparents are Duane and the late Henrietta Pratt. Maternal grandparents are Rick Haught of Lawrence, Kan. and Carolyn Brown of Tulsa, Okla.

Nawa Pawnee Tribal Members,

My name is Maeghan Kara Murie and I am Miss American Indian Oklahoma State University (OSU) 2013-2014.

I am an honors Chemistry major attending my sophomore year at Oklahoma State University. I am also an officer of the Native American Student Association (NASA) and currently performing research under the Niblack Research Scholar's Program. I have many to thank for being able to strive for a higher education including generous scholarship donors and the wonderful OSU faculty who made it possible for me to attend Oklahoma State University.

They have provided me with encouragement when challenges arose in my life and priceless opportunities to further my knowledge and understanding of the world around me.

I am a proud member of the Pawnee Tribe with a long lineage of Pawnee heritage. My mother is Kim Murie. I have three uncles: Matt, Kenny, and Michael Murie; and one cousin Jon Murie. My grandparents are Carol Murie and the late Kenneth Murie, Sr. My great grandparents are the late Stacy and Helen Mathews and the late Frank and Avis Murie. My family, friends, and tribe have been a great support throughout my life.

I would like to invite everyone to come to the OSU 2013 Powwow on Oct. 26, 2013, held at the Payne County Fairgrounds in Stillwater, Okla. The Powwow begins at noon.

Please bring your own chairs.

We hope to see you there!

Maeghan Kara Murie

For more information about the Powwow, contact OSU at (405) 744-5000.
Chris McCray Recognized by OSU

By Toni Hill
Communications Manager

Pawnee Nation Transportation Tech Chris McCray recently earned a Certificate of Completion from the Roads Scholar Program offered through the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP), an outreach program of the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology at Oklahoma State University.

McCray was honored during a LTAP Awards Luncheon held Aug. 15, 2013 at the Center for Local Government offices in Stillwater, Okla.

“This certification provides me with a sense of personal accomplishment and completion of a goal I have had since I was employed with the Tribe two years ago,” McCray said. “I have gained valuable knowledge and resources from the classes and the opportunity to network with others in the field. This will enable me to perform at a higher level of productivity for the Nation.”

Charlotte Ramos Remembered

By Deb EchoHawk
Division Director Health and Community Services

Our loss of Charlotte Ramos to the DHCS team is truly heart felt.

Charlotte impressed me with her quiet wisdom and dedication in working the confidential 24/7 crisis line.

She told me how in her last training Violence Against Women (VAW) victims gave detailed and troublesome testimonies … it was a lot to process.

These counselors like Charlotte have to compartmentalize their feelings to process the pain and suffering victims face … at the same time provide meaningful life-saving solutions during urgent stressful situations.

Charlotte worked with these emotions. She was Zen-like because she tackled physical stress with massage therapy (certified in that field) and she interpreted mental crisis stress with positive realistic solutions.

She came through time and time again as a dedicated employee and a passionate advocate.

She had a strong spirit, able to conquer her lupus in a way … as she never complained about her condition.

Our clients are blessed that the Pawnee Nation has such a VAW program.

In the years ahead we will take some of the Charlotte-isms and apply it.

Congratulations StoneWolf Casino!

Congratulations StoneWolf Casino! StoneWolf Casino was honored with recognition as the Stillwater NewsPress 2013 Reader’s Choice First Place winner in the casino category. This honor is bestowed based solely on votes by the readers’ submissions. This is a direct reflection of the focus and hard work of management and employees in customer service and increased marketing targeting the Stillwater area.

Photo caption: (L to R) Zach Hoffman, assistant general manager; Joe Hawkins, general manager; Dustin Dunbar, security manager; Julie Strain, Stillwater NewsPress representative and Roger Smith, CEO - Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation.
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Operation “Well Blow Me Down” Pilot Test

By Christal Windholz
IT, Project Manager

The Pawnee Nation has tested its disaster and recovery plan or Continuity of Government plan (COG).

On Aug. 16, 2013 the exercise began at 8 a.m. and ran for four hours. In that time there were several observers in the room to provide feedback.

Pawnee Nation had both internal and external observers taking part in this exercise.

The internal observers were from various departments within the Pawnee Nation.

The external observers were the Emergency Management North East Area coordinator, the Oklahoma Emergency Management Association (OEMA) secretary, and Osage County Emergency manager.

In addition to the emergency management team there were representatives from Indian Health Services.

This particular exercise was a table top exercise. The exercise brought the Pawnee Nation and others together to review and discuss a hypothetical emergency situation.

The exercise was designed to allow participants to talk through plans and problems, not to measure any particular individual’s performance.

A tabletop exercise is an activity in which key personnel assigned to emergency management roles and responsibilities gather to discuss, in a non-threatening environment, various simulated emergency situations.

This test was created to test the Pawnee Nation’s COG, and each division’s Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP).

These documents have been developed and put in place through the assistance of the Pawnee Nation’s Information Technology (IT) Department’s Administration for Native Americans (ANA) grant #90NA8078/01, Pawnee Nation’s Division of Natural Resources and Safety, and Tribal Emergency Response Committee.

The goal of this exercise was to give vital feedback so that a corrective action plan can be developed in order to improve and enhance those areas of our COG that needs improvement. The feedback from the external observers was very informative.

They reported on the pros and cons of what the test revealed and gave some helpful suggestions.

Overall the exercise turned out to be a great success.

It has prompted individuals to think about what would or could happen in the event of an emergency and to identify tasks that need to be addressed and corrected. The feedback received can and will be used to revise and enhance the COG and COOP plans.

Pawnee Nation Extends Communications

By Toni Hill
Communications Manager

On Friday, July 12, 2013, Pawnee Nation installed a new radio tower to allow communications with other Emergency Operations Centers within the surrounding communities in the event of an emergency situation.

Funding supplied by an ANA (Administration for Native Americans) SEDS (Social & Economic Development Strategies) Grant.

Construction completed by Bell Tower and engineers Larry Sibley, Tim Brock and Johnnie King.

Photo captions: (Top) Larry Sibley checks the foundation. (Middle) The tower is in the air and moving towards the platform. (Right) Larry Sibley climbs the tower to place the antennas on the antenna mount which will hold up to nine (9) antennas.
The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma (Pawnee Nation) celebrated the re-dedication of the Tribal Roundhouse on Sept. 28, 2013 at the location site, 900 Agency Road. Guests enjoyed a traditional meal followed by a ceremonial war dance organized by the Nasharo Chiefs Council. Members of the Pawnee Business Council (PBC) sponsored the event. The Pawnee Scout Flag was flown during the ceremony.

Nasharo Head Chief Warren Pratt, Jr. performed the food blessing and Jason Campos, assisted by Nasharo Chief Larry Goodfox, conducted a Cedar Blessing. David Echohawk, Francis Morris, Goodfox and Bruce Pratt represented the Kitkehahki, Pitahawirata, Chaui and Skidi Bands respectfully while Warren Pratt, Jr. served as master of ceremonies. PBC President Marshall Gover served as the Whip Man and Jarred Kanuho and Nasharo Chief Matt Reed were Tail Dancers.

Ground breaking ceremonies for the Tribal Roundhouse were originally held on Dec. 3, 1977 with many local and state dignitaries present. Myra Eppler of the Skidi band broke the first dirt with a traditional dinner and dancing following.

The renovation of the Roundhouse was financed through a Housing and Urban Development, Indian Community Development Block Grant received by the Pawnee Nation in 2012 with construction beginning the fall/winter of 2012. Additional funding for this project originated through donations by Pawnee Nation and the Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation with in-kind work performed by the Pawnee Nation Transportation Department and the City of Pawnee.

The renovation design of the octagon shaped Roundhouse includes an extra 1,000 square feet in the southern unit of the structure allowing for enlarged rest room facilities, dressing rooms and a small kitchenette.

The east entrance boasts a drive-through canopy and upgraded roof, siding, electrical connections and heating and cooling components. A rendering of the “Chief’s Constellation,” by Cheryl Lockstone, majority owner of Anishinabe Design, creates a ceiling decoration for the east entrance canopy. The exterior siding was also replaced and painted along with the doors and windows. The renovation project also involved the building of a new roof and skylight.

A new outside cooking area that was not a part of the original proposal has also been added on the west side of the newly constructed south wing.

The architectural firm contracted for the renovation was Anishinabe Design of Norman, Okla. and the contractor was Builder’s Unlimited of Tulsa, Okla.

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Pawnee Indian Veteran’s 67th Annual Homecoming

By Toni Hill
Communications Manager

The Pawnee Indian Veteran’s 67th Annual Homecoming (Homecoming) held July 4 – 7 honored veterans from all areas and eras of service including the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Army, the U.S. Marine Corps, the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard.

U.S. Flags were raised in honor of Herbert Morris, U.S. Army, on July 4; in celebration of Wilson Moore, U.S. Navy, on July 5; in respect for Alvin “Ugh” Echo Hawk, U.S. Navy, on July 6 and in honor of Eugene Peters, U.S. Army on July 7.

The Homecoming booklet was dedicated to St. Elmo Wilde (July 24, 1943 - Nov. 26, 2012). According to his obituary published in the Dec. 2012 Chaticks, Wilde served as a Petahawirata Band chief on the Nasharo Council of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. He also served as president of the Pawnee Indian Veterans Organization and represented the Pawnee Nation as a member of the Color Guard. In the Veterans organization, St. Elmo served as president, flag man and arena director. He was well known throughout Indian country as an arena director, a position he currently held for the Pawnee Veterans.

The Homecoming held at Memorial Field, offered many activities including dance contests for all ages, the Hawk Chief Run, Inter-Tribal War Dances,}

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men’s Grass/Traditional, Fancy and Straight Dances and women’s Fancy Shawl/Jingle, Buckskin and Cloth Dances. Events held on Friday, July 5, included the selection of Anna Pratt as the 2013-2014 Homecoming Princess. Hope Libbie Ann Harjo currently serves as the Pawnee Nation Princess.

The Mose YellowHorse Softball Tournament and the Homecoming Parade activated the activities for Saturday, July 6. Unique offerings held throughout the Homecoming included a Special-Honor Contest sponsored by the 2012-2013 Veterans Princess Judiki Sheree Dah-Tah-Hay Moses, a Special Men’s Straight Dance Contest sponsored by Head Singer Herb Adson and a Senior Women’s Buckskin and Senior Men’s Straight Dance sponsored by Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation.

The Homecoming officers and staff are as follows: President David Echo Hawk, Vice President Pius Spottedhorsechief, Treasurer/Secretary Ashley Scott-Ohman, Drum Keeper Darrell Wildcat, Arena Director, Beaushee Wildcat, Arena Director Adrian Spottedhorsechief, Master of Ceremony Warren Pratt, Jr., Head Singer Herb Adson, 2012-2013 Princess Judiki Moses, Hawk Chief Run Ned Williams, Parade Marshall Austin Realrider, Flag Man Curtis Arkeheta and Water Boy Paydon Moore.

The Homecoming Chiefs were Gene Evans (Skidi), William Howell (Pitahawirata), Lynn Eaves (Kitkehahki) and Larry Goodfox (Chaui). Tail Dancers were Pete Moore, Jr. and Walter “Bunky” R. Echo Hawk, Jr., who also served as the Whip Man. Men’s Cooks were Steven Moore, Steven Moore, Jr. and Once Lawrence Mann. Women’s Cooks were Stella Moore, Lily Harms, Roberta Ahdunko and Tiffany Frietze.

The Nasharo Council, also known as the “Chiefs Council” are as follows. Nasharo Head Chief Warren Pratt, Jr., Chaui Band members Jimmy Horn and Mat Reed; Kitkehahki Band associates Morgan LittleSun and Ralph Haymond; Skidi Band members Warren Pratt, Jr. and Pat Leading Fox, Sr. and Pitahawirata Band comrades Francis Morris and Lester Sun Eagle.

Head Singer Herb Adson presents Damon Roughface with a blanket following the Men’s Straight Dance Contest sponsored by Adson family.
Pawnee Nation Celebrates Re-dedication of Tribal Roundhouse

By Toni Hill
Communications Manager

The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma (Pawnee Nation) will be featured monthly on the “KUSH Team in the Morning” show syndicated by KUSH Radio, (www.1600kush.com), and on the Metropolitan Tulsa Urban League (MTUL) Radio Talk Show at THETOUCH1050 am, “The Best Variety of Hits and Oldies.”

Molly Payne, “KUSH Team in the Morning” producer, and Marquetta Finley, Metropolitan Tulsa Urban League president, host the KUSH and MTUL shows respectfully. Radio spots feature Herb Adson performing the Pawnee Nation Flag Song and Prayer Song. Other topics include ongoing activities and services provided by Pawnee Nation as well as tips on healthy living, community outreach opportunities and safety updates.

Previous KUSH spots highlighted Pawnee Business Council President Marshall Gover highlighting the history and culture behind the Pawnee Indian Veteran’s 67th Annual Homecoming and other cultural dances. Additionally, Pawnee Nation Nasharo Head Chief Warren Pratt, Jr. and Pawnee Nation College (PNC) graduate Zach Rice educated listeners about the Pawnee Language classes offered both at PNC and Pawnee Public Schools. Other guests included Helen Norris from the Osage/Pawnee CASA Program who mentioned the critical need for both CASA volunteers and foster homes. For more information about CASA, call (918) 762-3776.

PNC Interim President Gwen Shunatona shared information about upcoming classes and encouraged listeners to visit the PNC Facebook page for updates.

Pawnee Nation Youth Services Coordinator Susy Knife Chief and Pawnee Nation Education Director Rebekah Horsechief joined the staff to discuss the Graffiti Art Show, “Let’s Play Tag” and the Pawnee Nation Youth Fund.

The later provides enrolled Pawnee students K-12, with funds in the form of a VISA gift card, expressly for the student’s use, under certain guide-
The PAWNEE INDIAN METHODIST CHURCH would like to invite you to attend a Re-Dedication of our Church on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2013. We would like to recognize our early day Church members and their families. We will have membership roll books identifying our early day members. We also want you to revisit our church and see why we still survive and still carry the message of the Lord.

We plan on having the PAWNEE INDIAN METHODIST REUNION on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2013

Open House/Visit 2 to 4 p.m.
Pot Luck Dinner 4 to 6 p.m.
Services with Re-Dedication after Supper
Rev Jerry Baker: Speaker
Drawing for a Pendleton blanket after the services

PAWNEE INDIAN METHODIST CHURCH plans on having an OPEN HOUSE Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013 to get suggestions from all members plus other former member and their families. We want you to be part of the planning committee and make suggestions of what you would like to see happen.

Pot luck 4 to 5 p.m.
Evening Services 6 p.m.
Drawing for a Pendleton blanket after the services

Haskell Association Alumni Organization Reunion
Nov. 1, 2, & 3, 2013
Norman, Okla.

Friday Night Veterans Program – Robert Jones will be in charge of the Veterans’ program, plus there will be other activities plus refreshments. Gary Kodaseet will supply the drummers and singers. There will be a charge of $12 per person.

Our dinner menu is your choice of either pork chops or herb roasted chicken at a cost of $18 per person.

The Holiday Inn located at 1000 N Interstate Drive, Norman, Okla., near the intersection of I-35 and West Robinson, offers convenient accommodations. For more information, call (405) 364-2882.

Albuquerque Chapter Alumni Reunion,
Sept. 20 - 21, 2013

For additional information please contact Johnny Mae Taylor, (505) 888-1405 or Dorothy Atkinson at fdatkins5@gilanet.com. The reunion will be held at the Marriott Hotel located at 2101 Louisiana Boulevard Northeast, Albuquerque, NM. For more information, call (800) 228-9290.

Randi LeClair-Fuller on the left and Kacie Pratt Spears on the right at the Edmond, Okla. ‘Glow Run’.

Randi and Todd Fuller with new addition Teagan.
Pawnee Indian Health Center Receives Advanced Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation – A First for Indian Health Service

By Joyce Oberly
Performance Improvement Officer

Over the past two years the Pawnee Indian Health Center has expanded radiology services to increase patient access and optimize care. Recent additions include digital mammography, expanded ultrasound services, dexascan and computed tomography (CT). Our latest acquisition is the 64 slice CT machine, which became operational in February 2013. In addition to the complex installation process, the Pawnee Radiology staff and affiliated departments spent many weeks preparing for CT services. Over the course of one week, X-ray Technicians, Sharla Van Winkle and Vicki Ketch, attended training in California where they were introduced to the CT machine and its basic operation. They completed another three weeks’ worth of applications training on the CT and Vitrea software. Finally, to understand patient flow and other CT dynamics, Pawnee staff visited the Claremore facility. Van Winkle and Ketch’s training, preparation and diligence paid off on Monday, June 10, 2013 when we welcomed two Joint Commission surveyors to the Pawnee Indian Health Center for the unannounced ambulatory care accreditation survey. It was during this time that Pawnee underwent the Advanced Diagnostic Imaging (CT) survey. From the beginning, it was smooth sailing, through the various tracers, document reviews and interactions with patients and staff. Our staff members were commended for survey readiness and hospitality.

In August 2013, The Joint Commission vested Pawnee Indian Health Center with the Advanced Diagnostic Imaging accreditation. At this time, Pawnee is the only Indian Health Service facility in the nation to receive Advanced Diagnostic Imaging accredited status. This designation emphasizes Pawnee Indian Health Center’s commitment to patient safety, accessibility, efficiency and a movement towards patient centered medical home.

PIHC Welcomes Dr. Michelle Kimmel

By Joyce Oberly
Performance Improvement Officer

Pawnee Indian Health Center welcomes Dr. Michelle Kimmel, our new Medical Officer.

Kimmel comes to us from Cushing, Okla. Kimmel obtained her undergraduate degree from Oklahoma State University and her medical degree from The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Kimmel is a family practice provider treating pediatric patients through adult medicine patients. She has extensive experience working with children, adolescents and obstetrics patients.

Pawnee Indian Health Center is currently assigning patients to Kimmel.

For more information about scheduling an appointment with Kimmel, please call Pawnee Indian Health Center at (918) 762-6539.

Foster Care Parents and CASA Volunteers Needed

Homes are needed for children of all ages, from birth to 17, and for all lengths of time, from a few days to a few years.

Another great way to get involved and help kids is through the Pawnee Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program. CASA volunteers are individuals who receive training to be advocates for kids involved in the child welfare system.

For more information about the Pawnee CASA Program, contact Helen Norris at (918) 762-3776.

For more information about becoming a foster parent, contact the Indian Child Welfare program at (918) 762-3873.
May 22, 2013 PBC Meeting:
Eight Council members were present and provided reports on their meeting and committees since the last Council meeting. Executive Director Dawna Hare and TDC CEO Roger Smith provided reports. The minutes of the May 8, 2013 PBC Meeting were approved.

Old Business:
1. Resolution #13-32 for the appointment of Chris McCray to the Gaming Commission and a motion to withdraw Resolution #12-59 from the tabled items and replace it with Resolution #13-32. Both motions approved.

New Business:
1. Resolution #13-33 for declaring Election results and Signatory Authority was approved.
2. Resolution #13-34 for authorized signatures for BIA Form 4432 was approved.
3. A Contract with Michael McBride for the Tobacco Compact representation and Resolution #13-35 regarding Conflict of Interest were both approved.
4. June Hamilton was present to answer questions for the request of a fee waiver for the Wellness Center, it was approved.
5. Alicia Seyler was present to ask for support from the Council on the USDA Grant for Eagle Aviary. The PBC supports her efforts for the Eagle Aviary.
6. Council approves Resolution #13-36 to drawdown $20,000 from Proceeds of Labor to account for emergency funds for the natural disaster fun.

June 1, 2013 PBC Quarterly:
Eight Council members were present and provided reports on their meeting and committees since the last Council meeting. Executive Director Dawna Hare and Division Directors gave quarterly reports.

New Business:
1. Resolution #13-37 for the intent to submit the Language Grant was approved.
2. Resolution #13-38 for Community Involvement for the Language Grant was approved.
3. Resolution #13-39 for Tribal Match of Language funds (50% match) was approved.
4. Resolution #13-40 for the Water Resources Intern at DNRS was tabled.

Executive Session:
1. Interviews and Selection of Prosecutor

Six Council members provided reports on their meeting and committees since the last Council meeting. Redstone Management Company for ICDBG's Elder's Center project. Redstone was selected.

June 12, 2013 PBC Meeting:
Eight Council members were present.

Old Business:
1. Revisions to the HR Policy for Education Leave were approved.
2. Resolution #13-40 for the Water Resources Intern for DNRS was approved.
3. The request for funds of $19,000 for the Pawnee Indian Veterans Homecoming was sent to the Budget Committee.

New Business:
1. Resolution #13-36 for the Table Creek Treaty, Drawdown of the 2013 Annuity funds was approved.
2. Gordon Adams was present to report on the Keystone Pipeline Consultation and the reaffirmation of a 150 year old treaty between the Pawnee and the Yankton Sioux.
3. Education Director, Rebekah Horsechief, came to Council with a request of $500-$1000 for lunches during the Summer Youth Camp. Council Members (Knife Chief, Nuttle, Pratt, Gover) individually pledged to donate $400 to the summer youth camp. The request was sent to the budget committee.
4. Discussion regarding So. Flannigan training opportunities and TERO fee assessment.
5. Mr. Kenny Wheeler was present from PNE Wind to talk about the sub-station for the Chilocco project.
6. Scheduling of a meeting with TDC to go over the TDC policies will be July 18 at 11 am.
7. OEH Sr. Engineer, Diana Perry was present. A motion was made to keep the Scattered Home Project as the number one priority and commit 10% to the project (approx. $6500) and was approved.
8. Fitness Center membership policy changes to allow a fee waiver for Active Duty Military men and women was approved.
9. The COLA for employees for 2013 was tabled and will be discussed at the budget meeting.
10. Selection of construction management company for ICDBG’s Elder’s Center project. Redstone was selected.
11. Committee Appointments were made and it was decided to do away with the Education Committee and the Enrollment Committee. Council members provided reports on their meeting and committees since the last Council meeting. Executive Director Dawna Hare and TDC CEO Roger Smith provided reports.

Executive Session:
1. Selection of top three candidates for Public Defender.
2. Selection of top three candidates for Associate District Judge.
3. Executive Director’s job description.

After coming out of Executive Session, a secret ballot vote was taken on the top three candidates for Public Defender was Mason, Applemann and Lyons. Also by secret ballot the top three candidates for Associate District Judge were Lujan, Cinnamon and Pittman. No action was taken on the Executive Director’s job description.

June 26, 2013 PBC Meeting:
Eight Council members were present.

Old Business:
1. Revisions to the HR Policy for Education Leave, Section H, were approved.

New Business:
1. Resolution #13-46 for budgeted items, a. Funding for lunches for Summer Youth Camp and NOC Leadership Day $1,000, b. Nebraska Indian Affairs Commission meeting sponsorship of $500, c. Request for funds for the Pawnee Indian Veterans Homecoming for $15,000, and d. $3,000 for timer switches for the water wells, totaling $19,500 was approved.
2. $5,149 was approved from the ANA Grant for IT to remodel the server room at Law Enforcement.
3. Purchase of eight laptops for the PBC in the amount of $6,916.40 from the IT Indirect Cost Budget was approved.
4. Client Tracking system for H&CS in the amount of $39,440 from the ANA Grant was approved.
5. The COLA at 1.7 percent for tribal employees was approved.
6. Resolutions #13-42, #13-43, #13-44 and #13-45 to remove members for dual enrollment was approved.
7. Jack Perry from JS International was present to introduce and update to the Council on the 8a Contracting.
8. Michael McBride was present to give an update on the Tobacco Tax Compact.
Executive Session:
1. Gaming Commission
   After Executive Session Council made an amendment to the agenda to add two Items, Cultural Leave for Pawnee/Wichita Visitations and permission for Mr. Ned Williams to use the Pawnee Nation seal for the Hawk Chief Run.
   The Council approved three days of Cultural Leave for employees with supervisory approval to attend the Wichita Visitation.
   The Council also approved for the tribal seal to use on items for the Hawk Chief Run.

July 3, 2013 PBC Meeting:
Eight Council members were present. Also in attendance were Gaming Commissioners.
   Council approved the agenda and added “Action following Executive Session” as an agenda item.
   Executive Session:
   1. Discussion action regarding Gaming Commission issues/performance.
   2. Action following Executive Session
   was to remove Cecil Riding In from the Gaming Commission.

July 10, 2013 PBC Meeting:
Eight Council members were present and provided reports on their meeting and committees since the last Council meeting. Executive Director Dawna Hare and TDC CEO Roger Smith provided reports. The minutes for the July 10, 2013 meeting were approved.

Old Business:
1. Marlene Mameah was present for a discussion on the Museum By-Laws that were tabled. The motion was made to solicit for letters of interest for Museum Board members and it was approved.
2. Zach Rice and Taylor Moore were present to do a presentation of Breath of Life Indigenous Language Trip.

New Business:
1. Revisions to the TDC Policies were approved with acceptations.
2. Request to purchase a trailer from the Transportation Department was removed from the agenda.

Executive Session:
1. Executive Director Evaluation
   After the meeting a motion was made to evaluate the Executive Director in October with all evaluations and motion fails.
   July 31, 2013 PBC Meeting:
   Eight Council members were present and provided reports on their meeting and committees since the last Council meeting. Executive Director Dawna Hare and TDC CEO Roger Smith provided reports. The minutes for the July 10, 2013 meeting were approved.

New Business:
1. PNE Wind was present to go over the revisions for the Wind Resource Lease and it was approved. The Wind Energy Evaluation Lease was approved and Resolution #12-52 was approved with changes. No decision was made on the Option to Lease Real Estate (Sub-Station).
2. Toni Hill was present to give a presentation on the Pawnee Nation Website.
3. Resolution #13-47 for Bids from the BIA Oil and Gas Auction was approved.
4. Resolution #13-48 for Bids from BIA Agriculture Lease Sale (Chilocco and Tribal Reserve) was tabled.
5. Resolution #13-49 to accept the land in Nebraska from the Craston family was approved.

Executive Session:
1. Interview and Selection of Division Director for Administrative Affairs
2. Interview and Selection of Division Director for Planning

Aug. 3, 2013 PBC Quarterly:
Eight Council Members were present. Executive Director Dawna Hare and Division Directors for tribal programs gave quarterly reports.

Executive Session:
1. Interviews and Selection of Public Defender
2. Interviews and Selection of District Court Associate Judge
3. Interviews and Selection of Public Defender

Aug. 7, 2013 PBC Meeting:
Eight Council members were present and provided reports on their meeting and committees since the last Council meeting. Executive Director Dawna Hare provided a report.

Yvonne Fletcher was added to the agenda. She wants to sell her painting to the Council for $1,500. President Gover said that it would have to go to the Budget Committee.
   The minutes for the July 31, 2013 meeting were approved.

Old Business:
1. Resolution #13-48, Bids from BIA Agriculture Lease Sale was tabled.

New Business:
1. PNE Wind was present to answer questions on the Agreement to Lease Real Estate (Sub-Station) and it was approved.
2. Budget request for JOM program for school supplies for the school kids to come out of the Education budget was approved.
3. The Council designates Cynthia Butler, the Executive Office Administrative Assistant to act in the capacity of the Exec. Administrative Assistant to approve in Microix on behalf of the Pawnee Business council in a temporary capacity until that the position is filled was approved.

4. A request from Substance Abuse Program for funds to be used for the powwow in the amount of $8,560 was approved.
5. Added agenda item to allow Muriel Robedeaux to speak on behalf of the ICDBG Program and give an update on the Elderly Nutrition Center.

Aug. 28, 2013 PBC Meeting:
Eight Council members were present and provided reports on their meeting and committees since the last Council meeting. Executive Director Dawna Hare was excused and in her absence Ranger Monty Matlock was provided a report.

New Business:
1. Keith Laug was present from Tulsa Community College to talk about the collaboration with the Pawnee Nation College and TCC.
2. President Marshall Gover reported on the honoring of the Pawnee Nation Code Talkers of WWII.
3. The Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement Policy and Procedures Handbook were approved.
4. Revision to the Gaming Ordinance, Article 3 was approved.
5. Resolution #13-50 for NCAI Membership and fee of $550 was approved.
6. The Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Pawnee and PN Transportation Department was approved.

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Editor’s Note: To retain the integrity of the PBC meetings, the minutes are printed as received by the Executive Office.
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<td>A Resolution to accept and approve mineral leases for the tracts on allotted lands in which the Pawnee Nation owns an undivided trust or restricted minority interest – Approved July 31, 2013 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining, and one not voting (President Gover).</td>
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<td>Tabled – A Resolution to accept and approve agricultural leases for Tribal tracts (812 T 2000 – Tribal Reserve / 812 ST 1021 – Chilocco) – Tabled on July 31, 2013 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining, and one not voting (President Gover).</td>
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<td>A Resolution to accept the tract of land in Aurora, Neb. as described above and totaling 11.727 acres, more or less – Approved July 31, 2013 by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining, and one not voting (President Gover).</td>
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## Pawnee Nation Commissions

Members of the commissions are appointed by the Pawnee Business Council (PBC).

**The TERO (Tribal Employment Rights Office) Commission**

The TERO Commission is governed by the Pawnee Nation Tribal Employment Rights Act (also known as the TERO Ordinance) and works with the Pawnee Nation and the Division of Education to place tribal members in training positions at the Pawnee Nation and with various businesses and organizations in the community in order to facilitate opportunities for better employment. There is one vacancy on the TERO Commission.

**The Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation Board of Directors**

The PTDC Board of Directors operates pursuant to the PTDC Articles of Incorporation. The Board is comprised of seven directors selected by the PBC, four of whom must be enrolled members. There are three vacancies on this Board.

**PN Utility Authority Commission**

The Utility Authority Commission member positions have expired. This is a three-person commission that is governed by the Pawnee Nation Utility Act and two positions are currently open.

For more details on the commissions, please visit www.pawneenation.org.

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### Cash Prizes! Up to $500!!!

Come! Every 1st Saturday of every month for Rise and Shine

9:30 to 11:30 a.m. @ 291 Agency Rd., Pawnee, Okla.

This is a Pawnee Nation Casino!
Tolkien in Pawneeland

By Roger Echo-Hawk
Contributing Writer

One of my grandmothers was Skidi, and my other grandmother had English and German ancestry. So I found it fascinating and meaningful when I discovered that my favorite author, JRR Tolkien (who was English with German ancestry), made use of certain obscure Skidi traditions in his writings. As I studied the evidence for this, I slowly came to the conclusion that between 1919 and 1942 Tolkien drew on at least six Skidi Pawnee stories to sculpt subtle aspects of characters and events in The Book of Lost Tales, The Hobbit, and The Lord of the Rings.

In the course of this research, I was fortunate to have the support of the Grey Havens Group—a circle of friends who gather each week to discuss and appreciate Tolkien’s writings. They encouraged me to present my ideas in May 2013 at our symposium, Real Myth and Mithril. I followed this with a longer talk in July 2013 at Mythcon 44, an annual conference of the Mythopoeic Society.

The Pawnee oral traditions that inspired Tolkien were preserved through the efforts of a Skidi named James R. Murie. He narrated stories to the staff of the Field Museum of Natural History, and an anthropologist there edited and published them in a 1904 book called Traditions of the Skidi Pawnee. A copy of this book made its way across the Atlantic Ocean and into the collections of Oxford University in England. And in 1919, after Tolkien began working as a researcher at Oxford, echoes of various Skidi narratives began to enter his writings.

Two of the stories that interested Tolkien were told to Murie by an old man named Roaming Scout, a leading kurahus or priest. Roaming Scout was born about 1839, a member of a royal family among the Skidi and a son of a priest named Mud Bear. He held the name Tah-whoo-kah-tah-wee-ah, and in the late 1880s he married a young woman named Stah-pe-chicks-sah. If they had any children, none survived into adulthood.

It must have been about the time of the 1892 allotment that Tah-whoo-kah-tah-wee-ah took the name Kee-lee-kee-lee-soo-lakah-wah-lee, or Roaming Scout. In A Dictionary of Skiri Pawnee linguist Douglas Parks renders the name as Kirikiirisu Rakaawarii, meaning Scout Roaming the World. Among the Americans, Roaming Scout also became known as Pawnee Tom. Confusion grew around his Pawnee name because he had a nephew known as Running Scout who died in October 1888—many Pawnees today are descended from this nephew. Roaming Scout died in June 1914.

In 1906 Murie recorded Roaming Scout’s life story on wax cylinders at the American Museum of Natural History. This autobiography begins with a story about a party of men who suffer from hunger. As they kill and cook an animal they engage in a philosophical debate on the role of faith versus a lack of faith. Their debate centers on a concept termed “kawaharu,” a spiritual power in the universe that can bestow both blessings and punishment upon humankind. As Roaming Scout relates in the story, “We are not the ruling power, we people who are living, it is the power in the heavens, Tirawah[ut], and the power ready to give, Kawaharu, they are the powers who send forth game to us and through them we eat.”

Sharing his stories and the events of his life with James R. Murie, Roaming Scout sought to pass along his sense of piety and his perspective on life. He had been born in a time when thousands of Pawnees had built earthlodge cities in their ancient homeland. And he had witnessed the evaporation of this realm all through his life. By 1900 it seemed fitting to predict a continuing decline of the Pawnee population and to foretell the end of the religious traditions that he treasured. These circumstances must account for Roaming Scout’s willingness to share what he knew with Murie, to record his stories and memoirs.

One day in early 1919, just a few years after Roaming Scout died, my research shows that JRR Tolkien opened the pages of Traditions of the Skidi Pawnee. What he found there intrigued him. And in the decades that followed, he drew from two of Roaming Scout’s stories and from a handful of other Skidi traditions to shape various details in his emerging mythology of Middle-earth.

I believe that Tolkien borrowed from these Skidi narratives in order to add a certain antiquarian tone to his storytelling. Some of the stories touched by Skidi colorations include Tolkien’s creation story in The Book of Lost Tales, the story of Beorn in The Hobbit, and the construction of aspects of Gandalf in both The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings.

I do not know what Roaming Scout would have thought about Tolkien’s use of his narratives. But in many ways the two men were kindred spirits. Roaming Scout was a veteran of a bitter total war, a prominent ceremonial leader, and a renowned storyteller. Tolkien saw military service in the trenches of World War I; he was a life-long devout Christian; and he became a world-famous storyteller. Both men were highly respected teachers of tradition in their different worlds.

Pondering what my discovery might signify, I traveled with colleagues from Grey Havens to Mythcon 44 in Lansing, Mich. I thought of my two grandmothers as I sat down to reveal what I had learned. The discussion that followed was very positive and lively, and through the rest of the conference a steady succession of people introduced themselves to me, saying they either attended my talk or heard about it. All the folk of Mythcon were extraordinarily gracious and amiable. And they all seemed to grasp what my paper signified.

Drawing inspiration from the Skidi stories to enrich the artistry of his mythmaking, Tolkien created a marvelous legacy of writings that slowly grew into a world mythology. And with my discovery of the Skidi elements in his tales, it has become evident that Tolkien integrated Pawnee and Northern European traditional literature into a unique mythological legacy, a new narrative of global culture. In this narrative we glimpse a social world shaped by a sharing of symbolic essences that transcend our notions of nationhood and ethnicity.

The literary endeavors of JRR Tolkien have woven together the mythological truths of Middle-earth and Pawneeland. In this weaving of culture, when we open the pages of Tolkien’s books, we encounter a subtle Pawnee magic that has the power to enchant the imaginations of people worldwide.

When Roaming Scout sat down long ago to tell his stories to James R. Murie, he could not know what the future would hold for the stories he told. But he was a very religious man. He saw the mysticism of Kawaharu in every aspect of life. And I suspect that he would be pleased to see how Skidi traditions have changed the world.
Lucille “Lucy” Long, 99, of Stillwater passed from this life on Aug. 20, 2013, in Stillwater. Services have been entrusted to the care of Palmer Marler Funeral Home and a service celebrating Lucille’s life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 24, 2013, at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Stillwater with burial following at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held from noon to 8 p.m. on Thursday and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday.

Lucille (Ludie) Davis Long was born on Jan. 28, 1914, at the Pawnee Indian Hospital to Bob and Jenny Running Scout Davis. She was Skidi Pawnee and an enrolled member of the Pawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. She went home to be with her Lord Jesus Christ on Aug. 20, 2013, at the age of 99 years. Lucille married Edgar Allen Long Sr. on April 4, 1936, in Stillwater. They lived in Pawnee until 1956, and then moved to Stillwater where they lived thereafter. As a young child, she lived with her grandmother Eva and her step-grandfather, Roan Chief (as she always called him), on a farm south of Pawnee until she was 5 years old. She was placed in the Pawnee Indian Boarding school after both of her grandparents passed away. Lucille’s first language was Pawnee and she loved to attend the Pawnee Indian powwows and dances. She sang around the drum when she was young with friends Irene Jim, Ivy Peters, Dolly Moore and Dolly Plumlee Garcia among others. She danced for most of her life.

Lucille attended Pawnee Indian School, Pawnee Elementary School and Chilocco Indian Boarding School from which she graduated in 1932. She worked a few years at the Pawnee Indian School but most of her life was spent as a homemaker. She was a gifted seamstress and made her three daughters’ clothes, including formals and wedding dresses. She had no patterns, instead she could look at dresses in catalogues and display windows and make them. During WWII, Ed was in the service and she was living on the Davis farm northwest of town, she made her children’s clothes out of flour sacks on a treadle sewing machine. After moving to Stillwater she had a successful business in the 1960s and 1970s as a seamstress catering to many of the wives of Oklahoma State University professors and administrators.

Lucille was a member of the Eastern Star while living in Pawnee. She was also a member of the Oklahoma City Chapter of the Sweet Adelines for almost 20 years during the late 1960s to the early 1980s and sang several parts including tenor. Members living in the Stillwater area met and traveled together to Oklahoma City one evening a week to practice for competitions returning after midnight. She enjoyed traveling with the Sweet Adelines especially the trip to London, England, in 1977. There they wore shiny red cowgirl outfits trimmed in white fringe. At another performance of the Sweet Adelines in Oklahoma City, Lucille was a baby in a huge crib with a huge baby bottle that she kept throwing out of the crib and wailing. She was a wooden Indian whose only part was to stand on a stage and say “Ugh” at the end of the stanza. She borrowed her Indian outfit form her friend, Jim Atkins. She had many wonderful memories of singing and traveling with the Sweet Adelines.

Lucille was a Christian who loved Jesus. When she was very young her grandmother Eva used to take her to tent revivals. Later she became an active member of the First Baptist Church of Pawnee and held many volunteer jobs; she worked every year for Vacation Bible School and was a Sunbeams for girls’ leader. After moving to Stillwater she was a charter member and founder of the Hillcrest Baptist Church where she remained a member until her death. She made many wonderful long-lasting friends there. Since she and Ed loved to travel, they caravanned with church friends to different parts of the U.S. every year including Glorieta, Grand Canyon, Disney World, the Black Hills, the Smokey Mountains, Florida, etc. Lucille loved to attend sporting events and she and Ed were avid OSU fans.

Lucille was preceded in death by her beloved husband and parents, her five sisters, Evelyn Murie, Daisy Ellis, Virginia Adams, Florence Anderson and Lena Squirrel, and two brothers, Bobby Davis and Billy Davis. She is survived by her four children, Kay Taylor of Pawnee, Fran Mihura and Ed Long Jr. of Stillwater, and Edgarita Long of Tahlequah. She is also survived by one brother, Harold Davis of Lander Wyo., and five grandchildren. Laurie Long Ferriera and her husband, Fernando of Barcelona Spain, Amy Long James and her husband, Brian of Verdigris, Joni Mihura Meyer and her husband, Greg of Toledo, Ohio, and Bruce Mihura of Austin, Texas, plus many great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren along with many nieces and nephews, friends and relatives.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be made to Hillcrest Baptist Church. Condolences may be sent to the family via an online guest book at www.pmcfh.com.

-See more at: http://www.stwnewspress.com/obituaries/x250196543/Lucille-Davis-Long/sthash.C0sh4ryo.dpuf

I got flowers today.
It wasn't my birthday or any other special day.
We had our first argument last night, and he said a lot of cruel things that really hurt me.
I know he is sorry and didn't mean the things he said.
Because he sent me flowers today.

I got flowers today.
And it wasn't Mother’s Day or any other special day.
Last night, he beat me up again.
And it was much worse than all the other times.
If I leave him, what will I do?
How will I take care of my kids?
What about money?
I'm afraid of him and scared to leave.
But I know he must be sorry.
Because he sent me flowers today.

I got flowers today.
Today was a very special day.
It was the day of my funeral.
Last night, he finally killed me.
He beat me to death.
If only I had gathered enough courage and strength to leave him, I would not have gotten flowers... today.

Editor’s note: The poem, “I Got Flowers Today” written by Paulette Kelly, has been printed on several websites dedicated to assisting in the movement to end domestic violence.

Chelsie Baldwin
Pawnee Nation Welcomes New Employees and Promotes Excellence

**Darrel Banning** was selected for the position of Environmental Scientist.

**Tiffany Frietze** was selected for the position of Planning and Tribal Development Division Director.

**Crystal Hawkins** was selected for the position of Childcare Teacher. Crystal poses with (left) Jordyn Hawkins and Addilyn Croker.

**Not pictured, Berwyn Moses, Jr.** was selected for the position of Childcare Teacher; **Muriel Robedaux** was selected for the position of Administrative Affairs Division Director; **Viola Wills** was selected for the position of Gaming Commission Director (see page 8); **Faron Thompson** was selected for the position of Groundskeeper and **Norbert Cooper** was selected for the position of Maintenance Worker.

**Cynthia Butler** was selected for the position of Executive Administrative Assistant.

**Brian Knott** was selected for the position of Community Health Representative (CHR) Administrative Assistant.
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