Summer 2025 Quarterly



Pawnee Business Council (L to R): Seat #4, Jenifer Gover LittleSun, Treasurer, Carol Chapman, Secretary, George Gardipe, Seat #1, Cynthia Butler, Vice-President, Jordan Kanuho, President, Misty M. Nuttle, Seat #2, Dawna Hare, and Seat #3, Carol Nuttle.

NEWLY ELECTED PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL SAY THANK YOU!

As newly elected Council members, our first shared act was rooted in gratitude and service. We hosted a meal for our citizens because we've always been taught that the best thing you can do for someone is to offer nourishment, to feed them, to strengthen them for the path ahead. Even more powerful is to lift someone up in prayer.

Serving that meal was our way of honoring the community that entrusted us with their votes and their confidence. It was an expression of humility and unity. We stood side by side, not just as individuals stepping into leadership, but as a team, committed to serving together, leading together, and listening together.

This event marked the beginning of our collective journey. We wanted our citizens to see from day one that we are here for them and with them.



A special thank you to recognize Leah Riding-In Gardipe Vannoy preparing this delicious meal for us. Leah is always ready and willing to assist when called upon and we greatly appreciate her.

Executive Director Message ((3))

Nawa Pawnee Nation,

It is an honor to address you for the first time as your Executive Director. Beginning this role at the start of the second quarter has given me the opportunity to quickly immerse myself in the important work being carried out across our Nation. I have been inspired by the dedication of our Tribal Council, division directors, staff, and community members who work tirelessly to strengthen our sovereignty and ensure the well-being of our people.

During these first months, my priority has been to listen and learn. I have focused on understanding the many projects already underway ranging from infrastructure development and natural resource management to vital community services that directly benefit our . At the same time, I have begun identifying opportunities for greater collaboration, efficiency, and long-term planning that will position the Pawnee Nation for sustainable growth.

Looking ahead, I am committed to building strong partnerships, advancing economic opportunities, and ensuring that our programs and services reflect the needs and voices of our people. Together, we will make continue to protect our cultural heritage while also creating pathways for future generations.

I am grateful for the warm welcome I have received and look forward to working side by side with each of you in service to the Pawnee Nation. Nawa Iri

Virgil Wade **Executive Director**

President's Message 🔕



It continues to be a privilege working for the Pawnee akitaru and the community we reside in. The Pawnee Business Council (PBC/Council) continues to move forward with infrastructure projects and one of the major accomplishments of this Quarter has been the opening of The Pawnee Nation Behavioral Health facility. The PNBH opened its doors in May launching outpatient and intensive outpatient services. In June, detox and residential treatment services began, the center finalized its first Tribal contract for services with the Otoe-Missouria Tribe and began the appraisal process to start the 105(I)-leasing application. This application packet has been received by the Nation and is currently being reviewed before final submission to the Indian Health Service. Section 105(I) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) allows tribal nations to be compensated for costs incurred while carrying out programs, services, functions, and activities administered under self-governance agreements with the Indian Health Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Bureau of Indian Education. The Nation has other eligible programs and has begun initial discussions with IHS to initiate the application process for that agency.

The PNBH, although operational, is not at 100% capacity until full licensing has been received by the State. This review is scheduled for later this month and is vital to the operation and success of the facility. The PNBH continues to move forward with treating patients and continually seeks paths to increase funding and resources so they can provide the most optimum care to their clients.

In May, the Pawnee Business Council welcomed 2 new members and 2 re-elected members. Ms. Carol Nuttle was elected to Member Seat #3 and Mrs. Jenifer Gover Littlesun to Member Seat #4. Running unopposed and re-elected to Council were Mr. Jordan Kanuho, Vice-President, and Mr. George Gardipe, Secretary. These council members were sworn in with an Oath of Office at the Pawnee Business Council Inauguration held at Multi-Purpose Building on May 17, 2025.

In March, the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) published a list of leases being terminated by the General Services Administration. The leases being terminated included the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Pawnee Agency. Upon hearing the news, we reached out to the Pawnee BIA Superintendent, Jeremy Lovekamp, to confirm the news. Mr. Lovekamp's office had heard the news: however, no official notification of the lease termination had been received by neither the Pawnee Nation nor the Pawnee BIA. Therefore, we continued to follow up with communications and meetings; including an iter-tribal meeting held in Tonkawa, among the four (4) tribes within the agency's jurisdiction (Otoe-Missouria, Tonkawa, Ponca and Pawnee). The goal of the meeting was to strategize and develop concerted efforts to show opposition to the termination of the lease and ensure the BIA understood why they should maintain operations near the tribes they serve to effectively and expeditiously provide necessary, critical, and vital services, as the Government is bound to through long-standing treaty obligations. On August 18, the Nation received a written notice of Government's revocation of the prior notice, which amended the current lease to end on August 31st. The Nation will be following up on the notice to inquire to the longevity of the current lease.

The 78th Annual Pawnee Homecoming was held July 3-6th at the Moses "Mose" Yellowhorse Memorial Field. This was the 2nd year the event was held on the Pawnee Nation Reserve and a big "Thank You" goes out to the previous Pawnee Indian Veterans Organization's officers; Pius Spottedhorsechief, Marlin Miller, Dana Beard, and Dustin Dunbar, Princess, Isabelle Leadingfox, Head Staff and the Pawnee Nation programs and departments for providing positive, cultural and family-centered associated activities that our citizens look forward to each and every year. Everyone did a fantastic job.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers: Marvin "Paul" Hand, President- United States Navy, USS Samuel Gompers Nuclear Repair Division, Desert Storm and Desert Shield, Sean Williams, Vice President- Army 4 yrs active, 4yrs inactive reserve (OEF) operation enduring freedom Afghanistan War, Dustin Dunbar, Secretary- 5th infantry combat brigade, delta company 1/179th Ponca City OK. Deployed to New Orleans in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina and Operation Iraqi Freedom, Keller Roaming Warrior, Treasurer- Army, 20 years Retired. Overseas at Republic of Korea, Germany and Hawaii, State side duty at Ft. Bliss, Tx, Ft. Campbell, KY, Ft. Ord, CA, Ft. Polk, Louisiana, and Sky Seeing Leading Fox, Flag woman- Army, active-duty reservist. We appreciate your efforts and willingness to serve in these important

The Nation continues to move forward with its Broadband and Energy projects funded by the United States Department of Agriculture and due to new information in the analysis of the abandoned wells on Pawnee Nation property sought to utilize for geothermal energy has had to refocus efforts towards implementing solar energy. We continue to work with our consultants to determine the feasibility of Broadband implementation and identify resources to adequately administer the project and its associated activities along with the Rural Energy project currently being led by the Pawnee Nation Housing Authority.

We have partnered with a consultant to update our current General Revenue and Taxation Act to include new tax codes that will allow the Nation to capture all available resources to develop and enhance our programs and services and greater define intent and purpose. This also includes development of a Revenue Allocation Plan to begin, once the 2025 Budget Call has been completed. Preliminary work has been assigned, and this will proceed as we continue to identify all mandatory appropriations within our Governing Documents. Developing such a plan will allow for greater reporting measures and ensure appropriated funds are adequately distributed with noted funding sources. It is the hope that development of this plan will aid in a more streamlined and efficient budget call process.

Implementing more self-governance measures, the Nation continues to research existing programs, services, functions, and activities that can be administered under our selfgovernance compacts with the IHS and BIA. Plans include developing a Social Services Division, separating health programs from social services. Ascertaining programs to seek more effective ways to capture data which strongly supports the needs within the Nation and its community. This data is necessary to support efforts when developing proposals and speaking to Federal and State representatives of the infrastructure and economical and social needs in our jurisdiction, housing, emergency assistance, heating and cooling needs, utility assistance etc. We greatly appreciate those citizens who participate in the community meetings, roundtables and complete surveys. Without citizen and community input, we can only estimate what type of needs there are.

As we head into the Fall, we will focus on researching business models for further development of our Agriculture Division and redevelopment of our Organizational Chart for streamlined operations and creation of new divisions, departments, and programs that appropriately reflect our growth. We will solicit facilitators to develop a new strategic plan built upon the foundations of the Infrastructure Plan, so goals and activities of programs are more aligned with the identified priority needs and funding is directed towards the most effective means to address that need. We look forward to finding new ways to support the students as they return to school and development of culturally centered supportive services and resources to address socio-economical barriers so they can create the most success in their educational efforts. It is an exciting time and the PBC remains committed to ensuring the Nation continues to progress during this critical time in our Nation's history.

Thank you for allowing us to continue to serve you.

PAWNEE BUSINESS COUNCIL

Pawnee Business Council Resolutions June through August 2025:

Resolution #25-29 Establishment of Governmental Procedures for Inquiries and Investigations - TABLED June 9, 2025, by a vote of four for (Chapman, Butler, Hare, Gover Littlesun), one against (Gardipe), one abstaining (Nuttle), one absent (Kanuho), and one not voting (Madam President).

Resolution #25-30 Pawnee Nation Code of Ethics - TABLED June 9, 2025, by a vote of five for, one against (Gardipe), zero abstaining, one absent (Kanuho), and one not voting (Madam President).

Resolution #25-31 Enrollment (New Members) - The Pawnee Business Council does hereby approve ten (10) eligible applicants to be added to the Pawnee Nation Membership Roll. APPROVED July 1, 2025, by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (Kanuho) and one not voting (Madam President).

Resolution #25-32 Enrollment (Deceased Members) - The Pawnee Business Council does hereby approve to note the date of death of eleven (11) deceased members on the Membership Roll and remove them from the Annuity Roll. APPROVED July 1, 2025, by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (Kanuho) and one not voting (Madam President).

Resolution #25-33 Enrollment (Conditional Relinquishment) - The Pawnee Business Council does hereby accept the Conditional Relinquishment of Rosie Willa Marie Lewis 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 Chickasaw Nation. APPROVED July 1, 2025, by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (Kanuho) and one not voting (Madam

Resolution #25-34 Enrollment (Conditional Relinquishment) - The Pawnee Business Council does hereby accept the Conditional Relinquishment of Jacquelyn Addie Lewis 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 Chickasaw Nation. APPROVED July 1, 2025, by a vote of six for, zero against, zero abstaining, one absent (Kanuho) and one not voting (Madam President).

Resolution #25-35 Request for Secretarial Election - The Pawnee Business Council does hereby approve and submit the attached proposed revisions to the Constitution of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for approval by the Secretary of the Interior or designee. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PBC requests the Secretary of the Interior to call and conduct an election for the purpose of allowing eligible tribal citizens to vote on the proposed revisions pursuant to applicable regulations as authorized applicable regulations as authorized by Federal Statute. APPROVED July 15, 2025, by a vote of six for, one against (Chapman), zero abstaining and one not voting (Madam President).

Resolution #25-36 Secretarial Election Amendments - the Pawnee Business Council does hereby approve and submit the attached Amendments of the Constitution of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma to the Secretary of the Interior, or designee, of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to conduct a Secretarial Election. APPROVED July 15, 2025, by a vote of six for, one against (Chapman), zero abstaining and one not voting (Madam President).

Resolution #25-37 Revisions to PTDC Article of Incorporation - The Pawnee Business Council does hereby approve the revisions made to Section 5. Board of Directors of the Articles of Incorporation of the Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation, revisions to subsection 5.2 Number and Selection of Directors and is effective on this date of approval - APPROVED August 8, 2025, by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (Madam President).

Resolution #25-38 Health Advisory Board Appointment - The Pawnee Business Council does hereby appoint Rhonda Beaver to serve on the Pawnee Nation Health Advisory Board effective August 8, 2025, and whose term will expire August 8, 2026 - APPROVED August 8, 2025, by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (Madam President).

Resolution #25-39 Health Advisory Board Appointment - The Pawnee Business Council does hereby appoint Ronda Wade to serve on the Pawnee Nation Health Advisory Board effective August 8, 2025, and whose term will expire August 8, 2026 - APPROVED August 8, 2025, by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (Madam President).

Resolution #25-40 Behavioral Health Board Appointment - The Pawnee Business Council does hereby appoint Tishia Sewell to serve on the Pawnee Nation Behavioral Health Board effective August 8, 2025, and whose term will expire August 8, 2028 - APPROVED August 8, 2025, by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (Madam President).

Resolution #25-41 Behavioral Health Board Appointment - The Pawnee Business Council does hereby appoint Ronda Wade to serve on the Pawnee Nation Behavioral Health Board effective August 8, 2025, and whose term will expire August 8, 2028 - APPROVED August 8, 2025, by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (Madam President).

Resolution #25-42 Behavioral Health Board Appointment - The Pawnee Business Council does hereby appoint Rhonda Beaver to serve on the Pawnee Nation Behavioral Health Board effective August 8, 2025, and whose term will expire August 8, 2028 - APPROVED August 8, 2025, by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (Madam President).

Resolution #25-43 Behavioral Health Board Appointment - The Pawnee Business Council does hereby appoint M. Angela Thompson to serve on the Pawnee Nation Behavioral Health Board effective August 8, 2025, and whose term will expire August 8, 2028 - APPROVED August 8, 2025, by a vote of six for, zero against, one abstaining (Nuttle) and one not voting (Madam President).

Resolution #25-44 Environmental **Regulatory Commission Appointment -**The Pawnee Business Council does hereby appoint Samuel Goad to serve on the Environmental Regulatory Commission effective August 8, 2025, and whose term will expire December 31, 2029 - APPROVED August 8, 2025, by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (Madam President).

Resolution #25-45 Sports Commission Appointment - The Pawnee Business Council does hereby appoint Tishia Sewell to serve on the Pawnee Nation Sports Commission effective August 8, 2025, whose term of office will expire August 8, 2028 - APPROVED August 8, 2025, by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (Madam President).

Resolution #25-46 Museum Board Appointment - The Pawnee Business Council does hereby appoint Nathan Young to serve on the Pawnee Nation Museum Board effective August 8, 2025. and whose term will expire August 8, 2028 - APPROVED August 8, 2025, by a vote of six for, zero against, one abstaining (Chapman) and one not voting (Madam President)

Resolution #25-47 Museum Board Appointment - The Pawnee Business Council does hereby appoint Helen Norris to serve on the Pawnee Nation Museum Board effective August 8, 2025 and whose term will expire August 8, 2028 - APPROVED August 8, 2025, by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (Madam President).

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Râristêsâru' (SB) Chief's **Society/Council**

Morgan Littlesun, 1st Resaru, and Adrian Horsechief, 2nd Resaru for the Kitkehaki Band

Gilbert Beard, 1st Resaru, and Pat Leading Fox, 2nd Resaru for the Ckiri Band

Frank Adson, 1st Resaru, and Tim Jim, 2nd Resaru for the Pitahawirata Band

Matt Reed, 1st Resaru, and Arthur Fields IV, 2nd Resaru for the Cawi Band

Officers for the Resaru Council are: Pat Leading Fox, Head Resaru Matt Reed, 2nd Resaru Tim Jim, Treasure Gilbert Beard, Secretary

The Resaru Council meetings are held in the Pawnee Nation Enrollment Building. Each meeting is open to the public.



PBC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The Pawnee Business Council held a Special Meeting on July 15, 2025 and August 19, 2025, 5:30pm at the Pawnee Nation Multi-Purpose Building located at 808 Morris Rd., and approved the following Committee Appointment's:

HR Committee:

Cynthia Butler, Chair Dawna Hare Reva Howell James Rice Rhonda James

Communications Committee:

Cynthia Butler, Chair Jenifer Gover LittleSun Ericka Sun Eagle-Shawnee **Haley Teter** Gilbert Beard

Tourism Committee:

Cynthia Butler, Chair George Gardipe Herb Adson **Lindsey Teter** Joseph Reed Ericka Sun Eagle-Shawnee

Governing Documents Committee:

Jenifer Gover LittleSun, Chair Cynthia Butler Angela Thompson Chris McCray Shannon Foye Ella Mae Blackowl Gilbert Beard, CRD Representative Walter Echo-Hawk

Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Dawna Hare- Chair Cynthia Butler Jenifer Gover LittleSun John Echo-Hawk Lael Echo-Hawk **Bruce Pratt**

Property & Land Use Committee:

George Gardipe, Chair Dawna Hare Electa Hare Jessica Evans Josh Daniel

Agriculture & Taraha Committee:

George Gardipe, Chair Josh Daniel Jackie Evans Electa Hare Dr. Filipe Chavez-Ramirez Sam Vannoy **Aaron Prim** Ramona Horsechief **CR Randy Ledford**

Enrollment Committee

George Gardipe-Chair **Duane Pratt Ann Collins** Dawna Hare Dr. Gene Evans Walthena Chapman Jenifer Gover LittleSun

Cultural Resources Advisory Committee

Arthur Fields IV

For a full listing of the Committees, Commissions and Boards, visit our Pawnee **Nation Website**



Pawnee Language Key

SB - South Band SK -Ckiri Band

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Congratulations to the 2025-2026 Pawnee Indian Veterans Princess, Skye Che K'o Manyimi Harragarra-Harms, Message



Nawa tâtasa' Skye Che K'o Manyimi Harragarra-Harms. Tâtakitâ' Pîtahawirâta Jiwere-Nut'achi â Gáuigú à dáu. Ati'as têsa' Robin Harms Atira têsa' Wynema Harragarra-Harms. Tâtačikstêhu' tiratpari

Ati'as tirawâhat ke'isarâkacikskâpâkis. Nawa iri

Hello, my name is Skye Malinda Harragarra-Harms. My Jiwere-Nut'achi name is Che K'o Manyimi, which means Thunder Buffalo Woman. I am a member of the Pîtahawirâta band on my maternal side. My father was a member of the Cawi band and he served as a Cawi Chief. I am Pawnee, Otoe-Missouria, and Kiowa. I am also of Cherokee, Lower Brule Sioux, and Arikara descent. My parents are the late Robin Harms and Wynema Harragarra-Harms.

My paternal grandfather is Lewis Peters - Only A Chief. My paternal grandmothers are Norma Bettes and Nancy Jo Peters - Only A Chief. On my maternal side, my grandfathers are Kirby Harragarra Sr. and the late Ronald Watashe Sr., while my grandmothers are Grace Watashe and Eva Harragarra. My paternal great-grandfather is Jim Peters, and my great-grandmother is Minnie Saunders-Peters. On my maternal side, my great-grandfathers are Wilbur Harragarra, George Arkeketa, and Amos Dukes Hopkins. My great-grandmothers are Reggie Moore-Wilson and Malinda "Bink" Hadley-Arkeketa. I am the great-granddaughter of Chief Moses Harragarra, the last hereditary Otoe-Missouria Buffalo Clan provider Chief, who was married to Mary McGlaslin-Harragarra. My Pawnee families include the Peters - Only A Chief, Moore, and Echohawk families.

I am 16 years old and entering my junior year of high school. I am an active member of several clubs, organizations, youth councils, and honor societies. This past summer, I completed an internship at the University of Oklahoma called Voices of Oklahoma, where I studied archaeology and anthropology with a focus on Native American culture. I am also a concurrent student at the University of Oklahoma, with a primary field of study in law and journalism.

As a member of the Native American Church and a civic leader, I work with organizations such as CASA, No Kid Hungry, ASPCA, Disabled American Veterans, and various programs dedicated to supporting elders and at-risk youth. My interests and passions include dancing, participating in tribal doings, traveling, modeling, horseback riding, surfing, journalism, photography, volleyball, hunting, billiards, cooking, and art. Additionally, I am an entrepreneur focused on brand development.

I am truly honored and grateful to represent my Pawnee people and the Pawnee Indian Veterans as their Princess. May Creator, Ati'as Tirawâhat bless you, your homes, and your families.

Nawa iri

Pawnee Nation College: Signs MOU with TCC



The Pawnee Nation College has signed an MOU with Tulsa Community College (TCC). The signing ceremony was held on September 29th on the TCC Campus. This partnership will give students access to TCC resources, offer academic support, and student services.

For more information on enrollment and the Pawnee Nation College, visit their website at pawneenationcollege.org or follow them on Facebook @PawneeNationCollege.

City of Pawnee: Councilwoman Butler



Congratulations to Pawnee Business Council Member, Seat #1, Cynthia Butler on her election and appointment to the Pawnee City Council, Ward 3.

Ms. Butler was on the ballot for the June 10th Election and won by a vote of the people to sit in the Ward 3 position.

"I love the Pawnee Community. I grew up here but I never thought I would be involved in the capacity as I am now. It is truly an honor to serve my people and my community" says Ms. Butler when asked for a quote on her new leadership role.

Thank you for your service Councilwoman Butler! We look forward to seeing your leadership inspire others to get involved and have a seat at the table.



Chaticks si Chaticks Publication Dates

Chaticks si Chaticks, the official news publication of the Pawnee Nation, is published quarterly. While it is generally published on a quarterly schedule, special editions, like election editions, may also be released.

2025 Quarterly Publication Schedule:

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WÊTIHURAHAC (SB)

She/He has passed away





Barry Lee Weinstein
June 29, 2025



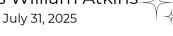
The Pawnee Nation Flag is lowered for the passing of Kitkehahki Tribal Member, Barry Lee Weinstein. Mr. Weinstein was born February 21, 1963, and returned to the stars on June 10, 2025. Arrangements are being made with Messinger Pinnacle Peak Mortuary in Scottsdale, AZ.

Our condolences and prayers go out to the Weinstein Family, may Ati'as Tirawâhat kistîwata irîrakikat (Father in Heaven watch over the ones that mourn/cry). Those left to honor his memory are his wife, Carman Rice; son, Andrew Niles Rice, Jr. and daughter, Amiyah Drapeau; stepchildren, Aiden, Ella, and Rainey Murphy; parents: Charles & Roxanne George; grandparents, David George and Cindy Horsechief; sisters, Dosha Rice, Halla Hawkins, Danille Hawkins, Jamie (Ray) Whiteshield, Anastashia (Jonathan) Salinas, Kristen George, Samantha George, Victoria (Mickael) Otero and Cadence George; brothers, Sabian Hawkins & Bryan Hawkins; nieces and nephews, Ella Hawkins, Lou Hawkins, Carter Rice, Logan Rice, Bill Hawkins, Charlie Whiteshield, Rayelee Whiteshield, & James Whiteshield. As well as numerous family and friends.

Our condolences and prayers go out to the Rice & George Family, may Ati'as Tirawâhat kistîwata irîrakikat (Father in Heaven watch over the ones that mourn/cry).



Francis William Atkins





Rusty was born March 31, 1966 in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. He grew up in Stillwater and graduated from SHS in 1984. He obtained his bachelors and masters degrees from Oklahoma State University. His teaching career spanned from Highland Park, to Stillwater High School, and Indian Education Coordinator. Rusty enjoyed hunting, fishing, riding his bike, eating tacos, picking weeds, OU athletics, eating popcorn, thunder basketball, coaching, skiing, and playing with his granddaughters.

Rusty was a proud member of the Pawnee Nation and the Otoe-Missouria Tribe. He is survived by his wife Dee Atkins, his daughter Callie Dohe, his son-in-law Chandler Dohe, granddaughters Adley and Mailey Dohe, and his mother Elfrieda Atkins. He is preceded in death by his Father Jim Atkins. Rusty was known by many names. Son, Father, Husband, Coach A, unc, Francis, Cheese, Ka'dah, but his favorite was T-Pa.

Our condolences and prayers go out to the Atkins Family, may Ati'as Tirawâhat kistîwata irîrakikat (Father in Heaven watch over the ones that mourn/cry).





Andrew Niles Rice Sr., of Stillwater, Oklahoma passed away Monday, July 28, 2025 at the age of 35. Funeral services will begin 10:00 a.m. Friday, August 1, 2025 at the Roam Chief Event Center in Pawnee. Interment will follow in the North Cemetery.

Andrew was born March 20, 1990. He is the son of the late Lisa Rice and Charles George. Andrew was raised in Pawnee, Oklahoma and was the oldest brother of 11 siblings. Andrew was a proud member of the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma and a descendant of the Pawnee Nation, Otoe-Missouria and Sac & Fox Tribes of Oklahoma.

Although Andrew had his struggles, he never gave up trying to better himself. He was a fighter. He fought every day to be a better version of himself and never gave up. He always persevered the best way he knew how. Andrew found happiness and a lifelong love, in Carman Rice. He adored his wife Carman & they were happily married on July 23rd, 2025 in Stillwater. He passed from this earth, a Hero, having protected Carman when the unthinkable happened, and saving her life.

His pride and joy were his children, son, Andrew Rice, Jr. and daughter, Amiyah Drapeau. All he wanted was Junior and Amiyah to know how much he loved them and that everything he did was for them. They had a special bond, and he loved them very much.

Andrew will be forever remembered by his infectious smile and his ornery personality. He loved to tease his family any chance he got. He was a big fan of the Oklahoma State Cowboys, which family always gave him a hard time about, but always in good fun. He enjoyed spending time with his wife, children and family. Andrew had a big heart, and he was dearly loved by those who knew him, and he will be greatly missed.

Andrew is preceded in death by his mother, Lisa Rice, grandpa Darrell Rice & Great-Grandfather Lynn Rice, as well as his Grandmother Berdina George (Smith) & Great-Grandmother Velma Smith. As well as his good friend and sister, Vanessa Henry.







Alice was born on August 9,1938 in Pawnee, Oklahoma to Henry and Lonie (Tatum) Chapman. She married Charles Wood on May 13, 1977 until his death in 1982. She was a proud and loving Mother of 3 children, Johnnie Chapman, Ricky Lee Chapman (deceased) and daughter, Charaine Wood. 6 Grandchildren, Tommy Dale, Charlie and Johnnie Alan Chapman, Lisa Gooday, Charley and Allyson Wood. 18 Great grandchildren and 4 Great-Great Grandchildren.

Alice was born the 8th of 11 siblings, six brothers, Basil, Thomas, Earl, Lloyd "Blackie", Robert, and Charlie Chapman, four sisters Daisy Miller, Wanda and Millie Chapman and Linda Jestes. She grew up on the Chapman home place west of Pawnee and attended Pawnee Indian School.

She spent 38 dedicated years working for Lucent Technologies, formerly Western Electric/AT&T Technologies in Oklahoma City as an electrical technician where she was admired for her work ethic until her retirement. Beyond her career she developed a skill of quilting and created beautiful traditional star blankets in honor of a birth, graduation, marriage or gifts of love to family. If you were fortunate to receive one of her quilts may they warm your body and comfort your soul as you remember the memories she stitched with love for you in mind. Whatever things are true, just, pure, lovely, if there be any praise think on these things – Phillipians 4:8

Alice is survived by son, Johnnie Chapman & (Arlene) and daughter Charaine Wood. 6 loving grandchildren, Tommy Dale, Lisa Gooday & (James), Charlie Chapman & (Maurina), Johnnie Alan & (Amanda) Chapman, Charley and (Jolee) Wood and Allyson Wood. Special mention to granddaughter in-law Jocelyn Chapman. 18 treasured great-grandchildren, Sophie, Feather, Matthew (Ruby), Sara (Cody), Hunter, Alexis, Kimberly, Olivia, Abby, Kayden, Spencer, Cheyenne, Gracie, Dee (Chuck) Abigail, Aiden, Myles and Maci.
4 precious great-great grandchildren, Colby and Camille Leadingfox, Jasper Carroll and Jove Schlesier.

Alice leaves behind her cherished sister and brother in law, Linda and Ronnie Jestes plus a host of Chapman nieces, nephews and her relatives from the StoneRoad and Eaves families. Alice loved her entire family. She will be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles E. Wood, son Ricky Lee Chapman, brothers, Basil, Thomas, Earl, Lloyd, Robert, and Charlie Chapman, sisters, Daisy Miller, Wanda and Millie Chapman. Her parents, Henry and Lonie (Tatum) Chapman.

Alice will be remembered for her kindness, generosity and love of family. She found her greatest joy in being "Grandma" and Great-Grandma and was recently blessed to become Great-Great Grandma. Babysitting and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren was the joy of her life.

She shared a close bond with sister, Linda Jestes who we are thankful for standing by her during her last days and hours. Also to her nieces Jan Fields and Tammy Tubbs who came at a moment's notice to help in taking care of her. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Karman Legacy Hospice, Nurse Dani and team provided loving care and comfort during Alice's last days. And to the Pawnee tribe, people and community who provided services, food and comfort to our family. No words can express our gratitude. Deep appreciation to Mark with Poteet Funeral Home for taking the time on his birthday to provide expertise and kindness during such a difficult time.



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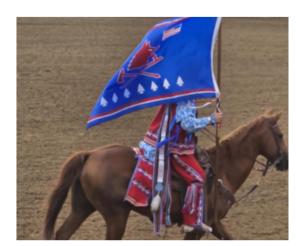
The reigning Pawnee Nation Princess is Cora Marie Pratt. She was present at the Mad Bear Installation Ceremony on May 30, 2025.

Miss Cora Marie Pratt was selected as the Pawnee Nation Princess for 2025-2026. A formal reception honoring her selection was held in Pawnee, Oklahoma, on April 26, 2025. She was celebrated for her accomplishments at an event that also thoughtfully included her late mother, Christa Pratt.

About Princess Cora Pratt

Princess Cora is a 16-year-old sophomore at Pawnee Public Schools and is of the Skidi and Chaui Bands. She is an excellent student involved in various academic and extracurricular activities, including golf and ballet. Cora plans to study nursing at the University of Oklahoma. Her Pawnee name, "Sku," signifies being "On that Good Road," reflecting her upbringing in a family deeply connected to Pawnee traditions. She has traveled with her father and brothers as part of the Native Gospel team, The Tribe of Judah. Cora is dedicated to honoring her role and representing the Pawnee Nation.





Pawnee Nation Princess, Miss Cora Pratt, was one of six princesses who participated in Night of the Native Americans during Cavalcade Rodeo in Pawhuska on July 18.



Our Pawnee Nation Princess, Cora Marie Pratt and the Pawnee Indian Veterans Princess, Isabelle LeadingFox, taking part in Grand Entry at Tonkawa Powwow this past weekend.



It was a busy week and weekend for our Pawnee Nation Princess, Cora Marie Pratt. She made several appearances at the many events during the Pawnee Indian Veterans Homecoming including Pawnee Nation Health Walk & Health Fair (July 2), the Hawkchief Walk/Run and PIV Parade (July 5), as well as each night of the Homecoming

Princess Cora invites everyone to come to FROM TRAILS TO TRIUMPH | Native American Day October 13, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Notice: Pawnee Nation Tax Commission Pike Pass and PlatePay



The Pawnee Nation Tax Commission strongly encourages all Pawnee tribal members with tribal vehicle tags to obtain a Pike Pass for their vehicles. The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA) currently uses a camera-based PlatePay system on toll roads to bill drivers without a Pike Pass.

Currently, the Pawnee Nation does not have a formal agreement in place with OTA to provide tribal vehicle tag addresses. As a result, Pawnee tribal members may not receive PlatePay bills by mail, but charges may still accrue under their vehicle tags. These toll charges are the sole responsibility of the tribal member.

Using a Pike Pass is highly recommended, as it offers a discounted rate—approximately half the cost of the standard PlatePay tolls. Additionally, OTA has indicated a willingness to adjust previously billed PlatePay charges to the lower Pike Pass rate after a Pike Pass has been obtained.

To check for any outstanding PlatePay charges, tribal members can visit: $\frac{1}{2}$ Your paragraph text

Enter your tribal tag number, select "Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma" from the dropdown menu, and click "Find Balance" to view any amounts owed.

The Pawnee Nation is currently reviewing the potential development of a formal Oklahoma Turnpike Agreement (OTA) with the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority. If established, this agreement will ensure that tribal vehicle information is only used for toll billing purposes and will include provisions that prevent OTA from sharing tribal member data. The agreement will be developed to protect the privacy and interests of Pawnee tribal members.

For questions or more information, please contact: Lyle Fields, Tax Manager

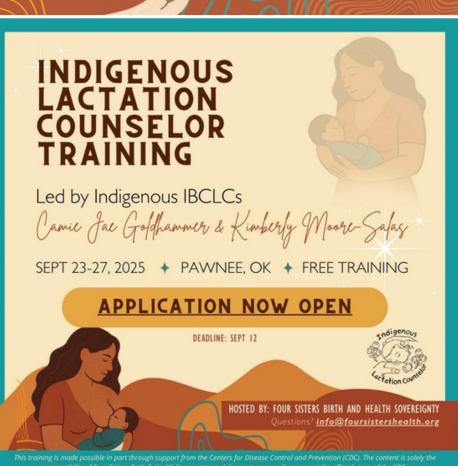
\((918) 762-3624

The Pawnee Nation Tax Commission has relocated to:

490 Agency Road (Historic Old Pawnee Agency)

Feel free to visit our office to view and purchase Pawnee Nation Tax Commission merchandise, including t-shirts, mugs, cedar boxes, keychains, hoodies, sweatpants, glasses, and more.





BECOME AN INDIGENOUS LACTATION COUNSELOR

FREE IN-PERSON TRAINING | SEPTEMBER 23-27

LOCATION: PAWNEE NATION MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING (808 MORRIS RD. PAWNEE, OK 74058) + TIME: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, DAILY

FACILITATORS:

WHAT YOU WILL GAIN:

SPOTS ARE LIMITED (35)

articipants will gain foundational lacti ducation, clinical skills, and culturally

OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE WHO:

 Self-identify as Indigenous, First Nations, or Native and are committed to supporting breast/chestfeeding families in their communities.

- TRAINING INFORMATION: · Includes breakfast, lunch, snacks, and all
- Must commit to attending all five <u>full</u> days of training to receive certification as an Indigenous Lactation Counselor (ILC) Travel and lodging are not provided

FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Friday, September 12, 2025

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE:

Sent no later than September 15, 2025

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Pawnee Nation Job **Opportunities**

The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma offers a variety of employment opportunities and resources for its tribal members. and the community. Below are open positions for hire.

- Human Resources Manager (Open Until Filled)
- Taraha' (Buffalo) Apprentice through May 31, 2026
- CHR Generalist (Closes 09/02/2025)

Applicants may also apply with the Work Experience Program through the Education Division, please contact Brandy Lightfoot at (918) 762-3227 ext. 225 or bl1212@pawneenation.org and apply with the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) Program, please contact Sam Vannoy at sv1103@pawneenation.org.

Check out the Job Opportunities page on the Pawnee Nation Website regularly for the most up-to-date listings: https://pawneenation.org/jobopportunities/.

The opportunities listed here are currently managed by Ascension

- Administrative Assistant
- Clinical Lead

Recovery Services.

- Clinical Therapist
- Recovery Center LPN
- Recovery Support **Specialists**

For questions, please email us at careers@ascensionrs.com

PAWNEE NATION CONSTITUTION CONVENTION UPDATE

At its July 15th Special Meeting, the Pawnee Business Council passed two key resolutions to formally request a Secretarial Election from the Secretary of the Interior. This election would allow citizens to vote on proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Pawnee

These amendments were developed over a three-year period by delegates of the Pawnee Nation Constitution Convention. The Convention was composed of both Pawnee Business Council members and Pawnee Nation citizens. working together to strengthen and modernize the Nation's Governing Document. The Convention concluded on March 3, 2025, and the final proposed amendments were submitted to the Pawnee Business Council for review and a request to move forward with a vote of the people.

- Resolution #25-35 calls for a Secretarial Election of all eligible Pawnee Nation voters.
- Resolution #25-36 appoints the **Pawnee Nation Election** Commission to conduct the election and approves the format of the ballot questions.

You can view both resolutions on the PN Governing Documents webpage at

https://pawneenation.org/pngoverning-documents-committee/ and the proposed amendments can be viewed on the Constitution Convention Webpage at https://pawneenation.org/governm ent/constitution-convention/.

The Pawnee Nation is currently in the initial phase of the election request process. During the Council Meeting, Governing Documents Chair Jenifer Gover LittleSun announced that the Committee plans to host community forums in Pawnee, Tulsa, and Oklahoma City to ensure citizens are informed, engaged, and prepared to vote. Forum dates will be posted on the **Constitution Convention webpage** as soon as they are confirmed. Citizens are encouraged to check the site regularly for updates and



Your voice matters. Please take time to review the proposed amendments and exercise your right to vote. Hard copies of the document are available upon request from the Pawnee Nation Executive Office.

Resolution #25-48 Museum Board Appointment - The Pawnee Business Council does hereby appoint Joseph "Matt" Reed to serve on the Pawnee Nation Museum Board effective August 8, 2025, and whose term will expire August 8, 2028 - APPROVED August 8, 2025, by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (Madam President).

Resolution #25-49 Museum Board Appointment - The Pawnee Business Council does hereby appoint Kellie Lewis to serve on the Pawnee Nation Museum Board effective August 8, 2025, and whose term will expire August 8, 2028 - APPROVED August 8, 2025, by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (Madam President).

Resolution #25-50 Museum Board Appointment - The Pawnee Business Council does hereby appoint Diana Fields to serve on the Pawnee Nation Museum Board effective August 8, 2025, and whose term will expire August 8, 2028 - APPROVED August 8, 2025, by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (Madam President).

Resolution #25-51 TERO Commission Appointment - The Pawnee Business Council does hereby appoint James Rice to serve on the Pawnee Nation Tribal Employment Rights Commission effective August 8, 2025, and whose term will expire December 31, 2028 -APPROVED August 8, 2025, by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (Madam President).

Resolution #25-52 Liquor Control Commission Appointment - The Pawnee Business Council does hereby appoint Victoria Lefthand to serve on the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Liquor Control Commission effective August 8, 2025, and whose term will expire December 31, 2028 - APPROVED August 8, 2025, by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (Madam President).

Resolution #25-53 Utility Commission Appointment - TABLED by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining, and one not voting (Madam President).

Resolution #25-54 Pawnee Nation District Court Associate Judge Appointment - The Pawnee Business Council does hereby confirm Resolution #25-60 Pawnee Tribal the appointment of the Honorable M. Jordan Berglund to serve as Associate Judge of the Pawnee Nation District Court for a period of six (6) years as per Pawnee Law and Order Code, chapter one, Section 104. Term will expire August 8, 2031 - APPROVED August 8, 2025, by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (Madam President).

Resolution #25-55 Pawnee Nation District Court Prosecutor Appointment - That the Pawnee Business Council does hereby confirms the appointment of Regan McGuire to serve as Prosecutor of the Pawnee Nation District Court for a period of three (3) years as per Pawnee Law and Order Code, chapter two, Section 3. Term will expire August 8, 2028 -APPROVED August 8, 2025, by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (Madam President).

Resolution #25-56 Pawnee Tribal **Development Corporation Board** Appointment - The Pawnee Business Council met and has appointed Cameron EchoHawk to serve as Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation Board member whose term date will begin on August 8, 2025 and ending on August 8, 2028 - APPROVED August 8, 2025, by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (Madam President).

Resolution #25-57 Pawnee Tribal **Development Corporation Board** Appointment - The Pawnee Business Council met and has appointed Nathan Hart to serve as Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation Board member whose term date will begin on August 8, 2025 and ending on August 8, 2028 - APPROVED August 8, 2025, by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (Madam President).

Resolution #25-58 Pawnee Tribal **Development Corporation Board** Appointment - The Pawnee Business Council met and has appointed Adrian Spottedhorsechief to serve as Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation Board member whose term date will begin on August 8, 2025 and ending on August 8, 2028 - APPROVED August 8, 2025, by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (Madam President).

Resolution #25-59 Pawnee Tribal **Development Corporation Board** Appointment - The Pawnee Business Council met and has appointed Candace French to serve as Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation Board member whose term date will begin on August 8, 2025 and ending on August 8, 2028 - APPROVED August 8, 2025, by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (Madam President).

Development Corporation Board Appointment - The Pawnee Business Council met and has appointed Jeff Goodfox to serve as Pawnee Tribal Development Corporation Board member whose term date will begin on August 8, 2025 and ending on August 8, 2028 - APPROVED August 8, 2025, by a vote of seven for, zero against, zero abstaining and one not voting (Madam President).

Building our future together: Pawnee Nation's ICDBG Community Survey

The Pawnee Nation Planning & Tribal Development Division is seeking your input to help shape the future of our community. As part of our ongoing development efforts, we are conducting a community survey to support future applications for the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG), a program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and **Urban Development (HUD).**

The ICDBG program provides funding for a wide range of community development projects in Tribal areas, including infrastructure improvements, housing rehabilitation, public facilities, and more. To ensure that these projects reflect the true needs and priorities of our citizens, we are asking Tribal members to share their perspectives through this brief

Your feedback will help us identify areas of significant need and guide the planning for future projects. Whether it is youth services, cultural spaces, housing, or economic development, your voice plays a vital role in shaping the direction of our Nation's growth.

This will be your last chance to fill out the survey, so please take a few minutes to complete it. Your response will directly influence how we prioritize future development efforts.

A QR code is provided at the bottom of the article for easy access. If your need assistance, or would like help filing out the survey, please contact the Planning & Tribal Development Division at (918) 762-9839 or LY1266@PawneeNation.org. If you prefer to complete a hard copy, printed surveys are also available upon request.

Together, we can build a stronger, healthier, and more vibrant Pawnee Nation.



Division Highlights

Pawnee Nation Behavioral Health Receives New Van



Pawnee Reserve, Okla. (June 30, 2025) - The <u>Pawnee Nation</u> Behavioral Health (PNBH) announces an exciting new addition to the Program. The Pawnee Nation Division of Health & Community Services (PN DHCS) gifts a new van to the newly budding program.

The new transportation vehicle is a white 2024 Chevrolet Express, 12-passenger LS Van. Funding came from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) through Indian Health Services (I.H.S.), Department of Health and Human Services. One of the sub-activities of the funding focuses Mental and Behavioral Health Prevention and Treatment.

With the addition of the vehicle, the PN BH staff will be able to transport clients to and from social or cultural activities, health and prevention outreach, emergency healthcare services, and court appointments. This new addition increases the flexibility the program truly needs.

Tiffany Frietze-Nichols, Division Director of the PN DHCS, commented in an interview, "On behalf of the Pawnee Nation Division of Health and Community Services, we are happy to continue our collaborative efforts with the Behavioral Health Center. We saw a need that the PNBH had, and we are fortunate to still have our I.H.S. ARPA funds to assist with the purchase of the vehicle. We have been able to assist with several projects with these funds including the BHC, helipad, Pawnee County Mental Health Coalition, and various PN employee trainings."



The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma **Welcomes Moccasins Across America** 2025: A Journey of Healing and Unity

Pawnee Reserve, Okla. (July 15, 2025)-Moccasins Across American 2025 walks through the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma reserve. Greeted by the Cultural Resources Director, Herb Adson, the group carries their cross across the Pawnee land in prayer.

According to Sacrednationrises.org, the MAA 2025 is "Led by Terri Windtalker and partners, this movement seeks to mend the fabric of our nation through collective prayer, evangelism, and shared purpose."

The group arrived on July 14, 2025, welcomed by Herb Adson who greeted them with a meal and oral traditional storytelling as an introduction to the Pawnee people and their history. Adson gave them an invitation to camp at the Pawnee Nation Campgrounds overnight.

On July 15, 2025, members of the Pawnee Nation, including Pawnee Business Councilwoman Dawna Hare, joined Moccasins Across American 2025 as they walked in honor and prayer of the First Nations people.





For more information, visit Moccasins Across America 2025

2025 Pawnee Nation Health Fair Home Run to Wellness



This free, family-friendly event was hosted by the Division of Health and Community Services of the Pawnee Nation and is open to the public.

Pawnee Reserve, Okla. (July 2, 2025) The Home Run to Wellness Health Fair was held on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, from 10 AM to 12 PM at the Wellness Center/Gym, 806 Morris Rd, Pawnee, OK 74058.

The morning started with a Health Walk at 9:30 a.m., going into free health education, door prizes, goodies, and a complimentary meal. The walk began at the Pawnee Nation RoamChief Event Center.













The Cultural Resources Division Welcomes You to Know Your Rights



Educational Presentation by David L. Gover at the Museum of the Pawnee Nation

On July 4, 2025, the Museum of the Pawnee Nation hosted an informative presentation led by David L. Gover. The focus of the presentation was "Educate Yourself to Better Prepare Tribal Communities for the Trump Administration." Previously, Gover has served as a Compilation Editor for *Laws Affecting Indians in the State of Oklahoma* Indian (1996, Oklahoma Affairs Commission).

Gover, who is of Pawnee and Choctaw descent, became a Staff Attorney at the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) in May 2005. Since his arrival at NARF's Boulder office, he has engaged in a diverse range of legal issues, including water rights, treaty rights, repatriation, Indian child welfare, and tribal trust fund matters. Currently, David holds the position of Managing Attorney at NARF's Colorado office and is a member of the organization's Case Selection Committee. [Learn more about David L. Gover](https://narf.org/profiles/david-l-gover/).

During his presentation, Gover highlighted the distinction between treaty rights and equality rights. While both aim to ensure fairness and justice, they tackle different sets of concerns.

Treaty rights, typically negotiated between governments and Indigenous peoples, outline specific rights and obligations related to land, resources, and self-governance while equality rights ensure that all individuals are treated fairly and have equal access to opportunities, regardless of their background or characteristics.

Summer 2025

Know your Rights, Continued:



Treaty rights include a range of issues including land ownership, resource management, hunting and fishing rights, self-governance, and cultural preservation. According to Gover, "Treaty Rights should be the main focus for tribes."

Many Native American professionals in Law and Education were present. Amongst those in the audience included Walter Echo-Hawk. Walter Echo-Hawk is a Native American attorney, tribal judge, author, activist, law professor and former President of the Pawnee Business Council. He represents Indian tribes on important legal issues, such as treaty rights, water rights, religious freedom, prisoner rights, and repatriation rights.







Homecoming Parade



The Pawnee Nation Princess represents the pride and heritage of the Pawnee Nation, participating in cultural events and educating others about her people's traditions.













Traditionally, the Powwow takes place the weekend closest to the Fourth of July holiday. The annual Pawnee Indian Veterans Homecoming Powwow, established in 1956, honors veterans and celebrates culture.

The 2025 celebration included various events:

- Veteran's Flag Raising, daily
- Pawnee Business Council Cookout

 Dayness National Lealth Fair
- Pawnee Nation Health Fair
- Handgames
- Veterans Organization Parade
- Crowning of the 2025-2026 PIV Princess





2025-2026 Pawnee Indian Veterans Princess

Skye Che K'o Manyimi Harragarra-Harms

Homecoming Highlights 2025



Homecoming Handgame







The Pawnee Nation would like to extend special gratitude to the outgoing Pawnee Indian Veterans Organization Officers for organizing this event for our Veterans and Pawnee Nation citizens. Our people are continually blessed each year thanks to your coordination, communication and dedication.

Thank you to Pius Spottedhorsechief (President), Marlin Miller (Vice-President), Dustin Dunbar (Secretary) and Dana Beard (Treasurer). We thank you for your service to your Country, Pawnee Community and the Pawnee Nation. Nawa iri.

2025-2026 Pawnee Indian Veterans Organization Officers



L-R: Sky Seeing
Leading Fox"Boo"Flag Woman, Sean
Williams-Vice
President, Marvin
"Paul" HandPresident, Dustin
Dunbar-Secretary,
and Keller Roaming
Warrior-Treasurer.



@PawneeVeteransOrganization

2025 Hawk Chief 5K Run!

Pawnee Reserve, Okla. (July 5, 2025)- The 2025 Hawk Chief 5K Run! was a huge success. The event started at the Pawnee Nation Wellness Center (parking lot) located at 806 Morris Road. Motivation and smiles were everywhere as Diabetes Program Coordinator, Suzy Knife Chief, synced efforts with the Oklahoma Race Company to host the Walk/Run. The option to walk was included for those not necessarily able to run but still wanting to participate and demonstrate healthy ways at any stage.

Hawk Chief (Kutawikucu Resaru-1853-1893) Chaui Band, a Pawnee Scout for the US Army. He is best known to be the first to run a subfour-minute mile during his time in service, in 1876-1877, 3:58 to be exact. His run was documented by Captain Luther North. Big Hawk Chief's legacy as "the fastest man alive" is one in controversy despite the firsthand accounts of his run. To Pawnees, he is the first to run a sub-four-minute mile.

According to The Daily Oklahoman in June 30, 1983, The Hawk Chief run started out to be a 5-mile race in Pawnee, held annually in his honor. The race has no entry fee and no gendered divisions, with the top three finishers being granted "peace medals". Big Hawk Chief's great grandson, Amos Good Fox Jr., was involved in planning the event in the 1980's. The event continued to be carried out by the Superintendent of Pawnee Public Schools during Pawnee Homecoming. In 2013, Mr. Ned Williams handed it off to the Pawnee Nation. The Diabetes program then updated the event to being a popular 5K run and still carrying out the event as planned by Mr. Good Fox.





Baze



(Left) Burt Miner is Hawk Chief 5k overall male winner of this year run was extended an invitation to compete in the Miner's mile/5k event. The event was held July 12, 2025 at Sullins Stadium in Ponca City.

Winners of the 2025 Hawk Chief Run

17 & Under Winners: 3rd – Adam Pratt, 2nd – Atticus Clark-Hare, and 1st - Devin Feathers

18-29 Winners: 3rd - Feathers Valencia, 2nd - Caleb Ellis Horsechief, and 1st - Burt Miner

30-39 Winners: 3rd – Kirk Shaw, 2nd – Russell Harjo, and 1st – Whitney

40-54 Winners: 3rd – Abrice Le Corguywle, 2nd – Marcel Desmarteau,

and 1st - JC Higgins

<u>55+ Winners</u>: 3rd – Eddy Eppler, 2nd – Laurence Toquet, and 1st – Stephen Lanier





Overall Top Female and Male Winners: Jayda Moore and Burt Miner















MUSEUM OF THE PAWNEE NATION: SPECIAL **RIBBON-CUTTING EVENT**



July 3, 2025, the Museum of the Pawnee Nation held a Ribbon-Cutting event to recognize and celebrate the new sign purchased and installed on the building. The building is located at 657 Harrison St. in Pawnee, Oklahoma.









Photo 1 in order from left to right: Pawnee Business Council woman, Carol Nuttle, Gilbert Beard 1st Resaru of the Ckiri Band and Pâripakûru' instructor, speaks at the event, Cultural Resources Director Herb Adson, Joseph "Matt" Reed, Historic Preservation Officer and 1st Resaru of the Cawi Band discusses the increasing progress of the Museum of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, Administrative Executive Assistant Jamie Nelson, Pawnee Business Council woman Cynthia Butler, Pawnee Business Council Secretary George Gardipe, and Marcella Director Stephenson, Admissions and Enrollment at Pawnee Nation College. (Ms. Nelson, Ms. Butler, Mr. Gardipe and Ms. Stephenson are Directors of the Pawnee Chamber of Commerce.)

The Museum of the Pawnee Nation has a new sign on Main Street of Pawnee. The Pawnee Community Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting on July 3rd to welcome the new addition.

Members of the Chamber were present, members from the Pawnee Business Council and the Cultural Resources Division, all participating in the event along with many guests.

Chamber President and Pawnee Nation Tourism Committee Chairwoman Cynthia Butler, opened the ceremony with a welcome from the Chamber and then a brief background of planning for the sign. "We are truly excited about the new Seal and Sign for the Museum. It has been long overdue and now we can let the community know we are here and come visit the Museum of the Pawnee Nation." says Ms. Butler during the ceremony.

The Tourism Committee has been working hard to raise funds for the new sign and they wanted to thank Enbridge Inc. for their generous monetary donation, Stronghold Construction for the installation of the lettering, the Pawnee Nation Property Department for the electrical work along with the additional outdoor lighting, and the Pawnee Nation Behavioral Health Center for thinking of the Museum and donating the Pawnee Nation Seal.

"We are thankful for all the support and work that went into this project for the several months it took to get it done." Ms. Butler adds. "I am honored to be a part of this Committee and look forward to all the tourism ideas this committee has for the future of tourism at the Pawnee Nation."

For more information on the Museum of the Pawnee Nation, visit their webpage at https://pawneenation.org/museum-of-the-pn/.

PN AGRICULTURE: Sewing Seeds with Shane







On August 4, 2025, Shane McMurry, Greenhouse Coordinator for the Division of Agriculture, took the Pawnee Nation Communications Team on a tour to observe the process of sewing seeds inside a climate-controlled greenhouse environment. He produced seven trays of seeds with a projection of four weeks to see growth. The Communications Team looks forward to checking in with the Pawnee Nation Division of Agriculture for more updates on the seeds and their progress!

McMurry also allowed us to view all the small insects that had made their way into the Greenhouse ecosystem. See the photos and their descriptions in the captions. We enjoyed the tour and the plethora of information about plants and bugs.



Stag Beetle- I included this one because I have only ever found two specimens and both of them were outside of the ag office. The reddish-brown stag beetle is native to Oklahoma and lives on fallen trees. The large "jaws" are not for eating but instead the males use them to fight off other males once they have found a mate.



Black Widow- Probably one of the most recognizable spiders in North America, Latrodectus mactans (the scientific name for the black widow) is one of only two spiders that cause harm in humans here in Oklahoma (the other being the brown recluse). Although black widow bites can make a person sick, only about 1 in 4 people are affected by the venom and there are no credible recorded deaths from black widow bites. If you know you have been bitten by a black widow you should monitor the bite closely for 24 hours and if you get a fever or the area around the bites worsens you should seek medical attention.

Silk moth- Also a large

conspicuous moth native to Oklahoma. While this is not the famous domesticated



silk moth that we use to make clothing, this is a relative that eats oak leaves, spins a silk cocoon and is active at night in the summer months.

Wolf spider- one of the largest spiders in Oklahoma (the largest is the Brown Tarantula), the wolf spider is all bark and no bite. They are non-aggressive nocturnal hunters that feed on insects and sometimes even small frogs.

Wolf spiders do NOT pose a threat to people and are much more afraid you then you are of them. Because of their large forwardfacing eyes, if you shine a flash light across your back yard at night you will see their eyes shining back at you!





Fritillary Butterfly- Fairly large (3.5 inch wing span) orange butterfly native to Oklahoma. It might be a Gulf fritillary and if it is, its host plant is passion vine. These guys also migrate in the winter time, down to the gulf of Mexico.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



NEW YOUTH SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING APPLICATIONS WILL OPEN ON JULY 21ST UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30TH FOR THE 2025 SCHOOL YEAR!



To qualify:

- Must be a Pawnee Nation enrolled Tribal
 Member
- Must be in Pre-K through 12th grades ages 4-19.
- NEW 2025 Application MUST be signed by the school. Will NOT take 2024 applications.

Applications will be available on the Pawnee Nation website, email ss0499@pawneenation.org, or walk-in at the Pawnee Nation Education offices beginning

Monday, July 21st, 2025

For questions, please contact:

James Black, Education Division Director (918) 762-3227 Ext. 224 jb2024@pawneenation.org

Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma 657 Harrison Street, Downtown Pawnee, OK 74058

Hours:

Monday - Friday, 8 am to 12 pm & 1 pm to 5 pm



Like us on Facebook at: Pawnee Nation Education





Visit the

Museum of the Pawnee Nation

HOURS OF OPERATION 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday - Friday

To see the spotlight display and other displays at the Museum, please visit us at 657 Harrison Street, Pawnee, OK 74058

Contact Information:

Herb Adson, CRD Director Joseph Reed, THPO
Email: hadson@pawneenation.org Email: jreed@pawneenation.org

Phone: (918)762-9728



Back to School Safety

Bus Rider Tips

Crosswalks & Flashing Lights

LAW ENFORCEMENT DISPATCH / OFFICE (918) 762-3013 Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma 1200 Heritage Circle P.O. Box 470 Pawnee, OK 74058 Dial 911 for emergency calls.



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When The Lights Are Flashin' Don't Go Passin'

On August 19, 2025, Pawnee Nation Law Enforcement Officer Laura Delaune visited the Pawnee Nation Learning Center. Delaune read content to the students about back-to-school safety! She also visited the Pawnee Public Elementary to present the awarness lesson.

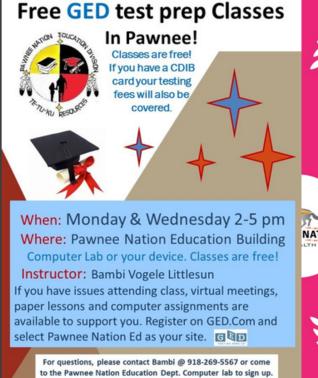


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Contact Samantha Baker for more information concerning Child Care @ (918)
399-7970 or via email sbaker@pawneenation.org

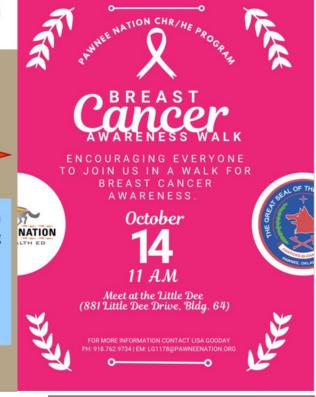


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Pawnee Nation 2025 Directory

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110 – PBC President, Misty M. Nuttle 112 – Virgil Wade, Executive Director

113 - Jamie Nelson, Executive Adm. Assist. 114- Ericka SunEagle-Shawnee, Office Assistant 199 - Jennae Kanuho, Receptionist

Human Resources: fax 762-0008 124 - Vacant, HR Manager

142 - Vacant, HR Coordinator

Iriratutakicisu Initiative (1202 Heritage Circle)

263- Electa Hare, Coordinator *Communications (808 Morris Rd)* 126- Dena Cosby, Communications Manager

133 - Pius Spottedhorsechief, IT Manager

134-Angela Pratt, Administrative Assistant 130- Blane Boyer, IT Desktop Support Technician DIVISION OF FINANCE: fax 762-0009 (881 Little Dec Dr)

205 - Vacant, Finance Dir/Div Director 119 - Vacant, Accounting Generalist

197 - Davi Ferris, Accounts Payable Clerk 210- Robin Pickering, Accounts Payable Clerk

186- Samantha Peters, Payroll (Acting HR Coordinator) 209 - Penny Powell, Sr. Accountant 121 - Janet Mulder, Accountant

146 - James Rice, Accountant *Tax Office* - 762-3624/ fax 762-0000 (490 Agency Rd)

138 - Lyle Fields, Tax Manager 139 - Louise Stevens, Tax Assistant DIVISION OF PLANNING: (881 Little Dee Drive)

194 - Reva Howell, Tribal Planning Director 118- Lee Yellowman, Planning and Development Mngr

Grants and Contracts Office 123 – Laura Melton, Grants&Contracts(Acting Finance Dir)

Procurement Office 117 - Bonnie Hawkins, Acting Procurement Manager 258- Vacant, Procurement Asst.

Old Pawnee Indian Hospital, 400 Agency Road
DIVISION OF HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES:
168 - Tiffany Frietze-Nichols, Division Director
CHR's: 762-9734/fax 762-0017

192 - Lisa Gooday, CHR/HE Coordinator 169 - Camille Marks, CHR Admin. Assistant

174 - Vacant, CHR Generalist

1/4 - Vacant, CHR Generalist 195 - Ashley Pratt, CHR Generalist Indian Child Welfare: 762-9779/fax 762-0007 175 - Randee Marks, ICW Coord. 918-891-143 -Marie Jenkins, ICW Assistant

Diabetes: Fax 762-0014 (806 Morris Rd) 176 - Suzy KnifeChief, Diabetes Coordinator 172 - George Gooden, Diabetes Admin. Assistant

177 - Florissa Kanuho, FDPIR Supervisor

178 - Donna Howell, FDPIR Certification Worker 179 - Keith Lyons, FDPIR Warehouseman

188- Paxton Moore, FDPIR Warehouseman Substance Abuse Program: fax 762-0001 (311 Maintenance Rd) 187 - Mike Ortiz – SAP Coordinator

216 - Euclid DeLuane, SAP Counselor 215 - Patrick Smith, NC Prevention Specialist

254- Mary Blackowl, TOR Prevention Specialist

<u>Title VI Elders Center (901 Agency Rd)</u> 184 - Danielle Wheatley, Title VI Coordinator

185 - Moria Hoff, Cook 410 - Amber Reed, Outreach/Driver

Violence Against Women: fax 762-0005 (301 Maintenance Rd) 170 -Dina Johnson, VAW Program Coordinator 918-891-2262

180 - Jennifer Moses, VAW Program Advocate 218 - Heather Lewis, VAW Prevention Specialist I.H.S. Housekeeping: 762-3605 (1201 Heritage Circle)

Steven Moore, Supervisor Jordan Moore, Asst. Supervisor

Faith Rackliff, Housekeeper Rick Tatum, Grounds Maintenance

Tristan Fatt, Housekeeper Tanner Fatt, Housekeeper DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES & SAFE IY: 762-3655
Public Safety Center, 301 Agency Road
Department of Environmental Conservation and Safety
153 - Monty Matlock, Division Director/Ranger

155 - Kelton Kersey, Environmental Specialist 154 - Josh Daniel, Environmental Scientist

154 - JOSH Daniel, Environmental Scientist

Dent. of Emergency Managementh Dept. of Safety/Fire & Rescue
156 - Jon James, Emergency Serv. Coord./Emergency

Department of Transportation & Safety
152 - Vacant, Manager
151 - Rhonda James, Asst Manager/GIS specialist
252 - Tiffany Morgan, Administrative Assistant
157 - Naleagy Vallaurems, HEO (Transportation Tech.)

Nelson Yellowman, HEO/Transportation Tech

DIVISION OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING: (657 Harrison)
224 - James Black, Division Director
226 - Stephanie Sewell, Youth Services Coordinator

227- Heather Shanta, Higher Education Specialist 225- Brandy Lightfoot, Adult Services Coo Fitness Center: 762-3227 (481 Agency Rd) 193- Vacant

Pawnee Nation Learning Center: 918-762-3007 (804 Morris Rd) 245 - Samantha Baker, Manager 190- Christina Attocknie, Assistant Manager Teachers: Dana Stewart, Josie Britt, Pani Moore, Vickie Reusche Talia Pershall, Leah Merrell

Ashlyn Ree, Floater Sherry Ramirez, Cook
DIVISION OF ENROLLMENT: fax: 762-0013 (700 Agency Rd) 136 – Carrie Peters, Enrollment Director 132 - Rosetta Clark, Enrollment Specialist

137- Alex Harjo, Enrollment Research Specialist DIVISON OF ACRICULTURE (800 Morris Rd) 261- Jimmy Jestes, Agriculture Director 262- Brittany Nicolet, Office Manager

203- Jessica Evans, Ag Land Manager/Outreach Coord.

255- Shane McMurry, Greenhouse Coordinator
Herd Manager: JT Jestes Field Hand:Timothy Monoessy, Tsaku
Pawnee Nation College-762-3343 (891 Little Dec Dr)

Stacy Burns, PNC President

Malayna Hasmanis, Student Services Marcella Stephenson, Admissions and Recruitment Director Felipe Chavez-Ramirez, Full-time Faculty

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MSW, Iriratutakicisu Navigator

CULTURAL RESOURCES DIVISION: (657 Harrison) 222 - Herb Adson, Division Director 220 - Joseph Matt Reed, THPO Officer

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Law Enforcement Center (1200 Heritage Circle) 160 - David Kanuho, Chief of Police/DD

165 - Krystal Branch, Dispatcher/Admin. Asst 161 - Harold Howell, Assist Police Chief 162 - Micheal Jimboy, Officer

163 - Russell Sentel, Officer

DIVISION OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT: (361 Clinic Rd)

166 -Pat LeadingFox, Tribal Operations Mgr./Division Director 167 - Skye Goodfox Admin. Assist/Utilities Clerk 213 - Faron Thompson, Water Tech

Robbie Pratt, Maintenance Supervisor Maintenance: Bob Horn, Jewell Lyons

Housekeepers: Monika Clayborn, Sonya Lowe, Beverly Birdshead Angelo Rocha

PAWNEE TRIBAL COURT: fax 762-0016 (1202 Heritage Circle) 141 - Suzie Kanuho, Court Clerk

140 - Sharon Beard, Deputy Court Clerk
TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS OFFICE (361 Clinic Rd)

122- Sam Vannoy, Director 102- Grant Hawkins, Coordinator

260- Gabriel Clark, Administrative Assistant
GAMING COMMISSION: fax 762-3395 (871 Little Dec Drive)
196 - Arlo Frazier, Director
181 - Denise Anderson, Licensing Assistant

182 - Tammy Caudill, Field Investigator

183 - Pamela Johnson, Field Investigator 198 - Freida Naylor, Licensing Assistant 204 - Alicia Leading Fox, Licensing Manager Pawnee Nation Housing: 762-3454/fax 2284 (126 Eagle Chief Dr.)

Linda Jestes, Executive Director Mary Hawkins, Assistant

Pawnee BIA: 762-2585 (850 Agency Rd)

Jasmine Lorentz-Frazier, Executive Assistant
Pawnee Indian Health Center: 762-2517 (1201 Heritage Circle)
Pawnee Nation Behavioral Health: 918-212-0344 (1204 Heritage Circle)
Tribal Development Corp: 762-4832/fax 2219 (400 Agency Rd)

For Community submissions, please use the Community Shoutout! online form found on the Executive web page. For more information, contact our Department at communications@pa wneenation.org

Reminder to please update your address with the Enrollment Department.

You may update your address online at: https://pawneenation.org/change-of-address/ or email: enrollment@pawneenation.org to receive a "Change of Address Form" by email.

Please give us a call at 918-762-3621 option #8 if you have any questions or to have the form mailed to you.



